

# 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:

$$K_i(\mathbb{F}_q) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & i = 0, \\ 0, & i = 2j > 0, \\ \mathbb{Z}/(q^j - 1), & i = 2j - 1 \end{cases} \quad [\text{Quillen}].$$

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