

**INTER-UNIVERSAL TEICHMÜLLER THEORY
AS AN ANABELIAN GATEWAY TO
DIOPHANTINE GEOMETRY AND ANALYTIC
NUMBER THEORY (IUGC2024 VERSION)**

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§1. Overview via a famous quote of Poincaré

(cf. [Alien]; [EssLgc], §1.5; [EssLgc], Examples 2.4.7, 2.4.8, 3.3.2; [ClsIUT], §4)

- In this talk, we give an *overview of various aspects of IUT*, many of which may be regarded as *striking examples* of the famous quote of Poincaré to the effect that

“mathematics is the art of giving the same name to different things”.

— which was apparently *originally motivated* by various mathematical observations on the part of Poincaré concerning certain remarkable similarities betw’n *transformation group symmetries* of modular functions such as theta functions, on the one hand, and *symmetry groups* of the hyperbolic geometry of the *upper half-plane*, on the other — all of which are *closely related to IUT!*

- Here, we note that there are three ways in which this quote of Poincaré is related to IUT:
 - the original motivation of Poincaré (mentioned above),
 - the key IUT notions of coricity/multiradiality (cf. §2, §3),
 - new applications of the Galois-orbit version of IUT (cf. §4).
- One important theme: it is possible to acquire a survey-level understanding of IUT using only a knowledge of such elementary topics as
 - the elem. notions of rings/fields/groups/monoids (cf. §2),
 - the elem. geom. of the proj. line/Riemann sphere (cf. §3).
- A more detailed exposition of IUT may be found in
 - the survey texts [Alien], [EssLgc], as well as in
 - the videos/slides available at the following URLs:

<https://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~motizuki/ExpHorizIUT21/WS3/ExpHorizIUT21-InvitationIUT-notes.html>

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§2. Galois groups as abstract groups: the example of the N -th power map

(cf. [EssLgc], Example 2.4.8; [EssLgc], §3.2, §3.8)

- Let R be an *integral domain* (e.g., $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$) equipped with the action of a *group* G , ($\mathbb{Z} \ni$) $N \geq 2$. For simplicity, assume that $N = 1 + \dots + 1 \neq 0 \in R$; R has no nontrivial N -th roots of unity. Write $R^\triangleright \subseteq R$ for the *multiplicative monoid* $R \setminus \{0\}$. Then let us observe that the N -th power map on R^\triangleright determines an *isomorphism of multiplicative monoids* equipped with actions by G

$$G \curvearrowright R^\triangleright \xrightarrow{\sim} (R^\triangleright)^N (\subseteq R^\triangleright) \curvearrowright G$$

that does not arise from a *ring homomorphism*, i.e., it is clearly not compatible with *addition* (cf. our assumption on $N!$).

- Let $\dagger R, \ddagger R$ be two distinct copies of the integral domain R , equipped with respective actions by two distinct copies $\dagger G, \ddagger G$ of the group G . We shall use similar notation for objects with labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ” to the previously introduced notation. Then one may use the *isomorphism of multiplicative monoids* arising from the N -th power map discussed above to glue together

$$\dagger G \curvearrowright \dagger R \supseteq (\dagger R^\triangleright)^N \xleftarrow{\sim} \ddagger R^\triangleright \subseteq \ddagger R \curvearrowright \ddagger G$$

the *ring* $\dagger R$ to the *ring* $\ddagger R$ along the *multiplicative monoid* $(\dagger R^\triangleright)^N \xleftarrow{\sim} \ddagger R^\triangleright$. This gluing is compatible with the respective actions of $\dagger G, \ddagger G$ relative to the isomorphism $\dagger G \xrightarrow{\sim} \ddagger G$ given by forgetting the labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ”, but, since the N -th power map is not compatible with *addition* (!), this isomorphism $\dagger G \xrightarrow{\sim} \ddagger G$ may be regarded either as an isomorphism of (“*coric*”, i.e., *invariant* with respect to the N -th power map) *abstract groups* (cf. the notion of “*inter-universality*”, as discussed in [EssLgc], §3.2, §3.8!) or as an isomorphism of groups equipped with actions on certain *multiplicative monoids*, but not as an isomorphism of (“*Galois*” — cf. the *inner automorphism indeterminacies* of SGA1!) groups equipped with actions on *rings/fields*.

- The problem of describing (certain portions of the) ring structure of ${}^\dagger R$ in terms of the ring structure of ${}^\ddagger R$ — in a fashion that is compatible with the gluing and via a single algorithm that may be applied to the common (cf. logical AND \wedge !) glued data to reconstruct simultaneously (certain portions of) the ring structures of both ${}^\dagger R$ and ${}^\ddagger R$, up to suitable relatively mild indeterminacies (cf. the theory of crystals!) — seems (at first glance/in general) to be hopelessly intractable (cf. the case of \mathbb{Z})!

One well-known elementary example: when $N = p$, working modulo p (cf. indeterminacies, analogy with crystals!), where there is a common ring structure that is compatible with the p -th power map!

This is precisely what is achieved in IUT (cf. quote of Poincaré!) by means of the multiradial algorithm for the Θ -pilot via

- anabelian geometry (cf. the abstract groups ${}^\dagger G, {}^\ddagger G!$);
 - the p -adic/complex logarithm, theta functions;
 - Kummer theory, to relate Frob.-/étale-like versions of objects.
- Main point:

The multiplicative monoid and abstract group structures (but not the ring structures!) are common (cf. “logical AND \wedge !”) to ${}^\dagger, {}^\ddagger$.

On the other hand, once one deletes the labels “ † ”, “ ‡ ” to secure a “common R ”, one obtains a meaningless situation, where the common glued data may be related via “ † ” OR “ \vee ” via “ ‡ ” to the common R , but not simultaneously to both!

- When $R = \mathbb{Z}$ (or, in fact, more generally, the ring of integers “ \mathcal{O}_F ” of a number field F — cf. the multiplicative norm map $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$), one may consider the “height”

$$\log(|x|) \in \mathbb{R}$$

for $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the N -th power map of (i), (ii) corresponds, after passing to heights, to multiplying real numbers by N ; the multiradial algorithm corresponds to saying that the height is unaffected (up to a mild error term!) by multiplication by N , hence that the height is bounded!

§3. Analogy with the projective line/Riemann sphere

(cf. [EssLgc], Example 2.2.1; [EssLgc], Example 2.4.7; [Alien], §3.1; [EssLgc], §1.5, §3.3, §3.5, §3.8, §3.9, §3.10)

- Let k be a field (in fact, could be taken to be an arbitrary ring), R a k -algebra. Denote units of a ring by a superscript “ \times ”. Write \mathbb{A}^1 for the affine line $\text{Spec}(k[T])$ over k , \mathbb{G}_m for the open subscheme $\text{Spec}(k[T, T^{-1}])$ of \mathbb{A}^1 obtained by removing the origin.

Recall that \mathbb{A}^1 is equipped with a well-known natural structure of ring scheme over k , while \mathbb{G}_m is equipped with a well-known natural structure of (multiplicative) group scheme over k . Moreover, we observe that the standard coordinate T on \mathbb{A}^1 and \mathbb{G}_m determines natural bijections:

$$\mathbb{A}^1(R) \xrightarrow{\sim} R, \quad \mathbb{G}_m(R) \xrightarrow{\sim} R^\times$$

- Write $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1, \ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$ for the k -ring schemes given by copies of \mathbb{A}^1 equipped with labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ”. Observe that there exists a unique isomorphism of k -ring schemes $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$; moreover, there exists a unique isomorphism of k -group schemes

$$(-)^{-1} : \dagger\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{\sim} \ddagger\mathbb{G}_m$$

that maps $\dagger T \mapsto \ddagger T^{-1}$. Note that $(-)^{-1}$ does not extend to an isomorphism $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$ and is clearly not compatible with the k -ring scheme structures of $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1 (\supseteq \dagger\mathbb{G}_m), \ddagger\mathbb{A}^1 (\supseteq \ddagger\mathbb{G}_m)$.

- The standard construction of the projective line \mathbb{P}^1 may be understood as the result of gluing $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1$ to $\ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$ along the isomorphism

$$\dagger\mathbb{A}^1 \supseteq \dagger\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{(-)^{-1}} \ddagger\mathbb{G}_m \subseteq \ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$$

— i.e., at the level of R -rational points

$$\dagger R \supseteq \dagger R^\times \xrightarrow{(-)^{-1}} \ddagger R^\times \subseteq \ddagger R$$

— where $\square R = \square\mathbb{A}^1(R)$, $\square R^\times = \square\mathbb{G}_m(R)$, for $\square \in \{\dagger, \ddagger\}$ (cf. the gluing situation discussed in §2, where “ $(-)^{-1}$ ” corresponds to “ $(-)^N$!”). Thus, relative to this gluing, we observe that there exists a single rational function on the copy of “ \mathbb{G}_m ” that appears in the gluing that is simultaneously equal to the rational function $\dagger T$ on $\dagger\mathbb{A}^1$ AND [cf. “ \wedge ”!] to the rational function $\ddagger T^{-1}$ on $\ddagger\mathbb{A}^1$.

- Summary:

The standard construction of the projective line may be regarded as consisting of a gluing of two ring schemes along an isomorphism of multiplicative group schemes that is not compatible with the ring scheme structures on either side of the gluing.

Finally, we observe that if, in the gluing under discussion, one arbitrarily deletes the distinct labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ” (e.g., on the grounds that both ring schemes represent “THE” structure sheaf “ \mathcal{O}_X ” of a k -scheme X !), then the resulting “gluing without labels” amounts to a gluing of a single copy of \mathbb{A}^1 to itself that maps the standard coordinate T on \mathbb{A}^1 (regarded, say, as a rational function on \mathbb{A}^1) to T^{-1} . That is to say, such a deletion of labels (even when restricted to the (abstractly isomorphic) multiplicative monoids $\dagger T^\mathbb{Z}$, $\ddagger T^\mathbb{Z}$!) immediately results in a contradiction (i.e., since $T \neq T^{-1}$!), unless one passes to some sort of quotient of \mathbb{A}^1 . On the other hand, passing to such a quotient amounts, from a foundational/logical point of view, to the introduction of some sort of indeterminacy, i.e., to the consideration of some sort of collection of possibilities [cf. “ \vee ”!].

- When $k = \mathbb{C}$ (i.e., the complex number field), one may think of the projective line \mathbb{P}^1 as the Riemann sphere \mathbb{S}^2 equipped with the Fubini-Study metric and of the gluing under discussion as the gluing, along the equator \mathbb{E} , of the northern hemisphere \mathbb{H}^+ to the southern hemisphere \mathbb{H}^- . Then the discussion above of the standard coordinates “ $\dagger T$ ”, “ $\ddagger T$ ” translates into the following (at first glance, self-contradictory!) phenomenon:

an oriented flow along the equator — which may be thought of physically as a sort of east-to-west wind current — appears simultaneously to be flowing in the clockwise direction, from the point of view of $\mathbb{H}^+ \subseteq \mathbb{S}^2$, AND in the counterclockwise direction, from the point of view of $\mathbb{H}^- \subseteq \mathbb{S}^2$.

In particular, if one arbitrarily deletes the labels “+”, “−” and identifies \mathbb{H}^- with \mathbb{H}^+ , then one does indeed literally obtain a contradiction. On the other hand, one may relate \mathbb{H}^- to \mathbb{H}^+ (not by such an arbitrary deletion of labels (!), but rather) by applying

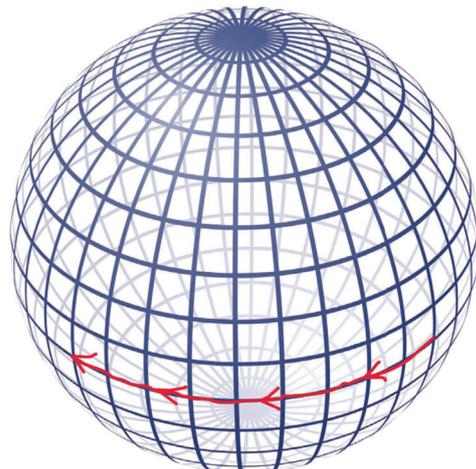
the metric/geodesic geometry of \mathbb{S}^2 — i.e., by considering the geodesic flow along great circles/lines of longitude — to represent, up to a relatively mild distortion, the entirety of \mathbb{S}^2 , i.e., including $\mathbb{H}^- \subseteq \mathbb{S}^2$, as a sort of deformation/displacement of \mathbb{H}^+ (cf. the point of view of cartography!).

It is precisely this metric/geodesic approach that corresponds to the anabelian geom.-based multiradial algorithm for the Θ -pilot in IUT (cf. the analogy discussed in [Alien], §3.1, (iv), (v), as well as in [EssLgc], §3.5, §3.10, between multiradiality and connections/parallel transport/crystals!).

northern hemisphere \mathbb{H}^+

———— equator \mathbb{E} —————

southern hemisphere \mathbb{H}^-



- In this context, it is important to remember that, just like SGA, IUT is formulated entirely in the framework of

“ZFCG”

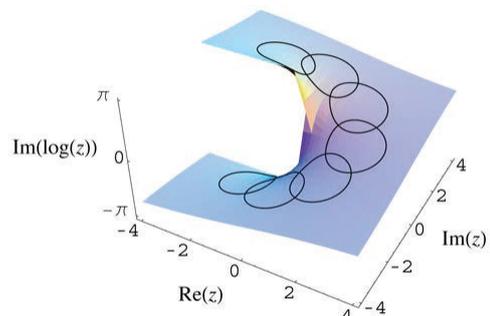
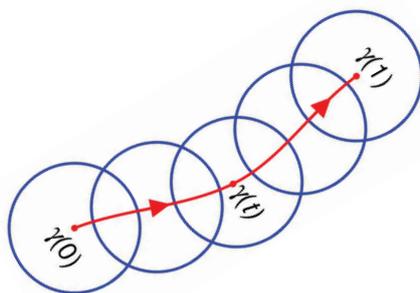
(i.e., ZFC + Grothendieck’s axiom on the existence of universes), especially when considering various set-theoretic/foundational subtleties (?) of “gluing” operations in IUT (cf. [EssLgc], §1.5, §3.8, §3.9, as well as [EssLgc], §3.10, especially the discussion of “log-shift adjustment” in (Stp 7)):

- gluing is performed at the abstract level of diagrams (cf. graph of groups/anabelioids), is not equipped with an embedding into some familiar ambient space (like a sphere);
- output of reconstruction algorithms only well-defined at the level of objects up to isomorphism (+ suitable indeterminacies), i.e., “types/packages of data” (such as groups, rings, monoids, diagrams, etc.) called “species”,

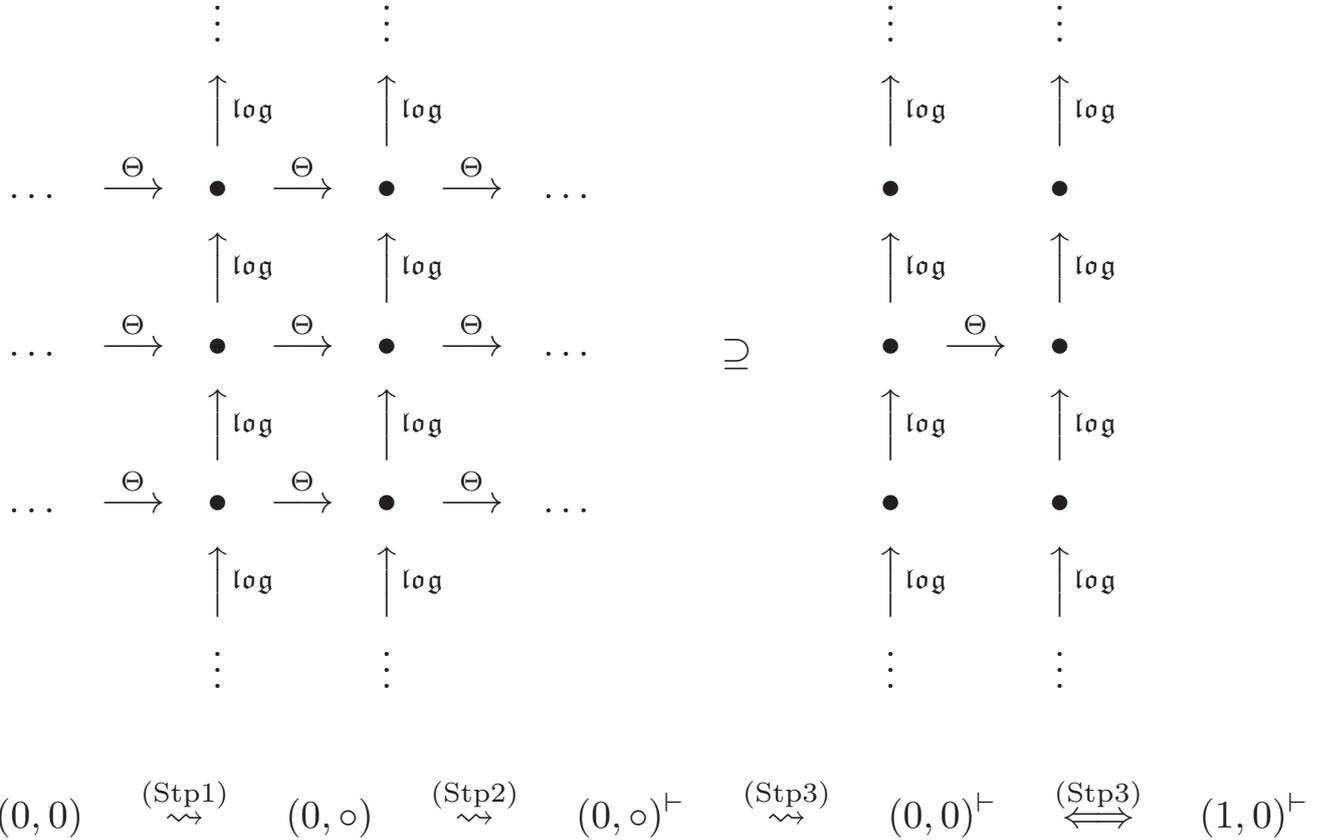
\implies hence the (subtle?) importance of closed loops in order to obtain set-theoretic comparisons that are not possible at intermediate steps

... note importance of working with “types/packages of data” (cf., e.g., the diagrams referred to above!) — as opposed to certain particular underlying sets of interest! — cf. the classical functoriality of resolutions in cohomology, as well as algebraic closures of fields up to conjugacy indeterminacies (which become unnecessary, e.g., if one considers norms!)

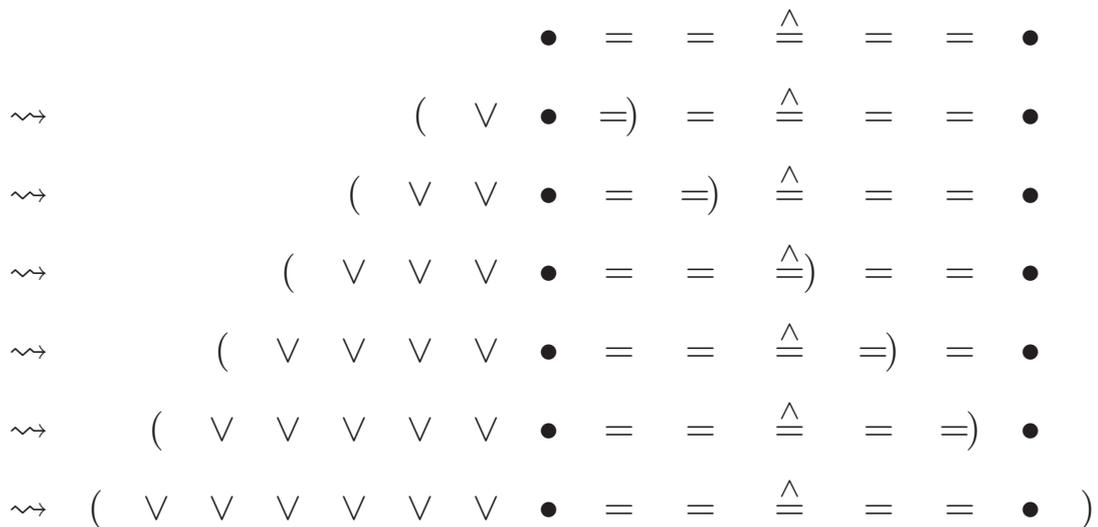
... note importance of working with “closed loops” — cf. norms in Galois theory, as well as the classical theory of analytic continuation/Riemann surfaces (which is reminiscent of the classical Riemann-Weierstrass dispute!), the geodesic completeness/closed geodesics of the sphere.



- In the case of IUT, the main “analytic continuation” is along a certain “infinite H” of the log-theta-lattice [cf. the discussion surrounding [EssLgc], §3.3, (InfH)]



— which involves a gradual introduction via “descent” operations of “fuzzifications”, corresponding to indeterminacies [cf. the discussion of [EssLgc], §3.10]:



- This approach may be envisioned as a sort of

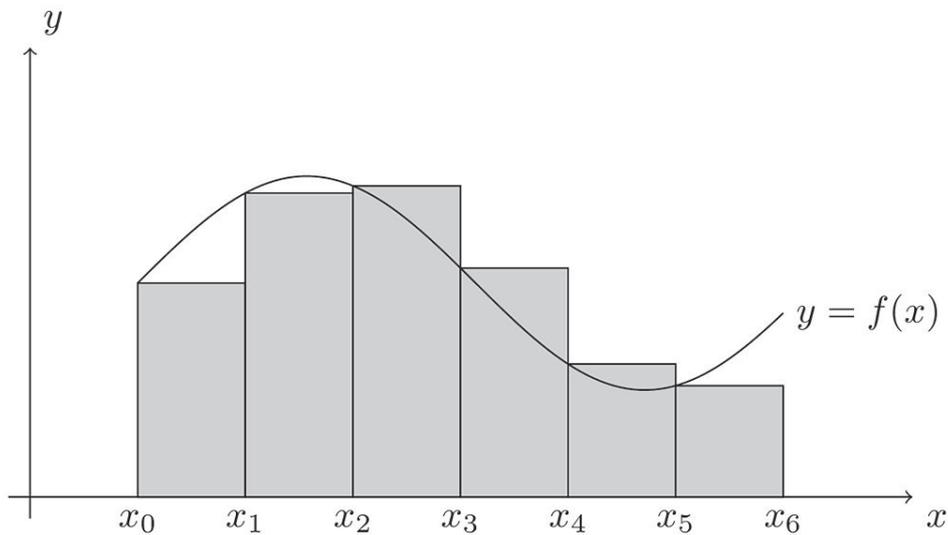
“gradual dawning”,

i.e., a gradual increase in the region where there is light in an ambient environment of a priori darkness.

- Alternatively, this approach may be understood as a substantially enhanced version of the fundamental approximation technique for a real-valued function $f : \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, i.e.,

$$|f(i+1) - f(i)| \leq \lambda, \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \quad \implies \quad |f(n) - f(0)| \leq n \cdot \lambda$$

that underlies differential and integral calculus [cf. [EssLgc], Example 2.2.1, (ii)].



§4. Brief preview of the Galois-orbit version of IUT

(cf. “Expanding Horizons” videos/slides cited in §1; [GSCsp]; [AnPf]; [Alien], §3.11, (iii))

- Brief preview of various new enhanced versions of IUT, which is closely related to recent progress (joint work in progress!) on the Section Conjecture (“SC”):
 - [GSCsp]: reduces, using RNS (cf. [RNSPM]), together with a result of Stoll, geometricity of an arbitrary Galois section of a hyperbolic curve over a number field to
 - local geometricity at each nonarchimedean prime, plus
 - 3 global conditions, which correspond, respectively, to 3 new enhanced versions of IUT!
 - [GSCsp]+[AnPf]: substantial progress on the p -adic SC that is closely related to the use of Raynaud-Tamagawa “new-ordinariness” in the theory of RNS (cf. [RNSPM]), which functions as a sort of local analogue of IUT — via the analogy

$$“N \cdot (-) \approx (-)” \longleftrightarrow “\text{Norm}(-) = (-)”!$$
- One such new enhanced version of IUT is the Galois-orbit version of IUT (GalOrbIUT), which implies:
 - one of the 3 global conditions mentioned above in the discussion of the Section Conjecture (“intersection-finiteness”);
 - nonexistence of Siegel zeroes of Dirichlet L -functions associated to imaginary quadratic number fields (i.e., by applying the work of Colmez/Granville-Stark/Táfula);
 - numerically stronger version of abc/Szpiro inequalities.
- That is to say, we obtain three a priori different applications to
 - anabelian geometry (“local-global” Section Conjecture),
 - analytic number theory (nonexistence of Siegel zeroes),
 - diophantine geometry (abc/Szpiro inequalities)

— a striking example of Poincaré’s quote, i.e., all three are essentially the same mathematical phenomenon of bounding heights, i.e., bounding “local denominators”!

- Here, the local-global Section Conjecture application is also noteworthy in that
 - it exhibits IUT as “anabelian geometry applied to obtain more anabelian geometry!” (less psychologically/intuitively surprising than the other two applications!);
 - it is technically the most difficult/essential (!) of the three, i.e., to the extent that the other two applications may be thought of, to a substantial extent, as being “inessential by-products”;
 - the historical point of view (cf., e.g., of Grothendieck’s famous “letter to Faltings”) suggests (without any proof!) that the Section Conjecture might imply results in diophantine geometry (such as the Mordell Conjecture).
- In this context, it is interesting to recall (cf. [Alien], §3.11, (iii)) that the essential content of anabelian geometry may be understood as a sort of “conceptual translation” of the abc inequality:
 - anabelian geometry:
 - addition reconstructed from multiplication
 - [i.e., addition “dominated by” multiplication!]
 - abc inequality:
 - height (“additive size”) \lesssim conductor (“multiplicative size”)
 - [i.e., addition “dominated by” multiplication!]
- ... cf. conceptual Weil Conjectures versus numerical inequalities for the number of rational points of a variety over a finite field!

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