

## The new methods at work: the finiteness theorem for limit-cycles.

The impetus behind the introduction of transseries and analyzable germs came from the so-called Dulac problem. Given a polynomial vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , proving the finiteness of isolated cycles reduces to proving the existence of only finitely many isolated fixed points for the return map  $T(x)$  attached to any given polycycle  $\mathcal{C}$ . Once  $T(x)$  has been formalized to an (intrinsically non-oscillating) transseries  $\tilde{T}(x)$ , the property becomes self-evident.