

K-theory of modules as model-theoretic structures

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Baur-Monk pp -elimination theorem

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Corollary

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In particular $K_0(M)$ is non-trivial proving Prest's conjecture.

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Conjecture (K.)

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