## 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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$$P(z) = z(1+z)^2.$$

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$$P(0) = 0$$
 and  $P'(0) = 1$ ,  
•  $P'(-1) = P'(-1/3) = 0$ ;  $P(-1) = 0$  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'(0) = 1,
- h has a critical point at c.p.  $=\psi(-1/3)$  which is mapped to -4/27,
- $h: \psi(U) \to P(U)$  has the same covering structure as the one of P.

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Since

$$\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \{\phi : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C} \mid \phi(0) = 0, \phi'(0) = 1\}$$

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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.



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There is a simply connected region

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

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

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

such that

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



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## 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

$$\Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \ltimes h}) = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \operatorname{Re} z \le \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{\alpha} - k_1 \}$$

and for  $y \ge 0$ ,

 $\arg \Phi_{\alpha \ltimes h}^{-1}(iy) \simeq -2\pi y \operatorname{Im} \alpha + \arg \sigma + C_{\alpha \ltimes h}.$ 



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Prop. (Ch.) k is uniformly bounded from above independent of  $\alpha$  and h.

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E projects under  $\mathbb{E}xp(\zeta) = \frac{-4}{27}e^{2\pi i\zeta}$  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

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{\tiny NP-t}}(\alpha \ltimes h) \circ \mathbb{E} \text{xp}(\zeta) = \mathbb{E} \text{xp} \circ E(\zeta)$$

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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  $\sigma\text{-fixed}$  point: It gives us

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{NP-b}}(\alpha \ltimes h) \in \{\frac{-1}{\beta} \mod \mathbb{Z}\} \ltimes \mathcal{F}.$$



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However,  $\mathcal{R}_{\rm NP-t}(\alpha \ltimes Q_0)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\rm NP-b}(\alpha \ltimes Q_0)$  are defined in the same fashion, and

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Lecture II:

Hyperbolicity of the near-parabolic renormalization operators

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 $\mathcal{R}_{\rm \scriptscriptstyle NP-t}$  preserves vertical fibers, while  $\mathcal{R}_{\rm \scriptscriptstyle NP-b}$  does not preserve them.

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 $A(\rho)$  is equipped with the Euclidean metric.

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

$$D \mathcal{R}_{\text{NP-t}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \hat{\alpha}}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial \hat{h}(\alpha \ltimes h)}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial \hat{\alpha}}{\partial h} & \frac{\partial \hat{h}(\alpha \ltimes h)}{\partial h} \end{bmatrix}$$
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In my symbolic notations, these mean

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Prop. We have

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The invariance of k-horizontal curves implies that

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For all k-horizontal family of maps  $\Upsilon : A_{\rho'} \to A_{\rho'} \ltimes \mathcal{F}$  and all  $\kappa \in \{t, b\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , every connected component of the set  $\Lambda(\kappa) \cap \Upsilon(A_{\rho'})$  is a single point.

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