

# A glance into Arithmetic Dynamics

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The set of preperiodic and periodic points of a map  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  are denoted respectively by

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- Can you give an explicit bound?
- How is the bound depending on  $f$ ?

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Conjecture (Uniform Boundedness Conjecture - Morton–Silverman 1994)

Let  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be a polynomial of degree  $d \geq 2$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
Then there exists a bound  $B = B(d)$  such that

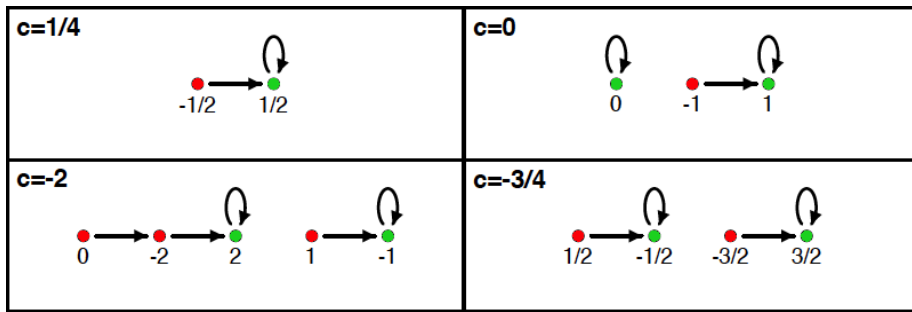
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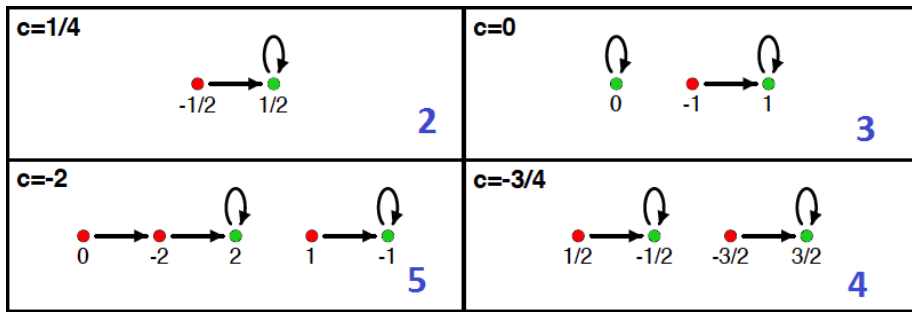
Lets study quadratic Polynomials.

Even more, assume  $f_c(x) = x^2 + c$  with  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ .



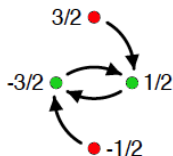


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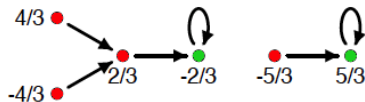
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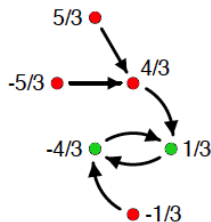
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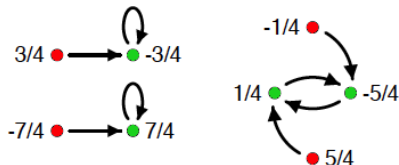
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If  $f = x^2 + d$  then B. Hutz and P. Ingram have shown that Poonen's conjecture holds when the numerator and denominator of  $d$  don't exceed  $10^8$ .

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If we allow the number of primes of bad reduction as a parameter, much more is known for the cardinality of the set of preperiodic points.

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J.K. Canci, S. Troncoso and S. Vishkautsan (submitted).

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**Preperiodic hypersurface:**  $\exists m \geq 0$  such that  $\phi^m(H)$   
The set of preperiodic hypersurface is denoted by  $HPrePer(\phi, \mathbb{Q})$ .  
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**Theorem (B. Hutz 2016)**

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