

Conductor ideals of affine monoids and K -theory

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Huge existing literature – *Postage Stamp Problem*, *Coin Problem*, *McNugget Problem (special case)*, *Arnold Conjecture* (on asymptotics of $g(a_1, \dots, a_n)$), etc

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(Katthän, 2015)

$$\bar{M} \setminus M = \bigcup_{j=1}^l (q_j + \text{gp}(M \cap F)) \cap C(M),$$

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$$g = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{d+1} d_i v_i \right) / 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} v_i$$

d_i being the order of \mathbb{Z}^d modulo $v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_{d+1}$

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Informally, these groups are syzygies between elementary transformation of invertible matrices over R . Formally, they are higher homotopy groups of a certain K -theoretical space, associated to R (**Quillen, the 1970s**)

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(Cortiñas, Haesemayer, Walker, Weibel, announced in 2016) The condition $\mathbb{Q} \subset R$ in the statement above can be dropped

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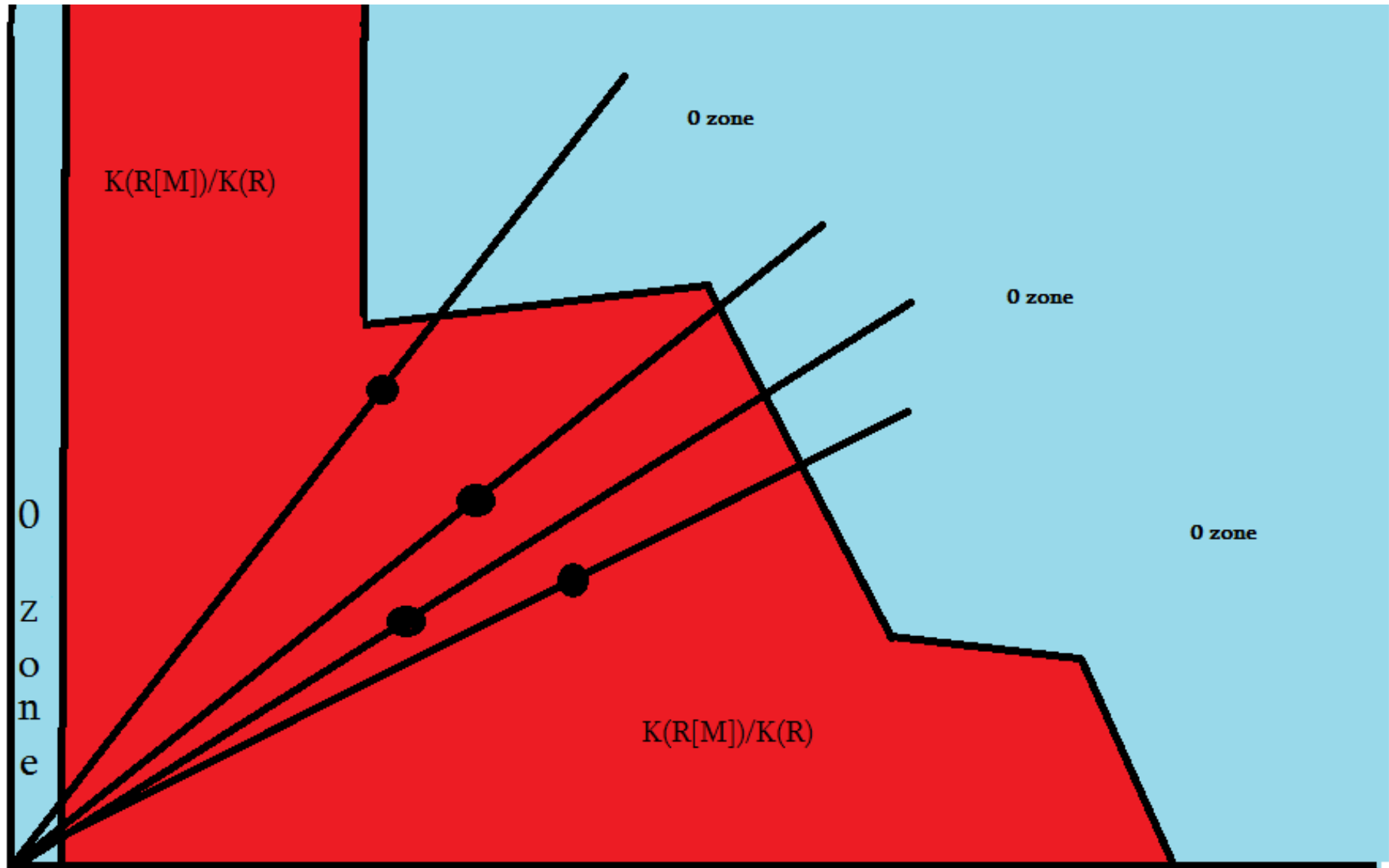
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It is known that $K_i(R[M])/K_i(R)$ is an R -module; this follows from the Bloch-Stienstra action of the big Witt vectors.

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