Smoothness of hairs for some entire functions

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1 Preliminaries

Let f be an entire function and f^n denote the n-th iterate of f. Recall that the Fatou set F(f) and the Julia set J(f) of f are defined as follows:

$$F(f) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \{f^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is a normal family in a neighborhood of } z\},$$

 $J(f) := \mathbb{C} \setminus F(f).$

By definition, F(f) is open and J(f) is closed in \mathbb{C} . Also J(f) is compact if f is a polynomial, while it is non-compact if f is transcendental. This is due to the fact that ∞ is an essential singularity of f.

The purpose of this paper is to construct so-called *hairs*, which is subsets of the Julia set J(f), and to show their smoothness for a certain class of transcendental entire functions. Devaney and Krych first constructed hairs for exponential family $E_{\lambda}(z) = \lambda e^{z}$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$) in 1984 ([**DK**]). Here we briefly explain their results. Define

$$B_l:=\{z\mid (2l-1)\pi<\mathrm{Im}\ z+\theta<(2l+1)\pi\},\quad \theta=\arg\,\lambda\in[-\pi,\pi),\ l\in\mathbb{Z}$$

then we can define itinerary $S(z) := \mathbf{s} = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n, \dots) \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$ for a point $z \in \mathbb{C}$ by $E_{\lambda}^n(z) \in B_{s_n}$.

Theorem 1.1 (Devaney-Krych, 1984). If $s \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$ satisfies the following "growth condition":

$$\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \ \forall n, \ (2|s_n|+1)\pi + |\theta| \le g^n(x_0), \quad g(t) := |\lambda|e^t,$$

then there exists $h_s(t) \subset J(E_{\lambda})$ which satisfies the following:

- (i) $E_{\lambda}(h_{s}(t)) = h_{\sigma(s)}(g(t))$, where σ is the shift map on $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$,
- (ii) $E_{\lambda}^{n}(h_{s}(t)) \to \infty \ (n \to \infty) \ for \ every \ t.$

The curve $h_s(t)$ is called a hair. Viana showed that this hair $h_s(t)$ is a C^{∞} curve ([V]).

In this paper we consider the existence and smoothness of hairs under a general setting. In particular we generalize this result for the exponential functions to $f(z) := P(z)e^{Q(z)}$,

where P(z) and Q(z) are polynomials. For simplicity, we state the result for the easiest case, that is, for a "fixed" itinerary $s = (s_0, s_0, s_0, \cdots)$. We state our detailed setting and the results of existence in §2. In §3 and §4 we explain the smoothness of hairs. In §5 we state the result for $f(z) := P(z)e^{Q(z)}$ as an application of our general results. Finally in §6 we briefly explain how to construct hairs for general itineraries.

2 C^0 a priori estimates — existence of a hair h(t) —

Our setting is as follows:

A: Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{C}$ be unbounded domains, $f: U \to V$ a holomorphic diffeomorphism and $g: [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ the reference mapping, i.e., an increasing C^{∞} function such that g(t) > t for $t \geq \tau_*$. (Hence $g^n(t) \to \infty$ $(n \to \infty)$.)

B: (Initial curves): There exist continuous curves $h_0, h_1 : [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ and a continuous increasing function $R : [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}_+$ and a constant $0 < {}^{\exists}\kappa < 1$ which satisfy the following:

•
$$|h_1(t) - h_0(t)| \le (1 - \kappa)R(t)$$
 for $t \in [\tau_*, \infty)$; (1)

• If $|\dot{w} - h_0(g(t))| \leq R(g(t))$ for some $t \in [\tau_*, \infty)$, then $w \in V$ and

$$|f'(z)| \frac{R(t)}{R(q(t))} \ge \frac{1}{\kappa}$$
, where $z = (f|_U)^{-1}(w)$ (2)

(This is equivalent to that $f: B_f(t) \to \overline{\mathbb{D}(h_0(g(t)), R(g(t)))}$ is a homeomorphism with

$$|f'(z)| \frac{R(t)}{R(g(t))} \ge \frac{1}{\kappa}, \ z \in B_f(t), \ \text{where} \ B_f(t) := \{z \in U : |f(z) - h_0(g(t))| \le R(g(t))\}.$$

Definition 2.1. Let $\rho: [\tau, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}_+$ be a continuous increasing function and define a norm $||\psi||_{\rho,\tau}$ for $\psi: [\tau, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ by

$$||\psi||_{
ho, au}:=\sup_{t\geq au}|\psi(t)|
ho(t).$$

We call ρ a weight function. Then it is easy to see that the space $X_{\rho,\tau} := \{\psi \mid ||\psi||_{\rho,\tau} < \infty\}$ becomes a Banach space.

Note that if we put $\rho_*(t) := 1/R(t)$ then the condition **B** (1) can be read as

$$||h_1-h_0||_{\rho_*,\tau_*}\leq 1-\kappa.$$

Under the above setting, we can show the existence of a hair h(t):

Lemma 2.2. Under the assumptions **A** and **B**, there exist continuous functions h_n : $[\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ (n = 2, 3, ...) such that for n = 0, 1, 2, ...,

$$||h_n - h_0||_{\rho_\bullet, \tau_\bullet} \le 1 - \kappa^n; \tag{3}$$

$$f \circ h_{n+1}(t) = h_n \circ g(t) \quad \text{for } t \ge \tau_*;$$
 (4)

$$||h_{n+1} - h_n||_{\rho_*, \tau_*} \le (1 - \kappa)\kappa^n. \tag{5}$$

Therefore there exists a continuous function $h(t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} h_n(t)$ satisfying

$$f \circ h(t) = h \circ g(t)$$
 for $t \ge \tau_*$ and $|h(t) - h_0(t)| \le R(t)$. (6)

Of course, $f^n(h(t)) \to \infty$ $(n \to \infty)$ holds for $\forall t \ge \tau_*$, since we have $f^n(h(t)) = h(g^n(t))$ and $g^n(t) \to \infty$ $(n \to \infty)$.

3 C^1 estimates

From (4), we have

$$\log h'_{n+1} = \log h'_n \circ g + \log g' - \log f' \circ h_{n+1}. \tag{7}$$

So define

$$\psi_n(t) := \log h'_n(t), \tag{8}$$

Then we have

$$\psi_{n+1} - \psi_n = (\psi_n - \psi_{n-1}) \circ g - (\log f' \circ h_{n+1} - \log f' \circ h_n). \tag{9}$$

If $\psi_n - \psi_{n-1} \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$, by composing g, $(\psi_n - \psi_{n-1}) \circ g$ may go to 0 faster. This can be formulated in terms of $||\cdot||_{\rho_0,\tau_*}$ with an appropriate weight function $\rho_0: [\tau_*,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}^+$ (which is assumed to be increasing). In fact, for a function $\psi: [\tau_*,\infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ (for our case, $\psi = \psi_n - \psi_{n-1}$), we have

$$||\psi \circ g||_{\rho_{0},\tau} = \sup_{t \geq \tau} |\psi(g(t))| \rho_{0}(t) = \sup_{t \geq \tau} \frac{\rho_{0}(t)}{\rho_{0}(g(t))} \cdot |\psi(g(t))| \rho_{0}(g(t))$$

$$\leq \left(\sup_{t \geq \tau} \frac{\rho_{0}(t)}{\rho_{0}(g(t))}\right) \cdot \left(\sup_{t' \geq g(\tau)} |\psi(t')| \rho_{0}(t')\right) = \left(\sup_{t \geq \tau} \frac{\rho_{0}(t)}{\rho_{0}(g(t))}\right) ||\psi||_{\rho_{0},g(\tau)}. \quad (10)$$

So if $\sup_{t \geq \tau} \frac{\rho_0(t)}{\rho_0(g(t))} < 1$, then $||\cdot||_{\rho_0,\tau}$ -norm is contracted by composing g. This implies the possibility to prove the geometric convergence of (9).

For further estimates $(C^k, k = 1, 2, ...)$, we need to prepare the following.

Definition 3.1. (1) Let ρ_k , $\sigma_k : [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}_+$, $(k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ be weight functions with $\sigma_k(t) \le \rho_k(t)$. These are to measure the norm $||\cdot||_{\rho_k,\tau}$ of $\psi_{n+1}^{(k)} - \psi_n^{(k)}$ and the norm $||\cdot||_{\sigma_k,\tau}$ of $\psi_n^{(k)}$.

(2) For given weight functions ρ_k , σ_k , define

$$\alpha_{k}(t) := \frac{\rho_{k}(t)|g'(t)|^{k}}{\rho_{k}(g(t))},$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_{k}(\tau) := \sup_{t \geq \tau} \alpha_{k}(t),$$

$$D_{k}(t) := \sup_{z \in B_{f}(t)} \left| (\log f')^{(k)}(z) \right|, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad t, \ \tau \geq \tau_{*},$$

$$B_{f}(t) := \{ z \in U : |f(z) - h_{0}(g(t))| \leq R(g(t)) \}$$

Now in order to prove that h(t) is C^1 , we assume that there exist weight functions $\rho_0, \sigma_0 : [\tau_*.\infty) \to \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfying the following conditions C_0 , D_0 and F_0 :

$$C_0$$
: h_0 , h_1 are C^1 with $h_0'(t)$, $h_1'(t) \neq 0$ and $\psi_0(t) = \log h_0'(t)$, $\psi_1(t) = \log h_1'(t)$ satisfy

$$||\psi_1 - \psi_0||_{\rho_0, \tau_*} < \infty$$
 and $||\psi_0||_{\sigma_0, \tau_*} < \infty$.

$$\mathbf{D}_0: \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \bar{\alpha}_0(\tau) = \limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{\rho_0(t)}{\rho_0(g(t))} < 1.$$

$$\mathbf{F}_0$$
: $K_0 := \sup_{t \ge \tau_*} D_1(t) R(t) \rho_0(t) < \infty$.

Lemma 3.2. Suppose A, B, C_0 , D_0 and F_0 are satisfied. Then h_n are C^1 (n = 2, 3, ...) and there exists $\kappa_0 < 1$ and C_0 such that $\psi_n(t) = \log h'_n(t)$ satisfy

$$||\psi_{n+1} - \psi_n||_{\rho_0, \tau_*} \le C_0 \kappa_0^n \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \tag{11}$$

Therefore the limit h(t) is also C^1 and $\psi(t) = \log h'(t)$ satisfies

$$||\psi - \psi_0||_{\rho_0, \tau_*} \le \frac{C_0}{1 - \kappa_0} \quad and \quad ||\psi||_{\sigma_0, \tau_*} \le \frac{C_0}{1 - \kappa_0} + ||\psi_0||_{\sigma_0, \tau_*} < \infty.$$

4 Higher order derivatives — estimate for $\psi_n^{(k)}(k=1,2,\dots)$ —

Differentiating (7) and using $h'_{n+1} = e^{\psi_{n+1}}$, we have

$$\psi'_{n+1} = (\psi'_n \circ g) \cdot g' + (\log g')' - ((\log f')' \circ h_{n+1}) e^{\psi_{n+1}}, \tag{12}$$

$$\psi_{n+1}'' = (\psi_n'' \circ g) \cdot (g')^2 + (\psi_n' \circ g) \cdot g'' + (\log g')''$$

$$- ((\log f')'' \circ h_{n+1}) e^{2\psi_{n+1}} - ((\log f')' \circ h_{n+1}) e^{\psi_{n+1}} \psi_{n+1}'. \tag{13}$$

More generally, the following holds:

Lemma 4.1. For k = 1, 2, ..., we have

$$\psi_{n+1}^{(k)} = \left(\psi_{n}^{(k)} \circ g\right) (g')^{k} + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq \ell < k \\ j_{1} \geq \dots \geq j_{\ell} \geq 1 \\ j_{1} + \dots + j_{\ell} = k}} const \left(\psi_{n}^{(\ell)} \circ g\right) g^{(j_{1})} \dots g^{(j_{\ell})} + \left(\log g'\right)^{(k)}$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{1 \leq \ell \leq k, 0 \leq \nu \\ j_{1} \geq \dots \geq j_{\nu} \geq 1 \\ \ell + j_{1} + \dots + j_{\nu} = k}} const \left(\left(\log f'\right)^{(\ell)} \circ h_{n+1}\right) e^{\ell \psi_{n+1}} \psi_{n+1}^{(j_{1})} \dots \psi_{n+1}^{(j_{\nu})}, \tag{14}$$

where the coefficients "const" are some constants depending the indices ℓ, j_1, j_2, \ldots

Note that in the right hand side of (14), only the first term contains k-th derivative of ψ_n and all other terms involve lower order derivatives of ψ_n (or none). Therefore if lower order derivatives are "under control," it is expected that we can proceed as in the previous section.

For the exponential map $f(z) = \lambda e^z$ and $g(t) = |\lambda|e^t$, we have $(\log f')' \equiv 1$ and $(\log f')^{(\ell)} \equiv 0 \ (\ell > 1)$. So the formula (14) simplifies substantially. Moreover $g^{(j_1)} \dots g^{(j_\ell)}$ is a constant multiple of $g(t)^{\ell}$ which also simplifies the expression.

Suppose weight functions $\rho_k, \sigma_k : [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}_+$ are given. We require the following conditions:

 \mathbf{C}_k : h_0 , h_1 are C^{k+1} and $\psi_0 = \log h_0'$ and $\psi_1 = \log h_1'$ satisfy

$$||\psi_1^{(k)} - \psi_0^{(k)}||_{\rho_k, \tau_*} < \infty$$
 and $||\psi_0^{(k)}||_{\sigma_k, \tau_*} < \infty$.

 $\mathbf{D}_k: \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \bar{\alpha}_k(\tau) < 1.$

 \mathbf{E}_k : For $1 \leq \ell < k$ and $j_1, \ldots, j_\ell \geq 1$ with $j_1 + \cdots + j_\ell = k$,

$$\sup_{t\geq \tau_*} \frac{\rho_k(t)|g^{(j_1)}(t)\cdots g^{(j_\ell)}(t)|}{\rho_\ell(g(t))} < \infty.$$

 \mathbf{F}_{k} : For $1 \le \ell \le k, \ \nu \ge 0, \ j_{1}, \dots, j_{\nu} \ge 1$ with $\ell + j_{1} + \dots + j_{\nu} = k$,

$$\sup_{t \ge \tau_*} D_{\ell+1}(t) R(t) \frac{\rho_k(t)}{\sigma_{j_1}(t) \cdots \sigma_{j_{\nu}}(t)} < \infty;$$

$$\sup_{t\geq \tau_*} D_{\ell}(t) \frac{\rho_k(t)}{\rho_0(t)\sigma_{j_1}(t)\cdots\sigma_{j_{\nu}}(t)} < \infty;$$

if
$$\nu \geq 1$$
, then for $1 \leq i \leq \nu$, $\sup_{t \geq \tau_*} D_{\ell}(t) \frac{\rho_k(t)}{\sigma_{j_1}(t) \cdots \sigma_{j_{\nu}}(t)} \frac{\sigma_{j_i}(t)}{\rho_{j_i}(t)} < \infty$.

Here if $\nu = 0$, set $\sigma_{j_1}(t) \cdots \sigma_{j_{\nu}}(t) = 1$. Note that the last condition should be satisfied only when $\nu \geq 1$.

Under these assumptions, we can show the following:

Lemma 4.2. Let $k \ge 1$. Suppose A, B, C_j $(0 \le j \le k)$, D_j $(0 \le j \le k)$, E_j $(1 \le j \le k)$ and F_j $(0 \le j \le k)$ are satisfied. Then h_n are C^{k+1} (n = 2, 3, ...) and there exist constants $0 < \kappa_k < 1$ and C_k such that

$$||\psi_{n+1}^{(k)} - \psi_n^{(k)}||_{\rho_k, \tau_*} \le C_k \kappa_k^n \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$
 (15)

Therefore the limit h(t) is also C^{k+1} and $\psi = \log h'$ satisfies

$$||\psi^{(k)} - \psi_0^{(k)}||_{\rho_k, \tau_*} \le \frac{C_k}{1 - \kappa_k} \quad and \quad ||\psi_n^{(k)}||_{\sigma_k, \tau_*}, \quad ||\psi^{(k)}||_{\sigma_k, \tau_*} \le C_k'.$$

5 Examples

As an application of our results, we consider the following function:

$$f(z) = P(z)e^{Q(z)}, \quad P(z) = b_m z^m + \dots + b_0, \quad Q(z) = a_d z^d + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

 $m = \deg P > 0, \ d = \deg Q > 1, \ (a_d \neq 0, \ b_m \neq 0).$

By a linear change of coordinate and multiplying P by e^{a_0} , we may assume that $a_d = 1$ and $a_0 = 0$. Let $g(t) = t^m e^{t^d}$ be the "reference function" to compare.

Lemma 5.1. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists R > 0 such that for $t \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|t| \geq R$, there exists a unique w = w(t) such that $|w| < \varepsilon$, $P(t(1+w))e^{Q(t(1+w))} = t^m e^{t^d}$ and $|tw| \leq C$, where C is a constant.

By using this function w(t), we define $h_0(t)$ and start constructing $h_n(t)$.

Proposition 5.2. There exist $\tau_* > 0$ and C^{∞} -function $h_0 : [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$ such that $h'_0(t) \neq 0$ and

$$f \circ h_0(t) = g(t) \ (= t^m e^{t^d})$$
 (16)

$$h_0(t) := t(1+w(t)) = t + O(1) \quad (as \ t \to \infty)$$
 (17)

$$(\log h_0'(t))^{(k)} = O\left(\frac{1}{t^{k+2}}\right) \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$
(18)

Moreover h_0 , $h_1 := f^{-1}(h_0 \circ g)$ satisfies **A** and **B** with $R(t) = \frac{const}{t^{d-1}g(t)}$.

Proposition 5.3. Let $\sigma_k(t) = t^{k+2}$ (k = 0, 1, 2, ...). Suppose that $\rho_k(t)$ (k = 0, 1, 2, ...) satisfy

$$\sigma_k(t) \le \rho_k(t) \tag{19}$$

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{\rho_k(t) t^{k(d-1)}(g(t))^k}{\rho_k(g(t))} < 1$$
(20)

$$\rho_k(t) \le const \frac{\rho_\ell(g(t))}{t^{k(d-1)}(g(t))^\ell} \quad (1 \le \ell < k)$$

$$\tag{21}$$

$$\rho_k(t) \le const \cdot t^k g(t) \tag{22}$$

$$\rho_k(t) \le const \, \frac{\rho_0(t)}{t^{d-k}} \quad (k \ge 1) \tag{23}$$

$$\rho_{k}(t) \leq const \frac{\rho_{j}(t)}{t^{d+j-1}} \quad (1 \leq j < k). \tag{24}$$

Then C_j $(0 \le j \le k)$, D_j $(0 \le j \le k)$, E_j $(1 \le j \le k)$ and F_j $(0 \le j \le k)$ are satisfied.

Corollary 5.4. For a suitable choice of const and $\mu_k > 0$, $\rho_k(t) = const \frac{e^{\epsilon t}}{t^{\mu_k}}$ satisfies the hypothesis.

6 General cases

In this section we briefly explain how to construct hairs for general itineraries. We consider the following general setting:

Setting: Let U_l , $V_l \subset \mathbb{C}$ be unbounded domains and $f_l: U_l \to V_l$ be holomorphic diffeomorphisms $(l = 0, 1, 2, \cdots)$. Let $g: [\tau_*, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ be a reference mapping, i.e., an increasing C^{∞} function such that g(t) > t for $t \geq \tau_*$. (Hence $g^l(t) \to \infty$ $(l \to \infty)$). Set $\tau_l := g^l(\tau_*)$.

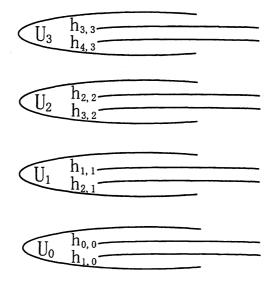
Our goal is to construct $h_l: [\tau_l, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}, \ (l = 0, 1, 2, \cdots)$ such that

$$f_l \circ h_l(t) = h_{l+1} \circ g(t).$$

Strategy: Construct initial curves $h_{l,l}$ $(l=0,1,2,\cdots)$. Then define $h_{n,l}: [\tau_l,\infty) \to \mathbb{C}$, $(0 \le l < n)$ by lifting successively so that

$$f_l \circ h_{n,l}(t) = h_{n,l+1} \circ g(t).$$

See the figure and the diagram below:



Under the similar assumptions as in the previous sections, we can show the existence and smoothness of hairs $h_l(t)$ $(l=0,1,2,\cdots)$. We omit the details. Since the function $f(z)=P(z)e^{Q(z)}$ is structurally finite, we can define the itinerary $s \in \{0,1,\cdots,d-1\} \times \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$, where $d=\deg Q$. For the details, see [**Ki**]. So by taking f_l to be the restriction of f to a suitable domain according to s, we can apply our results for general setting and obtain the smooth hair $h_s(t)$ corresponding to s.

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