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Fisica matematica. — *On the contribution of heat flux to the propagation velocity of relativistic shock waves in thermo-elastic bodies (*)*.
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RIASSUNTO. — Si studiano onde d'urto termomeccaniche, (precisamente T - η -onde d'urto) in corpi elastici (o fluidi non viscosi) in una teoria di relatività ristretta o generale, includente il tensore termodinamico di C. Eckart (cfr. [2]). La velocità di propagazione V di queste è calcolata in vari casi, almeno a meno di termini d'ordine 2 (rispetto a $1/c$ ove c è la velocità della luce nel vuoto). A questo scopo è essenziale usare, per esempio, un certo postulato di carattere generale, il quale è compatibile con un'ipotesi di solito fatta implicitamente. Nel caso più generale V dipende da certi rapporti fra parametri di discontinuità e loro derivate. Questi rapporti spariscono in casi speciali importanti concernenti i solidi, e in ogni caso riguardante i fluidi. In particolare è posta in evidenza la dipendenza di V dal flusso di calore.

6. THERMO-MECHANIC SHOCK WAVES IN NON-VISCOUS FLUIDS

We now consider a non-viscous fluid \mathcal{C} . Hence for it

$$(6.1) \quad \begin{cases} w = w(k, \eta) & , & q_p = \mathcal{H} \cdot (T_p + T A_p) & , & \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(k, \eta) , \\ X^{\rho\sigma} = p g^{\frac{1}{2}\rho\sigma} & , & p = p(k, \eta) = k^2 w'_k(k, \eta) & , & T = w'_\eta . \end{cases}$$

By (6.1), (5.13) holds. Then by (6.1)_{1,5-7} (whence $k^2[w] = p[k] + k^2 T[\eta]$)

$$(6.2) \quad \left\{ p'_k + \left(1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2} \right) \frac{2 q^3}{c k} V - \left(1 + \frac{w}{c^2} + \frac{p}{c^2 k} \right) V^2 \right\} [k] + \\ + \left(p'_\eta - \frac{k T}{c^2} V^2 \right) [\eta] = \boxed{6}$$

where $\boxed{6} = 0$ for $q^\rho \parallel N^\rho$, (3.6) and (5.11)₂ being understood.

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$$(6.3) \quad [\eta] = \varphi_{5,6}[k]$$

where $\varphi_{5,6}$ is a constitutive function of k, η, q^ρ, N^ρ , and possibly also of the way in which the shock wave is produced.

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The (only) important thing is that we are able to know $\rho_{5,6}$ before the wave occurs. Experiments say that (6.3) holds satisfactorily for $\rho_{5,6}$ very small or even vanishing.

We can replace $[\eta]$ by $\rho_{5,6} [k]$ in (6.2). The requirement that the coefficient of $[k]$ in the resulting equation should vanish constitutes an equation in V of the third degree (for $[\underline{6}]$ negligible):

$$(6.4) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} p'_k + \left(1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}\right) \frac{2q^3}{ck} V - \left(1 + \frac{w}{c^2} + \frac{p}{kc^2}\right) V^2 + \rho_{5,6} \left(p'_\eta - \frac{kT}{c^2} V^2\right) &= [\underline{6}] \\ \text{where } [\underline{6}] &= 0 \quad \text{for } q^\alpha \parallel N^\alpha. \end{aligned} \right.$$

The classical determination \bar{V} of V is given by (6.4) for $1/c = 0$ (hence $q^3 = 0 = [\underline{6}]$); furthermore

$$(6.5) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} V &= \bar{V} + \frac{q^3}{kc} - \left(w + \frac{p}{k} + \rho_{5,6} kT\right) \frac{\bar{V}}{2c^2} + [\underline{4}] \\ \text{with } \bar{V} &= \sqrt{p'_k + \rho_{5,6} p'_\eta} \quad (> 0) \end{aligned} \right.$$

where $w = 0$ when the reference state coincides with the actual one.

Indeed, for $\xi = c^{-2}$ let $f(V, \xi)$ be the left hand side of (6.4). Then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial V}(\bar{V}, 0) = -2\bar{V}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}(\bar{V}, 0) = \frac{2cq^3}{k} \bar{V} - \left(w + \frac{p}{k} + \rho_{5,6} kT\right) \bar{V}^2;$$

hence (6.5)₁ holds in that (6.4) defines a function $V = V(\xi)$ for which $V(0) = \bar{V}$ (cf. (6.5)₂) and $dV/d\xi = -(\partial f/\partial \xi)/(\partial f/\partial V)$.

Remark that (6.5)₁ affords the first order relativistic corrections to the classical propagation speed \bar{V} of a T - η -shock wave σ , travelling in a non-viscous fluid under a heat flux, within Eckart's theory. The new parts of this correction are the term in the (ordinary size) heat flux $cq^3 (\equiv cq^\alpha N_\alpha)$ and the contribution due to the coefficient $\rho_{5,6}$ which vanishes in case the shock is isentropic. The correction to \bar{V} due to the heat flux cq^3 is the contribution of cq^3 to V ; and up to terms in c^{-4} , it is the speed $c^{-1} k^{-1} q^3$ with which the energy $kc^2 dC$ (associated with the local mass $k dC$) ought to travel along N_α to give rise to a flux that equals cq^3 . Thus the shock wave is algebraically accelerated by the heat flux; hence it travels faster towards regions with lower temperatures.

Of course for $q^\alpha \parallel N^\alpha$ equation (6.4) holds with $[\underline{6}] = 0$. Hence it affords three exact values for V in this case—see remark below (5.13).

Also in the general case better solutions than (6.5) can be found. Indeed, by (6.4) and (6.5)₂

$$(6.6) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \bar{V}^2 - 2 \beta V = \bar{V}^2 + \boxed{6} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = 1 + \frac{w}{c^2} + \frac{p}{c^2 k} + \rho_{5,6} \frac{kT}{c^2}, \\ \beta = \left(1 - \frac{\bar{V}^2}{c^2} \right) \frac{q^3}{ck} \end{array} \right.$$

where $q^3 = q^0 N_p$; hence

$$(6.7) \quad V = \frac{\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 + \alpha \bar{V}^2}}{\alpha} + \boxed{6}.$$

7. BASIC RELATIVISTIC THERMO-MECHANIC EQUATIONS FOR SHOCK WAVES IN ELASTIC SOLIDS

Now we consider a thermo-elastic body \mathcal{C} of constitutive equations

$$(7.1) \quad w = w(\mathbf{y}, \eta, C_{LM}) = w(\mathbf{y}, \eta, \alpha_L^0), \quad T = T(\mathbf{y}, \eta, \alpha_L^0) = w'_\eta$$

$$(7.2) \quad \mathcal{D}X^{\rho\sigma} = K^{\rho L} \alpha_L^0, \quad K_L^0 = -k^* \frac{\partial w}{\partial \alpha_L^0} \quad (k\mathcal{D} = k^*)$$

$$(7.3) \quad q^0 = \mathcal{H}^{\rho\sigma} (T_{/s} + T A_{\sigma}) \quad , \quad \mathcal{H}^{\rho\sigma} = \mathcal{H}^{\rho\sigma}(\mathbf{y}, \eta, \alpha_L^0) = \mathcal{H}^{\rho\sigma} \quad (\mathcal{H}_{\rho\sigma} u^\sigma = 0).$$

By (7.1)₃

$$(7.4) \quad [T] = T'_\eta [\eta] + T'_{\alpha_L^0} [\alpha_L^0], \quad \text{i.e.} \quad A_4 = T'_\eta A_5 + T'_{\alpha_L^0} B_*^0 \mathcal{N}_L^*,$$

where $A_4 = [T]$ and $A_5 = [\eta]$ refer to both σ_3 and σ_i^* .

Since $[cq^0]$, which has an ordinary size, substantially occurs in (5.8) also multiplied by Vc^{-2} and we aim at calculating V up to terms in c^{-4} , we can neglect the contributions to $[cq^0]$ of order two in $1/c$:

$$(7.5) \quad [q^r] = (q^r)'_\eta [\eta] + (q^r)'_{\alpha_L^0} [\alpha_L^0] + (q^r)'_{T/s} [T/s] + \boxed{3}.$$

By equation (176.2)₁ in [6], which holds also in general relativity,

$$(7.6) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [T/r] = B_4 N_r + x_r^{;\mathcal{B}} A_{4;\mathcal{B}} \quad ; \quad N^0 = \delta_3^0 N^3, \\ \text{hence} \quad x_3^{;\Gamma} = 0 \quad , \quad B_4 = [T/s]. \end{array} \right.$$

Then, by (7.3), (7.5) with $r = 3$ becomes

$$(7.7) \quad [q^3] = \mathcal{H}^{33} B_4 + \mathcal{H}^{3s} x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}} + [\mathcal{H}^{3s}] T/s + \boxed{3}$$

so that (for $r = 1, 2$ and trivially for $r = 3$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.8) \quad [\underline{3}] + [q^r] &= \mathcal{H}^{r3} B_4 + \mathcal{H}^{rs} x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}} + [\mathcal{H}^{rs}] T_{|s} = \\
 &= \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} ([q^3] - [\mathcal{H}^{3l}] T_{|l} - \mathcal{H}^{3s} x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}}) + \\
 &+ [\mathcal{H}^{rl}] T_{|l} + \mathcal{H}^{rs} x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (5.11) this yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.9) \quad [\underline{3}] + [q^r] &= \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \left(k[w] \frac{V}{c} - X^{3s} [u_s] - [\mathcal{H}^{3l}] T_{|l} \right) + \\
 &+ [\mathcal{H}^{rl}] T_{|l} + \left(\mathcal{H}^{rs} - \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \mathcal{H}^{3s} \right) x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then (5.8)₁ becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.10) \quad [X^{r3}] + 2 q^{(3} [u^r)] + [\underline{4}] &= \left\{ \rho [u^r] + X^{rs} [u_s] + \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \left(k[w] \frac{V}{c} - \right. \right. \\
 &\left. \left. - X^{3s} [u_s] - [\mathcal{H}^{3l}] T_{|l} \right) + [\mathcal{H}^{rl}] T_{|l} + \left(\mathcal{H}^{rs} - \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \mathcal{H}^{3s} \right) x_s^{;\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}} \right\} \frac{V}{c}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (5.1), (5.2)₁, (7.1)_{1,2}, and (7.2)₁

$$(7.11) \quad [X^{r3}] + X^{r3} \frac{V_*}{V} B_*^s N_s = \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} [K^{rl}] \alpha_L^3 + \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} K^{rL} B_*^3 \mathcal{N}_L^* \cdot \left(\frac{V_*}{V} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \right).$$

Furthermore by (3.4)₂, (7.2)₁, and (3.4)₁

$$(7.12) \quad \frac{V_*}{V} X^{r3} = \frac{g}{g_*} X^{rs} N_s = \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} K^{rL} \alpha_L^s N_s \frac{g}{g_*} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} K^{rL} \mathcal{N}_L^*,$$

hence (by (5.11)₂) $B_*^s N_s = B_*^3$

$$(7.13) \quad [X^{r3}] = \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} [K^{rL}] \alpha_L^3.$$

By (7.1) and (7.2)_{2,3}

$$(7.14) \quad \begin{cases} k[w] = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} K_s^L B_*^s \mathcal{N}_L^* - kT A_5, \\ [K_r^L] = -k^* (w_{\alpha_L^r \alpha_M^s}'' B_*^s \mathcal{N}_M^* + w_{\eta \alpha_L^r}'' A_5). \end{cases}$$

By (7.13-14) we can turn (7.10) into

$$(7.15) \quad \beta_{rs} B_*^s + \beta_r^5 B_5 + \beta'_{rs} A_{4;\mathcal{A}} = \boxed{4}$$

where ($k^* = k\mathcal{D}$)

$$(7.16) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \beta_{rs} &= k w''_{\alpha_L^r \alpha_M^s} \alpha_L^3 \mathcal{N}_M^* + \frac{2 V_*}{c} q^{(3} \delta_{r)s} - (\rho \delta_{rs} + X_{rs}) \frac{V_* V}{c^2} + \\ &\quad + \left[(\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_{\alpha_L^s} - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^{3l})'_{\alpha_L^s} \right] T_{ll} \mathcal{N}_L^* \frac{V}{c}, \\ \beta'_{rs} &= \left(\mathcal{H}^{rs} - \frac{\mathcal{H}^{r3}}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \mathcal{H}^{3s} \right) x_{s;\mathcal{A}} \frac{V}{c}, \\ \beta_r^5 &= k w''_{\alpha_L^r \alpha_L^5} \alpha_L^3 + \left[(\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_\eta - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_\eta \right] T_{ll} \frac{V}{c} - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} k T \frac{V^2}{c^2}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

To prove this is straightforward when one remarks that the contribution of $(\mathcal{H}^{r3}/\mathcal{H}^{33}) k[w] V^2 c^{-2}$ to β_{rs} is the left hand side of

$$(7.17) \quad \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} K_s^L \mathcal{N}_L^* \frac{V^2}{c^2} = X_s^3 \frac{V V_*}{c^2}$$

multiplied by $-\mathcal{H}_r^3/\mathcal{H}^{33}$ and that (7.17) holds by (7.12), so that by (5.1)₂ this contribution eliminates the one of $(\mathcal{H}^{r3}/\mathcal{H}^{33}) (-X_s^3 [u_s]) V/c$.

Of course by (3.4-5) V and N_r , or V_* and \mathcal{N}_L^* can be eliminated from the coefficients (7.16). Furthermore we can obtain covariant expressions for these coefficients by replacing in (7.16) e.g. \mathcal{H}^{r3} with $\mathcal{H}^{r\beta} N_\beta$ and \mathcal{H}^{33} with $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} N_\alpha N_\beta$.

8. PROPAGATION VELOCITY OF RELATIVISTIC SHOCK WAVES IN ELASTIC SOLIDS. DISCUSSION

By (7.1)₃₋₄ there is a relation among A_4 , A_5 , and B_*^5 , namely

$$(8.1) \quad A_4 = T'_\eta A_5 + T'_{\alpha_L^5} \mathcal{N}_L^* B_*^5 \quad (A_4 = A_4^*, A_5 = A_5^*)$$

which can be solved with respect to A_5 .

Let us say that the (thermo-mechanic) shock wave σ_l is of the *type* $(\beta_{ls}, \beta_l^5, \beta'_{l\mathcal{A}})$ ($l = 4, \dots, 6$) at its point Q if there we have, under condition (3.6)

$$(8.2) \quad \beta_{ls} B_*^s + \beta_l^5 A_5 + \beta'_{l\mathcal{A}} A_{4;\mathcal{A}} = 0 \quad (l = 4, 5, 6).$$

Then its propagation speed must solve, up to $|\mathbf{4}|$, the polynomial equation

$$(8.3) \quad \det \| a_{lm} \| = 0 \quad (l, m = 1, \dots, 6),$$

generally of the 6-th degree, in V_* or V , where (cf. (7.15))

$$(8.4) \quad a_{lr} = \beta_{lr} \quad , \quad a_{l3+\mathcal{A}} = \beta'_{l\mathcal{A}} \quad , \quad a_{l6} = \beta_l^5 \quad (l = 1, \dots, 6; \mathcal{A} = 1, 2).$$

Now remember that discontinuity waves are regarded here, as well in [3] and [4], as small perturbations. Furthermore, in harmony with what is done in [4] (or [3]), remark that by the way in which the usual theory of shock (or acceleration) waves travelling in purely mechanic bodies is applied to real thermo-elastic bodies, a postulate such as $[\eta] = 0$ or $[\eta]_r = 0$ across these waves is quite acceptable, at least for ϵ^r or q^r small. In order to have a finer and more general theory, this postulate can be replaced by a constitutive law such as relation (6.3) for fluids:

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$$(8.5) \quad \beta_p B_*^0 + \beta^5 A_5 + \beta'_{\mathcal{A}} A_4^{\mathcal{A}} = 0 \quad (\beta_p u^0 = 0)$$

where β_p , β^5 , and $\beta'_{\mathcal{A}}$ are functions of y , η , α_L^0 , q^0 , \mathcal{N}_L^* , and possibly the way in which σ_t is produced.

The acceptable first order approximation substantially referred to above on considering ϵ^r small, is afforded by (8.5) for $\beta^5 = 1$, $\beta_p = 0$, and $\beta'_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ — which incidentally renders (8.5) a universal relation. In any case (8.5) cannot differ much from the latter relation, so that we can always assume $\beta^5 \neq 0$ and hence $\beta^5 = -1$.

The speeds V and V_* can be calculated by (8.3) again, by identifying (8.5) with (8.2) for $l = 6$. Of course by Post. 8.1 with $\beta^5 = -1$ we can regard the (local) type of σ_t as determined by $(\beta_{l5}, \beta'_{l\mathcal{A}})$ ($l = 4, 5$; $\mathcal{A} = 1, 2$) in that we can assume (8.2) to hold with

$$(8.6) \quad \beta_4^5 = \beta_5^5 = 0 \quad , \quad \beta_6^5 = \beta^5 = -1.$$

9. SPECIAL CASES. EXPLICIT EXPRESSION OF V_* IN THEM

We consider the case where, at least locally,

$$(9.1) \quad A_{5,\mathcal{A}} = 0$$

holds. In special relativity it occurs in particular for (spatially) homogeneous plane (shock) waves and for waves having a spherical symmetry. It is

worth while remarking that surely of the first [second] kind are the shock waves produced in problems (including initial and boundary conditions) in which the data are independent of the first two spatial co-ordinates x^1 and x^2 in a given Minkowskian frame (x^0, \dots, x^3) [the data are independent of the angular co-ordinates φ and ϑ in the spherical co-ordinate system $(x^0, \varphi, \vartheta, r)$ associated with (x^0, \dots, x^3)].

By (9.1) and (8.6)_{3,4} we can replace (8.2) with the only relation

$$(9.2) \quad A_s = \beta_s B_s^* \quad (\text{or } A_s = \beta_s B_s^* \quad \text{with } \beta_s u^s = 0)$$

where, as in the sequel, (3.6) is assumed. Then, by (7.16) equations (7.15) become

$$(9.3) \quad b_{rs} B_s^* = \boxed{4},$$

where (cf. (3.4)₂₋₄ and (3.5)₁)

$$(9.4) \quad b_{rs} = b_{rs0} + b_{rs1} V_* + b_{rs2} V_*^2$$

with

$$(9.5) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} b_{rs0} &= k (w_{\alpha_L^r \alpha_M^s}) \alpha_L^3 \mathcal{N}_M^* + k (w_{\alpha_L^s \eta}) \alpha_L^3 \beta^s, \\ b_{rs1} &= T_{rl} \left\{ \left[(\mathcal{H}^n)_{\alpha_L^s}' - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^{3l})_{\alpha_L^s}' \right] \mathcal{N}_L^* + \left[(\mathcal{H}^n)_\eta' - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^n)_\eta' \right] \beta_s \right\} \frac{\gamma}{c} + \frac{2}{c} q^{(3} \delta_{r) s}, \\ -b_{rs2} &= \left(\rho \delta_{rs} + X_{rs} + \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} \gamma k T \beta_s \right) \frac{\gamma}{c^2}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Of course (9.3) has a proper solution B_s^* iff

$$(9.6) \quad \det \| b_{rs} \| = \boxed{4}.$$

In other words (9.3) holds for some spatial unit vector B_s^* (depending on $1/c$) and some determination of $\boxed{4}$ iff $\det \| b_{rs} \|$ is (a function of) $1/c$, infinitesimal of the 4th order.

It is interesting to identify the reference configuration with the actual one and to assume, besides (3.6) and $N_3 = -1$, the identities $y^L \equiv \delta_p^L x^p$. Then

$$(9.7) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \alpha_L^r &= \delta_L^r, & \mathcal{D} &= I = \gamma, & X_r^s &= K_r^s, \\ \mathcal{N}_L^* &= \delta_L^3, & k^* &= k, & V_* &= V \end{aligned} \right. \quad (N^3 = 1, y^L \equiv x^L),$$

so that relations (9.5) simplify into

$$(9.5') \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b_{rs0} = kw''_{\alpha_3^s \alpha_3} + kw''_{\alpha_3^s \eta} \beta_s, \\ cb_{rs1} = T_{||} \left\{ (\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_{\alpha_3^s} - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^{3l})'_{\alpha_3^s} + \left[(\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_\eta - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} (\mathcal{H}^{rl})'_\eta \right] \beta_s \right\} + 2 q^{(3} \delta_{r)s}, \\ -c^2 b_{rs2} = \rho \delta_{rs} + X_{rs} + \frac{\mathcal{H}_r^3}{\mathcal{H}^{33}} kT \beta_s. \end{array} \right.$$

If \mathcal{C} cannot conduct heat ($\mathcal{H}^{rs} \equiv 0$), all terms in \mathcal{H}^{rl} ($\mathcal{H}_r^3/\mathcal{H}^{33}$) and q^3 vanish, as can be seen partly directly on the basis of (9.5') and partly by remembering that the terms in $\mathcal{H}_r^3/\mathcal{H}^{33}$ arise from the expression (7.9) for $[q^r]$ ($\equiv 0$). We conclude that the propagation speed V of the shock waves travelling in a thermo-elastic body \mathcal{C} incapable of conducting heat are the solutions of the secular equation

$$(9.8) \quad \det \| w''_{\alpha_L^s \alpha_M^s} \mathcal{N}_L^* \mathcal{N}_M^* - (\rho \delta_{rs} + X_{rs}) \frac{V^2}{kc^2} \| = 0 \quad (y^L \equiv \delta_p^L x^p).$$

As is known, these solutions are also the possible propagation speeds of relativistic acceleration waves in \mathcal{C} ⁽¹⁾.

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(1) This can be checked e.g. by means of [2, § 66], based on [1].