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# Dynamical properties of holomorphic maps with symmetries on projective spaces

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We consider complex dynamics of a holomorphic map from  $\mathbf{P}^k$  to  $\mathbf{P}^k$ , which has symmetries associated with the symmetric group  $S_{k+2}$  acting on  $\mathbf{P}^k$ , for each  $k \geq 1$ . Here  $\mathbf{P}^k$  denotes the  $k$ -dimensional complex projective space. Informations about critical orbits lead us to global dynamics results: The Fatou set of each map of this family consists of attractive basins of superattracting points determined by an action of the symmetric group  $S_{k+2}$ . Furthermore each map of this family satisfies Axiom A.

## 1 $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps

For a rational map  $f$  and a finite group  $G$  acting on  $\mathbf{P}^k$  as projective transformations, we say that  $f$  is  $G$ -equivariant if  $f$  commutes with each element of  $G$ , that is,  $f \circ r = r \circ f$  for any  $r \in G$ . Doyle and McMullen [1] introduced a notion of  $G$ -equivariant functions on  $\mathbf{P}^1$  to solve quintic equations. See also Ushiki [2] for  $G$ -equivariant functions on  $\mathbf{P}^1$ . Crass [3, 4] extended Doyle and McMullen's algorithm to higher dimensions to solve polynomial equations. Crass [5] found good pairs of  $G$  and  $f$  for which one may say something about global dynamics.

Crass [5] selected the symmetric group  $S_{k+2}$  as a finite group acting on  $\mathbf{P}^k$  and found an  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant map  $g_{k+3}$  which is holomorphic and critically finite, for each  $k \geq 1$ . Holomorphy means that  $f$  is well-defined at any point in  $\mathbf{P}^k$ . We denote by  $C = C(f)$  the critical set of  $f$  and say that  $f$  is critically finite if each irreducible component of  $C(f)$  is periodic or

eventually periodic. In addition, the complement of  $C(g_{k+3})$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic so that we can use Kobayashi metrics to prove our theorems.

### 1.1 Existence of $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps

An action of  $S_{k+2}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^k$  is induced by the permutation action of  $S_{k+2}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{k+2}$  for each  $k \geq 1$ . The transposition  $(ij)$  in  $S_{k+2}$  corresponds with the involution " $u_i \leftrightarrow u_j$ " on  $\mathbb{C}_u^{k+2} = \{u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k+2}) \mid u_i \in \mathbb{C}\}$ . This action pointwise fixes the hyperplane  $\{u_i = u_j\}$ . Since  $S_{k+2}$  preserves a hyperplane  $H$ ,

$$H = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k+2} u_i = 0 \right\} \stackrel{\Delta}{\cong} \mathbb{C}_x^{k+1} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k+1}) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{C}\},$$

the permutation action of the symmetric group  $S_{k+2}$  on  $\mathbb{C}_u^{k+2}$  induces an action of " $S_{k+2}$ " =  $\langle S_{k+1}, T \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{C}_x^{k+1}$ , where  $S_{k+1}$  is the permutation action on  $\mathbb{C}_x^{k+1}$  and  $T$  is a matrix which corresponds with  $(1, k+2)$  in  $S_{k+2}$ .

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Au = x.$$

Induced hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{C}_x^{k+1}$  are  $\{x_i = 0\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k+1$ , and  $\{x_i = x_j\}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq k+1$ . This action of " $S_{k+2}$ " on  $\mathbb{C}_x^{k+1}$  projects naturally to the action of " $S_{k+2}$ " on  $\mathbb{P}_x^k$  and we denote it by  $S_{k+2}$  for simplicity.

To get  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps on  $\mathbb{P}^k$  which are critically finite, we have the critical set coincide with the union of these hyperplanes.

**Theorem 1 (Crass [5]).** *For each  $k \geq 1$ ,  $g_{k+3}$  defined below is the unique  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant holomorphic map of degree  $k+3$  which is doubly critical on each hyperplane.*

$$g = g_{k+3} := [g_{k+3,1} : g_{k+3,2} : \dots : g_{k+3,k+1}],$$

$$g_{k+3,l} = x_l^3 \sum_{s=0}^k (-1)^s \frac{s+1}{s+3} x_l^s A_{k-s},$$

where  $A_{k-s}$  is the elementary symmetric function of degree  $k-s$  in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k+1}$  and  $A_0 = 1$ .

Then  $C(g)$  coincide with the union of hyperplanes. Since  $g$  is  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant and each hyperplane is pointwise fixed by some action of  $S_{k+2}$ ,  $g$  preserves each hyperplane. In particular  $g$  is critically finite.

## 1.2 Properties of $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps

Let us look at properties of an  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant map  $g_{k+3}$ , which is proved in Crass [5] and will be used to prove our results. Let  $L^{k-1}$  denote one of hyperplanes  $\{x_i = x_j\}$  and  $\{x_i = 0\}$ . Let  $L^m$  denote one of intersections of  $(k - m)$  distinct  $L^{k-1}$ 's for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ . Clearly  $L^m \simeq \mathbf{P}^m$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

First let us look at properties of  $g$  itself. The critical set of  $g$  consists of the union of hyperplanes and  $g$  preserves each hyperplane. In particular  $g$  is critically finite. Furthermore  $\mathbf{P}^k \setminus C(g)$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic.

Next let us look at properties of  $g$  restricted to  $L^m$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ . Since  $g$  preserves each  $L^m$ , we can also consider dynamics of  $g$  restricted to  $L^m$ . Each restricted map  $g|_{L^m}$  has the same properties as above. Let us fix some  $L^m$ . The critical set of  $g|_{L^m}$  consists of union of hyperplanes in  $L^m$ . Here  $L^{m-1}$ , a hyperplane in  $L^m$ , is a intersection of  $L^m$  and another  $L^{k-1}$ . And  $g|_{L^m}$  preserves each hyperplane  $L^{m-1}$  of  $L^m$ . In particular  $g|_{L^m}$  is critically finite. Furthermore  $L^m \setminus C(g|_{L^m})$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic.

Finally let us look at properties of superattracting fixed points of  $g$ . The set of superattracting points, where the derivative of  $g$  vanishes for all directions, coincides with the set of  $L^0$ 's.

**Remark 1.** For any  $k \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 1$ , any restricted map  $g_{k+3}|_{L^m}$  of  $g_{k+3}$  to some  $L^m$  is not conjugate to  $g_{m+3}$ .

## 1.3 Examples for $k = 1$ and 2

Let us see hyperplanes of an  $S_3$ -equivariant function  $g_4$  and an  $S_4$ -equivariant map  $g_5$  for make clear what  $L^m$  means. We do not write explicit forms of  $g_5$  and  $g_5|_{L^1}$ . See Crass [5] for details.

### 1.3.1 An $S_3$ -equivariant function $g_4$ in $\mathbf{P}^1$

$$g_3([x_1 : x_2]) = [x_1^3(-x_1 + 2x_2) : x_2^3(2x_1 - x_2)],$$

$$C(g_3) = \{x_1 = 0\} \cup \{x_2 = 0\} \cup \{x_1 = x_2\} = \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

$$\text{in } \mathbf{P}^1 = \{[x_1 : x_2] \mid (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbf{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}\} = \{z = \frac{x_1}{x_2} \mid x_2 \neq 0\} \cup \{\infty\}.$$

In this case "hyperplanes" are points in  $\mathbf{P}^1$  and  $L^0$  denotes one of these superattracting fixed points of  $g_3$ .

### 1.3.2 An $S_4$ -equivariant map $g_5$ in $\mathbf{P}^2$

$$C(g_5) = \{x_1 = 0\} \cup \{x_2 = 0\} \cup \{x_3 = 0\} \cup \{x_1 = x_2\} \cup \{x_2 = x_3\} \cup \{x_3 = x_1\}$$

$$\text{in } \mathbf{P}^2 = \{[x_1 : x_2 : x_3] \mid (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbf{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

In this case  $L^1$  denotes one of irreducible components of  $C(g_5)$ , which is a hyperplane in  $\mathbf{P}^2$ . For example let us fix a hyperplane  $\{x_1 = 0\}$ . Since  $g_5$  preserves each  $L^1$ , we can also consider dynamics of  $g_5$  restricted to  $\{x_1 = 0\}$ . The critical set of  $g_5|_{\{x_1=0\}}$  in  $\{x_1 = 0\} \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$  is

$$C(g_5|_{\{x_1=0\}}) = \{[0 : 1 : 0], [0 : 0 : 1], [0 : 1 : 1]\}.$$

When we use  $L^0$  after such sentences above,  $L^0$  means one of intersections of  $\{x_1 = 0\}$  and another  $L^1$ , which is a superattracting fixed point of  $g_5|_{\{x_1=0\}}$  in  $\mathbf{P}^1$ . The set of superattracting points of  $g_5$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$  is

$$\{[1 : 0 : 0], [0 : 1 : 0], [0 : 0 : 1], [1 : 1 : 1], [1 : 1 : 0], [1 : 0 : 1], [0 : 1 : 1]\}.$$

Sometimes  $L^0$  denotes one of intersections of two or more  $L^1$ 's, which is a superattracting fixed point of  $g_5$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$ .

## 2 The Fatou sets of $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps

**Theorem 2 (Ueno).** *For each  $k \geq 1$ , the Fatou set of  $g_{k+3}$  consists of attractive basins of superattracting points which are intersections of  $k$  distinct hyperplanes.*

Before starting a proof of Theorem 2, let us recall theorems about critically finite holomorphic maps and a notion of Kobayashi metrics. Let  $f$  be a holomorphic map from  $\mathbf{P}^k$  to  $\mathbf{P}^k$  and  $U$  a Fatou component. A holomorphic map  $h$  is said to be a limit map on  $U$  if there is a subsequence  $\{f^{n_s}|_U\}_{s \geq 0}$  which locally converges to  $h$  on  $U$ . We say that a point  $q$  is a Fatou limit point if there is a limit map  $h$  on  $U$  such that  $q \in h(U)$ . The set of all Fatou limit points will be called the Fatou limit set. We define the  $\omega$ -limit set of the critical points by

$$E = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} f^j(D), \quad D = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} f^j(C).$$

**Theorem 3.** (Ueda [6, Proposition 5.1]) *If  $f$  is a critically finite holomorphic map from  $\mathbf{P}^k$  to  $\mathbf{P}^k$ , then the Fatou limit set is contained in  $E$ .*

Let  $K_M(x, v)$  be a Kobayashi quasimetric on a complex manifold  $M$ ,

$$\inf \left\{ |a| \left| \varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow M : \text{holomorphic}, \varphi(0) = x, D\varphi \left( a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)_0 \right) = v, a \in \mathbb{C} \right. \right\}$$

for  $x \in M$ ,  $v \in T_x M$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , where  $\mathbb{D}$  is the unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We say that  $M$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic if  $K_M$  becomes a metric. Theorem 2 is a corollary of Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 for  $k = 1$  and 2.

**Theorem 4.** *If  $f$  is a critically finite function from  $\mathbb{P}^1$  to  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , then the only Fatou components of  $f$  are attractive components of superattracting points.*

**Theorem 5.** *(Fornaess and Sibony [7, theorem 7.7]) If  $f$  is a critically finite holomorphic map from  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and the complement of  $C(f)$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic, then the only Fatou components of  $f$  are superattractive components of superattracting points.*

We can apply an argument in FS [7] to an  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant map  $g_{k+3}$  because each  $L^{m-1}$  is smooth and  $L^m \setminus C(g|_{L^m})$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Take any Fatou component  $U$  and any point  $x \in U$ . It is enough to show that  $\{g^n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  accumulates to some  $L^0$ , one of superattracting fixed points. By theorem 3  $\{g^n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  accumulates to  $C(g)$ . Since  $C(g)$  is the union of  $L^{k-1}$ 's, there exists a smallest integer  $m$  such that  $\{g^n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  accumulates to some  $L^m$ . Let  $m$  be  $k - 1$  for simplicity. By using Kobayashi metrics and an argument in FS [7], we shall show the following result later,

$$\exists n_k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } g^{n_k}(U) \cap L^{k-1} \neq \emptyset. \quad (1)$$

Next let  $U_{k-1}$  be  $g^{n_k}(U) \cap L^{k-1}$  and do the same thing as above. Then

$$\exists n_{k-1} \in \mathbb{N}, \exists L^{k-2} \text{ s.t. } g^{n_{k-1}}(U_{k-1}) \cap L^{k-2} \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $U_{k-2}$  be  $g^{n_{k-1}}(U) \cap L^{k-2}$  and do the same thing as above. These reductions finally come to some  $L^1$ . Let  $U_2$  be  $g^{n_k+n_{k-1}+\dots+n_3}(U) \subset L^2$ , then

$$\exists n_2 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists L^1 \text{ s.t. } g^{n_2}(U_2) \cap L^1 \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $U_1$  be  $g^{n_2}(U_2) \cap L^1$ . By Theorem 4 there exists  $n_1$  such that  $g^{n_1}$  sends  $U_1$  to an attractive component of some superattracting fixed point  $L^0$  in  $L^1 \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ . Hence  $g^{n_k+n_{k-1}+\dots+n_1}$  sends  $U$  to an attracting component of a superattracting fixed point  $L^0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^k$ .

To prove (1), let us assume that (1) is not true and derive a contradiction. By Theorem 3  $h(x)$  belongs to  $C(g)$  for a limit map  $h$  of convergent subsequence  $\{g^{n_s}|_U\}_{s \geq 0}$ . So there exists a smallest integer  $m$  such that  $h(x)$  belongs to some  $L^m$ . If  $h$  is open map from  $U$  to  $L^m$ , then  $h(U) \cap L^m$  is an open set in  $L^m$  and is contained in  $F(g|_{L^m})$ . The same argument of reductions as above implies that  $\{g^{n_k}(x)\}$  accumulates to one of  $L^0$ . That is, there exists  $n$  such that  $g^n$  sends  $U$  to an attracting component of  $L^0$ , which is a contradiction.

To show that  $h$  is open map from  $U$  to  $L^m$ , we shall use Kobayashi metrics. Let  $A$  be  $\mathbf{P}^k \setminus g^{-1}(C(g))$  and let  $B$  be  $\mathbf{P}^k \setminus C(g)$ . Since  $B$  is Kobayashi hyperbolic and  $A \subset B$ ,  $A$  is also Kobayashi hyperbolic. So we can use Kobayashi metrics  $K_A$  and  $K_B$ . By  $A \subset B$

$$K_B(y, v) \leq K_A(y, v), \quad \forall y \in A, v \in T_y \mathbf{P}^k.$$

Since  $g$  is an unbranched covering from  $A$  to  $B$ ,

$$K_A(y, v) = K_B(g(y), Dg(v)), \quad \forall y \in A, v \in T_y \mathbf{P}^k.$$

$$\therefore K_B(y, v) \leq K_B(g(y), Dg(v)), \quad \forall y \in A, v \in T_y \mathbf{P}^k.$$

Since the same argument holds for any  $g^n$  from  $\mathbf{P}^k \setminus g^{-n}(C(g))$  to  $\mathbf{P}^k \setminus C(g)$ ,

$$K_B(y, v) \leq K_B(g^n(y), Dg^n(v)), \quad \forall y \in \mathbf{P}^k \setminus g^{-n}(C(g)), v \in T_y \mathbf{P}^k. \quad (2)$$

Since  $g^n$  is an unbranched covering from  $U$  to  $g^n(U)$  and  $g^n(U) \subset B$  for any  $n$ ,  $K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(v))$  is bounded,

$$K_B(g^n(y), Dg^n(v)) \leq K_{g^n(U)}(g^n(y), Dg^n(v)) = K_U(y, v) < \infty.$$

We claim that for unit vectors  $v_n \in T_x U$  such that  $Dg^n(x)v_n$  keeps parallel to  $L^m$ ,  $Dh(x)v \neq \mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  for an accumulation vector  $v$  of  $v_n$ . Let  $h = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g^n$  for simplicity. One can choose a local chart around  $h(x)$  so that  $h(x) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $L^m = \{y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) | y_1 = \dots = y_{k-m} = 0\}$ . In this chart there exists  $r > 0$  such that polydisk  $P(\mathbf{0}, r)$  is disjoint from  $L^{k-1}$  which does not include  $L^m$ . Since  $g^n(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we may assume  $g^n(x) \in P(\mathbf{0}, r)$ . By assumption that (1) is not true,  $g^n(x) \notin C(g)$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . Thus one can define maps  $\varphi_n$  from  $D$  to  $P(\mathbf{0}, r)$  for  $z \in D$ ,

$$\varphi_n(z) := g^n(x) + rze_k = g^n(x) + (0, \dots, 0, rz).$$

Here  $e_k = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ . Then  $\varphi_n(\mathbf{0}) = g^n(x)$  and  $\varphi_n(D) \subset \mathbf{P}^k \setminus g^{-n}(C(g))$ . Let us choose unit vectors  $v_n$  so that  $Dg^n(x)v_n = |Dg^n(x)v_n|e_k$ . By the definition of Kobayashi metric,

$$K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(x)v_n) \leq \frac{|Dg^n(x)v_n|}{r}.$$

Suppose  $Dh(x)v = 0$ , then  $Dg^n(x)v \rightarrow 0$  and  $Dg^n(x)v_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\therefore K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(x)v_n) \leq \frac{|Dg^n(x)v_n|}{r} \rightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, by (2)

$$0 < \inf_{|v|=1} K_B(x, v) \leq K_B(x, v_n) \leq K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(x)v_n).$$

Hence  $K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(x)v_n)$  is bounded away from 0 uniformly and this contradiction completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3 $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant maps and Axiom A

**Theorem 6 (Ueno).** *For each  $k \geq 1$ ,  $g_{k+3}$  satisfies Axiom A.*

First let us define hyperbolicity of maps and a notion of Axiom A. See Jonsson [9] for details. Let  $f$  be a holomorphic map from  $\mathbf{P}^k$  to  $\mathbf{P}^k$ .

$$\Omega := \{x \in \mathbf{P}^k \mid \forall U: \text{neighborhood of } x, \exists n \in \mathbf{N} \text{ s.t. } f^n(U) \cap U \neq \emptyset\}.$$

This set is called the non-wandering set, which is compact and forward invariant. We say that  $f$  is hyperbolic on  $\Omega$  if there exists a continuous decomposition  $T_{\hat{\Omega}} = E^u + E^s$  such that  $D\hat{f}(E_{\hat{x}}^{u/s}) \subset E_{\hat{f}(\hat{x})}^{u/s}$  and if there exists  $c > 0, \lambda > 1$  such that for any  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$|D\hat{f}^n(v)| \geq c\lambda^n|v|, \forall v \in E^u,$$

$$|D\hat{f}^n(v)| \leq c^{-1}\lambda^{-n}|v|, \forall v \in E^s.$$

Here  $\hat{\Omega}$  is the set of histories in  $\Omega$  and  $\hat{f}$  is a diffeomorphism on  $\hat{\Omega}$ . If a decomposition and inequalities above hold for  $\Omega$  and  $f$ , then it also holds for  $\hat{\Omega}$  and  $\hat{f}$ . We say that  $f$  satisfies Axiom A if  $f$  is hyperbolic on  $\Omega$  and periodic points are dense in  $\Omega$ .

*Proof of Theorem 6.* We shall show this by induction. For each  $S_{k+2}$ -equivariant map  $g$ , it is clear that  $g|_{L^1}$  satisfies Axiom A for each  $L^1$  from a theorem of critically finite functions. We only show that  $g|_{L^2}$  satisfies Axiom A for some  $L^2$ . An argument for  $g|_{L^m}$ ,  $3 \leq m \leq k$ , is similar as for  $g|_{L^2}$ . So let us fix some  $L^2$ . First we shall show that  $g|_{L^2}$  is hyperbolic on  $\Omega(g|_{L^2})$ .



Next we shall show that periodic points of  $g|_{L^2}$  are dense in  $\Omega(g|_{L^2})$ . Let denote  $g|_{L^2}$  and  $\Omega(g|_{L^2})$  by  $g$  and  $\Omega$  for simplicity.

If  $g$  is hyperbolic on  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega$  has a decomposition to  $S_i$ , where  $i=1,2,3$  indicate the unstable dimensions. Since  $C(g)$  attracts all nearby points, it follows that  $\cup L^0 \subset S_0$  and  $\cup J(g|_{L^1}) \subset S_1$ , where  $g|_{L^0}$  is contracting for all direction and  $g|_{J(g|_{L^1})}$  is contracting for a certain explicit direction and expanding for an  $L^1$ -direction. Let us consider a compact, completely invariantsubset in the complement of  $C$  in  $L^2$ ,

$$S := \{x \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid \text{dist}(f^n(x), C) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

It is clear that  $S \cap C = \emptyset$  and  $S \supset J_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Here  $J_2$  is the second Julia set, in which repelling periodic points are dense. By the definition of  $S$ ,  $\Omega = (\cup L^0) \cup (\cup J(g|_{L^1})) \cup S$ . If we show that  $g$  is expanding on  $S$ , it follows that  $\cup L^0 = S_0$ ,  $\cup J(g|_{L^1}) = S_1$ ,  $S = S_2$ . Thus  $g$  is hyperbolic on  $\Omega$ .

Let us show that  $g$  is expanding on  $S$ . Since  $f$  is attracting on  $C$  and  $f(C) = C$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N$  of  $C$  such that  $N \Subset g^{-1}(N)$  and  $B := \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus N$  is connected. Let  $U$  be one of connected components of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus g^{-1}(N)$ . Let one of  $L^1$ 's be the line at infinity of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , then

$$U \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus g^{-1}(N) \Subset B \subset \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus L^1.$$

Since the map  $g$  from  $U$  to  $B$  is an unbranched covering,

$$K_U(x, v) = K_B(g(x), Dg(v)), \forall x \in U, v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Since  $B$  and all connected components of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus g^{-1}(N)$  are in one local chart, there exists a constant number  $\rho < 1$  such that for any  $U$

$$K_B(x, v) \leq \rho K_U(x, v), \forall x \in U, v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2.$$

$$\therefore K_B(x, v) \leq \rho K_B(g(x), Dg(v)), \forall x \in \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus g^{-1}(N), v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Since  $g^n(x)$  belongs to  $S$ , which is contained in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus g^{-1}(N)$ , for any  $x$  which belongs to  $S$  and for any  $n \geq 1$ , we have that

$$K_B(x, v) \leq \rho^n K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(v)), \forall x \in S, v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2.$$

$$\therefore K_B(g^n(x), Dg^n(v)) \geq \lambda^n K_B(x, v), \forall x \in S, v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2, \lambda = \frac{1}{\rho} > 1.$$

Since  $K_B(x, v)$  is upper semicontinuous and  $|v|$  is continuous,  $K_B(x, v)$  and  $|v|$  may be different only by a constant factor. There exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$|Dg^n(x)v| \geq c\lambda^n |v|, \forall x \in S, v \in T_x \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Thus  $g$  is expanding on  $S$  and hyperbolic on  $\Omega$ .

Next we shall show that periodic points are dense in  $\Omega$ . It is enough to show that  $J_2 = S_2$  since periodic points are dense in  $J(g|_{L^1})$  and  $J_2$ . This follows from the same argument in FS [8, Theorem 3.8]. Let us recall that proof. Let  $\sigma$  be  $S_2 \setminus J_2$  and suppose that  $\sigma$  is not empty. Since  $\sigma$  is attracting for inverse branches of  $f^n$ ,  $\sigma$  is disjoint from  $J_2$  and is closed. Since  $f(C) = C$ , one can define holomorphic local branches of inverses of  $f^n$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C$ . Then this family  $\{f_i^{-n}\}_{i,n \geq 0}$  becomes a normal family. For any continuous function  $\phi$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , we define

$$A_\phi^n(x) := \frac{1}{d^{2n}} \sum_{i=1}^{d^{2n}} \phi(f_i^{-n}(x)).$$

In this case  $\{A_\phi^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is locally equicontinuous in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C$  and

$$A_\phi^n(x) \rightarrow \mu(\phi) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \forall x \in \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C, \quad (3)$$

where  $\mu$  is the invariant probability measure whose support is  $J_2$ . Let  $\phi = 1$  in a neighborhood of  $J_2$  and  $\phi = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $\sigma$ . Since  $f^{-1}(\sigma) = \sigma$ ,  $A_\phi^n \equiv 0$  in  $\sigma$  for any  $n$ . On the other hand, by (3)

$$A_\phi^n(x) \rightarrow \mu(\phi) = 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \forall x \in \sigma \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C.$$

This contradiction implies that  $\sigma$  is empty. Thus  $J_2 = S_2$  and periodic points are dense in  $\Omega$ . □

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