

ON THE DYNAMICS OF TANGENT-LIKE MAPPINGS

JHH80 Dynamical Developements: Degeneration of Flat Surfaces and Rational Maps

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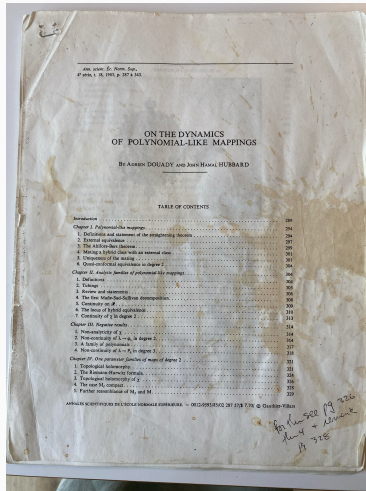
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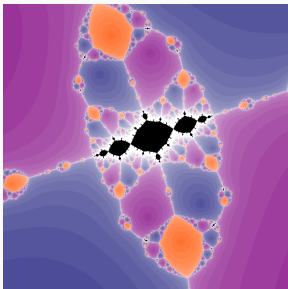
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Undoubtedly in the **best-sellers list**, we find the paper from Douady and Hubbard, from 1985:



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Question: Why do we encounter polynomial Julia sets in the dynamical plane of non-polynomial mappings?



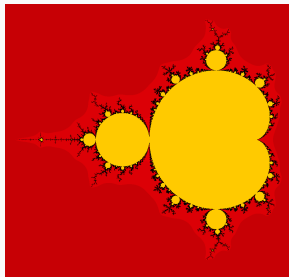
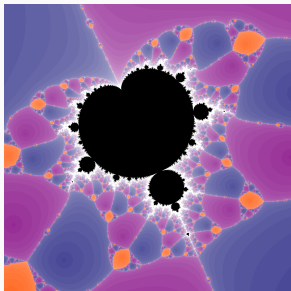
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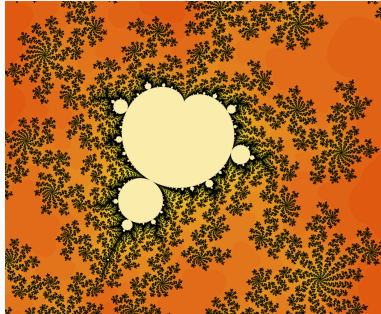
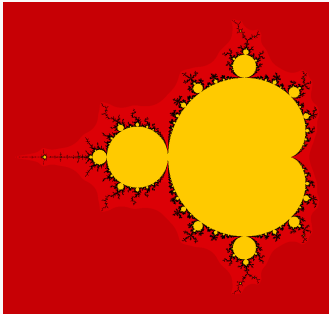


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The Mandelbrot set.

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Question: Are there copies of the Mandelbrot set within itself, ad infinitum?



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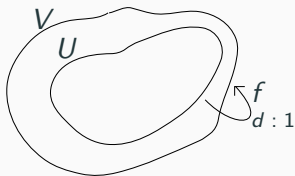
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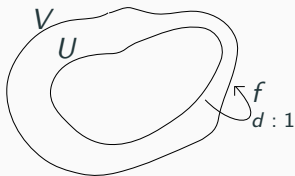
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Filled Julia set:

$$K(f) = \{z \in U \mid f^n(z) \in U \text{ for all } n \geq 0\} = \bigcap_n \overline{f^{-n}(U)}$$

Julia set:

$$J(f) = \partial K(f).$$

Clearly, **Polynomials are polynomial-like.**

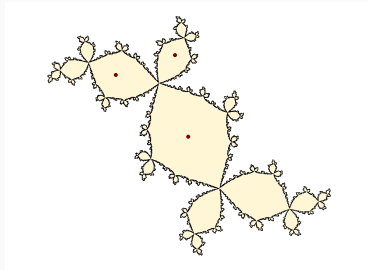
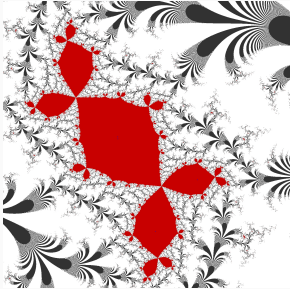
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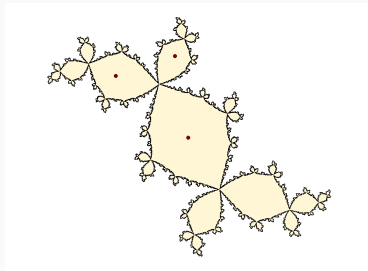
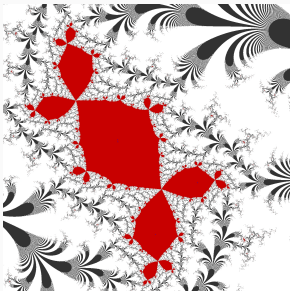
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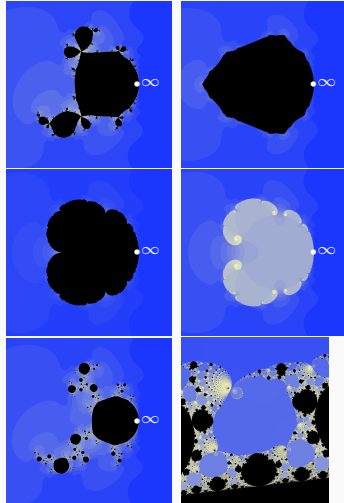
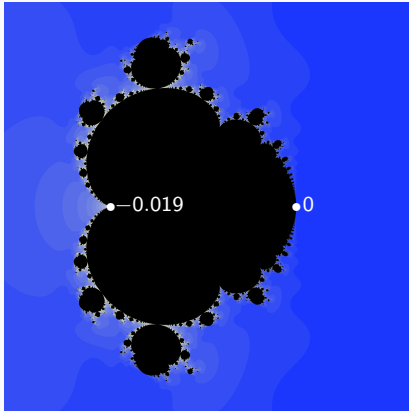
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- [McMullen'00] **Universality** \longrightarrow “Proper” families of polynomial-like maps exist near all Misiurewicz parameters (preperiodic critical points).

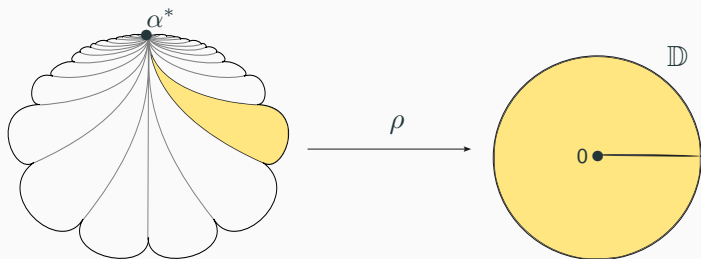
THE TANDELBROT SET

(Mandelshell?? Asymptotic M-set?? Suggestions welcome!)



SHELL COMPONENTS

Hyperbolic components of $M \rightarrow$ Shell components



[F-Keen'21] If S is a **shell component** of period p , the multiplier map

$$\rho : S \rightarrow \mathbb{D}; \quad \rho(\alpha) = (T_\alpha^p)'(\text{att. } p\text{-cycle})$$

is a universal covering of infinite degree. It extends continuously to $\bar{S} \setminus \{\alpha^*\}$, where α^* is the (unique) **virtual center** in ∂S .

Virtual centers satisfy $T_{\alpha^*}^p(1/\alpha^*) = \infty$.

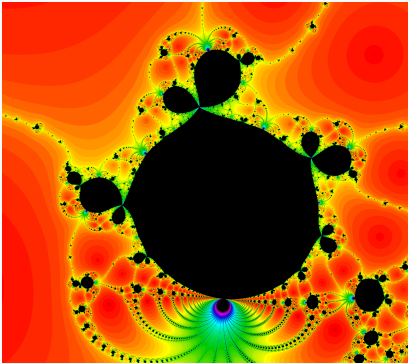
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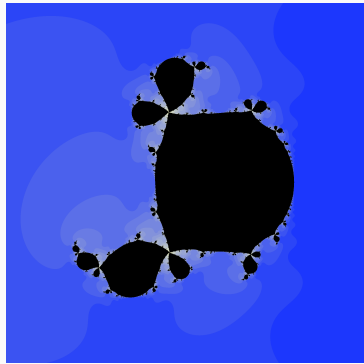
Let (f, U, V, u, v) be a TL-map.

Then f is **hybrid equivalent** to T_α for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{1\}$.

If $K(f)$ is connected, α is unique, and $\alpha = 0$ iff $u = v$.



Newton's method of $z + ae^z$.



T_α period 3.

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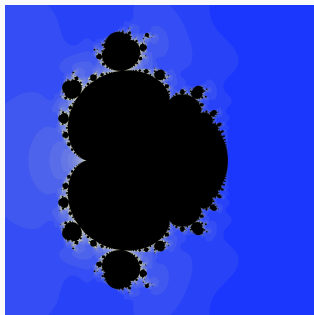
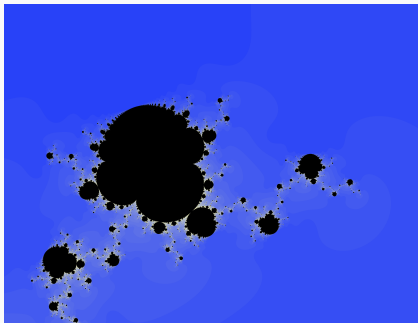
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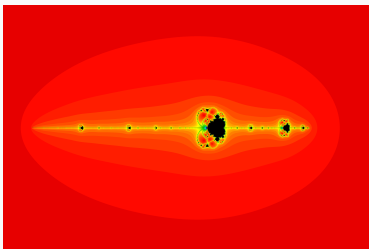
Theorem [ABF'25] (Existence of TL-restrictions)

Let $(f_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ natural family of finite type meromorphic maps, $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$.

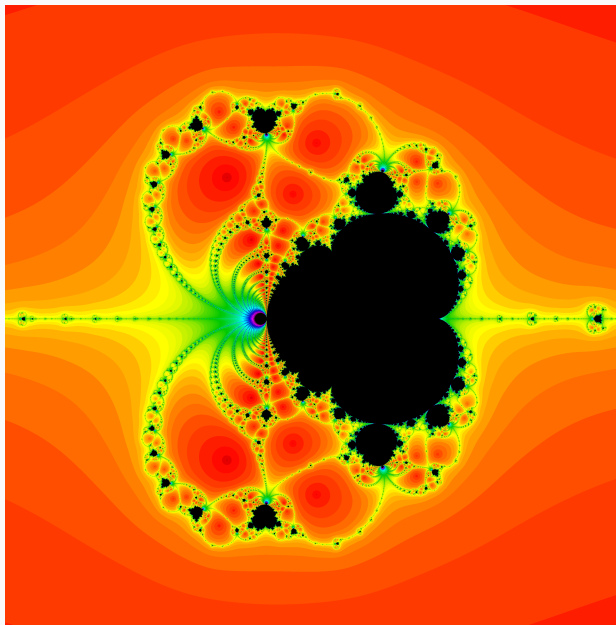
v_{λ_0} active asymptotic value (whose forward orbit does not persistently contain a critical point).

f_{λ_0} has at least one simple pole p which is not a singular value, and that its tracts (above quasidisks) are quasidisks.

Then arbitrarily close to λ_0 , there exists λ_k such that $f_{\lambda_k}^{n_k}$ has a tangent-like restriction for some $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$.



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THE END

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