

Ax's Theorem for iterative Hasse fields

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$$ID_{\mathbb{G}_a}(x) = (D_i(x))_{i \geq 1}, \quad ID_{\mathbb{G}_m}(x) = \left(\frac{D_i(x)}{x}\right)_{i \geq 1}.$$

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