

Loops of Csörgő Type and the AIM Conjecture

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Applications

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- Velocity vector space in special relativity
- Steiner system, sporadic groups.

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- $\exists 1 \in Q, L_1$ and R_1 are identity functions
- $\forall q \in Q, L_q$ and R_q are bijections

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Some result (Niemenmaa, 2009) [3]

If $\text{Inn}(Q)$ is nilpotent then $\text{cl}(Q)$ is finite.

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The magma $Q = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times H, \star)$ such that for any $(a, h), (a', h') \in Q$,

$$(a, h) \star (a', h') = (a + a' + \mu(h, h'), hh')$$

is a Csörgő loop.

Open problems

Is there a Csörgő type loop

- of order less than 128?
- of odd order?
- of nilpotency class bigger than 3?

Finding smaller Csörgő type loops: cocycles, central and abelian extensions

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A more general definition is abelian extension: If $\theta : B \times B \mapsto A$, $\phi, \psi : B \times B \mapsto \text{Aut}(A)$, and $\Gamma = (\phi, \psi, \theta)$ we can construct $A :_{\Gamma} B, = (A \times B, \cdot)$ where

- $(a_1, b_1) \cdot (a_2, b_2) = (\phi_{b_1, b_2}(a_1) + \psi_{b_1, b_2}(a_2) + \theta(b_1, b_2), b_1 \cdot b_2)$

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Smallest Csörgő type loops

Currently, the smallest known Csörgő type loops (constructed in [2]) have the following decomposition:

$$C = \mathbb{Z}_2 :_{\mu} (\mathbb{Z}_2^3 :_{\sigma} \mathbb{Z}_2^3)$$

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Measuring how "AIM" a loop is

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Cocycle and loop properties

Thus we need to determine how cocycles influence the resulting loops. Let's focus on simple extension $A :_{\theta} B$

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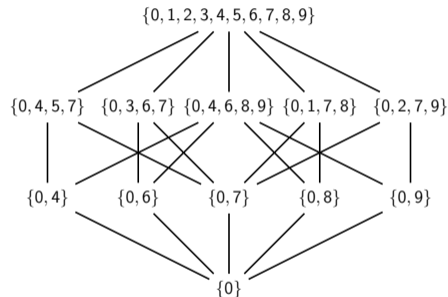
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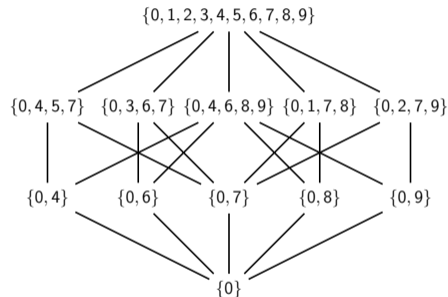


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Each element of the lattice L is isomorphic to A^r for some $r > 0$.

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Contributions

- Method to easily find lot of loops of interest
- "Almost" Csörgő loops
- Computational tools: GAP and Python

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