

# Classifying expansions of the real field by complex subgroups

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## Previous work

- $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}})$ : van den Dries, *The field of reals with a predicate for the powers of two* (1985)
- $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma)$ ,  $\Gamma$  an infinite finite rank subgroup of  $\mathbb{S}^1$ :

### Theorem (Belegradek/Zilber, 2008)

*Every subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma)$  is a Boolean combination of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  defined in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma)$  by formulas of the form*

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*where  $\phi(x, y, v)$  is a quantifier free  $\mathcal{L}_{or}(\mathbb{R})$ -formula.*

- $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}}3^{\mathbb{Z}})$ : Günaydın, *Model theory of fields with multiplicative groups* (2008)

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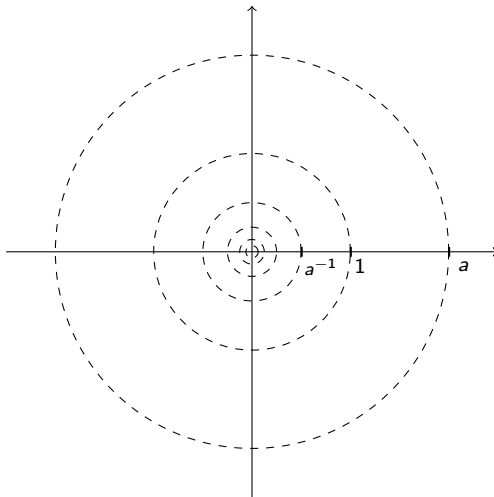
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  - If  $S$  is an arbitrary infinite finite rank subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}$ , must  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, S)$  satisfy one of (1)-(3)?

# Definable sets

Let  $a > 1$  and  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \pi\mathbb{Q}$ . The structure  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, a^{\mathbb{Z}}(e^{i\varphi})^{\mathbb{Z}})$  does not satisfy any of (1)-(3).



Let  $\Delta = \varepsilon^{\mathbb{Z}}$  ( $\varepsilon > 1$ ) and let  $\Gamma$  be an infinite finite rank subgroup of  $\mathbb{S}^1$ .

## Theorem A (C.)

*Every subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma\Delta)$  is a Boolean combination of sets of the form*

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \exists y \in (\Gamma\Delta)^n \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in W\}$$

*for some semialgebraic set  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+2n}$ .*

Let  $H = a^{\mathbb{Z}}(e^{i\varphi})^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . From Theorem A, it follows that  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)$  does not satisfy any of (1)-(3).

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- Not every open set definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)$  is semialgebraic
  - $\mathbb{R}^{>0} \setminus a^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is open and definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)$

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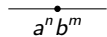
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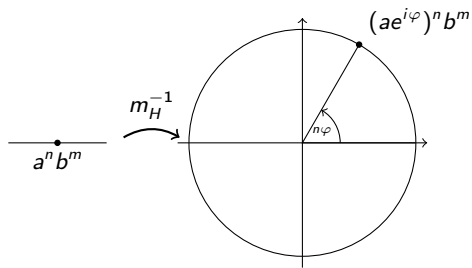
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where  $\rho : a^{\mathbb{Z}}b^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow (e^{i\varphi})^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is defined by  $\rho(a^n b^m) = e^{i\varphi n}$ .

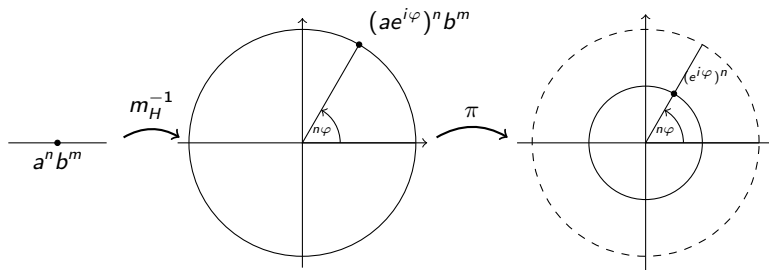
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A horizontal line segment with a single point marked on it. Below the point is the expression  $a^n b^m$ .
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## Theorem B (C.)

*Let  $a, b > 1$  and let  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $H := (ae^{i\varphi})^{\mathbb{Z}} b^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and suppose that  $H$  is dense in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then every subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)$  is a Boolean combination of sets of the form*

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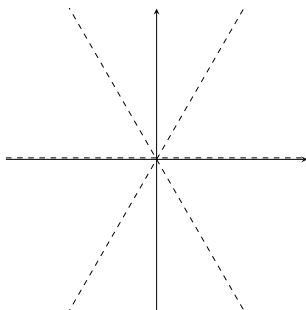
*for some set  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+4n}$  definable in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .*



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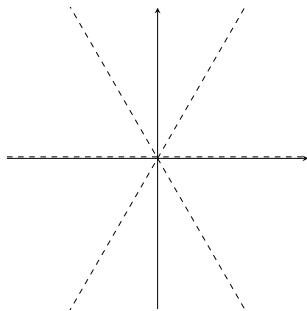
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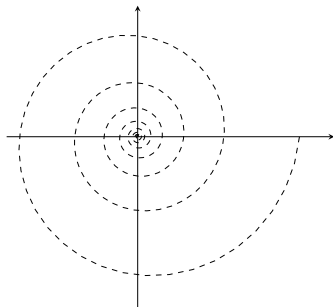
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$a = e^{\varphi}$ ,  
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## Definition (Logarithmic spiral)

Let  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^\times$ . The logarithmic spiral  $S_\omega$  is defined as

$$S_\omega := e^{(i+\omega)\mathbb{R}}.$$

The spiral  $S_\omega$  is parameterized by the equations  $(x(t), y(t)) = (e^{\omega t} \cos(t), e^{\omega t} \sin(t))$ .

## Theorem C (C.)

Let  $H = (ae^{i\varphi})^{\mathbb{Z}} b^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , where  $a, b \neq 1$ . Suppose that for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^\times$ ,  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)$  does not define  $S_\omega$ . Then exactly one of the following holds:

- 1  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, H)^o =_{df} \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .
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## Theorem D (C.)

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