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episode 1: the  
henselian menace

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To the tune of "Let it be"

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Henselian valuations come to me

Equicharacteristic zero

A-K-E

## GOAL: THE AKE PRINCIPLE

If  $(K, v)$  and  $(L, w)$  are ~~ordered~~ valued fields, then

$$(K, v) \cong (L, w) \iff k_K \cong k_L \wedge \Gamma_K \cong \Gamma_L.$$

Recall:  $v: K^\times \rightarrow \Gamma_K$ , ordered abelian group (oag),  $v(0) := \infty > \Gamma_K$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}_K = \{x \in K \mid v(x) \geq 0\} \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_K = \{x \in K \mid v(x) > 0\}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow k_K = \mathcal{O}_K / \mathfrak{m}_K - \text{residue field.}$$

~~ordered~~ - for us today it means -  $\text{char}(k_K) = 0$ ,

-  $(K, v)$  is Henselian.

$P(x) \in \mathcal{O}_K[x]$ , then simple roots of  $\bar{P}(x) \in k_K[x]$  lift to roots of  $P$  in  $K$ .

## Choice of language

$\mathcal{L}_0$  = three-sorted language

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{LK} & \text{LK} & \text{IT} \\ \text{Ling} & \text{Ling} & \text{Log} \cup \{\infty\} \end{array}$$

$v: \text{LK} \rightarrow \text{IT}$  interpreted as the valuation

$$\text{Ling} = \{+, -, \cdot, 0, 1\}$$

$$\text{Log} = \{+, \leq, 0\}$$

## Angular components

A map  $ac: k \rightarrow k^\times$  s. that

1.  $ac(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ ,
2.  $ac: k^\times \rightarrow k^\times$  is a group morphism
3. if  $\pi: \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow k$  is the residue map, then

$$ac(x) = \pi(x)$$

for  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$ ,

is called an angular component map.

Motto: angular component maps exist in saturated extensions.

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## Main theorem

Denote by  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{pas}}$  the three-sorted language obtained from  $\mathcal{L}_0$  by adding a symbol  $\text{ac}: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ . Let  $T_0$  be the  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{pas}}$ -theory that says, for a model  $(K, k_K, \Gamma_K, v_K, \text{ac}_K) \models T_0$ ,

1.  $(K, v_K)$  is a henselian valued field,

2.  $\text{char}(k_K) = 0$ ,

3. if we define  $\pi_K(x) := \begin{cases} \text{ac}_K(x) & \text{if } v_K(x)=0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , then

$\pi_K: \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow k_K$  is a surjective ring map with kernel

$\mathfrak{m}_K$ .

For fixed  $k$  of char. 0 and  $\Gamma$  oag,  $T = T_0 \cup \text{Th}_{\text{ring}}(k) \cup \text{Th}_{\text{oag}}(\Gamma)$ .

## Main theorem

$T$  eliminates the  $\mathbb{K}$ -quantifier in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{pas}}$ .



let  $\Sigma = \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{pas}}\text{-formulae with no quantifiers over the variables of sort } \mathbb{K} \}$ ,

then any  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{pas}}$ -formula is equivalent, modulo  $T$ , to a formula in  $\Sigma$ .

### Lemma:

Let  $T$  be a  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory, and let  $\Sigma$  be a set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulae closed under Boolean combinations. Suppose that, for some  $k > |T|$ , for any  $M, N \models T$   $k$ -saturated, for any  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $B \subseteq N$  with  $|A| < k$ , for any  $f: A \xrightarrow{\sim} B$  isomorphism that preserves  $\Sigma$ , for any  $a \in M \setminus A$ , we may extend  $f$  to an iso  $f': A' \xrightarrow{\sim} B'$ ,  $|A'| < k$ , that preserves  $\Sigma$  with  $a \in A'$ . Then any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula is equivalent, modulo  $T$ , to one in  $\Sigma$ .

## PROOF STRATEGY

start with two  $\aleph_1$ -saturated models of  $T$ :

$$(K, k_K, \Gamma_K)$$

U1

$$(L, k_L, \Gamma_L)$$

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$$\text{countable } (A, k_A, \Gamma_A) \xrightarrow{(f, f_r, f_v)} (B, k_B, \Gamma_B)$$

Take  $a \in K - A$ , take  $(C, k_C, \Gamma_C) \preccurlyeq (K, k_K, \Gamma_K)$  countable with  $a \in C$ ,  
we look for a recipe to extend  $(f, f_r, f_v)$  to  $(C, k_C, \Gamma_C)$  while  
preserving  $\Sigma$ .

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(the one that everyone forgets)

## STEP 0:

Ring does not contain the "inverse" map,  
so  $A \subseteq K$  and  $k_A \subseteq R_K$  are just subrings.  
However, we may canonically extend

$$(f, f_r, f_v)$$

to  $(\text{Frac}(A), \text{Frac}(k_A), \tau_A)$ .

$$+ v_{\text{Frac}(A)}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) := v_A(a) - v_A(b)$$

$$+ ac_{\text{Frac}(A)}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) := \frac{ac_A(a)}{ac_A(b)}$$

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$$\textcircled{6} \rightarrow (C, k_C, \Gamma_C)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \rightarrow (A_1^h, k_C, \Gamma_C)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \rightarrow (A_1, k_C, \Gamma_C = V(A_1^X))$$

$$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow (A_0, k_C = \pi(\cup_{A_0}), \Gamma_C)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow (A^h, k_C, \Gamma_C)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow (A, k_C, \Gamma_C)$$

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## STEP 1:

Extend  $(f, f_r, f_v)$  to  $(A, \mathbb{K}_C, \Gamma_A)$ .

- enumerate  $\mathbb{K}_C - \mathbb{K}_A = (C_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .
- inductively: let  $p(x) = \text{tp}(c_0 / \mathbb{K}_A)$ , consider  
 $q(y) \ni \varphi(y, f_r(\bar{c})) \iff \varphi(x, \bar{c}) \in p(x), \bar{c} \in \mathbb{K}_A$

and by saturation let  $b_0 \in L$ ,  $b_0 \models q$ .

- now  $f_r$  extends to

$$f'_r : \mathbb{K}_A(c_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{K}_B(b_0).$$

- repeat throughout  $(C_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

We obtain an Lpas-isomorphism  $(f, f'_r, f_v)$  defined on  $(A, \mathbb{K}_C, \Gamma_A)$ .

(cont'd)

## STEP 1:

The map  $(f, f'_r, f_v)$  preserves formulae in  $\Sigma$ :

in fact, it is enough to preserve formulae of the form

$$(\star) \quad \underbrace{2t_0(x_0)}_{\text{quantifier-free} \\ \text{Lring}, x_0 \in \mathbb{K}} \wedge \underbrace{2t_1(\text{ac}(t_1(\bar{x})), y_1)}_{\text{Lring-formula,} \\ x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{K}, t_1 \text{ term}} \wedge \underbrace{2t_2(V(t_2(\bar{x})), y_2)}_{\text{Log } v \text{-formula,} \\ x_2, y_2 \in \Gamma, t_2 \text{ term}}$$

$\in \text{Lring, } \bar{x} \in \mathbb{K}$        $\in \text{Lring, } \bar{x} \in \mathbb{K}$

and in particular  $f_r$  preserves  $2t_1(\text{ac}(t_1(\bar{x})), y_1)$ ,  
so we are done.

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## STEP 2: (like Step 1, but for groups)

Extend  $(f, f_r, f_v)$  to  $(A, k_C, \Gamma_C)$ .

As in Step 1, we enumerate  $\Gamma_C - \Gamma_A$  and add one element at a time.

The new map  $(f, f_r, f_v')$  will preserve  $\Sigma$  because of  $(*)$ .

Now we find ourselves with  $(f, f_r, f_v)$  defined on  $(A, k_C, \Gamma_C)$ . In particular, for any  $\bar{a} \in k$  we have  $f_r$  defined on  $a_C(t_1(\bar{a}))$  and  $f_v$  defined on  $v(t_2(\bar{a}))$ . Therefore any LPos-isomorphism will preserve  $\Sigma$  as long as it extends  $(f, f_r, f_v)$ .

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### STEP 3:

Note that, as  $(C, k_C, \Gamma_C) \hookrightarrow (K, k_K, \Gamma_K)$ ,  $(C, v_C)$  is henselian. Hence, by the universal property,  $A^h \hookrightarrow C$  and, similarly,  $B^h \hookrightarrow L$ .

In fact one might check that

$$A^h = A^{\text{alg}} \cap C, \quad B^h = B^{\text{alg}} \cap L$$

so that  $f$  extends to  $f': A^h \xrightarrow{\sim} B^h$ .

Then  $(f', f_r, f_v)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Pas}}$ -isomorphism

$$(A^h, k_C, \Gamma_C) \longrightarrow (B^h, k_B, \Gamma_B).$$

As in Step 2, this automatically preserves  $\Sigma$ .

## ∴ interlude

One might be tempted to think of  $k_C = k_A$  as the residue field of  $(A, v_A)$ , and of  $\Gamma_C = \Gamma_A$  as the value group. However, a priori we might have

$$v_A(A^\times) \not\subseteq \Gamma_C \quad ac_A(\mathcal{O}_A) \not\subseteq k_C$$

so we need to make  $v_A$  and  $ac_A$  surjective.

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## STEP 4:

We want an intermediate  $(A, k_C, \Gamma_C) \subseteq (D, k_C, \Gamma_C) \subseteq (C, k_C, \Gamma_C)$

such that  $k_D \cap k_C = k_C$ . Denote by  $\bar{k_A} = k_A \cap k_D$ .

$\alpha \in k_C \setminus \bar{k_A}$  transcendental over  $\bar{k_A}$ . Then  $f_r(\alpha)$  is t. over

$\bar{k_B}$ , so any  $a \in C$  with  $\pi_C(a) = \alpha$ ,  $b \in L$  with  $\pi_L(b) = f_r(\alpha)$

are t. over A and B respectively. The isomorphism

$$f^*: A(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(b)$$

is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -pas-isomorphism: e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} v_L\left(\sum f(c_i)b^i\right) &= \min_i v_L(f(c_i)) = f_v\left(\min_i v_C(c_i)\right) \\ &= f_v(v_C(\sum c_i a^i)). \end{aligned}$$

$\blacksquare \alpha \in k_C - k_A^-$  algebraic: Let  $\bar{P}(t) \in k_A^-[t]$  be the min. polyn.  
 for some  $P \in \mathcal{O}_A[t]$ ,  $\deg(P) = \deg(\bar{P}) = N$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a simple root of  $\bar{P}$  and hence it lifts to  $a \in \mathcal{O}_C$ . Similarly,  
 $f_r(\alpha)$  is a simple root of  $\bar{P}(f)(t)$  which lifts to  $b \in L$ .

Again,  $f$  extends to  $f' : A(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(b)$  and we have e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} v_L \left( \sum_{i \in N} f(c_i) b^i \right) &= \min_{i \in N} v_L(f(c_i)) = f_v \left( \min_{i \in N} v_C(c_i) \right) \\ &= f_v \left( v_C \left( \sum_{i \in N} c_i a^i \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

so  $(f', f_r, f_v)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{tors}}$ -isomorphism.

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## STEP 5:

Like step 4, we have a dichotomy: let  $\Gamma_A^- = V_c(A^x)$ , -then

■  $\alpha \in \Gamma_C \setminus \Gamma_A^-$  has no torsion mod  $\Gamma_A^-$ . Then any  $a \in C$  with  $V_C(a) = \alpha$  is transcendental over  $A$ , and similarly any  $b \in L$  with  $V_L(b) = f_v(\alpha)$  is t. over  $B$ . Then  $f$  extends to

$$f' : A(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(b)$$

as before. Since we may choose  $ac_C(a) = 1 = ac_L(b)$ ,  $(f', f_r, f_v)$  is an  $L$ -pas-isomorphism.

◻ there is  $N > 0$  s.t.  $\lambda \in \Gamma_A^-$ .

Then we can choose  $a \in C$  with  $a^N \in A$ ,  $v_C(a) = \lambda$ . Similarly, we can choose  $b \in L$  with  $v_L(b) = f_v(\lambda)$ . We may, wlog, also assume  $ac_L(b) = f_r(ac_C(a))$ . Upon multiplying by  $d \in L$  with  $d^N = 1 + u$ , where  $f(a^N) = c^N(1 + u)$  and  $v_L(u) > 0$ ,  $\pi_L(d) = 1$ , we get  $f_v(\lambda) = v_L(b)$  but now  $ac_L(b) = f_r(ac_C(a))$ . Thus

$$f^!: A(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(b)$$

is an  $\mathbb{Z}_{p\text{ad}}$ -isomorphism.

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We repeat Step 3 to move to an henselian valued field again.

Recall: henselian valued fields in char. 0 have no immediate algebraic extension.

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## STEP 6:

$$(A, k_C, \Gamma_C) \subseteq (C, k_C, \Gamma_C)$$

is now an immediate valued field extension.

In particular, any  $a \in C \setminus A$  is transcendental over  $A$  and, with a ~~spinibble~~ of Kaplansky theory, we get that for any  $P(t) \in A[t]$  there is  $\delta \in \Delta(a/A) = \{v_c(a, c) \mid c \in A\}$  s. that  $v(P(t))$  is constant on  $B_\delta(a) \cap A$ .

Claim: there is  $b \in L$  s. that  $\forall c \in A$

$$v_L(b - f(c)) = f_r(v_c(a - c)).$$

Claim: there is  $b \in L$  s.t. that  $\forall c \in A$

$$v_L(b - f(c)) = f_v(v_c(a - c)).$$

Then,  $v_L(p^{(f)}(t))$  is constant on  $B_{f_v(f)}(f(a'))$ , for  $a' \in B_f(a) \cap A$ .

In particular,  $a \mapsto b$  extends to an isomorphism of valued fields

$$f: A(a) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(b)$$

which extends  $f$  and induces an  $L$ -pre-isomorphism.

PROOF OF THE CLAIM: take  $\pi(x) = \{v_L(x - f(c)) = f_v(v_c(a - c)) \mid c \in A\}$ .

Realize it in  $L$  by  $\forall$ -saturation.

Upon repeating Step 6,  
we finish the proof! ☺

## AKE

As a corollary, let's prove that

$$R_K \equiv R_L \wedge \Gamma_K \equiv \Gamma_L \Rightarrow (K, V) \equiv (L, W).$$

( $\Leftarrow$  is immediate!)

This is equivalent to proving that the  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -theory  $T_1$ , given by

1.  $(K, V)$  is henselian of equichar. 0,
2.  $\text{Th}_{\text{Ring}}(k_K) = \text{Th}_{\text{Ring}}(k_L),$
3.  $\text{Th}_{\text{aug}, \text{char}}(\Gamma_K) = \text{Th}_{\text{aug}, \text{char}}(\Gamma_L),$

is complete. Any two models of  $T_1$  can be extended to models of  $T$ , by saturation!

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2.  $\text{Th}_{\text{Ring}}(k_K) = \text{Th}_{\text{Ring}}(k_L)$ ,
3.  $\text{Th}_{\text{aug}, \text{tor}}(\Gamma_K) = \text{Th}_{\text{aug}, \text{tor}}(\Gamma_L)$ ,

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Now, if  $(K, \mathcal{R}_K, \Gamma_K), (L, \mathcal{R}_L, \Gamma_L) \models T$  were not elementarily equivalent, this would be witnessed without  $\text{lk}$ -quantifiers.

However,  $\mathcal{R}_K \equiv \mathcal{R}_L$  and  $\Gamma_K \equiv \Gamma_L$ .  $\ddagger$

thanks !