

Core entropy along the Mandelbrot set and Thurston's *Master Teapot*

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Question : Can we extend this theory to complex polynomials?

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<u>Remark.</u> If we consider $f_c : \hat{\mathbb{C}} \to \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ entropy is constant $\overline{h_{top}(f_c, \hat{\mathbb{C}})} = \log 2$. (Lyubich 1980)

Mandelbrot set

The Mandelbrot set $\ensuremath{\mathcal{M}}$ is the connectedness locus of the quadratic family

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ oldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{C} \; : \; f^n_{oldsymbol{c}}(\mathbf{0})
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The images of radial arcs in the disk are called external rays.

$$\boldsymbol{R}(\theta) := \Phi_{\mathcal{M}}(\{\rho \boldsymbol{e}^{2\pi i \theta} : \rho > 1\})$$

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Question Can you see the Mandelbrot set in this picture?

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Theorem (Li Tao; Penrose; Tan Lei; Zeng Jinsong) If $\theta_1 <_{\mathcal{M}} \theta_2$, then

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The core entropy as a function of external angle

<u>Question</u> (Thurston, Hubbard): Is $h(\theta)$ a continuous function of θ ?



Continuity of core entropy

Theorem (T.; Dudko-Schleicher)

The core entropy function $h(\theta)$ extends to a continuous function from \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{R} .



Regularity properties of the core entropy

In fact:

Theorem (T. '15)

The core entropy is locally Hölder continuous at θ if $h(\theta) > 0$, and not locally Hölder at θ where $h(\theta) = 0$.

Theorem (T. '17)

Let $h(\theta)$ be the entropy of the <u>real</u> quadratic polynomial with external ray θ . Then the local Hölder exponent $\alpha(h, \theta)$ of h at θ satisfies

$$\alpha(h, \theta) := \frac{h(\theta)}{\log 2}$$

(Conjectured Isola-Politi, 1990)

Further questions

Question. What about the other eigenvalues?

The entropy spectrum (W. Thurston '12)



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Comparison

$$\Sigma_{\pm} := \overline{\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \ : \ \exists (\epsilon_k) \in \{\pm\}^n \ : \ \sum_{k=1}^n \epsilon_k z^k = 0 \right\}}$$



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$$\Sigma \cap \mathbb{D} = \Sigma_{\pm} \cap \mathbb{D}.$$

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A three-dimensional object



Geometry of the teapot

Video (by D. Davis): https://vimeo.com/259921275

3D view: http://www.math.toronto.edu/tiozzo/teapot.html

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