

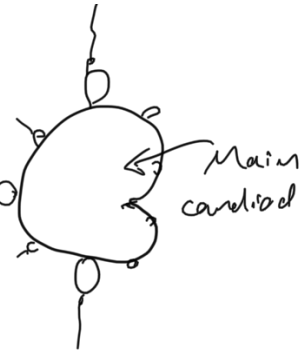
Lec 2: Mandelbrot set

Represents information about

all Julia sets of form

$$F_c(z) = z^2 + c \quad \text{"quadratic family"}$$

for $c \in \mathbb{C}$ complex plane.



$$M = \left\{ c : 0 \text{ is not in escaping set for } F_c(z) = z^2 + c \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ c : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F_c^n(0)| \neq \infty \right\}$$

Alternate characterization: $F_c(z) = z^2 + c$

$$M = \left\{ c : J(F_c) \text{ is } \underline{\text{connected}} \right\}$$

M is "connectedness locus"

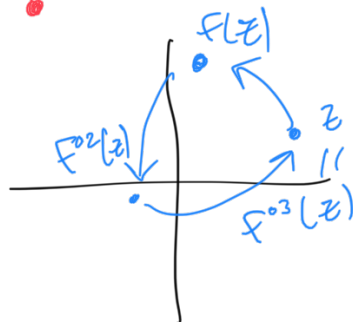
Fixed pts and periodic pts

Fixed pt for F : z s.t. $F(z) = z$

Periodic pt for F : z s.t. $F^n(z) = z$

for some n .

Minimal such n is order of periodic pt.



z periodic of order 3

Useful to study: easier to understand long term behavior under iteration

(How to find fixed/periodic pts):

E.g. $f(z) = z^2$

Fixed pt equation:

$$f(z) = z$$

$$z^2 = z$$

Solve: $z^2 - z = 0$

$$z(z-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z=0, z=1$$

Periodic pts: of order 2

$$f^{\circ 2}(z) = z \quad \leftarrow$$

$$(z^2)^2 = z \quad \leftarrow$$

$$z^4 = z$$

Solve: $z^4 - z = 0$ (degree 4)

Factor: $z(z^3 - 1) = 0$

Solutions: $z=0, z^3=1$

$z=1, \zeta, \zeta^2$

Order 2 pts: ζ, ζ^2

