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# A HOLOMORPHIC TALE

GLIMPSES of HOLOMORPHIC DYNAMICS  
in the light of JOHN MILNOR's  
INFLUENCE on its DEVELOPMENT.

BOOK :

DYNAMICS in ONE COMPLEX VARIABLE

Viehweg 1999, 2000.

Princeton Univ. Press 2006.

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## THREE THEMES :

- MODULI SPACES of  
cubic polynomials and  
quadratic rational maps  
suggesting  
non-local connectivity
- The combinatorial method  
for quadratic polynomials  
described by ORBIT PORTRAITS
- MATINGS and LATTÈS MAPS

## CUBIC POLYNOMIALS

$$P_{a,b}(z) = z^3 - 3a^2 z + b$$

critical points:  $\pm a$

## PARAMETER SPACE: $\mathbb{C}^2$

$$P_{a_1, b_1} \underset{\text{hol. conj.}}{\sim} P_{a, b} \iff (a_1, b_1) = (\pm a, \pm b)$$

## MODULI SPACE: $M(3) = \mathbb{C}^2$

$$(A, B) \quad A = a^2, \quad B = b^2$$

one representative for each holomorphic conjugacy class.

## REAL CUBIC POLYNOMIALS

$$(A, B) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

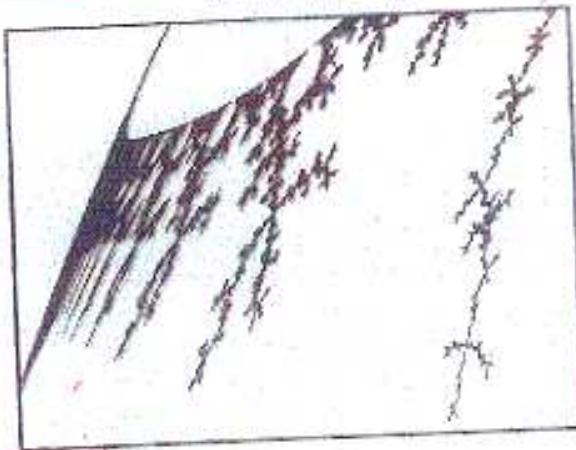
If  $B < 0$ , a representative with real coefficients is

$$-x^3 - 3Ax + \sqrt{|B|}$$

Hence, two complex conjugate crit. points with complex conjugate orbits.

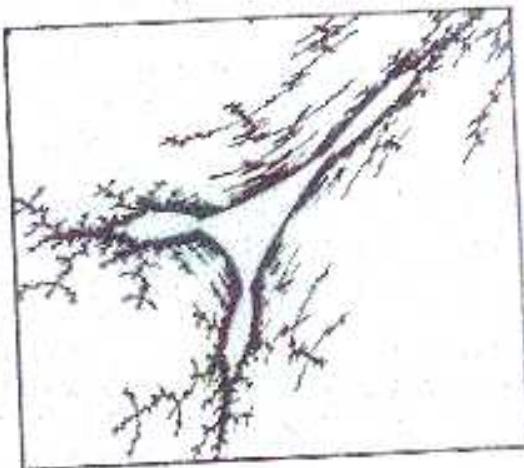
on iterated cubic maps. Experiment. Math. 1  
(1992), 5-24.

of the  
connectedness locus  $\mathcal{C}(3)$   
 $\mathbb{R}^2$ , in the quadrant  
 $A > 0, B < 0$



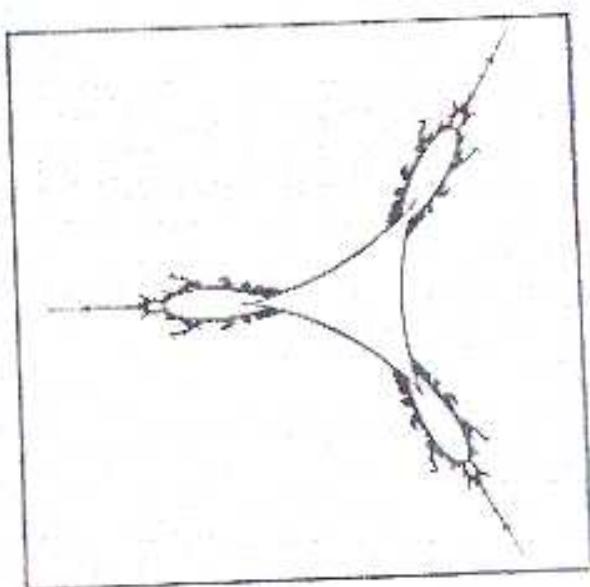
$\mathcal{C}(3) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$   
connected and  
- locally connected

Enlargement



prototype model for  
transitive case:

connectedness locus,  
- tricorn, of the  
- quadratic family  
 $\mapsto (z^2 + c)^2 + \bar{c}$



## QUADRATIC RATIONAL MAPS $\text{Rat}_2$

Strong analogy between the theory of quadratic rational maps and cubic polynomials.

In both cases :

- \* two free critical points
- three fixed points
  - (counted in  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  for rat.  
in  $\mathbb{C}$  for pol.)

The MODULI SPACE is  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

There are many different normal forms,  
for instance

$$f(z) = a\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) + b$$

- \*  $\pm i$  c.p.,  $\infty$  fixed

Geometry and dynamics of quadratic rational maps.

Experiment. Math. 2 (1993),  
37-83

# ORBIT PORTRAITS of quadratic polynomials.

Periodic orbits, external rays and the Mandelbrot set

Géométrie complexe et systèmes dynamiques  
(Orsay, 1995), Astérisque, No. 261 (2000), 277-333.

Fixed point portraits, with Lisa Goldberg  
Ann. Sci. Ecole Norm. Sup. 26 (1993), 51-98.

The main purpose is to give an alternative and simplified proof of the landing of parameter rays  $R_M(t)$ , for t periodic under doubling.

The proof is based on orbit portraits.

## MOTIVATION

Suppose  $O = \{z_1, \dots, z_p\}$  is a repelling or parabolic orbit of period  $p$  of some quadratic pol.  $z \mapsto z^2 + c$ . Let  $A_j$  denote the set of angles of the dynamic rays landing at  $z_j$ . Then  $\{A_1, \dots, A_p\}$  is called the orbit portrait  $P = P(O)$  of  $O$ .

## PROPERTIES and DEFINITION of an ORBIT PORTRAIT

PROPERTIES

- (1)  $A_j$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2)  $A_j \xrightarrow{z^2} A_{j+1}$  is a bijection under doubling, preserving cyclic order.
- (3)  $\exists r \geq 1$  s.t. any  $t \in \bigcup_{j=1}^p A_j$  has period  $rp$  under doubling.
- (4)  $A_1, \dots, A_p$  are pairwise unlinked.

DEF

{ Any  $\{A_1, \dots, A_p\}$  satisfying the above  
is called an orbit portrait,  $P$ .

$|A_j| = v$  is called valence. We have  $r \leq v$ .

## REALIZATION

Any orbit portrait  $P$  is realized by some quadratic polynomial.

# EXAMPLES of ORBIT PORTRAITS $\wp$

## SATELLITE TYPE:

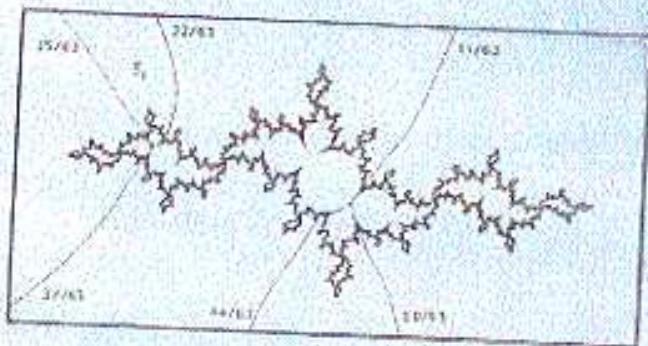
unit:  $\frac{1}{63}$

$$\left\{ \left\{ 22, 25, 37 \right\}, \left\{ 44, 50, 11 \right\} \right\}$$

$A_1 \qquad \qquad A_2$

$p = 2, v = 3, r = 3$

$$I_P = \left] \frac{22}{63}, \frac{25}{63} \right[$$



## PRIMITIVE TYPE:

unit:  $\frac{1}{31}$

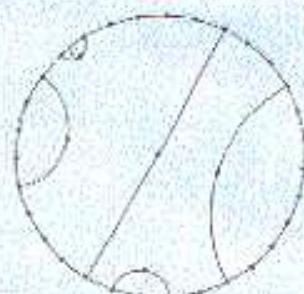
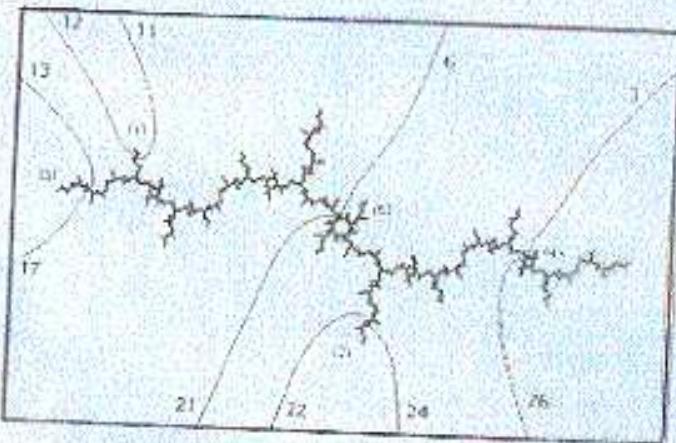
$$\left\{ \left\{ 11, 12 \right\}, \left\{ 22, 24 \right\}, \left\{ 13, 17 \right\}, \left\{ 26, 3 \right\}, \left\{ 21, 6 \right\} \right\}$$

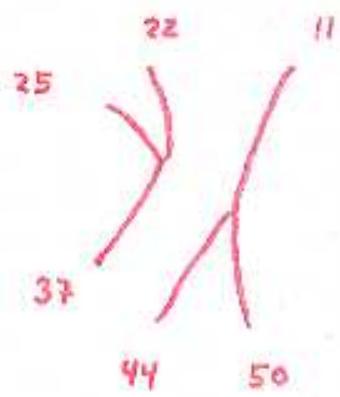
$A_1 \qquad A_2 \qquad A_3$

$A_4 \qquad A_5$

$p = 5, v = 2, r = 1.$

$$I_P = \left] \frac{11}{31}, \frac{12}{31} \right[$$





## TWO POSSIBILITIES

### ① PRIMITIVE CASE:

If  $\tau < v$ , then  $\tau = 1, v = 2$ ,  
so  $P$  contains two orbits of angles.

### ② SATELLITE CASE:

$\tau = v$ , so  $P$  contains one orbit of angles.

Each  $P$  has a unique smallest arc

$$I_P = [t_-(P), t_+(P)]$$

among the complementary arcs to  $\bigcup_{j=1}^r A_j$ ,  
the characteristic arc for  $P$ .

## MAIN THEOREM in PARAMETER PLANE

Given  $P$ .

The two parameter rays  $R_M(t_{\pm}(P))$  land at a common parabolic point  $r_p \in M$ .

PREPARATION, for  $c \notin M$ .

- A rational dynamic ray  $R_{K_c}(\theta)$  lands if it does not bounce at precritical points
- if  $c \in R_M(t(c))$  then  
 $R_{K_c}(\theta)$  bounces  $\Leftrightarrow t(c) \in \{2\theta, 4\theta, 8\theta, \dots\}$

KEY LEMMA for  $c \notin M$

$f_c$  admits a periodic orbit with portrait  $P$



$$t(c) \in I_p = [t_-(P), t_+(P)]$$

## SKETCH of proof of MAIN THEOREM.

① For any  $t \in \bigcup_{j=1}^p A_j$  let  $c_0 \in \overline{R_M(t)} \setminus R_M(t)$ .

 Any neighborhood of  $c_0$  contains  $c$  s.t.  $R_{K_c}(t)$  bounces.

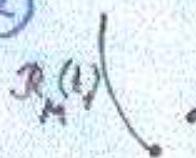
Therefore  $c_0$  must have the following property:

$$\left[ \exists x_0 \in J_{c_0} \text{ s.t. } f_{c_0}^{rp}(x_0) = x_0 \text{ and } (f_{c_0}^{rp})'(x_0) = +1. \right]$$

If not, all  $t \in \bigcup_{j=1}^p A_j$  would land at repelling periodic points with a stable portrait. — A contradiction.

There are only finitely many  $c$ -values with this property.

Hence,  $R_M(t)$  lands at  $c_0$ .

②   $R_M(t_-) \subset \bigcup_{t \in \bigcup A_j} \overline{R_M(t)}$  is open.

If  $R_M(t_-)$  and  $R_M(t_+)$  would land at different points, this would violate the key lemma.

## MATINGS.

Pasting together Julia sets:  
a worked out example of matings

Experiment. Math. 13 (2004), 55-92.

Topological mating of two quadratic polynomials  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  with connected and locally connected Julia set.

Connect  $R_{K_1}(t)$  with  $R_{K_2}(-t)$ .

Let  $\sim$  be the smallest equivalence relation so that  $R_{K_1}(t)$  and  $R_{K_2}(-t)$  lie in one equivalence class.

Theorem of R.L. Moore

$S^2/\sim$  is homeomorphic to  $S^2$

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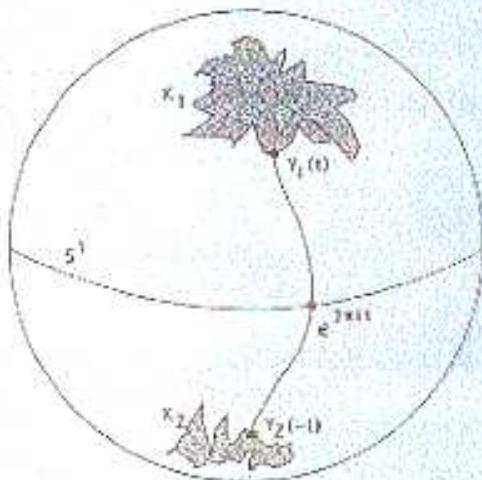
$\downarrow$  no equivalence class separates  $S^2$  into two or more connected components.

If so, we define  $f_1 \amalg f_2 : S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ .

$F \in \text{Rat}_2$  is a geometric mating of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$

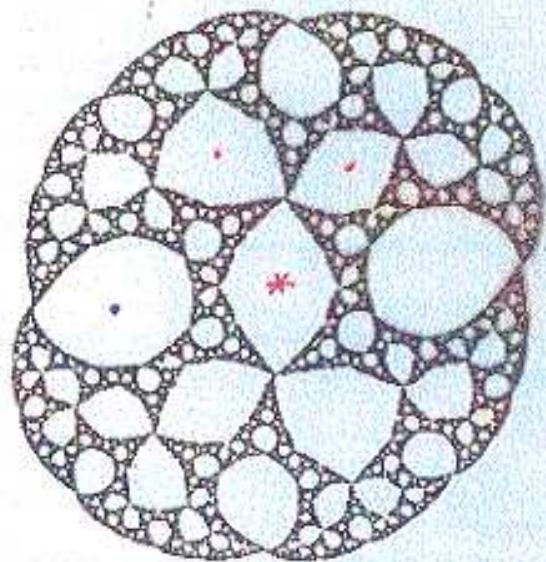
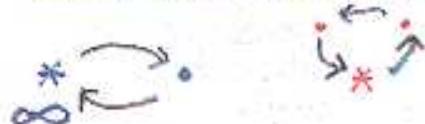
if  $F \underset{\text{top}}{\sim} f_1 \amalg f_2$

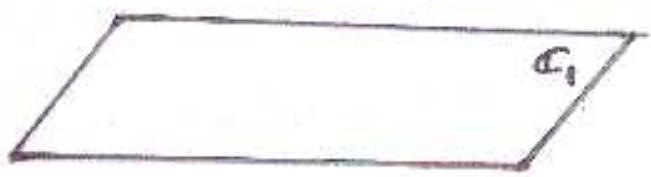
Illustration of  
topological mating  
of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$   
and  $\sim_{ray}$



From the cover of  
the Stony Brook  
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mating of  
the basilica  
and the rabbit





## THE WORKED OUT EXAMPLE

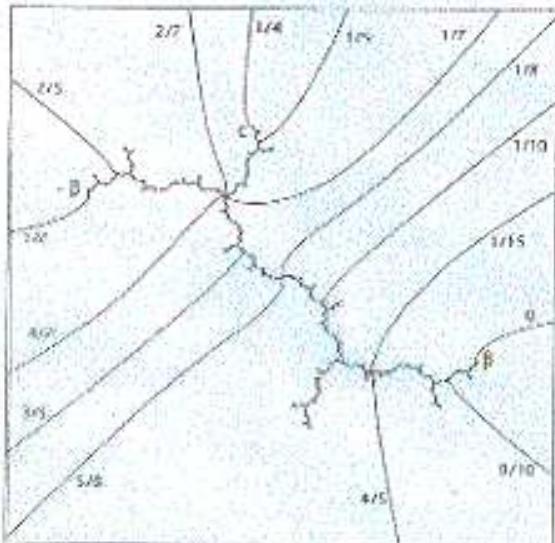
$$f = f_{C_{\frac{1}{4}}} : z \mapsto z^2 + C_{\frac{1}{4}}$$

where  $C_{\frac{1}{4}} = \underline{\text{landing point}}$   
of  $R_M(\frac{1}{4})$ .

critical orbit:

$$0 \mapsto C_{\frac{1}{4}} \mapsto -\beta \mapsto \beta \curvearrowright$$

$J_{C_{\frac{1}{4}}}$  is a dendrite



critical orbits of  $f \amalg f$ :

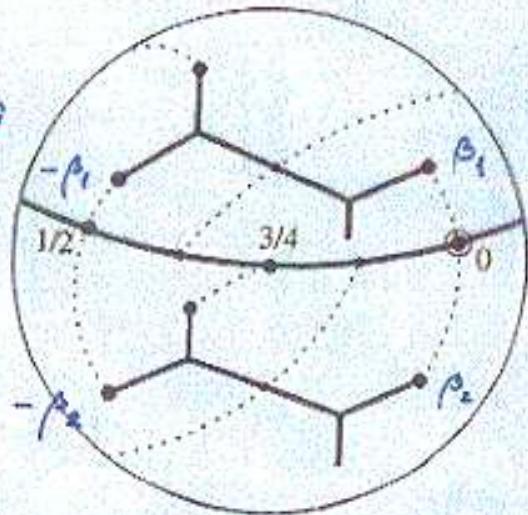
$$\begin{aligned} O_1 &\mapsto C_1 \curvearrowright -\rho \mapsto \rho \curvearrowright \\ O_2 &\mapsto C_2 \curvearrowright -\rho \mapsto \rho \curvearrowright \end{aligned}$$

The geometric mating exists:

$$F \underset{\substack{\text{top} \\ \text{conj}}}{\sim} f \amalg f$$

$$F(z) = \frac{i}{2} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} +i &\mapsto +i \curvearrowright \\ -i &\mapsto -i \curvearrowright \end{aligned} \quad 0 \mapsto \infty \curvearrowright$$



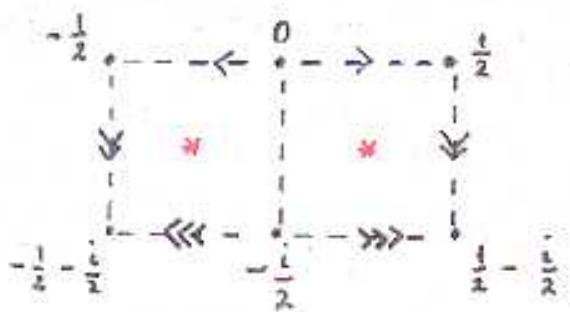
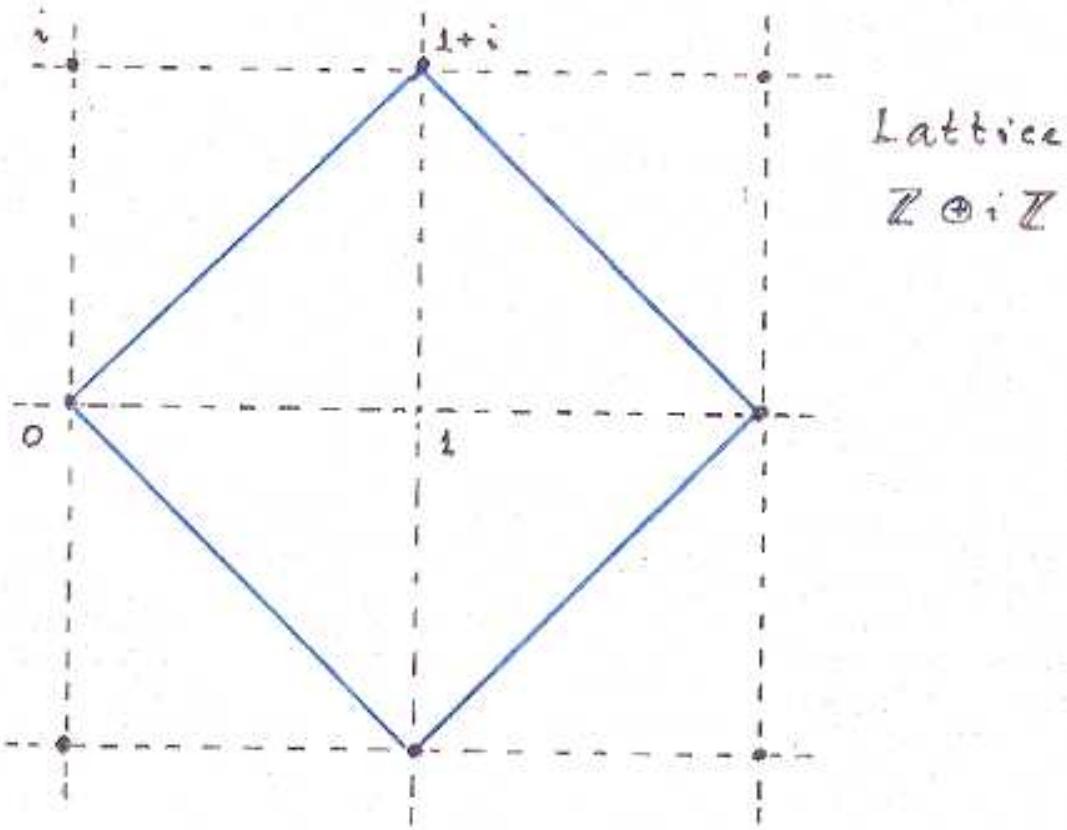
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THE LATTE'S MAP.

$$\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus i\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{L} \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus i\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{P}/\pm = \hat{\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{F} \hat{\mathbb{C}}$$

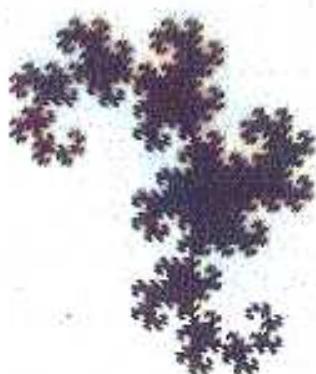
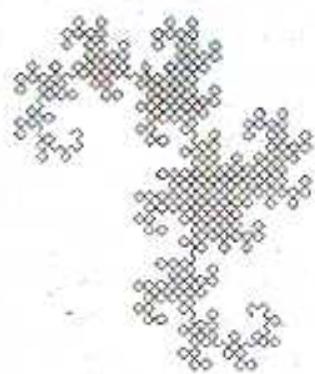
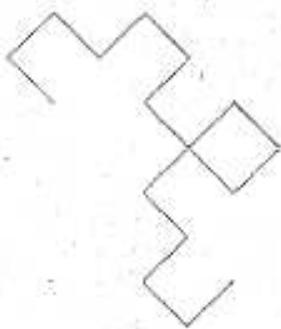
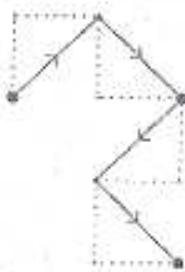
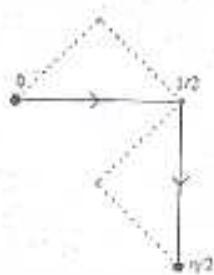
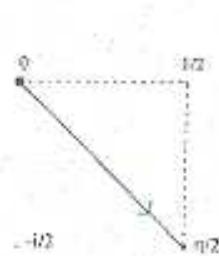
$$L(w) = (1-i)w$$

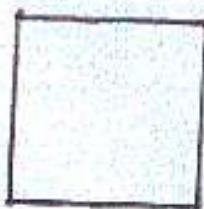
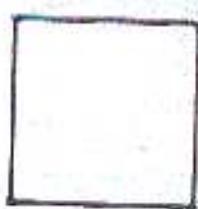
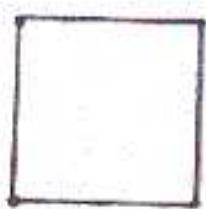
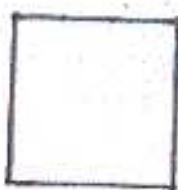
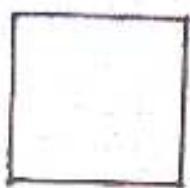


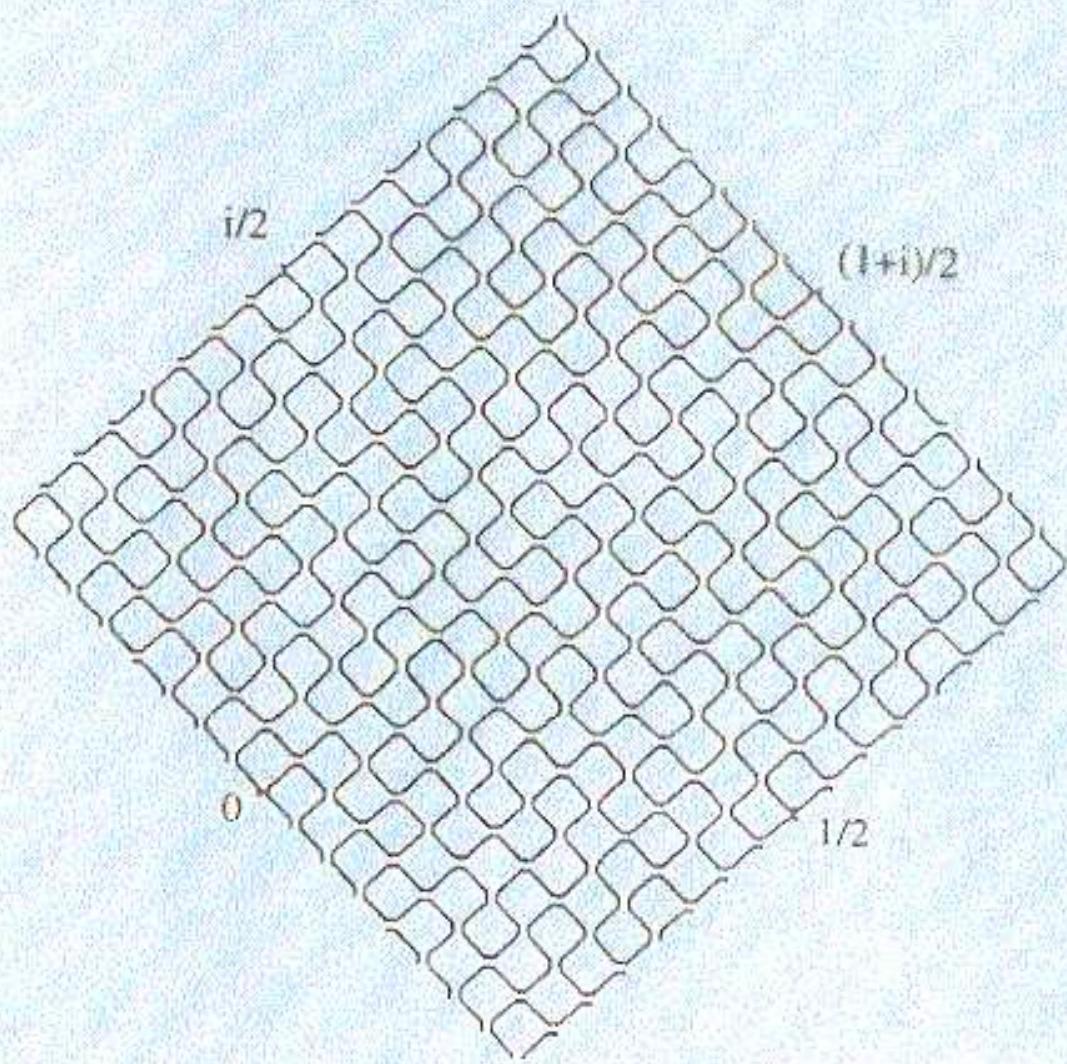
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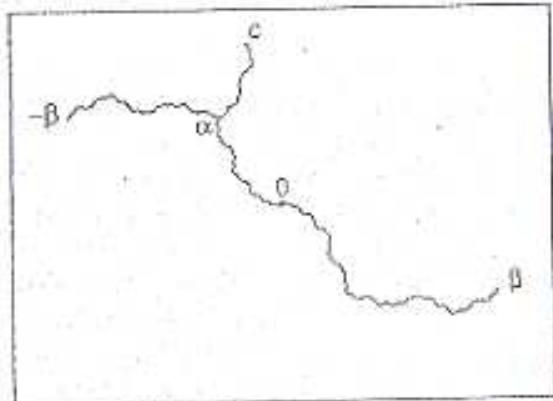
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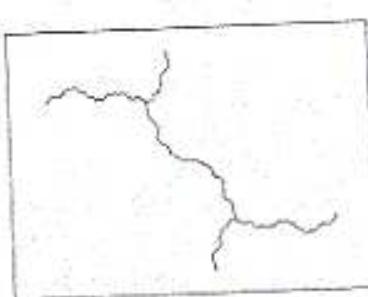




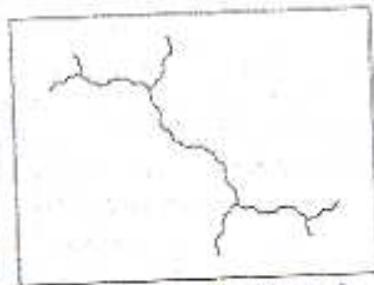
A fundamental domain of  
 $\mathbb{H}/\pm$



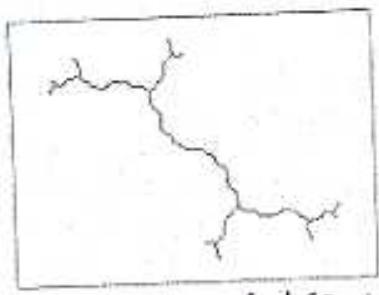
The Hubbard tree of  $f$   
the spine  $[-\beta, \beta] = S_0$



$$S_1 = f^{-1}(S_0)$$

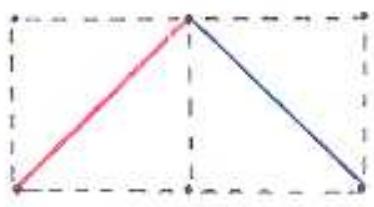


$$S_2 = f^{-1}(S_1)$$

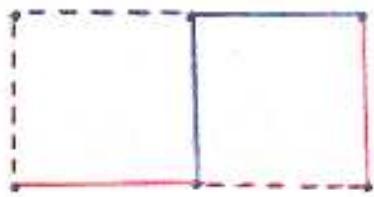


$$S_3 = f^{-1}(S_2)$$

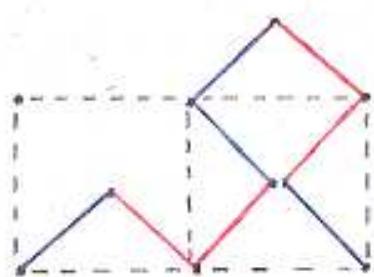
Successive preimages of the spine,  
the limit  $S_\infty$  is dense in  $J(f)$ .



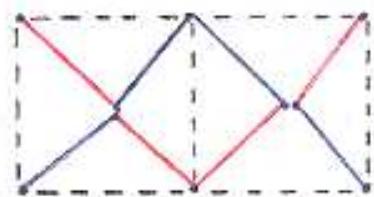
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$L$



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a fundamental  
domain



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