

An overview on K-theoretic red-shift

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K-groups are notoriously hard to calculate, for instance we don't know all K-groups of \mathbb{Z} .

On the other hand:

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