

An introduction to core entropy In honor of Mariusz Urbański, Bedlewo

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[Picture is for $f_a(x) = ax(1 - x)$.]

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Question : Can we extend this theory to complex polynomials?

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<u>Remark.</u> If we consider $f_c : \hat{\mathbb{C}} \to \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ entropy is constant $\overline{h_{top}}(f_c, \hat{\mathbb{C}}) = \log 2$. (Lyubich 1980)

Mandelbrot set

The Mandelbrot set $\ensuremath{\mathcal{M}}$ is the connectedness locus of the quadratic family

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ oldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{C} \; : \; f^n_{oldsymbol{c}}(\mathbf{0})
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Question Can you see the Mandelbrot set in this picture?

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The core entropy as a function of external angle

Question (Thurston, Hubbard): Is $h(\theta)$ a continuous function of θ ?



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The Main Theorem: Continuity

Theorem (T.)

The core entropy function $h(\theta)$ extends to a continuous function from \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{R} .



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 $f(z)=z^3+c$

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 $f(z) = z^3 + cz$

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