# Near-Parabolic renormalization; hyperbolicity and rigidity 

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Near-parabolic renormalizations unifies several of these notions. We focus on this renormalization operator.

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- $P(0)=0$ and $P^{\prime}(0)=1$,
- $P^{\prime}(-1)=P^{\prime}(-1 / 3)=0 ; P(-1)=0$ and $P(-1 / 3)=-4 / 27 \in U$.
$P: U \rightarrow P(U)$ has a particular covering structure.

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It follows that

- $h$ is defined on $\psi(U)$,
- $h(0)=0, h^{\prime}(0)=1$,
- $h$ has a critical point at c.p. $=\psi(-1 / 3)$ which is mapped to $-4 / 27$,
- $h: \psi(U) \rightarrow P(U)$ has the same covering structure as the one of $P$.

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Since

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\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow\left\{\phi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \phi(0)=0, \phi^{\prime}(0)=1\right\}
$$

by Koebe distortion theorem, $\mathcal{F}$ forms a pre-compact class of maps.

Dynamics of a map $h \in \mathcal{F}$;
$h$ has a parabolic fixed point at 0 ; the orbit of c.p. tends to 0 .


If $\rho$ is small enough, $\alpha \ltimes h$ has two preferred fixed points at 0 and $\sigma=\sigma(\alpha \ltimes h) .|\sigma|=O(|\alpha|)$.

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There is a simply connected region

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\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h} \subset \operatorname{Dom}(h)
$$

which is bounded by analytic curves landing at $0, \sigma$, and c.p., as well as a univalent map

$$
\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}: \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}
$$

such that

$$
\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}((\alpha \ltimes h)(z))=\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}(z)+1, \text { on } \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h}, \quad \Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}(\text { с.p. })=0 .
$$

## Proposition (Ch. 2009)

There is a constant $k_{1}$ independent of $\alpha$ and $h$ such that one may choose $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h}$ and $\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}$ with

$$
\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}\left(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h}\right)=\left\{z \in \mathbb{C} \left\lvert\, 0<\operatorname{Re} z \leq \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\alpha}-k_{1}\right.\right\}
$$

and for $y \geq 0$,

$$
\arg \Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}^{-1}(i y) \simeq-2 \pi y \operatorname{Im} \alpha+\arg \sigma+C_{\alpha \ltimes h} .
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Prop. (Ch.) $k$ is uniformly bounded from above independent of $\alpha$ and $h$.


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$E$ projects under $\operatorname{Exp}(\zeta)=\frac{-4}{27} e^{2 \pi i \zeta}$ to a holomorphic map defined on a punctured neighborhood of 0 . That is, there is a map $\mathcal{R}_{\text {NP-t }}(\alpha \ltimes h)$ with

$$
\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{NP-t}}(\alpha \ltimes h) \circ \mathbb{E} \operatorname{xp}(\zeta)=\mathbb{E x p} \circ E(\zeta)
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Inou-Shishikura: The above map has the same covering structure as the one of $P$ on $U$ ! That is,

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There is a similar process to define a "return map" near $\sigma$-fixed point: It gives us

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$\alpha \ltimes Q_{0}$ does not belong to $\alpha \ltimes \mathcal{F}$ !
However, $\mathcal{R}_{\text {NP-t }}\left(\alpha \ltimes Q_{0}\right)$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\text {NP-b }}\left(\alpha \ltimes Q_{0}\right)$ are defined in the same fashion, and

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## Lecture II:

Hyperbolicity of the near-parabolic renormalization operators

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We wish to understand the derivatives of these operators (infinite by infinite matrices!)

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In other words, $\mathcal{R}_{\text {NP-t }}$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\text {NP-b }}$ map cone-fields of $k_{1}$-horizontal curves into themselves.

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