

Hardy Fields.

e.g. field $\mathbb{R}(X)$ of rat. functions.

A H-F. is a class of germs at ∞ of functions on \mathbb{R} . Assume Field, i.e.

$$1) f \in H, f \cdot g \Rightarrow g \in H$$

$$2) f, g \in H \Rightarrow f+g, f \cdot g \in H$$

$$3) \forall f \in H, \text{ either } f \sim 0 \text{ or } f > 0 \text{ eventually or } f < 0 \text{ --}$$

$$4) \forall f \neq 0 \exists g : g \cdot f = 1$$

[$(4) \rightarrow (3)!$]

$$5) f \in H \rightarrow f' \in H.$$

so in particular H is a differential field.

The main Thm of Hardy is the following:

Given a Hardy field H . Consider the set of all sol'n's of diff eq'n's of type:

$$y' \cdot a + y \cdot b = c \quad \text{with } a, b, c \in H.$$

Take all solutions of ~~such~~ all such; this is again a Hardy field (containing H), call it H^*

In particular, sol'n's cannot oscillate. So define scale for asymptotic development; $a \in H \Rightarrow \log a \in H^*$.

Can iterate this process, and obtain something which is closed under ...

Can we do the algebraic theory of this? Start with a linearly ordered differential field. Adjoin roots. Define an order?

Not possible to extend to second order eq'n's, since $-y'' = y$ has oscillating functions \sin, \cos as solutions, but $y''' = y$.

So Problem Given lin diff eq'n of higher order $y^{(n)} a_n + y^{(n-1)} a_{n-1} + \dots$

Can associate an ordinary alg eq'n.

$$x^n a_n + \dots$$

(not constant coeff.) ~~time~~ Can compare the coefficients, using Sturm Theorem about number of real roots.

Conjecture: There should be a connection between no. of real roots of this eq'n, and the no. of sol'ns of the diff. eq'n in some linear extension of \mathbb{H} .

Notion of linear-differential-real-closed-field

The theory of lin. eq'ns should be done independently of the theory of all diff eq'ns.

Fourman: would $\mathbb{R}_{\infty}^{\text{an}}$ be a model [for $M = \mathbb{R}$].

Joyal: not a field; and we use excluded middle. Maybe can be extended to local rings.

Lawvere Could ask about the \mathbb{H} 's: can one define \mathbb{N} inside them. I had the idea that whether or not one

can define \mathbb{N} is an indication of nature of

Arndt & Jensen, advocating that a reasonable basis would be: continuum exists but \mathbb{NNO} does not.

In connection with topos.

Topos + continuum implies \mathbb{NNO}

What category? No Ω , but perhaps cartesian closed

An apparent barrier: Consider R = ring of lin endo morphisms of the line leaving a point fixed; can define ring structure (Gauss) on $R \times R = \mathbb{C}$, and can single out the circle S^1 ($= SO(2)$). Using higher order constructions, can define (using cartesian closedness)

$\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(S^1, S^1)$

is automatically a ring. Usual idea: this is \mathbb{Z} . So the discrete infinity has been constructed. However, this \mathbb{Z} cannot be proved (I think) to satisfy any kind of recursion property. Problem: Does it?

(I believe in the ring classifier, get Čebyšev polynomials)

But you should consider R as the given continuum.

Related to philosophical problem:

Does a cat. have NNO if it has such & such properties (hopefully: "no"). Properties line, plane, and integration, \int , thought of as an operation on functions.

Does then \exists NNO,

or more specifically: can you deduce from \int that

$y'' + y = 0$ has a global solution

(which implies NNO [since \sin has an \mathbb{R} for its zero set].) But not if you only have ... over bounded intervals. So Question:

$\int \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$ NNO hopefully not.

The non-physical counterexamples is connected with the mental assumption that \mathbb{N} exists, not any geometric assumption.

Wrath: There are lot of Nash structure on the circle

Lawvere ..

$y'' + y = 0$ should not have global sol'ns.

Axiomatizing Euclidean geom. and its relation to quantities is by no means perfect or finished.

Integration should be taken as a primitive

Postulating an addition \int on line type, having as an axiom,

$$\int_a^{a+d} f = f(a) \cdot d$$

Every set should have a measure.

This kind of general thesis should be tested, but not using NNO.

Reyes: in theory of real closed fields cannot define NNO.

Lawvere: Everything ok if you don't ask for \int .

Differentiation should not float by itself, but in opposition to integration.

Tangent vectors should be opposed to cotangent

Dubuc's models should have Λ^1 in it, as Chen's topos.

But unlike the Chen topos

One would like

Taking $X=1$
forces $\Lambda^1=1$.

$$\text{Hom}_R(X^D, R) \cong (\Lambda^1)^X$$

or at least for some generality class of objects X .

To make sense, one would have to compute

$$(\Lambda^1)^D = R$$

From gros topos to small topos, in particular, what is $sh(\Lambda^1)$ viewed as a small topos via a via \mathcal{E}/Λ^1 (\mathcal{E} = Chen's topos).

Comparison map?

$$sh(\Lambda^1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}/\Lambda^1$$

Also $\text{Hom}_{R^+}(X^D, R)$ (positively homogeneous) play a role in calculus of variations. Is there a

$$\Lambda_+^+ \cong \text{Hom}_{R^+}(X^D, R)$$

Lagrangian function

$$X \xrightarrow{L} \Lambda_+ \quad L(x, \dot{x})$$

Given manifold X , can construct category \mathbb{X} (Moore category) morphisms generated by path, subject to relation that if you divide a path it has to be the composite of its parts

Look at functors $\mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{F} (R, +)$ (=additive path functions)

Problem: to represent ("Riesz") i.e. write $F(\alpha) = \int_0^1 \varphi(\alpha(t)) dt$

[for suitable φ , unique]. Real problem: what kind of thing should φ be: In particular $F = \int \varphi(\alpha(t), \dot{\alpha}(t)) dt$

Sol'ns of diff. eq'ns are not global; hence they form a category not (under composition)

or maybe on even more variables. $\varphi(\alpha, \dot{\alpha}, \ddot{\alpha}, \dots)$

Conjecture would be, that if you define \dot{X} = germs of paths

$\dot{X} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (X^{(-\epsilon, \epsilon)})$, then φ should be a function defined

on \dot{X} : F should be defined by something φ which is

only infinitesimally additive.