Dimension groups with group action and their realization

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Simplicial group

Dimension group

Some questions related to K_0-groups

1. **Why K_0?**

2. K_0 **classifies** a class of rings (or algebras, or $*$-algebras) if

$$R \cong S \text{ if and only if } K_0(R) \cong K_0(S).$$

   When does K_0 classify?

3. An abelian group G is **realized** by a ring (or algebra) R if

$$G \cong K_0(R).$$

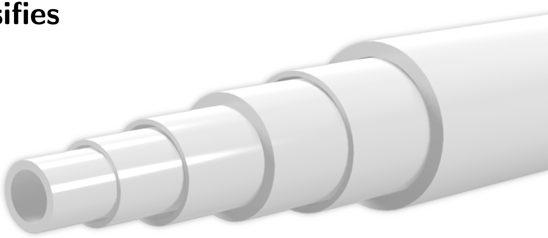
   Which groups can be realized by rings?

Some answers

1. K_0 is a group of **dimensions**.
2. One answer: K_0 **classifies**

ultramatricial algebras
over a field.

$$\varinjlim_n R_n$$

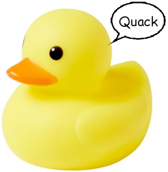


$$R_1 \to R_2 \to \dots \to R_n \to$$

$R_n =$ matricial (finite direct sum of matrix algebras).

3. One answer: If G is a **dimension group**, it can be realized by an ultramatricial algebra over a field –

if something looks like a group of dimensions,
it **is** a group of dimensions.



Dimension groups

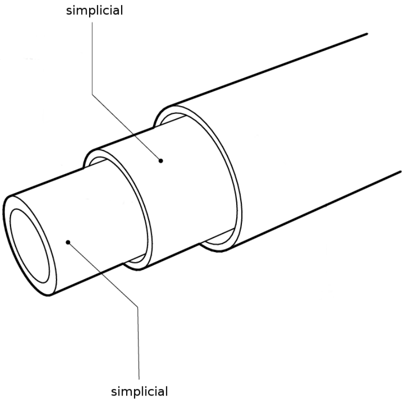
1. Built up from the building blocks called

   simplicial groups

   $=$ a finite sum of copies of $\mathbb{Z}$ since $K_0(\mathbb{M}_n(K)) = \mathbb{Z}$.

2. A **dimension group** is a direct limit of simplicial groups

$$\varinjlim_n G_n$$



$$G_1 \to G_2 \to \dots \to G_n \to$$

simplicial $\leftrightsquigarrow$ matricial, dimension $\leftrightsquigarrow$ ultramatricial

Structure of simplicial $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

There is an **order** $\geq$

$$x \geq 0 \text{ iff } x = \text{sum of non-negative integers.}$$

What if there is some

additional structure?

This is the case when **a group** Γ **acts** on the copies of $\mathbb{Z}$ by permuting them.

Think of a group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ ordered by

$$x = \sum a_\gamma \gamma \geq 0 \text{ iff } a_\gamma \geq 0$$

This happens if the ring is graded

If Γ is a group, a ring R is Γ-**graded** if

$$R = \bigoplus_{\gamma\in\Gamma} R_\gamma \quad \text{such that} \quad R_\gamma R_\delta \subseteq R_{\gamma\delta}.$$

ring

graded ring

Graded modules and their shifts

A module M is **graded** if

$$M = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_\gamma \quad \text{such that} \quad R_\gamma M_\delta \subseteq M_{\gamma\delta}.$$

Every graded module can be **shifted** to a graded module

$$M(\delta) = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_{\gamma\delta} \quad \text{so that} \quad M(\delta)_\gamma = M_{\gamma\delta}.$$

A finitely generated **graded free** R-module is of the form

$$R(\gamma_1) \oplus \ldots \oplus R(\gamma_n).$$

Building blocks of K_0^Γ

If $\Gamma =$ trivial, and K is a field, there is **just one one-dimensional free module**: K.

If $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$, for example, and R is Γ-graded there can be

many one-dimensional graded free modules:

$\ldots R(-3),\ R(-2),\ R(-1),\ R(0),\ R(1),\ R(2),\ R(3), \ldots$

K_0^Γ of a graded ring

- Formed using finitely generated **graded** projective modules.
- It has an action of Γ given by

$$\gamma\,[P] \quad\mapsto\quad [P(\gamma)].$$

The building blocks of $K_0^\Gamma(R)$:

$$[R(\gamma)], \quad \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

Question: when is

$$[R(\gamma)] = [R(\delta)]?$$

Two examples

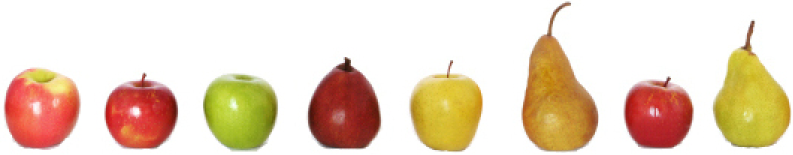
Let $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$ and $R = K[x, x^{-1}]$.

1. Let us grade R **trivially**, i.e.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{lr} K[x,x^{-1}]_0 = K[x,x^{-1}] & \\ K[x,x^{-1}]_n = 0 & n \neq 0 \end{array}}$$

   Then $R(m) \not\cong R(n)$ and

$$K_0^{\Gamma}(R) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}]$$



$\dots, R(-3), R(-2), R(-1), R(0), R(1), R(2), R(3), R(4), \dots$

The second example

Let $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$ and $R = K[x, x^{-1}]$.

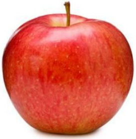
2. Let us grade R by

$$\boxed{K[x, x^{-1}]_n = K\{x^n\}}$$

Then $R(m) \cong R(n)$ and

$$K_0^\Gamma(R) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

with the trivial action of Γ.



So, it all depends on the size of **the support**

$$\Gamma_R = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid R_\gamma \neq 0\}$$

K_0^Γ of a graded division ring

If K is a **graded division ring** (i.e. there is invertible for every nonzero $x \in K_\gamma$), then

$$[R] \leftrightsquigarrow \Gamma_K$$

$$[R(\gamma_1)^{k_1} \oplus \ldots \oplus R(\gamma_n)^{k_n}] \leftrightsquigarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_i \gamma_i \Gamma_K$$

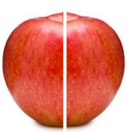
$$\boxed{K_0^\Gamma(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]}$$

So what is a simplicial Γ-group?

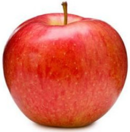
Want: **simplicial** $\leftrightsquigarrow$ K_0^Γ **of matricial algebras.**

$$K_0^\Gamma\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K)(\gamma_{i1},\ldots,\gamma_{ip(i)})\right)\cong\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$$

If Γ_K is **normal**, $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$ is a ring so:



simplicial = a fin. gen. free $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$-module.



The general case is more intriguing...

Simplicial Γ-group G

1. An abelian group with an action of Γ which agrees with $+$
2. G has a finite **simplicial Γ-basis** $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ such that

(Stab) If $\mathrm{Stab}(x_i) := \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma x_i = x_i\}$, then

$$\boxed{\mathrm{Stab}(x_i) = \mathrm{Stab}(x_j) \text{ for every } i, j.}$$

Let $\Delta = \mathrm{Stab}(x_i)$ and $\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \to \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$, then

(Pos) $G^+ =$ **positive cone** directs and orders G where

$$\boxed{G^+ = \{\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma],\ \pi(a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta] \text{ for all } i\}}$$

(Ind) For $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ with $\pi(a_i), \pi(b_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$,

$$\boxed{\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \quad \text{iff} \quad \pi(a_i) = \pi(b_i) \text{ for all } i.}$$

Realization of simplicial Γ-groups

For
$$R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K)(\gamma_{i1}, \ldots, \gamma_{ip(i)}),$$

$K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is **simplicial** with a basis $\{\gamma_{11}[e_{11}^1 R], \ldots, \gamma_{n1}[e_{11}^n R]\}$ stabilized by Γ_K.

Conversely, if G is **any simplicial** with a basis $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ stabilized by Δ, G can be

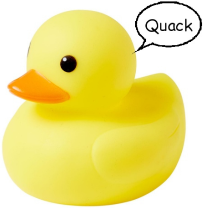
realized by a matricial ring R over $K[\Delta]$.

K = any field, $K[\Delta]$ is Γ-graded by

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{ll} K[\Delta]_\gamma = 0 & \text{if } \gamma \notin \Delta \\ K[\Delta]_\gamma = K\{\gamma\} & \text{if } \gamma \in \Delta. \end{array}}$$

Then $\Gamma_{K[\Delta]} = \Delta$.

Dimension groups – review of the trivial case



G is a **dimension group** if

1. G is **directed** and **ordered**.
2. G has **interpolation**: X, Y finite $X \leq Y$, there is interpolant z, $X \leq z \leq Y$.
3. G is **unperforated**: if $nx \in G^+$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $x \in G^+$.

Every G can be obtained as a direct limit of simplicial.

This is shown using **the Strong Decomposition Property** (SDP).

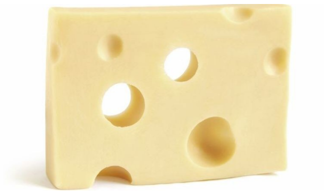
(SDP) If $\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i x_i = 0$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x_i \in G^+$, then there are $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $y_j \in G^+$ such that

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{ij} y_j \text{ for all } i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } j.$$

Defining a dimension Γ-group

Expected:

1. G is directed and ordered Γ-group.
2. G has interpolation (same condition).
3. G is unperforated – first try: if $ax \in G^+$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, then $x \in G^+$



However, if $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_2$, $G = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$,

$(1+x)(1-x) = 1 - x^2 = 0 \in G^+$,

$1 + x \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $1 - x \notin G^+$.

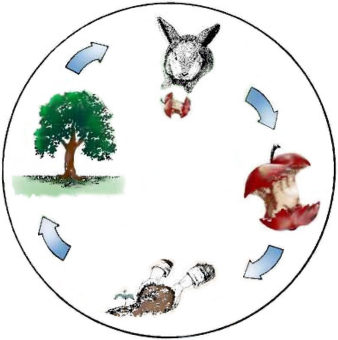
G is **unperforated with respect to Δ**

if $ax \in G^+$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ then there are $y_j \in G^+$ and $b_j \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, such that

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(ab_j) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad j.$$

The Strong Decomposition Property (SDP_Δ)

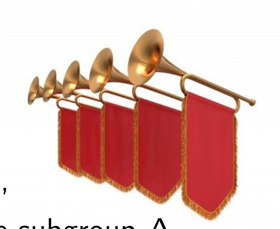
(SDP_Δ) If $\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i x_i = 0$
for $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $x_i \in G^+$,
then there are $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$
and $y_j \in G^+$ such that



$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{ij} y_j$ for all i and $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \pi(a_i b_{ij}) = 0$ for all j.

And now, introducing – her majesty

a dimension Γ-group



- G is a directed and ordered Γ-group,
- G has (SDP_Δ) with respect to some subgroup Δ such that
- $\Delta \subseteq \mathrm{Stab}(G)$.

The last condition ensures that for any $x \in G^+$, $\Delta \mapsto x$ extends to

$$\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta] \longrightarrow G$$

$\longrightarrow$

Structure Theorem

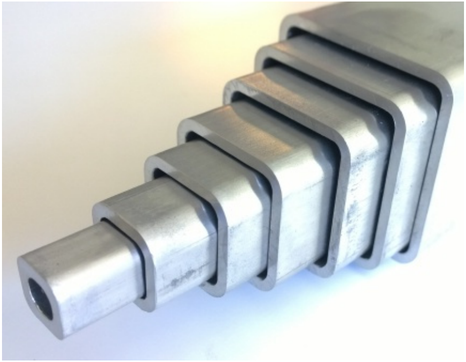
If the basis stabilizer Δ is **normal**, a simplicial Γ-group G has $\Delta \subseteq \mathrm{Stab}(G)$.

Every dimension Γ-group G

is a direct limit

of simplicial Γ-groups

with **normal** stabilizers.



Only assumption: $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is **noetherian.**

Question 1. Can we loose this assumption?

Dimension – unperforated and has interpolation

Every **dimension Γ-group** G is

1. directed and ordered Γ-group,
2. has **interpolation**,
3. **unperforated** with respect to Stab(G).

Question 2. Does the converse hold?

Realization Theorem

If $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian,

every countable
dimension Γ-group
can be **realized**
by a Γ-graded
ultramatricial ring over
a Γ-graded division ring

... and one can require that the order-units and generating intervals are preserved.

The **involutive** versions of the above results also hold.

Actions on K_0

We concentrated on action on K_0 coming from **the grading.**

K_0 can have a group action coming from **other structures.**

For example,

the involution or

the smash product.

Some other structure?

Realization Problem

Which abelian groups are K_0-groups of (von Neumann) regular rings ($x \in xRx$)?

Γ-Realization Problem:

Which abelian Γ-groups are K_0-groups of Γ-**graded** regular rings?

graded regular $=$ $x \in xRx$ for x in **a graded component**

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