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Echos of Teichmüller theory in the dynamics of holomorphic maps on the unit disk

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The space of Blaschke products

$$\mathcal{B}_d = \left\{ f(z) = z \prod_1^{d-1} \left(\frac{z - a_i}{1 - \bar{a}_i z} \right) \right\} \cong \Delta^{(d-1)}$$

= {degree d maps $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$, with $f|_{S^1}$ expanding}

Marking: $f \circ S^1 \xrightarrow{\phi} S^1 \circ z^d$

Length of cycle C for z^d : $L(C, f) = \log |(f^p)'(z)| > 0$

Features of \mathcal{B}_d

Complex structure:

coming from $f \rightarrow \text{mating } f \cup z^d$

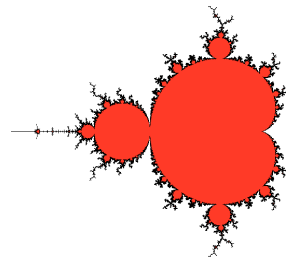
Mapping class group:

$$\text{Aut}(z^d) = \mathbb{Z}/(d-1)$$

Algebraic boundary:

$$\partial \mathcal{B}_d = \{(F, S) : F : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta, S \text{ divisor on } S^1, \deg(F) + \deg(S) = d\}$$

(bubbling)



$B_2 = \text{main cardioid}$

Dictionary

Teichmüller space T_g

$$\Delta/\Gamma = X \text{ compact}$$



closed geodesics γ

$$L(\gamma, X)$$

Space of Blaschke products \mathcal{B}_d

$$f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$$

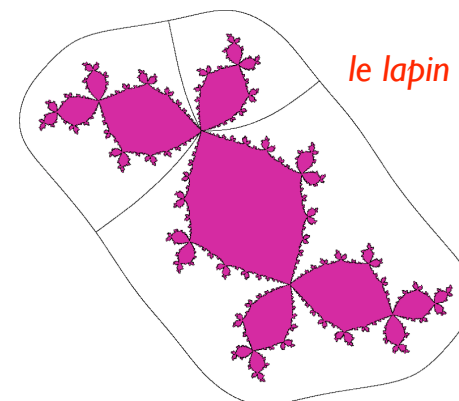
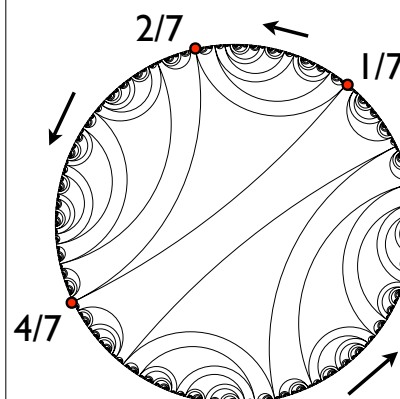
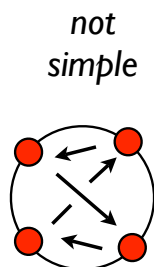
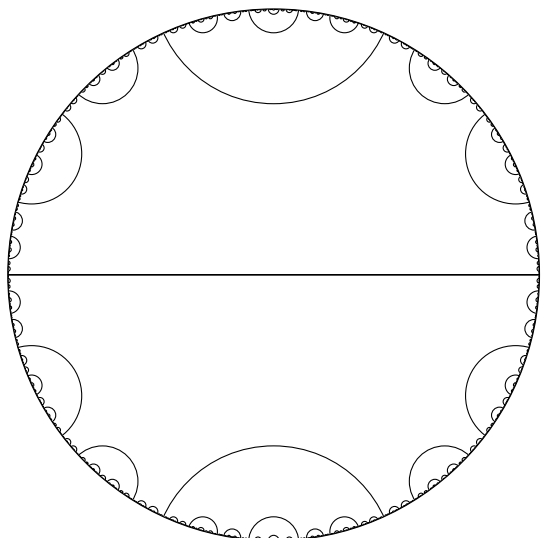


cycles C

$$L(C, f)$$

*Simple loop? Measured lamination?
 $PML_g = \partial T_g$? Ratios of lengths? Metric?*

Lifts to Δ of a simple geodesic



A cycle C for z^d is *simple* if $z^d|_C$ extends to a degree one map on S^1

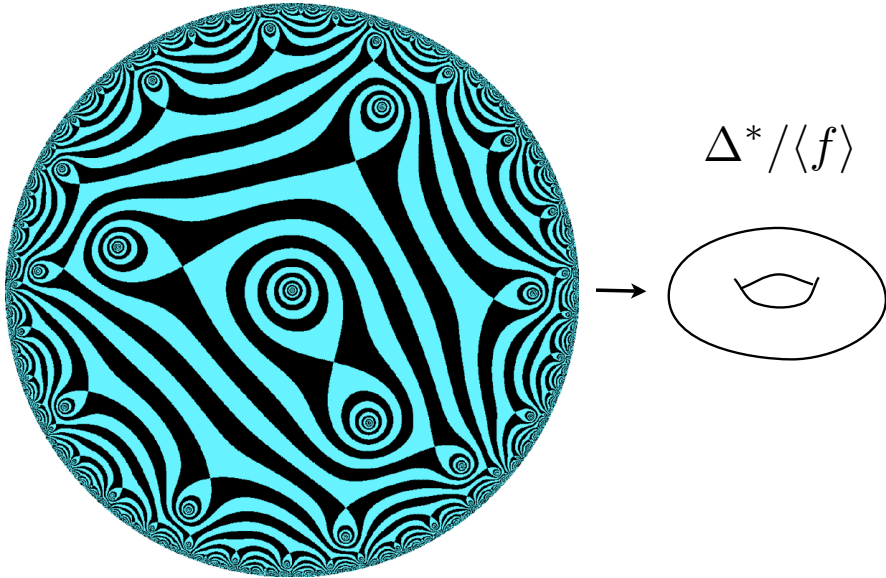
Simple geodesic on Riemann surfaces:

- Any loop with $L(\gamma, X) < \log(3 + 2\sqrt{2})$ is simple.
- There exists a simple loop with $L(\gamma, X) = O(\log g)$.
- The closure of the simple loops has Hausdorff dimension = 1.
- If (γ_i) are *binding*, then $\{X : \sum L(\gamma_i, X) \leq M\}$ is compact.
- The number of simple loops with $L(\gamma, f) < M$ is $O(M^{6g-6})$.
(polynomial growth)

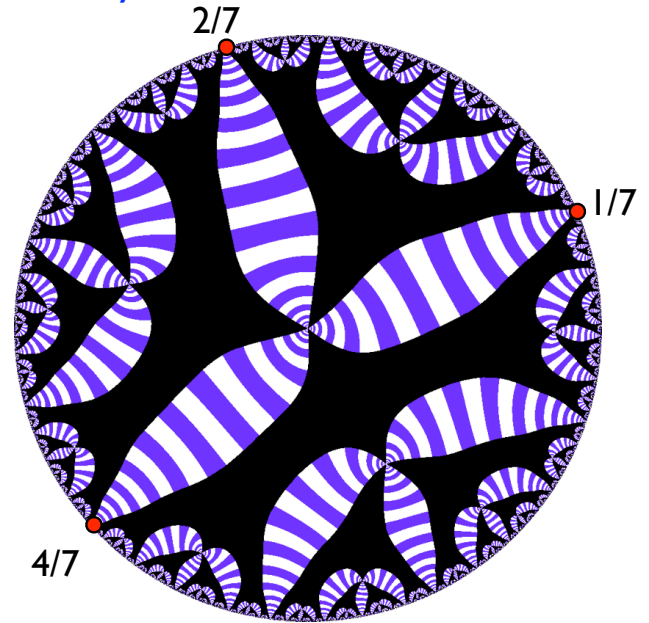
Simple cycles for Blaschke products:

- Any cycle with $L(C, f) < \log 2$ is simple.
- There exists a simple cycle with $L(C, f) = O(d)$.
- The closure of the simple cycles in S^1 has Hausdorff dimension = 0.
- If (C_i) are *binding*, then $\{f : \sum L(C_i, f) \leq M\}$ is compact.
- The number of simple cycles with $L(C, f) < M$ is $O(M^d)$.
(polynomial growth)

Degree two dynamics in Δ



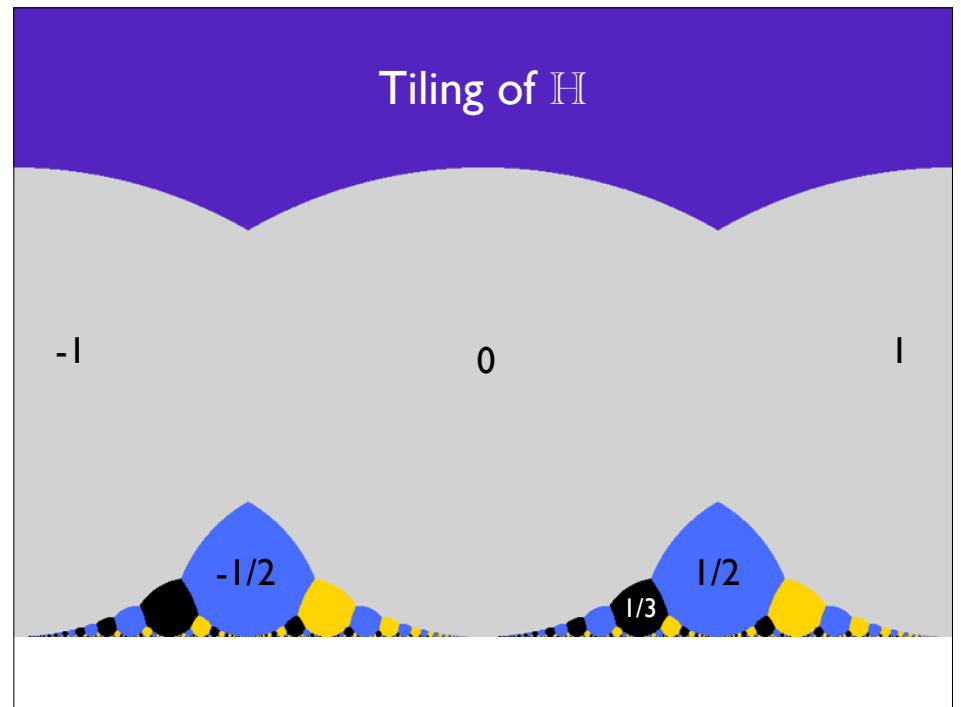
Short cycle with rotation number $1/3$



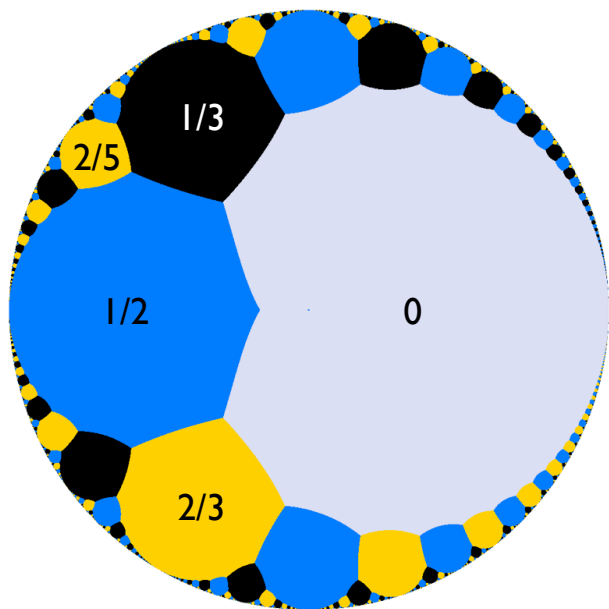
Spiraling 0/1 curves



Tiling of \mathbb{H}



Predicting p/q from f'(0)



Simple cycles and ∂B_d : measures on S^1

$\nu : B_d \rightarrow M_d(S^1) = \{z^d\text{-invariant probability measures on } S^1\}$

\cup
 $\{\text{simple cycles } C\}$

using marking

$\nu(f) = \varphi_*(\text{Lebesgue measure on } S^1)$.

Compactification by measures

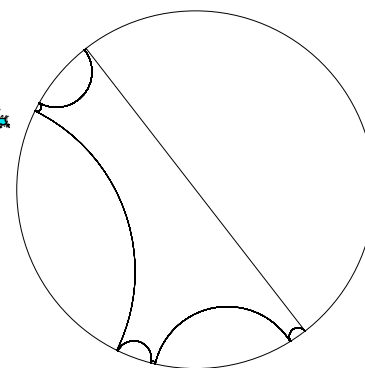
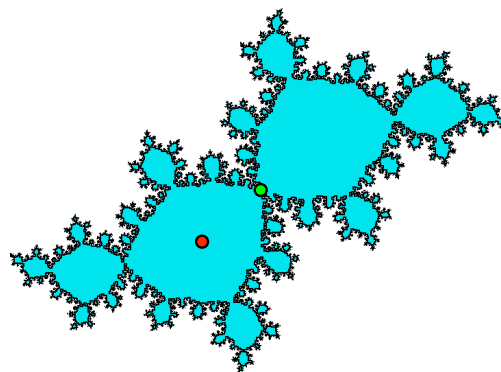
- $\nu : B_d \rightarrow M_d(S^1)$ is an embedding.
- boundary of $\nu(B_d)$ is a sphere.
- (simple cycles+weights) dense in $(S^1)^{(d-1)} = \text{Shilov boundary of } \nu(B_d)$
- *measure boundary* \Leftrightarrow *algebraic boundary*
- $H\dim(\nu(F,S)) = \log e / \log d, e = \deg(F)$

strata

Compare (loops+weights) $\subset PML_g = \partial T_g$

Invariant measures for z^2

$(F,S) = (\lambda z, -\lambda), |\lambda| = 1$

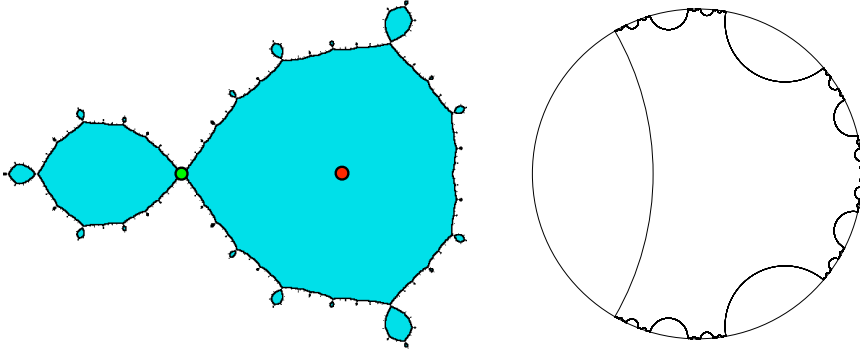


Compare Brownian motion
inside/outside

$H.\dim(\text{Cantor set}) = 0$

Invariant measures for z^3

$$(F,S) = (z^2, -1)$$



More generally:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all deg } d \text{ expanding} \\ \text{covering relations } (F,S) \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow M_d(S^1)$$

$$\text{H.dim(Cantor set)} = \log 2 / \log 3$$

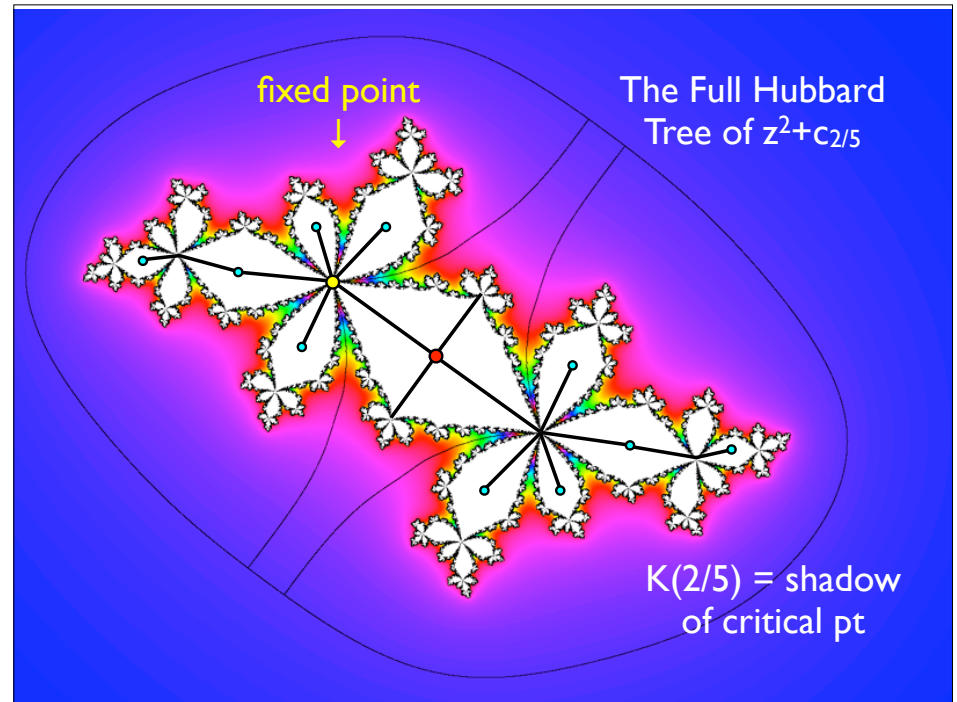
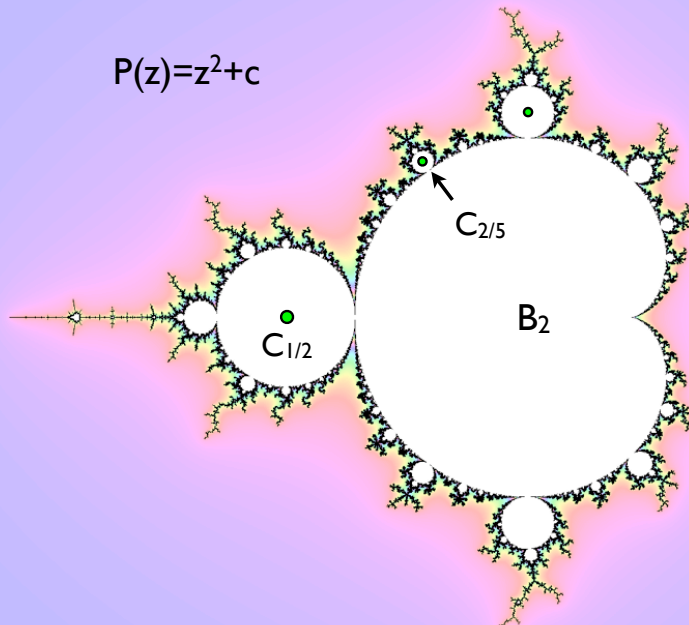
Compactification by marked lengths

- $\{f_n\}$ diverges in $B_d \Rightarrow (f_n : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta)$ converges geometrically to an isometric branched covering $f: T \rightarrow T$ of a *ribbon R-tree*.
- $L(C, f_n) \sim L(C, f) =$ translation of periodic end of T
- T is simplicial, and T/f is a finite tree.
- $L(C, f)$ span a finite-dimensional vector space / \mathbb{Q}

Morgan-Shalen, Bestvina, Paulin... M. Wolff

Limbs of the Mandelbrot set

$$P(z) = z^2 + c$$



Quadratic Trees

- $f_n \rightarrow \{(p/q) \text{ root}\}$ radially \Rightarrow limit is the full Hubbard tree of $z^2 + c_{p/q}$.
- $L(C, f_n) \sim |C \cap K(p/q)|$
- The space of all quadratic trees is $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ with the rational points blown up to intervals.

different from the measure boundary!

(while same in T_g – because of $i(a,b)$)

Thermodynamic formalism

$$B_d \rightarrow \frac{C^{1+\epsilon}(S^1)}{\{\text{coboundaries}\}} \rightarrow M_d(S^1)$$

$$f \rightarrow Lf = \varphi_*(\log f') \rightarrow v(f)$$

length function

$$L(C, f) = \sum \{Lf(z) : z \in C\}$$

$$\text{Pressure } P(Lf) = 0 \quad \text{convex}$$

Metric on B_d

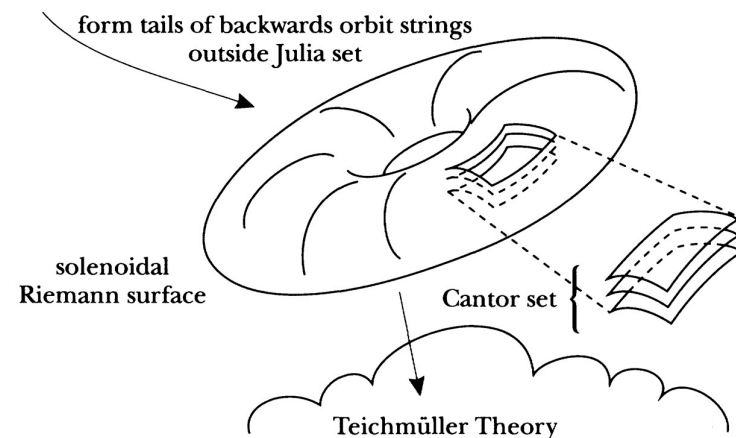
$$\begin{aligned} \|f_0\|^2 &= h(f_0, m) \cdot D^2 P \left(\left. \frac{d}{dt} Lf_t \right|_{t=0} \right) \quad \text{pressure} \\ &= \left. \frac{d^2}{dt^2} L(f_t, \text{random cycle } C \text{ for } f_0) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= 4 \left. \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \text{H. dim } J(f_t \cup f_0) \right|_{t=0} \quad \text{mating} \\ &= \frac{16}{3} \int_{\hat{X}} \rho^{-4} |v'''|^2 d\xi \quad \text{Schwarzian, quadratic differential} \end{aligned}$$

Weil-Petersson metric

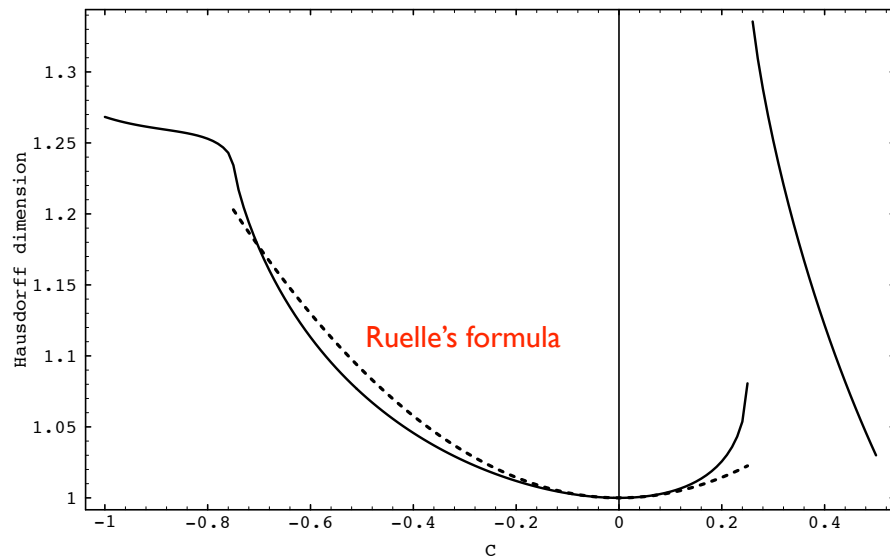
Riemann surface lamination

$$\hat{\Delta} = \{(z_i) \in \Delta^{\mathbb{Z}} : f(z_i) = z_{i+1} \text{ and } |z_i| \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } i \rightarrow -\infty\}$$

$$\hat{X} = \hat{\Delta} / \langle f \rangle \quad (\text{Sullivan})$$



Dimension of Julia set of $f(z) = z^2 + c$



Dimension Formula

Theorem For t near zero, the family of polynomials

$$F_t(z) = z^d + t(b_2 z^{d-2} + b_3 z^{d-3} + \dots + b_d)$$

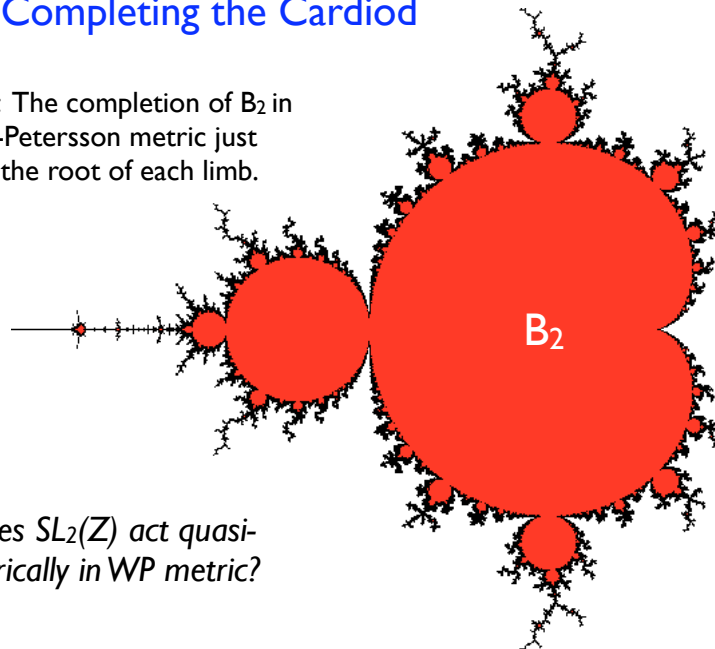
satisfies

$$\text{H. dim } J(F_t) = 1 + \frac{|t|^2}{4d^2 \log d} \sum k^2 |b_k|^2 + O(|t|^3).$$

Abenda-Moussa-Osbaldestin 1999

Completing the Cardioid

Conjecture: The completion of B_2 in the Weil-Petersson metric just attaches the root of each limb.



Q: Does $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ act quasi-isometrically in WP metric?