Embedding Hardy fields with composition into transseries

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Composition. If $g > \mathbb{R}$, then the germ $f \circ g$ of $t \mapsto f(g(t))$ only depends on f and g. We have a *composition law*

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Examples:

- $\mathbb{R}(id)$: germs of rational functions.
- HARDY's field of L-functions: closure of $\mathbb{R}(\mathrm{id})$ under semialgebraic functions, \exp and $\log.$
- BOSHERNITZAN's field $\mathcal{B} := \cap \{M : M \text{ is a maximal Hardy field}\}.$

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Conjecture 1 holds whenever \mathcal{H} contains exp, but has no transexponential germ.

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Both conditions are satisfied for $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{R}_{an,exp}$ (vDDMM, '94).

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log: $\mathbb{T}_{L}^{>0} \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}_{L}$ is not surjective, but \mathbb{T}_{L} can be closed under exponentials: iteratively adjoin formal monomials e^{φ} for certain transseries φ as long as $\exp(\varphi)$ is undefined.

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Theorem [PADGETT, '22]

There is a Hardy field \mathcal{T}_{ω} with composition which contains \exp_{ω} and \log_{ω} .

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$$\mathcal{E} := \{ \exp^{[n]} \circ (\log^{[n]} \pm 1) : n \in \mathbb{N} \} \subseteq \mathcal{H}^{>\mathbb{R}}.$$

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For instance, the series e^x and x + 1 are conjugate via $V = \ell_{\omega} x$:

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