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Dual notion: the **dimension of an algebraic variety  $V$**  over  $F$

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# Are Hrushovski structures mathematical pathologies?

Observation: If  $\mathbf{M}$  is a field and we want  $\mathbf{f} = \text{ex}$  to be a group homomorphism

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Then the corresponding predimension must be

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The Hrushovski inequality, in the case of the complex numbers and  $\text{ex} = \exp$ , is equivalent to

$$\text{tr.deg}(x_1, \dots, x_n, e^{x_1}, \dots, e^{x_n}) \geq n$$

assuming that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent (**the Schanuel conjecture**).

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*Analytic* subsets of  $F^n$  of dimension 0 are countable.

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**Remark.** The conjecture would be proven if one shows that  $F_{\text{ex}}$  allows a locally compact topology with continuous ex.



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(Think of elements of  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$  as irrational "algebraic numbers". )

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# The Weierstrass function of two variables

The Weierstrass function  $\wp(\tau, x)$  as a function of two variables  
For every  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$  define the field  $k_\tau$  as  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}(i_\tau)$ , if the corresponding elliptic curve has complex multiplication  $i_\tau$ .

The corresponding 'Schanuel conjecture' must take into account the "trivial" geometry on  $\mathcal{H}$  (with the action of  $\mathrm{GL}_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$ ) and the linear geometry along each elliptic curve. Thus it takes the form:

given  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

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The right-hand side is  $\mathrm{mod.dim}(\{\tau_i\}, \{x_j\})$ , the "modular dimension" on  $\mathcal{H}^m \times \mathbb{C}^n$ . By definition  $\mathrm{acl}_{\mathrm{trivial}}(\emptyset)$ , the set of "algebraic" elements of the "trivial" pregeometry on  $\mathcal{H}$ , are the fixpoints under elements of  $\mathrm{GL}_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$ , i.e. **special points**. (See also Cristiana Bertolin, J. Number Theory, 2002)

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This corresponds to the fusion of a "trivial"  $\text{GL}_2^+(K)$ -pregeometry on  $\mathcal{H}$ , linear pregeometry on elliptic curves and the pregeometry of the field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

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This is routinely translated into the following (**cf. Pink Conj.**):  
Let  $S$  be a mixed Shimura variety, the image of  $\mathcal{H}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$  under  $(j, \mathfrak{P})$ , the product of moduli spaces for elliptic curves.  
Given an algebraic subvariety  $W \subset S$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , there is a finite family  $\sigma_W$  of mixed Shimura subvarieties of  $S$  such that any atypical irreducible component of an intersection  $W \cap T$ , for  $T$  a Shimura subvariety is contained in some  $\mathbf{T}$  for  $\mathbf{T} \in \sigma_W$ .

Here and elsewhere *atypical* means :

$\dim W \cap T > \dim W - \operatorname{codim} T$ . A mixed Shimura subvariety  $T$  of  $S$  is the image of a submanifold of  $\mathcal{H}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$  defined by equations of the form  $x_i = gx_j$ ,  $x_i = a$  and  $m_1 z_1 + \dots + m_n z_n = b$  for variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and constants  $a$  ranging in  $\mathcal{H}$  and variables  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  and constants  $b$  ranging in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and some  $g \in \operatorname{GL}^+(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .