

Grothendieck Rings, Euler Characteristics Schanuel Dimensions of Models

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$$\chi = F - E + V$$

Interpretation of χ

- Euler-Poincaré characteristic: $\chi(X) = \sum (-1)^i \dim H^i(X)$
- (hyper-)graph theoretic/combinatorial version
- additive invariant of definable sets

O-minimal structures

Definition 1 *A linearly ordered structure $\mathcal{M} = (M, <, \dots)$ in language extending the language of ordered sets is o-minimal if every (parametrically) definable subset of \mathcal{M} is a finite Boolean combination of points and intervals of the form (a, b) with $a, b \in M \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$.*

Examples:

- $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$
- $(D, <, +, \{\lambda \cdot\}_{\lambda \in D})$ where D is an ordered division ring.
- $(\mathbb{R}, <, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$
- $(\mathbb{R}, <, +, \cdot, \exp, 0, 1)$

Abstract Euler characteristics

Definition 2 *An Euler characteristic on a first-order structure \mathcal{M} is a function χ from the set of (parametrically) definable subsets of \mathcal{M} to some ring satisfying*

- $\chi(X) = \chi(Y)$ if there is a definable bijection between X and Y .
- $\chi(X \dot{\cup} Y) = \chi(X) + \chi(Y)$,
- $\chi(X \times Y) = \chi(X) \cdot \chi(Y)$, and
- $\chi(\{*\}) = 1$ for any $* \in \mathcal{M}$.

Euler characteristics on o-minimal structures

Theorem 3 (van den Dries) *If $\mathcal{M} = (M, <, +, \cdot, 0, 1, \dots)$ is an o-minimal expansion of an ordered field, then there is a unique Euler characteristic χ on \mathcal{M} with values in \mathbb{Z} . Moreover, if the underlying field is \mathbb{R} , then χ agrees with the topological Euler characteristics of manifolds.*

The o-minimal Euler characteristic is a finer invariant than the topological Euler characteristic. For example, $\chi_0((0, 1)) = -1 \neq 0 = \chi_0([0, 1])$ while $\chi_{\text{top}}((0, 1)) = -1 = \chi_{\text{top}}([0, 1])$.

The rig of definable sets

Definition 4 Given an \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{M} and a natural number n , $\text{Def}^n(\mathcal{M})$ is the set of all $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -definable subsets of \mathcal{M}^n . The set $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$ is $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Def}^n(\mathcal{M})$.

$\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$ forms a category with the morphisms between two definable sets being the set of definable functions between them.

Definition 5 $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ is the set of isomorphism classes of definable subsets of powers of \mathcal{M} . We write $[\] : \text{Def}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ for the map which associates to a definable set its isomorphism type. $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ has a natural $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ -structure with $[X] + [Y] := [X \dot{\cup} Y]$, $[X] \cdot [Y] := [X \times Y]$, $0 := [\emptyset]$, and $1 := [\{*\}]$.

Rigs

$\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ is a *rig* or *semiring*, but is never a ring as, for instance
 $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \models 0 \neq 1 \ \& \ (\forall x, y) \ x + y = 0 \ \rightarrow \ x = y = 0.$

Definition 6 A rig (or a semiring) is an $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ -structure for which

- $+$ is a commutative, associative operation with null element 0,
- \cdot is an associative operation with null element 1,
- left- and right-multiplication by 0 are the zero function, and
- \cdot is left- and right-distributive over addition.

The rig is commutative if multiplication is also a commutative operation.

Axioms for $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$

The rig $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$ satisfies

- $0 \neq 1$
- $(\forall x, y) x \cdot y = y \cdot x$ (commutativity)
- $(\forall x, y) x + y = 0 \rightarrow x = 0 = y$
- $(\forall x, y) x \cdot y = 1 \rightarrow x = 1 = y$
- $(\forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)(\exists z_{1,1}, z_{1,2}, z_{2,1}, z_{2,2})$
 $[x_1 + x_2 \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^2 (x_i = z_{i,1} + z_{i,2} \ \& \ y_i = z_{1,i} + z_{2,i})]$

Question 1 What is $\text{Th}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}}(\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}))$: \mathcal{M} a first-order structure

The Grothendieck ring

Given a rig $(R, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$, there is a universal morphism from R to $\mathcal{R}(R)$.

On $R \times R$ define $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow (\exists z \in R) a + d + z = c + b + z$.

The quotient $\mathcal{R}(R) := (R \times R) / \sim$ is a ring and the map $R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(R)$ given by $x \mapsto [(x, 0)]_{\sim}$ (=“ $x - 0$ ”) is a rig morphism.

In general, the morphism $R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(R)$ need not be injective.

Definition 7 A (weak) Euler characteristic on \mathcal{M} is a $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ -module $\chi : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow R$ where R is a ring.

Definition 8 The Grothendieck ring of a first-order structure \mathcal{M} is $K_0(\mathcal{M}) := \mathcal{R}(\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}))$. The ringification map $\chi_0 : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{M})$ is the universal (weak) Euler characteristic on \mathcal{M} .

Aside on distributive categories

Definition 9 A distributive category is a category \mathcal{C} with an initial object \perp , a final object \top , finite limits and finite colimits, and for which the natural morphism $(A \times C) \coprod (A \times B) \rightarrow A \times (B \coprod C)$ is an isomorphism for any $A, B, C \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$.

For any small distributive category \mathcal{C} , the set of isomorphism classes of objects forms a rig $R(\mathcal{C})$. The rig of model \mathcal{M} is the special case $\mathcal{C} = \text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$.

Question 2 Are the theories $\text{Th}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}}(\{R(\mathcal{C}) : \mathcal{C} \text{ a small distributive category with } [\perp] \neq [\top]\})$ and $\text{Th}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}}(\{\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) : \mathcal{M} \text{ a first-order structure}\})$ the same?

Examples of $K_0(\mathcal{M})$

- If \mathcal{M} is a finite structure, then $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathbb{N}$ with the map $[X] \mapsto \|X\|$. The Grothendieck ring is \mathbb{Z} and every Euler characteristic is given by counting modulo some integer.
- If $\mathcal{M} = (\omega, S)$, then $K_0(\mathcal{M}) = 0$ as the decomposition $\emptyset \dot{\cup} \omega = \{0\} \dot{\cup} S(\omega)$ and the definable isomorphism $S : \omega \rightarrow S(\omega)$ yield $0 + [\omega] = 1 + [\omega]$ in $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ and hence $0 = 1$ in $K_0(\mathcal{M})$. However, $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ is more complicated.

More examples of $K_0(\mathcal{M})$

- If \mathcal{M} is an o-minimal expansion of a field, then $K_0(\mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{Z}$.
- If $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$, then $K_0(\mathcal{M})$ is very complicated. At least, the universal Euler characteristic on \mathbb{R} induces an Euler characteristic on \mathbb{C} as \mathbb{C} is interpretable in \mathbb{R} .
- $K_0(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ embeds in $\mathbb{Q}[\{X_a\}_{a \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}}]$ as the subring of non-negative polynomials. (Matthew Frank)

Strong Euler characteristics

Definition 10 A strong Euler characteristic $\chi : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow R$ on a structure \mathcal{M} is an Euler characteristic satisfying the fibration condition:

If $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is a definable function between definable sets, $f \in R$, and for all $b \in B$ one has $\chi([\pi^{-1}\{b\}]) = f$, then $\chi([E]) = f \cdot \chi([B])$.

The fibration condition differs from the other axioms for an Euler characteristic in two important respects:

- It is not rig-theoretic.
- In any reasonable language it is syntactically more complicated than the other axioms.

Proposition 11 On any structure \mathcal{M} there is a universal strong Euler characteristic $\chi^s : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow K^s(\mathcal{M})$.

Examples of strong Euler characteristics

- The universal weak Euler characteristics on finite structures and o-minimal expansions of fields are strong.
- More generally, if \mathcal{M} is a structure with the property that every definable function is a locally trivial fibration, then every Euler characteristic on \mathcal{M} is strong.
- The universal weak Euler characteristic on \mathbb{C} is *not* strong.
- Every strong Euler characteristic on an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic is trivial.

Dependence on the theory

Theorem 12 *If $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$, then $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv_{\exists_1} \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{N})$.*

Proof:

- If \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter, then $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M}) \subseteq \text{Def}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}}) \subseteq \text{Def}(\mathcal{M}$
the inclusion $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M}) \subseteq \text{Def}(\mathcal{M})^{\mathcal{U}}$ is elementary in the fu
of $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$.
- Thus, $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M}) \preceq_{\exists_1} \text{Def}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}})$.
- As $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ is existentially interpretable in $\text{Def}(\mathcal{M})$,
 $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}})$.
- By the Keisler-Shelah theorem, $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow (\exists \mathcal{U}) \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}} \cong \mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{U}}$.
- Thus, $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv_{\exists_1} \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}}) \cong \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{U}}) \equiv_{\exists_1} \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{N})$.

Some failures of invariance

It can happen that $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$ but $K_0(\mathcal{M}) \not\equiv_{\forall\exists} K_0(\mathcal{N})$.

Example 3 Take $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(E)$ where E is a binary relation. Let \mathcal{M} be a \mathcal{L} -structure on which E is an equivalence relation, \mathcal{M} has one equivalence class of each finite cardinality, and \mathcal{M} has no infinite equivalence classes. Let $\mathcal{N} \succ \mathcal{M}$ be a proper elementary extension. Set $r :=$ the number of infinite equivalence classes in \mathcal{N} . Then $K_0(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[X]$ while $K_0(\mathcal{N}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\{X_i\}_{i \leq r}]$. These rings are distinguished by an $\forall\exists$ -sentence.

There are examples of $\mathcal{M} \prec \mathcal{N}$ with $K^s(\mathcal{M}) = 0$ and $K^s(\mathcal{N}) \neq 0$.

Question 4 If \mathcal{M} admits a strong Euler characteristic, do all elementary extensions of \mathcal{M} also admit a strong Euler characteristic?

Pigeon Hole Principles

Definition 13 *The structure \mathcal{M} satisfies the Pigeon Hole Principle, written $\mathcal{M} \models \text{PHP}$, if whenever $f : A \rightarrow A$ is a definable injective function of definable sets, then f is surjective. \mathcal{M} satisfies the **Onto Pigeon Hole Principle**, written $\mathcal{M} \models \text{onto - PHP}$, if there is no definable bijection $f : A \rightarrow A \setminus \{*\}$ in \mathcal{M} .*

Proposition 14 $\mathcal{M} \models \text{onto - PHP} \Leftrightarrow K_0(\mathcal{M}) \neq 0$

The Grothendieck group of \mathbb{Q}_p

Question 5 (Luc B elair) Is there a definable (in the language of) bijection between \mathbb{Q}_p and \mathbb{Q}_p^\times ?

Theorem 15 (Jean-Pierre Serre) *The Grothendieck ring of the of p -adic analytic manifolds is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/(p - 1)\mathbb{Z}$.*

Theorem 16 (Raf Cluckers, Deirdre Haskell) $K_0(\mathbb{Q}_p) = 0$

Corollary 17 *There is a definable bijection $f : \mathbb{Q}_p^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^n \setminus \{0\}$ for some n .*

In fact, the Cluckers-Haskell proof gives the stronger result that the Grothendieck group of \mathbb{Q}_p is zero from which one can construct an explicit definable bijection between \mathbb{Q}_p and \mathbb{Q}_p^\times .

Ordered Euler characteristics

Definition 18 *On a rig $(R, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ define*

$$x \leq y \Leftrightarrow (\exists z \in R) x + z = y.$$

Definition 19 *A partially ordered Euler characteristic on \mathcal{M} is a $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}(\leq)$ -morphism $\chi : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow (R, +, \cdot, \leq, 0, 1)$ where \leq is a partial order on R satisfying*

- $0 < 1$,
- $(\forall x, y, z) x \leq y \rightarrow x + z \leq y + z$, and
- $(\forall x, y, z) (z > 0 \ \& \ x \leq y) \rightarrow z \cdot x \leq z \cdot y$.

Proposition 20 $\mathcal{M} \models PHP \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}$ admits an ordered Euler characteristic.

Ax's Theorem

Theorem 21 (James Ax) *If $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is an injective polynomial mapping, then f is surjective.*

Theorem 22 *Every algebraically closed field admits an ordering of characteristic zero.*

Euler characteristics on limits: ultraproducts

If $\mathcal{M} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i / \mathcal{U}$ is an ultraproduct, then $\widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M})$ is a substructure of $\prod_{i \in I} \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}_i) / \mathcal{U}$.

If for each $i \in I$ we have an Euler characteristic $\chi_i : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}_i) \rightarrow R_i$ then the ultraproduct χ / \mathcal{U} (defined on $\prod_{i \in I} \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}_i) / \mathcal{U}$) gives an Euler characteristic on \mathcal{M} with values in $\prod_{i \in I} R_i / \mathcal{U}$.

Example 6 If M is an ultraproduct of finite structures, then M has an ordered Euler characteristic with values in a nonstandard extension of \mathbb{R} .

Euler characteristics on limits: direct limits

Definition 23 Let \mathcal{M} be a structure and $A \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. Then A is *definably closed* in \mathcal{M} if for each \mathcal{L}_A -definable function $f : \mathcal{M}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ one has $f(A^n) \subseteq A$.

Definition 24 If (I, \leq) is a directed set, then the filter of cones $\mathcal{C} := \{Y \subseteq I : (\exists a \in I) \{b \in I : b \geq a\} \subseteq Y\}$.

Proposition 7 If $\mathcal{M} = \varinjlim_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i$ is a direct limit of definably closed substructures, \mathcal{M} admits quantifier elimination in \mathcal{L} , and for each $i \in I$ we have an Euler characteristic $\chi_i : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}_i) \rightarrow R_i$; then there is an Euler characteristic $\chi : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} R_i / \mathcal{C}$ defined by $\chi([X]) = [\chi_i(\varphi(\mathcal{M}_i))]$ where φ is a quantifier-free definition.

Grothendieck ring-theoretic proof of Ax's theorem

- Algebraically closed fields eliminate quantifiers. (Claude C. Chaitin, Alfred Tarski)
- Each finite field considered as a subset of its algebraic closure is definably closed.
- The algebraic closure of a finite field is a direct limit of its subfields.
- For any nonprincipal ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on the set of prime numbers, $\mathbb{C} \cong \prod \mathbb{F}_p^{\text{alg}} / \mathcal{U}$.

Thus, \mathbb{C} admits a nontrivial ordered Euler characteristic. Hence $\mathbb{C} \models \text{PHP}$ and Ax's Theorem follows as a special case.

Some quotients and subrings of $K_0(\mathbb{C})$

The above construction of an ordered Euler characteristic on \mathbb{C} used to show that $K_0(\mathbb{C})$ is very large.

Theorem 25 *If L is an algebraically closed field and $\{E_i(L) : i \in I\}$ is a family of pairwise non-isogeneous elliptic curves over L , then $\{\chi_0([E_i(L)]) : i \in I\}$ is algebraically independent in $K_0(L)$. In particular, there is a ring embedding $\mathbb{Z}[\{X_i : i \in 2^{\aleph_0}\}] \hookrightarrow K_0(L)$.*

Since each element of $K_0(\mathbb{C})$ is represented by a variety, cohomology theories on the category of affine complex algebraic varieties can be used to define Euler characteristics on \mathbb{C} . For example, Hodge theory yields a map $K_0(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$.

Motivic integrals and $K_0(\mathbb{C})$

Set $\mathbb{L} := \chi_0([\mathbb{C}]) \in K_0(\mathbb{C})$.

Set $\mathcal{M}_{\text{loc}} := K_0(\mathbb{C})[\mathbb{L}^{-1}]$.

Define a filtration on \mathcal{M}_{loc} by letting $F^m \mathcal{M}_{\text{loc}}$ be the group generated by $\{\chi_0([S(\mathbb{C})])\mathbb{L}^{-i} : i - \dim S \geq m, S \text{ an irreducible variety}\}$.

Let $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$ be the completion of \mathcal{M}_{loc} with respect to this filtration.

Given a (pure dimensional affine) variety $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ defined over \mathbb{C} , following Kontsevich, defines a measure $\mu_X : \text{Def}^n(\mathbb{C}[[t]]) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}$.

While μ_X is countably additive, it does not respect definable isomorphisms so that it cannot be used to produce an Euler characteristic on $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$.

Definition 26 *If $f : X(\mathbb{C}[[t]]) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a definable function and $A \subseteq X(\mathbb{C}[[t]])$ is a definable set, then the motivic integral of f over A is $\int_A \mathbb{L}^{-f} d\mu_X$ if this integral converges.*

Schanuel dimensions

Definition 27 A dimension d on a structure \mathcal{M} is a rig homomorphism $d : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow D$ satisfying $d(x + x) = d(x)$ universally.

On any rig R one defines a partial quasi-order \preceq by $x \preceq y \Leftrightarrow (\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+) (\exists z \in R) n \cdot x + z = y$. Define an equivalence relation $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x \preceq y \ \& \ y \preceq x$.

Definition 28 The Schanuel dimension of a structure \mathcal{M} is the map $\text{dim} : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) / \sim =: \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{M})$.

Examples of dimensions

- $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}) \cong (\{-\infty\} \cup \omega, \vee, +, -\infty, 0) \cong \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$
- $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{[\emptyset]_{\sim}, [\{0\}]_{\sim}, [\mathbb{Z}]_{\sim}\}$
- If R is any global stability theoretic rank (Morley, Lascar, ...) then R is a dimension.
- Given a cardinal κ , define $\kappa^* := \{0, 1\} \cup \{\lambda : \aleph_0 \leq \lambda \leq \kappa\}$. For a structure \mathcal{M} of cardinality κ , the function $d : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \kappa^*$ defined by $d([X]) = 1$ if $0 < \|X\| < \aleph_0$ and $d([X]) = \|X\|$ if $\aleph_0 \leq \|X\| \leq \kappa$ is a dimension.

Finite structures with dimension and mea

Definition 29 (Dugald Macpherson and Charles Steinhorn)

of finite \mathcal{L} -structures is an asymptotic class with dimension and
if for any \mathcal{L} -formula $\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_m)$ there are

- *real numbers B and C ,*
- *a natural number N ,*
- *real numbers μ_1, \dots, μ_N , and*
- *formulas $\psi_0(y_1, \dots, y_n), \dots, \psi_N(y_1, \dots, y_m)$*

such that for any $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{C}$ and $b \in \mathcal{M}^m$

- *$\mathcal{M} \models \bigvee_{i=1}^N \psi_i(b)$ and*
- *if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi_i(b)$ for $i > 0$ then $|\|\varphi(\mathcal{M}; b)\| - \mu_i \|\mathcal{M}\|| < C$
*and**
- *if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi_0(b)$, then $\|\varphi(\mathcal{M}, b)\| < B$.*

Pseudofinite structures

Definition 30 *An infinite structure \mathcal{M} is strongly pseudofinite if it is isomorphic to an ultraproduct of finite structures. An infinite structure \mathcal{M} is pseudofinite if every sentence true in \mathcal{M} is satisfied by some finite structure.*

If \mathcal{M} is pseudofinite, then $K_0(\mathcal{M})$ embeds as an ordered subring of an elementary extension of \mathbb{Z} .

Moreover, if \mathcal{M} is strongly pseudofinite, then χ_0 is a strong Euler characteristic. In fact, χ_0 satisfies the Lebesgue conditions.

Definition 31 *An ordered Euler characteristic $\chi : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the upper (resp. lower) Lebesgue condition if whenever $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is a definable function and $f \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\chi([\pi^{-1}\{b\}]) \geq f \cdot \chi([B])$ (resp. $\leq f$) for all $b \in B$, then $\chi([E]) \geq f \cdot \chi([B])$ (resp. $\leq f \cdot \chi([B])$).*

Questions about Euler characteristics of pseudofinite structures

Question 8 Does $\chi_0 : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{M})$ always satisfy the Lebesgue conditions for \mathcal{M} a pseudofinite structure? Is χ_0 always strong for pseudofinite structures?

Question 9 If \mathcal{M} is infinite and $\chi_0 : \widetilde{\text{Def}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{M})$ satisfies the Lebesgue conditions, must \mathcal{M} be pseudofinite?

Fields with strong ordered Euler character

Theorem 32 (James Ax) *A field K is pseudofinite if and only if*

- *K is perfect: if $\text{char}K = p > 0$, then $K \models (\forall x)(\exists y) y^p = x$*
- *$\text{Gal}(K^{\text{alg}}/K) \cong \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$: for each natural number n , K has exactly one separable extension of degree n and that extension is Galois*
and
- *K is pseudoalgebraically closed: for each absolutely irreducible polynomial $f(X, Y) \in K[X, Y]$ there is some $(a, b) \in K^2$ such that $f(a, b) = 0$.*

Definition 33 *A field K is quasifinite if K is perfect and $\text{Gal}(K^{\text{alg}}/K) \cong \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$.*

Theorem 34 *If the field K admits a nontrivial strong ordered Euler characteristic, then K is quasifinite.*

Proof of quasifiniteness

- Perfection requires only an ordered Euler characteristic. If χ is ordered then $\chi([K]) = \chi([K^p]) < \chi([K])$.
- An ordered Euler characteristic χ gives a leading term function $\ell_\chi : K_0(R) \rightarrow L_\chi$ defined by $\ell_\chi(x) = \ell_\chi(y) \Leftrightarrow (\forall n \in \omega) n|\chi(x) - \chi(y)| < \chi(x) \ \& \ n|\chi(x) - \chi(y)| < \chi(y)$.
- Reduce to the case of K infinite.
- Identify $\{f \in K[X] : \deg f = n \text{ and } f \text{ is monic}\}$ with K^n .
- $\ell_\chi(\{\{f \in K[X] : \deg f = n \ \& \ f \text{ is irreducible}\}\}) = \frac{1}{n} \ell_\chi(K^n)$.
- If $[L : K] \geq n$, then $\ell_\chi(\{f : K[x]/(f) \cong L\}) \geq \frac{1}{n} \ell_\chi([K])$.

Some questions

Question 10 Is there a combinatorially transparent condition equivalent to $K^s(\mathcal{M}) \neq 0$?

Question 11 Is $\text{Th}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}}(K_0(G))$ an invariant of $\text{Th}_{\mathcal{L}_{(+,0)}}(G)$ for abelian group?

Question 12 Are there transparent (though non-trivial) conditions which imply simplicity?

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