Simply connected wandering domains

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Definition Let U be a Fatou component of f. If $f^n(U) \cap f^m(U) = \emptyset$, for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, with $m \neq n$ then U is a wandering domain.

An example of a wandering domain



Figure 1: The dynamics of the function $f(z) = z + 2\pi \sin z$ (picture by Lasse Rempe).



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- 3. U is eventually isometric: for all such pairs $z, w \in U$, $d_{U_n}(f_n(z), f_n(w))$ is eventually constant.

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- $d_{U_n}(f_n(z), f_n(z_0)) = d_{\mathbb{D}}(G_n(w), 0)$
- $d_{\mathbb{D}}(G_n(w), 0) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow d_{\mathbb{D}}(G_n(w), G_n(w')) \rightarrow 0$

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- (c) converging For all $z \in U$, $f_n(z)$ converges to ∂U_n .

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A wandering domain coming from a lift



Figure 2: The dynamics of the function $f(z) = z + 2\pi + \sin z$ (picture by David Martí-Pete).



The function $g(z) = z \exp(\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{z} - z))$ has a superattracting basin, which lifts to a sequence of wandering domains.

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More on this construction, as well as a recent exciting construction by Martí-Pete, Rempe and Waterman will be presented during the mini-course 'Approximation in Transcendental Dynamics'.



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You will hear all about this work in Nuria's talk at the Introductory work-shop.



