

# Commutativity in non-elliptic iteration

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## **Commutativity and canonical models**

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- Central question: until what point this “simple geometrical” procedure is the “unique” way to generate elements of  $\mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$ ?

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Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$  be parabolic positive<sup>+</sup> with Koenigs function  $h_\varphi$  and let  $\psi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$ . Then, there exist  $\beta \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{C})$  and a number  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that the following three conditions hold:

1.  $\beta(w + 1) = \beta(w) + 1$ , for all  $w \in \mathbb{H}$ .
2.  $\beta \circ h_\varphi \circ \varphi = \beta \circ h_\varphi + 1$ .
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- In general,  $h$  is really different from  $h_\varphi$ . Indeed, either  $h = h_\varphi + d$ , for some  $d \in \mathbb{C}$  or  $h \neq T \circ h_\varphi$  for any lineal fractional map  $T$ .

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- From above, we can think of any  $\psi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$  as a  $c_{\varphi, \psi}$ -iterate of  $\varphi$ .

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Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$  be parabolic.

1. Assume  $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$ . Then

$$c_{\varphi, \psi_1 \circ \psi_2} = c_{\varphi, \psi_1} + c_{\varphi, \psi_2} = c_{\varphi, \psi_2 \circ \psi_1}.$$

[in general,  $\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \neq \psi_2 \circ \psi_1$ ].

2. Assume  $\psi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$  is different from  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{D}}$ . Then

$$c_{\psi, \varphi} c_{\varphi, \psi} = 1.$$

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$$c_{\varphi, \psi} = \angle \lim_{z \rightarrow \tau} (h_\varphi \circ \psi(z) - h_\varphi(z)) = \angle \lim_{z \rightarrow \tau} h'_\varphi(z)(\psi(z) - z).$$

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Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$  be non-elliptic with Denjoy-Wolff point  $\tau \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  and let  $\psi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$ . Then

$$c_{\varphi, \psi} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\log(\psi'(r\tau))}{\log(\varphi'(r\tau))}.$$

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## **Theorem (Cowen)**

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*If  $\varphi$  is parabolic of positive hyperbolic step,  $\psi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$  and  $c_{\varphi, \psi} \notin \mathbb{R}$  then*

$$\{\phi \in \mathcal{Z}(\varphi) : \psi \circ \phi = \phi \circ \psi\}$$

*is an abelian subsemigroup of  $\mathcal{Z}(\varphi)$ .*

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