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# Rational interpolation to exponential-like functions on elliptic lattices.

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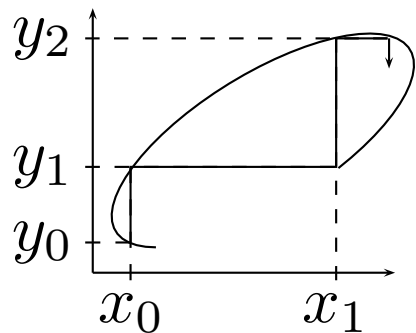
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# Difference equations and lattices.

Difference equations in history involve  $(f(x), f(x + h))$ , or  $(f(x), f(x - h))$ , or  $f(x - h/2), f(x + h/2)$ , or  $f(x), f(qx)$ , or  $(f(q^{-1/2}x), f(q^{1/2}x))$ , and more recently, values of  $f$  at  $r(x) \pm \sqrt{s(x)}$ , where  $r$  and  $s$  are rational functions.

Where will it end?

$$(\mathcal{D}f)(x) = \frac{f(\psi(x)) - f(\varphi(x))}{\psi(x) - \varphi(x)}, \quad (1)$$



The simplest choice for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  is to take the two determinations of an algebraic function of degree 2, i.e., the two  $y$ -roots of

$$F(x, y) = X_0(x) + X_1(x)y + X_2(x)y^2 = 0, \quad (2a)$$

where  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$ , and  $X_2$  are rational functions.

The difference equation at  $x = x_0$  relates then  $f(y_0)$  to  $f(y_1)$ , where  $y_1$  is the second root of (2a) at  $x_0$ . We need  $x_1$  such that  $y_1$  is one of the two roots of (2a) at  $x_1$ , so for one of the roots of  $F(x, y_1) = 0$  which is not  $x_0$ . Here again, the

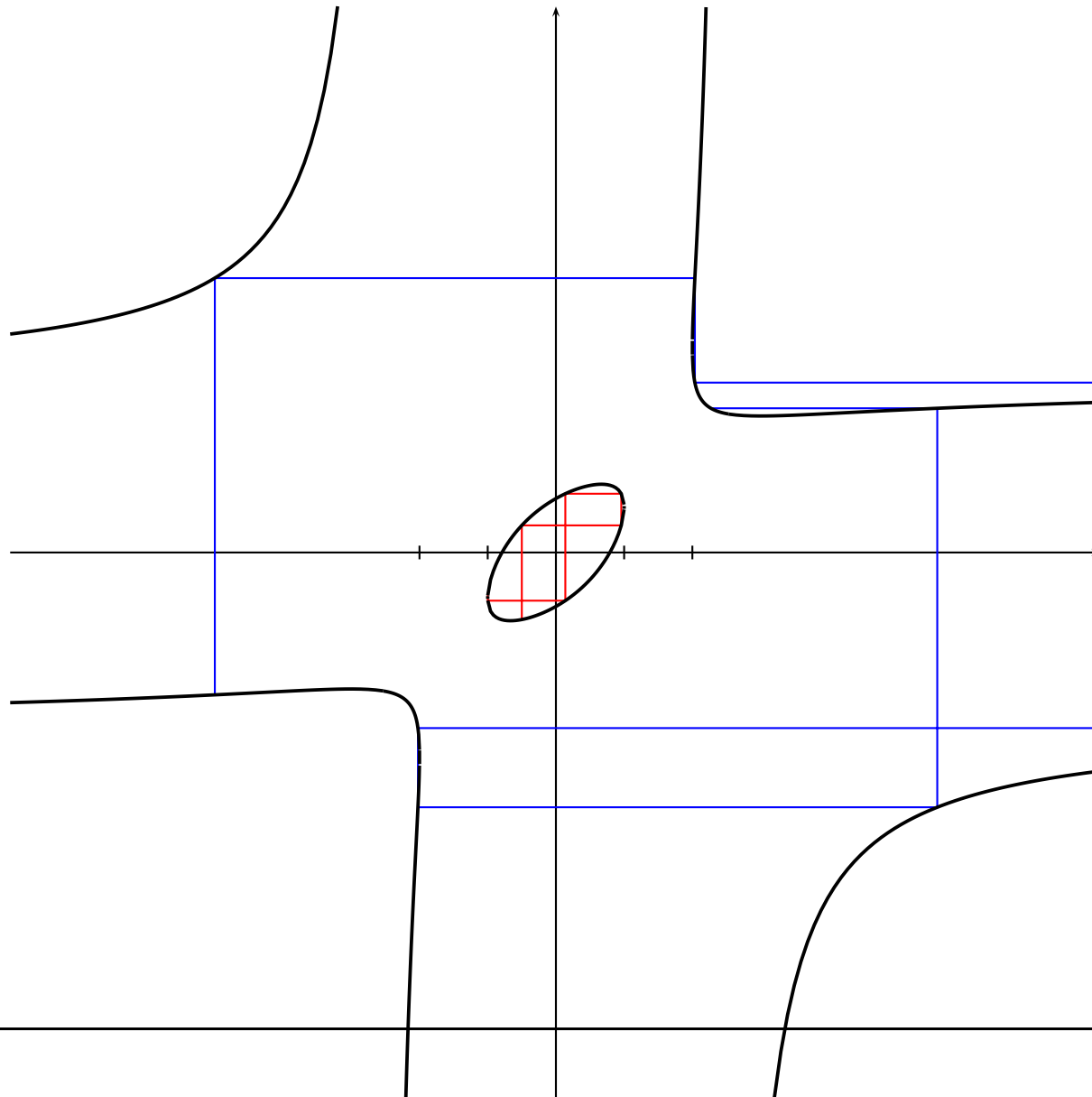
simplest case is when  $F$  is of degree 2 in  $x$ :

$$F(x, y) = Y_0(y) + Y_1(y)x + Y_2(y)x^2 = 0. \quad (2b)$$

Both forms (2a) and (2b) hold simultaneously when  $F$  is *biquadratic*:

$$F(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=0}^2 c_{i,j} x^i y^j. \quad (3)$$

$$F(x, y) = k^2(1 - k^2 z_0^2)x^2 y^2 - k^2(1 - z_0^2)(x^2 + y^2) - 2k(1 - k^2)z_0 xy + 1 - k^2 z_0^2. \quad (4)$$

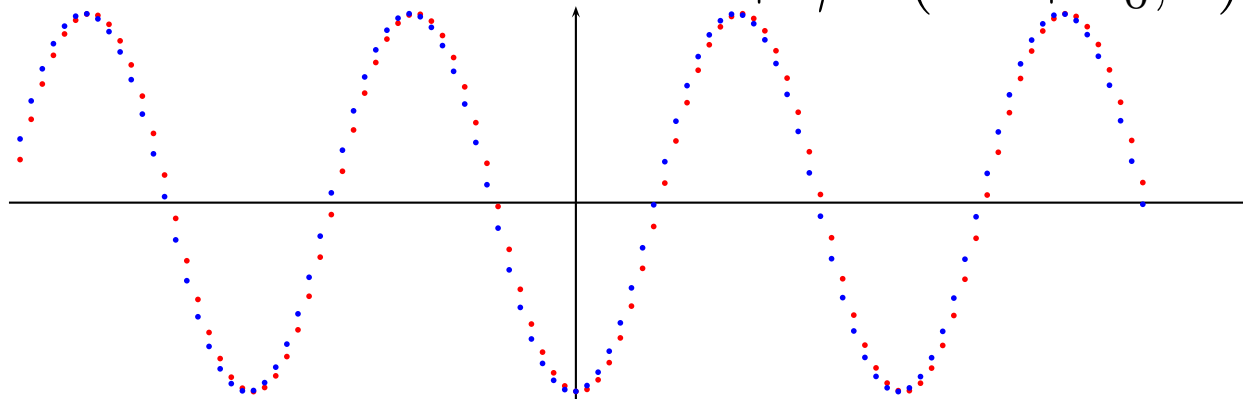


# Why elliptic?

One has

$$2n \int_{z_0}^{z_1} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{P(t)}} = \int_{z_1}^{x_0} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{P(t)}} \pm \int_{z_0}^{x_n} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{P(t)}} + 2 \sum_j N_j \int_{z_1}^{z_{j+1}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{P(t)}}, \quad (5)$$

Elliptic functions, at last:  $x_n = \frac{\alpha \operatorname{sn}(nh + s_0; k) + \beta}{1 + \gamma \operatorname{sn}(nh + s_0; k)}$



# Exponential-like functions.

Solution of

$$(\mathcal{D}f)(x) = a[f(\varphi(x)) + f(\psi(x))] \quad (6)$$

or

$$f(\psi(x)) = \frac{1 + a[\psi(x) - \varphi(x)]}{1 - a[\psi(x) - \varphi(x)]} f(\varphi(x))$$

on a lattice:  $f(y_n) = \frac{[1 + a(y_n - y_{n-1})][1 + a(y_{n-1} - y_{n-2})] \cdots [1 + a(y_1 - y_0)]}{[1 - a(y_n - y_{n-1})][1 - a(y_{n-1} - y_{n-2})] \cdots [1 - a(y_1 - y_0)]} f(y_0)$

on the arithmetic lattice, still an exponential function  $f(x) =$

$$\left[ \frac{1 + ah}{1 - ah} \right]^{(x-y_0)/h}$$

on the  $q$ -lattice,  $\varphi(x) = x$ ,  $\psi(x) = qx$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{e_q(ax)}{e_q(-ax)}$

x-1= -0.7905694

x0: 0.7905694 y0=0 f= 1

1 0.5167233 0.9856450 2.943393

2 -0.9529158 -0.3790235 0.5557844

3 -0.1575301 -0.8702581 0.3365995

4 0.9994804 0.6923469 2.741620

5 -0.2301987 0.6400372 2.601862

...



1649 x= 0.9824965 y=0.4997582 , f= 2.165691  
6729 x=-0.3972262 y=0.4999544 , f= 2.166314  
9582 x=-0.3967925 y=0.5003586 , f= 2.167597  
9846 x= 0.9826548 y=0.5005785 , f= 2.168296  
6993 x= 0.9827326 y=0.5009825 , f= 2.169579  
...  
4008 x= 0.6658965 y=0.9999996 , f= 2.949004  
1517 x= 0.6672618 y=0.9999997 , f= 2.949004  
6861 x= 0.6662356 y=0.9999999 , f= 2.949004  
9714 x= 0.6665745 y=1.000000 , f= 2.949005

# Known rational approximations.

Padé for  $e^z$ ,  $[m/n] =$

$$\frac{1 + \frac{m}{m+n} \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{m(m-1)}{(m+n)(m+n-1)} \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{m(m-1)\dots 2 \cdot 1}{(m+n)(m+n-1)\dots(n+1)} z^n}{1 - \frac{n}{m+n} \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{n(n-1)}{(m+n)(m+n-1)} \frac{z^2}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{n(n-1)\dots 2 \cdot 1}{(m+n)(m+n-1)\dots(m-n+1)} z^n} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^z \text{ den.} - \text{num.} &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(m+1)\dots(m+n)} \sum_{k=m+n+1}^{\infty} \frac{(k-m-1)\dots(k-m-n)}{k!} z^k \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(m+n)!} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^z - \int_{-\infty}^0 = \int_0^z e^t (z-t)^m t^n dt \right] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$e^{ax} = 1 + \frac{2ax}{2 - ax + \frac{a^2x^2}{6 + \frac{a^2x^2}{10 + \frac{a^2x^2}{\dots + \frac{a^2x^2}{a_k + \dots}}}}} \quad (9)$$

with  $a_k = 4k - 2$ .

Equidistant points. [Iserles]

As far as we only need  $e^{Az}$  at  $z = z_0, z_0 + h, \dots, z_0 + (m+n)h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{Az} &= (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{\Delta})^{(z-z_0)/h} e^{Az_0} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} \binom{(z-z_0)/h}{k} \mathbf{\Delta}^k e^{Az_0} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} \left( \frac{e^{Ah} - 1}{h} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!} (z - z_0)(z - z_0 - h) \cdots (z - z_0 - (k-1)h) e^{Az_0}, \end{aligned}$$

which we multiply by the denominator

$$Q(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n q_j (z - z_0) \cdots (z - z_0 - (j-1)h),$$

$$Q(z)e^{Az} = e^{Az_0} \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} \left( \frac{e^{Ah} - 1}{h} \right)^k \frac{C(k)}{k!} \\ (z - z_0)(z - z_0 - h) \cdots (z - z_0 - (k-1)h),$$

$$P(z) = e^{Az_0} \sum_{k=0}^m \left( \frac{e^{Ah} - 1}{h} \right)^k \binom{m}{k} (m+n-k)! \\ (z - z_0)(z - z_0 - h) \cdots (z - z_0 - (k-1)h),$$

$$Q(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \frac{e^{-Ah} - 1}{h} \right)^k \binom{n}{k} (m+n-k)! \\ (z - z_0)(z - z_0 - h) \cdots (z - z_0 - (k-1)h),$$

and, formally:

$$Q(z)e^{Az} - P(z) = e^{Az_0} m! (-1)^n \\ \sum_{k=m+n+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{e^{Ah} - 1}{h} \right)^k \frac{(k-m-1)(k-m-2) \cdots (k-m-n)}{k!} \\ (z - z_0)(z - z_0 - h) \cdots (z - z_0 - (k-1)h),$$

$$(1 + \alpha)^x = 1 + \frac{\alpha x}{1 + \frac{\alpha(1-x)}{2 + \frac{\alpha(1+x)}{3 + \frac{\alpha(2-x)}{\dots + \frac{\alpha(k \pm x)}{a_k + \dots}}}}} \quad (10)$$

$a_k = 2$  or  $2k + 1$ . Already in Thiele (1909)!

$$(1 + \alpha)^x = 1 + \frac{\alpha x}{1 + \frac{\alpha(1-x)}{2 + \alpha + \frac{\alpha(1+\alpha)(x-2)}{3 + \alpha + \frac{\alpha(3-x)}{\dots + \frac{(-1)^k a_k (x-k)}{b_k + \dots}}}}} \quad (11)$$

$$a_{2k} = \alpha(1 + \alpha), b_{2k} = k\alpha + 2k + 1; a_{2k+1} = \alpha, b_{2k+1} = 2 + \alpha.$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\alpha(2 + \alpha)x}{2(1 + \alpha) - \alpha x + \frac{\alpha^2(1 + \alpha)(x - 1)(x - 2)}{d_1 + \alpha^2 x + \frac{\alpha^2(1 + \alpha)(x - 3)(x - 4)}{d_2 + \alpha^2 x + \frac{\alpha^2(1 + \alpha)(x - 3)(x - 4)}{\dots + \frac{c_k(x - 2k + 1)(x - 2k)}{d_k + \alpha^2 x + \dots}}}} \quad (12)$$

$$c_k = \alpha^2(1 + \alpha), d_k = (4k + 2)(1 + \alpha) - k\alpha^2.$$



# Elliptic hypergeometric expansion.

$$\Phi_k(x) = \frac{(x - y_0) \cdots (x - y_{k-1})}{(x - y'_0) \cdots (x - y'_{k-1})}, \quad \Psi_k(x) = \frac{(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{k-1})}{(x - x'_0) \cdots (x - x'_{k-1})} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{D}\Phi_k)(x) &= C_k X_2(x) \frac{(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{k-2})}{(x - x'_{-1})(x - x'_0) \cdots (x - x'_{k-1})} \\ &= \frac{C_k X_2(x) \Psi_{k-1}(x)}{(x - x'_{-1})(x - x'_{k-1})}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

# The elliptic exponential-like function.

The expansion

$$f(x) = \sum_0^{\infty} \gamma_k \Phi_k(x) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{D}f)(x) - a[f(\varphi(x)) + f(\psi(x))]$$

$$= -2a\gamma_0 + \sum_1^{\infty} \gamma_k [C'_k \Psi_k(x) + C''_k \Psi_{k-1}(x)] = 0,$$

$$\gamma_k = \frac{(y_k - y'_{k-1}) \Psi_{k-1}(x_{k-1}) X_2(x'_{-1}) \cdots X_2(x'_{k-2})}{\Phi_{k-1}(y_k) X_2(x_{-1}) \cdots X_2(x_{k-2})} \frac{[1 + a(y'_0 - y'_{-1})] \cdots [1 + a(y'_{k-1} - y'_{k-2})]}{[1 - a(y_1 - y_0)] \cdots [1 - a(y_k - y_{k-1})]} \gamma_0 \quad (15)$$

Zeros and poles

At some  $x = x_\alpha$ , (6) is

$$f(y_{\alpha+1}) = \frac{1 + a[y_{\alpha+1} - y_\alpha]}{1 - a[y_{\alpha+1} - y_\alpha]} f(y_\alpha)$$

so that we expect poles at all the  $y_\alpha$ s where  $y_{\alpha+1-n} - y_{\alpha-n} = 1/a$ , for some integer  $n > 0$  and zeros when  $y_{\alpha+1-n} - y_{\alpha-n} = -1/a$ .

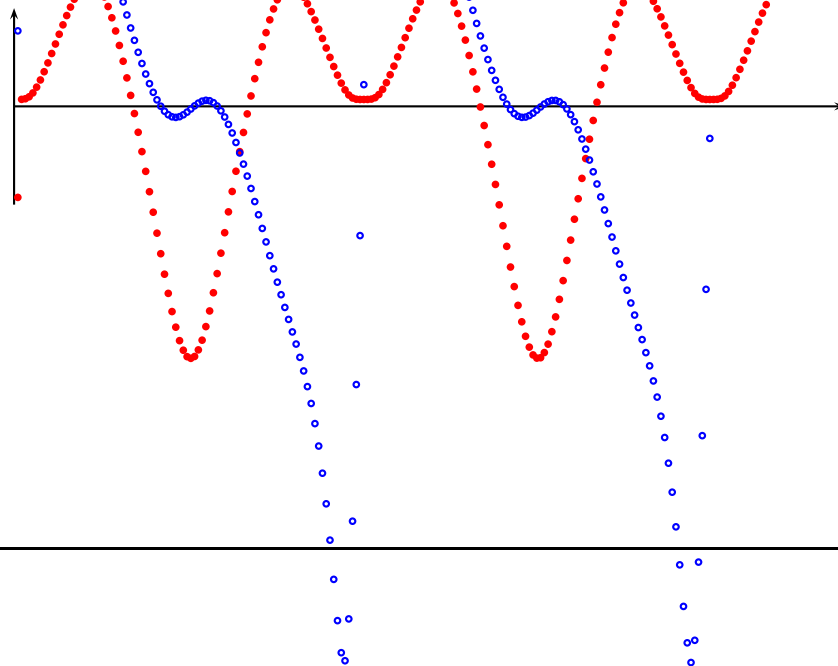
The  $x$ -roots of  $\psi(x) - \varphi(x) = \pm 1/a$  are the 4 roots of  $4a^2P(x) - X_2^2(x) = 0$ . Let  $x_\beta$  be such a root, then, the sequence  $\{\dots, y_{\beta-1}, y_\beta, y_{\beta+1}, \dots\}$  is liable to contain zeros and poles.

For instance, with  $a = 1/2$ ,  
 $k=1/2, z_0=3$   $X_0(x) = 2x^2 - 1.25, X_1(x) = -2.25x, X_2(x) = -0.3125x^2 + 2$ , so that  $P(x) = X_1^2(x)/4 - X_0(x)X_2(x) = 2.5(1 - x^2)(1 - x^2/4)$ , the roots are  $x = \pm 2.0563 \Rightarrow \varphi$

and  $\psi = \pm(4.4086, 2.4086)$ ;  $x = \pm 0.82019i \Rightarrow \varphi$  and  $\psi = \pm(1 + 0.41748i, -1 + 0.41748i)$ , and the  $y$ -sequences are  $\pm\{\dots, -4.4086, -2.4086, 2.6785, 3.4686, -2.1483, -8.6905, 2.0010, \dots\}$  and  $\pm\{\dots, -1 + 0.41748i, 1 + 0.41748i, 0.69127 - 0.64922i, -1.1556 - 0.18970i, -0.21929 + 0.80408i, 1.1962 - 0.019606i, -0.31895 - 0.78586i, -1.1358 + 0.23132i, 0.76339 + 0.60765i, \dots\}$

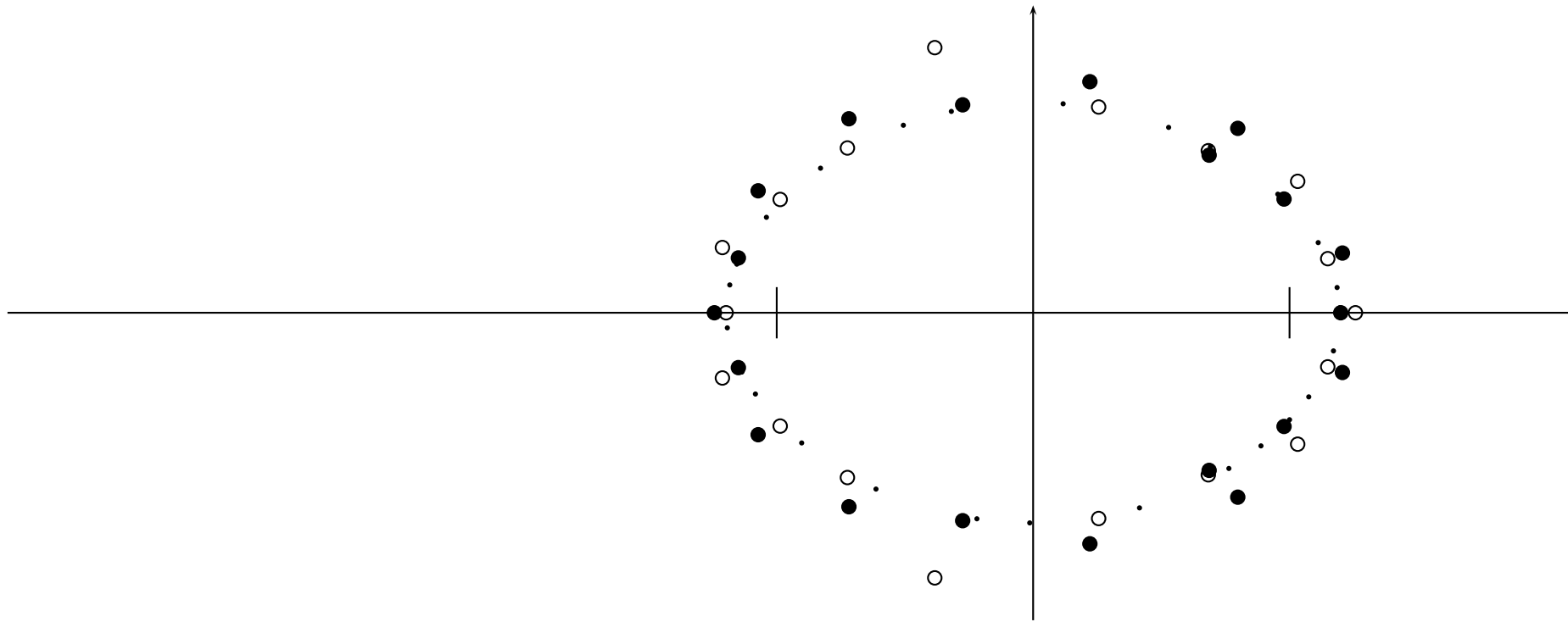
# Interpolatory continued fraction expansion

$$f_0(x) = \frac{\alpha_0 x + \beta_0 + \frac{2(x - y_0)}{(x - y_1)(x - y_2)} + \dots}{\alpha_{n-2} x + \beta_{n-2} + \frac{(x - y_{2n-3})(x - y_{2n-2})}{\alpha_{n-1} x + \beta_{n-1} + \dots}}$$



## Some values of the rational interpolants:

	-1.5	-1	-0.5	0	0.5	1	1.5
1	-0.3186707	0.0106012	0.4343382	1	1.793233	2.985950	4.981495
2	0.2590631	0.3097855	0.4770833	1	2.257913	2.935437	2.253881
3	-0.7447123	0.3600602	0.4684872	1	2.183663	2.918343	1.124377
4	0.6246931	0.3494623	0.4623021	1	2.107666	2.947874	3.279223
5	0.0971869	0.3404011	0.4607317	1	2.146329	2.948048	4.050295
6	0.3508917	0.3411494	0.5006247	1	2.166102	2.949342	1.083328
7	-1.800737	0.3387593	0.4615957	1	2.166283	2.949189	0.2481340
8	0.4737387	0.3403256	0.4615740	1	2.166444	2.948994	-99.08147
9	-0.1343806	0.3390977	0.4615842	1	2.166454	2.948999	-6.033262
10	0.3570745	0.3390971	0.4615828	1	2.166457	2.949005	-0.9676665
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20	0.3049597	0.3390975	0.4615828	1	2.166458	2.949005	1.769250
50	1.925918	0.3390975	0.4615828	1	2.166458	2.949005	-0.3163812

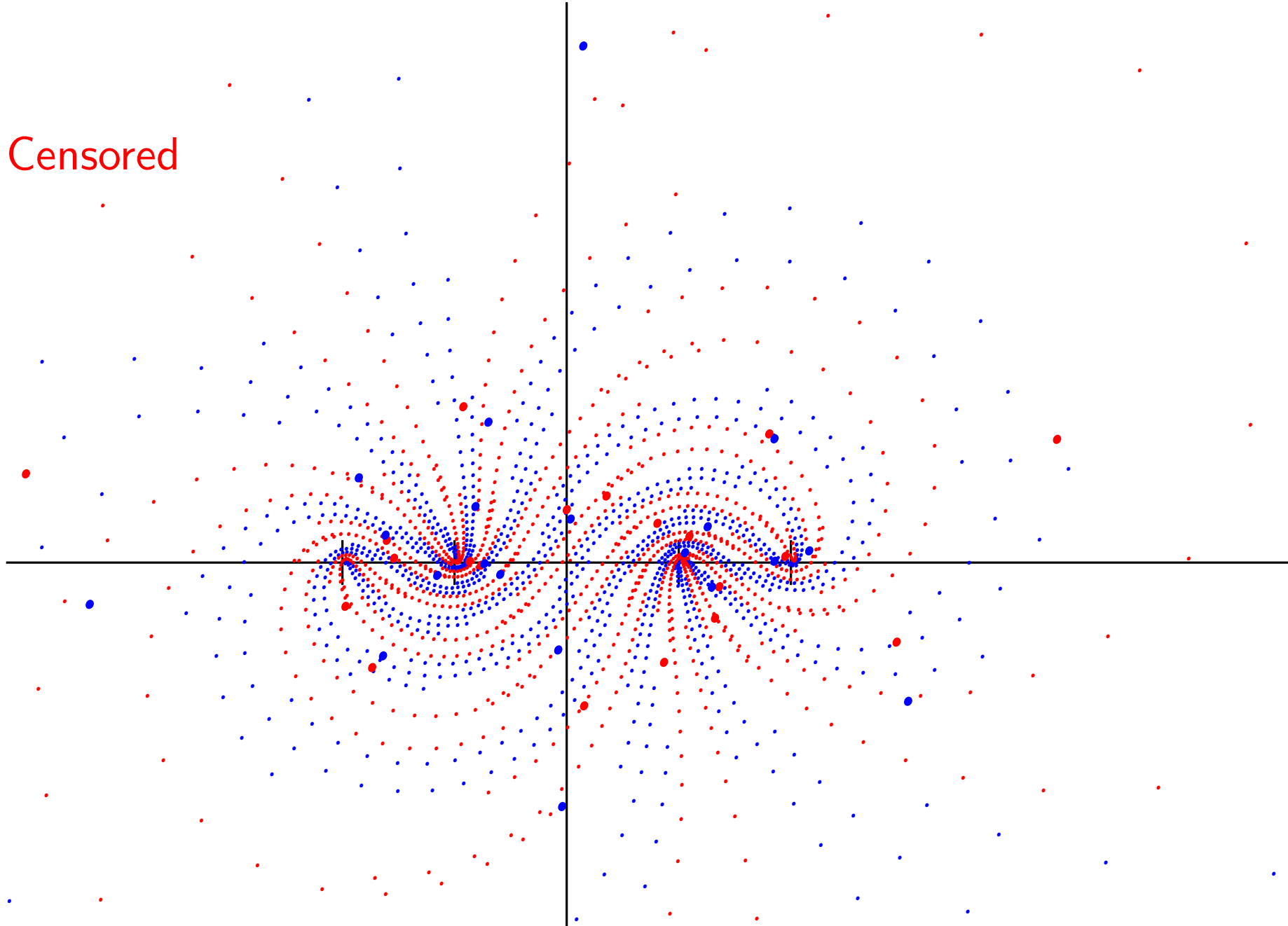


Small black dots are  $y$ -sequences above; big dots and white circles are actual poles and zeros of rational interpolant of degree 20.

A less comfortable situation:



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# Recommended reading.

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