

Setting: $f : \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, autonomous and confining, i.e. all singularities have

the singularity confinement property:

$$C \left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \cdot & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \cdot & \xrightarrow{\varphi} \end{array} \right)$$

Def. The dynamical degree of the mapping f :

$$\lambda_* = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (\deg f^{(n)})^{1/n} \quad (\lambda_* \geq 1)$$

Fact: If $f \in \text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ is confining, then f is conjugate (by a birational transformation) to an *automorphism* on a rational surface X (= its “space of initial conditions”).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varphi} & X \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

$\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ induces an invertible linear action on $\text{Pic } X$, the Picard group of X ,
 $\varphi_* : \text{Pic } X \rightarrow \text{Pic } X$, the largest eigenvalue of which is the dynamical degree of f .

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Let $\Phi \in GL_\rho(\mathbb{Z})$ represent $\varphi_* : \text{Pic } X \rightarrow \text{Pic } X$ for a confining birational mapping on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. The Jordan normal form of the matrix Φ can only take one of the following three forms:

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \nu_\rho \end{pmatrix}$	(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & \nu_1 & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & \nu_{\rho-3} \end{pmatrix}$	(c) $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & & & \\ & 1/\lambda & & & \\ & & \nu_1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \nu_{\rho-2} \end{pmatrix}$
ν_j : roots of unity $\deg f^{(n)}$: bounded growth	ν_j : roots of unity $\deg f^{(n)} \sim n^2$	$\lambda > 1$, $ \nu_j = 1$ $\deg f^{(n)} \sim \lambda^n$

Fact: There exists a (\mathbb{Z}) basis for $\text{Pic } X$ s.t.: $\varphi_* \sim \begin{pmatrix} U & * \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$, $U \in M_{s \times s}(\mathbb{Z})$, unitary, $A \in GL_{\rho-s}(\mathbb{Z})$

The sub-matrix A represents the action $\boxed{\bar{\varphi}_* : \text{Pic } X / P_X \rightarrow \text{Pic } X / P_X, \quad \bar{\varphi}_*(F) = \varphi_*(F) \bmod P_X,}$

where $\boxed{P_X := \{F \in \text{Pic } X \mid \exists m \in \mathbb{Z} : \varphi_*^m F = F\}.}$

From now on we only consider the cases (b) and (c), i.e. the case $P_X \neq X$.

Corol. If $\mu_{\varphi_*}(t)$ and $\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t)$ are the minimal polynomials for φ_* and $\bar{\varphi}_*$, then:

(b) $\mu_{\varphi_*}(t) = (t - 1)^3 \times$ (a product of cyclotomic polynomials in t , all different and different from $(t - 1)$)

$$\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t) = (t - 1)^2$$

(c) $\mu_{\varphi_*}(t) = \mu_{\lambda}(t) \times$ (a product of cyclotomic polynomials, all different)

$$\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t) = \mu_{\lambda}(t) : \text{minimal polynomial for } \lambda$$

Prop. 1 Suppose we have $\psi(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t] \setminus \{0\}$ and $F \in \text{Pic } X/P_X, F \neq 0$, such that $\psi(\varphi_*) F = 0 \pmod{P_X}$.

- i) If $\psi(t)$ does not have a root greater (or less) than 1, then the mapping is integrable.
It has dynamical degree $\lambda_* = 1$ and quadratic degree growth.
- ii) If $\psi(1) \neq 0$, then we are in the case (c) and the mapping is nonintegrable ($\lambda_* > 1$).

Proof: For any endomorphism f of a finite dimensional vector space V over a field K , if there exists a polynomial $\psi(t) \in K[t] \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\psi(f)v = 0$ for some non-zero $v \in V$, then $\psi(t)$ and the minimal polynomial for f share a common factor over $K[t]$.

Hence, if $\psi(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t] \setminus \{0\}$ and $F \in \text{Pic } X/P_X, F \neq 0 \pmod{P_X}$, such that $\psi(\varphi_*) F = 0 \pmod{P_X}$, then $\psi(t)$ and $\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t)$ must have a common factor. Since we excluded the case (a), it then follows that if $\psi(t)$ does not have a root greater (or less) than 1, we are not in the case (c) and therefore must be in the case (b).

Conversely, if $\psi(1) \neq 0$ we must be in the case (c) since $\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t) = (t - 1)^2$ in the case (b).

Def. the k -th cyclotomic polynomial $\phi_k(t) := \prod_{\text{all } \iota_j} (t - \iota_j)$, (ι_j : primitive k -th root of unity)

Prop. 2 Let $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ be an automorphism on the space of initial conditions X for a mapping with unbounded degree growth. Let C_1, \dots, C_m be the divisor classes of curves that appear in the non-cyclic patterns for φ on X , let $a_1, \dots, a_m > 0$ and consider $F = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j C_j \in \text{Pic } X/P_X$.

Then, $(\varphi_*^{m_0} - 1) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} \phi_{k_j}(\varphi_*^{m_j}) \right) F \notin P_X$, for $\ell \geq 0$, $k_j \geq 2$ and $m_j \geq 1$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, \ell$).

In particular, F itself and $(\varphi_* - 1)F \notin P_X$.

Proof: cf. [arXiv:1810.02693]

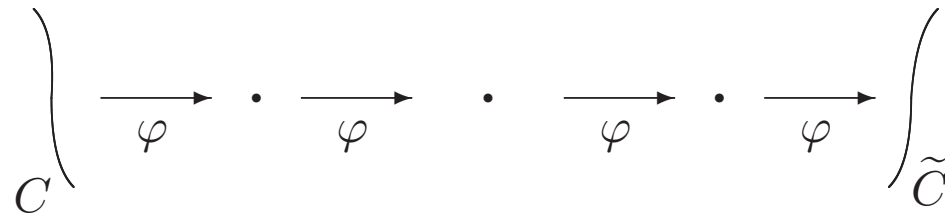
Lemma If $C \subset X$ is a curve that appears in an open pattern on X (the equivalent of a non-cyclic singularity pattern for the mapping, after blow-up), then its corresponding divisor class does not lie in the cyclic part of the Picard group, i.e.: $[C] \notin P_X$.

On the other hand, if $C \subset X$ is a curve that appears in a cyclic pattern or if it is a curve that arises in the blow-up process but is not part of any open pattern on X , then $[C] \in P_X$.

Rem. That the divisor class of a curve in an open pattern on X cannot lie in P_X follows from the fact that it is not part of any cyclic pattern and from the fact such a curve must have negative self-intersection, which implies that it cannot be expressed as a non-trivial sum of effective classes in $\text{Pic } X$.

Example 1: $x_{n+1} + x_{n-1} = x_n + \frac{1}{x_n^k}$ ($k \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$) has two singularity patterns, a *cyclic* one $(x_0 \infty \infty)$,

and an *open* (confined) one $(0 \infty^k \infty^k 0)$:



on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \infty^k \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \infty^k \\ \infty^k \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \infty^k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

after b-up : $\{y = 0\} \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_3 \rightarrow \{x = 0\}$ (= open pattern on X)

($\{y = 0\}$ and $\{x = 0\}$ represent the strict transforms of the corresponding lines on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$)

$$\left(\longrightarrow \quad 1 \quad -k\lambda \quad -k\lambda^2 \quad +\lambda^3 \quad !? \right)$$

Let $H_y \in \text{Pic } X$ be the divisor class for the total transform of the line $y = 0$ on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$.

Using the above Lemma, and neglecting any contributions from the cyclic part P_X of $\text{Pic } X$, we can express H_y in terms of the curves that appear in the open pattern as:

$$\begin{aligned} H_y &= [y = 0] + [C_3] \pmod{P_X} \equiv (\varphi_*^{-1} + \varphi_*^2) [C_1] \pmod{P_X} \\ &= k[C_1] + k[C_2] \pmod{P_X} \equiv k(1 + \varphi_*) [C_1] \pmod{P_X}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\boxed{(\varphi_*^3 - k\varphi_*^2 - k\varphi_* + 1) [C_1] = 0 \pmod{P_X}.}$$

$$t^3 - kt^2 - kt + 1 = (t + 1)(t^2 - (k + 1)t + 1) \xrightarrow{\text{Prop. 2}} \boxed{(\varphi_*^2 - (k + 1)\varphi_* + 1) F = 0 \pmod{P_X}}$$

for $F := (\varphi_* + 1) [C_1] \neq 0 \pmod{P_X}$

Hence, from Prop. 1 one concludes that since $\psi(t) = (t^2 - (k + 1)t + 1)$ has no root $t = 1$, this mapping must have a dynamical degree that is greater than 1 and is therefore non-integrable.

Moreover, as $\psi(t)$ is in fact irreducible, we have $\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t) = \psi(t)$ and therefore that the dynamical degree

$$\boxed{\lambda_* = \frac{k + 1 + \sqrt{(k + 1)^2 - 4}}{2}}$$

Example 2: $x_{n+1}x_{n-1} = \frac{x_n^4 - 1}{x_n^4 + 1}$ has one cyclic singularity pattern $(x \infty x' 0)$ and 8 open ones

$$(\pm 1 \ 0 \mp 1), \quad (\pm i \ 0 \ \pm i), \quad (\pm r \ \infty \mp ir), \quad (\pm ir \ \infty \mp r) \quad (r = \exp i\pi/4)$$

After b-up one obtains 16 special curves A_1^+, \dots, D_2^- (2 for each pattern), on a rational surface X , that form the open patterns:

$$\begin{aligned} \{y = \pm 1\} &\rightarrow A_1^\pm \rightarrow A_2^\pm \rightarrow \{x = \mp 1\}, & \{y = \pm i\} &\rightarrow B_1^\pm \rightarrow B_2^\pm \rightarrow \{x = \pm i\}, \\ \{y = \pm r\} &\rightarrow C_1^\pm \rightarrow C_2^\pm \rightarrow \{x = \mp ir\}, & \{y = \pm ir\} &\rightarrow D_1^\pm \rightarrow D_2^\pm \rightarrow \{x = \mp r\} \end{aligned}$$

The (divisor classes of) $\{y = 0\}$ and $\{y = \infty\}$ are part of P_X and we find that (modulo P_X)

$$\begin{aligned} H_y &= [y = 1] + [A_2^-] = [y = -1] + [A_2^+] = [y = i] + [B_2^+] = [y = -i] + [B_2^-] \\ &= [y = r] + [D_2^-] = [y = -r] + [D_2^+] = [y = ir] + [C_2^-] = [y = -ir] + [C_2^+] \\ &= [A_1^+] + [A_1^-] + [B_1^+] + [B_1^-] = [C_1^+] + [C_1^-] + [D_1^+] + [D_1^-], \end{aligned}$$

from which we can derive:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\varphi_* + \varphi_*^{-1}) F = 4F \quad \text{mod } P_X \\ \Leftrightarrow &(\varphi_*^2 - 4\varphi_* + 1) F = 0 \quad \text{mod } P_X, \end{aligned}$$

where $F := [A_1^+] + [A_1^-] + [B_1^+] + [B_1^-] + [C_1^+] + [C_1^-] + [D_1^+] + [D_1^-] \neq 0 \quad \text{mod } P_X$ (due to Prop. 2).

As $(t^2 - 4t + 1)$ does not contain a factor $(t - 1)$, Prop. 1 tells us that this mapping is nonintegrable.

Moreover, since this polynomial is irreducible, $\mu_{\bar{\varphi}_*}(t) = (t^2 - 4t + 1)$ and hence we find $\lambda_* = 2 + \sqrt{3}$.

Example 3: $x_{n+1} + x_{n-1} = x_n + \frac{1}{x_n^k}$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$, odd) has a cyclic $(x_0 \infty \infty)$, as well as an

unconfined singularity pattern $(0 \infty^k \infty^k 0 \infty^k \infty^k 0 \infty^k \infty^k 0 \dots)$.

Writing Z_n for the # of “spontaneous” occurrences of the value 0 in the iteration at step n , we have for the # of pre-images of the values 0 and ∞ (neglecting those that arise from the cyclic pattern):

$$Z_n + Z_{n-3} + Z_{n-6} + Z_{n-9} + \dots = k(Z_{n-1} + Z_{n-2}) + k(Z_{n-4} + Z_{n-5}) + \dots$$

(where we set $Z_{n < 0} = 0$).

Postulating a behaviour $Z_n \sim \lambda^n$ for some $\lambda > 1$ we can re-sum the series in the limit $n \rightarrow +\infty$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \lambda^{-3k} \equiv \frac{\lambda^3}{\lambda^3 - 1} = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \frac{k\lambda^3}{\lambda^3 - 1} \equiv k \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (\lambda^{-1-3k} + \lambda^{-2-3k})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - k\lambda - k = 0$$

$$\longrightarrow \lambda_* = \frac{k + \sqrt{k(k+4)}}{2} \quad : \text{How can this be justified geometrically ?}$$