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# Hénon Maps - Restart

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 + c - ay, x)$$

Notation :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = f^n \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Recurrence scheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_n^2 + c - ay_n \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

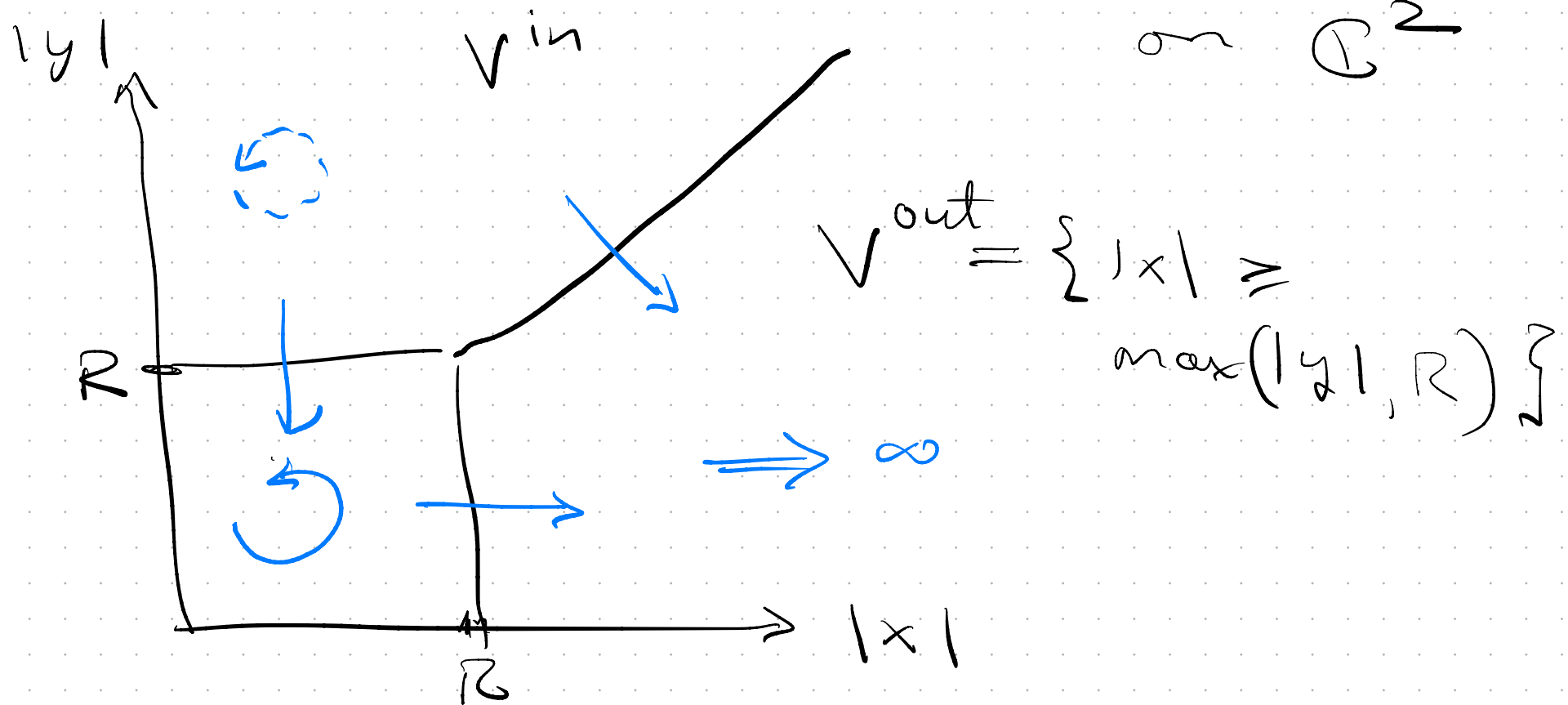
$$x_0 = x$$

$$x_{-1} = y_0 = y$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 + c - a x_{n-1}$$



# Behavior in the large: Filtration on $\mathbb{C}^2$



$$V = \{ |x|, |y| < R \}$$

- $K^+ = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(V^{\text{in}} \cup V)$  (orbits bounded)
- $U^+ = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(V^{\text{out}})$  (escape locus)

Exponential escape to infinity in  $V^{\text{out}}$   
 $(x, y) \in V^{\text{out}} \quad |x_n| \geq \max(R, |y_n|)$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n \left( x_n + \frac{c}{x_n} - \frac{a y_n}{x} \right)$$

$$|x_{n+1}| \geq |x_n| \left( R - \frac{c}{R} - |a| \right) \geq |x_n| k$$

$$\therefore |x_n| \geq k^n R$$

for large  $R$   $\nearrow$

Super-Exponential Escape

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{c}{x_n^2} - \frac{a y_n}{x_n^2} \right)$$

$$|x_{n+1}| \geq |x_n|^2 (1 - \delta)$$

$$|x_n| \geq ((1 - \delta) R)^{2^n}$$

## Green function on $V^{\text{out}}$

$$G_n^+(x, y) = \frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_n| = \frac{1}{2^n} \log^+ |x_n|$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{n+1}^+ - G_n^+ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \log |x_{n+1}| - \frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_n| \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \log \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n^2} \right| = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \log \left| 1 + \frac{c - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} O\left(\frac{1}{|x_n|}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Globally:

Thm 1  $G^+(x, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log^+ |x_n|$   
uniformly on compacts

Thm 2  $\frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_n| \rightarrow G^+$  in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{C}^2)$

• super-exponential growth  $\Rightarrow \frac{y_n}{x_n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 so definition of  $G^+$  is independent of any norm  $\|f^n(x, y)\| = \|(x_n, y_n)\|$

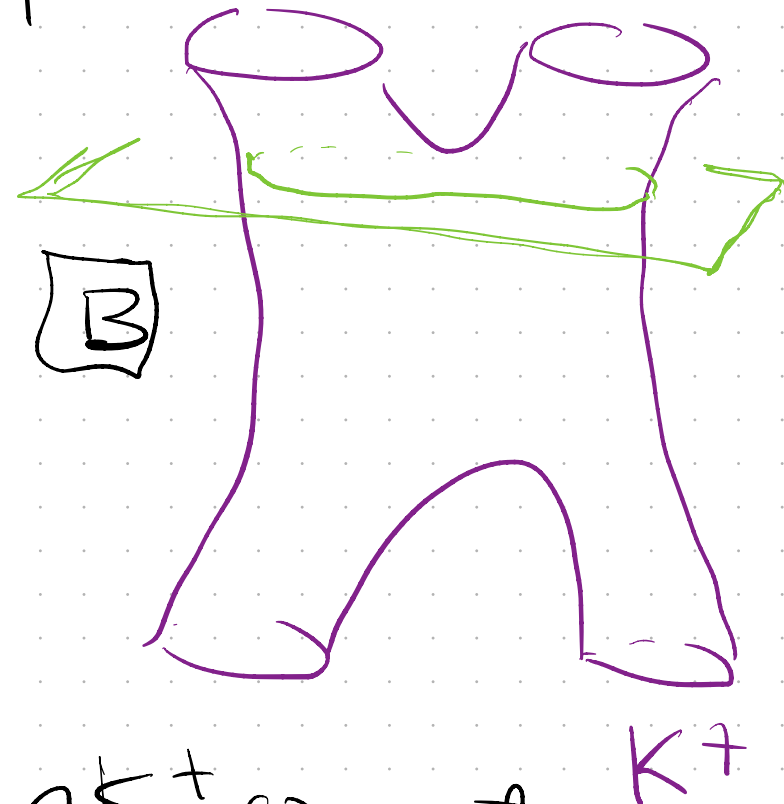
### Proof of Theorem 1

Choose open, bounded  $B \subset \mathcal{U}^+$

By filtration,  $\exists n_0$   
 $f^{n_0}(B) \subset V^{\text{out}}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2n} \log^+ \|f^n(x, y)\| \rightarrow G^+ \text{ on } B$$

$\therefore$  have convergence on  $\mathbb{D}^2 - K^+$



Take horizontal line  $L$   $L \cap K^+$  compact  
 $G^+|_L \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow K^+$ . Result follows by maximum principle.

## Proof of Theorem 2

sequence of psh functions  $\frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_n|$

- bounded above
- $\nearrow -\infty$

## compactness theorem

$\therefore \exists$  convergent subsequence

$\xrightarrow{L^1_{loc}}$  p.s.h. function  $g$  (u.s.c.)

By Theorem 1, we need  $g = 0$  a.e. on  $\text{int}(K^+)$   
(know  $g \leq 0$  on  $\text{int}(K^+)$ )

Let  $B \subset \text{int}(K^+)$ , want

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \int_B \log |x_n| \rightarrow 0$$

$\text{int}(K^+) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{jacobian } |a| < 1.$

change of variables formula

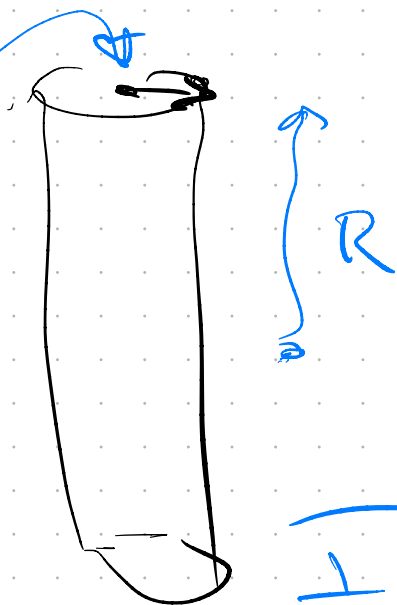
$$\int_B \log |x_n| = |a|^{-2n} \int_{f^n(B)} \log |x|$$

•  $\text{Vol } f^n(B) = |a|^{2n} \text{Vol}(B)$

•  $f^n(B) \subset V = \{ |x|, |y| \leq R \}$

Worst case

$$\approx |a|^{-n}$$



In this case

$$\int_{|x| < |a|^n} \log |x| \approx |a|^{2n} \log |a|^n$$

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$$\frac{1}{2^n} \int \approx \frac{1}{2^n} \log |a|^n \rightarrow 0$$

On  $\mathbb{C}^1$ : Fundamental solution

$$\Delta \log |z| = c \delta_0 \quad (\text{as distributions})$$

recall  $\partial, \bar{\partial}$   $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ ,

$$dd^c = 2i \partial \bar{\partial}$$

vector-valued analog of Laplacian

Complex Magic: Poincaré-Lebong Formula

$g(x, y)$  holomorphic function

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} dd^c \log |g| = [\{g=0\}]$$

(as currents)

$\pi(x, y) = x$ , projection to  $x$ -axis

$$x_n = \pi \circ f^n = (f^n)^* \pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} dd^c \log |x_n| &= [\{x_n = 0\}] = (f^n)^* [\{x = 0\}] \\ &= [f^{-n}(\text{y-axis})] \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary to Theorem 2:

$$\frac{1}{2^n} [f^{-n}(\text{y-axis})] \rightarrow \mu^+$$

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Thm (B-Smillie)

$\exists c_A > 0$  such

$$A = \{p(x, y) = 0\}$$

any algebraic curve

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log |p(f^n(x, y))| \xrightarrow{L^1 \text{ loc}} c \theta^+ \quad \frac{1}{2^n} [f^{-n}(A)] \rightarrow c \mu^+$$



consequences of the fact that

$$\text{supp } \mu^\pm = J^\pm = \partial K^\pm$$

Corollary 1 : If  $M$  is invariant Riemann surface ( $fM = M$ ), then  $M$  is not algebraic.

$\therefore$  stable manifolds never algebraic

Corollary 2 : If  $A \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  is algebraic curve, then

$$A \not\subset K^\pm$$

$$A \cap J^\pm \neq \emptyset$$

What is the structure of  $\mu^\pm$ ?

$\exists D \subset \mathbb{D}^2$  is a

complex disk,

$dd^c|_D = \text{"intrinsic Laplacian on } D"$

slice measure on  $D$

$$\mu^+|_D = (dd^c|_D)(\alpha^+|_D)$$

Prop.  $\mu^\pm$  is (defined by) the family of slice measures  $\mu^\pm|_D$ .

# $G^+$ = Universal Green function for $K^+$

$K \subset \mathbb{C}$  compact, Green function  $G_K$ :

harmonic measure

$$\mu_K = \Delta G_K$$

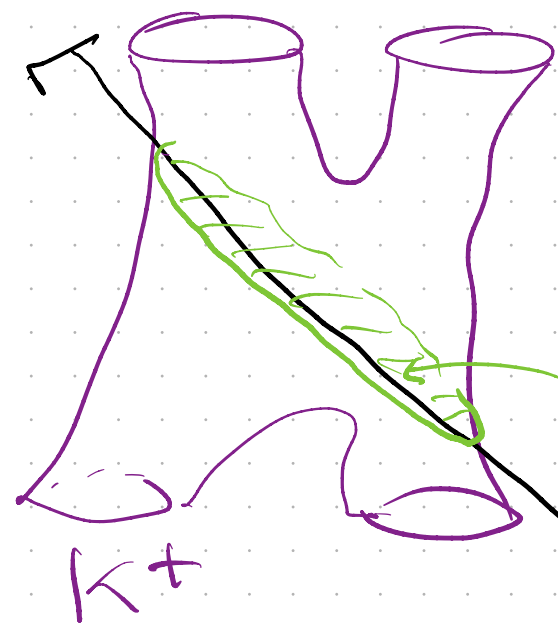
1. harmonic on  $\mathbb{C} - K$

2.  $G_K = 0$  on  $K$

3.  $G_K \sim \log |z|$  at  $\infty$

$$\mu^+ = \frac{1}{2\pi} dd^c G^+$$

$L = \text{complex line } \subset \mathbb{C}^2$   
 $\cong \mathbb{C} \quad \{ax + by = c\}$   
 $a \neq 0$



•  $G^+|_L = \text{Green function } G_{K^+ \cap L} \text{ inside } L$

(if  $a=0$ ,  $G^+|_L = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Green function}$ )

•  $\mu^+|_L = \text{harmonic measure } \Omega \text{ slice}$

What is the nature of  $\mu^\pm = dd^c G^\pm$

- If  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  is a complex disk, you can take slice measure

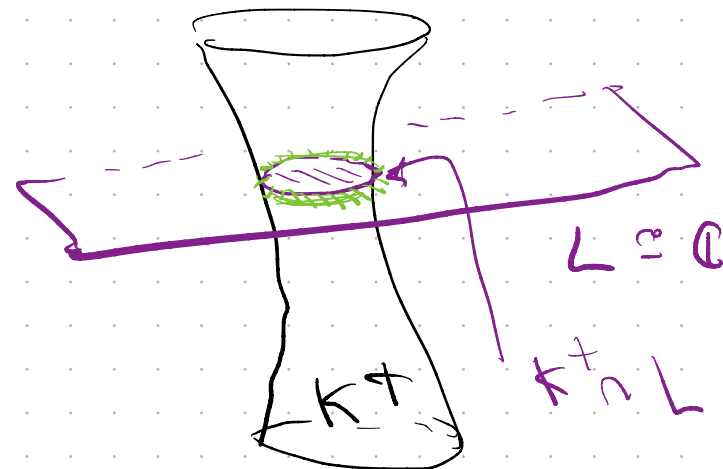
$$\mu^\pm|_D = dd^c(G^\pm|_D)$$

$\mathbb{C}^2$  (measure)

If  $L \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  is a complex line, then  $G^\pm|_L$  is the classical Green function of  $K^\pm \cap L$  inside  $L$

$\mu^\pm|_L = \text{harmonic measure (green)}$

Universal harmonic measure for  $K^\pm$



Complex Hénon Maps:  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + c - ay, x)$

$$(x_n, y_n) = f^n(x, y)$$

$$G^+ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_n|$$

$$U^+ = \{G^+ > 0\}$$

$$G^- = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \log |x_{-n}|$$

$$K^+ = \{G^+ = 0\}$$

$$J^+ = \partial K^+$$

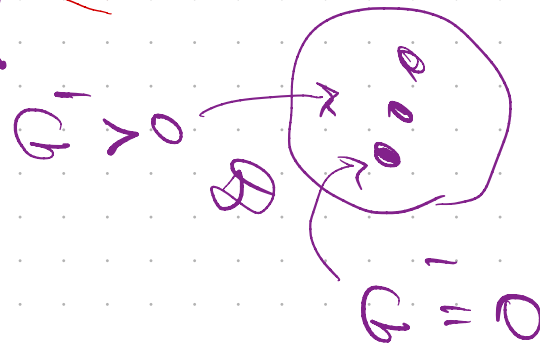
Currents  $\mu^\pm = dd^c G^\pm$

"vector Laplacian"

$$J^\pm = \text{supp } \mu^\pm$$

$$\cancel{J^- = \text{supp } \mu^-}$$

$\mathcal{D}$  = complex disk



nontrivial intersection

$$\{G^- = 0\} \cap \mathcal{D} \neq \emptyset$$

$$\{G^- > 0\} \cap \mathcal{D} \neq \emptyset$$

• nontrivial intersection  $\Rightarrow c = \text{mass}(\mu^-|_{\mathcal{D}}) > 0$

$\mu^+$  represents the limit dynamics  
of  $f$  acting on complex disks

Thm (B-Smillie) If  $D$  is a complex disk and  $c = \text{mass}(\mu^-|_D)$

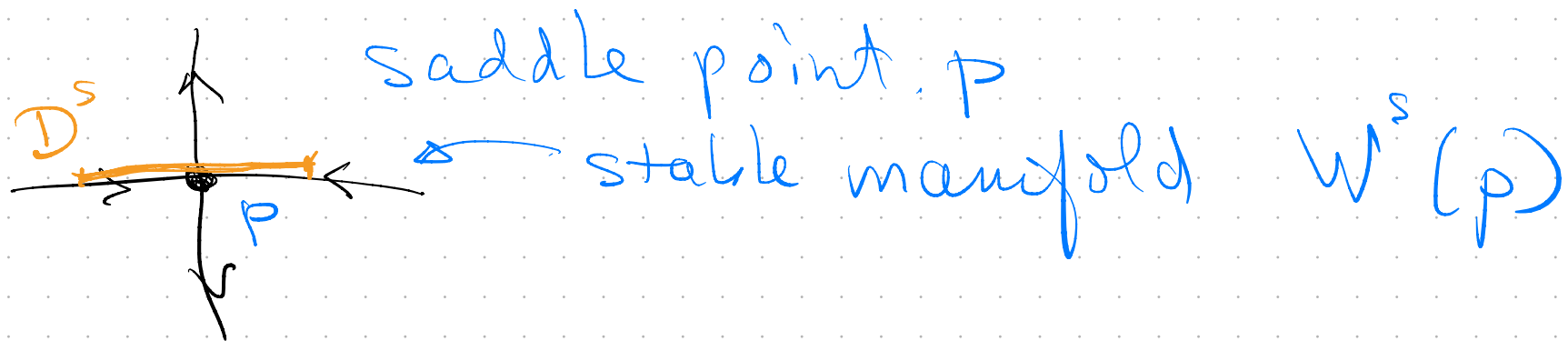
and  $\mu^-|_{\partial D} = 0$ ,<sup>\*</sup>

then

$$\frac{1}{d^n} (f^n)^*[D] = \frac{1}{d^n} [f^n D] \rightarrow c \mu^+$$

\* no big deal (explain on blackboard)

1. Consequence: Stable manifolds are dense in  $J^+$ .



Then (B-Smillie) If  $D^s$  is a stable disk containing  $p$ , then

- $\frac{1}{2^n} [f^{-n} D^s] \rightarrow c \mu^+$ ,  $c > 0$ .

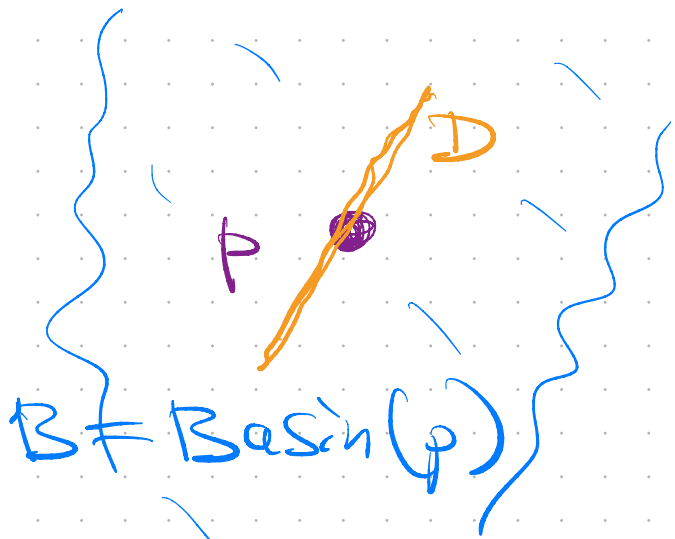
- $W^s(p) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(D^s)$  dense in  $J^+ = \text{supp } \mu^+$

hyperbolic  
[picture]

## 2. Consequences for Basins of Attraction

- If  $p$  = attracting (periodic) point  
then  $p \in J^-$  (since  $Df(p)$  repelling)  
∴  $p \in \text{Supp } \mu^-$

∴  $\exists D = \text{complex disk } \mu^-|_D \neq 0$



$$\frac{1}{2^n} [f^{-n} D] \rightarrow c \mu^+$$

$$\text{supp } \mu^+ \subset \overline{B}$$

$$\therefore \text{supp } \mu^+ = \partial B = J^+$$

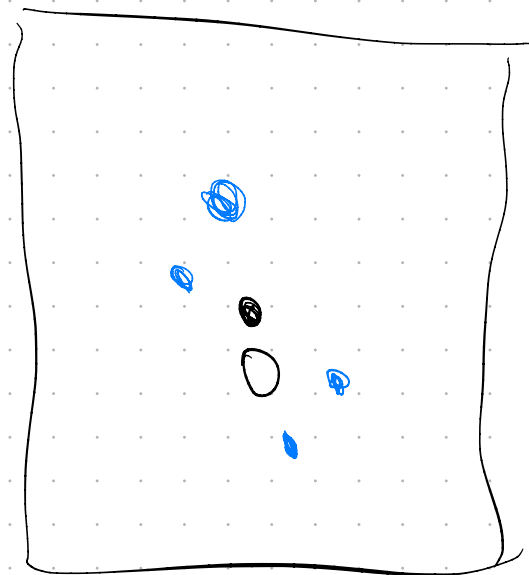
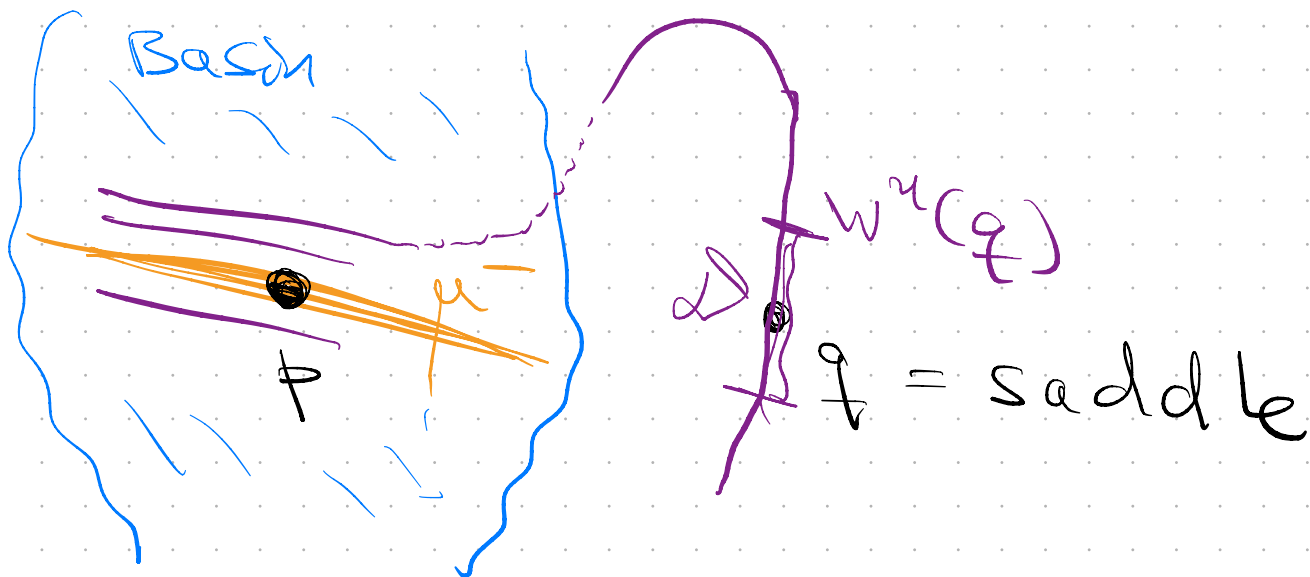
Corollary: All basins have the same boundary.  
[And it is possible to have  $\infty$ -many basins.]



3. Does a map  $f$  have a basin?

How can you search for a basin?

- All Basins "visible" in every unstable slice picture.



$f^n \mathcal{D}$  must accumulate near  $p$  in order  
 $\frac{1}{2^n} [f^n \mathcal{D}] \rightarrow c \mu^-$ .  $\circ W^u(q)$  enters  $\mathcal{B}$

# Dynamics of a Polynomial $p: \mathbb{C}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^1$

Böttcher coordinate  $\varphi: \{|z| > R\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 $\varphi \circ p = \varphi^2$

**model 1**  $\mathbb{C}^1$  connected (equiv.  $K$  connected)

$\varphi$  extends to conformal equivalence / conjugacy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} - K & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbb{C} - \overline{\Lambda} \\ \downarrow p & & \downarrow \sigma \\ & & \sigma(w) = w^2 \end{array}$$

$G = \log |\varphi| = \text{Green function}$

$\log |w| = \text{Green function}$

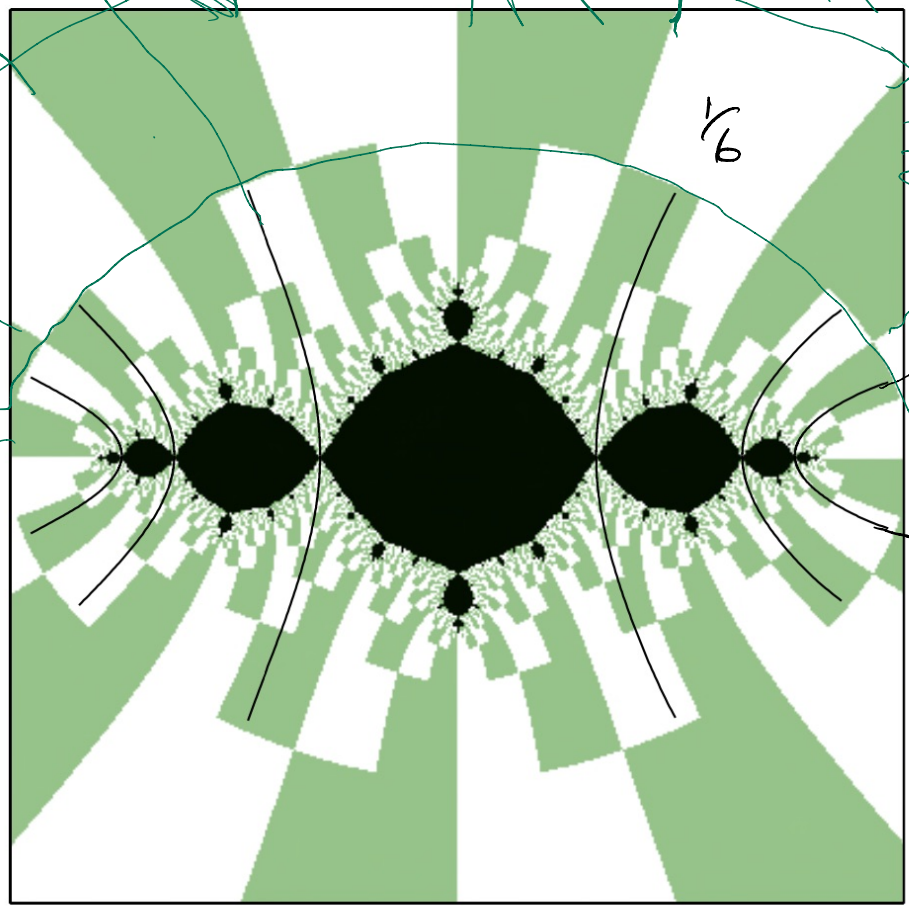
Gradient lines  $\longleftrightarrow$  rays

$$\{r e^{i\theta} : 1 < r < \infty\}$$

Model 1 in computer picture

$$G = C 2^{-n}$$

$$.01010101\dots = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{1}{24} \cdot .00000101\dots$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} .0 \\ .1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} A \\ .1111010\dots \\ - \frac{1}{24} = \frac{23}{24} \end{matrix}$$

Level sets/gradient lines for  $G = \log |\varphi|$

model 2

$$p: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

$J$  connected

If  $p$  is expanding (or if  $J$  is locally connected), then

$$\mathbb{D} - k \xleftarrow{\psi := q^{-1}} \mathbb{D} - \bar{A}$$

extends continuously to  $\partial \Delta$ .

this gives a quotient map

$$\psi: \begin{array}{c} S' \\ \downarrow \text{AG} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} J \\ \downarrow \text{AG} \end{array}$$

In computer picture, gradient lines are coded according to Böttcher  $\varphi(z) = .b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots (z)$

# Solenoid

$$\Sigma_0 = \{ \Sigma = (s_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} : |s_i| = 1, s_{i+1} = s_i^2 \}$$

$\Sigma_0$  is a  
compact group

$$= \text{proj lim } (S^1 \xrightarrow{\sigma} S^1)$$

$$\sigma(s) = s^2$$

$$X_2 = \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{Z}} = \text{bilateral shift space}$$

$$\Sigma_0 \cong X_2 / \sim$$

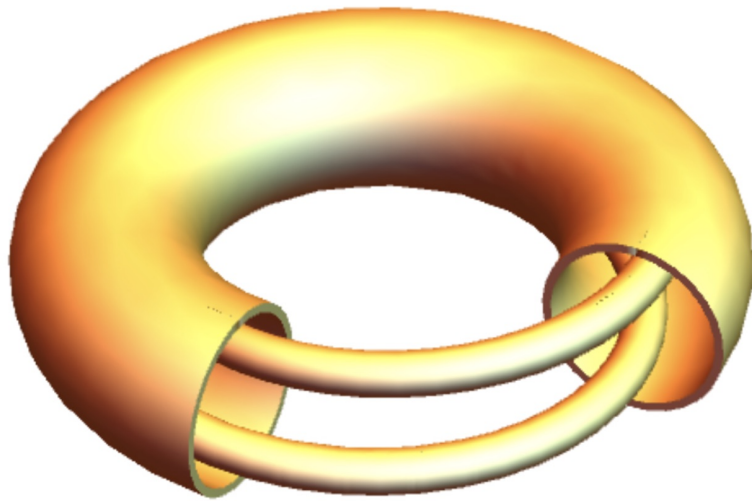
$$(w \ 0 \ 1) \sim (w \ 1 \ 0)$$

word  
infinite to left

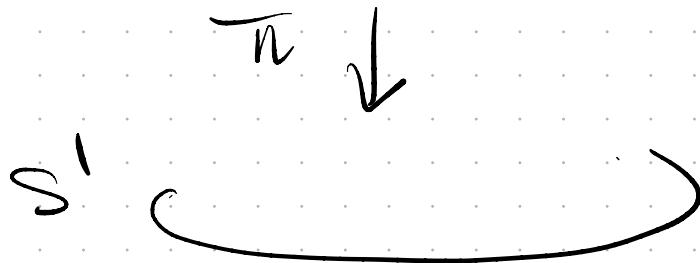
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digits

$$\sigma : \Sigma_0 \rightarrow \Sigma_0$$

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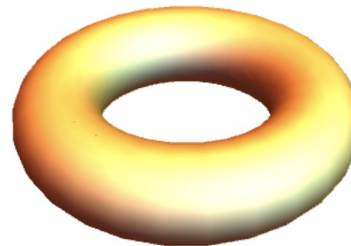


$$\tau : M = S^1 \times \text{Disk} \rightarrow \Sigma_0 = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \tau^n(M)$$

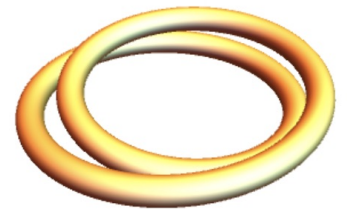


$\pi : M \rightarrow S^1$   
is a "covering  
space" with  
Cantor set  
as fiber.

$M$



$f(M)$



$f^2(M)$



$f^3(M)$



$\Sigma_0$  is a compact group

identity is  $\underline{1} = (\dots 1, 1, 1, \dots)$

$$\underline{E}(t) = (e^{2\pi i 2^n t})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}, \quad \underline{1} = \underline{E}(0)$$

$$\underline{E}(t_1 + t_2) = \underline{E}(t_1) \cdot \underline{E}(t_2)$$

path component of  $\underline{1}$  is  $\{ \underline{E}(t) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$

path component of  $\underline{s}$  is

$$\{ \underline{s} \cdot \underline{E}(t) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Identify  $\underline{s}$  with the digital representation

$$\underline{s} = (\dots s_{-1}, s_0, s_1, \dots)$$

$$s_0 = e^{2\pi i \theta_0}$$

$$\theta_0 = .b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots$$

(binary)

$$b_0 = \text{choice of } \pm \sqrt{s_0}$$

$$b_{-1} = \dots \pm \sqrt{s_{-1}}$$

## Historical digression

Hubbard: Solenoids are everywhere  
in complex Hénon maps.

Recall:  $G^+ : U^+ \longrightarrow (0, \infty)$

Topology of level sets:

Theorem [Hov 1]

$$\{G^+ = c\} \underset{\text{homeo}}{\cong} S^3 - \Sigma_0$$



real torus  $S^1 \leftarrow$  algebraic torus  $\mathbb{C}^*$

Complex solenoid

$$\Sigma_{\times} = \varprojlim (\sigma(z) = z^2 : \mathbb{C}^* \rightrightarrows)$$

$$\{ \underline{z} = (z_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} : z_{j+1} = z_j^2 \}$$

group structure

$$\underline{z} \cdot \underline{w} = (z_j w_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\sigma(\underline{z}) = \underline{z}^2 : \Sigma_{\times} \rightarrow \Sigma_{\times} \text{ is homeomorphism}$$

$$\pi : \Sigma_{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\times}$$

polar coordinates

$$\pi(\underline{z}) = z_0$$

this is essentially  
a real solenoid:

$$\Sigma_{\times} \cong (0, \infty) \times \Sigma_0$$

$$\underline{z} = r \cdot \underline{s}$$

# Complex solenoid over $\mathbb{C} - \bar{\Delta}$

$$\Sigma_+ := \varprojlim (\mathbb{C} - \bar{\Delta}, \sigma(w) = w^2)$$

$$= \{ \underline{z} = (\dots, z_1, z_0, z_1, \dots) : z_{j+1} = z_j^2, z_j \in \mathbb{C} - \bar{\Delta} \}$$

$$\pi: \Sigma_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C} - \bar{\Delta}$$

$$\pi(\underline{z}) = z_0$$

$\Sigma_+$  has "complex structure"

[locally homeo to  
(complex disk)  $\times$  Cantor set]

semigroup

$$\underline{z} \cdot \eta = (z_j \eta_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\sigma: \Sigma_+ \rightarrow \Sigma_+ \quad \sigma(\underline{z}) = \underline{z}^2 = \text{shift map}$$

(homeo)

$$(\sigma(\underline{z}))_j = z_{j+1}$$

fixed point  $\underline{0} = (\dots 000 \dots) = (\dots 111 \dots) \in \Sigma_0$

$$W^u(\underline{0}) = \{ \underline{z} = (\overset{\infty}{0} 1 w) = (\overset{\infty}{1} 0 w) \}$$

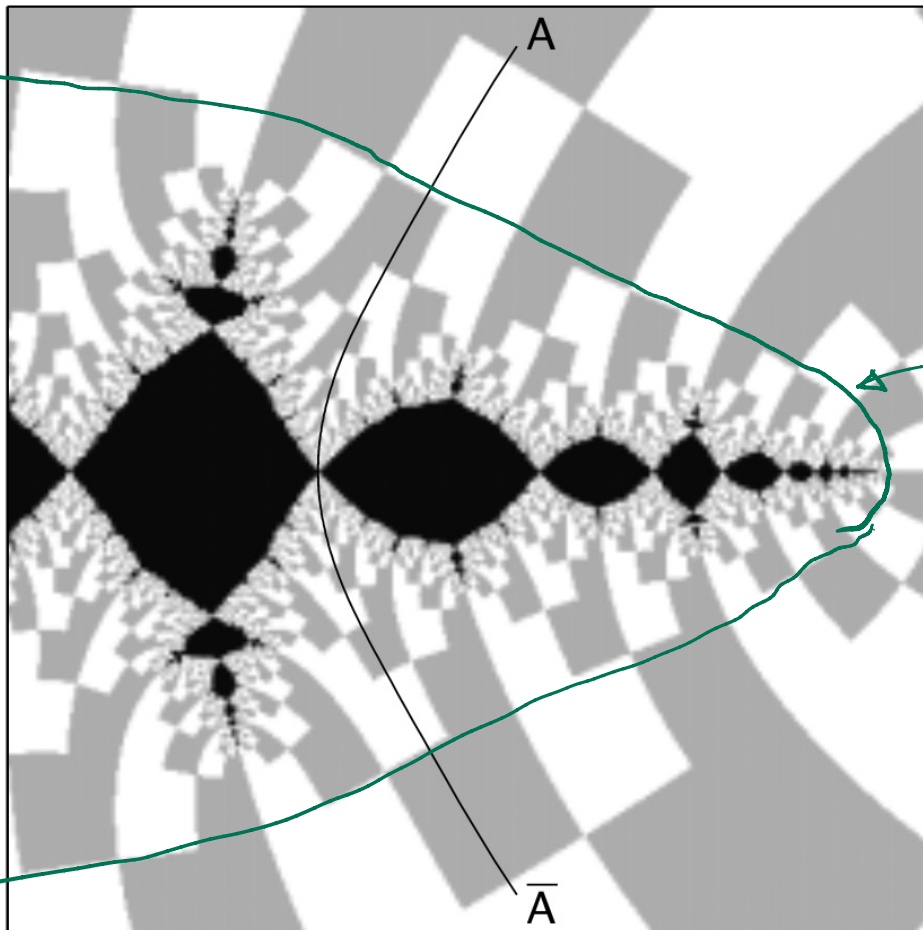
Unstable slice picture for perturbation of Basilica.

**solenoidal  
coordinates**

• picture is invariant under  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z}$

Level set  
 $\simeq \mathbb{R}$

Can read  
solenoidal  
coding of  
gradient  
lines



Level sets /  
gradient lines  
for  $f^+|_{W^u(p)}$

$$G^+ = C$$

R. Oliva

$$A = \dots (10)^\infty \\ = \overset{\infty}{0} \dots (10)^\infty$$

Our goal: Give analogues of 1-D Models

$$J_+^- := J_-^+ K^+$$

Model 1 for Hénon maps:

$$"(J_+^-, f) \cong (\Sigma_+, \sigma)"$$

Model 2 for Hénon maps:

"Show that there are external rays,  
and these rays land at  $J$ "

"There is a quotient map

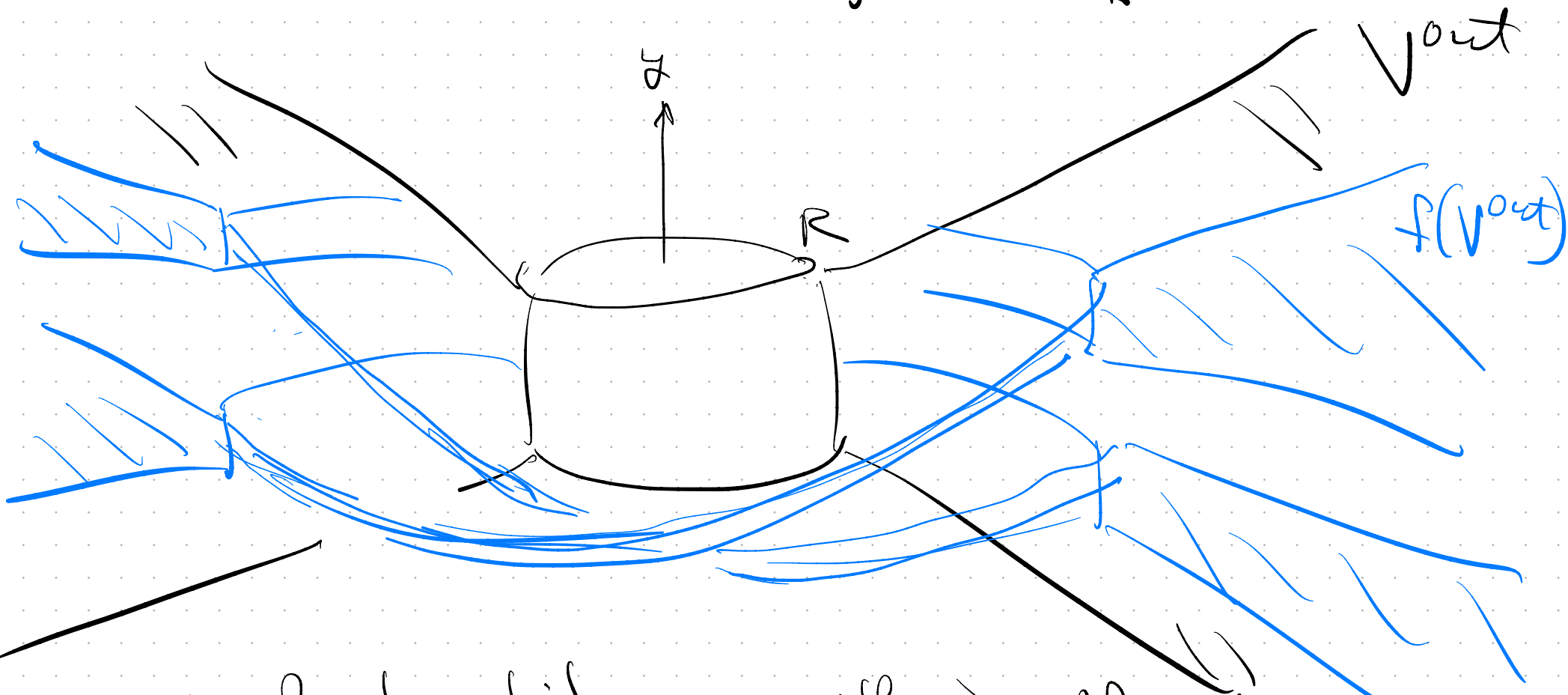
$$\eta: (\Sigma_0, \sigma) \longrightarrow (J, f)$$

with finite fibers"

## Historical Interlude

The "solenoidal model" proposed by Hubbard.

recall  $V^{\text{out}} = \{ R \leq |x|, |y| \leq x \}$

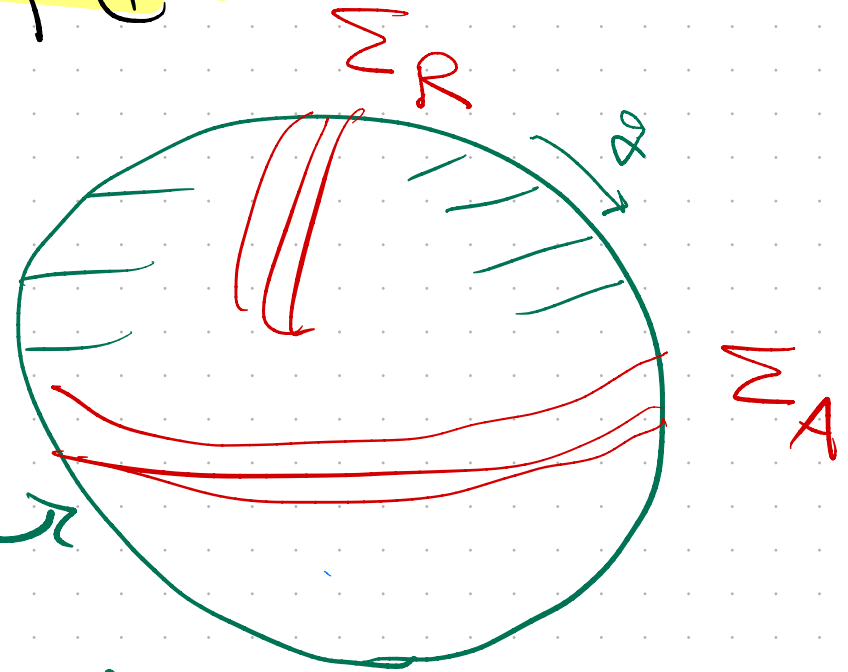


This looks like something that should give a "solenoid at infinity!"

Want compactification of  $\mathbb{Q}^2$



homeo



$X = \text{closed 4-ball}$

$h: \mathbb{Q}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{diffeo}} \text{int}(X)$

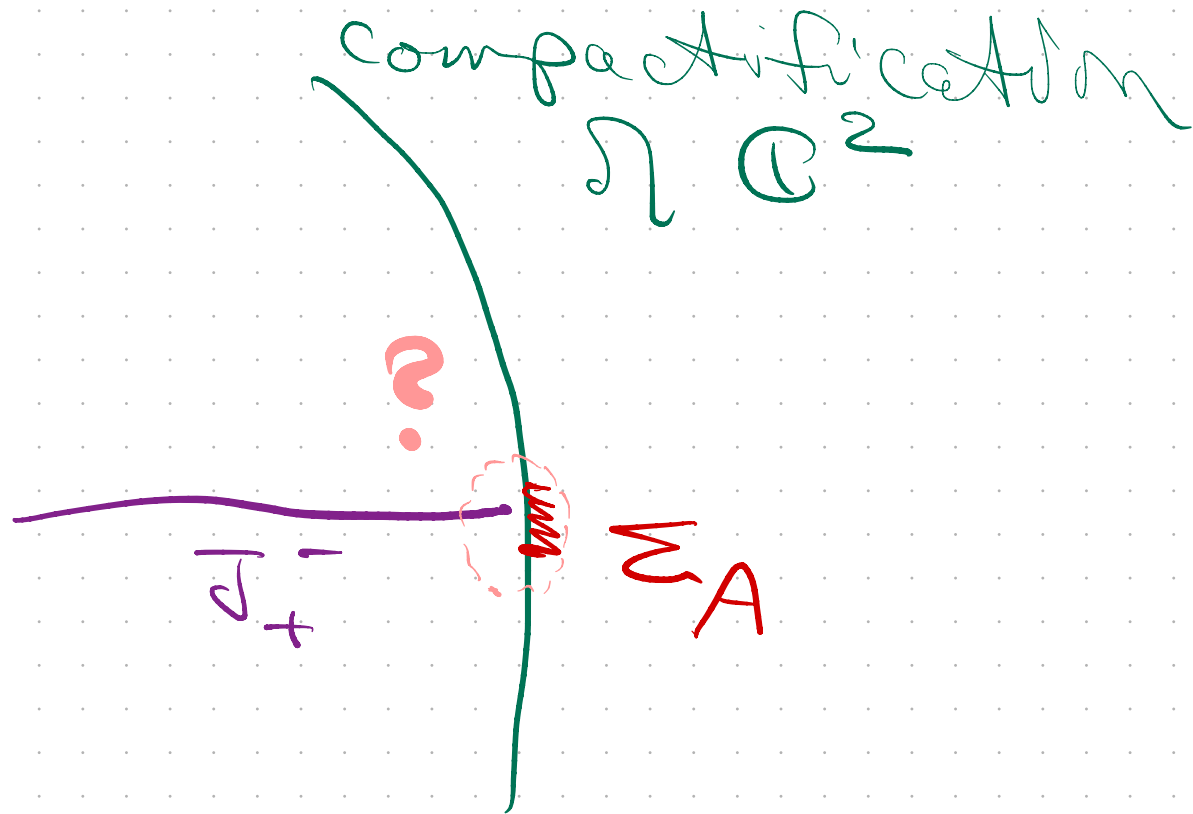
$\Sigma_{A/R} = \text{attracting/repelling solenoids for } g|_{\partial X}$

formulated by Hubbard & Oberste-Vorth 1994

proof given by Buzzard 2000.

## Problem / Question

we will show (in some cases)  $J_+^-$  is a solenoid. What is the relationship between  $J_+^-$  and  $\Sigma_A$ ?



Back to our  
topic:

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 + C - ay, x)$$

$$(x_n, y_n) = f^n(x, y)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 + C - ay_n = x_n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right)$$

$\forall (x, y) \in V^{\text{out}}$ , then  $(x_n, y_n) \in V^{\text{out}}$

$$|x_n| \geq |y_n| \geq k^n$$

may take roots

$$x_{n+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} = x_n \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x_{n+1}^{\frac{1}{4}} = x_{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_{n-1}}{x_{n-1}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\dots$$
$$x_{n+1}^{\frac{1}{2^n}} = x_0 \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_0}{x_0^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \dots \left( 1 + \frac{C - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2^n}}$$

$$O\left(\frac{1}{k^n}\right)$$



Theorem [HöV 1]

The product

$$\varphi^+ := x \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{c - ay_n}{x_n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2^n}}$$

converges uniformly on  $V^{\text{out}}$ .

$$\varphi^+ \circ f = (\varphi^+)^2$$

Have Böttcher coordinate on  $V^{\text{out}}$

## First step to Model 1

Theorem [BS 6] Suppose  $J$  is connected,  
then

- there is a neighborhood  $U \ni \bar{J}_+$ , and  $\varphi^+$  extends holomorphically to  $\tilde{\varphi}^+, U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- For  $p \in \bar{J}_+$ ,

$$\overline{\Phi}^+(p) = \left( \tilde{\varphi}^+(f^n(p)) \right)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

defines a

semi-conjugacy

$$\overline{\Phi}^+ : (\bar{J}_+, f) \longrightarrow (\Sigma_+, \sigma)$$

Next time flesh out Models 1 and 2

- Criteria to determine whether  $J$  is connected
- proof of the extension  $\tilde{\varphi}^+$
- how to replace  $\Phi^+$  with a conjugacy?
- definition of external rays
- prove that external rays land at  $J$

