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subject

classic • general algebraic structures  
& their classes

"model theory without relations"

modern • clones : sets of operations closed  
under composition

– generalization of permutation groups  
to multivariable functions

↔ coclones : sets of relations closed  
under ...

– link to "model theory without operations"

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## Why "universal" ?

- covers almost all algebraic structures  
(groups, rings, vector spaces, modules,  
semigroups, lattices, Boolean algebras, ...)
- generalizes concepts & theorems from  
special algebras to general algebras  
(subalgebras, products, quotients,  
homomorphisms, free algebras  
abelianess, solvability  
isomorphism theorems, Chinese  
remainder theorem )
  - don't expect miracles for special (classic)  
kinds of algebras
  - but it's not shallow at all

## UA vs. category theory

cats even more general

## short history

- 1930s - 40s

repeated constructions (eg. free algebras)  
observed by Birkhoff, Ore, Tarski

main emphasis : BAs + generalizations  
(algebraic logic)

- later

Mal'cev, .... classification of algebras

Smith, .... abelianess, solvability

McKenzie, ... structure theory of finite algebras

- 2000 - boom coming from a connection to computational complexity (Constraint Satisfaction Problems)

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## outline of this course

- lattices, closure operators, Galois correspondences
  - useful in general (not just UA)
- semantics {
  - basic constructions (H, S, P, iso thms)
  - direct & subdirect decomposition
- syntax
  - free algebras, Mod-Id Galois correspondence, Birkhoff's HSP theorem
- modern
  - clones & coclones
- classic
  - Mal'cev conditions



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Notation

$$A^B = \{f; f: B \rightarrow A\}$$

$$A^n = A^{\{1,2,\dots,n\}} = n\text{-tuples of elements of } A$$

$$A^0 = A^\emptyset = \{\emptyset\}$$

n-ary operation on A :  $f: A^n \rightarrow A$

n-ary relation on A :  $R \subseteq A^n$

- binary
- unary
- nullary "constant"
- ternary

2<sup>-3</sup> common formalisms

① type .. a tuple  $(ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_k)$

algebra of type  $\downarrow$   $\underline{A} = (A; f_1, \dots, f_k)$

universe  
domain ...

nonempty!

operation on A  
of arity  $ar_i$

② signature  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Sigma \text{ set of symbols} \\ ar: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0 \end{array} \right.$

algebra of signature  $\Sigma$   $\underline{A} = (A; (f^A)_{f \in \Sigma})$

$f^A$  operation of  
arity  $ar(f)$

③ signature-free  $(A, \text{set of operations})$

Examples

- classic obvious
- group type  $(2,1,0)$  sign.  $\Sigma = \{ \cdot, ^{-1}, 1 \}$
  - ring
  - semigroup
  - x fields

- classic not so obvious
- vector spaces  
 but  $\cdot : F \times V \rightarrow V$  not operation  
 $\rightarrow \forall f \in F \quad \cdot_f : V \rightarrow V$  is unary op.  
 $v \mapsto fv$
  - $R$ -modules

- combinatorial
- quasigroups  $\leftrightarrow$  latin square  
 latin square :  $(a_{ij})_{i,j \in I} \quad a_{ij}$   
 each row has each element exactly once  
 each column  $\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$   
 $i * j := a_{ij}$   
 $\forall i, k \exists! j \quad a_{ij} = k$  i.e.  $i * j = k$  denote  $j := i \setminus k$   
 $\forall j, k \exists! i \quad a_{ij} = k$   $i := k / j$   
 latin squares  $\leftrightarrow$  algebras  $(I, *, 1, /)$   
 + axioms  $\leftarrow$  quasigroup
  - groupoids of other kinds

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ordered

- semilattice  $(S; \wedge)$   $\leftrightarrow$  semilattice-ordered sets  $(S; \leq)$   
 partial order where  $\inf \{x, y\}$  exists
- lattice  $(L; \wedge, \vee)$   $\leftrightarrow$  lattice-ordered sets  $(L; \leq)$   
 $\sup \{x, y\}, \inf \{x, y\}$  exist
- l-group  $(G; \cdot, ^{-1}, 1, \wedge, \vee)$
- x ordered groups
- Boolean algebras  $(B; \wedge, \vee, \neg, 0, 1)$

signature-free

- G-sets  $(X; \text{set of (unary) bijections})$
- vector spaces  $(X; \text{all linear forms})$

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"The same" algebras

many meanings

① term equivalence

$$\underline{A} = (A_j \dots) \stackrel{\text{term}}{\sim} \underline{B} = (A_j \dots)$$

if they have the same term operations  
- operations obtained by composing

② polynomial equivalence

ditto, + we can use elements from A

- EX.
- $(G_j \cdot, ^{-1}, 1)$  as a group  $\stackrel{\text{(almost) term}}{\sim}$   
 $(G_j \cdot, /, \setminus)$  as a quasigroup
  - $(V_j +, -, 0, a.) \stackrel{\text{term}}{\sim} (V_j \text{ all linear forms})$
  - $(\{0, 1\}; \wedge, \vee, \neg) \stackrel{\text{term}}{\sim} (\{0, 1\}; \uparrow)$  ↗ nand  
 $\stackrel{\text{term}}{\sim} (\{0, 1\}; \text{all})$



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"the same" cntd.

(3) isomorphism

A, B the same signature

$$\underline{A} = (A; \dots) \simeq \underline{B} = (B; \dots) \quad \text{if}$$

↑  
isomorphic

$\exists \varphi: A \rightarrow B$  bijection

$$\forall f \in \Sigma \quad \varphi f^A(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f^B(\varphi a_1, \dots, \varphi a_n)$$

- B is obtained from A by renaming elements

Examples

$$\bullet (\{0, 1\}, +_{\text{mod } 2}) \simeq (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$$

$$\bullet (\mathbb{N}; +) \not\cong (\mathbb{R}; +)$$

$$\bullet (\mathbb{N}; +) \not\cong (\mathbb{Q}; +)$$