Lenticular Poles of the Dynamical Zeta Funtion of the beta-shift for simple Parry numbers close to one and Lehmer's problem

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aim of the work : A proof of the Conjecture of Lehmer and of the Conjecture of Schinzel-Zassenhaus by the β -shift, for $\beta > 1$ tending to one among **real** reciprocal algebraic integers > 1.

sufficient for all reciprocal nonzero (complex) algebraic integers which are not roots of unity : for α be an algebraic integer, the house

 $\beta := |\overline{\alpha}|$ is a **real** algebraic integer.

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Assume $\beta > 1$. Consider the β -shift.

Lehmer '33 : does there exist a minorant > 1 of M(α)? for all nonzero algebraic integer α and not a root of unity.

does there exist a minorant > 1 of $M(\beta)$? for all reciprocal algebraic integer β > 1 when β tends to 1.

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Schinzel-Zassenhaus '65 :

There exists a constant C > 0 such that, for α any nonzero algebraic integer which is not a root of unity, then

$$eta:=|\overline{lpha}|\geq 1+rac{C}{{\sf deg}(lpha)}.$$

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The β -shift allows to obtain a **continuous minorant** > 1 of **M**(β), by putting into evidence the origin of the problem of Lehmer, i.e. the **existence of lenticuli of conjugates of** β .

The β -shift allows to obtain **structure theorems** on the minimal polynomials P_{β} having Mahler measure M(β) less than the number of Lehmer 1.1762....

The β -shift allows to obtain a new (more natural) Dobrowolsky type inequality with the dynamical degree dyg(β) which replaces the usual degree deg(β).

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The β -shift is coupled with the introduction of a new method of **divergent series** (asymptotic expansions à la Poincaré (1895) in Celestial Mechanics) to obtain asymptotic expressions of the roots of the trinomials

$$G_n(x) = -1 + x + x^n, \qquad n \ge 6.$$

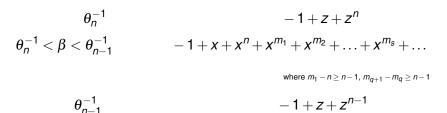
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Why these trinomials are so important?



let θ_n be the unique root of the trinomial $G_n(z) := -1 + z + z^n$ in (0,1).



Reciprocal algebraic integers β are never simple Parry numbers.

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 (θ_n^{-1}) tends to 1. β tends to 1 equivalently *n* tends to infinity.

$$\theta_n^{-1} < \beta < \theta_{n-1}^{-1}$$
 $-1 + x + x^n + x^{m_1} + x^{m_2} + \ldots + x^{m_s} + \ldots$

where $s \ge 1$, $m_1 - n \ge n - 1$, $m_{q+1} - m_q \ge n - 1$ for $1 \le q < s$

denoted =: $f_{\beta}(x)$, is the inverse of the dynamical zeta function $\zeta_{\beta}(z)$ (up to the sign) of the β -shift, equivalently is the generalized Fredholm determinant of the Perron-Frobenius operator associated with the β -transformation. Called **Parry Upper function** at β .

its zeroes := eigenvalues of the transfer operators, := poles of $\zeta_{\beta}(z)$.

Method : 1) $M(\theta_n^{-1})$ from the lenticuli of roots in $|\arg(z)| < \pi/3$, with *n* tending to ∞ ,

2) extended to any $\theta_n^{-1} < \beta < \theta_{n-1}^{-1}$, with reduced lenticuli of roots, and *n* tending to ∞ .

n is by definition the dynamical degree of β , denoted by $dyg(\beta)$.

 $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) := \prod_{i} \max\{\mathbf{1}, |\boldsymbol{\beta}^{(i)}|\}$

 $M(\beta) = M(\beta^{-1})$; then consider all the zeroes of the minimal polynomials P_{β} inside the unit disk. How to pass

from the zeroes of $f_{\beta}(x)$ to the zeroes of $P_{\beta}(x)$ of modulus < 1 ?

only a certain proportion of zeroes can be identified as conjugates of β : the **lenticular zeroes**.

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minorant :

$$M_r(\beta) :=: M_{lenticulus}(\beta) := \prod_{i \ lenticular} \min\{1, |\beta^{(i)}|^{-1}\}$$

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expressed as an symptotic expansion of $dyg(\beta)$.



Let $\kappa := 0.171573...$ be the value of the maximum of the function $a \to \kappa(1,a) := \frac{1 - \exp(\frac{-\pi}{a})}{2\exp(\frac{\pi}{a}) - 1}$ on $(0, \infty)$. Let $S := 2\arcsin(\kappa/2) = 0.171784...$. Denote

$$\Lambda_{r}\mu_{r} := \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{S} \text{Log}\left[\frac{1+2\sin(\frac{x}{2}) - \sqrt{1-12\sin(\frac{x}{2}) + 4(\sin(\frac{x}{2}))^{2}}}{4}\right] dx\right)$$

= 1.15411..., a value slightly below Lehmer's number 1.17628...

Theorem

$$\lim_{\mathrm{dyg}(\beta)\to\infty}\prod_{\omega\in\mathscr{L}_{\beta}}|\omega|^{-1}=\Lambda_{r}\mu_{r}.$$

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It is the limit lenticular contribution of the Parry Upper function.

Further : **identify** the lenticuli of zeroes of the Parry Upper function at β with lenticuli of conjugates of β , so that

$$\lim_{\mathrm{dyg}(\beta)\to\infty}\prod_{\omega\in\mathscr{L}_{\beta}}|\omega|^{-1}=\lim_{\mathrm{dyg}(\beta)\to\infty}\mathrm{M}_{r}(\beta)=\Lambda_{r}\mu_{r}.$$

Further : the asymptotic expansions of the roots of $f_{\beta}(z)$ lying in β gives an asymptotic expansion of the lenticular minorant of the Mahler measure :

Theorem (Dobrowolski type minoration)

Let β be a nonzero algebraic integer which is not a root of unity such that $dyg(\beta) \ge 260$. Then

$$M(\alpha) \geq \Lambda_r \mu_r - \Lambda_r \mu_r \frac{S}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{Log} (\operatorname{dyg}(\beta))} \right)$$

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Lehmer's Conjecture :

Theorem (VG '17)

For any nonzero algebraic integer α which is not a root of unity,

 $M(\alpha) \geq \theta_{259}^{-1} = 1.016126...$

Schinzel Zassenhaus's Conjecture :

Theorem (VG '17)

Schinzel-Zassenhaus's conjecture is true. Let α be a nonzero algebraic integer which is not a root of unity. Then

$$|\overline{\alpha}| \ge 1 + \frac{C}{\deg(\alpha)}$$
 with $C = \theta_{259}^{-1} - 1 = 0.016126...$

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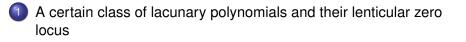
Pf. : Let $\alpha \neq 0$ be an algebraic integer which is not a root of unity. Since $M(\alpha) = M(\alpha^{-1})$ there are three cases to be considered : (i) the house of α satisfies $|\overline{\alpha}| \geq \theta_5^{-1}$, (ii) the dynamical degree of α satisfies : $6 \leq dyg(\alpha) < 260$, (iii) the dynamical degree of α satisfies : $dyg(\alpha) \geq 260$.

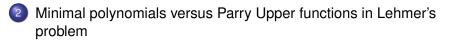
In case (i), $M(\alpha) \ge \theta_5^{-1} \ge \theta_{259}^{-1}$ and the claim holds true. In the second case, since $M(\alpha)$ is the product of $\overline{\alpha}$ by the moduli of the conjugates of modulus > 1, we have $M(\alpha) \ge \overline{\alpha}$, therefore $M(\alpha) \ge \theta_{259}^{-1}$. In case (iii), the Dobrowolski type inequality gives the following lower bound of the Mahler measure

$$M(\alpha) \ge \Lambda_r \mu_r - \frac{\Lambda_r \mu_r \arcsin(\kappa/2)}{\pi \log(\operatorname{dyg}(\alpha))} \ge \Lambda_r \mu_r - \frac{\Lambda_r \mu_r \arcsin(\kappa/2)}{\pi \log(259)}, = 1.14843..$$

This lower bound is numerically greater than $\theta_{259}^{-1} = 1.016126...$ Therefore, in any case, the lower bound θ_{259}^{-1} of M(α) holds true. We deduce the general minorant on M.

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Class *B* of lacunary polynomials

For $n \ge 2$, we study the factorization of the polynomials

$$f(x) := -1 + x + x^{n} + x^{m_{1}} + x^{m_{2}} + \ldots + x^{m_{s}}$$

where $s \ge 0$, $m_1 - n \ge n - 1$, $m_{q+1} - m_q \ge n - 1$ for $1 \le q < s$. Denote by \mathscr{B} the class of such polynomials, and by \mathscr{B}_n those whose third monomial is exactly x^n , so that

$$\mathscr{B} = \bigcup_{n \geq 2} \mathscr{B}_n.$$

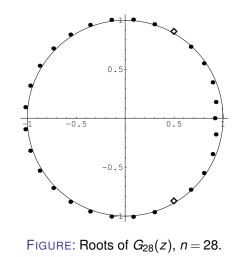
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Objectives :

- factorization?
- irreducibility $(m_s \rightarrow \infty)$?
- Zero locus?

lenticulus $\mathscr{L}_{ heta_{28}^{-1}}$ of simple zeroes in $\arg(z) \in (-\pi/3,+\pi/3)$



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lenticulus $\mathscr{L}_{\theta_n^{-1}}$ of simple zeroes in $\arg(z) \in (-\pi/3, +\pi/3), n = 71$ and = 12.

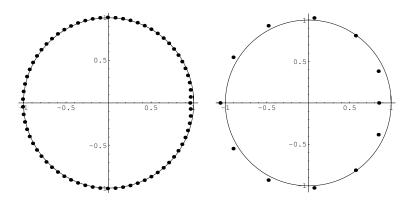


FIGURE: Roots of $G_{71}(z)$, $G_{12}(z)$.

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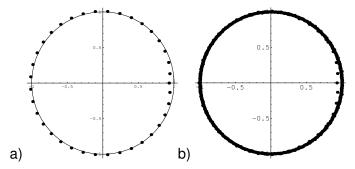


FIGURE: a) The 37 zeroes of $G_{37}(x) = -1 + x + x^{37}$, b) The 649 zeroes of $f(x) = G_{37}(x) + x^{81} + x^{140} + x^{184} + x^{232} + x^{285} + x^{350} + x^{389} + x^{450} + x^{514} + x^{550} + x^{590} + x^{649} = G_{37}(x) + x^{81} + \ldots + x^{649}$. The lenticulus of roots of f (having 3 simple zeroes) is obtained by a very slight deformation of the restriction of the lenticulus of roots of G_{37} to the angular sector $|\arg z| < \pi/18$, off the unit circle. The other roots (nonlenticular) of f can be found in a narrow annular neighbourhood of |z| = 1.

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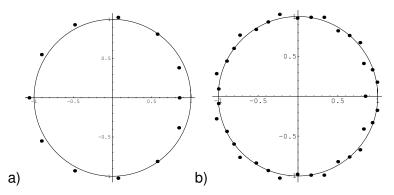


FIGURE: a) The 12 zeroes of G_{12} , b) The 35 simple zeroes of $f(x) = -1 + x + x^{12} + x^{23} + x^{35}$. By definition, only one root is lenticular, the one on the real axis, though the "complete" lenticulus of roots of $-1 + x + x^{12}$, slightly deformed, can be guessed.

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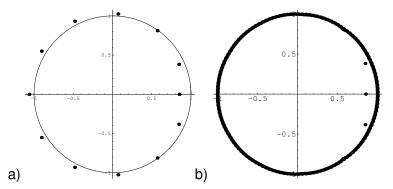


FIGURE: a) The 12 zeroes of G_{12} , b) The 385 zeroes of $f(x) = -1 + x + x^{12} + x^{250} + x^{385}$. The lenticulus of roots of the trinomial $-1 + x + x^{12}$ can be guessed, slightly deformed and almost "complete". It is well separated from the other roots, and off the unit circle. Only one root of *f* is considered as a lenticular zero, the one on the real axis : 0.8.... The thickness of the annular neighbourhood of |z| = 1 which contains the nonlenticular zeroes of *f* is much smaller than in Figure 4b.

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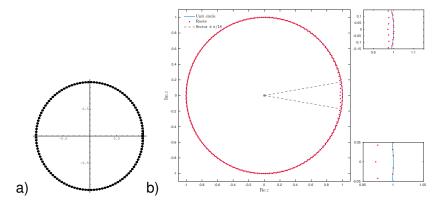


FIGURE: a) Zeroes of G_{121} , b) Zeroes of $f(x) = -1 + x + x^{121} + x^{250} + x^{385}$. On the right the distribution of the roots of f is zoomed twice in the angular sector $-\pi/18 < \arg(z) < \pi/18$. The lenticulus of roots of f has 7 zeroes.

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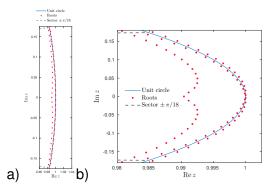


FIGURE: The representation of the 27 zeroes of the lenticulus of $f(x) = -1 + x + x^{481} + x^{985} + x^{1502}$ in the angular sector $-\pi/18 < \arg z < \pi/18$ in two different scalings in *x* and *y* (in a) and b)). In this angular sector the other zeroes of *f* can be found in a thin annular neighbourhood of the unit circle. The real root $1/\beta > 0$ of *f* is such that β satisfies : $1.00970357... = \theta_{481}^{-1} < \beta = 1.0097168... < \theta_{480}^{-1} = 1.0097202...$

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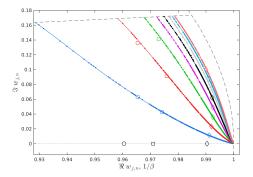


FIGURE: Universal curves stemming from 1 which constitute the lenticular zero locus of all the polynomials of the class \mathscr{B} . These curves are continuous, semi-fractal. The first one above the real axis, corresponding to the zero locus of the first lenticular roots, lies in the boundary of Solomyak's fractal [?]. The lenticular roots of the previous polynomials *f* are represented by the respective symbols o, \Box , \diamond . The dashed lines represent the unit circle and the top boundary of the angular sector $|\arg z| < \pi/18$.

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A certain class of lacunary polynomials and their lefticular zero locus

Class \mathcal{B} - factorization

context : Schinzel's Theorems "Reducibility of Lacunary Polynomials", I, II, ... over 30 years.

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Quadrinomials : Ljunggren (1960), Mills (1985), Finch and Jones (2006).

Theorem

For any $f \in \mathscr{B}_n$, $n \ge 3$, denote by

$$f(x) = A(x)B(x)C(x) = -1 + x + x^{n} + x^{m_{1}} + x^{m_{2}} + \ldots + x^{m_{s}},$$

where $s \ge 1$, $m_1 - n \ge n - 1$, $m_{j+1} - m_j \ge n - 1$ for $1 \le j < s$, the factorization of *f* where *A* is the **cyclotomic** part, *B* the **reciprocal noncyclotomic** part, *C* the **nonreciprocal** part. Then B = 1, (i) the nonreciprocal part *C* is nontrivial, **irreducible**, of degree

$$\deg(C) \ge \lfloor \frac{m_s - 1}{2} \rfloor,$$

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and **never vanishes** on the unit circle, (ii) if $\beta > 1$ denotes the real algebraic number uniquely determined by the sequence $(n, m_1, m_2, ..., m_s)$ such that $1/\beta$ is the unique real root of f in (θ_{n-1}, θ_n) , $C^*(X)$ is the **minimal polynomial** $P_{\beta}(X)$ of β .

Pf. : (i) Ljunggren's argument (1960) for the uniqueness of the nonreciprocal factor in C,

(ii) Willson Orchard's reduced form (2005) of Sylvester determinant of the resultant of *f* and f^* to characterize the reciprocal zeroes of *f*, (iii) nonvanishing of f^* on the zeroes of the trinomials $-1 + x + x^n$.

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Distinguishability

In the angular sector $-\pi/18 < \arg z < +\pi/18$, any $f \in \mathscr{B}$ admits 2 collections of roots : those (lenticulus) going slowly to 1 in modulus, those (annular neighbourhood) going very fast to 1 in modulus.

Theorem

There exists 2 positive constants $c_1, c_2 < c_1$, such that, for $n \ge 3$, the roots of $f \in \mathcal{B}_n$ lying in $-\pi/18 < \arg z < +\pi/18$ either belong to

$$\{z \mid ||z|-1| < \frac{c_2}{n}\},\$$

or to

$$\{z \mid ||z|-1| > \frac{c_1}{n}\}.$$

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Definition of the **lenticulus** : $\mathscr{L}_{\beta} := \{z \mid ||z|-1| > \frac{c_1}{n}\}$. Take roughly $c_1 = 5$ and $c_2 = 1/5$.

Comparison - lenticuli of roots

 $\label{eq:relation} \begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Trinomials}: & |z| < 1 & \Longleftrightarrow & |\arg(z)| < \pi/3. \\ \mbox{all roots in the open unit disk :} \end{array}$

$$\#\mathscr{L}_{\theta_n^{-1}} = 1 + 2\lfloor n/6 \rfloor$$

Class \mathscr{B} : $f \in \mathscr{B}_n$ $|z| < 1 - \frac{c_1}{n}$ and $|\arg(z)| < \pi/18$.

the set of zeroes Z(f) is separated into two parts :

$$Z(f) = \mathscr{L}_{\beta} \cup (Z(f) \setminus \mathscr{L}_{\beta}),$$

with

$$#\mathscr{L}_{\beta} = C_1 + nC_2$$
 (C_1, C_2 positive constants)

region "aisles of the lenticuli" out of reach : $\pi/18 < |\arg(z)| < \pi/3$.

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Minimal polynomials versus Parry Upper functions

$$egin{array}{ccc} \deg(eta) & | & \mathrm{dyg}(eta) \ before after & P_eta & | & f_eta(z) = -1/\zeta_eta(z) \ & \mathrm{M}(eta) & | & ? \end{array}$$

and $f_{\beta}(z)$ is a power series of constant term -1 with coefficients in $\{0,1\}$, called **Parry Upper upper function** at β , having the general form, with a lacunarity controlled by the dynamical degree :

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$$\begin{split} f_{\beta}(z) &= -1 + z + z^{\mathrm{dyg}(\beta)} + z^{m_1} + z^{m_2} + z^{m_3} + \dots \\ &= G_{\mathrm{dyg}(\beta)} + z^{m_1} + z^{m_2} + z^{m_3} + \dots \\ \text{with } m_1 \geq 2 \, \mathrm{dyg}(\beta) - 1, m_{q+1} - m_q \geq \mathrm{dyg}(\beta) - 1, q \geq 1. \end{split}$$

Identification of the lenticular zeroes as lenticular conjugates : 2 steps

Let $n \ge n_0$. There exists Ω_n an open set strictly $\subset D(0,1)$ whose complement contains all the "annular" roots of any polynomial section of any Parry Upper function $f_{\beta}(z)$ for any β , $\theta_n^{-1} < \beta < \theta_{n-1}^{-1}$.

$$f_{\beta}(x) := -1 + x + x^n + x^{m_1} + x^{m_2} + \ldots + x^{m_s} + \ldots$$

where $s \ge 0$, $m_1 - n \ge n - 1$, $m_{q+1} - m_q \ge n - 1$ for $1 \le q < s$.

With β fixed, convergence towards $f_{\beta}(z)$ on each compact K in Ω_n occurs for

- the family of polynomial sections of f_β(z) [existence of lenticuli of roots]
- the family of rewritting polynomials from the minimal polynomial *P*_β(z) to *f*_β(z) [identification of the lenticuli as lenticuli of conjugates].
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Rewritting polynomials

from " P_{β} " to " f_{β} " :

$$egin{aligned} & P_eta(X) = 1 + a_1 X + a_2 X^2 + a_3 X^3 + \ldots + a_{d-1} X^{d-1} + X^d, \qquad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, d \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$
 (reciprocal $a_i = a_{d-i}$),

left extremity of the rewriting trail (of 1 in base β) :

$$1 = 1 - P_{\beta}(\frac{1}{\beta}) = \frac{-a_{d-1}}{\beta} + \frac{-a_{d-2}}{\beta^2} + \frac{-a_{d-3}}{\beta^3} + \ldots + \frac{-1}{\beta^d}$$

right extremity of the rewriting trail (of 1 in base β) :

$$1 = \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{0}{\beta^2} + \frac{0}{\beta^3} + \ldots + \frac{0}{\beta^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{\beta^n} + \frac{0}{\beta^{n+1}} + \ldots = 1 + f_\beta(1/\beta)$$

To the left extremity, add

$$0=\frac{(a_{d-1}+1)}{\beta}P_{\beta}(1/\beta).$$

Let

$$A_1(X) := -1 + (a_{d-1} + 1)X.$$

We obtain the first intermediate β -representation of 1

$$1 = 1 + A_1(\frac{1}{\beta})P_{\beta}(\frac{1}{\beta}) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{a_1(a_{d-1}+1) - a_{d-2}}{\beta^2} + \frac{a_2(a_{d-1}+1) - a_{d-3}}{\beta^3} + \dots + \frac{a_{d-1}(a_{d-1}+1) - a_{d-2}}{\beta^3} + \dots + \frac{a_{d-1}(a_{d-1}+1) - a_{d-1}}{\beta^3} + \dots + \frac{a_{d-1}(a_{d-1}+1) - a_{d-1}}$$

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The first term $1/\beta$ is the value of the first polynomial section of $1 + f_{\beta}(z)$ at $1/\beta$. Then iterate : $A_2, A_3, ...$ up till the right extremity.

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sequence of rewriting polynomials :

 $(A_s(z)P_\beta(z))_{s\geq 1}$

Uniform upper bound on the height :

Since all the coefficients of $P_{\beta}(X)$ and $f_{\beta}(X)$ are finite, there exists an integer $H \ge H(P_{\beta})$ such that the naïve heights of the *rewriting* polynomials $A_s P_{\beta}$ satisfy

$$H(A_{s}(X)P_{\beta}(X)) \leq H$$
 all $s \geq 1$.

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Therefore

$$\lim_{s\to\infty}A_s(z)P_\beta(z)=f_\beta(z)$$

for the topology of uniform convergence on every compact $K \subset \Omega_n$.

Indeed, for *z* belonging to any compact subset $K \subset \Omega_n$,

$$|A_{s}(z)P_{\beta}(z)-f_{\beta}(z)| = \left| (A_{s}(z)P_{\beta}(z)+1-\sum_{j=1}^{s}t_{j}z^{j})+(-1+\sum_{j=1}^{s}t_{j}z^{j}-f_{\beta}(z)) \right|$$

$$\leq (H\!+\!1)\sum_{j=s+1}^{\deg(P_{\beta})+s}|z|^{j}+\sum_{j=s+1}^{\infty}|z|^{j}\leq (H\!+\!2)|z|^{s+1}\frac{1}{1-|z|}$$

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2 relations, with uniform convergence on every K in Ω_n ,

• existence of lenticuli (each s_N in the class \mathscr{B})

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}s_N(z)=f_\beta(z)$$

$$\lim_{s\to\infty}A_s(z)P_\beta(z)=f_\beta(z)$$

Hence, since $f_{\beta}(z)$ has no zero in Ω_n except the lenticular zeroes, every zero of $P_{\beta}(z)$ is a zero of $f_{\beta}(z)$. Conversely, since $1/\beta$ is a simple zero of $P_{\beta}(z)$ and of $f_{\beta}(z)$, that lenticuli are limits of the lenticuli of the irreducible factors of the $s_N(z)$, then the **complete lenticulus of** $f_{\beta}(z)$ is a lenticulus of zeroes of $P_{\beta}(z)$.

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Fracturability of the minimal polynomial, Questions of rationality, Open problems

 β is a Parry number iff $\zeta_{\beta}(z)$ is a rational fraction iff the unit circle is the natural boundary of $\zeta_{\beta}(z)$

Define $\Omega_n :=$ open subset of |z| < 1 (avoiding a neighbourhood of |z| = 1. Then (**fracturability** of the minimal polynomial of β by two infinite integer power series) :

$${m P}_{eta}(z)=({m P}_{eta}(z)/f_{eta}(z)) imes f_{eta}(z), \qquad z\in\Omega_n.$$

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outside : out of reach !

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rationality questions : analogues of Dwork's and Kedlaya's approach with *p*-adic methods applied to A. Weil's dynamical zeta function for counting points on varieties defined over finite fields.

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1st conjecture of Weil (Dwork),

2nd conjecture of Weil, "Weil II" (Deligne, Kedlaya).

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