

A PROBLEM ON PARABOLIC FIXED POINTS

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Problem. Let f be rational, with $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$ near 0, where $a_2 \neq 0$. The (unique) invariant component U of the Fatou set of f where the iterates of f tend to 0 contains at least one critical point of f . If U contains exactly one critical point, then $\operatorname{Re}(a_3/a_2^2) \leq \frac{3}{4}$, as shown by Shishikura [3], Buff and Epstein [2], and Bergweiler [1]. While $a_3/a_2^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ for the Koebe function, Buff and Epstein have given improved estimates for polynomials. What is the sharp upper bound for $\operatorname{Re}(a_3/a_2^2)$, if f is a polynomial? For degree 3 the bound seems to be $\frac{1}{4}$.

Similar questions may be asked if $a_2 = 0$; see [1, 2].

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