

# Arithmetic of equations in a large number of variables

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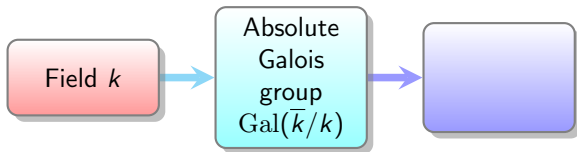
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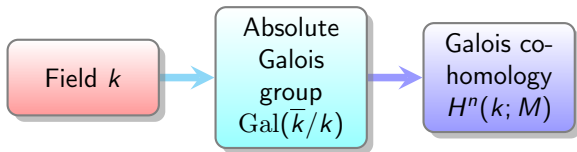
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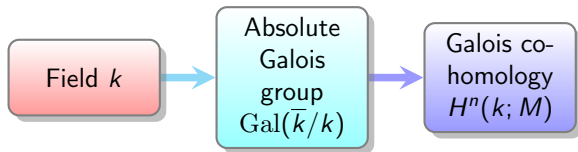
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Cohomological dimension of  $k$  :

$$\text{cd}(k) := \max\{n \geq 0 : \exists M \text{ finite, } H^n(k, M) \neq 0\}.$$

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**No** in general : counterexamples of :

- Merkurjev in cohomological dimension 2,
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