

# Difference clonoids and their applications

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Example:

$\underline{G} = (G, \cdot, 1, ^{-1})$   
group

$\alpha \in \text{Con}(\underline{G})$  is  
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$[1]_{\alpha} \trianglelefteq G$  is  
central subgroup.

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What can be said about central congruences in general?

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OEL ... NE  $f^+$

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$0 \in L \dots n \in \Gamma +$   
 wlog.  
 $f^a(0 \dots 0) = 0$

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Motivation

Lift results about  $\underline{L} \times \underline{U}$   
and  $(f)_{f \in \underline{A}}$  to  $\underline{A}$ .

— Problem: Not always  
possible, e.g.  $\underline{A} = \underline{D}_4$ !

What else can we do?

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•)  $\text{Diff}(\underline{A})$  describes the kernel of  $f : \text{Co}(\underline{A}) \rightarrow \text{Co}(\underline{L} \times \underline{U})$

•)  $\text{Diff}(\underline{A})$  is a clonoid from  $\underline{U}$  to  $(\underline{L}, 0)$

$$\text{Co}(\underline{L}, 0) \circ \text{Diff}(\underline{A}) \circ \text{Co}(\underline{U}) = \text{Diff}(\underline{A})$$

# Why is it a clonoid?

•) If  $\hat{r} = t^A - s^A$

then  $\hat{r} \circ (g_1^u \dots g_n^u) = t^A \circ (g_1^A \dots g_n^A) - s^A \circ (g_1^A \dots g_n^A)$

$\Rightarrow$  closed under  $\text{Clo}(\underline{U})$

•) If  $d(x, y, z)$  difference term / Mol'tsev term of  $\underline{A}$

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$$d(f, s, t) \dots \left( \begin{array}{l} f^L(\bar{e}) + \hat{f}(\bar{u}) + \hat{r}(\bar{u}) \\ f^U(\bar{u}) \end{array} \right) = \text{,,} \hat{f} + \hat{r} \text{''}$$

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[Mayr, Wymre '23]

if  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U, L \text{ affine, coprime} \\ \text{Con}(U) \text{ distributive} \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is } (U, L)\text{-clonoid} \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is fin. generated & "nice"

{ E [TO DO]

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# Finite equational basis

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  - )  $\text{Diff}(\underline{A})$  finitely based
  - +  $\otimes$ ?  $\underline{U}$  Abelian supernilpotent?
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Thank you for  
your attention!

Any questions?