

# Poizat's bad fields and quantum groups

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## Bad fields

**Definition A bad field** is a structure  $(K, +, \cdot, G)$  with  $\text{MR}(K) = N > 1$  and  $G < K^\times$ , a multiplicative subgroup,  $\text{MR}(G) = 1$ .

**Problem** (197?) Do bad field exist?

**Theorem** (Baldwin and Holland, 2002) Yes, for each  $N > 1$ , if we drop the requirement that  $G$  is a group.

**Theorem** ( B.Poizat, 2000) There exist an almost bad fields  $(K, +, \cdot, G)$  with  $\text{MR}(K) = \omega \times N$  and  $G < K^\times$ , a multiplicative subgroup,  $\text{MR}(G) = \omega$ .

**Proof.** Based on Hrushovski's construction.

Easy case:  $G = P$  is just a subset (of black points).

Predimension:  $\delta(X) = N \cdot \text{tr.deg}(X) - \text{size}(X \cap P)$ .

Axioms:

GSCH: For distinct  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in P$ ,

$$N \cdot \text{tr.deg}(x_1, \dots, x_k) - k \geq 0.$$

EC: Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^k$  be an irreducible algebraic variety defined over a finitely generated subfield  $\mathbb{Q}(C)$  which has a point

$\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in V$  satisfying:

$a_i \neq a_j$  and  $a_i \notin \text{acl}(C)$ ,  $i \neq j, i \leq k$  ( **$P$ -free**)

and

$\text{tr.deg}(a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_m}) \geq \frac{m}{N}$ , for any  $i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq k$   
( **$P$ -normal**).

**Then** there is  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in V \cap P^k$ .

Claim. GSCH and EC for  $(K, +, \cdot, P)$  are first order.

Proof. Easy  $\square$

Difficult case:  $G$  is a subgroup of the multiplicative group (green points):

Predimension

$$\delta(X) = N \cdot \text{tr.deg}(X) - \text{mult.rk}(X \cap G).$$

Axioms:

GSCH: For multiplicatively independent  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in G$ ,

$$N \cdot \text{tr.deg}(x_1, \dots, x_k) - k \geq 0.$$

EC: Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^k$  be an irreducible algebraic variety defined over a finitely generated subfield  $\mathbb{Q}(C)$  and which is  $G$ -free and  $G$ -normal.

**Then** there is  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in V \cap G^k$ .

Claim. GSCH and EC for  $(K, +, \cdot, G)$  are first order.

Proof. Uses Ax's Theorem on Schanuel's conjecture for function fields.  $\square$

**Problem.** Explain these examples analytically.

Solutions, for  $N = 2$ .

$K = \mathbb{C}$ .

Case:  $P$  is a “generic” subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $\epsilon, \alpha$  be algebraic numbers,  $\epsilon \notin \mathbb{R} \cup i\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\alpha\mathbb{R} \neq \epsilon\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f$  be a Liouville function (A.Wilkie) and

$$P = \{f(\epsilon t + \alpha q) : t \in \mathbb{R}, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

**Theorem**  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, P)$  is a model of Poizat’s “black points” theory.

Case:  $G$  is a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Let

$$G = \{\exp(\epsilon t + \alpha q) : t \in \mathbb{R}, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

**Theorem.** Assume Schanuel's conjecture. Then  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G)$  is a model of Poizat's "green points" theory.

**Problem 1.** Do the general case  $N$ .

**Remark** Necessarily, the real dimension of the bad subset ( $P$  or  $G$ ) must be  $\frac{2}{N}$ .

Thus, the theory of fractional dimensions needs to be involved in the construction.



Let  $h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\epsilon \in (\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \cup i\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$G = \{\exp(\epsilon t + 2\pi i h m) : t \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{\exp(2\pi i h m) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

**Theorem** Assume Schanuel's conjecture. Then

1.  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G, \Gamma)$  is superstable,

$$U(\mathbb{C}) = \omega \cdot 2, U(G) = \omega, U(\Gamma) = 1.$$

2. The Miller-Speissegger spiral  $G^0 = \exp(\epsilon\mathbb{R})$  is type-definable in  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G)$  as the *connected component* of  $G$ .

3. The field of reals is  $L_{\omega_1, \omega}$ -definable in  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G)$ .

## Problems

2. Describe *canonical* models in the elementary class  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G, \Gamma)$ .

3. Put  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, G, \Gamma)$  in the context of *analytic Zariski* structures.

## The quantum torus

**Theorem** Given an algebraically closed field  $F$  and its cyclic multiplicative subgroup  $\Gamma = \langle q \rangle$ , the two-sorted structure

$$(F, +, \cdot) \xrightarrow{\theta} (T, \cdot)$$

( $\text{Dom } \theta = F^*$ ,  $\theta$  a homomorphism,  $\ker \theta = \Gamma$ )

has an analytic Zariski structure on both sorts  $F$  and  $T$ .

Consider the  $F$ -vector space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(T)$  of *local functions on infinitesimal neighborhood*  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $1 \in T$  :

$$\mathcal{H}(T) = \{\psi : \mathcal{V} \subseteq {}^*T \rightarrow {}^*F\}.$$

**Example** The inverse  $x = \theta^{-1}$  to the map  $\theta : {}^*F \rightarrow {}^*T$  is well-defined on  $\mathcal{V}$ .

Consequently, for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x^k : {}^*T \rightarrow {}^*F$$

is well-defined. So,  $x^k \in \mathcal{H}(T)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

There is an algebra  $A(T)$  of *definable* linear operators acting on  $\mathcal{H}(T)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} U &: x^k \rightarrow x^{k+1}, \\ V &: x^k \rightarrow q^k x^k. \end{aligned}$$

$$A(T) := \langle V, U : VU = qUV \rangle.$$

**Theorem** Assuming Schanuel's conjecture the 3-sorted structure below is superstable and is known to have some analytic Zariski properties

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbb{C}, +, h\cdot) & \xrightarrow{\exp v} & (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot) \\
 \downarrow \exp h^{-1}v & & \downarrow \theta \\
 (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot) & \longrightarrow & T = \mathbb{C}^*/\Gamma \\
 \Gamma = \langle q \rangle, & q = \exp(2\pi i h). & 
 \end{array}$$

In this language  $\mathcal{H}(T)$  contains also the well-defined local functions

$$x^{kh} : {}^*T \rightarrow {}^*F$$

with the action of the operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &: x^{kh} \rightarrow q^k x^{kh}, \\
 V &: x^{kh} \rightarrow x^{(k+1)h}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the obvious symmetry between  $U$  and  $V$  we obtain the formal correspondence between the eigenvectors of the operators  $U$  and  $V$  :

$$x^{kh} \sim \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{-km} x^m.$$

**Problem 4.** Give a meaning to this formula.

**Problem 5.** Add the bad subgroup

$$G = \exp(\epsilon\mathbb{R} + 2\pi ih\mathbb{Z})$$

to the language and include the reals into the picture.

## The quantum $SL_q(2, \mathbb{C})$

Consider the action of the group

$$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \cong \Gamma \times \Gamma = \{(q^m, q^n) : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

on  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  :

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Z & V \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{(m,n)} \begin{pmatrix} Xq^n & Y \\ Zq^m & \frac{XV+YZ(1-q^m)}{Xq^n} \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives rise to the space of orbits

$$SL_q(2, \mathbb{C}) = \Gamma \times \Gamma \backslash SL(2, \mathbb{C}).$$

**Theorem** The two-sorted structure

$$SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\theta} SL_q(2, \mathbb{C})$$

is superstable and analytic Zariski in both sorts.

The above mentioned method of constructing an algebra  $A$  of linear operators acting on the space  $\mathcal{H}$  of local functions

$${}^*SL_q(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow {}^*SL(2, \mathbb{C})$$

produces the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra with generators  $a, b, c, d$  and defining relations

$$ab = qba$$

$$bd = qdb$$

$$ac = qca$$

$$cd = qdc$$

$$bc = cb$$

$$ad - da = (q - q^{-1})bc$$

$$ad - qbc = da - q^{-1}bc = 1.$$

This can be naturally made a *Hopf algebra* (with a comultiplication and a counit). This Hopf algebra

$$\mathcal{O}_q(SL_2(\mathbb{C}))$$

is by definition the (algebraic) quantum  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .



**Problem 6.** Consider  $SL_q(2, \mathbb{C})$  in an expanded language involving the reals (as in Problem 5).

**Problem 7.** Study the model theory of the quantum unitary group  $U_q(2, \mathbb{C})$  and the quantum orthogonal group  $O_q(3)$ .

Look for 'bad' stable groups related to these structures.