

# Irrational germs.

We now focus on irrational germs

$$f(z) = \lambda z(1 + o(1)), \quad \lambda = e^{2\pi i a}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

The conjugacy  $\phi$  is unique if we impose  $\phi'(0) = 1$ .

Prop: <sup>any</sup>  $f: (\mathbb{C}, 0) \ni$  irrational germ is formally linearisable.

Proof: We want to show that the equation  $\phi \circ f = \lambda \phi$  has a formal solution  $\forall f$  as above

$$\text{Write } f(z) = \lambda z(1 + \varepsilon(z)), \quad 1 + \varepsilon(z) = \sum \varepsilon_n z^n.$$

$$\phi(z) = z \sum_{n \geq 0} \phi_n z^n, \quad \text{with } \phi_0 = \varepsilon_0 = 1.$$

$$\phi \circ f = \lambda z(1 + \varepsilon) \sum \lambda^k \phi_k (1 + \varepsilon(z))^k = \lambda z \sum_k \lambda^k \phi_k z^k (1 + \varepsilon(z))^{k+1} =: \sum I_n z^n.$$

$$\lambda \phi = \lambda z \sum \phi_n z^n$$

$$\text{Here } I_n = \sum_{\substack{k, h \in \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \\ k+|h|=n}} \lambda^k \phi_k \cdot \varepsilon_h, \quad \text{with } \varepsilon_h = \varepsilon_{h_1} \dots \varepsilon_{h_{k+1}}$$

Notice that  $I_n = \phi_n \cdot \lambda^n + R_n(\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-1}, \varepsilon_0, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$ , where  $R_n$  is a suitable polynomial. ~~The~~ The conjugacy equation is then equivalent to the

system of equations  $\phi_n = \phi_n \lambda^n + R_n$ , which is solvable  $\phi_n = -\frac{R_n}{1-\lambda^n}$ .  $(*)_n$

$(*)_n$  allows to solve the conjugacy equations recursively on  $n$ , since

$$\lambda^n \neq 1 \quad \forall n$$

Notice that if  $\varepsilon_k = 0 \quad \forall k > 0$ , then  $I_n = \lambda^n \phi_n$ , and  $(*)_n$  implies  $\phi_n = 0 \quad \forall n > 0$ .  $\square$

Rem: The same proof works also in the attracting/repelling cases, and holds over any field (even non-algebraically closed, and on any characteristic).

A natural question ~~is~~ is if whether  $f$  is also analytically linearisable, i.e., if the conjugacy  $\phi$  defined recursively above is actually convergent.

We saw that the recursion is of the form:

$$\phi_n = \frac{R_n}{\lambda^n - 1}$$

In particular, it is natural to expect that the convergence of  $\sum \phi_n z^n$  depends on how small  $|\lambda^n - 1|$  can be, thing that depends on the arithmetic properties of  $\lambda$ , and in particular on how  $\lambda$  can be well approximated by rational numbers.

This problem is known as "small denominators problem".

Def: An irrationally indifferent fixed point germ  $f: (\mathbb{C}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  is called Siegel point if  $f$  is analytically linearizable

Orbman point if  $f$  is not analytically linearizable.

Rem: This definition alludes to the fact that (from the analysis of possible dynamics on hyperbolic surfaces, if  $f: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  is a rational map with irrational fixed point  $z_0$ , then  $f_{z_0}$  is analytically linearizable  $\Leftrightarrow z_0 \in F(f)$ , and the connected component of  $F(f)$  containing  $z_0$  is a Siegel disc.

Prop:  $f: (\mathbb{C}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  irrationally indifferent germ. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is analytically linearizable.
- (2)  $f$  is topologically linearizable.
- (3) the sequence  $\{f^n\}$  is uniformly bounded on a neighborhood of 0.

Proof: (1  $\Rightarrow$  2) is trivial, as is (2  $\Rightarrow$  3)

(3  $\Rightarrow$  1): Assume there exist  $M > 0, \epsilon < 1$  so that  $|f^n(z)| \leq M \forall n, |z| \leq \epsilon$ .

$$\text{Set } \Phi_n(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \lambda^{-j} \cdot f^j(z)$$

$|\Phi_n(z)| \leq M$  for  $|z| \leq \epsilon$ , Hence  $(\Phi_n)$  is a uniformly bounded sequence of analytic functions, so it admits a convergent subsequence.  $\Phi_{n_k} \rightarrow \Phi_\infty$

Since  $f'(0) = \lambda, \Rightarrow \Phi_n'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \Phi_\infty'(0) = 1$ .

$$\text{Moreover } \Phi_n \circ f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \lambda^{-j} f^{j+1} = \lambda \Phi_n + \frac{1}{n} (\lambda^{-n} f^n - \text{id}) \stackrel{\text{unlth hyp.}}{=} \lambda \Phi_n + O(\frac{1}{n})$$

Taking logarithms, we find that (\*) is equivalent to:

$$q_{n+1} - q_n \leq C(\delta) \cdot d^{2q_n} \quad \text{where } C(\delta) \text{ is a constant depending only on } \delta \quad (C(\delta) \approx \log \frac{1}{\delta} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0^+)$$

If we take  $(q_n)$  so that  $q_{n+1} - q_n$  grows very rapidly, for example:

$$q_{n+1} \stackrel{(\geq)}{=} q_n + e^{1/2 q_n}, \text{ then (*) is essentially violated for any } \delta > 0, d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}. \quad \square$$

Corollary:  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \setminus \mathbb{L}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

Proof: Any rational number ~~in~~ in  $[0, 1)$  can be written in base two as  $0, \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 \dots \epsilon_k$  with  $\epsilon_j \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In particular it can be written as  $\sum_{j=1}^k 2^{-q_j} = 2_0$  for some <sup>increasing</sup> sequence  $q_j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We then pick  $q_{2+1}, q_{2+2}, \dots$  growing rapidly as in the proof of the previous theorem, and we have  $2 = 2_0 + \sum_{j=2+1}^{\infty} 2^{-q_j}$  close as we want to  $2_0$ ,  $2 \notin \mathbb{L}$ . □

We will show now that  $\mathbb{L} \neq \emptyset$ , and in fact  $\mathbb{L}$  is dense and of full measure on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

Historic: The theorem above is Pfaiffer, 1917.

Oremer (1938): if  $\liminf |d^n - 1|^{1/n} = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \notin \mathbb{L}$ .

Siegel (1942): first example of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{L}$ .

(For this part ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> [Carleson - Gamelin])

Hence the limit  $\Phi_\infty$  satisfies  $\Phi_\infty \circ f = \lambda \Phi_\infty$ . □

A natural question is ~~to ask~~ if the above condition of linearisability is always satisfied. We say that  $f$  is linearisable if it is analytically, or equivalently topologically, linearisable.

We denote by  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  the set of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  so that  $\forall f: (\mathbb{C}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$ ,  $f'(0) = \lambda = e^{2\pi i \alpha}$  are (analytically) linearisable.

First, we show that  $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

(Pfliffer)

Theorem: There exist  $\alpha$  so that any polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  with  $f'(0) = e^{2\pi i \alpha}$ ,  $\deg f \geq d \geq 2$  is not (analytically) linearisable.

Proof: Let  $f(z) = z^d + \dots + \lambda z$  (up to linear conjugacy, the coeff of  $z^d$  is 1).

And suppose there exists  $\phi$  defined on a disc  $D(0, \delta)$   $\delta > 0$ , so that  $\phi \circ f = \lambda \phi$ .

$f^n$  has  $d^n$  fixed points, satisfying the equation:

$$f^n(z) - z = z^{d^n} + \dots + (\lambda^n - 1)z = 0.$$

~~One root~~ There is one (simple) root at 0. Call the others  $z_1^{(n)} \dots z_{d^n-1}^{(n)}$ .

Notice that  $f^n(z) = \phi^{-1}(\lambda^n \phi(z))$  has no fixed points besides 0 in  $D(0, \delta)$ , and  $|z_j^{(n)}| \geq \delta, \forall j$ .

It follows that  $\delta^{d^n-1} \leq \prod_{j=1}^{d^n-1} |z_j^{(n)}| = |\lambda^n - 1|$ . (\*)

We will now construct  $\lambda$  not verifying (\*).

Let  $q_1 < q_2 < \dots$  be a strictly increasing sequence of <sup>positive</sup> integers, and set:

$$\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-q_j}, \quad \lambda = e^{2\pi i \alpha}.$$
 For  $k \gg 0$ , we have that:

$$|\lambda^{2^{q_n}} - 1| \sim \frac{1}{2^{q_n \alpha}} \quad \left( \lambda^{2^q} = e^{2\pi i \sum_{j>n} 2^{q_n - q_j}} \sim \sum_{j>n} 2^{q_n - q_j} \sim 2^{q_n - q_{n+1}} \right)$$

Theorem (Yoccoz).  $\alpha \in \mathbb{L}$  if (and only if)  $P_\alpha(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + z^2$  is analytically linearizable [Proof: Bruff-Hubbard]

Proof (idea) let  $f(z) = \lambda z + 2z^2 + u(z)$   $u(z) = o(z^2)$  be any germ.

By conjugating with a linear map if necessary, we may assume  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Define:  $g_b: D(0, \frac{1}{|b|}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_b: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$z \mapsto \lambda z + z^2 + \frac{1}{b} u(bz) \quad z \mapsto \lambda z + 2z^2 + u(z) = \frac{1}{2} g_{\frac{1}{2}}(2z)$$

In particular  $f_\alpha \approx g_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

When  $b \rightarrow 0$ , the domain of definition of  $g_b$  grows to cover any given compact  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and  $g_b \rightarrow P_\alpha$  uniformly on such compacts.

Claim 1: If  $P_\alpha$  is linearizable, then  $\exists r_0 > 0, r_1 > 0$  so that  $\forall b, |b| \leq r_0$ , the  $g_b$  is linearizable, and  $D(0, r_1)$  is contained in the Siegel disk of  $g_b$ .

Rem: recd on  $f_\alpha$ , it says that  $\forall \epsilon, |\alpha| \geq \frac{1}{r_0}$ ,  $f_\alpha$  is linearizable and  $D_{\frac{r_1}{|\alpha|}}$  is contained in the Siegel disk of  $f_\alpha$ .

If  $|\alpha| \geq \frac{1}{r_0}$ , we are done.

$$D_\epsilon = D(0, \epsilon)$$

If not: Claim 2: For any  $z \in D_{r_0 r_1}$ , any  $w \in D_{\frac{1}{r_0}}$ , any  $n \geq 0$ , the iter  $f_\alpha^n(z)$  is well defined and belongs to  $\mathbb{D}$ .

From claim 2: we deduce that  $|f_\alpha^n(z)| \leq 1 \quad \forall n, |z| < \frac{1}{r_0}$ , and  $f_\alpha$  is linearizable by the construction given above.  $\square$

Proof of Claim 2: Fix  $z, |z| < r_0 r_1$ , and prove by induction on  $n$  that  $z \mapsto f_\alpha^{o n}(z)$  is holomorphic on  $D_{\frac{1}{r_0}}$ , and takes values in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

For  $n=0$ ,  $z \mapsto z$  clearly satisfies the condition.

Assume it is true for  $n-1$ .

Then:  $z \mapsto f_2^n(z) = \lambda f_2^{n-1}(z) + z (f_2^{n-1}(z))^2 + u (f_2^{n-1}(z))$

is well defined and holomorphic ( $u$  is defined on  $D \ni f_2^{n-1}(z)$ ).

By maximum modulus principle,  $z \mapsto |f_2^n(z)|$  takes its maximum when  $|z| = \frac{1}{r_0}$ .

But by Claim 1, ( $P_2$  is linearizable) and  $D_{2r_1}$  is contained in the Siegel disc of  $f_2$ .  $\Rightarrow |f_2^n(z)| < 1$  and we are done  $\square$

Proof claim 1: Step 1:  $P_2^{-1}(D_4) \subset D_3 \rightsquigarrow P_2: P_2^{-1}(D_4) \rightarrow D_4$  is a proper mapping of degree 2.

For  $|b| < 1$  ( $2r_0 < \epsilon$ ), the same holds for  $g_b: U_b = g_b^{-1}(D_3) \cap D_3 \xrightarrow{\subset D_4} D_4$ .

(called quadratic polynomial like mapping).

Riemann-Hurwitz:  $\exists!$  critical point  $w_b \in U_b$  for  $g_b$ , and  $b \mapsto w_b$  is holomorphic (by implicit function theorem)

-Step 2:  $|b| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \forall n \geq 0, g_b^n(w_b)$  is well defined and belongs to  $U_b$ .

either  $g_b \cong z \mapsto \lambda z$  and the boundary of the Siegel disk is contained in  $\overline{\{g_b^n(w_b)\}}$ .

or  $g_b \not\cong z \mapsto \lambda z$ , and 0 is a non-invariant point in  $\overline{\{g_b^n(w_b)\}}$ .

-Step 3: If  $P_2$  is linearizable and  $D_{2r_1} \subset$  Siegel disk of  $P_2$ .

If  $|b| < r_0 := \frac{\epsilon \cdot r_1}{16}$ , then  $g_b$  is linearizable and  $D_{r_1} \subset$  Siegel disk of  $g_b$