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a heuristical method for discovering some collective dimensions of mathematics

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- ... as the use of linear systems in celestial mechanics dates back to the 18th century : Jean le Rond d'Alembert's, Joseph-Louis Lagrange's, and Pierre-Simon Laplace's great treaties.

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Poincaré's 1881 description of his qualitative approach to differential equations

Ainsi, par exemple, pour étudier une équation algébrique, on commence par rechercher, à l'aide du théorème de Sturm, quel est le nombre des racines réelles : c'est la partie qualitative ; puis on calcule la valeur numérique de ces racines, ce qui constitue l'étude quantitative de l'équation. [...] C'est naturellement par la partie qualitative qu'on doit aborder la théorie de toute fonction et c'est pourquoi le problème qui se présente en premier lieu est le suivant : Construire les courbes définies par des équations différentielles.

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- Hardly belonging to celestial mechanics : Sturm theorem, the long run, the collective dimensions of Poincaré's Méthodes nouvelles

Reminder : Poincaré's approach to the three-body problem

- King Oscar II's price (Barrow-Greene 1996)
- The error in Poincaré's memoir : the introduction of homoclinic solutions (Anderson 1994)
- The writing of the Méthodes nouvelles from 1892 to 1899.
- In this case study : a focus on the role of periodic trajectories in the strategy Poincaré developped in celestial mechanics

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Approximations by periodic solutions

Poincaré 1891 :

Si l'on se donne ces conditions initiales du mouvement, on aura défini une solution particulière du mouvement. [...] La position et la vitesse initiales de notre satellite auraient pu être telles que la Lune fût constamment pleine ; elles auraient pu être telles que la Lune fût constamment nouvelle [...] dans une des solutions possibles, la Lune, d'abord nouvelle, commence par croître ; mais, avant d'atteindre le premier quartier, elle se met à décroître pour redevenir nouvelle et ainsi de suite ; elle aura donc constamment la forme d'un croissant.

While some of these particular solutions "are only interesting because of their weirdness", others have "astronomical applications" : periodic trajectories.

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Ce sont celles où les distances des trois corps sont des fonctions périodiques du temps ; à des intervalles périodiques, les trois corps se retrouvent donc dans les mêmes positions relatives.

Solutions périodiques et approximations

The core of Poincaré's strategy : small variations of periodic solutions / the description of more complex trajectories (e.g. asymptotic and homoclinic solutions) Poincaré 1891 :

En effet, il y a une probabilité nulle pour que les conditions initiales du mouvement soient précisément celles qui correspondent à une solution périodique. Mais il peut arriver qu'elles en diffèrent très peu, et cela a lieu justement dans les cas où les méthodes anciennes ne sont plus applicables. On peut alors avec avantage prendre la solution périodique comme première approximation. [...] D'ailleurs, ce qui nous rend ces solutions périodiques si précieuses, c'est qu'elles sont, pour ainsi dire, la seule brêche par où nous puissions essayer de pénétrer dans une place jusqu'ici réputée inabordable.

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$$\frac{d\xi_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1,n} \frac{\delta x_i}{\delta x_j} \xi_j \ (i,j=1,...,n)$$

a system of linear equations with periodic functions of t as coefficients (say of a period 2π)

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where $\lambda_{i,j}(t)$ are convergent trigonometic sums with the same periodicity as $\phi_i(t)$.

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- A mechanical system is stable iff the α_i are *real*, *negatives and distinct*. In this situation a particular solution has the form sin(α_it)
- In the case of imaginary roots : some exponential oscillations
- In the case of a multiple root : tsin(α_it) : "le temps sort du sinus" and generates some non periodic unbounded oscillations (false :Weierstrass 1858, Jordan 1871)

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- unstable periodic solutions support the introduction of more complex trajectories such as asymptotic solutions... (Roque 2011)

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- celestial mecanics,
- heat theory,
- elasticity,
- the theory of light ,
- analytic geometry ,
- Sturm theorem,
- complex analysis
- algebraic theory of quadratic forms,
- molecular theory of light, etc.

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The Sturm theorem had been stated in the late 1820s in the framework of researches on linear differential equations. (Sinaceur 1992) in connection with Fourier's aim of counting the roots of any equations, i.e., both algebraic and transcendental equations.

Sturm's theorem has then been considered as giving rise to a "general notion" of analysis, that one could apply to the transcendental functions encountered in problems of celestial mechanics, swinging strings, heat theory, waves propagations, etc.,

As well as a general tool of *a priori* analysis, that is a "qualitative" analysis of equations analyzed "by themselves" ("en elles-mêmes"), whether these were algebraic, transcendental or differential equations.

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Image: A matrix and a matrix

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Moreover, Hermite's approach supports the analysis of the variation of the number of distinct roots of the "equation in S" in function of S

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Le nombre de carrés positifs de la forme ne peut changer que si S passe par une racine de l'équation [...], et dans ce cas le nombre de carrés positifs de la forme ne peut varier d'une quantité supérieure à l'ordre de multiplicité de la racine considérée.

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J'observe d'abord qu'une solution périodique ne peut disparaître quand μ passe de la valeur $-\epsilon$ à la valeur $+\epsilon$ que si pour $\mu = 0$, l'équation admet une racine multiple; en d'autres termes une solution périodique ne peut disparaître qu'après s'être confondue avec une autre solution périodique [...] avec laquelle elle aura échangé sa stabilité. Donc les solutions périodiques disparaissent par couples à la façon des racines réelles des équations algébriques.

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FIGURE 5. Dessins proposés par Burrau montrant les comportements possibles des orbites

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2° Que si le déterminant Δ est nul ainsi que tous ses mineurs jusqu'aux mineurs de l'ordre p inclusivement, il en sera de même du déterminant

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Les mineurs d'ordre p de Δ' sont, en effet, des combinaisons linéaires des mineurs d'ordre p de Δ ;

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Si l'équation cu S a une racine double, on peut aunuler à la fois $a'_1, a'_2, b'_3, b'_4, c'_1$; on a alors $b'_2 = c'_2$.

Some crucial individual innovations of Poincaré : an acculturation to Jordan's algebraic practices with substitutions groups within a mathematical culture dominated by Hermite's legacy. (Brechenmacher 2013)

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