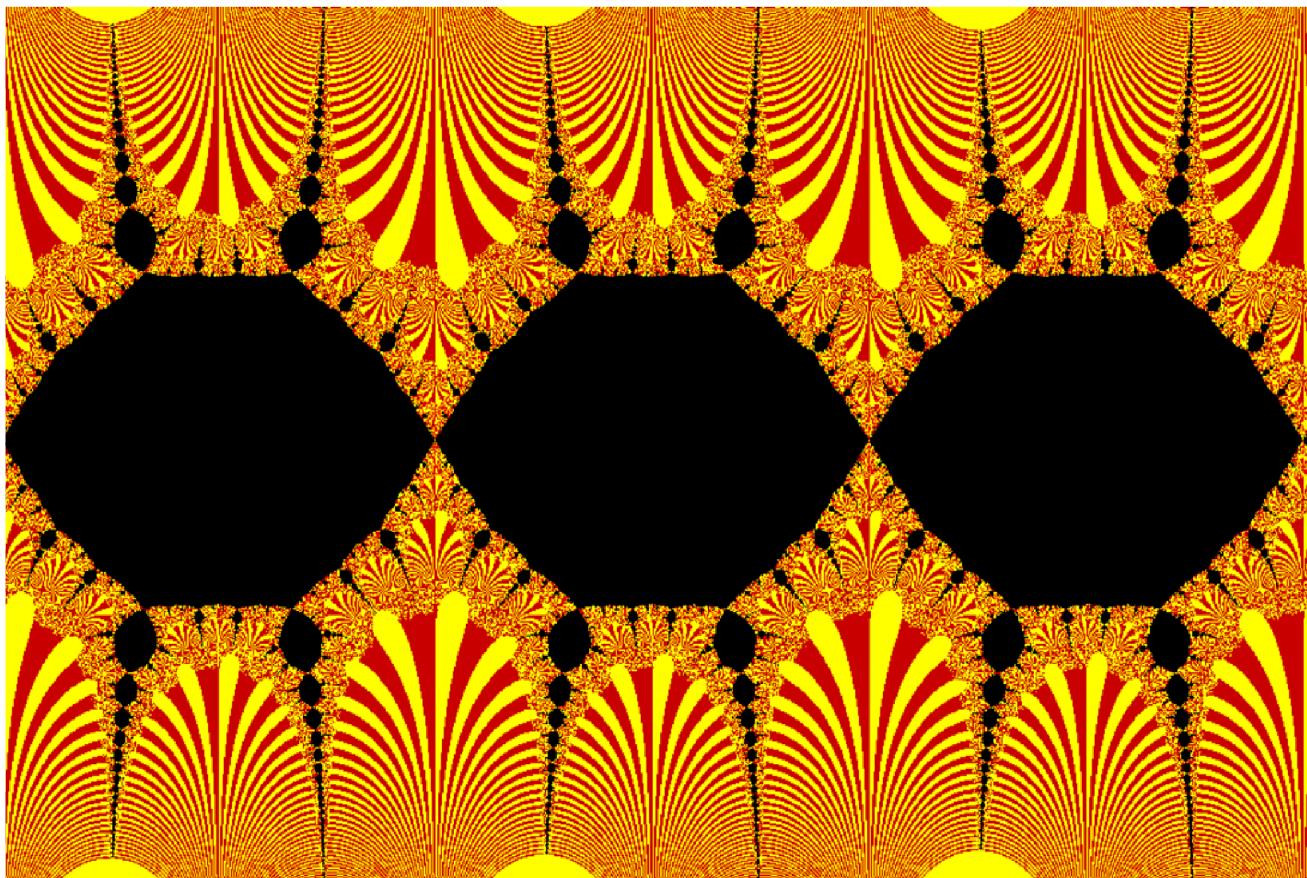


# Forward compositions of inner functions

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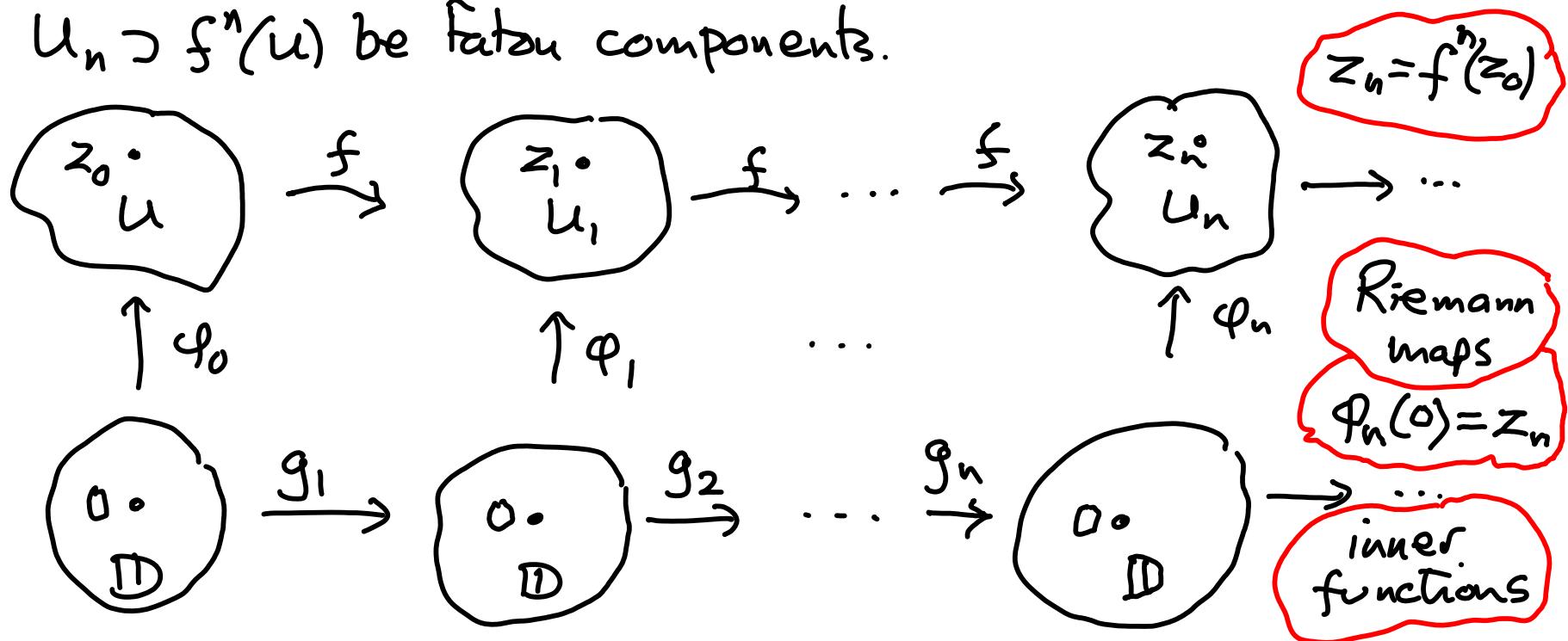
Definition Let  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be holomorphic. Then  $f$  is an inner function

if the radial limits of  $f$  on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  almost all lie on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ .

eg Blaschke products

These arise naturally in holomorphic dynamics.

Let  $U$  be a simply connected Fatou component of  $f$ ,  $a \in f(U)$ ,  
and  $U_n \supset f^n(U)$  be Fatou components.



$g_n$  different if  $U$  is a wandering domain

Forward composition of inner functions  $f_n$ ,  $F_n = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

In this talk,  $f_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n$ .

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By Schwarz lemma,

$$|F_n(z)| \downarrow \text{ for all } z \in D,$$

and  $(F_n)$  contracting means

$$|F_n(z)| \downarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \iff \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n = \infty. \quad \lambda_n = |f'_n(0)|$$

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Corresponds to a contracting SCWD:

$$\text{dist}_{U_n}(f^n(z), f^n(w)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ all } z, w \in U.$$

## Behaviour of $(F_n)$ on $\partial\mathbb{D}$

Hill & Velani 1995

Definition A shrinking target is a sequence  $(I_n)$  of arcs in  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ ,

not necessarily nested, s.t.  $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$|I_n| = \text{length of } I_n$

The sequence  $(F_n)$  hits  $(I_n)$  if  $F_n(\xi) \in I_n$ , infinitely often.

Thm A (BEFRS 2024a) Let  $F_n = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1$ ,  $f_n$  inner fns,  $f_n(0) = 0$ .

$$(a) |f_n'(0)| \leq \lambda < 1, n \geq 1 \\ \text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |I_n| = \infty$$

Uniform contraction

Fernández,  
Melián,  
Pestana  
2007

$(F_n(\xi))$  hits  $(I_n)$ , for a.e.  $\xi \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ .

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n |I_n| = \infty$$

non-uniform contraction  
 $\Rightarrow$  a.e. orbit is dense

## Pommerenke's mixing results

Let  $F_n = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1$ ,  $f_n$  inner fns,  $f_n(0) = 0$ , contracting.

Let  $A \subset \partial D$  be an arc,  $E \subset \partial D$  satisfy  $|E| > 0$ . Then

$$(a) \left| \frac{|A \cap F_n^{-1}(E)|}{|F_n^{-1}(E)|} - \frac{|A|}{2\pi} \right| = o(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty; \quad |F_n^{-1}(E)| = |E|$$

(b) if, in addition,  $|f'_n(0)| \leq \lambda$ , where  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \lambda < 1$ , then

$$\left| \frac{|A \cap F_n^{-1}(E)|}{|F_n^{-1}(E)|} - \frac{|A|}{2\pi} \right| \leq K c^n, \text{ where } c = \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\lambda)}{84}\right).$$

Proof of (b) uses:

$$|F_n(z)| \leq \frac{\lambda^n}{(1-|z|)^{13}}, \text{ for } z \in D. \quad (*)$$

plus  
Poisson  
integrals

### Question

Can we obtain (\*) with  $\lambda^n$  replaced by  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$ ?

Thm B Let  $F_n = f_n \circ \cdots \circ f_1$ ,  $f_n$  inner fns,  $f_n(0) = 0$ ,  $|f_n'(0)| \leq \lambda_n$ ,

where  $0 < a \leq \lambda_n < 1$  and  $\lambda_n \cdots \lambda_1 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$(a) \quad |F_n(z)| \leq \lambda_n \cdots \lambda_1 |z| \exp\left(\frac{4e/a}{1-|z|}\right), \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D},$$

$$(b) \quad |F_n(z)| \leq C \lambda_n \cdots \lambda_1 \frac{|z|}{(1-|z|)^p}, \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where  $p = \lceil \frac{2}{a} \rceil + 1$ , and  $C = C(p) > 0$ .

$a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $p = 5$

Taking  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $p = 5$  gives the mixing result:

$$\left| \frac{|A \cap F_n^{-1}(E)|}{|F_n^{-1}(E)|} - \frac{|A|}{2\pi} \right| \leq C (\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n)^{1/18},$$

where  $A \subset \partial \mathbb{D}$  is an arc and  $E \subset \partial \mathbb{D}$ ,  $|E| > 0$ ,  $C$  absolute.

Proof of Part (a) Recall  $f_n(0)=0$ ,  $|f_n'(0)| \leq \lambda_n$ ,  $a \leq \lambda_n < 1$ .

$$|f_n(z)| \leq |z| \frac{|z| + \lambda_n}{1 + \lambda_n |z|} := \psi_n(|z|)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} |F_n(z)| &\leq (\psi_n \circ \dots \circ \psi_1)(|z|) \\ &= \Psi_n(|z|) \leq |z| \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - c(|z|)\mu_k). \end{aligned}$$

$$c(|z|) = \frac{1-|z|}{2}$$

$$\mu_k = 1 - \lambda_k$$

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Consider

$$G_n(z) = \frac{\Psi_n(z)}{\lambda_n \dots \lambda_1}, \text{ so } G_{n+1}(z) = \frac{\psi_{n+1}(\Psi_n(z))}{\lambda_{n+1} \dots \lambda_1} \text{ gives}$$

$$1 < \frac{G_{n+1}(|z|)}{G_n(|z|)} = \frac{(1 + \Psi_{n+1}(|z|))/\lambda_{n+1}}{1 + \lambda_{n+1} \Psi_{n+1}(|z|)} \leq 1 + \left( \frac{1 - \lambda_{n+1}^2}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right) \Psi_n(|z|).$$

So

$$|G_n(z)| \leq |z| \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{1 - \lambda_{k+1}^2}{\lambda_{k+1}} \right) \Psi_k(|z|) \right)$$

$$\leq |z| \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(2/a) \mu_{k+1}}{\exp(c(z)(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k))} \right) \leq |z| \exp \left( \frac{4e/a}{1-|z|} \right).$$

$$1+x \leq e^x$$

$$1-x \leq e^{-x}$$

## Proof of Part(b) (idea!)

For  $n > m \geq 0$ , put  $\Psi_{n,m} = \psi_n \circ \dots \circ \psi_{m+1}$ . Take  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Part(a) implies  $\exists C = C(a, b)$  s.t.

$b = b(a)$  later

$$\Psi_{n,m}(|z|) \leq C \lambda_n \dots \lambda_{m+1} \frac{|z|}{(1-|z|)^p}, \text{ for } |z| \leq b. \quad (*)$$

Take  $r \in (b, 1)$ , define  $r_1 = r$ ,  $r_{k+1} = \psi_k(r_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Then  $r_k \downarrow 0$  so can choose  $m$  s.t.  $r_{m+1} \leq b < r_m$ . By (\*),

$$\Psi_{n,m}(r_{m+1}) \leq C \lambda_n \dots \lambda_{m+1} \frac{r_{m+1}}{(1-r_{m+1})^p}, \text{ for } n > m$$

that is,

$$\Psi_{n,m-1}(r_m) \leq C \lambda_n \dots \lambda_{m+1} \frac{\psi_m(r_m)}{(1-\psi_m(r_m))^p}.$$

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$$\Psi_{n,m-1}(r_m) \leq C \lambda_n \dots \lambda_m \frac{r_m}{(1-r_m)^p}, \text{ then repeat to } r_{m-1}, \dots, r_1 = r.$$

Use Taylor expansion of  $\psi_m$  about 1. ■

Thanks for your attention!

