

4.4 Fractal Basin boundaries

- + pic p165 of book
- Basins of a fractor can have a fractal structure.

Julia sets & Mandelbrot sets

Consider the following 2D Map:

$$P_c(z) = z^2 + c \quad z, c \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$c = a + ib$$

$$z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_1 = P_c(z_0) = z_0^2 + c = (x_0 + iy_0)^2 + a + ib$$

$$= x_0^2 - y_0^2 + 2ix_0y_0 + a + ib$$

$$= [x_0^2 - y_0^2 + a] + [2x_0y_0 + b]i = \begin{pmatrix} x_0^2 - y_0^2 + a \\ 2x_0y_0 + b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B(0) = \text{unit circle}$$

$$B(\infty) = \text{outside unit circle}$$

$$B(0) = \bigcirc \leftarrow \text{jump chaotically in the unit circle.}$$

Q: What is the shape of Basins of attraction for $\neq c$'s?

C#0:

$$\text{f.pt: } P_c(z) = z \Rightarrow z^2 + c = z$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 - z + c = 0$$

$$z_{1/2}^* = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4c}}{2}$$

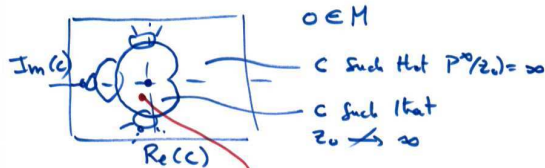
$$\begin{matrix} z_1^* \\ * \\ z_2^* \end{matrix}$$

→ Stab UNSTABLE.

∴ crit.pt. "absorbed" by U ⇒ No Stab. cycles!

Mandelbrot Set: Q: Where does $z_0 = 0$ go under P_c ?

$$\rightarrow M = \{c \mid z_0 = 0 \text{ is not in } B(\infty) \text{ for } P_c(z) = z^2 + c\}$$



Julia Set: Take a $c \in M$ and draw pts that do NOT go to $\infty \equiv$ Julia set is the BOUNDARY of $B(\infty)$ and the rest.

In general a d-dim. region needs $N(\epsilon) \propto \epsilon^{-d}$

$$\Rightarrow N(\epsilon) = k \epsilon^{-d} \Rightarrow \ln N = \ln k - d \ln \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln N - \ln k = d \ln 1/\epsilon$$

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Since we want $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$: $\ln k$ is negligible.

$$\text{def: } D_B = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln N(\epsilon)}{\ln 1/\epsilon} \quad \text{Fractal dimension}$$

Also called: box-counting dim.

• Capacity dim.

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$$2D: \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = x_n^2 - y_n^2 + a \\ y_{n+1} = 2x_n y_n + b \end{cases}$$

$$c=0: a=0=b$$

$$P_0(z) = z^2$$

$$\text{f.pt: } z^2 = z \Rightarrow z_1^* = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_2^* = 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & -2y \\ 2y & 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{stab: } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}: J \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0 \quad \text{Superstable sink.}$$

$$\text{stab: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}: J \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2 \quad \text{Source.}$$

$$\text{Map: } z = re^{i\theta} \xrightarrow{P_0} z^2 = r^2 e^{i2\theta}$$

$$P_0^n: \text{rotation} \rightarrow \cdot$$

Then (Fatou): Every attracting cycle (periodic or f.pt) for a rational map (quotient of polynomials) attracts @ least one critical pt of P ($P' = 0$).

① This is a generalization of Theo 3.24 using Schwarzian.

① for $P_c = z^2 + c \rightarrow$ 1 crit. pt. $\rightarrow$ at most 1 stable cycle.

① Sometimes $P_c(z)$ does not have attracting cycles!

ex: $c = -i$, crit. pt = 0

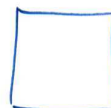
$$0 = P_c(0) = 0^2 - i = -i \xrightarrow{P} (-i)^2 - i = -1 - i$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (-1-i)^2 - i = 1 - 1 - 2i - i = -3i$$

$$\xrightarrow{P} (-3i)^2 - i = 9 - i$$

∴ eventually p-2 orbit $\{i, -1-i\}$

$$\text{Ex: } c = -0.17 + 0.78i \in M$$



4.5 Fractal dimension

Measure how many ϵ -balls we need to cover an object. Use ϵ -squares.

$$\text{Ex: } \cdot \text{ 1 pt } \epsilon \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \end{bmatrix} \quad N(\epsilon) = 1 = \frac{1}{\epsilon^0}$$

$$\cdot \text{ Line: } L \quad N(\epsilon) \propto \frac{L}{\epsilon} \quad \text{Dim} = 1$$

$$\cdot \text{ 2D region: } H \times W \quad N(\epsilon) \propto \frac{H \cdot W}{\epsilon^2} \quad \text{Dim} = 2$$

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