Topology and geometry of quadrature domains via holomorphic dynamics

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- In these situations, the complementary components of the droplet *T* admit global reflection maps. (Lee-Makarov)

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 - Lee and Makarov used iteration of Schwarz reflection maps to study the topology of quadrature domains.

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- The rational map R_{Ω} and the Schwarz reflection map σ have the same (finite) set of poles.

Algebraic properties of quadrature domains

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• The rational map ϕ semi-conjugates the reflection map $1/\overline{z}$ of \mathbb{D} to the Schwarz reflection map σ of Ω .

Quadrature domains and Schottky double

 Ω = Quadrature domain of connectivity k with Schwarz reflection map σ (i.e., k = # connected components of Ω^c = Ĉ \ Ω).

Theorem (Gustafsson, Acta Appl. Math., 1983)

There exist a genus k - 1 compact Riemann surface Σ , an anti-conformal involution ι of Σ , and a meromorphic map $f : \Sigma \to \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ such that

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$$\Sigma \setminus \operatorname{Fix}(\iota) = \Sigma^+ \sqcup \Sigma_-$$
, where Σ^\pm are connected;

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$$f: \Sigma^-
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 is a conformal isomorphism; and

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2) σ is the unique conformal mating of the reflection map ρ and the anti-polynomial $z \mapsto \overline{z}^2 : \overline{\mathbb{D}} \to \overline{\mathbb{D}}$.

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Theorem (Luo–Lyubich–M)

Let f be a generic degree d anti-polynomial with connected Julia set. Then, there exists a Schwarz reflection map, unique up to Möbius conjugacy, that is a conformal mating between f and the Nielsen map of an ideal (d + 1)-gon reflection group.

Thank you!