

2006a Motives over \mathbb{F}_p

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At Kevin Buzzard's request, I clarify the footnote 5 on p11.

In common English, the statement

I do not run every day.

means

There are some days on which I do not run.

Similarly,

$a(n)$ is not zero for all n .

means

There are some n for which $a(n)$ is not zero.

For me at least, the following statements are equivalent:

$a(n)$ is not zero for all n .

$a(n)$ is not equal to zero for all n .

$a(n) \neq 0$ for all n .

Lenstra uses the last to mean “no $a(n)$ is zero”, which I certainly find confusing. In fact, I had to read his proof to make sure I was (miss)interpreting it correctly.

This may be a Dutch problem. Oort (arXiv:math.AG/0701479v1, p81) writes that a simple algebra “does not split at every real place of L ” when he means that it “splits at no real place of L ”. This is clearly wrong.