

# Wandering domains of entire functions

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Let  $f$  be an entire function, which is not of the form  $az + b$ . Denote by  $f^n$  the  $n$ -th iterate of  $f$ , that is  $f^n = f \circ \dots \circ f$   $n$  times. Let  $F$  be the maximal open set in the complex plane, where the iterates  $\{f^n : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  of  $f$  form a normal family.

Suppose that  $D$  is a component of  $F$ . Consider the set  $L$  of all limit functions of the family  $\{f^n\}$ , and suppose that all these limit functions are constant. There are examples where  $L$  is infinite.

**Question.** *Can  $L$  be infinite and bounded?*

Here is a restatement of the question in modern terminology. A component  $D$  of the set  $F$  is called *wandering* if  $f^n(D) \cap f^m(D) = \emptyset$ , for all integers  $n > m \geq 0$ . It is known that all limit functions of the family  $\{f^n\}$  in a wandering component  $D$  are constant. Furthermore, if the set  $L$  of limit functions in a component  $D$  of  $F$  consists only of constants, and  $L$  is infinite, then  $D$  is a wandering domain. The question is whether a subdomain  $D_1 \subset D$  of a wandering domain can wander on a bounded subset of the plane.

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