INFINITE DIMENSIONAL VERSIONS OF TWO THEOREMS OF CARL SIEGEL¹

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1. The center theorem. Let U be an open neighborhood of the origin in a Banach space E and f: $U \rightarrow E$ an analytic function with constant term f(0) = 0 and linear term $u = (Df)_0$ a toplinear isomorphism.

In 1871 Ernst Schröder [4], motivated by problems in the iteration of functions, considered the problem of when f is analytically conjugate to its linear part u, that is, when does there exist an analytic function φ with $\varphi(0) = 0$ and $(D\varphi)_0 = \operatorname{id}_E$ such that $\varphi^{\leftarrow} \circ f \circ \varphi = u$. Jules Farkas [2] and Gabriel Koenigs [3] independently settled this question for contractions, |u| < 1, in one complex dimension by showing in 1884 that there always exists an analytic Schröder series.

The center case, |u| = 1, remained an enigma for fifty-eight years after the work of Farkas and Koenigs, although many people attacked the problem in the 'twenties' and 'thirties'. Let

$$(\mathrm{id} - u_*^{-1}u^*)_k \colon \mathcal{P}_k(E, E) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_k(E, E)$$

be defined on k-homogeneous polynomials p on E with coefficients in E by

$$(\mathrm{id} - u_*^{-1}u^*)_k : p \mapsto p - u^{-1} \cdot p \circ u.$$

In 1942 Carl Siegel [5] introduced his multiplicative small divisor diophantine inequalities: say that u is "non-Liouville" iff there are constants c, v such that, for each k > 2, $(id - u_*^{-1}u^*)_k$ is an isomorphism and $|(id - u_*^{-1}u^*)_k^{-1}| < ck^v$. In his celebrated six page paper Siegel proved in the one dimensional complex case the Siegel center theorem: If u is non-Liouville then f is analytically conjugate to u. The proof is by the majorant method and depends on delicate number-theoretical estimates. Shlomo Sternberg [7] extended the center theorem to the finite dimensional case in 1961.

Meanwhile several people, including John Nash, Andrei Kolmogorov, Vladimir Arnol'd, and Jürgen Moser, had developed a general technique for handling

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