

## ON THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE RIEMANN MAPPING FUNCTION FOR THE EXTERIOR OF THE MANDELBROT SET

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ABSTRACT. We consider the family of rational maps of the complex plane given by  $P_{d,c}(z) := z^d + c$  where  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  is a parameter and  $d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ . The generalized Mandelbrot set is the set of all  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that the forward orbit of 0 under  $P_{d,c}$  is bounded. Let  $f_d : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1/z : z \in \mathcal{M}_d\}$  and  $\Psi_d : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M}_d$  be the Riemann mapping functions and let their expansions be  $f_d(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_{d,m} z^m$  and  $\Psi_d(z) = z + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{d,m} z^{-m}$ , respectively. We investigate several properties of the coefficients  $a_{d,m}$  and  $b_{d,m}$ . In this paper, we concentrate on the zero coefficients of  $f_d$ . Detailed statements and proofs will be presented in [13].

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  be the open unit disk,  $\mathbb{D}^*$  the exterior of the closed unit disk,  $\mathbb{C}$  the complex plane and  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  the Riemann sphere. Furthermore let  $G \subsetneq \mathbb{C}$  be a simply connected domain with  $0 \in G$  and  $G' \subsetneq \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  be a simply connected domain with  $\infty \in G'$  which has more than one boundary point. In particular, there exist unique conformal mappings  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) > 0$  and  $g : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow G'$  with  $g(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} g(z)/z > 0$ . We call  $f$  and  $g$  the normalized Riemann mapping function of  $G$  and  $G'$ .

Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $P_c(z) := z^2 + c$ . We denote the  $n$ -th iteration of  $P_c$  by  $P_c^{\circ n}$  which is defined inductively by  $P_c^{\circ n+1} = P_c \circ P_c^{\circ n}$  with  $P_c^{\circ 0}(z) = z$ . For each fixed  $c$ , the *filled-in Julia set* of  $P_c(z)$  consists of those values  $z$ , which remain bounded under iteration. The boundary of the filled-in Julia set is called the *Julia set*. The *Mandelbrot set*  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of all parameters  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  for which the Julia set of  $P_c(z)$  is connected. It is known that  $\mathcal{M} = \{c \in \mathbb{C} : \{P_c^{\circ n}(0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{ is bounded}\}$  is compact and is contained in the closed disk of radius 2 with center 0. Furthermore,  $\mathcal{M}$  is connected. We want to note, that there is an important conjecture which states that  $\mathcal{M}$  is locally connected (see [2]).

Douady and Hubbard demonstrated the connectedness of the Mandelbrot set by constructing a conformal isomorphism  $\Phi : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^*$ . If the inverse map  $\Phi^{-1}(z) =: \Psi(z) = z + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{d,m} z^{-m}$  extends continuously to the unit circle, then the Mandelbrot set is locally connected, according to Carathéodory's continuity theorem. This is a motivation of our study.

Jungreis presented an method to compute the coefficients  $b_m$  of  $\Psi(z)$  in [7]. Several detailed studies of  $b_m$  are given in [1, 3, 4, 9]. An analysis of the dynamics of  $P_{d,c}(z) := z^d + c$  with an integer  $d \geq 2$  is presented in [15]. The generalized Mandelbrot set is defined as  $\mathcal{M}_d := \{c \in \mathbb{C} : \{P_{d,c}^{\circ n}(0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{ is bounded}\}$ , which is the connected locus of the Julia set of  $P_{d,c}$  (see [10]).  $\mathcal{M}_d$  is also connected, compact and contained in the closed disk of radius  $2^{1/(d-1)}$  (see [8, 15]). Constructing the normalized Riemann mapping function  $\Psi_d(z) = z + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{d,m} z^{-m}$  of  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M}_d$ , Yamashita [15] analyzed the coefficients  $b_{d,m}$ .

In addition, Ewing and Schober studied the coefficients  $a_m$  of the Taylor series expansion of the function  $f(z) := 1/\Psi(1/z)$  at the origin in [5]. The function  $f$  is the normalized Riemann mapping function of the exterior of the reciprocal of the Mandelbrot set  $\mathcal{R} := \{1/z : z \in \mathcal{M}\}$ . If  $f$  has a continuous extension to the boundary, the Mandelbrot set is locally connected.

In [14], we investigated properties of the coefficients  $a_{d,m}$  of the normalized Riemann mapping function  $f_d(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_{d,m} z^m$  for the exterior of the reciprocal of the generalized Mandelbrot set  $\mathcal{R}_d := \{1/z : z \in \mathcal{M}_d\}$  and  $b_{d,m}$ . In this paper, we present several properties of  $a_{d,m}$ . In particular, we concentrate on the zero-coefficients.

## 2. COMPUTATION OF THE COEFFICIENTS $b_{d,m}$ AND $a_{d,m}$

In this section, we present a method how to compute the coefficients  $a_{d,m}$  and  $b_{d,m}$  with  $d \geq 2$ . First we recall the construction of the inverse map of the normalized Riemann mapping function of  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M}_d$  (see [1, 2, 7, 15]).

**Theorem 1.** *The map  $\Phi_d : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M}_d \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^*$  defined as*

$$\Phi_d(z) := z \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{P_{d,z}^{\circ k-1}(z)^d} \right)^{\frac{1}{d^k}}$$

is a conformal isomorphism which satisfies  $\Phi_d(z)/z \rightarrow 1 (z \rightarrow \infty)$ .

We set  $\Psi_d := \Phi_d^{-1}$  which is the normalized Riemann mapping function of  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{M}_d$ . It follows immediately that  $f_d(z) := 1/\Psi_d(1/z)$  is the normalized Riemann mapping function of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{R}_d$ .  $\Psi_d(z)$  has the following property.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $A_{d,n}(c) := P_{d,c}^{\circ n}(c)$ . Then*

$$A_{d,n}(\Psi_d(z)) = z^{d^n} + O(1/z^{d^{n+1}-d^n-1}) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty.$$

This proposition leads to the next method, given by Jungreis in [7], to compute  $b_{d,m}$ .

Let  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Assume that the values of  $b_{d,0}, b_{d,1}, \dots, b_{d,j-1}$  are known. Set  $\widehat{\Psi}_d(z) := z + \sum_{i=0}^j b_{d,i} z^{-i}$ . Take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough such that  $j \leq d^{n+1} - 3$  is satisfied. Considering the definition of  $A_{d,m}$  and the multinomial theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_{d,n}(\widehat{\Psi}_d(z)) &= z^{d^n} + (d^n b_{d,0} + C) z^{d^n-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^j (d^n b_{d,i} + q_{d,n,i-1}(b_{d,0}, b_{d,1}, \dots, b_{d,i-1})) z^{d^n-i-1} + O(z^{d^n-j-2}) \end{aligned}$$

as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $C$  is a constant, and  $q_{d,n,i-1}(b_{d,1}, b_{d,2}, \dots, b_{d,i-1})$  is a polynomial of  $b_{d,1}, b_{d,2}, \dots, b_{d,i-1}$  which has integer coefficients. According to Proposition 2, the coefficients of  $z^{d^n-j-1}$  are zero. The desired  $b_{d,j}$  is the solution of the algebraic equation

$$d^n b_{d,j} + q_{d,n,i-1}(b_{d,1}, b_{d,2}, \dots, b_{d,j-1}) = 0.$$

Considering  $a_{d,m} = -b_{d,m-2} - \sum_{j=2}^{m-1} a_{d,j} b_{d,m-1-j}$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , we get  $a_{d,m}$ . In addition, we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** *The coefficients  $a_{d,m}$  and  $b_{d,m}$  are  $d$ -adic rational numbers.*

Building a program to compute the exact values of  $b_{2,m}$  and  $a_{2,m}$  by using the C programming language with multiple precision arithmetic library GMP [6], we get the first 30000 exact values of  $a_{2,m}$ . Some of these values (numerator, exponent of 2 for the denominator) are presented in Table 1 of Section 5.

### 3. COEFFICIENT FORMULA

In this section, we introduce a generalization of the coefficient formula presented in [5].

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2 \leq m \leq d^{n+1} - 1$  and  $r$  sufficiently large. Then*

$$ma_{d,m} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w|=r} P_{d,w}^{\circ n}(w)^{m/d^n} \frac{dw}{w^2}.$$

This formula shows that  $a_{d,m}$  is the coefficient of degree 1 of the Laurent series expansion of  $P_{d,w}^{\circ n}(w)^{m/d^n}$  at  $\infty$ . Using *Mathematica*, we calculate the exact values of  $a_{3,m}$ ,  $a_{4,m}$ ,  $a_{5,m}$ ,  $a_{6,m}$  and  $a_{7,m}$ . Part of these values (numerator, exponent of each factor for the denominator) are presented in Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section 5. In these tables, we omit the zero coefficients indicated in Corollary 6.

The next lemma follows from this theorem. Let  $C_j(a)$  be the general binomial coefficient, i.e. for a real number  $a$  and  $|x| < 1$  it is  $(1+x)^a = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_j(a) x^j$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $n, N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2 \leq m \leq d^{n+1} - 1$  and  $1 \leq N \leq n$ . We obtain that  $ma_{d,m}$  is the coefficient of  $w$  in the Laurent series of the expression*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j_1=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{j_N=0}^{\infty} C_{j_1} \left( \frac{m}{d^n} \right) C_{j_2} \left( \frac{m}{d^{n-1}} - dj_1 \right) C_{j_3} \left( \frac{m}{d^{n-2}} - d^2j_1 - dj_2 \right) \\ & \cdots C_{j_N} \left( \frac{m}{d^{n-N+1}} - d^{N-1}j_1 - d^{N-2}j_2 - \cdots - dj_{N-1} \right) \\ & \times w^{j_1 + \cdots + j_N} P_{d,w}^{\circ n-N}(w)^{m/d^{n-N} - d^N j_1 - d^{N-1} j_2 - \cdots - dj_N}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $N = n$  and considering  $P_{d,w}^{\circ 0}(w) = w$  leads to the next corollary.

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $2 \leq m \leq d^{n+1} - 1$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} ma_{d,m} = & \sum C_{j_1} \left( \frac{m}{d^n} \right) C_{j_2} \left( \frac{m}{d^{n-1}} - dj_1 \right) C_{j_3} \left( \frac{m}{d^{n-2}} - d^2j_1 - dj_2 \right) \\ & \cdots C_{j_n} \left( \frac{m}{d} - d^{n-1}j_1 - d^{n-2}j_2 - \cdots - dj_{n-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the sum is over all non-negative indices  $j_1, \dots, j_n$  such that  $(d^n - 1)j_1 + (d^{n-1} - 1)j_2 + (d^{n-2} - 1)j_3 + \cdots + (d - 1)j_n = m - 1$ .

### 4. ZERO COEFFICIENTS

Ewing and Schober proved the following theorem concerning these coefficients for  $d = 2$ .

**Theorem 7** (see [5]). *For any integers  $k$  and  $\nu$  satisfying  $k \geq 1$  and  $2^\nu \geq k + 1$ , let  $m = (2k + 1)2^\nu$ . Then  $a_{2,m} = 0$ .*

It is unknown whether the converse is true. They reported that their computation of 1000 terms of  $a_{2,m}$  has not produced a zero-coefficient besides those indicated in the theorem [5]. The next statement is a generalization of the above.

**Theorem 8.** *Suppose the positive integers  $k, \nu$  satisfy  $\nu \geq 1, 2 \leq k \leq d^{\nu+1} - 1$  and  $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{d}$ . Then  $a_{d,m} = 0$  for  $m = kd^\nu$ .*

For  $d = 3$ , if  $m$  is even, then  $a_{d,m} = 0$ . In addition, when  $d = 4$ , if  $m \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $a_{d,m} = 0$ . This phenomena is caused by the rotation symmetry of the generalized Mandelbrot set (see [8, 15]). We gave a short proof in [13].

**Corollary 9.** *Suppose  $d \geq 3$  and  $m \not\equiv 1 \pmod{d-1}$ . Then  $a_{d,m} = 0$ .*

Furthermore there are other zero-coefficients for  $d \geq 3$ . For example,  $d = 3$  and  $m = 39$ . Some of these can be determined as follows:

**Theorem 10.** *Suppose  $d \geq 3$  and the positive integers  $k, \nu$  satisfy  $\nu \geq 1, 2 \leq k \leq 2(d^{\nu+1} - 1), k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{d}$  and  $k \not\equiv -1 \pmod{d}$ . Then  $a_{d,m} = 0$  for  $m = kd^\nu$ .*

## 5. TABLES

m	Numerator	Exponent of 2
2	1	1
3	1	3
4	1	2
5	15	7
6	0	0
7	81	10
8	1	3
9	1499	15
10	1	5
11	16551	18
12	0	0
13	-19557	22
14	7	8
15	1026129	25
16	1	4
17	78558483	31
18	7	9
19	496067595	34
20	0	0
21	-506111055	38
22	135	12
23	66414150615	41
24	0	0
25	402782136143	46
26	683	16
27	-7661205650557	49
28	0	0
29	159606082621811	53
30	159	14
31	1420861495703249	56
32	1	5
33	118802466511637251	63
34	6147	20
35	978823547108164723	66
36	7	10
37	11679916854812498869	70
38	136987	23
39	87928513714596704251	73
40	0	0

TABLE 1. The coefficients of  $f_2$

m	Numerator	Exponent of 3
3	1	1
5	1	2
7	2	4
9	1	2
11	52	6
13	155	8
15	0	0
17	2657	10
19	29533	13
21	0	0
23	-69655	15
25	2969930	17
27	1	3
29	23095973	19
31	56696777	21
33	10	6
35	2343898963	23
37	24995524274	26
39	0	0
41	115000492832	28
43	3201040250650	30
45	0	0
47	-6747874422283	32
49	27156979500091	34
51	206	9
53	1754740271356126	36
55	39359185743143624	40
57	104	10
59	664202023454689654	42
61	8022885267816295453	44
63	0	0
65	-7391510296706161637	46
67	221780172965492286820	48
69	998	11
71	-2686651941493059666679	50
73	-32087457055180397296552	53
75	8788	14
77	746925320310443260300229	55
79	6876851947180179910150669	57
81	1	4
83	124855798180021255239446495	59
85	637437763117857269357937478	61
87	39127	15
89	9942473917721354152195660708	63
91	120356314540026798358102260334	66
93	17849	15
95	238821046435703298297129023039	68
97	10637737798335560537468828132786	70
99	0	0
101	-10370735200491148482774112789591	72
103	111719030172930182970912859124588	74
105	9614018	19
107	14868303604623474006298195379693026	76
109	432892231404754050837137676654921275	80
111	808906	19

TABLE 2. The coefficients of  $f_3$

m	Numerator	Exponent of 2
4	1	2
7	3	5
10	1	5
13	15	11
16	1	4
19	2995	16
22	93	12
25	59451	23
28	0	0
31	7405653	28
34	17127	20
37	102177851	34
40	0	0
43	-1017988077	39
46	2092125	27
49	716781072211	47
52	0	0
55	-8057836991135	52
58	-107583317	36
61	2910453741726705	58
64	1	6
67	91893393031048069	63
70	37808167947	43
73	1318087272305007215	70
76	231	15
79	444913124772728735913	75
82	15183120823331	51
85	5638826034225284751059	81
88	0	0
91	313435297799410921771475	86
94	2446791012271421	58
97	118450111798267190814840195	95
100	0	0
103	-1301193230791636493236184615	100
106	664048285923294771	68
109	512113451204756528760343660597	106
112	0	0
115	-3520423070490219326949797654607	111
118	-45727887792645710401	75
121	506212175722490985695107186905045	118
124	165891	25
127	58796841643071627165449422487916363	123
130	23092635524223152102457	83
133	397055491958203159505945410084345677	129
136	715	19
139	78431329910398805770642975112640575077	134
142	5449594290814991549012715	90
145	7980624173886387569283189728734396465431	142
148	0	0
151	91152299800810756756837172530825935597981	147
154	1498244827443611355653020543	99
157	39106803169978058818170696999834141046385285	153
160	0	0
163	-272132801528847168374620791408945941299571111	158
166	-5015072798157096341615114953	106

TABLE 3. The coefficients of  $f_4$

m	Numerator	Exponent of 5
5	1	1
9	2	2
13	4	3
17	7	4
21	44	6
25	1	2
29	12272	8
33	36603	9
37	85256	10
41	669768	12
45	0	0
49	112321771	14
53	388257398	15
57	1032056524	16
61	9125770814	18
65	0	0
69	-81246358698	20
73	5215736042762	21
77	13061209292514	22
81	120874136987029	24
85	0	0
89	-1223557557246132	26
93	-6414828347025054	27
97	274979536551155328	28
101	8963521300059176051	31
105	0	0
109	-89389483729234487652	33
113	-486246831892374376053	34
117	-1649151316991870622151	35
121	391483254035866680450124	37
125	1	3
129	10243115362133254704701388	39
133	27491557925964752563813559	40
137	56011891263226276862420782	41
141	366148195561395087109540258	43
145	1596	8
149	182444599361456314269533021049	45
153	614013623811293037508175596984	46
157	1566340171549905562720996254608	47
161	13129024868901786766016022008219	49
165	0	0
169	1240651330101237709943531838913108	51
173	11090312466240819735580402303782236	52
177	29483003113410510802951827213615633	53
181	272457560896503207828646458948743729	55
185	0	0
189	-2621807240948417080067307939236241968	57
193	65028369153591069630335027153700993403	58
197	684198297180196449153739641357729566871	59
201	25735645302412330165611933363120519759738	62
205	0	0
209	-264976014648208932338860141790274161278099	64
213	-1425266395615462618015450915405906612862477	65
217	18210411808639514012847109021885181438394584	66
221	1091692220547900332047427749010983590042017202	68

TABLE 4. The coefficients of  $f_5$

m	Numerator	Exponent of 2	3
6	1	1	1
11	5	3	2
16	5	1	4
21	5	7	1
26	7	1	6
31	8645	10	8
36	1	2	2
41	44166115	15	10
46	96545	2	13
51	20051	18	2
56	224695	2	15
61	682050153785	22	17
66	0	0	0
71	510189065505655	25	19
76	412426453	2	21
81	120083275	31	2
86	2394396445	3	23
91	49144739612524327415	34	26
96	0	0	0
101	-2801171227435232984071	38	28
106	52774878534565	5	30
111	2597391412505	41	5
116	19211930633005	2	32
121	1137781778131315301990813815	46	34
126	0	0	0
131	-36348749336652649096486356745	49	36
136	-12198493242631315	1	40
141	36377488424879315	53	6
146	65241041542982158265	8	42
151	60530806118279000681493768465284389	56	44
156	0	0	0
161	-32627838290042061648075762005265809365	63	46
166	-4934686005225577895375	7	48
171	-260083422502506625	66	2
176	2963646870280316029705	0	50
181	20230431803670558980492779907280064385147543	70	53
186	0	0	0
191	-615519080443710081786835807335058560652341635	73	55
196	-2875148465039005768533865	2	57
201	-250734186268353826949737	78	7
206	-1714693662743917675142615131	9	59

TABLE 5. The coefficients of  $f_6$



m	Numerator	Exponent of 7
7	1	1
13	3	2
19	10	3
25	33	4
31	102	5
37	276	6
43	3828	8
49	1	2
55	4886892	10
61	24323193	11
67	106806036	12
73	412326959	13
79	1338614628	14
85	21663929508	16
91	0	0
97	15881452467207	18
103	88458814741695	19
109	430684532453670	20
115	1827731386205295	21
121	6473496513847509	22
127	113543753471947366	24
133	0	0
139	-2397245366530485621	26
145	399981602588647434254	27
151	1896566348461207903576	28
157	8353830782381410698123	29
163	31069977330243000729086	30
169	573571363151516572431860	32
175	0	0
181	-13382662008145137285729374	34
187	-117342656009013997691001647	35
193	11347420366217549394264329589	36
199	41815800807425247397362906544	37
205	153373107599284780595599688311	38
211	2885412977789314774479022653216	40
217	0	0
223	-71706622150248358307439522992655	42
229	-651008699388212278045484479088121	43
235	-4098721239127187521462669622469906	44
241	345927006962224035750738278739011930	45
247	866140781977152053621693275086815604	46
253	15245220943627210103007062650905532493	48
259	0	0
265	-380306789601016566873834419097402398703	50
271	-3523387908136747198365040697162766512823	51
277	-22724723781272885854678843859430404875092	52
283	-117794971375196444565305062061434092520623	53
289	11051541173662752530186346243508710914942760	54
295	684816309855195490889404171649532724071846121	57
301	0	0
307	-14547727532901231765679437172717656067150007195	59
313	-134126312225852378807562286473816429601253045251	60
319	-872404263082910091131629789120394545746805945905	61
325	-4590488276809319231550940780999336662495098259853	62
331	-19440010418342626606123045335588177346374583978436	63

TABLE 6. The coefficients of  $f_7$

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