

Classes of groups in lattice framework

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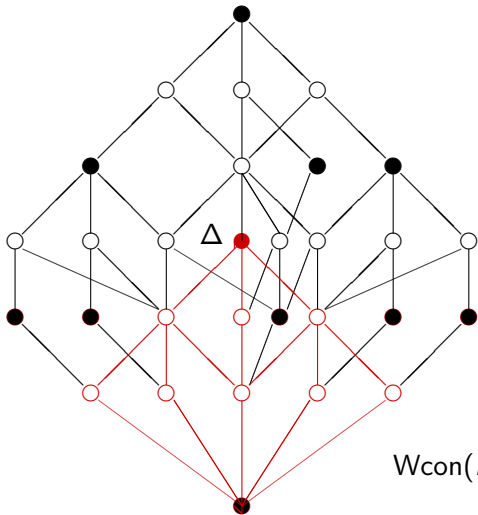
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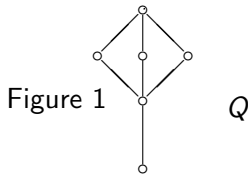
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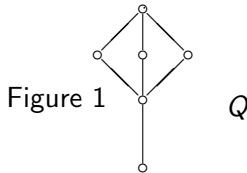
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More concretely, for groups we have:

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Hamiltonian groups	nilpotent groups
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cyclic groups	metabelian groups
perfect groups	metacyclic groups
T -groups	T^* -groups
hypercyclic groups	polycyclic groups
cocyclic groups	finite symmetric groups
simple groups	semisimple groups
fully simple groups	absolutely simple groups
strictly simple groups	perfect groups
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A torsion-free group \mathcal{G} is a non-abelian and has the CIP if and only if:

- (1) \mathcal{G} has a unique minimal normal subgroup N ; this N is non-abelian and G/N is a torsion Dedekind group;*
- (2) $\langle x \rangle \cap \langle y \rangle \neq \mathbf{1}$ for every pair of elements of G ;*
- (3) $(H \cap K)N = HN \cap KN$ for all subgroups H, K of \mathcal{G} .*

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It was Obraztsov (J. of Algebra, 1998), who finally proved the existence of a such a group. This result shows that *in the CIP-class there are also non-Dedekind groups.*

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Theorem

An L-class \mathfrak{F} of groups is a variety if and only if the following hold:

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(ii) *every group G , such that the lattice $\text{Wcon}(G)$ satisfies (*), belongs to \mathfrak{F} .*

Corollary

If a class of groups \mathfrak{K} is an L-class with respect to a set of lattice identities $L_{\mathfrak{K}}$, then \mathfrak{K} is a variety of groups if and only if the weak congruence lattices of its members satisfy the property ().*

Thanks for watching!