

# SIEGEL DISKS AND RELATED TOPICS

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ABSTRACT. We survey some results on Siegel disks.

Discrete dynamical systems:

$$f : X \rightarrow X$$

$$x \mapsto f(x) \mapsto f(f(x)) \mapsto \cdots \mapsto f^n(x) = f(f^{n-1}(x)) \mapsto \cdots .$$

Complex dynamical systems:  $X$  complex manifold,  $f$  holomorphic

- rational:  $z^2 + c$
- transcendental entire:  $\lambda e^z, \lambda \sin(z)$
- transcendental meromorphic:  $\lambda \tan(z)$

History (1-dim):

- Newton (1670s):  $N_f(z) = z - \frac{f(z)}{f'(z)}$  (examples vs theory)
  - Fatou, Julia (1920s): based on Montel theorem, Kleinian groups.
- Poincaré (1880s). Nonlinear holomorphic germ  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :

$$f(z) = \lambda z + \mathcal{O}(z^2), \quad \lambda \neq 0.$$

**Question 1.** Whether  $f$  is locally linearizable? (Applications in celestial mechanics).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & f(D) \\ \downarrow ?\varphi & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{z \mapsto \lambda z} & \lambda \mathbb{D} \end{array}$$

- (Kœnigs, 1884 [Koe84]) If  $|\lambda| \neq 1$ , yes.
- (Leau-Fatou, 1897 [Lea97], [Fat19]) If  $\lambda = e^{2\pi i \alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ , no, except  $f^n = \text{id}$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .

## 1. IRRATIONALLY INDIFFERENT FIXED POINTS

Set  $\lambda = e^{2\pi i \alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Question 2.** Does the dynamics of  $f(z) = \lambda z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  behave as  $R_\alpha(z) = \lambda z = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z$ ?

- Kasner (1912): Always yes?
- Pfeiffer (1917): Sometimes no?
- Julia (1919): Always no for nonlinear rational maps?

**Theorem 1.1** (Cremer, 1928, Math. Ann. [Cre28]).  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , s.t.  $\varphi$  does not exist for any non-linear polynomial.

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*Proof.* Let  $f(z) = \lambda z + \cdots + z^d$ , where  $\lambda = e^{2\pi i \alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $d \geq 2$ . Suppose the conjugacy  $\varphi$  is defined in  $\mathbb{D}(0, \delta)$  with  $0 < \delta < 1$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{D}(0, \delta) & \xrightarrow{f} & \cdot \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \cdot & \xrightarrow{R_\alpha} & \cdot \end{array}$$

Consider the fixed points of  $f^q$ , where  $q \geq 1$ , they satisfy

$$f^q(z) - z = z^{d^q} + \cdots + (\lambda^q - 1)z = 0.$$

Denote them by  $0, z_1, \dots, z_{d^q-1}$ . Note that  $f^q(z) = \varphi^{-1}(\lambda^q \varphi(z))$  has no fixed point in  $\mathbb{D}(0, \delta)$  except 0. Hence

$$\delta^{d^q} \leq \delta^{d^q-1} \leq \prod_{j=1}^{d^q-1} |z_j| = |\lambda^q - 1|, \quad \forall q \geq 1. \quad (1.1)$$

Now we construct an  $\alpha \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that (1.1) does not hold.

Take a sequence of positive integers:

$$2 \leq q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_k < \cdots, \quad \text{with } q_{k+1} > q_k + 1.$$

and denote

$$\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{q_k}}. \quad (1.2)$$

Note that if  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$4\alpha \leq |e^{2\pi i \alpha} - 1| = 2 \left| \frac{e^{\pi i \alpha} - e^{-\pi i \alpha}}{2} \right| = 2 |\sin(\pi \alpha)| \leq 2\pi \alpha.$$

Hence

$$|\lambda^{2^{q_k}} - 1| = \left| e^{2\pi i \cdot 2^{q_k} \sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{q_m}}} - 1 \right| \asymp 2^{q_k - q_{k+1}}.$$

Taking logarithm of (1.1), and setting  $q = 2^{q_k}$ , we have

$$d^{2^{q_k}} \log \delta \leq (q_k - q_{k+1}) \log 2 + C, \quad \text{where } C > 1 \text{ is universal.}$$

This implies

$$q_{k+1} \leq q_k + \frac{C}{\log 2} + \frac{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}{\log 2} d^{2^{q_k}}, \quad \forall k \geq 1. \quad (1.3)$$

Suppose  $q_k \rightarrow +\infty$  very fast, e.g.,  $\log q_{k+1} \geq k \cdot 2^{q_k}$ . Then, for  $\alpha$  defined in (1.2), (1.3) does not hold for any  $d \geq 2$  and any  $0 < \delta < 1$ .  $\square$

**Remark** (Cremer). If  $\alpha$  is very ‘‘close’’ to a rational number, e.g., if

$$\limsup_{q \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{1}{|\lambda^q - 1|} \right)^{\frac{1}{d^q}} = +\infty$$

for an integer  $d \geq 2$ , then any rational map  $f(z) = \lambda z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  of degree  $d$  is not locally linearizable at 0.

**Theorem 1.2** (Siegel, 1942, Ann. Math. [Sie42]). *If*

$$\frac{1}{|\lambda^q - 1|} < cq^{\kappa-1}$$

for some  $c > 0$ ,  $\kappa \geq 2$  and all integers  $q \geq 1$ , then any holomorphic germ  $f(z) = \lambda z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  is locally linearizable at 0.

*Idea of the proof:* Based on  $\varphi(f(z)) = \lambda\varphi(z)$ , prove that the convergence radius of  $\varphi(z) = z + \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n z^n$  is positive.

For any  $q \geq 1$ , let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $|q\alpha - p| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$4|q\alpha - p| \leq |\lambda^q - 1| = |e^{2\pi i(q\alpha - p)} - 1| = 2|\sin(\pi(q\alpha - p))| \leq 2\pi|q\alpha - p|.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\lambda^q - 1|} < cq^{\kappa-1} &\Leftrightarrow |\lambda^q - 1| > \frac{\varepsilon'}{q^{\kappa-1}} \Leftrightarrow |q\alpha - p| > \frac{\varepsilon}{q^{\kappa-1}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| > \frac{\varepsilon}{q^\kappa}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** (Diophantine of order  $\leq \kappa$ ).

$$\mathcal{D}(\kappa) := \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists \varepsilon > 0, \kappa \geq 2 \text{ s.t. } \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| > \frac{\varepsilon}{q^\kappa}, \forall \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}.$$

Obviously,  $\mathcal{D}(\kappa) \subset \mathcal{D}(\kappa')$  if  $\kappa < \kappa'$ .

**Remark.** (1) Every algebraic number is Diophantine (by Liouville).

Indeed, let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  be a root of the polynomial  $g$  of degree  $d \geq 1$  with integer coefficients. Without loss of generality, assume that  $g(p/q) \neq 0, \forall p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{q^d} \leq \left| g\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \right| = \left| g(\alpha) - g\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \right| \leq M \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right|.$$

Hence  $\sqrt{2} \in \mathcal{D}(2)$  and  $\sqrt[3]{2} \in \mathcal{D}(3)$ .

- (2)  $\mathcal{D}(2+) := \bigcap_{\kappa > 2} \mathcal{D}(\kappa)$  has full measure in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{D}(2) \neq \emptyset$  has zero measure.
- (4)  $\mathcal{D}(\kappa) = \emptyset, \forall 0 < \kappa < 2$ .

- Continued fraction expansion

$$(0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q} \ni \alpha = [a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots] = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \ddots}}},$$

where  $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . The  $n$ -th convergent to  $\alpha$ :

$$\frac{p_n}{q_n} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n}}}},$$

where  $p_n, q_n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  are coprime integers.

Note

$$\frac{p_1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{a_1}, \quad \frac{p_2}{q_2} = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2}} = \frac{a_2}{a_1 a_2 + 1}, \quad \dots$$

Inductively, for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} q_n &= a_n q_{n-1} + q_{n-2}, & q_0 &= 1, & q_1 &= a_1, \\ p_n &= a_n p_{n-1} + p_{n-2}, & p_0 &= 0, & p_1 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

By studying the closest returns of  $R_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z$ , one has

- (1)  $|\lambda^k - 1| > |\lambda^{q_n} - 1|$ ,  $\forall k = 1, 2, \dots, q_{n+1} - 1$  and  $k \neq q_n$ .
- (2)  $\frac{2}{q_{n+1}} \leq |\lambda^{q_n} - 1| \leq \frac{2\pi}{q_{n+1}}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

Hence

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{D}(\kappa) \Leftrightarrow q_{n+1} \leq C q_n^{\kappa-1},$$

where  $C > 0$  is a constant. In particular,

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{D}(2) \Leftrightarrow q_{n+1} = a_{n+1} q_n + q_{n-1} \leq C q_n \Leftrightarrow \sup_n \{a_n\} < +\infty.$$

Every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}(2)$  is called *bounded type* (or *constant type*). For example,

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}} \in \mathcal{D}(2).$$

**Remark.** Quadratic irrational  $\Leftrightarrow \{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is eventually periodic  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is the root of a quadratic polynomial with integer coefficients. ( $\sqrt{2} = 1 + [2, 2, 2, \dots]$ )

**Theorem 1.3** (Brjuno, 1965 [Brj65], [Brj71]; Rüssman, 1967 [Rüs67]). *If*

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{B} := \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \mid \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(q_{n+1})}{q_n} < +\infty \right\},$$

*then any holomorphic germ  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  is locally linearizable.*

**Remark.** (1) We have

$$\mathcal{D}(2) \subsetneq \mathcal{D}(2+) \subsetneq \mathcal{D}(\kappa) \subsetneq \mathcal{D} := \bigcup_{\kappa \geq 2} \mathcal{D}(\kappa) \subsetneq \mathcal{B}.$$

(2) If  $a_{n+1} = e^{a_n}$ , then  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{D}$ .

**Theorem 1.4** (Yoccoz, 1988 [Yoc88], [Yoc95]). *If  $\alpha \notin \mathcal{B}$ , then  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + z^2$  is not locally linearizable at 0. Moreover,  $f$  has the small cycles property: every neighborhood of 0 contains infinitely many periodic orbits.*

For  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$ , the origin is called a

- *Siegel point*, if  $f$  is locally linearizable at 0;
- *Cremer point*, otherwise.

**Theorem 1.5** (Pérez-Marco, 1990 [Pér90]). *We have*

(1) *If*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log \log(q_{n+1})}{q_n} < \infty,$$

*then every germ  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  which has a Cremer point at 0 has the small cycles property.*

(2) *If the sum above diverges, then  $\exists f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  which has a Cremer point at 0 but has no small cycles.*

**Conjecture 1** (Douady, 1980s). Suppose  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  is a non-Möbius rational map / transcendental entire function having a Siegel point at 0. Then  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Known results:

- Pérez-Marco (1993 [Pér93]): Structurally stable polynomials.
- Geyer (2001, 2019 [Gey01, Gey19]) and Okuyama (2001, [Oku01]): Julia-saturated polynomials, including

$$f(z) = \lambda z \left(1 + \frac{z}{d}\right)^d \quad \text{and} \quad g(z) = \lambda \frac{(1+z)^d - 1}{d}.$$

- Geyer (2001, [Gey01]) and Okuyama (2005 [Oku05]): Structurally finite transcendental entire functions, including  $f(z) = \lambda z e^z$ .
- Manlove (2015): Julia-saturated rational maps.

The proofs are based on Yoccoz's result.

**Remark.** Douady's conjecture is still open for cubic polynomials  $\lambda z + a_2 z^2 + z^3$ , the sine family  $\lambda \sin z$ , and the exponential family  $\lambda(e^z - 1)$ .

**Question 3.** Does there exist  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , s.t. 0 is a Cremer point for any nonlinear transcendental function  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$ ?

## 2. SIEGEL DISKS

**Definition.** For

$$f(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}z + \mathcal{O}(z^2) : 0 \in U \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

The *Siegel disk*  $\Delta_f$  of  $f$  at 0 is the biggest open subset of  $U$  containing 0 on which  $f$  is analytically conjugate to  $R_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}z$  (i.e., locally linearizable).

Each  $\Delta_f$  is simply connected, cannot contain any periodic or critical points.

**Conjecture 2** (Douady-Sullivan, 1986 [Dou87]). The Siegel disks of rational maps ( $\deg \geq 2$ ) are Jordan domains.

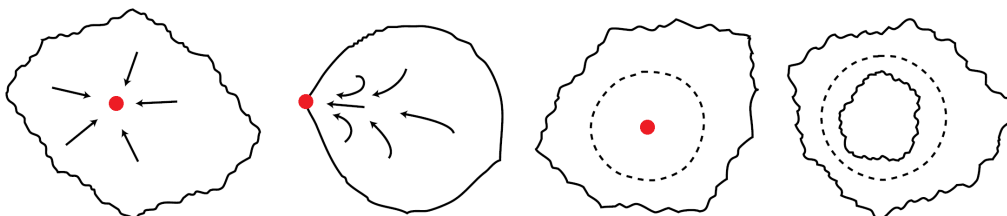
– Motivation

For a rational map  $f : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , the Fatou set and Julia set are defined by (other definitions including equicontinuous, closure of repelling periodic points etc):

$$F(f) := \{z \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}} : \{f^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is a normal family in a neighborhood of } z\},$$

$$J(f) := \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus F(f).$$

Classification of periodic Fatou components of rational maps (by Sullivan [Sul85]):



attracting basin

parabolic basin

Siegel disk

Herman ring

- The dynamics in  $F(f)$  has been completely understood (no Baker and wandering domains);
- The dynamics on  $J(f)$  is difficult.

Let  $\text{Crit}(f)$  be the set of critical points and the *postcritical set* of  $f$  is

$$\mathcal{P}(f) := \overline{\bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(\text{Crit}(f))}.$$

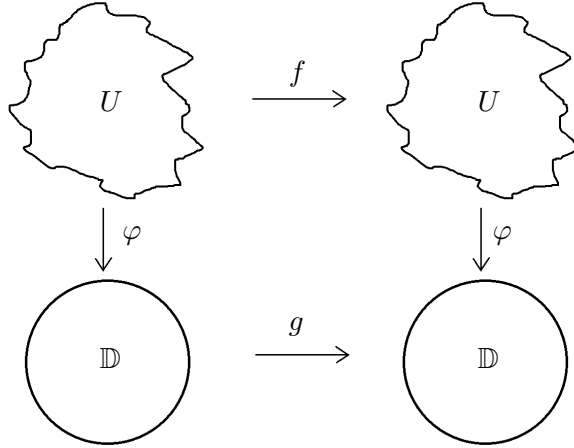
They play an essential role in the dynamics of  $f$  (contraction vs expanding). By Fatou (1920s):

- $U \cap \text{Crit}(f) \neq \emptyset$  if  $U$  is an attracting or parabolic basin (i.e., critical periodic Fatou components).
- $\partial U \subset \mathcal{P}(f)$  if  $U$  is a Siegel disk or Herman ring.

By qc surgery (Shishikura [Shi87]), Siegel disks and Herman rings can be transformed into each other.

**Theorem 2.1** (McMullen, 1988 [McM88]). *Let  $U$  be a simply connected fixed Fatou component of a rational map  $f$  with  $\deg(f) \geq 2$ . Then  $f : U \rightarrow U$  is conformally conjugate to a Blaschke product  $g : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ , where*

$$g(z) = e^{i\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{z - a_i}{1 - \bar{a}_i z}, \quad \text{where } a_i \in \mathbb{D}.$$



By Carathéodory, the dynamics of  $g|_{\partial\mathbb{D}}$  can be transferred to  $f|_{\partial U}$  continuously (resp. homeomorphically) if  $\partial U$  is locally connected (resp. a Jordan curve).

LC of  $\partial U$  implies Jordan in the following cases:

- All bounded Fatou components (attracting, parabolic, Siegel) of polynomials;
- Siegel disks of rational maps.

**Theorem 2.2** (Roesch-Yin, 2008 [RY08, RY22]). *For polynomials, all bounded critical Fatou components are Jordan domains.*

– Quadratic Siegel disks (Topology of  $\partial\Delta_f$  and the position of critical points)

An orientation-preserving homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *quasisymmetric* if  $\exists k > 1$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{k} \leq \frac{h(x+t) - h(x)}{h(x) - h(x-t)} \leq k, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t > 0.$$

One can define quasisymmetric for a homeomorphism  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  similarly via the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow e^{2\pi i x} & & \downarrow e^{2\pi i x} \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbb{T}. \end{array}$$

The *rotation number* of  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is

$$\text{rot}(g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{h^n(0)}{n} \pmod{1}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** (Herman-Świątek, 1986 [Her86], [Świ88]). *Let  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  be a real-analytic critical circle homeomorphism of rotation number  $\alpha$ . Then  $g$  is quasisymmetrically conjugate to  $R_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is of bounded type.*

Now we show how to use qc surgery transforming cubic Blaschke products to a quadratic polynomials.

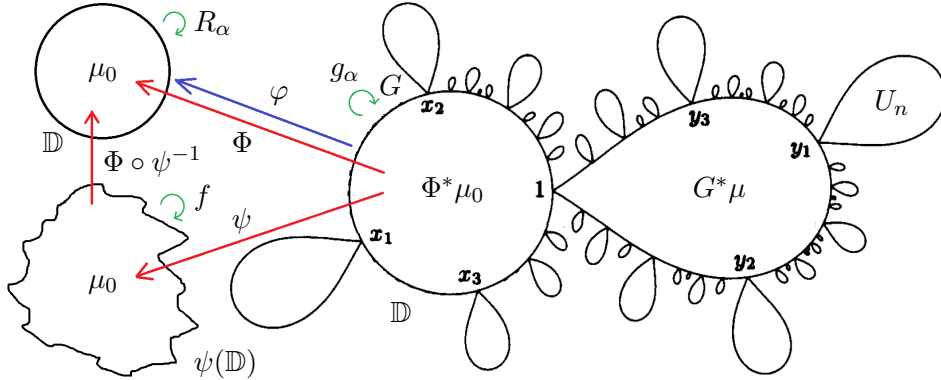
It is not hard to check that

$$z \mapsto z^2 \frac{z-3}{1-3z} : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$$

is a real-analytic critical circle homeomorphism.  $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \exists 1 \tau(\alpha) \in (0, 1)$  s.t.

$$g_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \tau(\alpha)} z^2 \frac{z-3}{1-3z},$$

has rotation number  $\alpha$ .



Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}(2)$ . By Herman-Świątek,  $\exists$  quasisymmetric map  $\varphi : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  s.t.

$$\varphi \circ g_\alpha \circ \varphi^{-1}(z) = R_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z.$$

Then  $\exists$  a homeomorphism  $\Phi : \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  s.t.

$$\Phi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \text{ is qc, } \quad \Phi|_{\mathbb{T}} = \varphi, \quad \Phi(0) = 0.$$

Define

$$G(z) := \begin{cases} g_\alpha(z) & z \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathbb{D} \\ \Phi^{-1} \circ R_\alpha \circ \Phi(z), & z \in \mathbb{D}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $G : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  is a quasi-regular map of degree 2. Let  $\mu_0$  be the standard ellipse field. Define  $\mu = \Phi^* \mu_0$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $\mu$  is invariant in  $\mathbb{D}$  under  $G$ :

$$G^* \mu = (\Phi^{-1} \circ R_\alpha \circ \Phi)^* \mu = \Phi^* \left( R_\alpha^* \left( (\Phi \circ \Phi^{-1})^* \mu_0 \right) \right) = \Phi^* \mu_0 = \mu.$$

$\forall z$  in the drop  $U_n \subset \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  which is mapped onto  $\mathbb{D}$  by  $G^n$ , where  $n \geq 1$  is minimal, define  $\mu$  at  $z$  as  $\mu = (G^n)^*\mu = (g_\alpha^n)^*\mu$ . In the rest place, define  $\mu = \mu_0$ . Then  $G^*\mu = \mu$  on  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ . Note that  $\|\mu\|_\infty < 1$ . By MRMT (measurable Riemann mapping theorem),

$$\exists \text{qc } \psi : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}, \quad \text{s.t. } \psi^*\mu_0 = \mu \text{ and } \psi \text{ fixes } 0, 1, \infty.$$

Note that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\widehat{\mathbb{C}}, \mu) & \xrightarrow{G} & (\widehat{\mathbb{C}}, \mu) \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ (\widehat{\mathbb{C}}, \mu_0) & \xrightarrow{f} & (\widehat{\mathbb{C}}, \mu_0). \end{array}$$

Then  $f = \psi \circ G \circ \psi^{-1} : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  is a quadratic rational map. By

- $f^{-1}(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,
- $f : \psi(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \psi(\mathbb{D})$  is conjugate to  $R_\alpha : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  by a conformal map  $\Phi \circ \psi^{-1} : \psi(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ , and
- 1 is a critical point of  $f$ ,

we have  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} (z - \frac{z^2}{2})$ .

**Theorem 2.4** (Douady-Herman, 1986 [Dou87]).  $\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{D}(2)$ , the boundary of the Siegel disk  $\Delta_\alpha$  of  $P_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + z^2$  is a quasi-circle passing through the critical point  $\omega_\alpha = -\frac{e^{2\pi i \alpha}}{2}$ .

By a similar method but considering

$$g(z) = e^{2\pi i \tau} z^2 \frac{z - a}{1 - az}, \quad a > 3,$$

we have

**Theorem 2.5** (Herman, 1986).  $\exists \alpha \in \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{D}(2)$ , s.t.  $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  of  $P_\alpha$  is a quasi-circle not passing through  $\omega_\alpha$ .

By studying more general Blaschke products, Douady-Herman's result has been extended to

- Zakeri (1999) [Zak99]: cubic polynomials,
- Shishikura (2001) [Shi01]: all polynomials.

**Theorem 2.6** (Zhang, Invent. Math. 2011 [Zha11]). *Every bounded type Siegel disk of a rational map ( $\deg \geq 2$ ) is bounded by a quasi-circle passing through at least one critical point.*

*The proof:* invariant curves in  $\Delta_f$  are uniform quasi-circles.

*Difficulty:* The quasisymmetric constants have no uniform bound.

**Remark.** (1) Douady-Sullivan's conjecture holds for bounded type  $\alpha$ .

(2) Petersen (2004) [Pet04]: The inverse of Zhang's result is also true.

**Theorem 2.7** (Zakeri, Duke Math. J. 2010 [Zak10]). *Every bounded type Siegel disk centered at 0 of  $f(z) = P(z)e^{Q(z)}$ , where  $P, Q$  are polynomials, is bounded by a quasi-circle in  $\mathbb{C}$  which contains at least one critical point of  $f$ .*

**Remark.** (1) Constructing transcendental meromorphic Blaschke models.

(2) This generalizes the results of

- Geyer (2001) [Gey01]:  $\lambda z e^z$ ; and
- Keen-Zhang (2009) [KZ09]:  $(\lambda z + az^2)e^z$ .



Some other families on this topic (for bounded type  $\alpha$ ): the sine family  $\lambda \sin z$  (Zhang, 2005 [Zha05]) and transcendental entire functions with 3 singular values (Chéritat-Epstein, 2018 [CE18]).

**Theorem 2.8** (G. David, 1988 [Dav88], Solutions de l'équation de Beltrami avec  $\|\mu\|_\infty = 1$ ). *Suppose  $\mu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\exists \varepsilon_0, C, \alpha > 0$ , s.t.  $\forall 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ ,*

$$\text{area}(\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |\mu(z)| > 1 - \varepsilon\}) \leq C \cdot e^{-\frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon}}. \quad (2.1)$$

*Then  $\exists$  homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , s.t.  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial \bar{z}} = \mu \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}$  and  $h$  is unique if requiring  $h(0) = 0$  and  $h(1) = 1$ .*

Recall the qc surgery process of transforming  $g_\alpha$  into  $P_\alpha$  with  $\alpha = [a_1, a_2, \dots] \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , especially about the definition of  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.9** (Petersen-Zakeri, Ann. Math. 2004 [PZ04]). *If  $\log a_n \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the globally defined  $\mu$  satisfies (2.1), and moreover,  $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  of  $P_\alpha$  is a David-circle passing through the critical point  $\omega_\alpha$ .*

**Remark.** (1) PZ has full measure in  $(0, 1)$ , where

$$\text{PZ} := \{\alpha \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q} : \log a_n \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

$$(2) \mathcal{D}(2) \subsetneq \text{PZ} \subsetneq \mathcal{D}(2+) = \bigcap_{\kappa > 2} \mathcal{D}(\kappa).$$

Petersen-Zakeri's result has been generalized to

- All polynomials and  $\lambda \sin z$  by Zhang (2014, 2016) [Zha14], [Zha16];
- Special  $\alpha$  satisfying

$$\log^2 a_n \leq n \log n \cdot \log \log n \cdot \underbrace{\log \log \dots \log n}_{k \text{ times}},$$

by L. Shen (2018) [She18], based on studying degenerated Beltrami equations due to Astala-Iwaniec-Martin.

**Theorem 2.10** (Avila-Buff-Chéritat, Acta Math. 2004 [ABC04]).  $\exists \alpha \in \mathcal{B} \setminus \text{PZ}$ , s.t.  $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  of  $P_\alpha$  is  $C^\infty$ -smooth.

- Buff-Chéritat (2007) [BC07]:  $\exists \alpha$ , s.t.  $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  is  $C^\gamma$  but not  $C^{\gamma+1}$ .

**Question 4.** Does there exist  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B}$ , s.t.  $\text{H-dim}(\partial\Delta_f) = 2$ ?

High type irrational numbers:

$$\text{HT}_N := \{\alpha = [a_1, a_2, \dots] \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q} \mid a_n \geq N, \forall n \geq 1\}.$$

**Theorem 2.11** (Shishikura-Y., Cheraghi; arXiv, 2021 [SY21], [Che22]). *For any sufficiently high type  $\alpha$ , if  $P_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + z^2$  has a Siegel disk  $\Delta_\alpha$ , then*

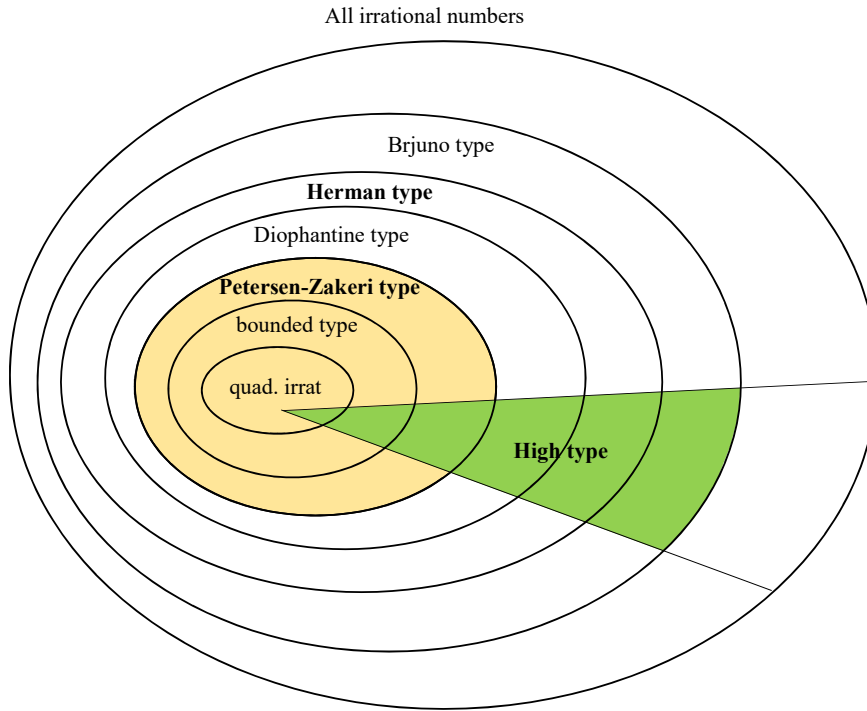
- $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  is a Jordan curve; and
- $\partial\Delta_\alpha$  contains a critical point if and only if  $\alpha$  is of Herman type.

*The proof:* Constructing continuous curves converging to the boundary, by *parabolic renormalization* (Inou-Shishikura [IS08]).

High type numbers has non-empty intersection with usual types of irrationals.

**Theorem 2.12** (Chéritat, Math. Ann., 2011 [Ché11]).  $\exists f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  whose Siegel disk  $\Delta_f$  is compactly contained in  $\text{Dom}(f)$  but  $\partial\Delta_f$  is a pseudo-circle, which is not locally connected.

*The proof:* Range's approximate theorem.



### 3. LOCAL CONNECTIVITY OF JULIA SETS WITH SIEGEL DISKS

*Motivation:*

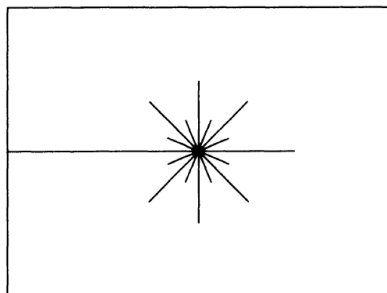
LC of  $J(f)$  implies:

- well understanding of global dynamics (dynamics from  $F(f)$  to  $J(f)$  continuously);
- combinatoric model for  $J(f)$  of polynomials.

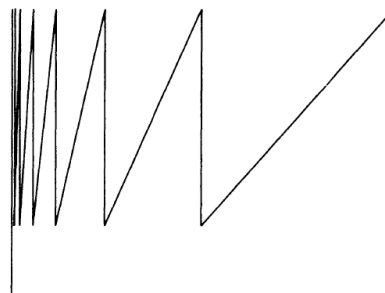
Two ways to prove local connectivity: The first is proving the local connectivity point by point. The second is:

**Theorem 3.1** (Whyburn, 1942). *A compact subset  $X$  in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  is locally connected if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

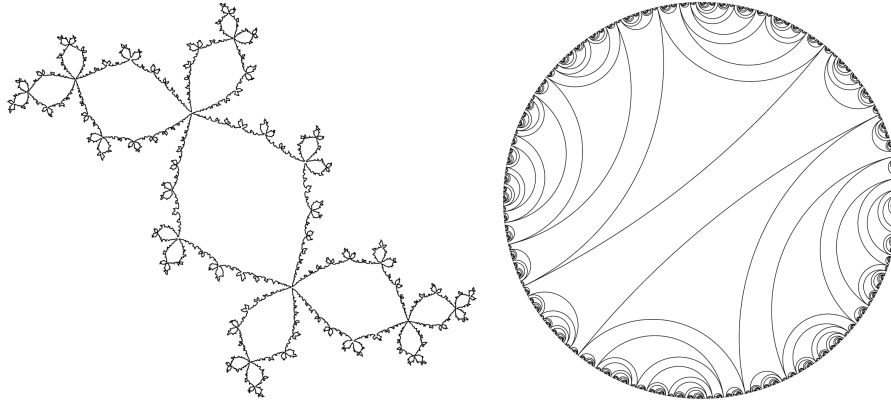
- (a) *The boundary of every component of  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus X$  is locally connected; and*
- (b)  *$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there are only finitely many components of  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus X$  whose spherical diameters  $> \varepsilon$ .*



Locally connected



not locally connected

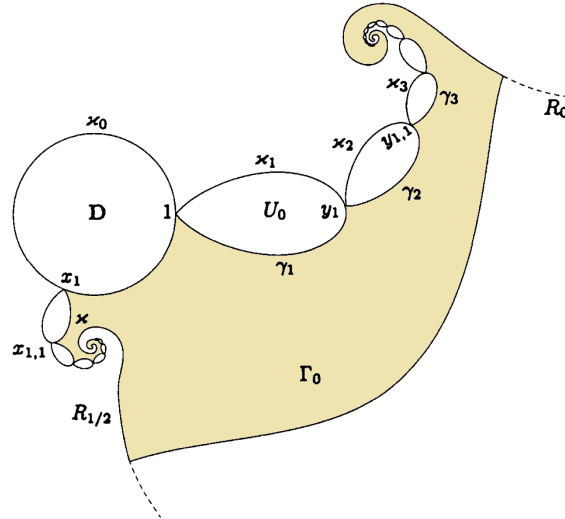


Hyperbolic  $\rightsquigarrow$  subhyperbolic  $\rightsquigarrow$  geometrically finite  $\rightsquigarrow$

*Tools in the proof:*

- (1) Expanding metrics;
- (2) Puzzles developed by Yoccoz [Hub93], Branner-Hubbard [BH92], Lyubich [Lyu97], Kozlovski-Shen-van Strien [KSS07], Roesch [Roe08],  $\dots$
- (3) Grötzsch modulus inequality, Kahn-Lyubich covering lemma [KL09].

**Theorem 3.2** (Petersen, Acta Math. 1996 [Pet96]). *For any bounded type  $\alpha$ , the Julia set of  $P_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}z + z^2$  is locally connected.*



*The proof:* Cubic Blaschke model

$$g_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i\tau(\alpha)} z^2 \frac{z - 3}{1 - 3z}$$

and Petersen's puzzle. The principle:

$$\text{diam}(\Gamma_n) \leq C \cdot \text{length}(I_n)$$

and  $\text{length}(I_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $C > 1$  is a constant.

**Remark.** Petersen-Zakeri (2004) [PZ04] has generalized the result to almost all  $\alpha$ .

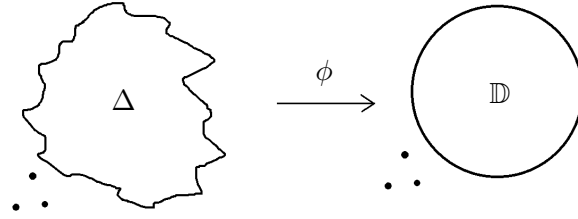
**Theorem 3.3** (Wang-Y.-Zhang-Zhang, arXiv, 2022 [WYZZ22]). *Suppose  $f$  is a rational map with Siegel disks such that the Julia set  $J(f)$  is connected, and moreover, the forward orbit of every critical point of  $f$  satisfies one of the following:*

- (a) *It is finite; or*
- (b) *It lies in an attracting basin; or*
- (c) *It intersects the closure of a bounded type Siegel disk.*

*Then  $J(f)$  is locally connected.*

*Difficulties:* no expanding metric, no puzzles, nor analytic Blaschke models.

*Idea of the proof:* Constructing quasi-Blaschke models.

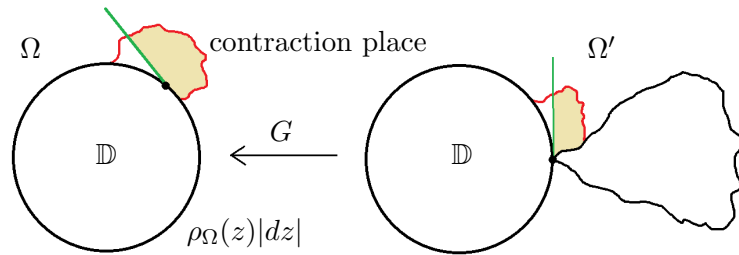


$\phi : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\Delta} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  conformal, and  $\phi : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  quasiconformal.  
Denote  $z^* = 1/\bar{z}$ . Define

$$G(z) := \begin{cases} \phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}(z) & \text{if } z \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathbb{D}, \\ (\phi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}(z^*))^* & \text{if } z \in \mathbb{D}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}(G) = \phi(\mathcal{P}(f) \setminus \Delta)$ .

**Main Lemma.**  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall$  Jordan disk  $V_0 \subset \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  with  $\emptyset \neq \overline{V_0} \cap \mathcal{P}(G) \subset \mathbb{T}, \exists N \geq 1,$  s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, \text{diam}_{\widehat{\mathbb{C}}}(V_n) < \varepsilon,$  where  $\{V_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is any pullback sequence of  $V_0$  in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ .



Main Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  control the size of Fatou components.

Main Lemma + argument of homotopy class of the curves in immediate attracting basins  $\Rightarrow$  boundaries of attracting basins are locally connected.

Combining Zhang's result on Siegel disks [Zha11]  $\Rightarrow$  above theorem (WYZZ).

Developments: Parabolic basins are allowed (Fu-Y., arxiv, 2023 [FY23]).

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