Construction of transcendental entire functions of arbitrarily slow growth with prescribed polynomial dynamics

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§1 Introduction

Definition 1 :

- f: a transcendental entire function, f^n : the *n*-th iterate of f
- $F(f) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \exists U : \text{nbd. of } z, \ \{f^n|_U\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is normal}\} : \text{Fatou set}$ $(\{f^n|_U\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is normal}$

 $\iff {}^\forall \textbf{subseq. of } \{f^n|_U\}_{n=1}^\infty \textbf{ contains a local unif. convergent subseq.})$

- $J(f) := \mathbb{C} \setminus F(f)$: Julia set = {repelling periodic points}
- $sing(f^{-1}) := \{all \ crit. \& a sympt. values and their accumulation pts\}$
- $P(f) := \overline{\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} f^n(\operatorname{sing}(f^{-1}))}$: post-singular set
- $S := \{ f \mid f : \mathbf{transcendental entire}, {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{sing}(f^{-1}) < \infty \}$
- $B := \{f \mid f : \text{transcendental entire}, \text{ sing}(f^{-1}) : \text{bounded}\}$ (trivially $S \subset B$)

There are two directions for research on dynamics of transcendental entire functions:

- (I) Research on f with similar behavior as polynomials,
- (II) Research on phenomena which never occur for polynomials.

For (I):

Example 2:

$$e^{z}, ze^{z}, \int^{z} P(z)e^{Q(z)}dz \ (P, Q: \text{polyn.}), \sin z, \ \cos z \in S, \quad \frac{\sin z}{z} \in B \setminus S$$

Theorem 3 (Goldberg-Keen, Eremenko-Lyubich) : $f \in S \implies f$ has no wandering domains and Baker domains.

Theorem 4 (Eremenko-Lyubich, 1992):

$$f \in B \implies \forall z \in F(f)$$
, $f^n(z) \not\rightarrow \infty$ $(n \rightarrow \infty)$. In particular, f has no Baker domains.

For (II):

Theorem 5 (Baker, 1963+1976) :

 ${}^{\exists}f(z) = cz^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{r_n}\right), \quad c > 1, \ 1 < r_1 < r_2 < \cdots (r_n \text{ satisfies some})$

recursive formula) has a multiply connected wandering domain.

Theorem 6 (Herman, 1984) :

 $f(z) := z + 1 - e^z + 2\pi i$ has a simply connected wandering domain.

Definition 7 :

There exists an f of arbitrarily slow growth with property P

$$\iff \text{ For any monotone increasing function } \varphi(r) > 0 \ (r > 0) \text{ with}$$
$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \varphi(r) = +\infty, \text{ there exists } f \text{ with the property } P \text{ and satisfies}$$
$$\log M(r, f) < \varphi(r) \log r, \quad \forall r > r_0 \quad (M(r, f) := \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)|)$$

(Note that if $\varphi(r) \equiv \text{const}$, then f is a polynomial.)

f with sufficiently slow growth has similar properties with polynomials.

Theorem 8 (Hayman, 1960) :

 $\log M(r,f) < A(\log r)^2 \implies |f(z)| > {}^\exists K \text{ outside small neighborhoods of}$ zeros of f

On the other hand,

Theorem 9 (Baker, 1984) :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which has a multipy-connected wandering domain.

Theorem 10 (Bergweiler-Eremenko, 2000) :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which satisfies $J(f) = \mathbb{C}$.

§2 Main Result

Theorem A :

For a given polynomial P with deg $P \ge 2$, There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which satisfies the following:

(1) There exists a topological disk U such that (f|U, U, f(U)) is polynomiallike and conjugate to P.

(2) Periodic Fatou components of (f|U, U, f(U)), (which come from P) are the only periodic Fatou components of f and any Fatou component of f is eventually mapped to one of these components. In particular,

(i) f has no wandering domains.

(ii) If $J(P) = K(P) := \{z \mid P^n(z) \not\to \infty \ (n \to \infty)\}$, then $J(f) = \mathbb{C}$

(3) f has no asymptotic values and all the critical points of f escape to ∞ under the iterate of f, except for the ones which correspond to the non-escaping critical points of P.

(Outline of Proof):

Proposition B :

Suppose a given polynomial P with $d = \deg P \ge 2$ and $z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy the following:

- (a) P(0) = 0, P(1) = 1,
- **(b)** $z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_{k-1} \in K(P)$
- (c) Let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_l be the distinct critical points of P, then $c_1, \dots, c_m \in K(P), c_{m+1}, \dots, c_l \in \mathbb{C} \setminus K(P)$.

Then for any given $z_k \in \mathbb{C} \setminus K(P)$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and R > 0, there exist a polynomial Q and z'_1, z'_2, \dots, z'_k which satisfy the following:

- (1) $\deg Q = d + 1$
- (2) Q(0) = 0, Q(1) = 1

(3) There exists a quasiconformal map φ and a topological disk U such that $K(P) \subset \varphi(U)$ and $Q|U \sim_{\varphi} P$.

and satisfy $c_j = \varphi$ (c_j) $(1 \le j \le i)$ and c_{l+1} are the distinct critical points of q_{l+1}

$$|c_j - c'_j| < \varepsilon, \quad c'_1 \sim c'_m \in K(Q), \quad c'_{m+1} \sim c'_l, \ c'_{l+1} \in \mathbb{C} \setminus K(Q)$$

(7) Let a_1, \dots, a_d be the zeros of P, then the zeros of Q are $a'_1, \dots, a'_d, a'_{d+1}$ and satisfy

$$|a_j - a'_j| < \varepsilon \ (1 \le j \le d), \quad |a'_{d+1}| > R$$

(Outline of Proof of Proposition B): (Construction of Q(z)): [1] Define the quasiregular map $Q_1(z)$ as follows:

$$Q_{1}(z) = \begin{cases} P(z) & |z| \leq r \\ \psi(z) & r < |z| < 2r \\ \widetilde{P}(z) := z^{d}(a - az/P^{n}(z_{k})) & |z| \geq 2r \end{cases}$$
$$P(z) = z^{d}(a + h_{1}(z)), \quad \widetilde{P}(z) = z^{d}(a + h_{2}(z)) \quad (\mathbf{i.e.} \ h_{2}(z) = -az/P^{n}(z_{k})) \\ \psi(z) := z^{d}(a + h(z)), \quad h(z) := \left(2 - \frac{|z|}{r}\right)h_{1}(z) + \left(\frac{|z|}{r} - 1\right)h_{2}(z)$$

[2] Construction of Q_1 -invariant ellipse field : Since $\forall z \in \{r \leq |z| \leq 2r\}$ satisfies $|Q_1(z)| > 2r, \ Q_1^n(z) \to \infty \ (n \to \infty),$

the orbit of $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$ passes the region

 $\{r \leq |z| \leq 2r\}$, where Q_1 is not

holomorphic, at most once. Then define

 $X_{\mu_n} := (Q_1^n)^*(X_0), \quad X_0 :$ circle field



(i.e. X_{μ_n} = pull back of X_0 by Q_1^n).

It follows that $X_{\mu_n} \to {}^{\exists}X_{\mu} \quad (n \to \infty)$ and X_{μ} is a Q_1 -invariant ellipse field by the construction.

[3] By measurable Riemann mapping theorem, $\exists \varphi \text{ with } \mu_{\varphi}(z) = \mu(z)$. [4] $Q = \varphi \circ Q_1 \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is holomorphic on \mathbb{C} and since it is finite to one, Q is a polynomial.

Take a dense subset $\{z_j\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ with $z_1 = 0$. Also take a sequence $\{R_n\}$ with $R_n \nearrow \infty$, $R_1 >> 1$ and $\sum \frac{1}{R_n} < \infty$. Take $\{\varepsilon_n\}$ with $\varepsilon_n > 0$ and $\sum \varepsilon_n < \exists \varepsilon_{\infty}$ (small enough). By starting with $P_0(z) := P(z), z_1, \varepsilon_1 > 0, R_1 > 0$ and applying Proposition B over and over again, we get $\{P_n(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ with $\deg P_n = d + n$ which converges to an f(z). Since $P_n(0) = 0$ and $P_n(1) = 1$, we have

$$P_n(z+1) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{z}{c_{n,k}}\right), \ c_{n,k} := a_{n,k} - 1$$

Then $\exists c_k := \lim_{n \to \infty} c_{n,k}$ and $|c_k| > R_k - 2$ and we have

$$f(z+1) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{c_k}\right).$$

This shows that f has genus 0 and if we choose $\{R_k\}$ so that it increases rapidly, then f has arbitrarily slow growth (by a standard theory of entire functions). Also it is shown by the construction that preimages of $\operatorname{int} K(f|_U)$ (if any) are dense in \mathbb{C} . So there are no wandering domains. \Box

§3 Applications

Corollary 11 = Theorem 10 (Bergweiler-Eremenko, 2000) :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which satisfies $J(f) = \mathbb{C}$.

(: $P(z) := 4z^2 - 3z$ (or in general, P with K(P) = J(P)))

Corollary 12 (Baker (2001), Boyd (2002)) :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which satisfies the following:

- (1) 0 is an attracting fixed point.
- (2) F(f) = the attractive basin of 0.

(:: $P(z) := z^2$ (or in general, P with only one attractive fixed point))

Corollary C (K, 2013) :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth such that J(f) is a Sierpiński carpet.

($\because P(z) = {\rm polynomial \ with \ }m$ attractive fixed points and their immediate basins have no common boundary points.)



typical Sierpiński carpet



 $g_a(z) := ae^a \{ z - (1-a) \} e^z \ (a = 1.2)$

(pictures : by S. Morosawa)



 $f(z) := 27z^2(z-1)/\{(3z-2)^2(3z+1)\}$

Remark 13:

Since $P_n \to f$ locally uniformly on \mathbb{C} and F(f) consists only of attractive

basins, it follows that $J(P_n) \rightarrow J(f)$ wrt Hausdorff metric (K, 1996). Note that $J(P_n)$ is disconnected and therefore it is not locally connected at any point, while J(f) is locally connected.

Corollary D :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth which has prescribed finite number of attracting, parabolic, Siegel and Cremer cycles.

(: P(z) = polynomial with prescribed finite number of attracting, parabolic, Siegel and Cremer cycles.)

Corollary E :

There exists a transcendental entire function with arbitrarily slow growth such that f has a Cremer point but J(f) is locally connected.

($\because P(z) = {\rm polynomial}$ with a Cremer point and an attractive fixed point which satisfies some condition.)

Thank you for your attention and

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