

Bounds for Preperiodic Points for Rational Maps with Good Reduction

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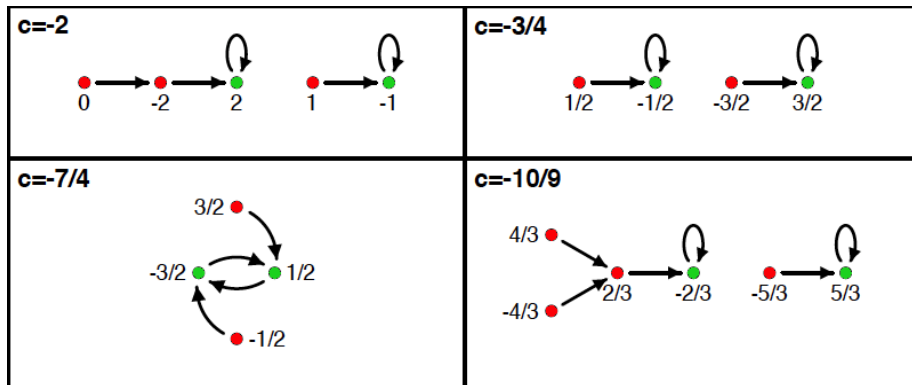
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There exists a bound $B = B(d)$ such that if $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is an endomorphism of degree $d \geq 2$ defined over \mathbb{Q} , then

$$|\text{PrePer}(\phi, \mathbb{Q})| \leq B.$$

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If $\phi = x^2 + d$ 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 rational preperiodic points.

Bound on maximal period

Theorem (W. Narkiewicz 1988)

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{Q}[z]$ be a polynomial of degree ≥ 2 defined over \mathbb{Q} . Suppose ϕ has good reduction outside a finite set of primes S .

If P is a rational periodic point of period n , then

$$n \leq (6 \cdot 7^{D+2|S|})^\alpha,$$

where $\alpha = O(|S| \log |S|)$.

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Theorem (J.K. Canci 2006)

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$$n \leq \left[e^{10^{12}} (|S| + 1)^8 (\log(5(|S| + 1)))^8 \right]^{|S|}.$$

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Theorem (S. Troncoso 2016)

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- (b) $|\text{Tail}(\phi, \mathbb{Q})| \leq 4(2^{16|S|d^3}).$
- (c) $|\text{PrePer}(\phi, \mathbb{Q})| \leq 5(2^{16|S|d^3}) + 3.$

Notice that the bounds obtained in the theorem are a significant improvement from the previous bound given by Canci and Paladino which was of the order $d^{2^{16s}(s \log(s))^D}$ for the set $|\text{PrePer}(\phi, \mathbb{Q})|$.

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Bounds independent of the degree

Theorem (S. Troncoso 2016)

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(b) If there are at least four rational periodic points of ϕ then

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- Beukers and Schlickewei give an explicit bound for the S -unit equation. The number of solutions $(u, v) \in (\mathbb{Z}_S^*)^2$ to

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We emphasize that the constants $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \lambda_1$ and λ_2 in the theorem depend only on the cardinality of S . An explicit definition of the constants $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \lambda_1$ and λ_2 can be given.

Arithmetic dynamics in \mathbb{P}^n

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