# PLURICOMPLEX DYNAMICS

- 1. Motivation and examples.
- 2. Polynomial dynamics on C.
- 3. Hénon mappings.
- 4. Regular polynomial mappings of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

### DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

(way too) general definition

X phase space. G group acting on X.

In these lectures:

$$X = \text{complex manifold } (\mathbf{P}^k \text{ or } \mathbf{C}^k)$$
  
 $G = \{f^n\}_{n \geq 0} \text{ or } G = \{f^n\}_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}.$ 

Here  $f: X \to X$  is a holomorphic mapping (or biholomorphism). Study behavior of iterates  $f^n = f \circ \cdots \circ f$  as  $n \to \pm \infty$ .

Interesting things to look at:

- Orbits  $\{f^np\}_{n>0}$  or  $\{f^np\}_{n\in \mathbf{Z}}$ .
- Invariant "objects" (measures, currents).

Of special interest are "recurrent" points, e.g. periodic points,  $f^n p = p$ .

Different aspects of dynamics.

# 1. Local dynamics.

Example: linearization at sinks.

$$f:(\mathbf{C},0)\to(\mathbf{C},0)$$
 germ.

$$f(z) = \lambda z + O(z^2)$$
,  $0 < |\lambda| < 1$ . Then  $\exists$ 

$$\phi(z) = z + o(1)$$
 such that  $\phi(f(z)) = \lambda \phi(z)$ .

# 2. Global dynamics.

Example: finitely many sinks.

If  $f: \widehat{\mathbf{C}} \to \widehat{\mathbf{C}}$  is a rational map of degree d, then f has at most 2d-2 attracting periodic cycles.

# 3. Semilocal dynamics.

Example: horseshoes.

## SYMBOLIC DYNAMICS

$$\Sigma^{+} := \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}_{+}} = \{(\epsilon_{n})_{n \geq 0}\}$$
  
 $\Sigma^{-} := \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}_{+}} = \{(\epsilon_{n})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}}\}$ 

are compact metric spaces (Cantor sets):

$$d((\epsilon_n),(\epsilon'_n)) = \sum 2^{-|n|} d(\epsilon_n,\epsilon'_n)$$

We have natural maps

$$\sigma^+: \Sigma^+ \to \Sigma^+$$
  
 $\sigma: \Sigma \to \Sigma$ 

defined by left shift:

$$\sigma^{+}((\epsilon_n)) = (\epsilon_{n+1})$$
  
 $\sigma((\epsilon_n)) = (\epsilon_{n+1})$ 

 $(\Sigma^+, \sigma^+)$ : (full) 1-sided shift on two symbols.  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$ : (full) 2-sided shift ".

Note:  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma$  are continuous.  $\sigma$  is invertible (homeomorphism) but  $\sigma^+$  is 2–1.

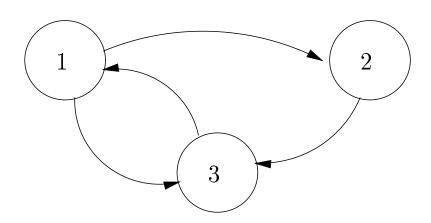
 $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma^+$  carry natural invariant measures (Bernoulli measures).

*Idea*: Shift maps are models for behavior of differentiable or complex dynamics.

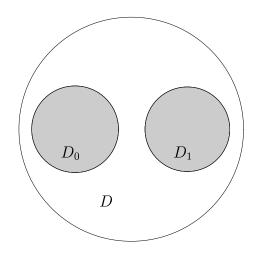
#### Generalizations:

- $\bullet$  (Full) shifts on N symbols.
- Subshifts of finite type:  $M = N \times N$  binary matrix.

$$\Sigma_M = \{(\epsilon_n) : M_{\epsilon_n, \epsilon_{n+1}} = 1\}$$
  
= {set of paths in finite directed graph}



## TOPOLOGICAL MODEL FOR 1-SIDED SHIFT



Define  $f: \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}$  continuous such that

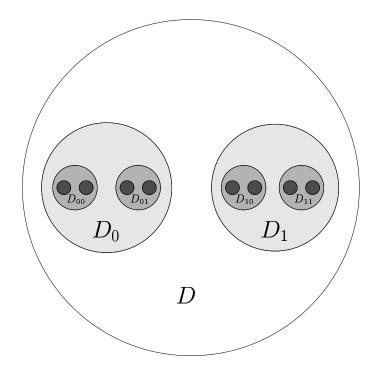
- 1. f maps  $D_i$  affinely onto D, i = 0, 1.
- 2.  $f(D (D_1 \cup D_2)) \subset \mathbf{C} D$ .
- 3.  $f(\mathbf{C} D) \subset \mathbf{C} D$  and  $f^n \to \infty$  on  $\mathbf{C} D$ .

 $K := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : f^n z \text{ bounded}\}\$ 

Claim.  $f|_K$  is conjugate to  $\sigma^+|_{\Sigma^+}$ . Proof. Let  $x \in K$ . Define  $\phi(x) = (\epsilon_n)_{n>0}$  by

$$\epsilon_n = i$$
 if  $f^n x \in D_i, i = 0, 1$ .

Then  $\phi$  is a homeomorphism of K onto  $\Sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^+ \circ \phi = \phi \circ f$ .

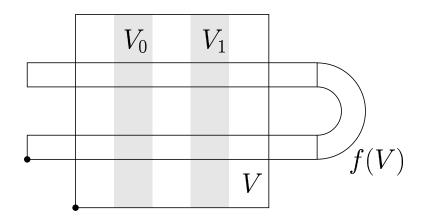


# Consequences.

- ullet Periodic points are dense in K.
- ullet f has periodic points of all orders.
- ullet "Most" points in K have dense orbits in K.

# TOPOLOGICAL MODEL FOR 2-SIDED SHIFT (Smale's horseshoe)

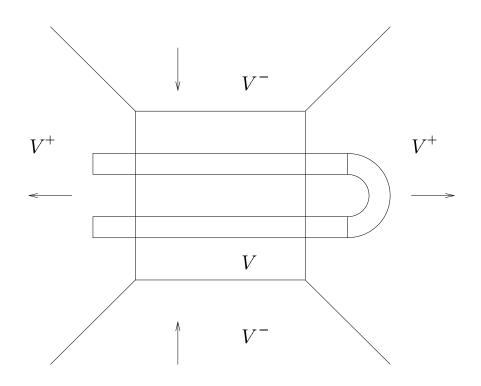
Define  $f: V \to \mathbf{R}^2$ .



$$f^{-1}(V) \cap V = V_0 \cup V_1$$
.  
 f is affine on  $V_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ .

Extend f to a diffeomorphism of  ${f R}^2$  such that:

- 1.  $f(V^+) \subset V^+$  and  $f^n \to \infty$  on  $V^+$ .
- 2.  $f^{-1}(V^-) \subset V^-$  and  $f^{-n} \to \infty$  on  $V^-$ .

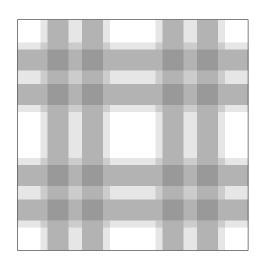


 $K^{\pm} := \{ p \in \mathbf{R}^2 : f^n p \text{ bounded as } n \to \pm \infty \}.$  $K := K^+ \cap K^-.$  Then

$$K^+ \cap V = \text{Cantor set} \times \text{interval}.$$

$$K^- \cap V = \text{interval} \times \text{Cantor set}.$$

 $K = \text{Cantor set} \times \text{Cantor set}.$ 



Define 
$$\phi(x) = (\epsilon_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$
, where

$$\epsilon_n = i$$
 if  $f^n x \in V_i, i = 0, 1$ .

**Claim**.  $\phi$  conjugates  $f|_K$  to  $\sigma|_{\Sigma}$ .

Proof. Same as before.

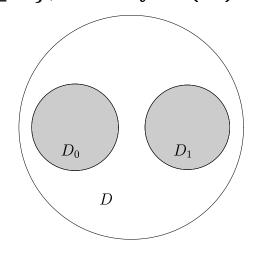
# Consequences.

- ullet Periodic points are dense in K.
- ullet f has periodic points of all orders.

# A QUADRATIC POLYNOMIAL ON C

$$f(z) = z^2 + 10.$$

If  $|z| \ge 5$ , then  $|f(z)| \ge 5$  and  $|f^n(z)| \to \infty$ . If  $D := \{|z| \le 5\}$ , then  $f^{-1}(D) = D_0 \cup D_1$ .



Here  $f: D_i \to D$  is univalent ( $\approx$  affine).

 $K := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : f^n z \text{ bounded}\}\$ 

 $J := \partial K (= K)$  — Julia set of f.

Topological model  $\Rightarrow f|_J \simeq \sigma^+|_{\Sigma^+}$ .

#### Conclusions.

- ullet Periodic points are dense in J.
- $\bullet$  f has periodic points of all orders.

# A QUADRATIC HÉNON MAPPING

Define  $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}^2$  (or  $\mathbf{C}^2 \to \mathbf{C}^2$ )

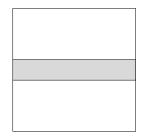
$$f(x,y) = (-x^2 + a - by, x)$$
  $0 < b \ll 1$  and  $a \gg 1$ 

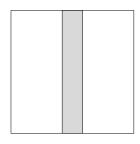
Decompose  $f = f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1$ .

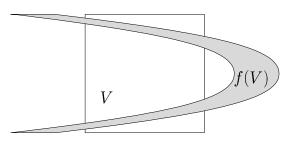
$$f_1(x,y) = (x,by)$$

$$f_2(x,y) = (-y,x)$$

$$f_3(x,y) = (x + (-y^2 + a), y).$$







Thus f "is" a horseshoe.

 $K^{\pm} := \{p : f^n p \text{ bounded as } n \to \pm \infty\}.$ 

 $K := K^+ \cap K^-.$ 

 $J := \partial K (= K)$ 

Topological model  $\Rightarrow f|_J \simeq \sigma|_{\Sigma}$ .

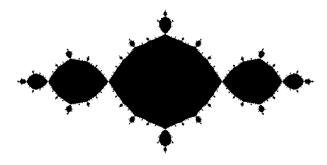
#### Conclusions.

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- f has periodic points of all orders.

# POLYNOMIAL MAPPINGS OF C

$$p(z) = z^d + a_{d-1}z^{d-1} + \dots$$

Want to understand dynamics of p. Focus on points with recurrent behaviour.  $K := \{z \in \mathbf{C} : p^n z \text{ bounded as } n \to \infty\}.$  $J := \partial K$  (Julia set).



The picture shows K for  $p(z) = z^2 - 1$ .

In fact  $J = \{z : \{p^n\} \text{ not normal at } z\}$ . What causes  $\{p^n\}$  to be non-normal at J?

If z repelling periodic point,  $p^nz=z$  and  $|Dp^nz|>1$ , then  $z\in J$ .

**Thm**.  $J = \overline{\{\text{repelling periodic points}\}}$ 

Two tools for analyzing global dynamics: Montel's Theorem and Potential Theory.

**Montel's Theorem** (Fatou, Julia, ...) If  $U \subset \widehat{\mathbf{C}}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a family of meromorphic functions on U with  $\mathcal{G}(U) \subset \widehat{\mathbf{C}} - \{0, 1, \infty\}$ , then  $\mathcal{G}$  is normal.

Potential Theory (Brolin, Sibony, ...)

$$G(z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^n} \log^+ |p^n(z)|.$$

 $G \geq 0$  is continuous, subharmonic, harmonic off of J and  $G(z) = \log |z| + o(1)$  as  $|z| \to \infty$ .

Thus G is the Green function of K and

$$\mu := \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta G$$

is harmonic measure on K. Since  $G \circ p = G$ ,  $\mu$  is invariant,  $\mu(p^{-1}A) = \mu(A)$ .

**Prop**. J has no isolated points. **Proof**. G is continuous and  $supp(\mu) = J$ . **Thm**. Periodic points describes  $\mu$ .

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{d^n}\sum_{p^nz=z}\delta_z=\mu.$$

Remark: Also for repelling periodic points.

Proof. Let

$$H_n(z) = \frac{1}{d^n} \log |p^n z - z|.$$

Then  $H_n$  is a potential for LHS. It suffices to show that  $H_n \to G$  in  $L^1_{loc}$ .

First,  $H_n \to G$  on  $\mathbf{C} - K$ . Suppose  $H_{n_j} \to H$  in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$ . Then  $H \le G$  and H = G on  $\mathbf{C} - K$ .

If  $H \neq G$ , then by Hartogs we have  $\delta > 0$  and  $\Omega \subset \operatorname{int}(K)$  such that  $H_{n_j} \leq -\delta$  on  $\Omega$ , i.e.

$$|p^{n_j}z-z|<\exp(-\delta d^{n_j})$$

on  $\Omega$ . One can show this is impossible.  $\square$ 

**Cor**. Periodic points are dense in J.

In a similar way one can show:

**Thm**. For (almost) all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ 

$$\frac{1}{d^n} \sum_{p^n z = w} \delta_z \to \mu$$

as  $n \to \infty$ . (Exception:  $p(z) = z^d$ , w = 0).

**Cor**.  $\mu$  is ergodic, i.e.

$$p^{-1}A = A \Rightarrow \mu A = 0$$
 or  $\mu A = 1$ .

Thus, by the Ergodic Theorem.

**Cor**. For  $\mu$  a.e. w

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=0}^{n-1}\delta_{p^jw}=\mu.$$

In particular, the orbit of w is dense in J.

Compare with  $\sigma^+$ ,

The results presented are very basic. Some further issues.

- 1. Classification of Fatou components.
- 2. Geometry of Julia sets.
- 3. Parameter space (Mandelbrot set).

#### HENON MAPPINGS

**Goal**. Understand dynamics of polynomial automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

Friedland-Milnor showed that the interesting polynomial automorphisms of  ${\bf C}^2$  are (conjugate to) compositions of *Hénon mappings*.

$$f(z,w) = (p(z) + bw, z),$$

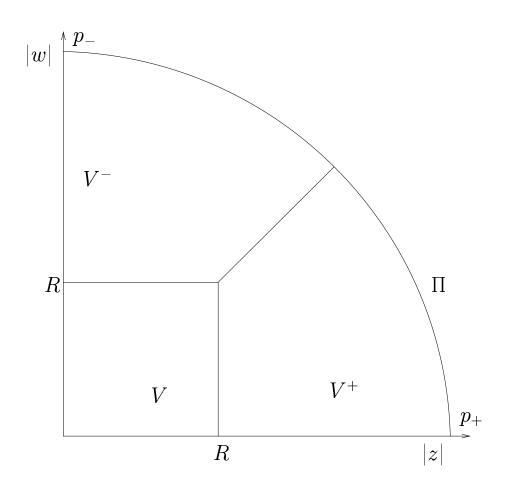
where  $p(z) = z^d + \dots$  and  $b \neq 0$ . For simplicity we only consider f of this form.

Note that

$$f^{-1}(z, w) = (w, \frac{1}{b}(z - p(w)).$$

is of the same type.

We have a filtration for f = (p(z) + bw, z).



- $f(V^+) \subset V^+$ .
- $f^{-1}(V^{-}) \subset V^{-}$ .
- $f^n \to p_{\pm}$  on  $V^{\pm}$  as  $n \to \pm \infty$ .
- If  $|f^nx| \to \infty$  as  $n \to \pm \infty$ , then  $f^nx \to p_{\pm}$ .

These observations are trivial but crucial!

$$K^{\pm} := \{x : f^n x \text{ bounded as } n \to \pm \infty\}.$$
  
 $K := K^+ \cap K^-.$ 

$$\text{Filtration} \Rightarrow \frac{K^{\pm} \subset V \cup V^{\pm} \text{ is closed.}}{K \subset V \text{ is compact.}}$$

$$J^{\pm} := \partial K^{\pm}$$
 (Julia set for  $\{f^{\pm n}\}_{n \geq 0}$ ).  $J := J^{+} \cap J^{-} = \partial K$  (Julia set for  $\{f^{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ?)

What causes  $\{f^n\}$  to be non-normal at  $J^{\pm}$ ?

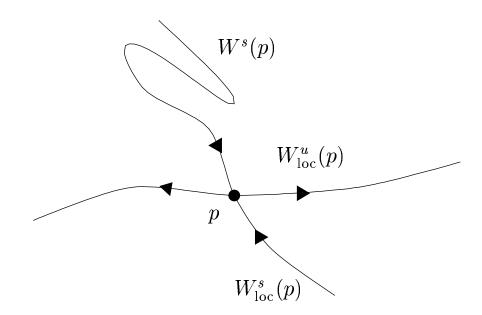
Cosider fixed points (or periodic points): fp = p,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  eigenvalues of  $Df_p$ .

$$p$$
 attracting  $(|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2| < 1) \Rightarrow p \in J^- \cap \operatorname{int}(K^+)$ .  
 $p$  repelling  $(|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2| > 1) \Rightarrow p \in J^+ \cap \operatorname{int}(K^-)$ .  
 $p$  saddle  $(|\lambda_1| < 1 < |\lambda_2|) \Rightarrow p \in J^+ \cap J^- = J$ .

A saddle point has *local stable and unstable manifolds*.

$$W^s_{\text{loc}}(p) := \{x \in \mathbf{C}^2 : d(f^n x, p) < \delta \text{ for all } n \ge 0\}$$
  
 $W^u_{\text{loc}}(p) := \{x \in \mathbf{C}^2 : d(f^n x, p) < \delta \text{ for all } n \le 0\}$   
for small  $\delta > 0$ .

By the Stable Manifold Theorem these are complex disks in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .



We also have *global* stable/unstable manifolds.

$$W^{s}(p) := \{x \in \mathbf{C}^{2} : f^{n}x \to p \text{ as } n \to +\infty\}$$

$$W^{u}(p) := \{x \in \mathbf{C}^{2} : f^{n}x \to p \text{ as } n \to -\infty\}$$
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These are immersed copies of  ${\bf C}$  in  ${\bf C}^2$ .

$$W^s_{\mathsf{loc}}(p) \subset W^s(p) \subset J^+$$
  
 $W^u_{\mathsf{loc}}(p) \subset W^u(p) \subset J^-$ 

Thm. (Bedford-Smillie)

$$\overline{W^s(p)} = J^+ \text{ and } \overline{W^u(p)} = J^-.$$

Compare with the horseshoe.

Proof uses pluripotential theory (currents).

Define Green function as in C.

$$G^+ := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^n} \log^+ |f^n|.$$

- $\bullet$   $G^+$  is continuous and plurisubharmonic.
- $G^+ \ge 0$ ,  $\{G^+ = 0\} = K^+$ .
- $\bullet \ G^+ \circ f = d \, G^+.$

Define positive closed current by

$$\mu^+ := dd^c G^+,$$

i.e.

$$\langle \mu^+, \phi \rangle = \frac{i}{\pi} \int G^+ \partial \overline{\partial} \phi$$

for a (1,1) test form  $\phi$ .

**Prop**. supp $(\mu^+) = J^+$ .

*Proof.* Show  $x \in \text{supp}(\mu^+) \Leftrightarrow G^+$  ph at x.

$$x \in \text{int}K^+ \Rightarrow G^+ = 0 \text{ at } x.$$

 $x \in J^+ \Rightarrow G^+$  not ph at x (max. princ.).

$$x \notin K^+ \Rightarrow G^+ \approx d^{-n} \log |z_n|$$
 ph at  $x$  (filtr.)  $\square$ 

Remark Similarly  $G^-$ ,  $\mu^-$ , ...

M submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Current of integration:

$$\langle [M], \phi \rangle := \int_M \phi.$$

Push-forward of current:  $\langle f_*S, \phi \rangle := \langle S, f^*\phi \rangle$ .

Pull-back of current:  $f^*S := (f^{-1})_*S$ .

Example:  $f^*[M] = [f^{-1}M]$ .

**Thm** [BS]. For any saddle point p:

$$\frac{1}{d^n} f^{n*}[W^s_{\mathsf{loc}}(p)] \to c\mu^+$$

as  $n \to \infty$ , where c > 0.

Cor.  $\overline{W^s(p)} = J^+$ .

Proof of Thm (Fornæss-Sibony) in 3 steps.

$$\sigma_n := \frac{1}{d^n} f^{n*} [W^s_{\mathsf{loc}}(p)].$$

- 1.  $\sigma_n$  has uniformly bounded mass in  ${f C}^2$ .
- 2. Any limit point of  $\{\sigma_n\}$  is closed.
- 3. If S is a positive closed current on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  with  $\operatorname{supp}(S) \subset J^+$ , then  $S = c\mu^+$ , c > 0.

Sketch of 1. Let  $\omega = \frac{1}{2}dd^c\log(1+|(z,w)|^2)$  Kähler form on  $\mathbf{P}^2$ . The mass of  $\sigma_n$  is

$$\|\sigma_n\| := \langle \sigma_n, \omega \rangle = \langle [W^s_{\mathsf{IOC}}(p)], \frac{1}{d^n} f^n_* \omega \rangle.$$

Now  $\frac{1}{d^n}f_*^n\omega=\frac{1}{2d^n}dd^c\log(1+|f^{-n}|^2)$  converges to  $dd^cG^-=\mu^-$ . Hence  $\|\sigma_n\|$  is uniformly bounded and converges to

$$\langle [W^s_{\text{loc}}(p)], \mu^- \rangle = \int_{W^s_{\text{loc}}(p)} dd^c (G^-|_{W^s_{\text{loc}}(p)}).$$

Sketch of 2. Suffices to show  $\partial \sigma_n \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle \sigma_n, \partial \phi \rangle \to 0$  for any (0,1) test form in  ${\bf C}^2$ . Use integration by parts and Cauchy-Schwarz: if S is a positive closed current of bidegree (1,1) and  $\alpha,\beta$  are (1,0) test forms, then

$$(\alpha,\beta) \to i\langle S, \alpha \wedge \overline{\beta} \rangle$$

defines an inner product.

Sketch of 3. Let S be the set of positive closed (1,1)-currents supported on  $K^+$ . Show that  $\frac{1}{d^n}f^{n*}S \to \mu^+$  uniformly for  $S \in S$ .

Let  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then  $S = dd^c u$ , u psh on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $u \leq \log |(z, w)| + O(1)$ . Define  $u_n = d^{-n}u \circ f^n$ . Must show  $u_n \to G^+$  in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$ .

If not, then  $\exists n_k$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $\Omega \subset \operatorname{int}(K)$  s.t.  $u_{n_k} \leq -\delta$  on  $\Omega$ , i.e.

$$f^{n_k}\Omega \subset \{u \leq -\delta d^{n_k}\}.$$

By pluripotential theory, RHS is "small". By dynamics, LHS is "not too small". Contradiction.

## FURTHER RESULTS ON HENON MAPPINGS

By pluripotential theory

$$\mu := \mu^+ \wedge \mu^-$$

is a well-defined, invariant measure. Recall  $supp(\mu^{\pm}) = J^{\pm}$ . Hence  $supp(\mu) \subset J$ .

Open problem: is  $supp(\mu) = J$ ?

**Thm** (Bedford-Lyubich-Smillie)

- 1.  $(f,\mu)$  is measurably conj. to 2-sided shift.
- 2.  $\mu$  describes (saddle) periodic points:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{d^n}\sum_{f^np=p}\delta_p=\mu.$$

3.  $\mu^{\pm}$  are *laminar* currents.

The proof uses *Pesin Theory* (non-uniform hyperbolicity).

Misc. Entropy, Fatou components, ....

REGULAR POLYN. MAPPINGS OF  ${f C}^2$ .

(with E. Bedford).

**Def**. A polynomial map  $f: \mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathbb{C}^2$  of deg. d > 2 is *regular* if any of the following holds.

**R1**  $|f(x)| \ge c|x|^d$  as  $|x| \to \infty$ , c > 0.

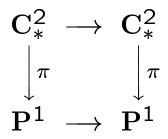
**R2** f extends continuously (holom.) to  $P^2$ .

**R3** The homogeneous part  $f_h$  of degree d satisfies  $f_h^{-1}(0) = 0$ .

Idea:  $\mathbf{P}^2$  good compactification of  $\mathbf{C}^2$ .

# Examples

- 1.  $f(z, w) = (p(z), q(w)), \deg p = \deg q = d.$
- 2. Hénon mappings are not regular.
- 3. Rational maps on  $\widehat{\mathbf{C}} \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$  correspond to homogeneous regular polynomial maps of  $\mathbf{C}^2$ :



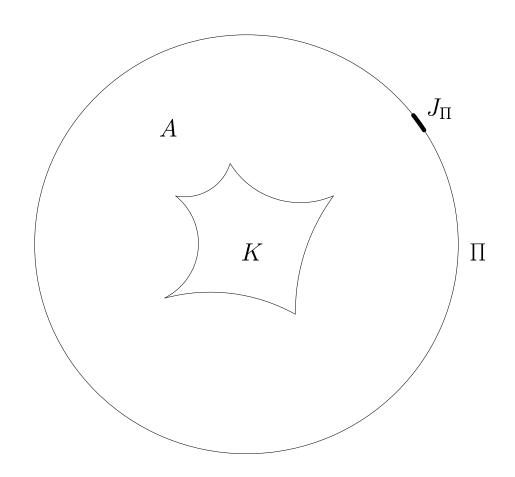
 $\Pi:=\mathbf{P}^2-\mathbf{C}^2\simeq\mathbf{P}^1$  line at infinity.

 $f_{\Pi} := f|_{\Pi}$  rational map of degree d.

 $K:=\{x\in {\bf C}^2: f^nx \text{ bounded}\}.$ 

 $A := Basin of attraction of \Pi$ .

 $\mathbf{P}^2 = K \cup A$  completely invariant partition.



*Idea*: Approach dynamics on K from  $\Pi$ .

In  $C^1$  all polynomial mappings are regular.

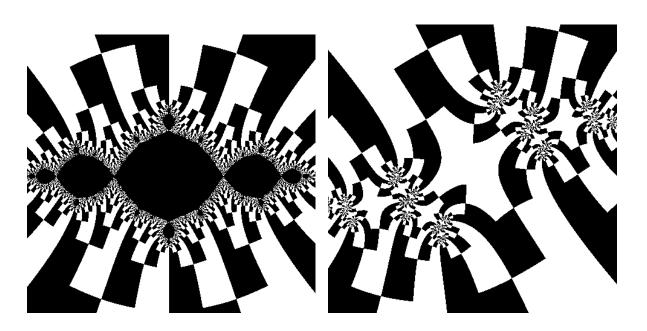
$$p(z) = z^d + a_{d-1}z^{d-1} + \dots$$

Dynamics near  $\Pi = \infty$  is described by Böttcher coordinate  $\phi(z) = z + O(1)$ :

$$\phi(p(z)) = \phi(z)^d.$$

The relation between  $\phi$  and G is  $\log |\phi| = G$ .

External rays := gradient lines of G.



Gradient lines for  $p(z) = z^2 - 1$  and  $z^2 - 1 + i$ .

 $\phi$  induces  $\mathcal{E} := \{ \text{external rays} \} \simeq S^1$ .

Let  $u \simeq \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}$  be Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**Thm** There is a.e. defined landing map  $e: \mathcal{E} \to J$  and  $e_*\nu = \mu$ .

Thus  $\mu$  is a quotient of  $\nu$ .

**Thm** If J is connected and p is uniformly expanding on J, then  $e: \mathcal{E} \to J$  is continuous.

Thus J is a topological quotient of  $S^1$ .

Goal: Prove corresponding result in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

Problem: What are external rays.

Introduce pluripotential theory.

$$G := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^n} \log^+ |f^n|.$$

- G is continuous and psh on  ${\bf C}^2$ .
- $G \ge 0$ ,  $\{G = 0\} = K$ .

$$T := dd^c G$$

positive closed current on  $C^2$  (and  $P^2$ ).

$$\mu := T \wedge T = dd^c(GT)$$

is an invariant probability measure on  ${\bf C}^2$ , "harmonic measure", supported on  $J:=\partial_{Sh}K$ .

**Thm** (F-S, Briend).  $\mu$  is invariant, ergodic ... and describes (repelling) periodic points:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{d^{2n}} \sum_{f^n p=p} \delta_p = \mu.$$

There is a measure  $\mu_{\Pi}$  (Lyubich measure) supported on  $J_{\Pi}$  with similar properties for  $f_{\Pi}$ . In fact  $\mu_{\Pi}$  is determined by T:

$$\mu_{\Pi} = T|_{\Pi}.$$

Model case:  $f = f_h$  homogeneous. Then

$$G(\lambda x) = G(x) + \log|\lambda|$$

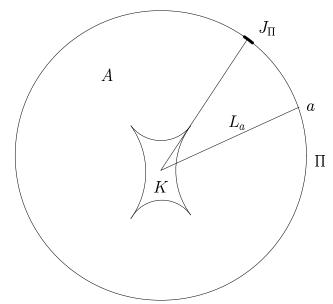
for  $x \in A$ ,  $|\lambda| \ge 1$ . This implies

**Lemma**. If  $f = f_h$ , then on A

$$T = \int_{J_{\Pi}} [L_a] \, \mu_{\Pi}(a),$$

$$\mu = \int_{J_{\Pi}} Leb(L_a \cap \partial A) \, \mu_{\Pi}(a), \qquad (*)$$

where  $L_a = \text{line through } a \in \Pi \text{ and } 0.$ 



External rays are rays in  $L_a$  for  $a \in J_{\Pi}$  and (\*) gives a landing result for external rays.

Idea in general case: Stable manifolds  $\Rightarrow$  laminarity of T on  $A \Rightarrow$  external rays.

First prove T is laminar on A. Simplifications:

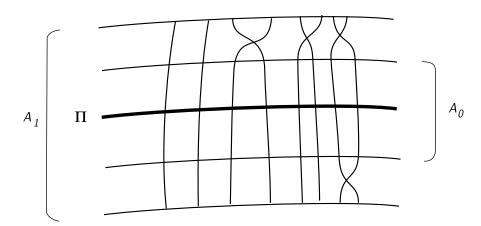
- 1. Show laminarity near  $\Pi$ .
- 2. Assume  $f_{\Pi}$  unif. expanding on  $J_{\Pi}$ , i.e.

$$|Df_{\Pi}^n a| \ge c\lambda^n, \quad c > 0, \lambda > 1, a \in J_{\Pi}, n \ge 1.$$

Assume 2. If not, use Pesin Theory (non-uniform expansion).

Uniform expansion  $\Rightarrow$  stable manifolds:

 $W^s_{\text{loc}}(a) := \{x \in \mathbf{P}^2 : d(f^n x, f^n a) < \delta \text{ for } n \geq 0\}$  is a complex disk for  $a \in J_{\Pi}$  (and  $\delta > 0$  small).



$$A_0 := \{G > R_0\}, \ W_0^s(a) := W_{loc}^s(a) \cap A_0.$$

**Thm**. If  $R_0 \gg 0$ , then on  $A_0$ 

$$T = \int_{J_{\Pi}} [W_0^s(a)] \, \mu_{\Pi}(a). \tag{1}$$

*Proof.* The formula holds for  $f_h$ :

$$T_h = \int_{J_{\Pi}} [L_a] \,\mu_{\Pi}(a). \tag{2}$$

Apply  $d^{-n}f^{n*}$  to (2) and restrict to  $A_0$ .

LHS  $\to T$  because  $d^{-n}G_h \circ f^n \to G$ .

RHS  $\rightarrow$  RHS(1) by the Stable Manifold Theorem and invariance of  $\mu_{\Pi}$ .

Want laminar formula for T on all of A.

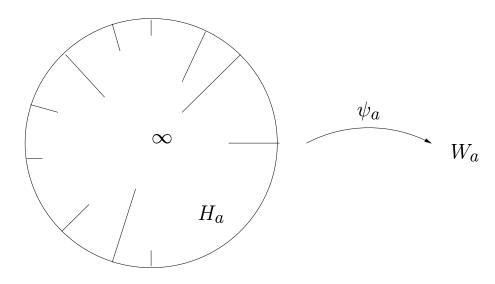
Problem: Analytic continuations of  $W_0^s(a)$  can have locally infinite area in A.

Solution: divide into smaller pieces by cutting along gradient lines.

**Thm**. For  $a \in J_{\Pi}$  there exists a complex disk  $W_a$  in A of finite area such that

$$T = \int_{J_{\Pi}} [W_a] \, \mu_{\Pi}(a)$$

on A. There is a "hedgehog domain"  $H_a$  and a conformal equivalence  $\psi_a: H_a \to W_a$  with  $G(\psi_a(\zeta)) = \log |\zeta|$ .



External rays =  $\psi_a$ (rays in  $H_a$ ) for  $a \in J_{\Pi}$ .

 $\mathcal{E} := \{ \text{ external rays } \} \simeq J_{\Pi} \times S^1$ 

 $\nu := \mu_{\Pi} \otimes \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}$  measure on  $\mathcal{E}$ .

 $e: \mathcal{E} \to \partial K$  endpoint map.

**Thm** e is a.e. well defined and  $e_*\nu = \mu$ .

# Ingredients in proof:

- 1. Laminarity of T on A.
- 2.  $dd^c \max(G, r) \wedge dd^c G \rightarrow \mu \text{ as } r \rightarrow 0.$

## Further results:

- 1. Conjugacy  $f \simeq f_h$  (Böttcher coordinate).
- 2. Continuity of  $e: \mathcal{E} \to J$ .