

## The Dynamics of Nearly Abelian Polynomial Semigroups at Infinity

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**Abstract.** We prove that a nearly abelian polynomial semigroup has the simultaneously normalizing coordinate in the neighborhood of infinity. This result has been expected by A. Hinkkanen and G. J. Martin as Conjecture 7.1 in [5].

We begin this paper with some definitions, which is given by [5].

**Definition.** A *polynomial semigroup*  $G$  is a semigroup generated by a family of non-constant polynomial functions on  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  to itself. Here the semigroup operation is functional composition. And let  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots \rangle$  denote the semigroup generated by  $f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots$ . If  $G$  is a polynomial semigroup, we define the set of normality  $N(G)$  as following;

$N(G) = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} : \text{there is a neighborhood } V \text{ of } z \text{ such that } G|_V \text{ is a normal family with respect to the spherical metric}\}$ .

**Definition.** A polynomial semigroup is *nearly abelian* if there is a compact family  $\Phi$  of Möbius transformations with the following properties;

- (i)  $\phi(N(G)) = N(G)$  for all  $\phi \in \Phi$ , and
- (ii) for all  $f, g \in G$ , there is a  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that  $f \circ g = \phi \circ g \circ f$ .

Next we state our main theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $G$  is a nearly abelian polynomial semigroup and  $G$  contains some polynomials of degree at least two, then there is a neighborhood of  $\infty$  on which  $G$  is analytically conjugate to a sub-semigroup of  $\langle z \mapsto az^n : |a| = 1, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \rangle$ .*

**Remark.** The condition that “ $G$  contains some polynomials of degree at least two” cannot be removed. In fact, there are counterexamples to the assertion without it. A simple example is  $\langle z \mapsto 2z \rangle$ .

We need two lemmas to prove Theorem 1. The first one is a consequence of Theorem 4.1 in [5].

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $G$  be a nearly abelian polynomial semigroup. Then for each  $g \in G$  of degree at least two, we have  $N(G) = N(\langle g \rangle)$ .*

The next lemma is connected with the Böttcher function. (see [3] for the proof).

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that  $f$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  which is at least two. Then there exist a neighborhood  $V$  of  $\infty$  and an injective holomorphic map  $\varphi : V \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that*

- (i)  $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(z)}{z} = 1$ ,
- (iii)  $\varphi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}(\zeta) = a\zeta^n$ , where  $\zeta \in \varphi(V)$  and  $a = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(z)}{z^n}$ , and
- (iv) if  $\Omega$  is the connected component of  $N(\langle f \rangle)$  including  $\infty$ , then the map  $z \mapsto \log |\varphi(z)|$  coincides with the Green function of  $\Omega$  having the pole at  $\infty$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let  $g$  be an element of  $G$  with degree  $n$  which is at least two. Then there is a Möbius transformation  $\tau$  with the property that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tau \circ g \circ \tau^{-1}(z)}{z^n} = 1.$$

It is sufficient to prove this theorem that we prove the similar assertion to  $\tau \circ G \circ \tau^{-1}$ . Therefore we may suppose that there is a  $g \in G$  such that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(z)}{z^n} = 1.$$

Using Lemma 3, we obtain a neighborhood  $V$  of  $\infty$  and injective holomorphic map  $\varphi_g : V \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_g(\infty) &= \infty, \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi_g(z)}{z} &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\varphi_g \circ g \circ \varphi_g^{-1}(\zeta) = \zeta^n,$$

where  $\zeta \in \varphi_g(V)$ .