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Algebra. — *Hardy fields in several variables.* Nota (*) di LEONARDO PASINI, presentata dal Socio G. ZAPPA.

RIASSUNTO. — In questo lavoro si estende il concetto di campo di Hardy [Bou], al contesto dei germi di funzioni in più variabili che sono definite su insiemi semi-algebrici [Br.], [D.] e che risultano essere morfismi di categorie lisce [Pal.]. In tale contesto si dimostra che per ogni campo di Hardy di germi di una fissata categoria liscia $\mathcal{C}$, la sua chiusura algebrica relativa nell'anello $G \mathcal{C}$, di tutti i germi nella stessa categoria liscia, è un campo di Hardy reale chiuso, che è l'unica chiusura reale del campo di Hardy fissato nell'anello $G \mathcal{C}$ dei germi di funzioni continue.

Viene quindi generalizzato un risultato di Robinson [R.], inerente i campi di Hardy tradizionali su $\mathbb{R}$ rispetto alla categoria C^∞ e dove i germi sono presi a $+\infty$. Inoltre, per ogni categoria liscia $\mathcal{C}$ si definisce la classe dei « $\mathcal{C}$ -campi » e si nota che lo stesso risultato sulla chiusura reale è valido in questo caso.

I. Utilising Palais' notion of a smoothness category [Pal.], indicated by $\mathcal{C}$ a category whose objects are open subsets θ of finite dimension real vector spaces and whose morphisms $\mathcal{C}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ are certain C^1 functions from θ_1 to θ_2 with the usual composition law as composition law, we define:

DEFINITION 1.1. *A category $\mathcal{C}$ is said to be a smoothness category if the following conditions are satisfied:*

1) *if θ is an object of $\mathcal{C}$ and V is a finite dimension real vector space then $\mathcal{C}(\theta, V)$ is a linear subspace of the real vector space $C^1(\theta, V)$ of all C^1 functions from θ to V and contains all constant functions from θ to V .*

2) *if $V_1, \dots, V_m$ and W are finite dimension real vector spaces then $\mathcal{C}(V_1 + \dots + V_m, W)$ contains all multilinear functions.*

3) *let θ_1 and θ_2 be open subsets, respectively, of the finite dimension real vector spaces V_1 and V_2 . A function $f: \theta_1 \rightarrow \theta_2$ is in $\mathcal{C}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ if for any $x \in \theta_1$ there is an open subset $\theta_x \subseteq \theta_1$, containing x such that $f|_{\theta_x} \in \mathcal{C}(\theta_x, \theta_2)$.*

4) *if $f_1 \in \mathcal{C}(\theta, V_1)$ and $f_2 \in \mathcal{C}(\theta, V_2)$ then $x \mapsto (f_1(x), f_2(x))$ is in $\mathcal{C}(\theta, V_1 \times V_2)$.*

5) *if $f \in \mathcal{C}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is a bijection from θ_1 to θ_2 then $f^{-1} \in \mathcal{C}(\theta_2, \theta_1)$ if f^{-1} is C^1 (or equivalently if Df_x is non-singular for any $x \in \theta_1$).*

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From the definition we can deduce immediately, that $\mathcal{C}(0, \mathbf{R})$ is a ring with the pointwise defined operations. Moreover, for any smoothness category $\mathcal{C}$, it is possible to prove that the implicit function theorem is valid.

Examples of smoothness categories are: the categories $\mathcal{C}^k$ ($k = 1, \dots, \infty$) of (whose morphisms are) C^k functions; the category $\mathcal{C}^\omega$ of analytic functions; the Hölder categories $\mathcal{C}^{k+\alpha}$ ($k \in \mathbf{N}^+$, $0 < \alpha < 1$); the Lipschitz categories $\mathcal{C}^{k-}$, $k \in \mathbf{N}^+$; the category $\mathcal{C}^\Omega$ of Nash functions.

2. Let 0 be a point belonging to the one point compactification $(\mathbf{R}^n)^+ = \mathbf{R}^n \cup \{\alpha\}$ ($n \in \mathbf{N}^+$, $\alpha \notin \mathbf{R}$) of the euclidean space $\mathbf{R}^n$.

Moreover, let A be a semi-algebraic subset of $\mathbf{R}^n$ such that 0 belongs to the closure $\bar{A}$ of A in $(\mathbf{R}^n)^+$ and there exists $\varepsilon_0 \in \mathbf{R}^+$ for which, for each $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^+$, the set $I(0, \varepsilon) \cap A$, where

$$I(0, \varepsilon) = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - 0_i)^2 < \varepsilon^2 \right\} \quad \text{if } 0 = (0_1, \dots, 0_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

$$\left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > 1/\varepsilon^2 \right\} \quad \text{if } 0 = \alpha \notin \mathbf{R}^n$$

is a connected subset of $\mathbf{R}^n$.

We denote by H_{A_0} the set of real valued functions defined on a subset of $\mathbf{R}^n$ such that there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^+$ and a neighbourhood N of $I(0, \varepsilon) \cap A$ for which $N \subseteq \text{Dom } f$. We introduce an equivalence relation $\sim$ over H_{A_0} in the following manner:

$f \sim g$ if there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^+$ for which $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is valid in a neighbourhood of $I(0, \varepsilon) \cap A$.

$G(H_{A_0})$, the quotient set of H_{A_0} by the equivalence relation $\sim$ is, with the obviously defined operations, a unitary commutative ring.

Indicated by $\mathcal{C}$ any smoothness category we define:

DEFINITION 2.1. An element ψ of $G(H_{A_0})$ is said to be of class $\mathcal{C}$ if there exists $f \in H_{A_0}$ such that:

- 1) $f \in \psi$,
- 2) $f \in \mathcal{C}(N, \mathbf{R})$, where N is a neighbourhood of $I(0, \varepsilon) \cap A$, for a certain $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^+$.

DEFINITION 2.2. An element ψ of $G(H_{A_0})$ is said to be semi-algebraic if there exists $f \in H_{A_0}$ such that:

- 1) $f \in \psi$,
- 2) f is semi-algebraic.

3. We denote by $G\mathcal{C}(H_{A_0})$ and $G\mathcal{C}_{s.a.}(H_{A_0})$, respectively, the subrings of $G(H_{A_0})$ formed by the elements of class $\mathcal{C}$ and by the elements semi-algebraic of class $\mathcal{C}$.

DEFINITION 3.1. *By a « $\mathcal{C}$ -field in 0 for A» we mean a subring $\exists$ of $G\mathcal{C}(H_{A_0})$ such that:*

$\exists$ is a field with the operations of $G\mathcal{C}(H_{A_0})$.

DEFINITION 3.2. *By a «semi-algebraic $\mathcal{C}$ -field in 0 for A» we mean a subring $\exists$ of $G\mathcal{C}_{s.a.}(H_{A_0})$ such that:*

$\exists$ is a field with the operations of $G\mathcal{C}_{s.a.}(H_{A_0})$.

DEFINITION 3.3. *By a « $\mathcal{C}$ -Hardy field in n -variables in 0 for A» we mean a subring $\exists$ of $G\mathcal{C}(H_{A_0})$ such that:*

1) $\exists$ is a field with the operations of $G\mathcal{C}(H_{A_0})$,

2) if $\psi \in \exists$ then $\psi_i \in \exists$, where $\psi_i = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right]$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $f \in \psi$.

Particularly, the class of «semi-algebraic $\mathcal{C}$ -Hardy fields in several variables in 0 for A», for any smoothness category $\mathcal{C}$, turns out to coincide with the class of « $\mathcal{C}^\Omega$ -Hardy fields in several variables in 0 for A».

For the proofs and details about the results we are going to state, see [Pas.].

If $\exists$ is a generic field belonging to any of the classes defined above, it is possible to prove the following results:

PROPOSITION 3.4. *The set $P = \{\psi \in \exists \mid \text{there exists } f \in \psi \text{ and } \varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^+, \text{ such that } f(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0 \text{ is valid on } I(0, \varepsilon) \cap A\}$ turns out to be a total ordering on $\exists$.*

THEOREM 3.5. *There exists a real closed field belonging to the same class of $\exists$ and containing $\exists$.*

In fact we prove that, for any field $\exists$ as above, there exist some of its real closures which belong to the same class of $\exists$.

Moreover we can prove a result of uniqueness for such real closures.

In fact, denoting by ${}^D\exists$ the relative algebraic closure of $\exists$ in D , where D is any subring of $G(H_{A_0})$ containing $\exists$ and denoting by $GC(H_{A_0})$ the subring of $G(H_{A_0})$ formed by the germs of continuous functions in 0 for A, we obtain:

THEOREM 3.6. *If $\mathcal{M}$ is any real closed field belonging to the same class of $\exists$ and $\exists \subseteq \mathcal{M}$, then: ${}^{GC(H_{A_0})}\exists \subseteq \mathcal{M}$.*

Supposing $\mathcal{C}$ is the smoothness category characterizing the field $\exists$, it follows:

COROLLARY 3.7. *If $\mathcal{M}$ is any of the real closures of $\exists$ belonging to the same class of fields of $\exists$ then: $\mathcal{M} = {}^{GC(H_{A_0})}\exists$.*

Moreover it is easy to prove that:

COROLLARY 3.8. *If $[y(\bar{x})]_{\sim} \in {}^{GC(H_{A_0})}\exists$ then $\exists [[y(\bar{x})]_{\sim}]$ belongs to the same class of fields of $\exists$.*

Finally, we note that the rings of germs of real semi-algebraic functions in one variable, taken at $\pm \infty$ in the usual manner or at any real point from right or left, that is, $G_{s.a.}(H_{A_0})$ where $0 \in (\mathbf{R})^+$ and A is a real interval of the form $(0, \varepsilon)$ or $(\varepsilon, 0)$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}$, are real closed Nash Hardy fields. In fact, we know [V.d.D.] that any semi-algebraic real function is continuous at $\pm \infty$ and near any $0 \in \mathbf{R}$ from right or left. Then, choosing A as above, for any $0 \in (\mathbf{R})^+$ we have:

$G_{s.a.}(H_{A_0}) = {}^{GC(H_{A_0})}\mathbf{R}_{A_0}[x] = {}^{GC(H_{A_0})}\mathbf{R}_{A_0}(x)$ that is a real closed Nash Hardy field by corollary 3.7. This is obvious since $\mathbf{R}_{A_0}(x)$, the ring of the germs in 0 for A of rational functions, is a Nash Hardy field.

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