On the construction of entire functions in the Speiser class

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One possibility to construct functions in class S with a given property is *quasiconformal folding*, a method introduced by C. Bishop in 2011.

The idea behind quasiconformal folding is quite simple.

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- Apply the measurable Riemann mapping theorem.

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Remark

The regularity conditions are satisfied e.g. for x^{ε} if $\frac{1}{2} \leq \varepsilon < 1$.

















By the construction above, we added the structure of a graph to ∂G (using $\eta(2\pi i\mathbb{Z})$ as vertices, the components of $\partial G \setminus \eta(2\pi i\mathbb{Z})$ as edges).

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Sketch of the proof $\ell(\tau(e)) \geq \pi$









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