

**Transcendental complete trajectories  
of polynomial vector fields on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .**

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• A **vector field**  $X$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is a section of the tangent bundle of  $\mathbb{C}^2$

$$X = R \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + S \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad R, S \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^2}.$$

Associated to  $X$  we have the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = R(x, y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = S(x, y) \end{cases}$$

**Existence and uniqueness of a local solution**  $\Rightarrow$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^2$  there exists a local solution  $t \in \mathbb{D}_{r_z} \mapsto \varphi_z(t)$  of  $X$  through  $z$ .

• Given the local solution  $t \mapsto \varphi_z(t)$  of  $X$  through  $z \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , we can extend it by analytic continuation along the paths in  $\mathbb{C}$  to the maximal domain of definition  $\Omega_z$  in the sense of Riemann. This map

$$\varphi_z : \Omega_z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$$

is called the **solution** of  $X$  through  $z$  and its image  $C_z$  defines the **trajectory**.

- Suppose that  $X$  is **polynomial** and of degree  $m$ . Let us consider the atlas

$$\{(U_i, \phi_i^{-1})\}_{i=0,1,2}$$

of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  given by the three basic charts

$$U_i := \{[z_0 : z_1 : z_2], z_i \neq 0\} \quad \text{para } i = 0, 1, 2;$$

and the homeomorphisms  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow U_i$  defined by

$$\phi_0(z_1, z_2) = [1 : z_1 : z_2], \quad \phi_1(y_1, y_2) = [y_1 : 1 : y_2],$$

$$\phi_2(w_1, w_2) = [w_1 : w_2 : 1].$$

- $X$  defines a **rational vector field** on  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  which is given in each chart  $(U_i, \phi_i^{-1})$  by  $(\phi_i^{-1} \circ \phi_0)_* X$ . The **pole** of  $X$  along  $L_\infty$  is of order  $d = m - 1$  order  $m - 2$ .

- If we remove the pole of  $X$ , we obtain in each cahrt  $(U_i, \phi_i^{-1})$  a polynomial  $X_i$  with isolated zeroes. Since in each of the intersections  $U_i \cap U_j$  (with  $i \neq j$ )

$$X_i = \xi_{ij} \cdot X_j, \quad \text{donde } \xi_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_i \cap U_j),$$

the fields  $\{X_i\}_{i=0,1,2}$  define a global section  $\mathcal{F}_X$  of

$$T\mathbb{CP}^2 \otimes \mathcal{O}(d)$$

which is the **foliation defined by  $X$** .

•  $X$  is **complete** if  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^2$  the solution  $\varphi_z : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow C_z$  of  $X$  through  $z$  is entire.

• *The complete trajectories of  $X$  are biholomorphic either to  $\mathbb{C}$ , or to a punctured plane  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .*

If  $\varphi_z : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow C_z$  is entire  $\Rightarrow$

$C_z \simeq \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma$  a lattice of  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, +)$   $\Rightarrow$

the range of  $\Gamma$  is 0 or 1 ( $\mathbb{C}^2$  is Stein).

• A trajectory  $C_z$  of a holomorphic vector field  $X$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is **proper** if  $\overline{C_z}$  (topological closure in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ) defines an analytic curve.

• If  $C_z$  is proper,  $\overline{C_z} \setminus C_z$  is at most a finite set of points.

**Example.** Any trajectory of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$  of a complete vector field in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is proper (M. Suzuki).

• If  $X$  is polynomial, since  $C_z$  is contained in a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}_X \Rightarrow$  we can define its **limit set**,  $\lim(C_z)$ , as the boundary of  $C_z$  in  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .

• When  $C_z$  is proper there exist two possibilities:

★  $\lim(C_z) \cap L_\infty = \{\text{finite set of points}\} \Rightarrow \overline{C_z}$  is algebraic.

★  $\lim(C_z) \cap L_\infty = L_\infty$ .

• **Transcendental** means proper and non algebraic.

• A polynomial vector field on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is determined by a transcendental trajectory  $C_z$  (up to multiplication by a constant). Thus we can ask *if the fact that  $X$  has a complete transcendental trajectory  $C_z$  implies that  $X$  is complete.*

**Theorem.** *Any polynomial vector field on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  with a complete transcendental trajectory is complete.*

## Sketch of the proof.

**1.- Previous work.** In a recent paper:

A. Bustinduy, *On the entire solutions of a polynomial vector field on  $\mathbb{C}^2$* , Indiana University Math. Journal vol. 53 (2), 2004,

we have provided a classification of polynomial fields with a complete transcendental trajectory:

**Theorem.** *Let  $C_z$  be a complete transcendental trajectory of  $X$ :*

**A) If  $C_z$  is of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , up to a polynomial automorphism, we have two possibilities:**

**i) There is a line invariant by  $X$ , and  $X$  is one of the following vector fields:**

*i.1)*

$$\lambda x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + [a(x)y + b(x)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

where  $a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

*i.2)*

$$x[n f(x^m y^n) + \alpha] \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y[m f(x^m y^n) + \beta] \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

with  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $f(z) \in z \cdot \mathbb{C}[z]$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\beta/\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}^*$  and  $\alpha m - \beta n \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

*i.3)*

$$x[n S + \alpha] \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left\{ -\frac{[nT + m(x^\ell y + p(x))] S + \alpha T}{x^\ell} \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

where  $m, n, \ell \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $p(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  of degree  $< \ell$  with  $p(0) \neq 0$ ,  $T = \ell x^\ell y + x p'(x)$ ,  $S = f(x^m (x^\ell y + p(x))^n)$  where  $f(z) \in z \cdot \mathbb{C}[z]$ , and

$$[n x p'(x) + m p(x)] S + \alpha x p'(x) \in x^\ell \cdot \mathbb{C}[x, y].$$

**ii) There is no a line invariant by  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_X$  is  $P$ -complete with  $P$  of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , and after rational change of coordinates  $H$ , it can be reduced to a normal form:**

$$H^*X = u^k \cdot \left\{ a(v)u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + c(v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a(v) \in \mathbb{C}[v]$ , and  $c(v) = \mu v^j (v^n - s)^r$ , with  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $s, \mu \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**B) If  $C_z$  is of type  $\mathbb{C}$ , there exists an analytic automorphism  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  such that**

$$\Phi^*X = f(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

with  $f$  a non-vanishing entire function.

- We reduce the proof of this theorem to see that for a polynomial vector field with a complete transcendental trajectory  $C_z$  of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$  the case (ii) in Theorem can not occur.

## 2.- Analyze $P$ -complete foliations with $P$ of type $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

- There are many distinct polynomials of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$  after a polynomial automorphism, that can be written as:

$$P = x^m(x^\ell y + p(x))^n, \text{ where } m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$$

and  $p \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  of degree  $< \ell$  such that  $p(0) \neq 0$  if  $\ell > 0$ , or  $p \equiv 0$  if  $\ell = 0$  (Suzuki-Saito's Theorem).

- The rational map  $H$  is defined according to the relations

$$x = u^n \quad \text{and} \quad x^\ell y + p(x) = v u^{-m}$$

so that the inverse image of a given fiber  $P^{-1}(k)$ , with  $k \neq 0$ , is defined by the family of the  $n$  punctured lines

$$v = \xi_{1k} \setminus \{(0, \xi_{1k})\}, \dots, v = \xi_{nk} \setminus \{(0, \xi_{nk})\},$$

where  $\xi_{jk}$  with  $j = 1, \dots, n$  are the  $n$ -th roots of  $k$ . This way  $H^* \mathcal{F}_X$  is in fact a foliation  $v$ -complete that leaves invariant the line  $\{u = 0\}$ .

### 3.- Use $H$ to parametrize the two ends of $C_z$ .

- $C_z = \Sigma$  (transcendental end)  $\cup \Delta$  (algebraic end).

- Given a point  $(x_0, y_0) \in \Sigma$ , we can ask ourselves if  $\Sigma$  can be explicitly parametrized around  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

- We can suppose that  $(x_0, y_0)$  is not in  $P^{-1}(0)$  (singular fiber):  
 $P$  is of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$   $\Rightarrow \Sigma$  is at infinity with respect to  $P \Rightarrow$   
 $\Sigma \cap \{P = 0\} = \emptyset$ .

- Let us consider  $(u_0, v_0) \in H^{-1}(x_0, y_0)$ , that is,

$$u_0 = \sqrt[n]{x_0} \quad \text{and} \quad v_0 = (\sqrt[n]{x_0})^m (x_0^\ell y_0 + p(x_0)),$$

and the leaf  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $H^* \mathcal{F}_X$  which contains it.

- Instead of

$$Y = a(v)u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + c(v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v},$$

we can take a convenient multiple of it,

$$(1/c(v)) \cdot Y,$$

that we can integrate.

**Lemma.** Given  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\Sigma$ ,  $\forall (u_0, v_0) \in H^{-1}(x_0, y_0)$ , there exists a disk  $\mathbb{D}_r(v_0)$  such that the map  $\gamma : \mathbb{D}_r(v_0) \rightarrow \Sigma$  given by

$$\gamma(t) = H \left( u_0 e^{\int_{v_0}^t \frac{a(z)}{c(z)} dz}, t \right) \quad (*)$$

parametrizes a neighborhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\Sigma$ .

• Let us take a disk  $\mathbb{D}_R$  containing  $c(v) = 0$  and  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\Sigma$  such that  $(u_0, v_0) \in H^{-1}(x_0, y_0)$  verifies  $v_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{D}_R$ , then (\*) can be extended by analytic continuation along paths in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{D}_R$  from  $v_0$  as a multivaluated holomorphic function. If we now take the biholomorphism

$$p : \overline{\mathbb{D}}_{1/R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{D}_R, \quad s \quad \mapsto \quad 1/s = t$$

**Definition.** Given a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\Sigma$ , for each  $(u_0, v_0) \in H^{-1}(x_0, y_0)$  there exists  $R > 0$  such that

$$\bar{\gamma} := \gamma \circ p = H \left( u_0 e^{\int_{s_0}^s -\frac{a(1/z)}{c(1/z)} \frac{dz}{z^2}}, 1/s \right), \quad \text{with } s_0 = 1/v_0,$$

defines a multivaluated map from  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}_{1/R} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $\Sigma$ , that we will call the **multivaluated parametrization of  $\Sigma$** .

• **Normal form for the parametrization of  $\Sigma$ .**

If we analyze the normal forms of the 1-form  $\omega = a(z)/c(z) dz$  at poles and zeroes we obtain:

**Proposition.** Given the parametrization  $\bar{\gamma}$  of  $\Sigma$ , there is a biholomorphism  $\phi : V \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_{1/R}$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$  such that  $\bar{\gamma} \circ \phi(w)$  is equal to

1.-

$$H \left( u_0 e^{-\frac{w_0^{l+1}}{l+1}} e^{\frac{w^{l+1}}{l+1}}, 1/\phi(w) \right),$$

if  $\omega$  has a zero of order  $l \geq 0$  at  $\infty$ ,

2.-

$$H \left( u_0 e^{-\lambda \log w_0} e^{\lambda \log w}, 1/\phi(w) \right),$$

if  $\omega$  has a pole of order  $l = 1$  at  $\infty$ , and

3.-

$$H \left( u_0 e^{\left(-\frac{w_0^{-l+1}}{-l+1} - \lambda \log w_0\right)} e^{\left(\frac{w^{-l+1}}{-l+1} + \lambda \log w\right)}, 1/\phi(w) \right),$$

if  $\omega$  has a pole of order  $l \geq 2$  at  $\infty$ ,

with  $\phi(w) = s$  and  $\phi(w_0) = s_0$ . These equations are the normal forms of the parametrization of  $\Sigma$ .

• **The same ideas work to parametrize the algebraic end  $\Delta$  and obtain its normal forms:**

• We can take  $v_0 \in \mathbb{D}_{r_1}(\xi_{1s})$  with  $(x_0, y_0) = H(u_0, v_0)$ , obtain a local solution  $\delta$  of  $(1/c(v)) \cdot Y$  and extend it by analytic continuation along paths in  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}(\xi_{1s})$  from  $v_0$  as a multivaluated holomorphic function.

**4.- The poles of  $\omega = a(z)/c(z) dz$  including the point at infinity are of order one  $\Leftrightarrow d \log u = du/u = \omega$  belongs to the Fuchsian class**

• **The global one-form of times.**

$\mathcal{F}_X$  is  $P$ -complete with  $P$  of type  $\mathbb{C}^*$   $\Rightarrow$  if we remove the singular locus of  $dP(x, y)$ , the one-form

$$\eta = [(m + n\ell)x^\ell y + mp(x) + nxp'(x)]dx + nx^{\ell+1}dy$$

is such that

$$\eta(X) = \varrho \cdot x^\alpha \cdot (x^\ell y + p(x))^\beta \cdot [x^m(x^\ell y + p(x))^n - s]^\gamma,$$

for  $\varrho \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$ , and thus

$$\tau = \frac{1}{x^\alpha \cdot (x^\ell y + p(x))^\beta \cdot [x^m(x^\ell y + p(x))^n - s]^\gamma} \cdot \eta$$

verifies that

$$\tau(X) \equiv 1.$$

- $\tau$  has the following property:

for any path  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow C_z$  from  $p = c(0)$  to  $q = c(1)$  contained in  $C_z$  that avoids the set of poles

$$x^\alpha \cdot (x^\ell y + p(x))^\beta \cdot [x^m (x^\ell y + p(x))^n - s]^\gamma = 0$$

of  $\tau$  it holds that

$$\int_c \tau = \int_0^1 c^* \tau$$

is the complex time (up to periods) required by the flow of  $X$  to travel from  $p$  to  $q$ . We call  $\tau$  **global one-form of times**.

- This  $\tau$  along with the normal forms of the parametrizations of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Delta$  allows to prove:

**Lemma.** If  $du/u = \omega$  does not belong to the Fuchsian class, there exist a sequence  $\{(x_q, y_q)\}_{q \in \mathbb{N}}$  of points in  $C_z$  which converges to a point  $\varrho$  in its boundary and paths  $e_q : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Sigma$  from  $(x_0, y_0) = e_q(0)$  to  $(x_q, y_q) = e_q(1)$  such that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \int_{e_q} \tau \right\| < \infty.$$

- After this lemma,

$$\omega = \frac{a(z)}{\mu z(z^n - s)} dz = \frac{a(z)}{\mu z \prod_{i=1}^n (z - \xi_{is})} dz.$$

- In order that the point at infinity  $\infty$  also has order one the degree of  $a(z)$  cannot exceed  $n \Rightarrow$  we can obtain a partial **fraction expansion** of  $\omega$ ,

$$\omega = \left\{ \frac{r_0}{z} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i}{z - \xi_{is}} \right\} dz, \quad \text{with } r_0, r_i \in \mathbb{C}^*,$$

which gives us a (multivaluated) meromorphic first integral of  $H^* \mathcal{F}_X$ :

given  $(u_0, v_0) \notin \{\mu v \prod_{i=1}^n (v - \xi_{is}) = 0\}$ , the solution  $(u(t), v(t))$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= u_0 e^{\int_{v_0}^t \frac{a(z)}{\mu z \prod_{i=1}^n (z - \xi_{is})} dz} \\ v(t) &= t. \end{aligned}$$

- As

$$\int \frac{a(z)}{\mu z \prod_{i=1}^n (z - \xi_{is})} dz = \log \left( z^{r_0} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (z - \xi_{is})^{r_i} \right),$$

$$u(t) = u_0 \left( \frac{t^{r_0} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (t - \xi_{is})^{r_i}}{v_0^{r_0} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (v_0 - \xi_{is})^{r_i}} \right)$$

$$v(t) = t.$$

and

$$f = \frac{u}{v^{r_0} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (v - \xi_{is})^{r_i}}$$

is a **(multivaluated) meromorphic integral of  $H^* \mathcal{F}_X$ .**

- Let us consider  $C_z$  and the finite set of points  $\mathcal{X}$  in which  $C_z$  (maybe) meets  $\{x = 0\}$ .

- As  $H$  is a finite covering map from  $u \neq 0$  to  $x \neq 0$ , it is proper  $\Rightarrow H^{-1}(C_z \setminus \mathcal{X})$  is a finite disjoint union  $\mathcal{L}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{L}_h$  of parabolic transcendental trajectories of  $H^* X$ .

- Let us fix one of them, for instance  $\mathcal{L}_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$  is the Riemann surface defined by a fiber of  $f$  on a value of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

- Since  $T(u, v) = (ab^{-1}u, v)$  transforms  $f^{-1}(a)$  in  $f^{-1}(b) \Rightarrow H^*\mathcal{F}_X$  is a **parabolic proper foliation** in  $\mathbb{C}^2 \Rightarrow$  there exists a (non-constant) single-valued meromorphic first integral of  $H^*\mathcal{F}_X$  (M. Suzuki).

- This implies that the numbers  $r_0$  and  $r_i$  (for any  $i$ ) are in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , which contradicts the fact that  $C_z$  is transcendental.