

Third training school – RISC 2008

KANT/KASH tutorial

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- **KANT**: stands for *Computational Algebraic Number Theory*, with a slight hint at its German origin (Immanuel Kant).

A sophisticated computer algebra system for computations in algebraic number fields, algebraic function fields and local fields.

It has been developed under the project leadership of Prof. Dr. M. E. Pohst at the University of Duesseldorf from 1987 until 1993 and at TU Berlin afterwards.

KANT consists of a C-library of thousands of functions (for doing arithmetic). The set of these functions is based on the core of the computer algebra system MAGMA.

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- **KASH**: stands for *KAnt SHell*

The name of the shell that allows access to the KANT functions. This shell is based on that of the group theory package GAP3 and the handling is similar to that of MAPLE. It makes easier to handle the number theoretical objects.

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■ Useful Functions:

`ShowTypes () ;`

displays a list of all type atoms by level.

`? * . | TYPE`

shows all types in KASH3.

`NewType (newtype , level) ;`

installs the type "newtype" of level "level".

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