

# Definable henselian valuation rings in positive residue characteristic

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## § Intro - valuation rings

Def

$K$  a field. A subring  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$  is called **valuation ring** of  $K$  if  $\forall x \in K: x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ or } x^{-1} \in \mathcal{O}$

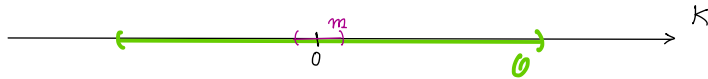
Fact/Def

- $\mathcal{O}$  is **local**, i.e. it has exactly one maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} := \mathcal{O} \setminus \mathcal{O}^\times$
- $k_0 := \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m}$  is called the **residue field**
- $\Gamma_0 := K^\times/\mathcal{O}^\times$  is called the **value group**

Intuition/Example

If  $K$  is an ordered field, not archimedean, then  $\mathcal{O} := \langle \mathbb{Z} \rangle_{\text{con}} := \{x \in K : \exists n \in \mathbb{N}: -n < x < n\}$

- $\mathcal{O}$  are the **bounded** elements of  $K$
- $\mathfrak{m}$  are the **infinitesimal** elements of  $K$
- $K \setminus \mathcal{O}$  are elements at **infinity**



Definition

A valuation ring  $\mathcal{O}$  is called **henselian** if for each  $f \in \mathcal{O}[X]$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $f(a) \in \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $f'(a) \notin \mathfrak{m}$  there exists  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $\alpha - a \in \mathfrak{m}$

## § Definable valuation rings

Example for a definable henselian valuation:

Assume  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$  is a henselian valuation ring s.th.  $\text{char}(k_0) \neq 2$ ,

$\Gamma_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \in K$ , s.th.  $t \in \mathcal{O}^\times$  is min. pos. in  $\Gamma_0$

Then  $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in K : \exists Y (Y^2 - (1 + tx^2) - 0)\}$   $f' = 2Y$

is an  $\text{L}_{\text{ring}(K)}$ -definable subset

*not in the talk* **Proof:** Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ . Then  $f(1) = tx^2 \in \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $f'(1) = 2 \notin \mathfrak{m}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Hens}}$   $\exists y \in K$  s.th.  $f(y) = 0$   
 Let  $y \in K$  s.th.  $y^2 = (1 + tx^2)$   
 even in  $K^\times/\mathcal{O}^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{also even in } K^\times/\mathcal{O}^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}}$   
 $(1 + tx^2)\mathcal{O}^\times = \mathcal{O}^\times + tx^2\mathcal{O}^\times$   
 has to  $\nearrow$  dominate  $\nwarrow$  thus has to be infinitesimal  $\rightarrow x \in \mathcal{O}$

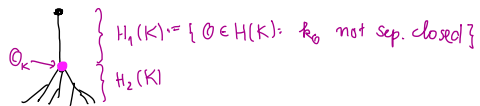
**Q:**

Given a field  $K$ , when is there an  $\text{L}_{\text{ring}(K)}$ -def. henselian valuation ring  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$ ?  $\{+, -, 0, 1\}$

## § The canonical henselian valuation ring

Need to study ALL henselian valuation rings on  $K$  simultaneously.

$H(K) = \{ \mathcal{O} \subseteq K : \mathcal{O} \text{ henselian valuation ring of } K \}$



$\mathcal{O}_K$  is called the canonical henselian valuation ring

$\hookrightarrow$  value group  $K^\times / \mathcal{O}_K^\times = \Gamma_K$

$\hookrightarrow$  residue field  $K / \mathfrak{m}_K = k_K$

$\rightarrow$  for  $\text{char}(k_K) = 0$

Thm (Johnke-Koenigsmann 2017, Ketelsen-Ramello-Szewczyk 2024)

let  $K$  be perfect,  $K \neq \mathcal{O}_K$ .

If  $\text{char}(K) = 0 < p = \text{char}(k_K)$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_K / p\mathcal{O}_K$  be semiperfect

Then:

$[K \text{ admits an } \mathfrak{o}_K(K)\text{-definable henselian valuation ring}]$

$\iff$

1.  $k_K$  is separably closed
2.  $k_K$  is not  $t$ -henselian
3.  $\Gamma_K$  is not divisible
4. There is  $L \supseteq k_K$  s.th.  $\Gamma_L$  is not divisible
5.  $\mathcal{O}_K$  has defect
6. There is  $L \supseteq k_K$  s.th.  $\mathcal{O}_L$  has defect

NEW conditions needed in positive characteristic

