On W. Thurston's core-entropy theory

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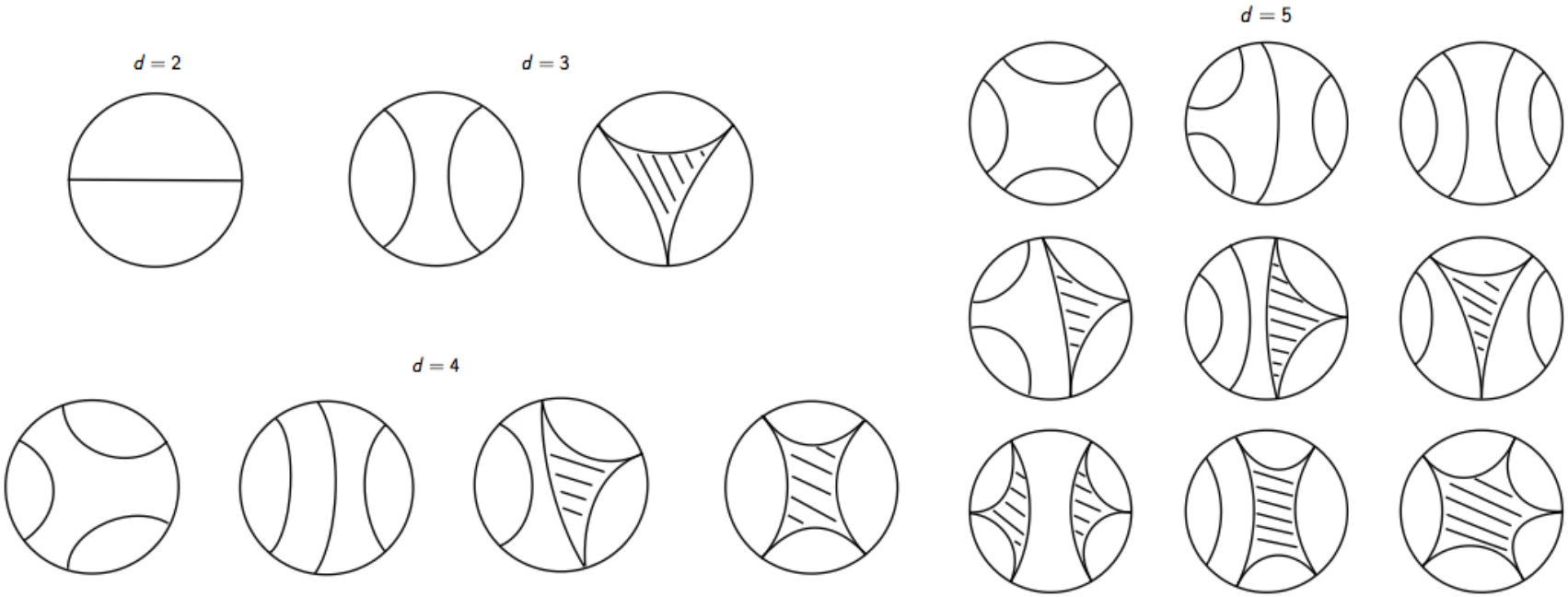

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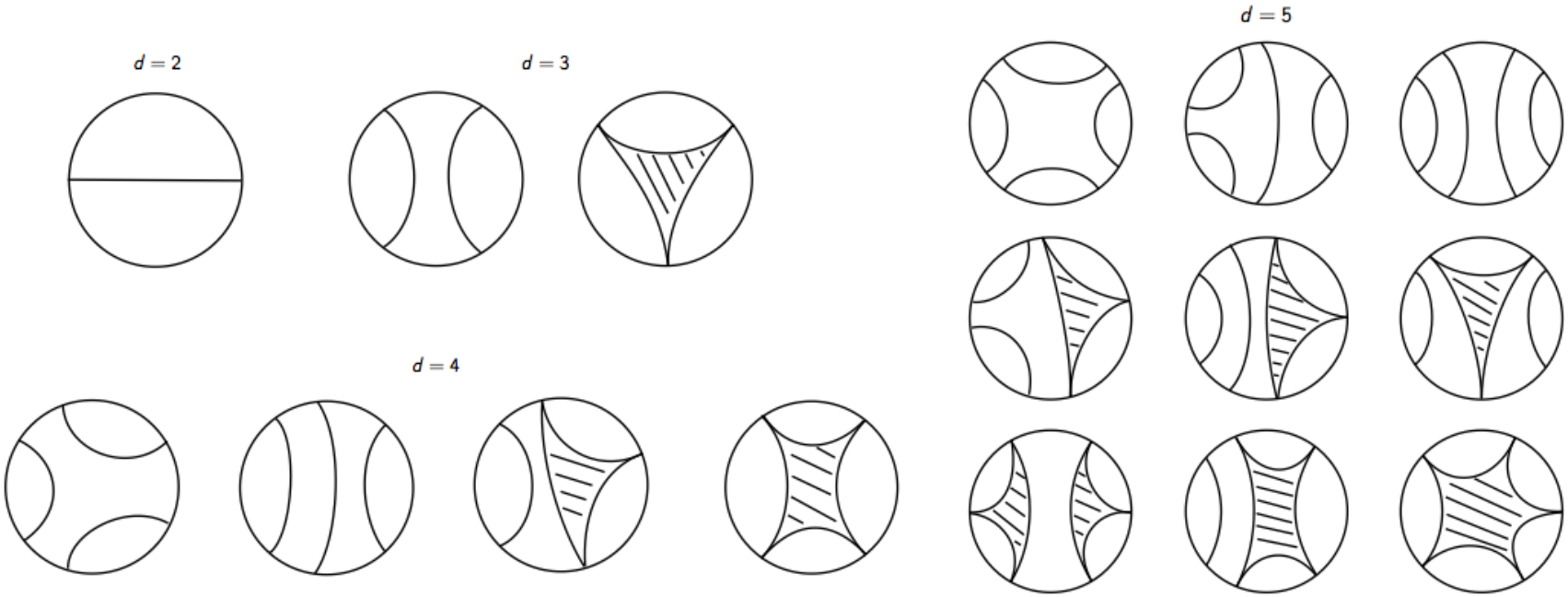

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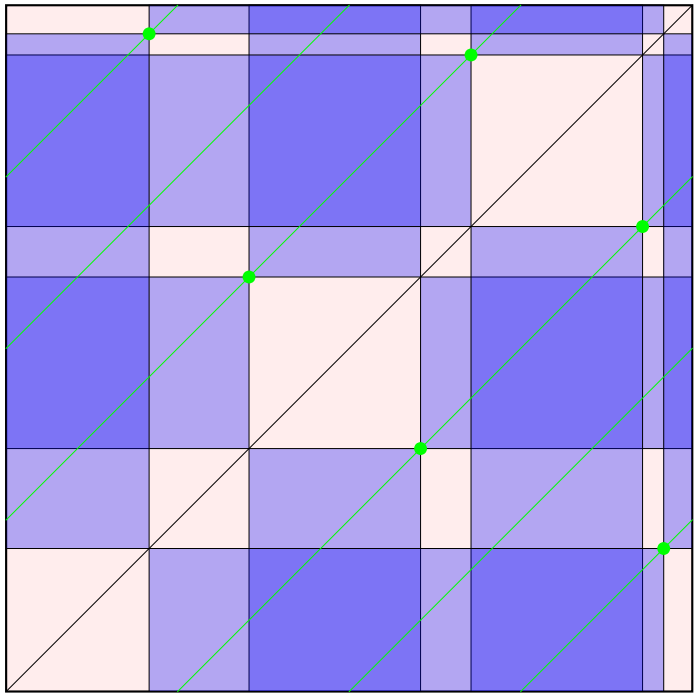
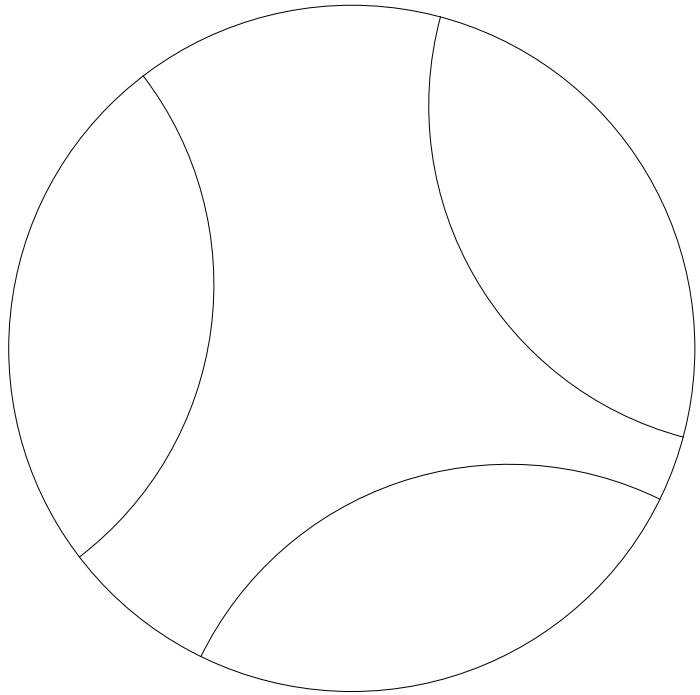
monic polynomial $P \longrightarrow$ primitive major m

Case 1. All critical points of P escape and escape with the same rate. Then $P \longleftrightarrow$ a unique m by pulling back the external rays landing at the critical values and record only the rays landing at the critical points.

Case 2. P is a postcritically finite polynomial, or more generally a connected locally connected filled Julia set. Then $P \longrightarrow$ finitely many m's by choosing one preferred ray and its co-rays per Fatou-cr-component and per Julia cr. point (so that the preferred rays keep the corresponding critical relations). In the postcritically finite case m is necessarily rational.

Primitive major $m \longrightarrow$ the binding set $B(m) \subset \mathbb{T}^2$





$\mathbb{D} \setminus m$ has d regions R_i, with $\overline{R_i} \cap S^1 =$ a union of closed intervals $J_1 \cup \cdots \cup J_k$ of total length $1/d$. Set $\mathbb{T}^2 \supset G(m) := \cup_{R_i}(J_1 \cup \cdots \cup J_k) \times (J_1 \cup \cdots \cup J_k)$ (the light pink rectangles). The map $F|_{G(m)} : G(m) \to \mathbb{T}^2$ is a degree d 'conformal repellor'. Let $K(m)$ be its non-escaping locus. Set $B(m) := K(m) \setminus$ diagonal.

$m \longrightarrow G(m)$ and then $B(m)$ whose dimension we want to measure

In the quadratic and cubic cases :

See deg2-deg3-TorusWithLamination-Growth

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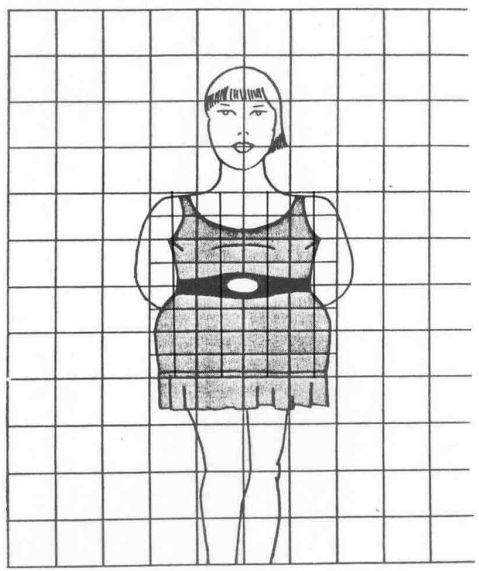

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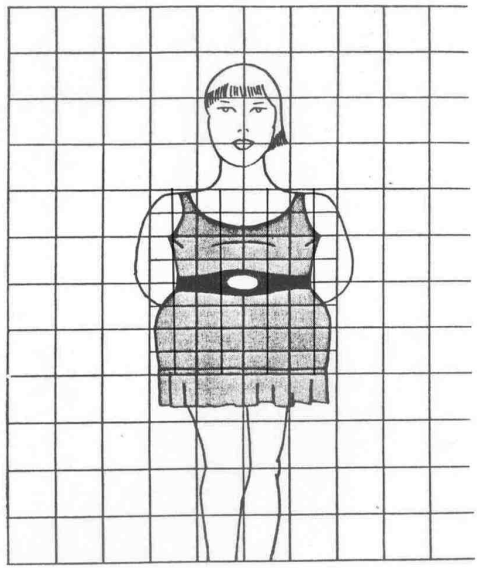

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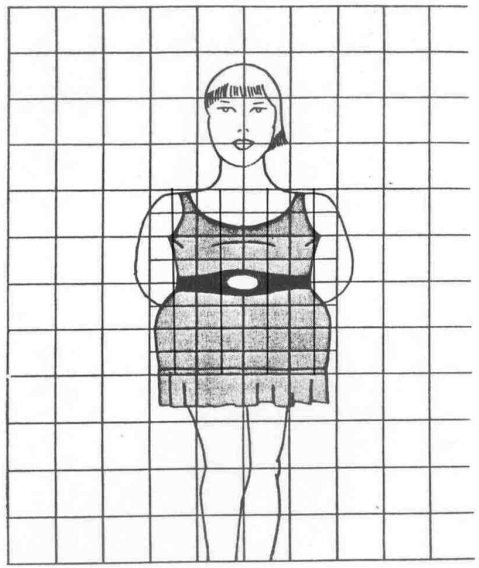

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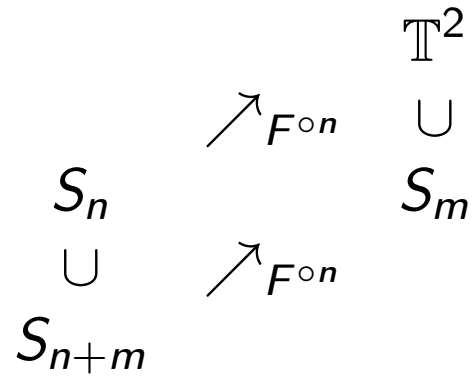

So $\nu(T, n+m) \leq \nu(T, n) \cdot \nu(T, m)$ and their growth rate exists.

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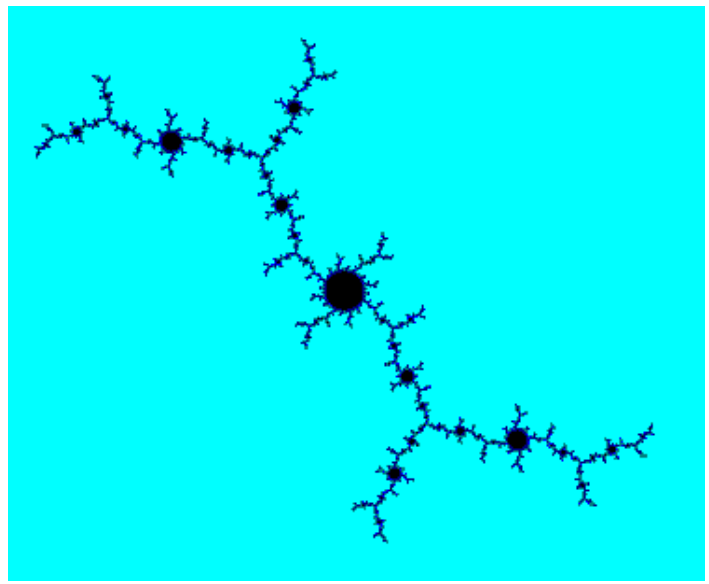

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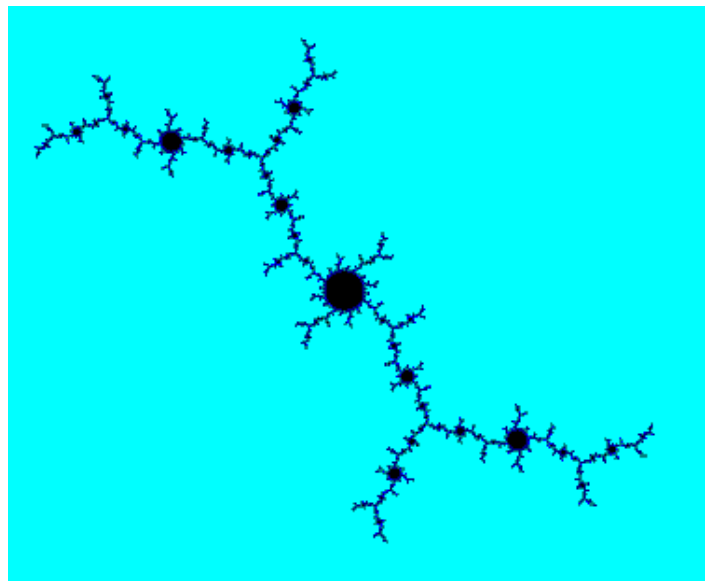

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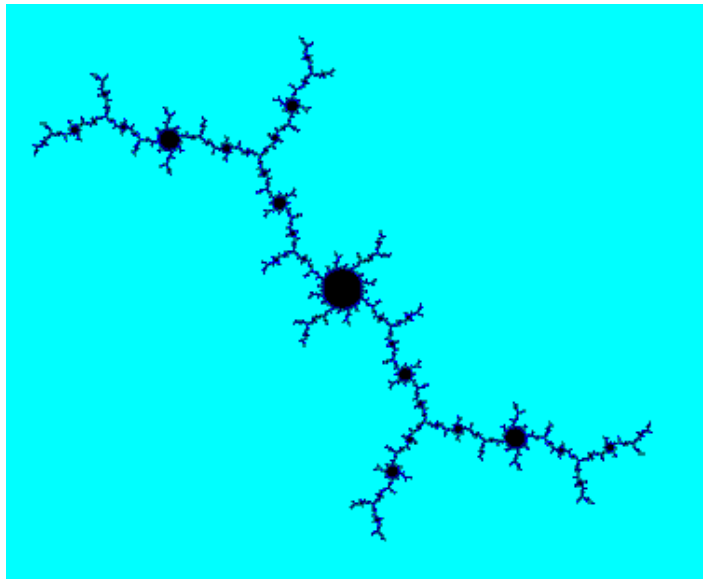

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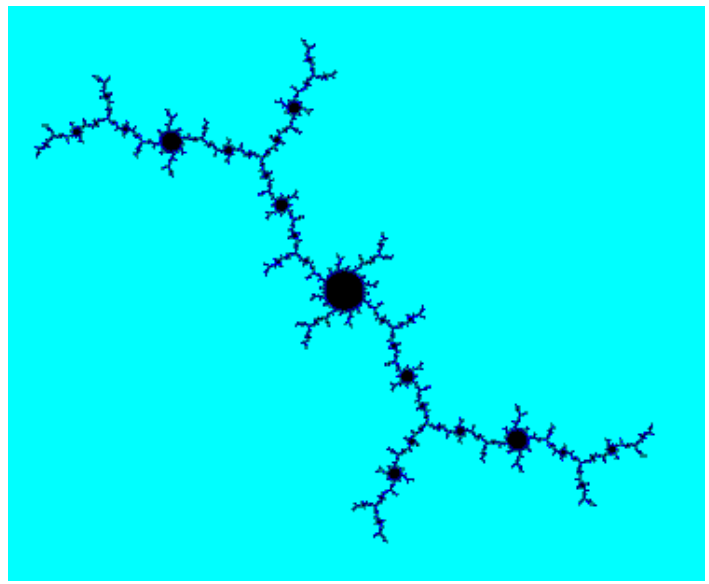

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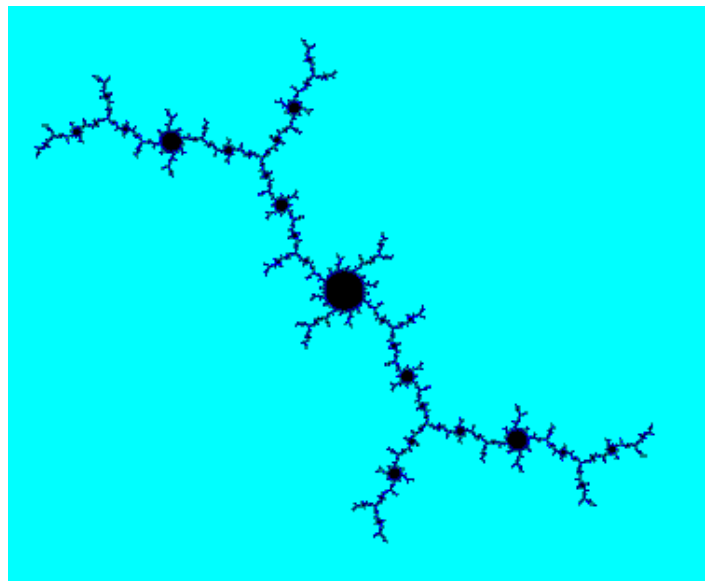

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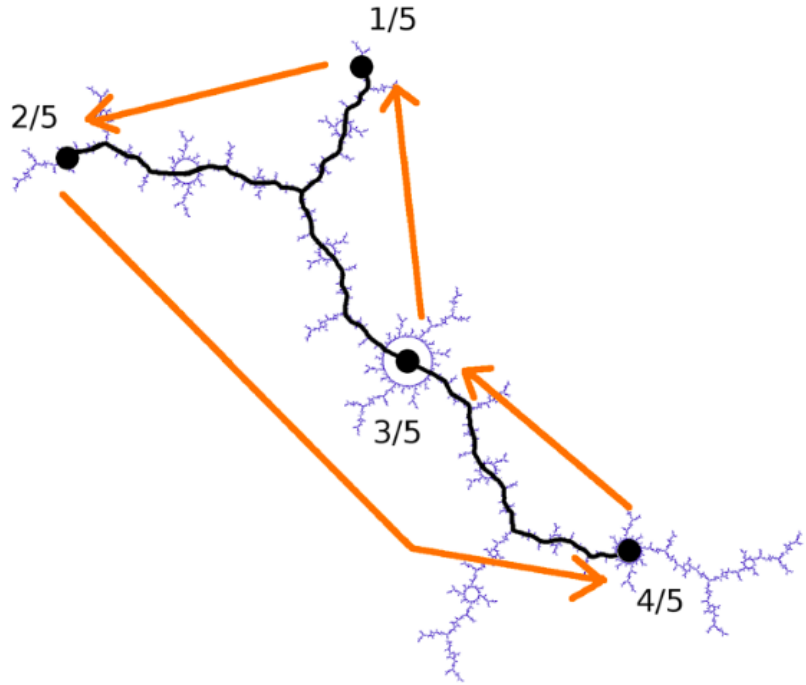

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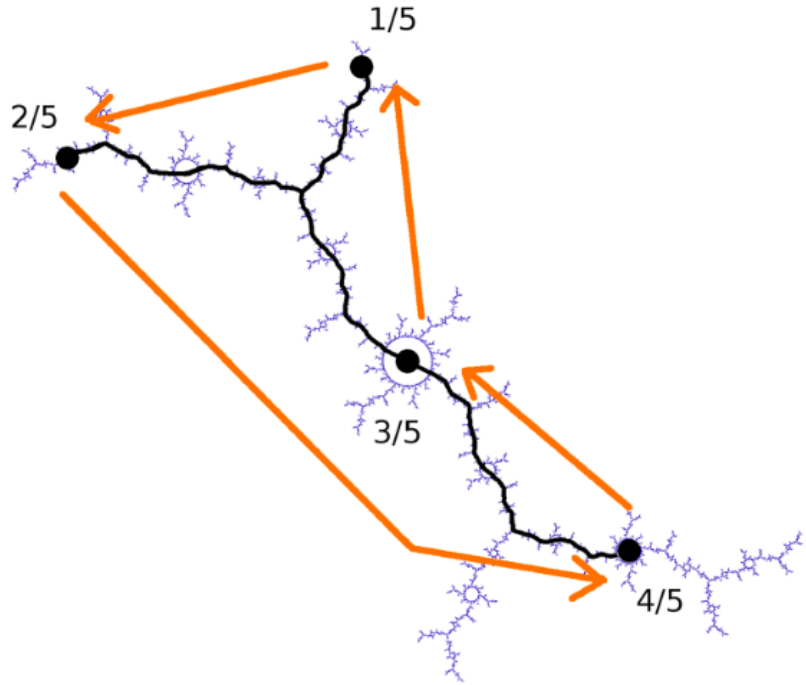

H_c exists for many "good" values of c.
If postcritically finite, $\exists$ Markov partition and matrix M_c and

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(Complex methods) Douady's formula

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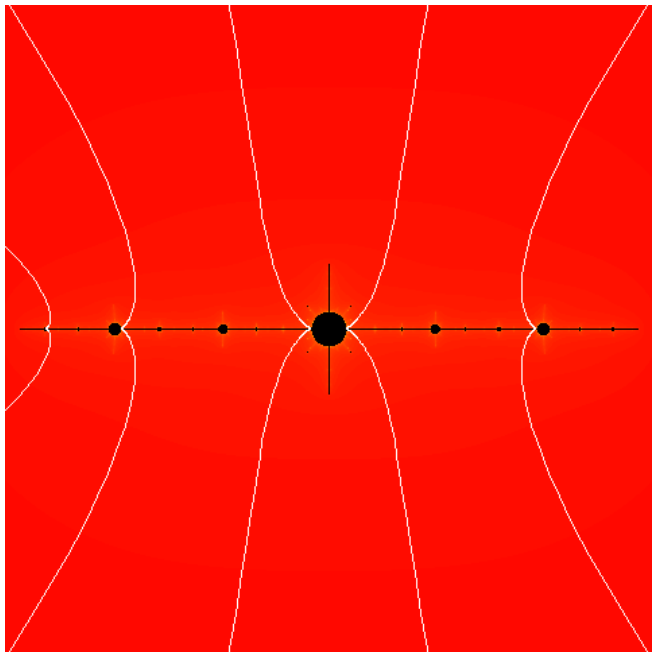
$Y_c \searrow$, so $h(c) \searrow$.



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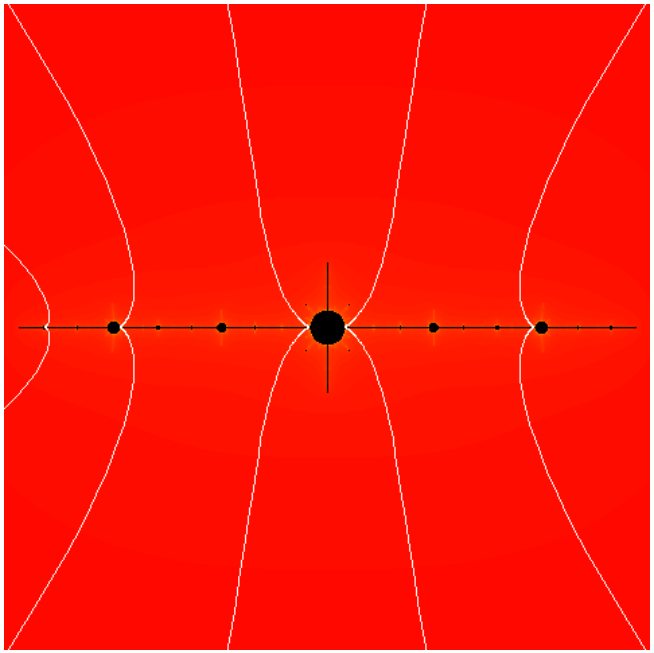

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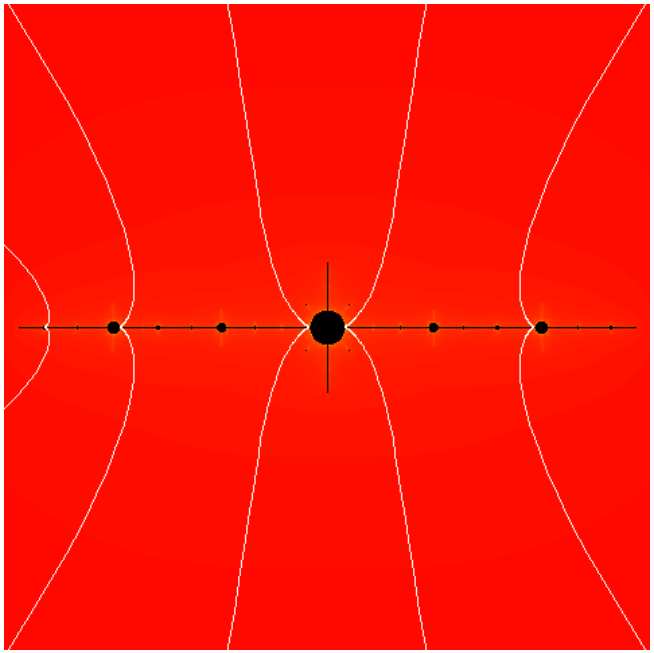

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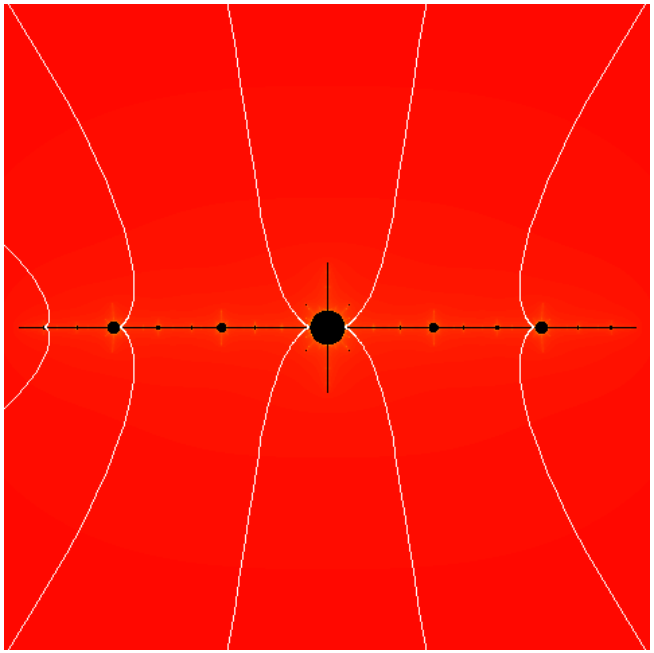

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 & \text{computable matrix } \Gamma_m & \longrightarrow \quad \lambda(\Gamma_m)
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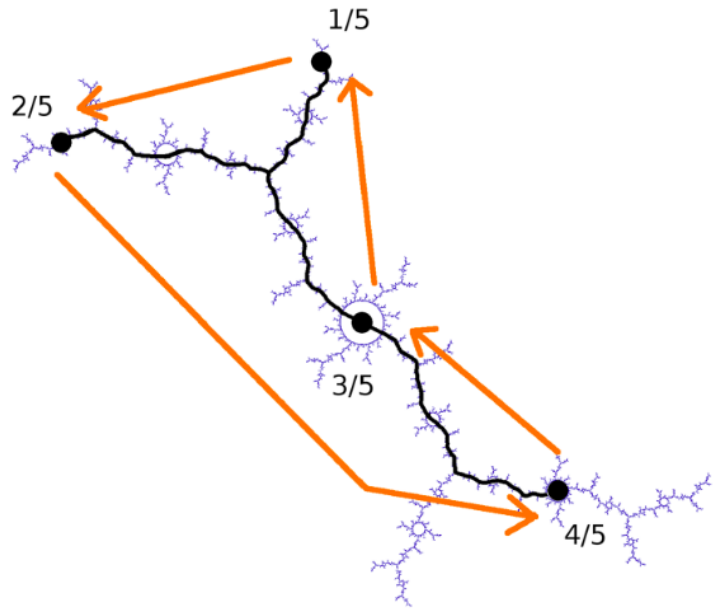

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Start from any rational angle $\theta \neq 0$, the primitive major $m = leaf(\theta/2, \theta + 1/2)$ separate the circle into two halves, each half is a closed segment in the circle (so the cutting points belong to both halves).

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A similar algorithm works for any primitive major of any degree.

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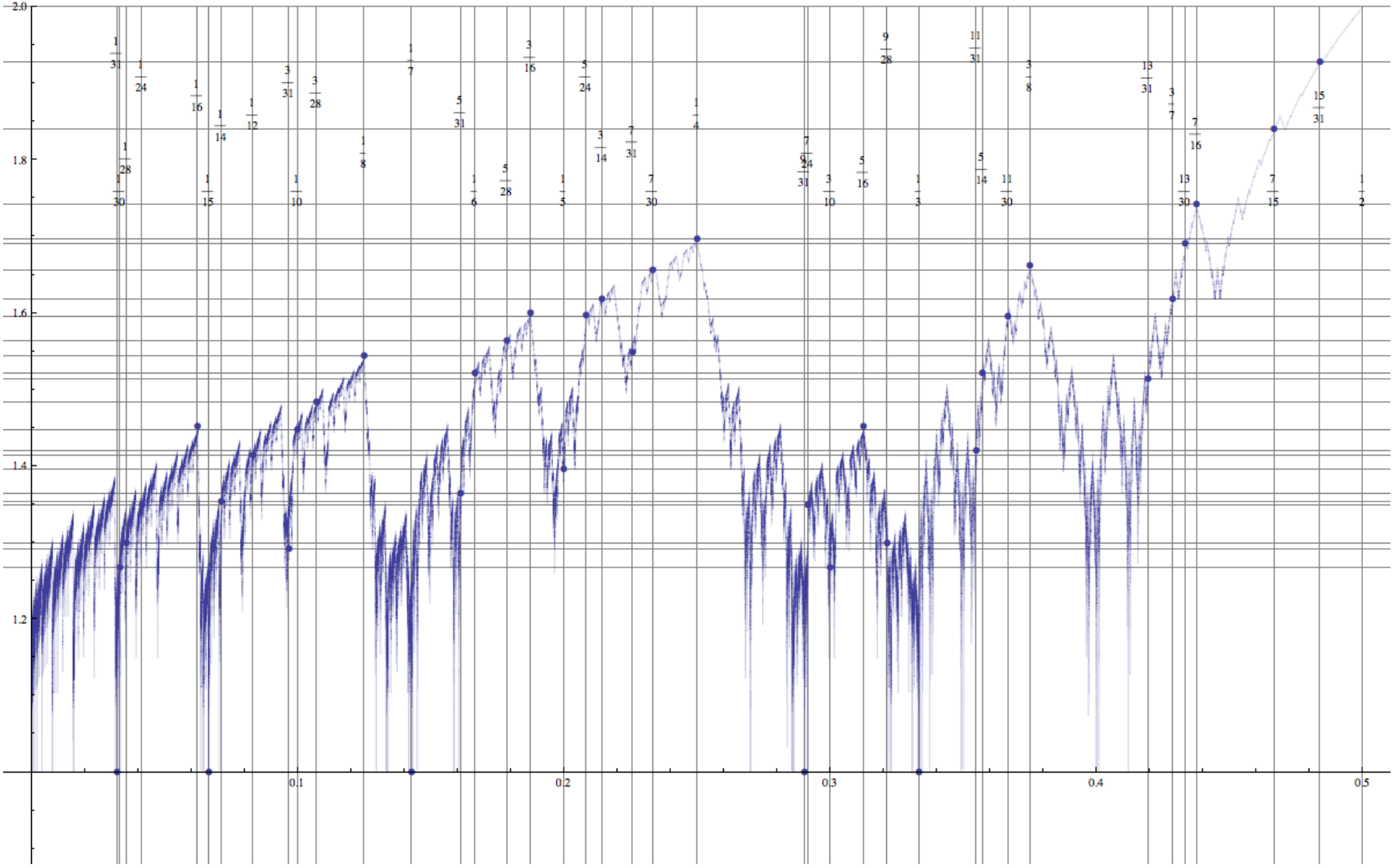

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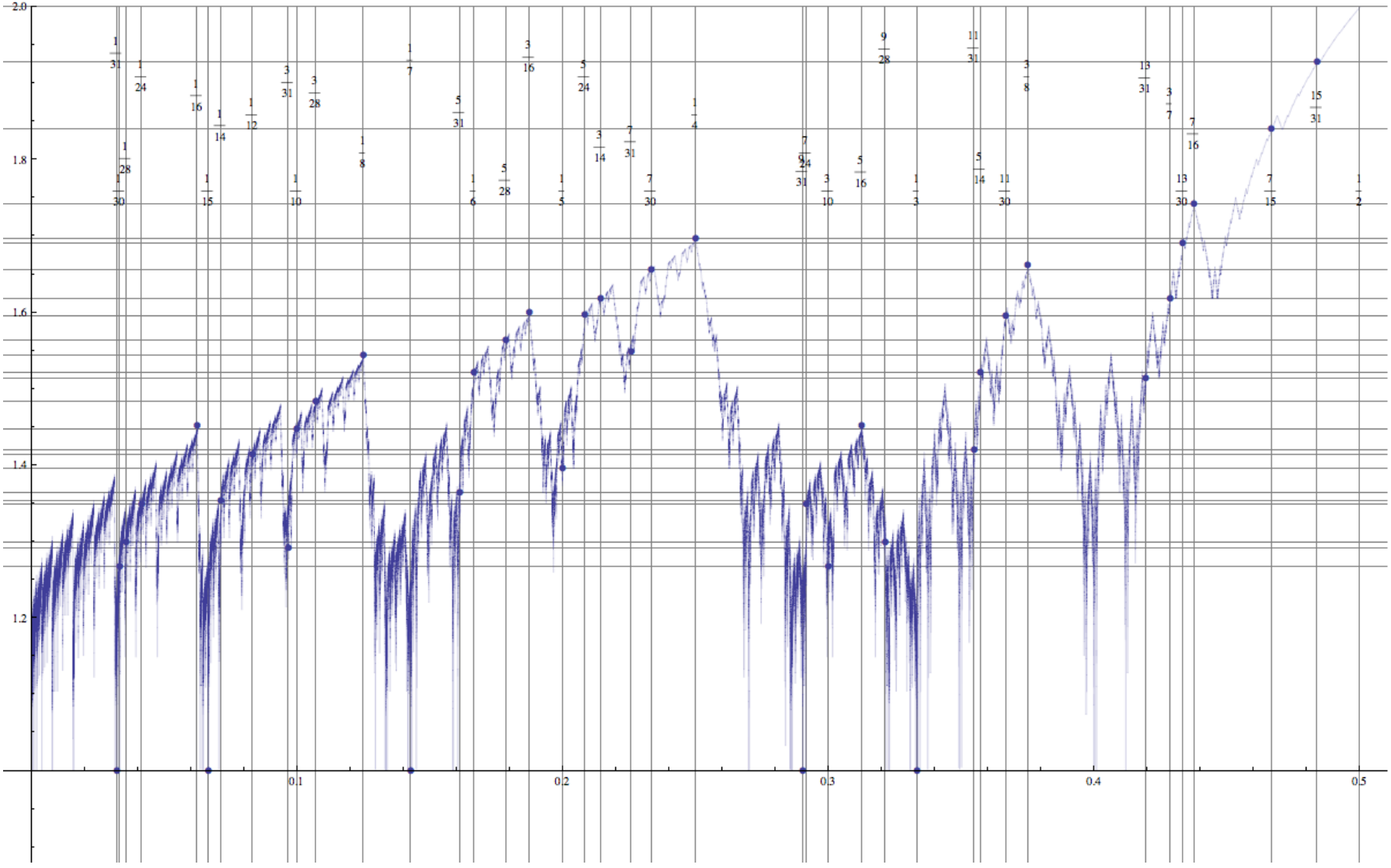

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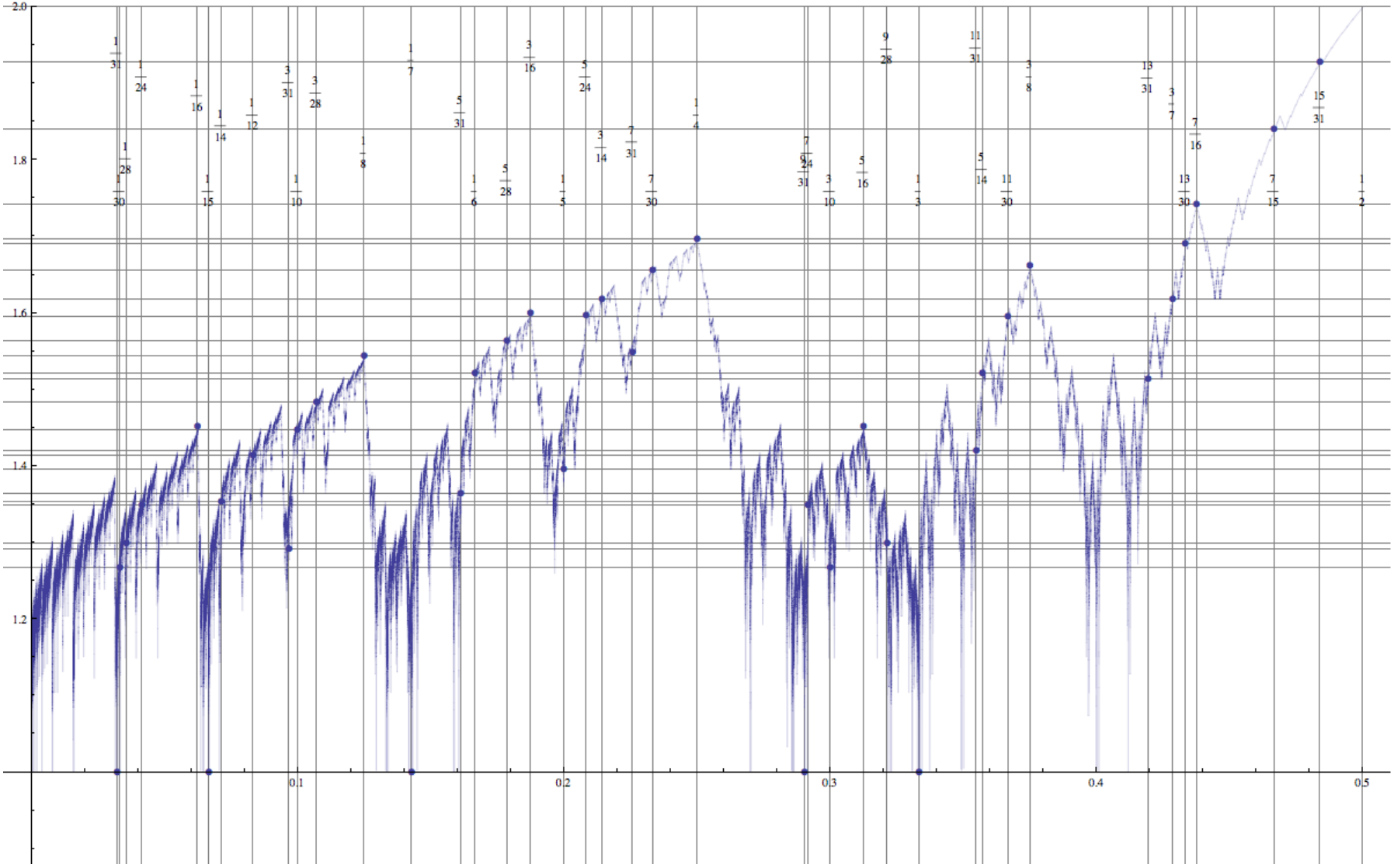

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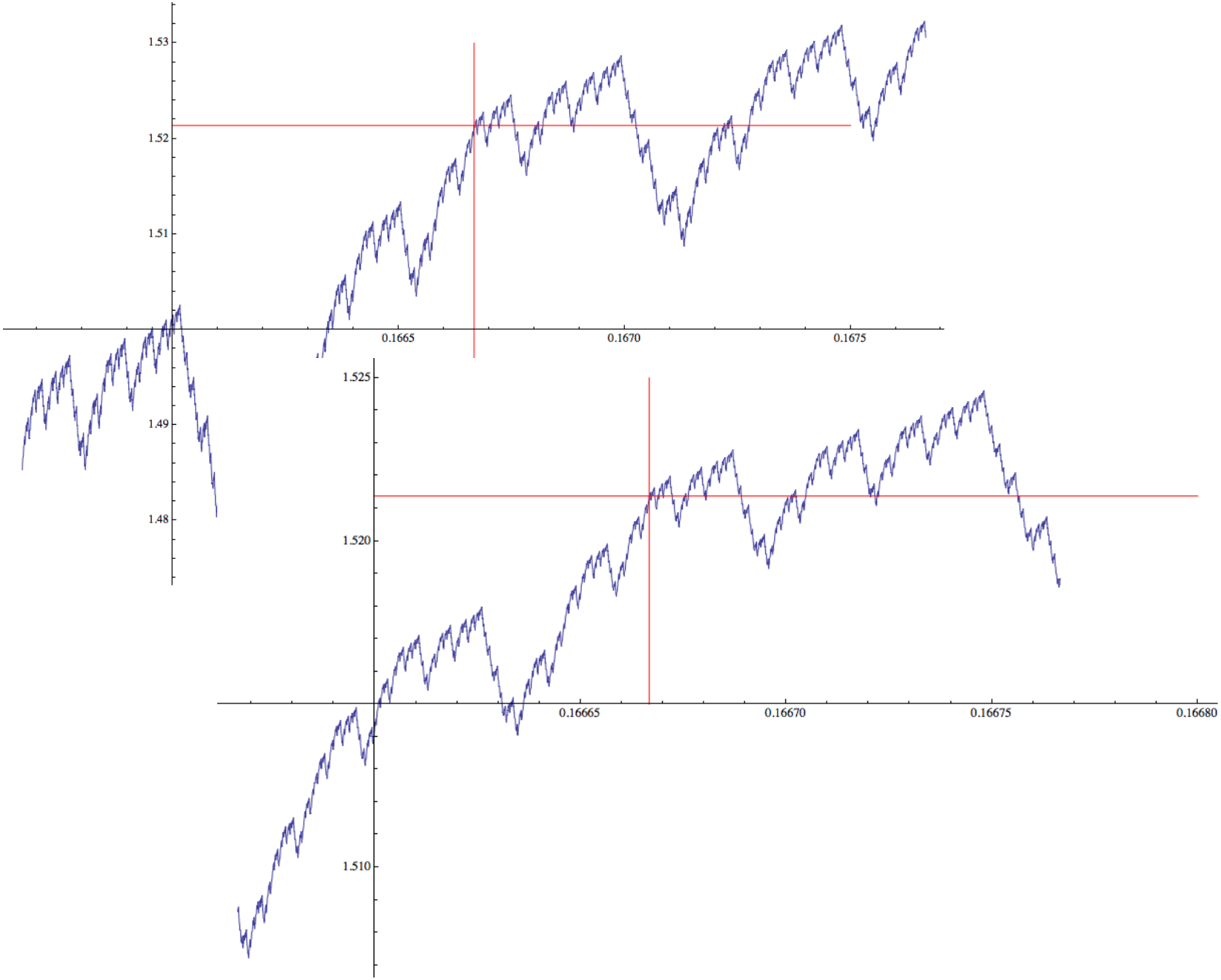

Seeing Core-entropy from

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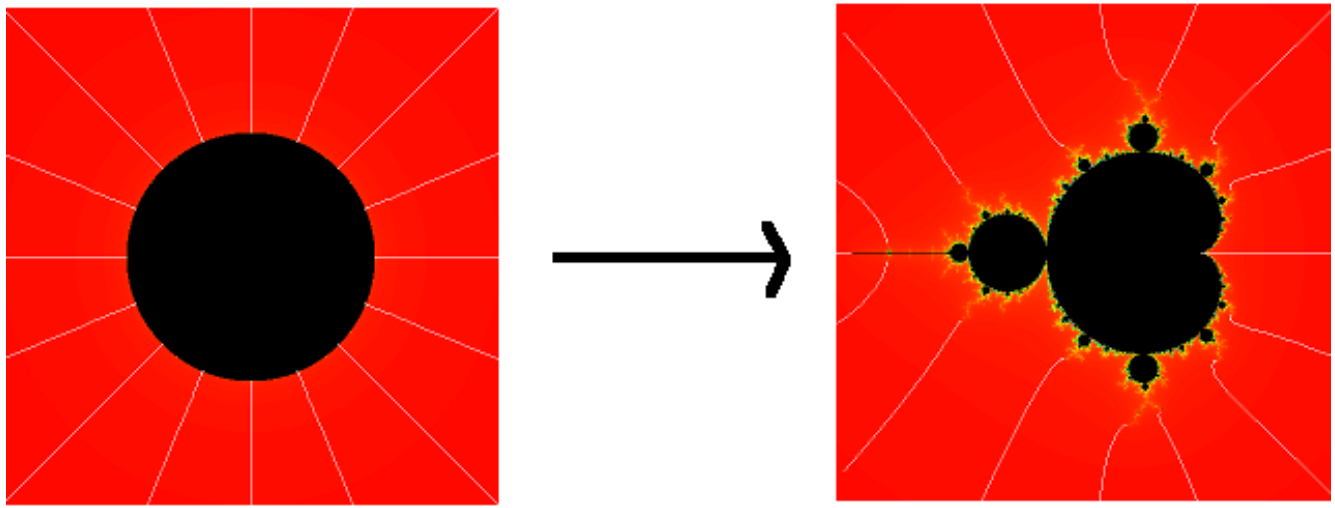

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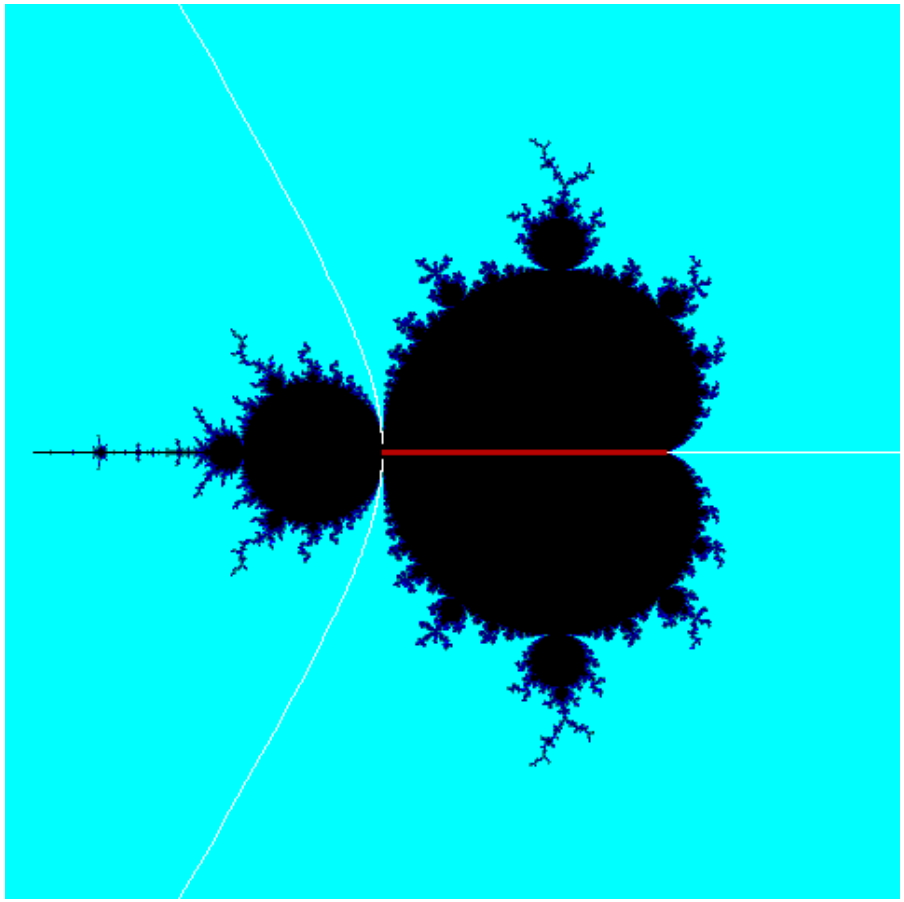

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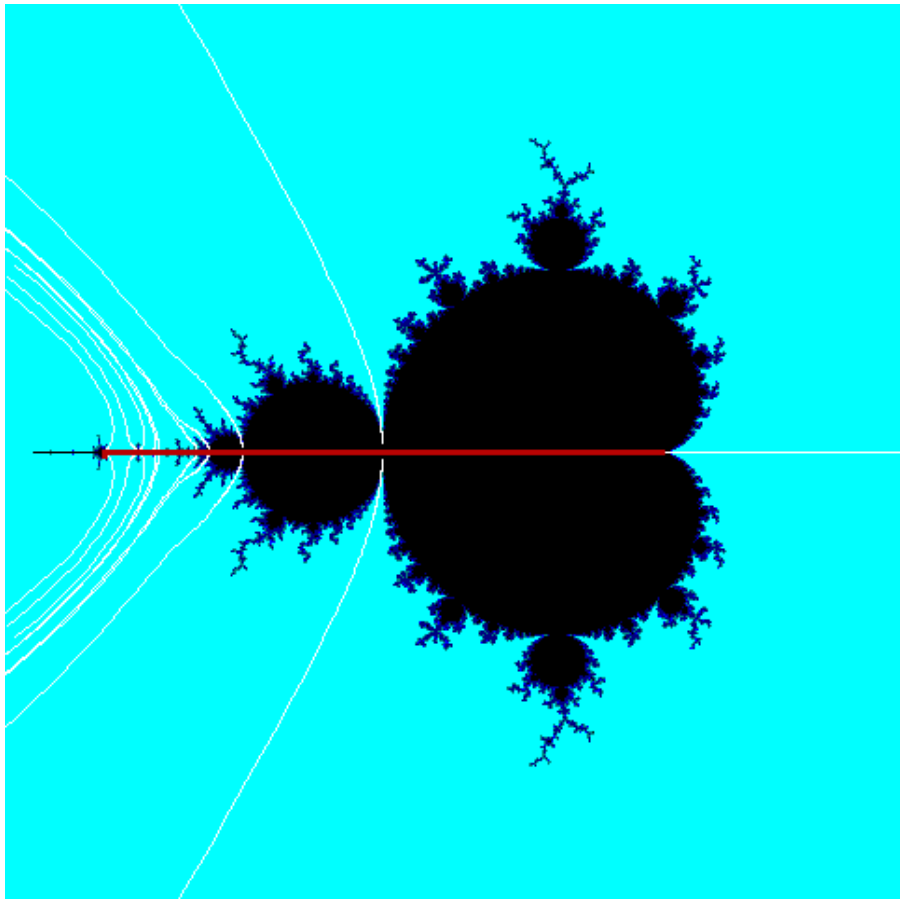

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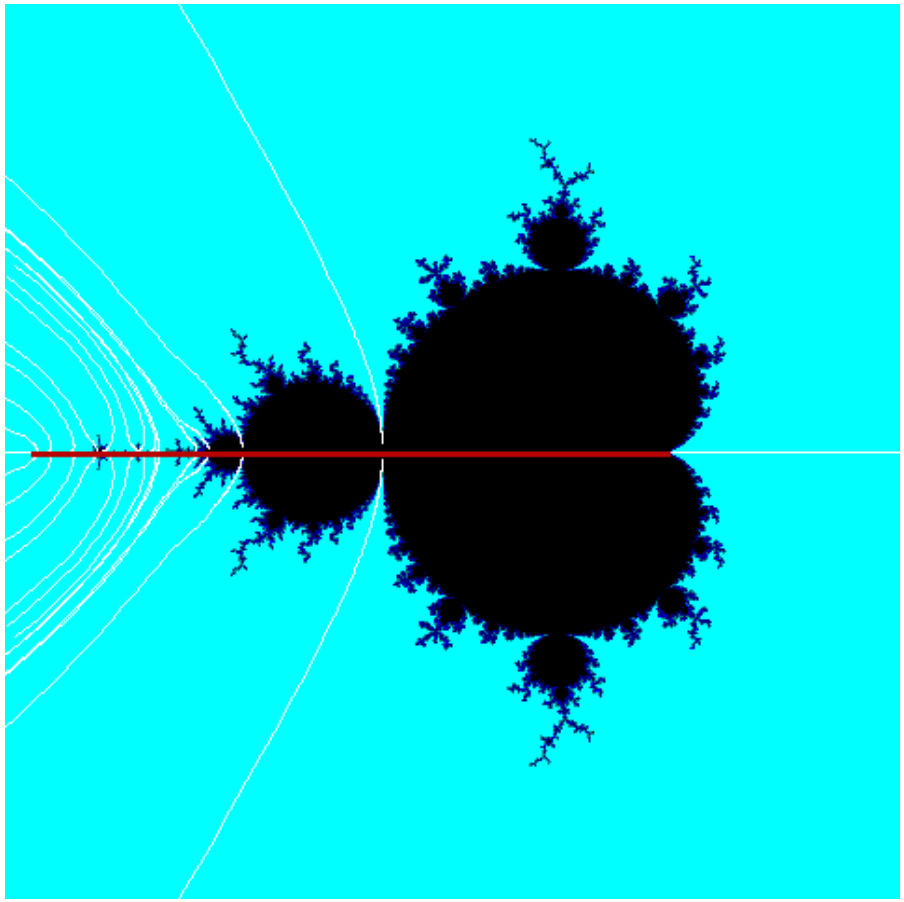

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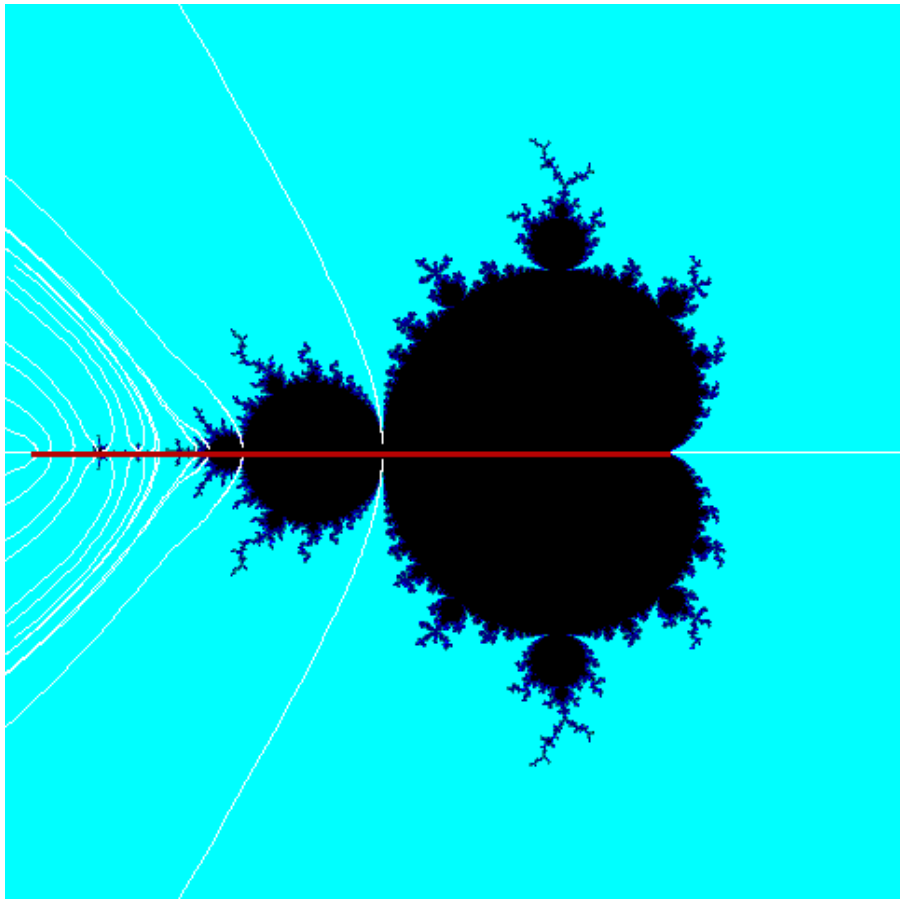

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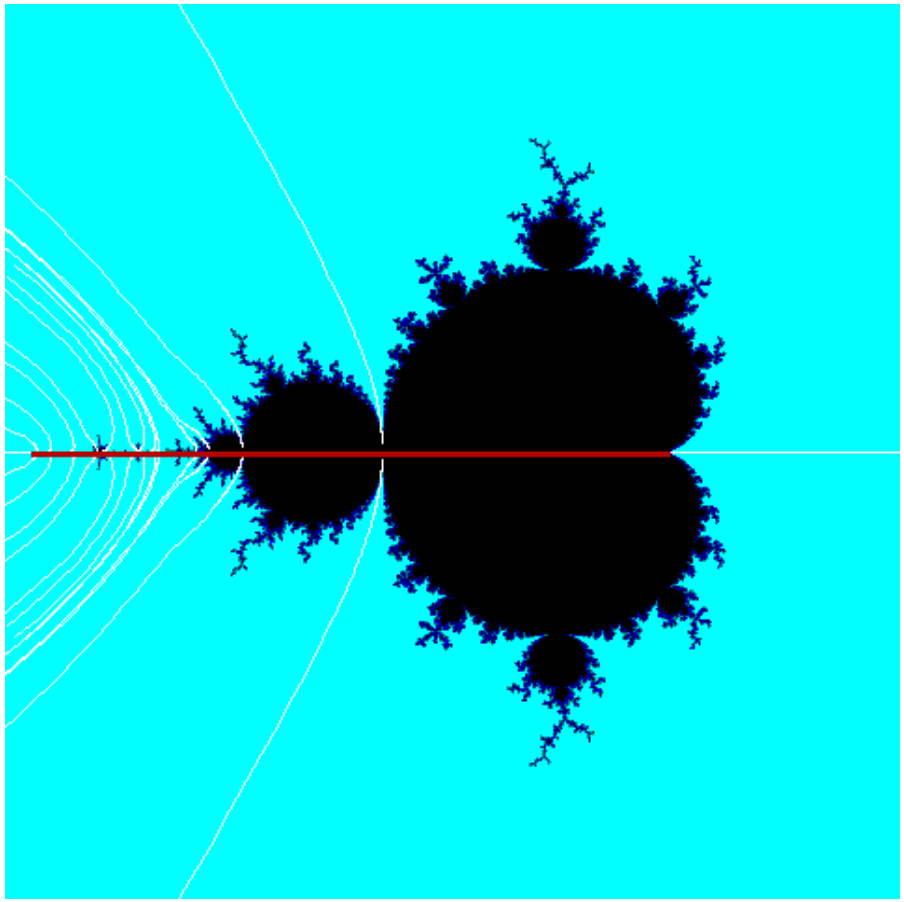

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The Mandelbrot set has a tree-like structure of veins, with the real segment as a particular vein.

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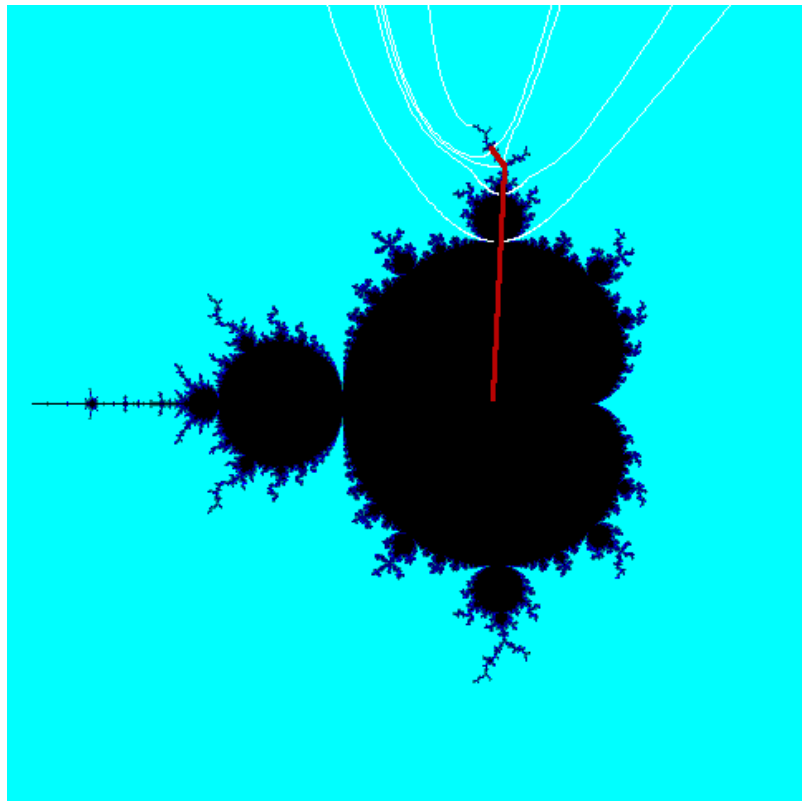

W. Jung used this to prove the l.s.c. of $\theta \mapsto \lambda_{leading}(\Gamma_{m_\theta})$. Entropy conjecture of Tiozzo.

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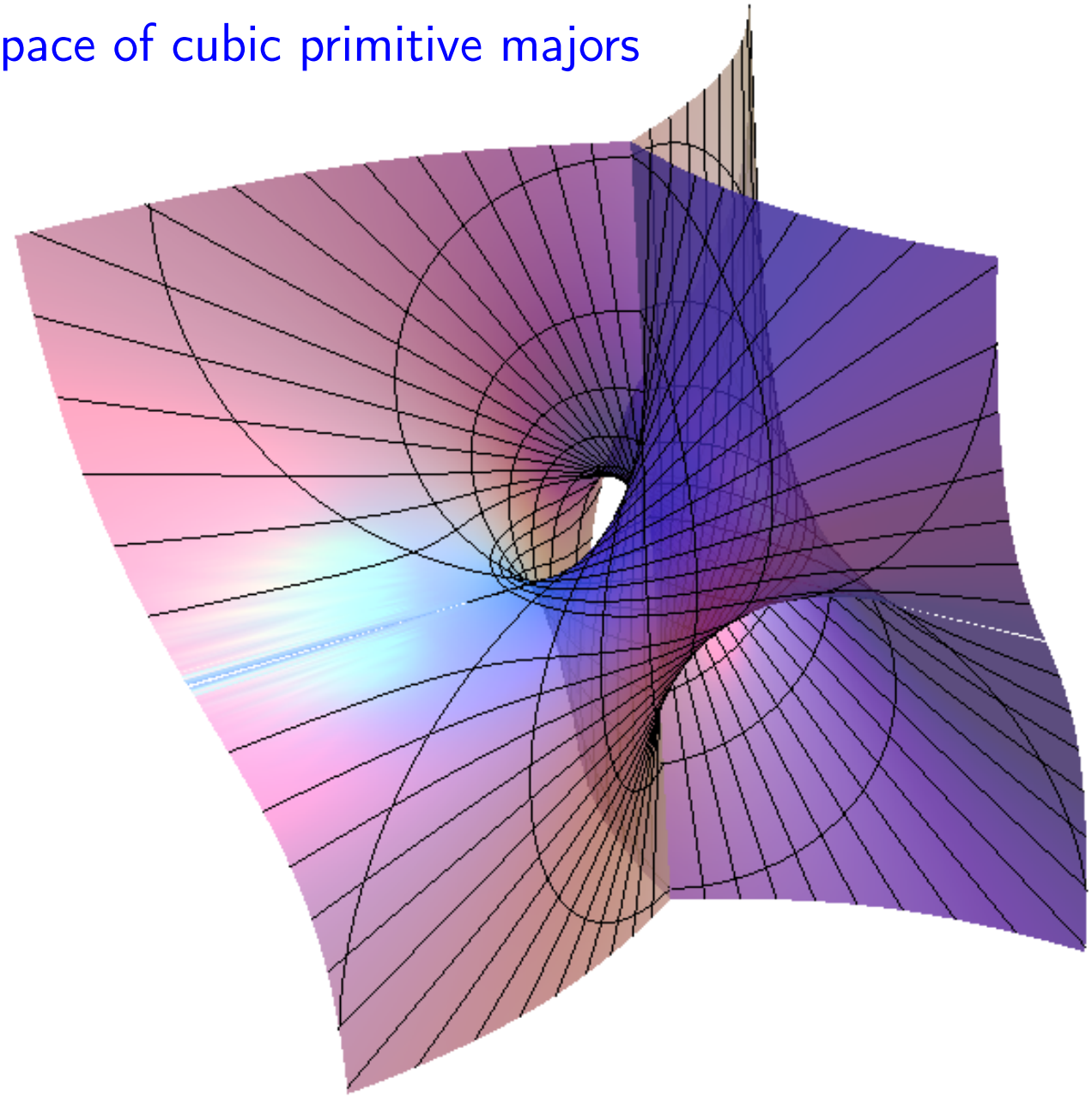

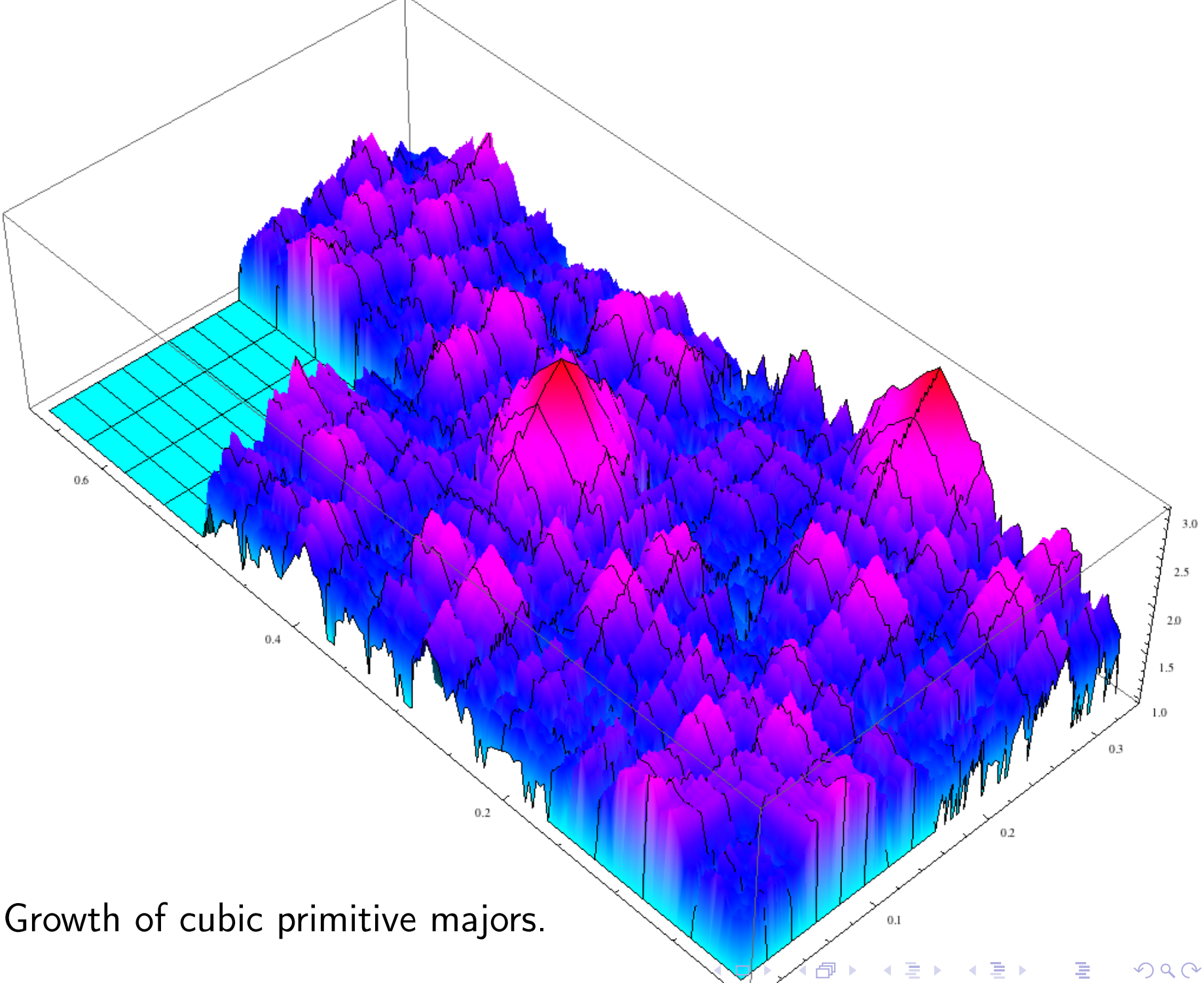

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Now $\mathcal{A}$ induces also puzzle pieces $A_{ij\ldots}$ indicating itineraries.

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Thank you !

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