

A Transcendental Julia Set of Dimension 1

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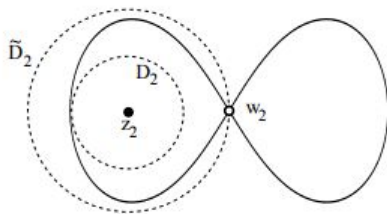


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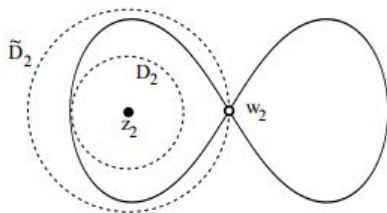


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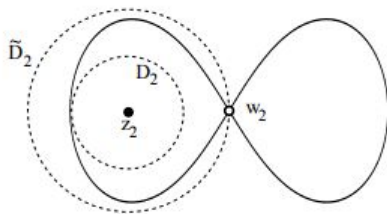


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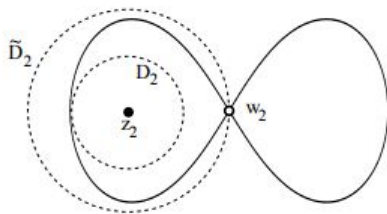


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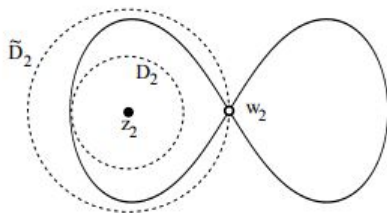


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All of this gives us a good local model for f .

Lemma

For all z :

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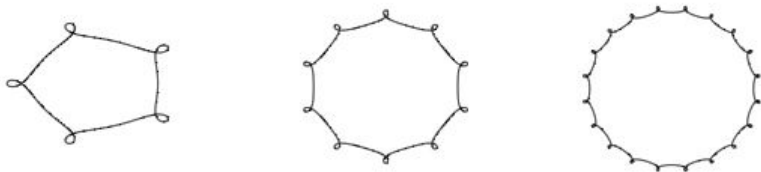


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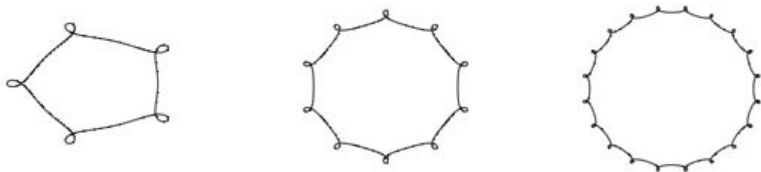


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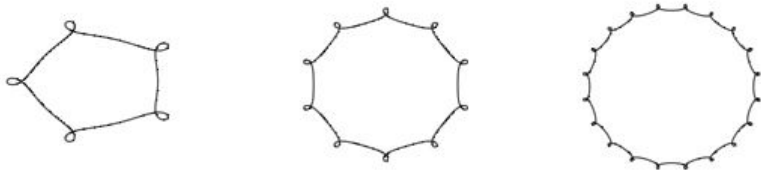


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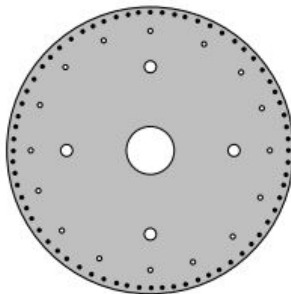


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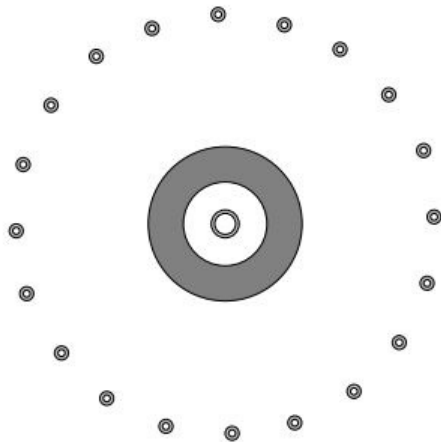


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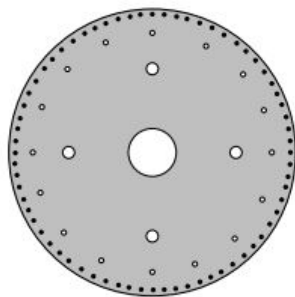


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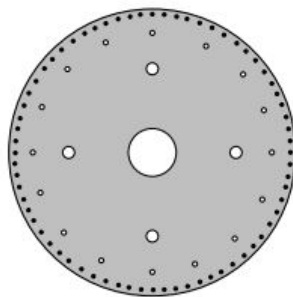


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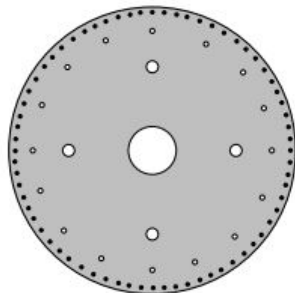


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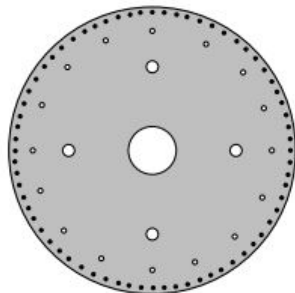


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