Algebra and Number Theory Seminar

Equivariant pretheories and invariants of torsors

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Abstract: In this talk we introduce and study the notion of an equivariant pretheory. Basic examples of such pretheories are equivariant Chow groups, equivariant K-theory and equivariant algebraic cobordism. As a new example we define an equivariant version of the cycle (co)homology with coefficients in a Rost cycle module. We also provide a version of Merkurjev's spectral sequence for equivariant cycle homology.

As an application we generalize the theorem of Karpenko-Merkurjev on G-torsors and rational cycles; to every G-torsor E and a G-equivariant pretheory we associate a graded ring which serves as an invariant of E. In the case of Chow groups this ring encodes the information concerning the motivic J-invariant of E and in the case of Grothendieck's K_0 it encodes the indexes of the respective Tits algebras.

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