## 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:

- $\mathbb{R}(\mathrm{id})$ : germs of rational functions.
- HARDY's field of L-functions: closure of $\mathbb{R}(i d)$ under semialgebraic functions, exp and log.
- Boshernitzan's field $\mathcal{B}:=\cap\{M: M$ 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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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 $\mathrm{e}^{\varphi}$ for certain transseries $\varphi$ as long as $\exp (\varphi)$ is undefined.

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We will see that the field $\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{an}, \exp }$ satisfies the conjecture.

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$$
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$$

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Idea: Hahn series fields are "formal" Banach spaces. Two results of VAN DER Hoeven:

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Any Hardy field with composition which embeds into $\tilde{\mathbb{L}}$ satisfies the conjecture.

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