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**Craig Valere Spencer\*** ([craigvspencer@gmail.com](mailto:craigvspencer@gmail.com)), Mathematics Department, 138 Cardwell Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. *The Manin conjecture for  $x_0y_0 + \cdots + x_sy_s = 0$ .*

In this talk, we will discuss how the classical circle method can be used to provide a new proof of the Manin conjecture for the variety  $x_0y_0 + \cdots + x_sy_s = 0$  for  $s \geq 2$ . (Received August 25, 2009)