

# 1983

**1983-1.** How many points (curves, ...) of inflections of various types are merged at a singular point of a hypersurface (subjected to a generic diffeomorphism)?  
*J. Plücker: 6 inflections meet in  $A_1$ , and 8 in  $A_2$ .*

**1983-2.** Courant's theorem says that the zeros of the  $n$ -th eigenfunction of the Dirichlet problem for the Laplace equation divide the domain into at most  $n$  parts. Carry over Courant's theorem to the case of systems (when the zeros form a set of codimension greater than 1).

**1983-3.** Can one carry over the Conley–Zehnder theory to reversible systems (*the latter resemble Hamiltonian systems so much that one would like to treat the property of being Hamiltonian as a variety of “superreversibility”*)?

**1983-4.** Let  $N$  lines be given in the real plane, and their complement be chess-like painted black and white. What is the greatest difference between the number of black and white regions?

**1983-5.** How many points of maximum can a polynomial of degree  $d$  in two ( $n$ ) variables have? In particular, what would it be if all  $(d-1)^2$  critical points are real?

**1983-6.** Find local contact classification of pairs of surfaces in  $J^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  (in  $C^\infty$ ).

**1983-7.** How many nondegenerate periodic orbits can a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{S}^1$  have if it is given by a trigonometric polynomial of degree  $n$ ? The same question for a smooth map which is onto, or for a diffeomorphism which is given trigonometrically-rationally.

**1983-8.** Investigate real forms of reflection groups.

**1983-9.** Is it true that the number of periodic trajectories of a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is bounded by the integers which are the invariants (e. g., genera, bidegrees) of the algebraic self-correspondence that is the complexification of the diffeomorphism?

**1983-10.** Consider a projection  $\mathbb{R}^{(n=)3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(k=)2}$  and the preimage of the integral points  $\mathbb{Z}^{(k=)2}$ , that are parallel lines (subspaces of dimension  $n - k$ ) in  $\mathbb{R}^{(n=)3}$ . Consider a generic curve (manifold of dimension  $k - 1$ )  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{(n=)3}$  and its linking number with all the parallel lines (subspaces of dimension  $n - k$ ). Investigate the behavior of the linking number under dilations of  $\gamma$  in terms of inflection points of  $\gamma$ . (If  $n = k$  then this is a question about the number of integral points in a domain!)

**1983-11.** Is it true that the integrals  $I(h) = \oint_{H=h} (P dx + Q dy)$  with varying polynomials  $P, Q$  form a Chebyshev system (or, at worst, the number of zeros is not too much greater)? Here, for instance,  $H$  is a cubic polynomial  $y^2 + x^3 - x$ . A similar question is also interesting about perturbations of other integrable polynomial systems of the Lotka–Volterra type [where  $H = x^\alpha y^\beta z^\gamma$ ,  $z = 1 - x - y$ , with the corresponding (non-polynomial)  $P, Q$ ].

**1983-12.** Carry over the relation of indeterminacies (which connects projections of a Lagrangian manifold onto  $p$ - and  $q$ -subspaces) to Lagrangian manifolds with singularities and to the duality of convex polytopes. *For example, the stronger is a singularity of an oscillatory integral (as the wave length  $h \rightarrow 0$ ), the less is the number of points (in the  $\lambda$ -space) with this asymptotic (since  $S(x, \lambda) - \lambda x$  is a Morse function in  $(x, \lambda)$ ). But one can probably say more!*

**1983-13.** De Rham mixed structure theory: Define filtrations in a neighborhood of a singularity of a form in the *real* case in terms of the type of the singularity.

**1983-14.** Describe the Gibbs distribution of the density evolution under the action of a small diffusion  $\varepsilon$  and a flow  $v$  with multivalued potential  $U$  on a non-simply connected manifold as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ :  $u_t + (uv)_x = \varepsilon \Delta u$ ,  $v = -\text{grad} U$  (e. g.,  $v$  is a pseudoperiodic function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $v = ax + by + \text{periodic part}$ , and  $u$  is a function on a torus  $\mathbb{R}^2 / \text{periods}$ ). Describe how the limit is being approached (for a generic  $U$ ).

**1983-15.** Is it true that the singularities of the ellipticity and hyperbolicity boundaries in generic families are the same (topologically, smoothly) as the singularities of graphs of functions  $\max_y F(x, y)$  for generic families  $F$ ?

**1983-16.** Is it true that the number of limit cycles emerging from a singular point of an analytic system, is bounded (except for systems forming a set of codimension infinity, or possibly except for the *integrable* ones only)?