

A model theoretic "Proof" for algebraic independence of e and π

Recall $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ are called algebraically independent if $g(x, y) \neq 0$ for all non-zero polynomials $g(x, y) \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]$

"Claim" e and π are algebraically independent

[This is, in fact, a big open problem in transcend. number theory]

"Proof": Let $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}} = \{+, \cdot; 0, 1\}$ be the language of rings, $\text{RCF} := \text{Th}(\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot; 0, 1 \rangle)$ the $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ -theory of real closed fields

$p(x) := \{n < x \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ the 1-type for "infinitely large" elements

note that " $<$ " is $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ definable in models of RCF : $(x < y \leftrightarrow \exists z \neq 0 \ y = x + z^2)$.

Obs.: $p(x)$ is omitted in a model \mathbb{R} of RCF iff \mathbb{R} has an $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ring}}$ -embedding into $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot; 0, 1 \rangle$

Now let c, d be new constants and let

$$T = \text{RCF} \cup \{r < c < r' \mid r, r' \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ with } r < e < r'\} \\ \cup \{s < d < s' \mid s, s' \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ with } s < \pi < s'\} \\ \cup \{g(c, d) \neq 0 \mid g \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y] \setminus \{0\}\}$$

Then T is finitely realizable (in \mathbb{R}), so,

by compactness, T has a model.

Note that $p(x)$ is a non-principal type (for example, because it is omitted in \mathbb{R})

Now let \mathbb{R} be a model of T omitting p (by OTT).

Then, by Obs., \mathbb{R} can be considered as subfield of \mathbb{R} and c and d have to be interpreted as e and π resp. \blacksquare

FLAW: If $g(e, \pi) = 0$ for some $g \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y] \setminus \{0\}$ then $p(x)$ becomes a principal type of T , as c and d are infinitesimally close to e resp. π , but not equal: so $\frac{1}{|x-c|}$ or $\frac{1}{|\pi-d|} \gg 0$.