

## Expanding Lorenz maps with slope greater or equal to $\sqrt{2}$ are leo

Piotr Bartłomiejczyk<sup>1</sup> and Piotr Nowak-Przygodzki<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics, Gdańsk University of Technology*  
<sup>2</sup>*Sopot*

We prove that expanding Lorenz maps with slope greater or equal to  $\sqrt{2}$  are locally eventually onto (leo). To be more precise, recall that an *expanding Lorenz map* is a map  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following three conditions:

1. there is a critical point  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that  $f$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $[0, c)$  and  $[c, 1]$ ,
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = f(c) = 0$ ,
3.  $f$  is differentiable for all points not belonging to a finite set  $F \subset [0, 1]$  and there is  $\lambda > 1$  such that  $\inf \{f'(x) \mid x \in [0, 1] \setminus F\} \geq \lambda$ .

Recall also that  $f$  is called *locally eventually onto* (leo for short) if for every open set  $U \subset [0, 1]$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $[0, 1] \setminus f^n(U)$  is finite. Assume that  $f$  is an expanding Lorenz map and  $\beta = \inf \{f'(x) \mid x \in [0, 1] \setminus F\}$ . Let  $f_0(x) = \sqrt{2}x + \frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2} \pmod{1}$ . Our main result states that if  $\beta \geq \sqrt{2}$  and  $f \neq f_0$  then for every nonempty open subinterval  $J \subset (0, 1)$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f^n(J) \supset (0, 1)$ . In particular,  $f$  is leo.