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Loewner Theory in Annulus:
history and recent developments

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Introduction

- Loewner Theory in the disk

- Loewner Theory in the annulus: history

Main results

- Notions of Loewner chains and evolution families

- Relation between Loewner chains and evolution families

- Evolution families and ODEs

- Conformal classification



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The classical Loewner Theory in the **unit disk** is due to:

- ▶ K. Löwner (C. Loewner), 1923
- ▶ P. P. Kufarev, 1943
- ▶ C. Pommerenke, 1965

Modern viewpoint —

three fundamental notions of Loewner Theory:

- ▶ **Loewner chains** (f_t)
- ▶ **Evolution families** $(\varphi_{s,t})$
- ▶ **Herglotz vector fields** $G(w, t)$

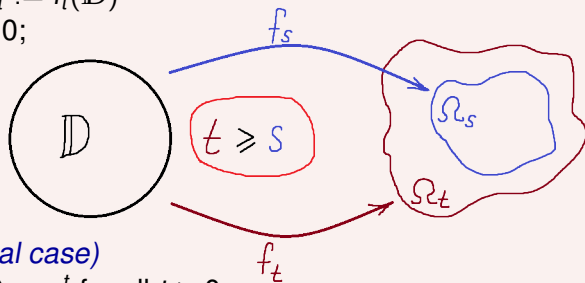


Definition

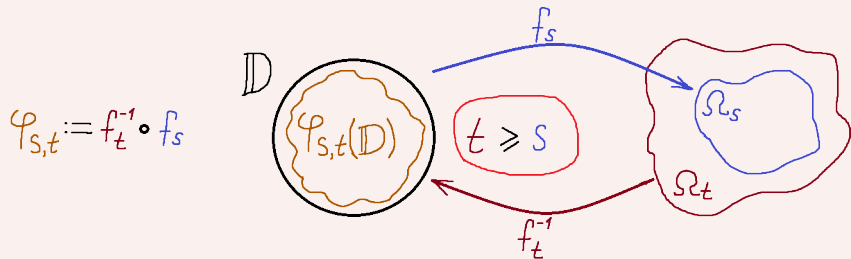
A **Loewner chain** is a one-parametric family of functions (f_t) , $t \geq 0$, such that:

LC1. each $f_t : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\mathbb{D} := \{z : |z| < 1\}$,
is *holomorphic* and *univalent*;

LC2. $\Omega_s := f_s(\mathbb{D}) \subset \Omega_t := f_t(\mathbb{D})$
whenever $t \geq s \geq 0$;



LC3. (*the very classical case*)
 $f_t(0) = 0$ and $f'_t(0) = e^t$ for all $t \geq 0$.



Definition

A family $(\varphi_{s,t})$, $t \geq s \geq 0$, of holomorphic functions $\varphi_{s,t} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ is an **evolution family** if:

- EF1. $\varphi_{s,s} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{D}}$; EF2. $\varphi_{s,t} = \varphi_{u,t} \circ \varphi_{s,u}$ whenever $t \geq u \geq s \geq 0$;
 EF3. (the very classical case)

$$\varphi_{s,t}(0) = 0 \text{ and } \varphi'_{s,t}(0) = e^{s-t} \text{ whenever } t \geq s \geq 0.$$



One definition from the theory of Carathéodory ODE:

Definition

Let $d \in [1, +\infty]$. A function $G : \mathbb{D} \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a **weak holomorphic vector field** of order d if:

VF1. $G(z, t)$ is holomorphic in $z \in \mathbb{D}$ for a.e. $t \geq 0$;

VF2. $G(z, t)$ is measurable in $t \in [0, +\infty)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$;

VF3. For any compact set $K \subset \mathbb{D}$ and any $T > 0$ there exists a non-negative function $k_{K,T} \in L^d([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ such that

$$|G(z, t)| \leq k_{K,T}(t), \quad \text{for any } z \in K \text{ and a.e. } t \in [0, T]. \quad (1)$$

Under the above conditions $\exists!$ solution to the Cauchy problem

$$\dot{w} = G(w, t), \quad (2)$$

$$w(s) = z, \quad s \geq 0, z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (3)$$



Definition (general case)

Let $d \in [1, +\infty]$. A function $G : \mathbb{D} \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a **Herglotz vector field** of order d if:

HVF1. G is a weak holomorphic vector field of order d ;

HVF2. For a.e. $t \geq 0$, $G(\cdot, t)$ is an **infinitesimal generator**.

Berkson – Porta, 1978

$H \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$ is an infinitesimal generator if and only if

$$H(z) = (\tau - z)(1 - \bar{\tau}z)p(z), \quad \tau \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}, \quad p \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C}), \quad \text{Re } p \geq 0. \quad (4)$$



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Fixing $\tau = 0$ and normalizing $p(0) = 1$ in (4), we get

Definition (the very classical case)

A **classical Herglotz vector field** is

$$G(z, t) = -zp(z, t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad \text{a.e. } t \geq 0, \quad (5)$$

where $p(z, t)$ is holomorphic in z , measurable in t ,
 $\text{Re } p \geq 0$, and $p(0, t) = 1$ for a.e. $t \geq 0$.



There is 1-to-1 correspondence between classical Loewner chains (f_t) , evolution families $(\varphi_{s,t})$ and Herglotz vector fields $G(z, t)$, given via:

$$\varphi_{s,t} = f_t^{-1} \circ f_s, \quad f_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^t \varphi_{s,t}, \quad (6)$$

Loewner – Kufarev ODE

$$\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_{s,t}(z) = G(\varphi_{s,t}(z), t) = -\varphi_{s,t}(z) p(\varphi_{s,t}(z), t), \quad t \geq s,$$

$$\varphi_{s,t}(z)|_{t=s} = z, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (7)$$

Loewner – Kufarev PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_t(z) = -f_t'(z) G(z, t) = z f_t'(z) p(z, t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (8)$$



Theorem (Gutljanskii, 1970; Pommerenke, 1973)

For any $f \in \mathcal{S} := \{f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C}) : f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, \text{ and } f \text{ is 1-to-1}\}$
there exists a classical Loewner chain (f_t) s.t. $f_0 = f$.

Parametric Representation

This theorem provides a **Parametric Representation** of the class \mathcal{S}
and therefore has important applications in the theory of
univalent functions, especially in **Extremal Problems**.

$$p(w, t) \mapsto \varphi_{s,t} \mapsto \{f_t\} \mapsto f_0 \in \mathcal{S}$$

convex cone of driving terms $p(w, t) \xrightarrow{\text{onto}}$ the class \mathcal{S}

EXTREMAL PROBLEM \mapsto **PROBLEM OF OPTIMAL CONTROL**



Extremal problems in \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{S}^M

New and classical extremal problems for coefficient functionals for normalized univalent functions (class \mathcal{S}) and bounded normalized univalent functions ($\mathcal{S}^M := \{f \in \mathcal{S} : |f(z)| < M \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{D}\}$):

Dmitri Valentinovich Prokhorov and his students

1984, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, ...

- ▶ Parametric Representation
 - ▶ Pontryagin's Maximum Principle
 - ▶ Variational technique
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- ▶ Classical L. Th. also gives a representation of the semigroup $\mathcal{U}_0 := \{\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D}) : \varphi \text{ is 1-to-1, } \varphi(0) = 0, \varphi'(0) > 0\}$.
 - ▶ Other sub-semigroups of $\mathcal{U} := \{\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D}) : \varphi \text{ is 1-to-1}\}$ can be represented by constructing corresponding versions of Loewner Evolution (V. V. Goryainov, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1996).



▶ *Chordal Loewner Evolution*

(P. P. Kufarev, V. V. Sobolev and L. V. Sporysheva, 1968) —
the semigroup $\mathcal{U}_1 \subset \mathcal{U} := \{\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D}) : \varphi \text{ is 1-to-1}\}$ of
self-mappings with *hydrodynamic normalization*

(parabolic DW-point on the boundary + extra regularity).

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = p(w, t), \quad w \in \mathbb{U} := \{w : \text{Im } w > 0\},$$

$$p(w, t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{x - w} d\mu_t(x),$$

where μ_t is a finite positive Borel measure.

▶ Chordal Loewner Evolution \rightarrow *SLE* (O. Schramm, 2000):

$$d\mu_t(x) := \delta(x - \sqrt{\kappa}\mathcal{B}_t) dx,$$

where $\kappa > 0$ and (\mathcal{B}_t) is a *standard Brownian motion*.

▶ SLE: applications in lattice models of Statistical Physics.



New approach

- ▶ F. Bracci, M. D. Contreras and S. Díaz-Madriral, 2008
a general construction unifying all versions of Loewner Evolution.
- ▶ In contrast to the classical theory the whole semigroup $\mathcal{U} := \{\varphi \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D}) : \varphi \text{ is 1-to-1}\}$ is involved (no normalization).
- ▶ Arbitrary Herglotz vector fields are considered.
- ▶ M. D. Contreras and S. Díaz-Madriral, and P.G., 2010
general Loewner chains.

Definition

A (time-dependent) vector field G defined in a set $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **semicomplete** if any solution to the equation

$$\dot{w} = G(w, t) \tag{9}$$

can be extended unrestrictedly to the right (to the **future**).



Theorem (F. Bracci, M. D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal)

A weak holomorphic vector field G is semicomplete
if and only if

G is a Herglotz vector field,
i.e. if for a.e. $t \geq 0$, $G(\cdot, t)$ is an infinitesimal generator.

This allows us to regard the approach proposed by Bracci et al as the most general type of Loewner Evolution in \mathbb{D} .

Our aim

is to construct analogous general Loewner Theory for doubly connected domains.

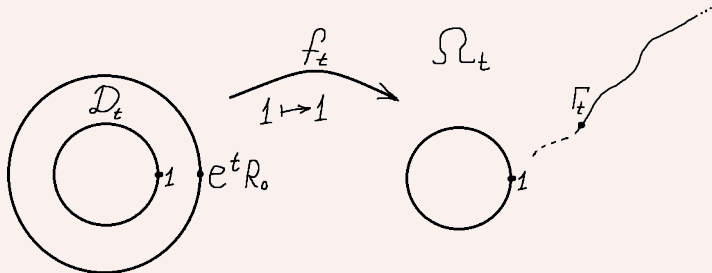


New feature of Loewner Evolution in the doubly setting

is that instead of static canonical domain (the unit disk \mathbb{D}) **one has to consider an extending family (D_t) of canonical domains (annuli).**

Indeed, a continuous monotonic family (Ω_t) of doubly connected domains cannot consist of conformally equivalent domains.

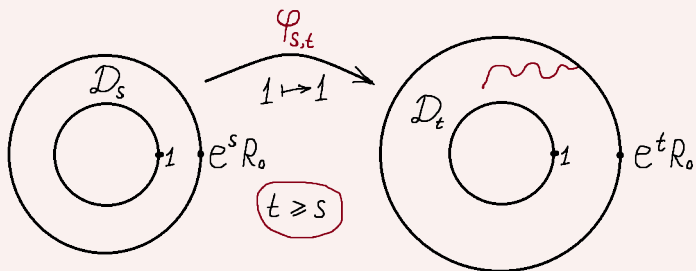
Y. Komatu, 1943; G. M. Goluzin, 1950





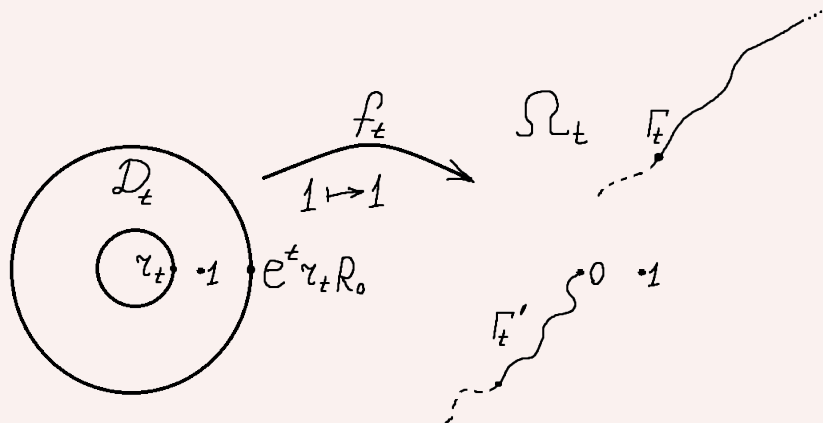
Evolution families in the Komatu – Goluzin case

- EF1. $\varphi_{s,s} = \text{id}_{D_s}$; EF2. $\varphi_{s,t} = \varphi_{u,t} \circ \varphi_{s,u}$ whenever $t \geq u \geq s \geq 0$;
 EF3. $\varphi_{s,t}(D_s)$ is D_t minus a slit landing on $|w| = e^t R_0$ and $\varphi_{s,t}(1) = 1$ whenever $t \geq s \geq 0$.





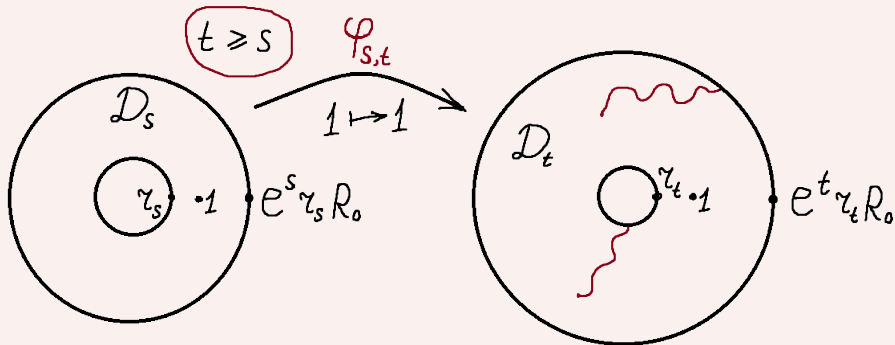
Li En Pir, 1953; N. A. Lebedev, 1955



The function $t \mapsto r_t$ is defined by a differential equation.



Evolution families in the Li–Lebedev case





V. Ja. Gutljanskiĭ, 1972

considered a generalization of the Komatu – Goluzin case, when (what can be called) the Loewner chain (f_t) consists of mappings

$$f_t : \{z : 1 < |z| < R_0 e^t\} \xrightarrow{\text{into}} \{w : |w| > 1\}$$

$$\text{with } |f_t(z)| = 1 \text{ when } |z| = 1 \text{ and } f_t(1) = 1$$

(but the other boundary component is not necessary a slit).



We fix from the very beginning

$d \in [1, +\infty]$ — the order.

Notation

- ▶ $\mathbb{A}_r := \{z : r < |z| < 1\}$, $r \in [0, 1)$,
- ▶ $AC^d(X, Y) := \left\{ f : X \rightarrow Y \mid f \text{ is locally absolutely continuous, } f' \in L_{loc}^d(X, Y) \right\}$.

Definition (canonical domains (D_t))

$(D_t)_{t \geq 0} = (\mathbb{A}_{r(t)})_{t \geq 0}$ is a **canonical domain system** of order d , if

- (i) $0 \leq r(t) < 1$ for any $t \geq 0$; (ii) $t \mapsto r(t)$ is non-increasing;
- (iii) $\omega(t) := \begin{cases} -\pi / \log r(t), & \text{if } r(t) \in (0, 1), \\ 0, & \text{if } r(t) = 0. \end{cases}$ is of class AC^d .



Definition (Evolution family)

Let (D_t) be a canonical domain system of order d . A family $(\varphi_{s,t})$, $0 \leq s \leq t$, of holomorphic mappings $\varphi_{s,t} : D_s \rightarrow D_t$ is said to be an **evolution family** of order d over (D_t) , if

EF1. $\varphi_{s,s} = \text{id}_{D_s}$; **EF2.** $\varphi_{s,t} = \varphi_{u,t} \circ \varphi_{s,u}$ whenever $t \geq u \geq s \geq 0$;

EF3 (For all $I := [S, T] \subset [0, +\infty)$, $z \in D_S$) $\exists k_{z,I} \in L^d(I, \mathbb{R})$ s. t.

$$|\varphi_{s,u}(z) - \varphi_{s,t}(z)| \leq \int_u^t k_{z,I}(\xi) d\xi, \quad S \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq T. \quad (10)$$

Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madriral, P.G.)

Under EF1 and EF2,

$$\text{EF3} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists z_0 \in D_0 \quad (t \mapsto \varphi_{0,t}(z_0)) \in \text{AC}^d([0, +\infty), \mathbb{C}).$$



Definition (Loewner chain)

Let (D_t) be a canonical domain system of order d .

A family $(f_t)_{t \geq 0}$ of holomorphic functions $f_t : D_t \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a **Loewner chain** of order d over (D_t) if:

LC1. each function $f_t : D_t \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is univalent;

LC2. $f_s(D_s) \subset f_t(D_t)$ whenever $t \geq s \geq 0$;

LC3. (for any $I := [S, T] \subset [0, +\infty)$, $K \Subset D_S$) $\exists k_{K,I} \in L^d(I, \mathbb{R})$ s.t.

$$|f_s(z) - f_t(z)| \leq \int_s^t k_{K,I}(\xi) d\xi, \quad z \in K, \quad S \leq s \leq t \leq T. \quad (11)$$



Similar to simply connected case there exists essentially 1-to-1 correspondence between evolution families and Loewner chains. We fix now some $d \in [1, +\infty]$ and some canonical domain system $(D_t) = (\mathbb{A}_{r(t)})$ of order d .

Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal, P.G.)

If (f_t) is a Loewner chain of order d over (D_t) , then

$$\varphi_{s,t} := f_t^{-1} \circ f_s, \quad t \geq s \geq 0, \quad (12)$$

is an evolution family of order d over (D_t) .

Definition

If (12) holds we will say that (f_t) and $(\varphi_{s,t})$ are **associated** with each other.



In general,

there are infinitely many (f_t) 's associated with a given $(\varphi_{s,t})$.

To choose one of them we introduce:

Definition (standard Loewner chain)

A Loewner chain (f_t) over (D_t) is called **standard** if:

- (i) for any $t \geq 0$ and closed curve $\gamma \subset D_t$, $\text{ind}(f_t \circ \gamma, 0) = \text{ind}(\gamma, 0)$;
- (ii) the union of images

$$\Omega := \bigcup_{t \in [0, +\infty)} f_t(D_t)$$

is either \mathbb{A}_r for some $r \in (0, 1)$, or \mathbb{D}^* , or $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$, or $\mathbb{C}^* := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.



Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal, P.G.)

Up to rotation, for each evolution family $(\varphi_{s,t})$ of order d over (D_t) there exists a unique **standard** Loewner chain (f_t) of order d over (D_t) associated with $(\varphi_{s,t})$.

The set of all Loewner chains of order d associated with $(\varphi_{s,t})$ is given by the formula

$$g_t = F \circ f_t, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (13)$$

where $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a univalent function.

$$\Omega := \bigcup_{t \in [0, +\infty)} f_t(D_t).$$



- ▶ Fix $d \in [1, +\infty]$ and a canonical domain system $(D_t) = (\mathbb{A}_{r(t)})$ of order d ;
- ▶ Denote $\mathcal{D} := \{(z, t) : t \geq 0, z \in D_t\} \subset \mathbb{C} \times [0, +\infty)$.

Definition

A function $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a **weak holomorphic vector field** of order d if:

VF1. $G(z, t)$ is holomorphic in z ;

VF2. $G(z, t)$ is measurable in t ;

VF3. (For any $K \Subset \mathcal{D}$) $\exists k_K \in L^d(\text{pr}_{\mathbb{R}} K, \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\})$, $\text{pr}_{\mathbb{R}}(z, t) := t$, such that

$$|G(z, t)| \leq k_K(t), \quad (z, t) \in K. \quad (14)$$

Semicomplete = every solution to $\dot{w} = G(w, t)$ is unrestrictedly extendable to the future.



Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigo, P.G.)

- ▶ Let $(\varphi_{s,t})$ be an evolution family of order d over (D_t) . Then there exists an (essentially unique) **semicomplete** weak holomorphic vector field $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of order d s.t. for any $s \geq 0$, $z \in D_s$, the function $w(t) := \varphi_{s,t}(z)$ solves the equation

$$\dot{w} = G(w, t). \quad (15)$$

- ▶ Let $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a semicomplete weak holomorphic vector field of order d . Then for any $s \geq 0$, $z \in D_s$, there exists a unique solution $w(t) = w_{z,s}(t)$, $t \geq s$, to the initial value problem

$$\dot{w} = G(w, t), \quad w(s) = z. \quad (16)$$

The formula

$$\varphi_{s,t}(z) := w_{z,s}(t) \quad (17)$$

defines an evolution family of order d over (D_t) .



Assume from now

$D_t := \mathbb{A}_{r(t)}$, where $r(t) > 0$ for all $t \in [0, +\infty)$.

The Villat kernel, $r \in (0, 1)$,

$$\mathcal{K}_r(z) := \frac{1+z}{1-z} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1+r^{2\nu}z}{1-r^{2\nu}z} - \frac{1+r^{2\nu}/z}{1-r^{2\nu}/z} \right) \quad (18)$$

Notation

$V(r)$ is the class of holomorphic functions $p : \mathbb{A}_r \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ represented by

$$p(z) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \mathcal{K}_r\left(\frac{z}{\xi}\right) d\mu_1(\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left[1 - \mathcal{K}_r\left(\frac{r\xi}{z}\right)\right] d\mu_2(\xi), \quad \mathbb{T} := \{z : |z| = 1\}, \quad (19)$$

where $\mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0$ are Borel measures on \mathbb{T} , $\mu_1(\mathbb{T}) + \mu_2(\mathbb{T}) = 1$.



Recall:

- ▶ We assumed $D_t := \mathbb{A}_{r(t)}$, where $r(t) > 0$ for all $t \in [0, +\infty)$.
- ▶ $\mathcal{D} := \{(z, t) : t \geq 0, z \in D_t\} \subset \mathbb{C} \times [0, +\infty)$.

Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal, P.G.)

A function $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a semicomplete weak holomorphic vector field of order d if and only if it has representation

$$G(w, t) = w \left[iC(t) + \frac{r'(t)}{r(t)} p(w, t) \right] \quad \text{a.e. } t \geq 0, \text{ all } w \in D_t, \quad (20)$$

- where
- (i) for each $t \geq 0$, $p(\cdot, t) \in V(r(t))$;
 - (ii) p is measurable as a function of t ;
 - (iii) $C \in L_{\text{loc}}^d([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$.



For a standard Loewner chain (f_t) , denote

- ▶ $\Omega := \bigcup_{t \in [0, +\infty)} f_t(D_t), \quad r_\infty := \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} r(t),$
- ▶ $\varphi_{s,t} := f_t^{-1} \circ f_s : D_s \rightarrow D_t, \quad t \geq s \geq 0,$
- ▶ $\tilde{\varphi}_{s,t}(z) := \frac{r(t)}{\varphi_{s,t}(r(s)/z)}, \quad t \geq s \geq 0, \quad z \in D_s, \quad \text{— conjugate of } (\varphi_{s,t}).$

Theorem (M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigo, P.G.)

In the above notation:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \Omega = \mathbb{A}_r, \quad r \in (0, 1) & \Leftrightarrow & r_\infty > 0 & \Leftrightarrow & \varphi_{0,t} \not\rightarrow 0 & \text{and} & \tilde{\varphi}_{0,t} \not\rightarrow 0 \\
 \Omega = \mathbb{D}^* & & & \Leftrightarrow & \varphi_{0,t} \not\rightarrow 0 & \text{and} & \tilde{\varphi}_{0,t} \rightarrow 0 \\
 \Omega = \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}} & & & \Leftrightarrow & \varphi_{0,t} \rightarrow 0 & \text{and} & \tilde{\varphi}_{0,t} \not\rightarrow 0 \\
 \Omega = \mathbb{C}^* & & & \Leftrightarrow & \varphi_{0,t} \rightarrow 0 & \text{and} & \tilde{\varphi}_{0,t} \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$



Last words ...

- ▶ Similar characterization is established in terms of the corresponding weak holomorphic vector field G .
- ▶ The results presented in the talk are contained in the preprints:
 - ▶ M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal, P. Gumenyuk, *Loewner Theory in annulus I: evolution families and differential equations*. [arXiv:1011.4253](https://arxiv.org/abs/1011.4253)
 - ▶ M.D. Contreras, S. Díaz-Madrigal, P. Gumenyuk, *Loewner Theory in annulus II: Loewner chains*. [arXiv:1105.3187](https://arxiv.org/abs/1105.3187)

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