

Stable groups, List 7

Problem 1. We work in a monster model \mathfrak{C} of an ω -stable theory T . Recall that Problem 1 from List 1' says that if $a \in \text{acl}(A, b)$, then $RM(a/A) \leq RM(b/A)$ (prove it). Deduce that T has \mathfrak{R} property, i.e. for every group G interpretable in \mathfrak{C} and for any $a, b \in G$ and $A \subseteq \mathfrak{C}$, if a is generic in G over A, b , and $a \in \text{acl}(A, b)$, then b is also generic in G over A .

Problem 2. (i) Let K be a field such that $x \mapsto x^n$ is onto for all $n > 0$, and, if $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$, then $x \mapsto x^p - x$ is onto as well. Use Galois theory to show that K is radically closed, i.e. K does not have a proper extension of the form $K(a)$ with $a^n \in K$ for some $n > 0$, or $a^p - a \in K$ if $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$.
(ii) Let K be a field such that in every finite extension L of K the functions $x \mapsto x^n$ are onto for all $n > 0$, and, if $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$, then $x \mapsto x^p - x$ is onto as well. Using Galois theory, prove that K is algebraically closed.

Problem 3. Let K be a field of finite Morley rank. Prove that there does not exist an infinite, definable, proper subring of K .

Hint. Use the fact (from one of the lectures) that an integral stable ring is a field, and apply also Macintyre's theorem.

Problem 4. Let K be a field of finite Morley rank and of characteristic 0. Assume that in the structure K we have a definable operation \odot such that $(K, +, \odot)$ is a field. Prove that the fields $(K, +, \cdot)$ and $(K, +, \odot)$ are definably isomorphic (in K).

Problem 5. Let K be a field of finite Morley rank and of characteristic 0. Prove that if $D \subseteq K$ is infinite and definable, then, for some n , each element of K is a sum of at most n elements of D .

Problem 6. Let $(K, +, \cdot)$ be a pure algebraically closed field. Prove that each definable group of automorphisms of the additive group of K embeds definably into K^\times .

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Recall that in a stable theory, Lascar U -rank satisfies Lascar inequalities:

$$U(a/Ab) + U(b/A) \leq U(ab/A) \leq U(a/Ab) \oplus U(b/A).$$

We say that an element a of a stable group G is generic over A , if for any $b \perp_A a$ one has $a \cdot b \perp A, b$. Existence and basic theory of generics in stable groups will be presented later. Here, we focus on the superstable case. So assume that G is a sufficiently saturated, superstable group (say a monster model). The goal is to give an alternative proof of Macintyre's theorem (in the superstable context).

Problem 1. Let $a \in G$, $A \subseteq G$. Prove that $\text{tp}(a/A)$ is generic iff $U(a/A)$ is maximal.

Problem 2. Show that if $\bar{a} := (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is an independent sequence of generics of G (everything over a given set A) and $\bar{a} \in \text{acl}(\bar{b}, A)$, where $\bar{b} := (b_1, \dots, b_n)$, then \bar{b} is also an independent sequence of generics of G (over A).

Let us assume that generics exist in superstable groups (this will be proved later for arbitrary stable groups; note that this is clear for us in the ω -stable context).

From now on, let F be an infinite, superstable field which is a monster model. Denote by K an algebraic closure of F . Then goal is to show that $K = F$.

Problem 3. Let $\bar{a} := (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$ be an independent sequence of generics of F (over \emptyset). Prove that then all the solutions of

$$X^n + a_{n-1}X^{n-1} + \dots + a_1X + a_0 = 0$$

in K belong to F .

Problem 4. Suppose for a contradiction that there is $\alpha \in K \setminus F$, and choose $P(X) = X^n + a_{n-1}X + \dots + a_0$ — the minimal monic polynomial of α over F . Notice that P has n pairwise distinct roots $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$. Define $L := F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$. Choose $t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \in F$ — generics independent over a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} . Define

$$r_i = t_0 + t_1\alpha_i + \dots + t_{n-1}\alpha_i^{n-1}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Let c_0, \dots, c_{n-1} be the elementary symmetric functions in r_0, \dots, r_n . Work with all these objects to get a contradiction.