

EXPLOSION POINTS FOR EXPONENTIAL MAPS

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Most of the interesting and mysterious dynamics appears on the Julia set $J(f)$. Due to that most of the study of the dynamics of holomorphic functions centers on the structure of the Julia set.

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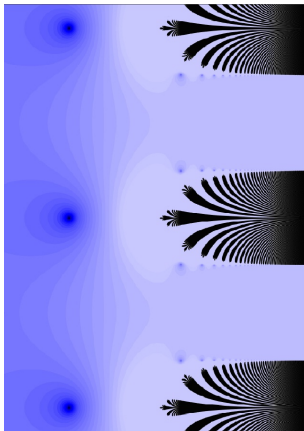
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For certain parameters, including $a \in (-\infty, -1)$, the Julia set $J(f_a)$ of this family is well understood. It is an uncountable union of curves, each consisting of a finite endpoint and a ray that connects this endpoint to infinity.

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We proved first that the set of escaping endpoints of \bar{X} satisfies Mayer's property (that it is totally disconnected, but connected when joined infinity). This uses the concept of a *Lelek fan*. We then transfer the result to the complex plane by using a general conjugacy result from [6]

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If every closed, connected subset of S is a unicoherent then S is called a **hereditarily unicoherent** continuum.

In other words, a continuum S is hereditarily unicoherent if and only if it does not contain any subset that disconnected the sphere $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$.

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A dendroid is an arcwise connected hereditarily unicoherent continuum.

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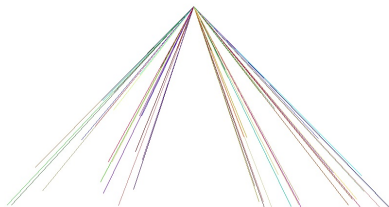
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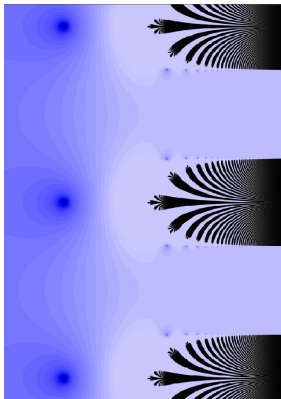
- 1 *the set of endpoints of Y is dense;*
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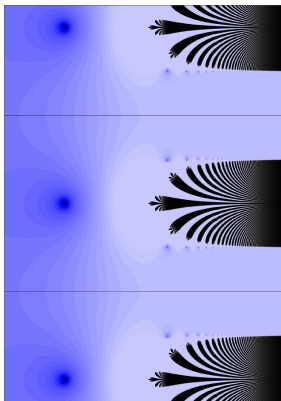
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In our proof we are going to use Charatonik's theorem by showing that our chosen subset of the set of escaping endpoints satisfies 1 and hence it is homeomorphic to the Lelek fan and satisfies 2.

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 $f_a^k(z) \in S_{s_k} \forall k$.

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Then we set

$$\bar{X} := \{(\underline{s}, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}_0} \times [0, \infty) : \mathcal{F}^n(\underline{s}, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}_0} \times [0, \infty) \text{ for all } n \geq 0\}.$$

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We define X to be the set of all escaping points of \bar{X} ,

$$X := \{(\underline{s}, t) \in \bar{X} : T(\mathcal{F}^n(\underline{s}, t)) \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

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Furthermore, a sequence \underline{s} is called **fast** if $(\underline{s}, t_{\underline{s}}) \in X$.

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- ① $s_j^n = s_j$ for all $j \leq k_n$ and $|s_i^n| \geq |s_i|$ for all $i > k_n$.
- ② $|t_{\sigma^{k_n}(\underline{s}^n)}^* - T(F^{k_n}(x))| \leq c$.

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