

**Abelian integrals, Picard-Vessiot groups
and the Schanuel conjecture.**

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Schanuel's conjecture

$x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{C}$, linearly independent over \mathbf{Q}

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n, e^{x_1}, \dots, e^{x_n}) \geq n \quad (?)$$

Equivalently,

$x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{C}, y_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathbf{C}^*, y_i = e^{x_i}$. Then,

$$\text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x_i\text{'s}, y_i\text{'s}) \geq \text{rk}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{Z}x_n) \quad (?)$$

Exponential case (Lindemann-Weierstrass thm) :

· $\forall i, x_i \in \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \Rightarrow \text{true (with equality)}$.

Logarithmic case (Schneider's problem) :

· $\forall i, y_i \in \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \Rightarrow (?) \text{ (with equality)}$

$G = (\mathbf{G}_m)^n$, n -dim'l split torus over $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{C}$

$$TG := T_0G = \text{Lie}(G)$$

$$\exp_G : TG(\mathbf{C}) \simeq \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow G(\mathbf{C}) \simeq (\mathbf{C}^*)^n,$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto y = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lie hull \mathcal{G}_x of $x :=$ smallest algebraic subgroup H of G such that $x \in TH(\mathbf{C})$.

(NB : contains, often strictly, the *hull* G_y of $y =$ smallest alg. subgroup H of G such that $y \in H(\mathbf{C})$).

The conjecture then reads :

$$x \in TG(\mathbf{C}), y = \exp_G(x) \in G(\mathbf{C})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x, y) \geq \dim \mathcal{G}_x \quad (?)$$

Abelian integrals

$k = \bar{k} \subset \mathbf{C}$, $P \in k[X, Y]$, $f \in k(X, Y)$, $p_0, p_1 \in k$

$$\int_{p_0}^{p_1} f(X, Y) dX \quad , \quad P(X, Y) = 0.$$

More intrinsically, X/k smooth projective algebraic curve, $\omega \in H^0(X, \Omega_{X/k}^1(D))$ for some $D \in \text{Div}^+(X)$. By Weil-Rosenlicht, there is :

- a generalized Jacobian $G = \text{Jac}(X, D)$:

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow G \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

where $L = \mathbf{G}_m^r \times \mathbf{G}_a^s$, $A = \text{Jac}(X)$;

- a canonical (Abel-Jacobi) map

$$\phi : (X, \text{point}) \rightarrow G,$$

- an invariant differential form $\omega_G \in T^*G(k)$ on G with $\phi^*\omega_G = \omega \text{ mod. exact forms.}$

Set $y = \phi(P_1) - \phi(P_0) \in G(k)$. Up to addition of an element of k , we get

$$\int_{P_0}^{P_1} \omega = \int_0^y \omega_G.$$

More precisely, there exists $x \in TG(\mathbf{C})$ (depending on the path of integration) such that

$$y = \exp_G(x), \text{ and } \int_0^y \omega_G = \langle \omega_G | x \rangle .$$

$$(x, y) \in (TG \times G)(\mathbf{C}), y = \exp_G(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x, y) \geq \mathcal{G}_x \text{ (??)}$$

$X = \mathbf{P}_1, D = (0) + (\infty) \rightsquigarrow G = \mathbf{G}_m$, and $x = \ln(y)$: standard Schanuel problem.

Otherwise, (??) must be modified. One attaches to $\mathcal{M} = (X, D, (P_1) - (P_0))$ a "motivic Galois group" $\mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{M}}$, acting on TG .

André's conjecture : $\text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x, y) \geq \dim \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{M}} \cdot x$

(inspired by, and implying, the Grothendieck conjecture : if $k = \overline{\mathbf{Q}}$, then

$$\text{tr.deg}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(x, y) = \dim \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{M}} \cdot x;$$

see also Kontsevich's conjecture on periods.)

Elliptic integrals

Ref. : Whittaker-Watson.

$$g_2, g_3 \in k, \quad g_2^3 - 27g_3^2 \neq 0,$$

$$j(E) = \frac{g_2^3}{g_2^3 - 27g_3^2} = j(\tau) ; \quad \Omega \subset \mathbf{C}$$

$$Y^2 = 4X^3 - g_2X - g_3 \quad (E)$$

$$\omega = \frac{dX}{Y}, \quad \eta = X \frac{dX}{Y};$$

$$Q \in E(k), \quad \xi_Q = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Y - Y(Q)}{X - X(Q)} \frac{dX}{Y}, \quad \text{Res}(\xi_Q) = -(0) + (-Q)$$

$$f(X, Y)dY = \alpha\omega + \beta\eta + dg + \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i \xi_{Q_i} + \sum_{j=1}^{r'} \gamma'_j \frac{dh_j}{h_j}$$

with \mathbf{Z} -linearly independent Q_i 's in $E(k)$.

$$\mathcal{G} \in \text{Ext}(E, \mathbf{G}_m^r \times \mathbf{G}_a \times \mathbf{G}_m^{r'}).$$

$$\mathcal{G} = \tilde{G} \times \mathbf{G}_m^{r'}, \quad \text{with}$$

- $G \in \text{Ext}(E, \mathbf{G}_m^r)$: an *essential* extension
- $\tilde{G} =$ the universal vectorial extension of G .

For $P \in E(k)$, set $u = \int_0^P \omega$, hence

$$P = (\wp(u), \wp'(u)) = \exp_E(u),$$

$$\sigma(z) = z \prod_{\omega \in \Omega'} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\omega}\right) e^{\frac{z}{\omega} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{z}{\omega}\right)^2}, \quad \zeta(z) = \frac{\sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)}$$

$$\boxed{f_v(z) = \frac{\sigma(v+z)}{\sigma(v)\sigma(z)} e^{-\zeta(v)z} \quad (v \notin \Omega)}$$

$$\zeta(z + \omega) = \zeta(z) + \eta(\omega), \quad \eta_2\omega_1 - \eta_1\omega_2 = 2\pi i,$$

$$f_v(z + \omega) = f_v(z) e^{\lambda_v(\omega)}, \quad \lambda_v(\omega) = \eta(\omega)v - \zeta(v)\omega.$$

$$(r = 1) \quad Q = \exp_E(v), \quad \tilde{G} \simeq_{\text{birat}} E \times \mathbf{G}_m \times \mathbf{G}_a.$$

$$\exp_{\tilde{G}} : \mathbf{C}^3 \rightarrow \tilde{G}(\mathbf{C}) : \begin{pmatrix} \ell \\ t \\ u \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} f_v(u) e^{-\ell} \\ \zeta(u) - t \\ \wp(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ker}(\exp_{\tilde{G}}) = \mathbf{Z} \begin{pmatrix} 2\pi i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \mathbf{Z} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_v(\omega_1) \\ \eta(\omega_1) \\ \omega_1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \mathbf{Z} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_v(\omega_2) \\ \eta(\omega_2) \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In conclusion, if $\tilde{y} = \{y_3, y_2, y_1\} \in \tilde{G}(k)$ is above $y_1 = (\wp(u), \wp'(u)) \in E(k)$,

$$\boxed{\tilde{x} = \left\{ \ell n \frac{\sigma(u+v)}{\sigma(u)\sigma(v)} - \zeta(v)u - \ell n(y_3), \quad \zeta(u) - y_2, \quad u \right\}}$$

Mumford-Tate groups

To $y \in G(k)$, we attach a one-motive M/k , a k -vector space $H_{DR}^1(M)$, a \mathbf{Q} -vector space $H_B(M)$, and a period matrix

$$\boxed{\Pi(M)}$$

.



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\pi i & \lambda_v(\omega_1) & \lambda_v(\omega_2) & \ln f_v(u) + \ell_0 \\ 0 & \eta(\omega_1) & \eta(\omega_2) & \zeta(u) + t_0 \\ 0 & \omega_1 & \omega_2 & u \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \xi_Q \\ \tilde{\eta} \\ \omega \\ \{df\} \end{matrix}$$

$$\gamma_0 \quad \gamma_1 \quad \gamma_2 \quad \gamma_x$$

$H_B(M)$ is endowed with a mixed Hodge structure. In particular, an increasing weight filtration W_\bullet with

$$W_{-2} = H_B(\mathbf{G}_m), W_{-1} = H_B(G), W_0 = H_B(M)$$

$$Gr_{-1} = H_B(E), Gr_0 = \mathbf{Z}$$

and a Hodge filtration F^\bullet on $H_B(M) \otimes \mathbf{C}$. Similarly with $H_{DR}^1(M)$.

The canonical pairing

$$\langle \omega | \gamma \rangle = \int_{\gamma} \omega$$

induces an isomorphism

$$H_{DR}^1(M) \otimes_k \mathbf{C} \rightarrow H_B(M)^* \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{C}$$

(represented by the period matrix $\Pi(M)$ above), which respects both filtrations.

Mixed Hodge structures form a \mathbf{Q} -linear tannakian category, with fiber functor H_B . The Mumford-Tate group of M is

$$\mathbf{MT}_M = \text{Aut}^{\otimes}(H_B(M)).$$

$\text{Isom}^{\otimes}(H_{DR}^1(M), H_B(M)^* \otimes k)$ is represented by a scheme Z/k , which is a $\mathbf{MT}_M \otimes k$ -torsor.

\rightsquigarrow Alternative rephrasings of the conjectures :

$$\text{tr.deg.}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \geq \dim(\mathbf{MT}_M \cdot \gamma_x) \quad (?)$$

(if $k = \overline{\mathbf{Q}}$) : $\Pi(M)$ is a generic point of Z/k (?)

Function field analogue I

Let (F, ∂) , with $F^\partial = \mathbf{C}$, be a sufficiently large differential field extension of $(K = \mathbf{C}(t), d/dt)$. For $x \in F$, define $y = e^x \in F^*/\mathbf{C}^*$ as a solution of the diff'l equation

$$\frac{\partial y}{y} = \partial x.$$

$K(x, y)$ is well-defined (and depends only on the classes of x in F/\mathbf{C}).

Ax (1970) : $x_i \in F, y_i = e^{x_i} (i = 1, \dots, n)$. Then

$$\text{tr.deg}_K K(x_i\text{'s}, y_i\text{'s}) \geq \text{rk}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{Z}x_n \text{ mod } \mathbf{C}).$$



NB : $\text{rk}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\dots) = \dim \mathcal{G}_x$
 where \mathcal{G}_x is the smallest algebraic group H of $G = \mathbf{G}_m^n$ such that $x \in TH(F) + TG(\mathbf{C})$.

↕ (now)

$\mathcal{G}_x = \mathcal{G}_y :=$ smallest algebraic group H of G such that $y \in H(F) + G(\mathbf{C})$.

G = an algebraic group **defined over** \mathbb{C} . By Kolchin, there is a canonical logarithmic derivative map

$$\partial \ell n_G : G(F) \rightarrow \underline{TG}(F) = TG \times_{\text{Ad}} G;$$

e.g. if $G \subset GL_n : \partial \ell n_G(U) = \partial U \cdot U^{-1}$.

When G is commutative, " ℓn_G inverts \exp_G modulo the constants".

For $y \in G(F)$, define the **relative hull** G_y of y as the smallest algebraic group H/\mathbb{C} such that $y \in H(F) \bmod G(\mathbb{C})$.

Theorem 1.a (Ax, Kirby) : *assume that G is a semi-abelian variety (no additive subgroup), $(x, y) \in (TG \times G)(F), y = \exp_G(x)$. Then,*

$$\text{tr.deg.}_K K(x, y) \geq \dim G_y.$$

This *cannot* hold true in general if additive subgroups occur. However

Brownawell-Kubota : E/\mathbf{C} ell. curve, $u_1, \dots, u_n \in F$, linearly independent over $End(E) \bmod \mathbf{C}$. Then

$$tr.deg_K K(u_i, \wp(u_i), \zeta(u_i); i = 1, \dots, n) \geq 2n$$

Theorem 1.b : let further \tilde{G} (resp. \tilde{G}_y) be the universal vectorial extension of G (resp. G_y). For any $\tilde{x} \in T\tilde{G}(F)$ s.t. $exp_{\tilde{G}}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{y}$ projects to $y \in G(F)$,

$$tr.deg_K K(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \geq dim \tilde{G}_y.$$

E.g., for $v_i \in \mathbf{C}$, $Q_i = exp_E(v_i) \in E(\mathbf{C})$, l.i. / \mathbf{Z}

$$tr.deg_K K(u_i, \wp(u_i), \zeta(u_i), \frac{\sigma(v_i+u_i)}{\sigma(u_i)}; i = 1, \dots, n) \geq 3n$$

as well as $\dots, \ln \frac{\sigma(v_i+u_i)}{\sigma(u_i)}; \dots \geq 3n$

NB : B-K also got : $\dots, \sigma(u_i); \dots \geq 3n$

Proof : a kind of intersection theory + rigidity of alg. groups.

i) wlog, assume that $G_y = G$. Almost by definition, \tilde{G} is an **essential** extension of G ; hence $\tilde{G}_y = \tilde{G}$. Must now prove that

$$tr.deg.(\mathbf{C}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})/\mathbf{C}) \geq dim(\tilde{G}) + 1.$$

ii) reduce by Seidenberg (cf. J. Kirby) to the analytic case \rightsquigarrow

- $\mathbf{X} = T\tilde{G} \times \tilde{G}$ (alg. group over \mathbf{C}),
- $\mathbf{A} = \text{graph of } exp_{\tilde{G}}$ (anal. subgroup of \mathbf{X}),
- $\mathbf{K} = \text{the analytic curve defined by the image of } \{\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}\} : \mathbf{C} \supset U \rightarrow \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{C})$. Wlog, assume that $0 \in \mathbf{K}$ and let \mathbf{V} be its Zariski closure in \mathbf{X}/\mathbf{C} , so that $tr.deg.(\mathbf{C}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})/\mathbf{C}) = dim\mathbf{V}$.

iii) Ax's theorem (1972) : there exists an analytic subgroup \mathbf{B} of \mathbf{X} containing both \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{V} such that $dim\mathbf{K} \leq dim\mathbf{V} + dim\mathbf{A} - dim\mathbf{B}$.

We shall prove that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X}$. Consequently :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cdot & dim\mathbf{V} & \geq & dim\mathbf{X} - dim\mathbf{A} + dim\mathbf{K}, \\ \cdot & \parallel & & \parallel & \cdot \\ & tr.deg.(\mathbf{C}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})/\mathbf{C}) & & dim\tilde{G} + 1 & \cdot \end{array}$$

Since \mathbf{V} is a connected algebraic variety $\ni 0$, the abstract group it generates in \mathbf{X} is an algebraic subgroup $g(\mathbf{V})$ of $\mathbf{X} = T\tilde{G} \times \tilde{G}$. Since $\mathbf{K} \subset \mathbf{V}$, and since $G_y = G$, the image $G' \subset \tilde{G}$ of $g(\mathbf{V})$ under the 2nd projection projects onto G , and therefore coincides with \tilde{G} . Let $T' \subset T\tilde{G}$ be the image of $g(\mathbf{V})$ under the 1st projection.

Now, $g(\mathbf{V})$ is an algebraic subgroup of $T' \times \tilde{G}$ with surjective images under the two projections. But any such subgroup induces an isomorphism from a quotient of \tilde{G} to a quotient of T' : setting $H = g(\mathbf{V}) \cap (0 \times \tilde{G})$, and $H' = g(\mathbf{V}) \cap (T' \times 0)$, we have $\tilde{G}/H \simeq T'/H'$. If these quotients were not trivial, the 2nd one would admit \mathbf{G}_a among its quotients, and ditto for the 1st one, hence for \tilde{G} ; contradiction. Consequently, $\tilde{G}/H = 0$, and $g(\mathbf{V})$, hence \mathbf{B} , contains $0 \times \tilde{G}$.

Finally, $\mathbf{B} \supset \mathbf{A}$ projects onto $T\tilde{G}$ by the 1st projection. Hence, $\mathbf{B} = T\tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} = \mathbf{X}$.

Where are the Picard-Vessiot groups ?

[French : remboursez !]

(= [Scots.] Gie'e ma' bawbies back.)

This seems to have little to do with differential Galois theory : relatively to ∂ , $K(x, y)/K$ need not even be a differential extension !

However, it *is* a differential extension, and in fact a strongly normal one, in each of the "unmixed" cases $\tilde{x} \in TG(K)$, resp. $\tilde{y} \in G(K)$, where on recalling that $\mathcal{G}_x = G_y$, Theorem 1 amounts to

- (exponential case) : set $\tilde{b} = \partial\tilde{x} \in T\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_x(K)$. Then the (Kolchin) differential Galois group of $\partial \ln_G(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{b}$ is

$$\text{Aut}_{\partial}(K(\tilde{y}))/K = \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_x.$$

- (logarithmic case) : set $\tilde{a} = \partial \ln_{\tilde{G}}\tilde{y} \in T\tilde{G}_y(K)$. Then the (Picard-Vessiot) differential Galois group of $\partial\tilde{x} = \tilde{a}$ is

$$\text{Aut}_{\partial}(K(\tilde{x}))/K = T\tilde{G}_y.$$

At least in the split case, the latter result could be deduced from

- the purely differential fact [cf. Bible, I.33] that if connected, the Picard-Vessiot group of any system $\partial Y = AY$, $A \in gl_n(K)$ is the \mathbf{C} -Lie hull $\mathcal{G}_A \subset gl_n(\mathbf{C})$ of (a convenient gauge transform of) A ,

combined with

- a more geometric observation of the type : logarithmically exact differentials on a curve S which are linearly independent over \mathbf{Z} remain so over \mathbf{C} (and even so when taken modulo exact forms on S).

Function field analogue II

[in the logarithmic case]

Until now, we considered

$$x(t) = \int_1^{y(t)} \frac{dy}{y}, \quad x(t) = \int_0^{y(t)} f(x, y) dx,$$

i.e. integrals between non-constant points of a constant diff. form on a curve X/\mathbf{C} .

In a more natural frame-work, X **and** ω **vary with** t as well, bringing back the symmetry between objects such that u and v , and, more deeply, allowing for notions of duals in the space of generalized periods.

$$S = \text{curve}/\mathbf{C}, \pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow S, K = \mathbf{C}(S), X/K$$

Fix a non constant $t \in \mathbf{C}(S)$, $\partial = d/dt$ and K -**rational** sections p_0, p_1 of π .

$$\int_{p_0(t)}^{p_1(t)} f(t, X, Y) dX \quad , \quad P(t, X, Y) = 0.$$

All the previous notions from the theory of one-motives admit relative versions over S (variation of mixed Hodge structures). Moreover, the O_S -module $H_{DR}^1(\mathcal{M}/S)$ carries a Gauss-Manin (= generalized Picard-Fuchs) connection ∇ , whose space of horizontal sections is generated over \mathbf{C} by the local system $R^1\pi_*\mathbf{Q} = H_B(\mathcal{M}/S)^*$.

$$\mathcal{H}(M) := H_{DR}^1(M/K)^* , \quad D = \nabla_{d/dt}^*$$

is a $K[d/dt]$ -module, again filtered (in the elliptic case and with $r = 1$ as above) by the sub-equations

$$W_{-2} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G}_m) \simeq \mathbf{1}; \quad W_{-1} = \mathcal{H}(G), \quad W_0 = \mathcal{H}(M)$$

$$Gr_{-1} = \mathcal{H}(E), \quad Gr_0 = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{Z}) \simeq \mathbf{1}.$$

Over a sufficiently small domain $U \subset S(\mathbf{C})$,

$$\boxed{\Pi(M)(t)} : U \rightarrow GL(H_{DR}^1(\mathcal{M}/U) \otimes O_U^{an})$$

represents a fundamental matrix of analytic solutions of $\mathcal{H}(M)$, and its last vector $\hat{x} = (\tilde{x}(t), 1)$ satisfies $exp_{\tilde{G}_t}(\tilde{x}(t)) = \tilde{y}(t) \in \tilde{G}(K)$.

The field $K(\tilde{x}) = K(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ depends only on the projection x of \tilde{x} on TG .

Let \mathbf{PV}_M be the Picard-Vessiot group of the D -module $\mathcal{H}(M) : \forall g \in \mathbf{PV}_M, g\hat{x} - \hat{x} \in W_{-1}$ also depends only on $x \in TG$. Write $\mathbf{PV}_M \cdot x \subset H_B(\mathcal{G}/U) \otimes \mathbf{C}$ for the corresponding orbit.

Exercise : $tr.deg_K K(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = dim \mathbf{PV}_M \cdot x$.

i.e. the last columns of the elements of \mathbf{PV}_M govern Schanuel's problem *in the logarithmic case*. Here is an elliptic illustration.

Theorem 2 : $g_2(t), g_3(t) \in K, j(t) \notin \mathbf{C}; E/K$ the corresponding elliptic curve; $\{u_i(t); i = 1, \dots, n\}$ holomorphic functions on $U \subset \mathbf{C}$, such that $P_i = exp_E(u_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ are \mathbf{Z} -linearly independent points in $E(K)$. Then,

$$tr.deg_K K(u_i, \zeta(u_i), \ln \sigma(u_i); i = 1, \dots, n) = 3n.$$

$[exp_E = exp_{E(t)}, \zeta = \zeta_t, \sigma = \sigma_t; j \notin \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \mathbf{no CM}]$

The proof combines three ingredients :

- (A) an essentially geometric fact (Manin)

$$G \in \text{Ext}_{\text{gr.sch.}/K}(E, \mathbf{G}_m) \simeq \hat{E} \simeq E(K) \ni Q$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{H}(G) = \mathcal{H}^*(Q) \in \text{Ext}_{D\text{-mod.}}(\mathcal{H}(E), \mathbf{1})$$

and dually

$$P \in E(K) = \text{Ext}_{\text{gr.sch.}/K}(\mathbf{Z}, E)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{H}(P) := W_0/W_{-2} \in \text{Ext}_{D\text{-mod.}}(\mathbf{1}, \mathcal{H}(E)).$$

Manin's **kernel theorem** is that the kernel of these maps is generated by the points of height 0, i.e. the constant part of E (here 0) and the torsion points of E .

- (B) pure PV theory (cf. C. Hardouin's talk, in the general framework of a neutral tannakian category), viz. :

Let \mathcal{V} be an irreducible D -module, $V = \mathcal{V}^{\text{sol}}$, and let $\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_n$ be \mathbf{C} -lin. ind. extensions in $\text{Ext}_{D\text{-mod.}}(\mathbf{1}, \mathcal{V})$. Then, *the unipotent radical of $\mathbf{PV}(\mathcal{E}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{E}_n)$ fills up V^n .*

- (C) Rigidity of algebraic groups.

$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{H}(E)$, with $V = H_B(\mathcal{E}/U) \otimes \mathbf{C}$, has an (antisymmetric) polarization $\langle | \rangle$. Let $\mathbf{H} \in \text{Ext}_{gr}(V, \mathbf{C})$ be the **Heisenberg group** on V ,

$$\mathbf{H} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & v^\flat & c \\ 0 & \mathbf{I}_2 & v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} ; v \in V, c \in \mathbf{C} \right\}$$

For $n = 1$, and $P = Q$ non-torsion, $A + B +$ rigidity force an isomorphism

$$\psi_P : R_u(\mathcal{H}(M)) \simeq \mathbf{H}$$

For $i = 1, \dots, n$ and the $P_i = Q_i$'s lin. indep. over \mathbf{Z} , let R_u be the unipotent radical of $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{H}(M_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}(M_n))$.

$$\Psi = (\psi_{P_1}, \dots, \psi_{P_n}) : R_u \hookrightarrow \mathbf{H}^n,$$

and by $A + B$, $\Psi(R_u)$ projects onto V^n . But since $\langle | \rangle$ is non degenerate, the derived group of any subgroup of \mathbf{H}^n projecting onto V^n fills up \mathbf{C}^n , so that \mathbf{H}^n is again an essential extension! Hence, $R_u = \mathbf{H}^n$, and

$$\text{tr.deg.}_K K(u_i, \zeta(u_i), \ln \sigma(u_i)) = \dim \mathbf{H}^n = 3n.$$