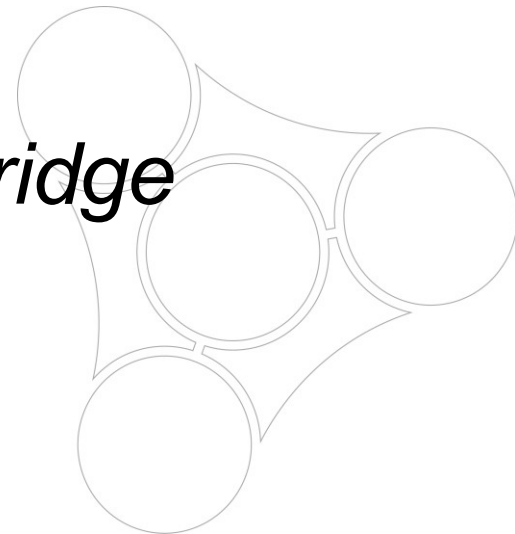


# Proof engineering, from the **Four Color** to the **Odd Order Theorem**

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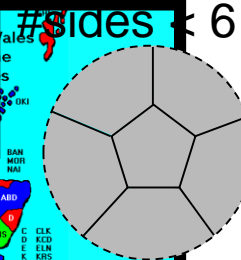
# An old puzzle's story



*Four colours suffice*

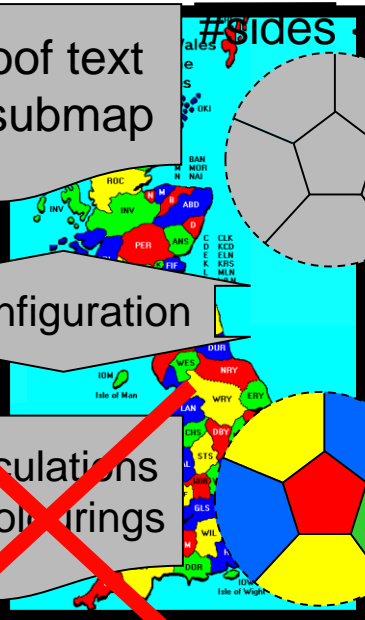
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proof text  
1 submap



1 configuration

~~calculations  
3 colourings~~



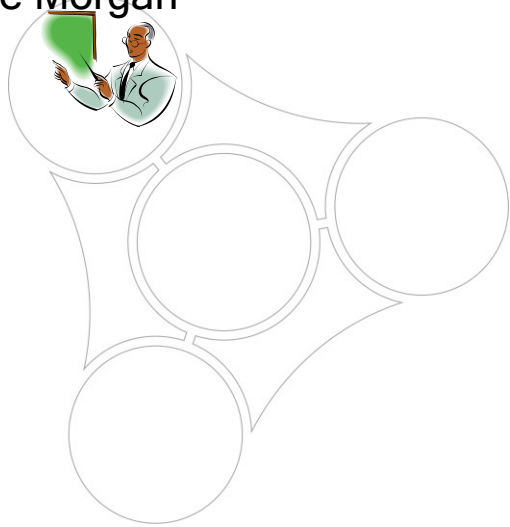
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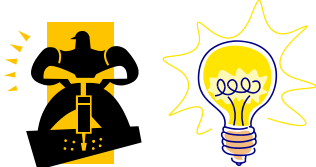
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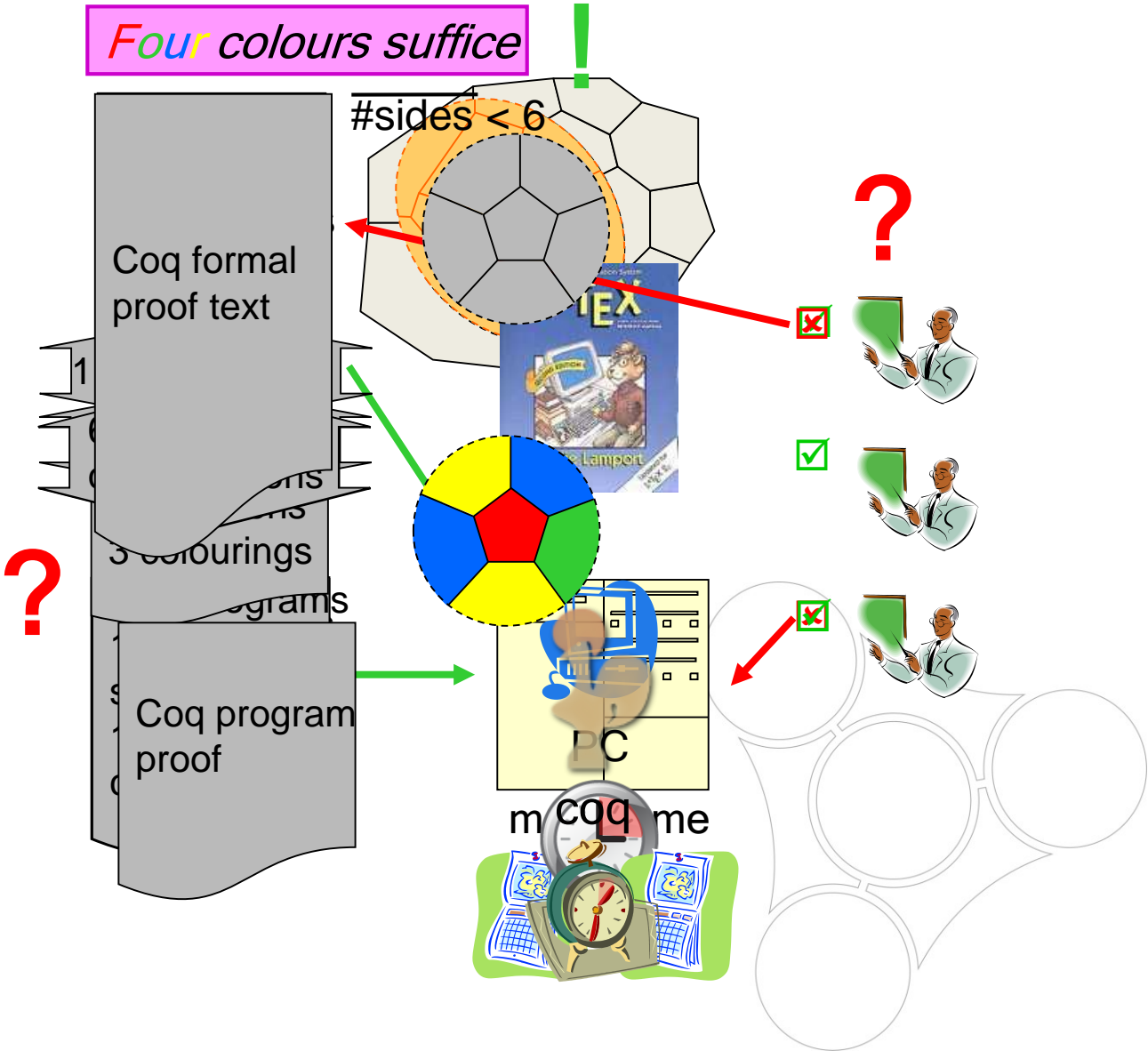


# Saved by the computer?



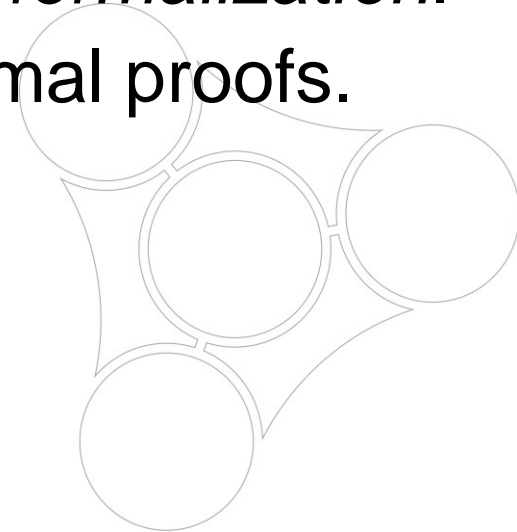
Cooper & Werner,  
Appel & Trakler,  
Seymour & Thomas  
1995

*Four colours suffice* !



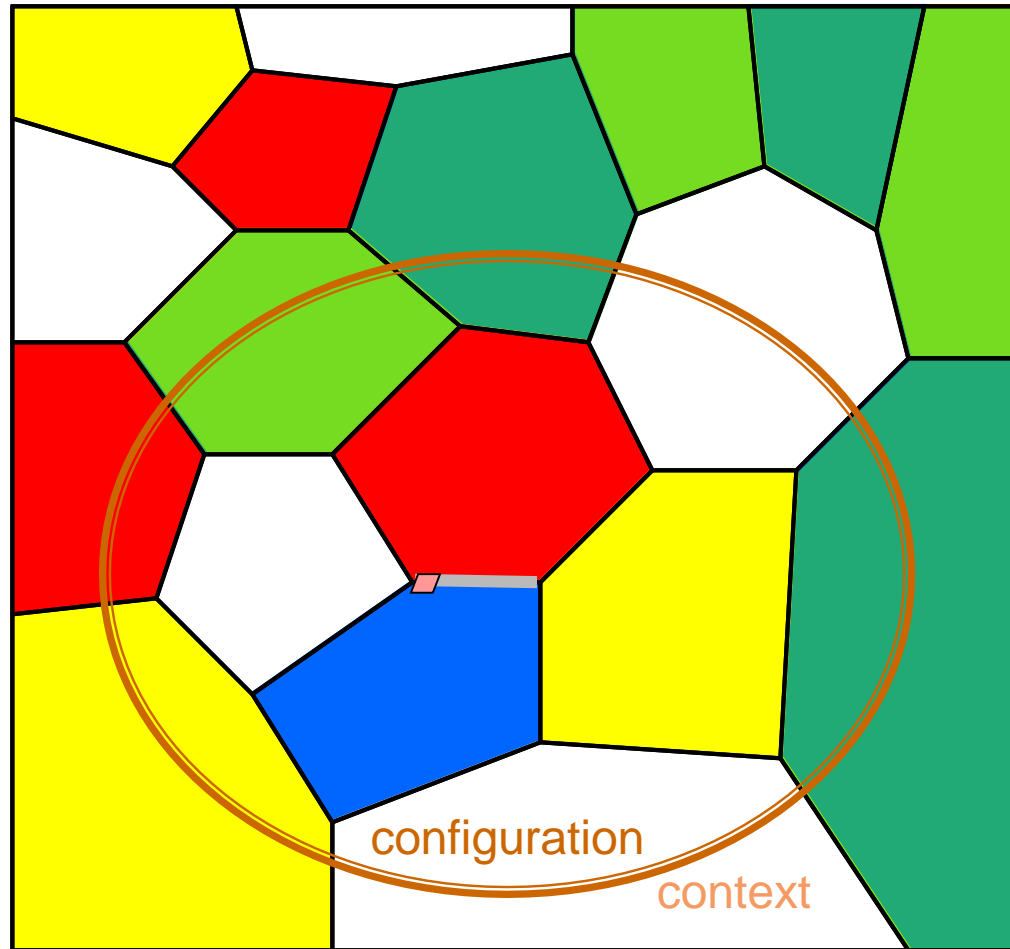
# Early lessons

- It is **possible** to build rigorously self-certifying program/proofs.
  - *proof by computation is feasible.*
- A computer proof assistant can be used to **explore** the **logical structure** of a proof.
  - *new math can be gleaned from a formalization.*
- Software Engineering **matters** in formal proofs.
  - old rules and **new techniques.**



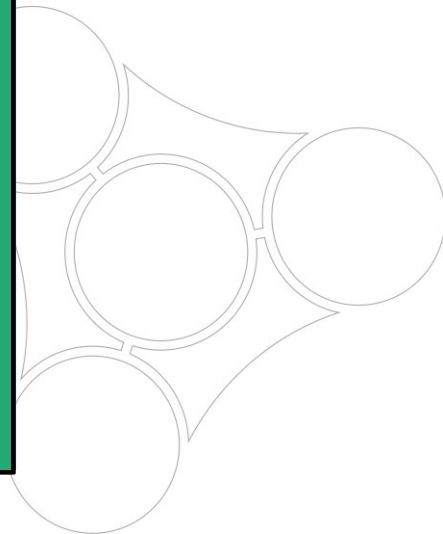
# Coloring by induction

reducible



configuration

context



# The whole proof

- Find a set of configurations such that:
  - (A) *unavoidability*: At least one appears in any planar map.
  - (B) *reducibility*: Each one can be coloured to match any planar ring colouring.
- **Verify that the combinatorics fit the topology (graph theory + analysis).**

10,000 cases  
1,000,000,000 cases



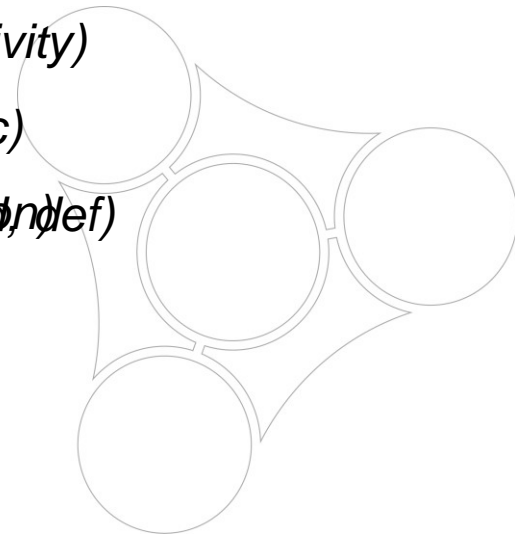
# The Poincaré principle

- How do you prove:  $2 + 2 = 4$  ?
- Given  $2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + (1 + 0)$   
 $4 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + (1 + (1 + (1 + 0)))$   
 $n + m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } n \text{ is } 1 + n' \text{ then } 1 + (n' + m) \text{ else } m$



*(a recursive program)*

- a:  $0 + 2 = 2$  *(neutral left)*
- b:  $(1 + 0) + 2 = 1 + (0 + 2)$  *(associativity)*
- c:  $2 + 2 = 1 + ((1 + 0) + 2)$  *(def, associativity)*
- d:  $2 + 2 = 1 + (1 + (0 + 2))$  *(replace b in c)*
- e:  ~~$2 + 2 = 1 + (1 + (0 + 2))$~~  *(def, calculation, def)*



# Reflecting reducibility

- Setup

Variable `cf` : config.

Definition `cfreducible` : Prop := ...

Definition `check_reducible` : bool := ...

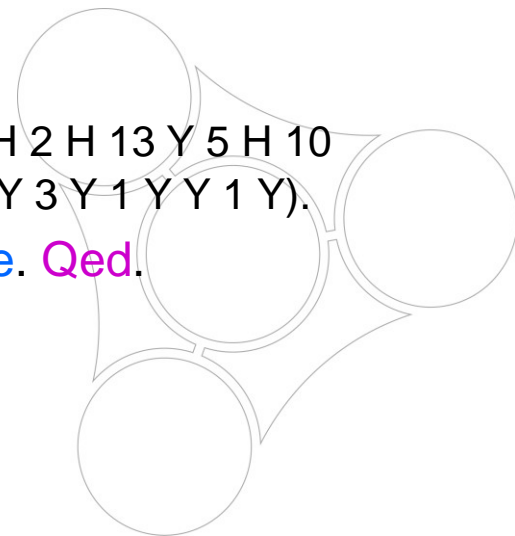
Lemma `check_reducible_valid` : `check_reducible` -> `cfreducible`.

- Usage

Lemma `cfred232` : `cfreducible` (Config 1 93 37 H 2 H 13 Y 5 H 10  
H 1 H 1 Y 3 H 11 Y 4 H 9 H 1 Y 3 H 9 Y 6 Y 1 Y 1 Y 3 Y 1 Y Y 1 Y).

Proof. `apply` `check_reducible_valid`; `by` `compute`. Qed.

20,000,000 cases

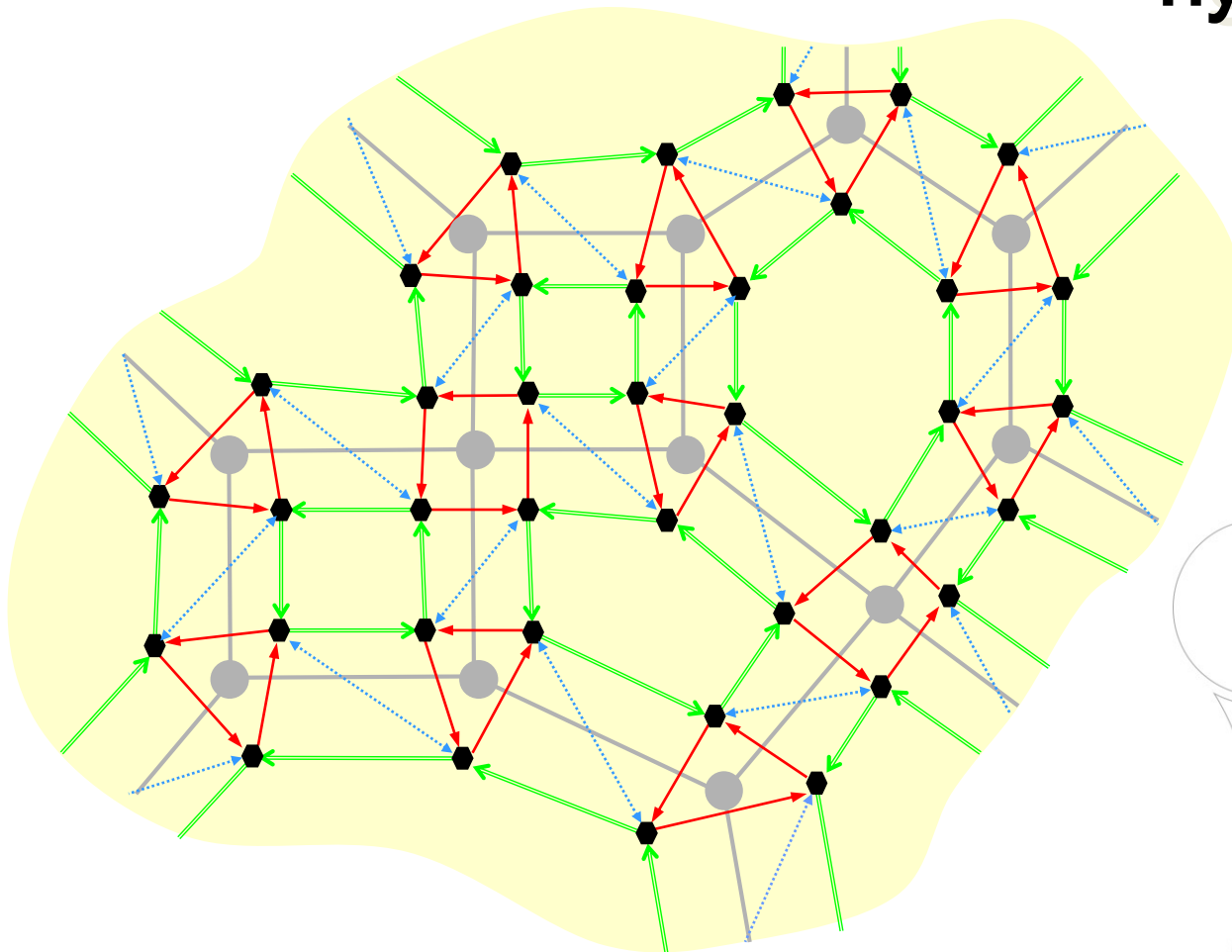










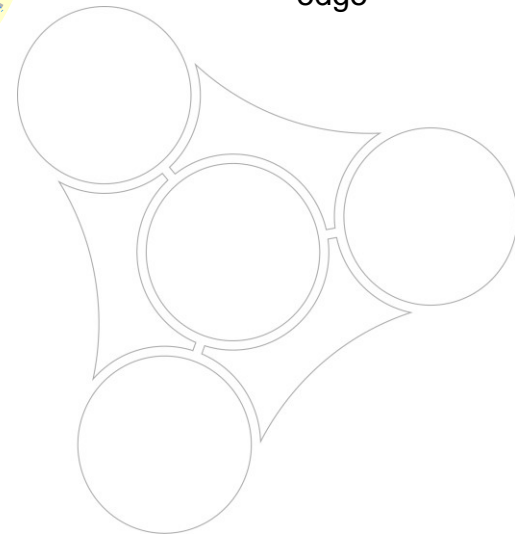
# Describing a map

Euler:  $\#edge + \#node + \#face = \#dart + 2 * \#comp$



## hypermap

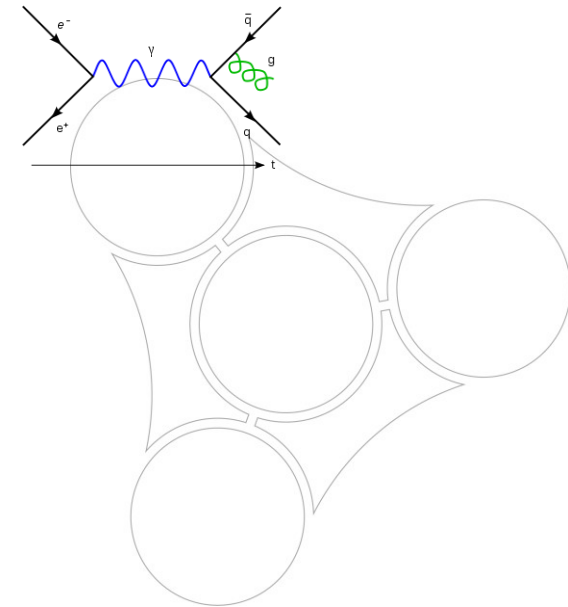
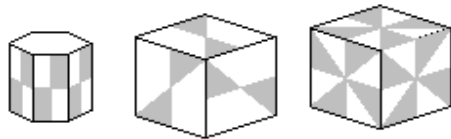


-   $e$
-   $n$
-   $f$
-  dart
-  node
-  edge



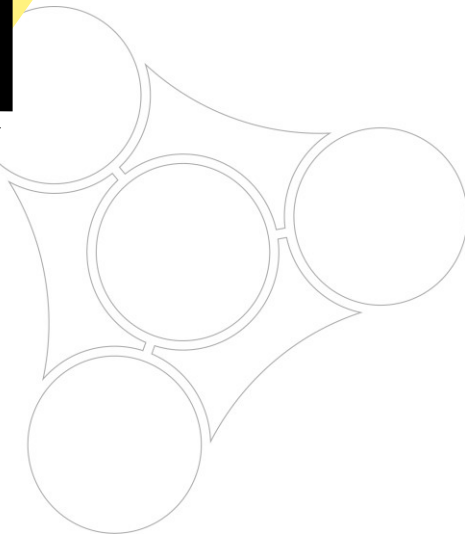
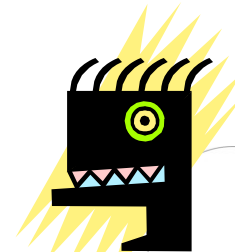
# Group Theory

- The theory of invertible operators...
  - and of puzzles 
- Due to Évariste Galois 
  - $x^5 + 3x^3 + 7 = 0$
- Explains quantum mechanics
- Crystallography, cryptography...



# The Swiss army knife of Group Theory

- Theorem (**Jordan-Hölder**):  
*Any finite group factors uniquely into a series of simple groups*
- Theorem (**Classification**):  
*Finite simple groups belong to either one of 4 general classes, or one of 26 sporadic exceptions*

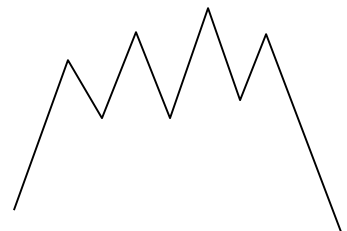



# The Finite Group Challenge


## The Classification of Finite Simple Groups

Sylow theorems  
canonical isomorphisms

Frobenius groups  
Thompson factorisation  
character theory  
linear representation  
Galois theory  
linear algebra  
polynomials



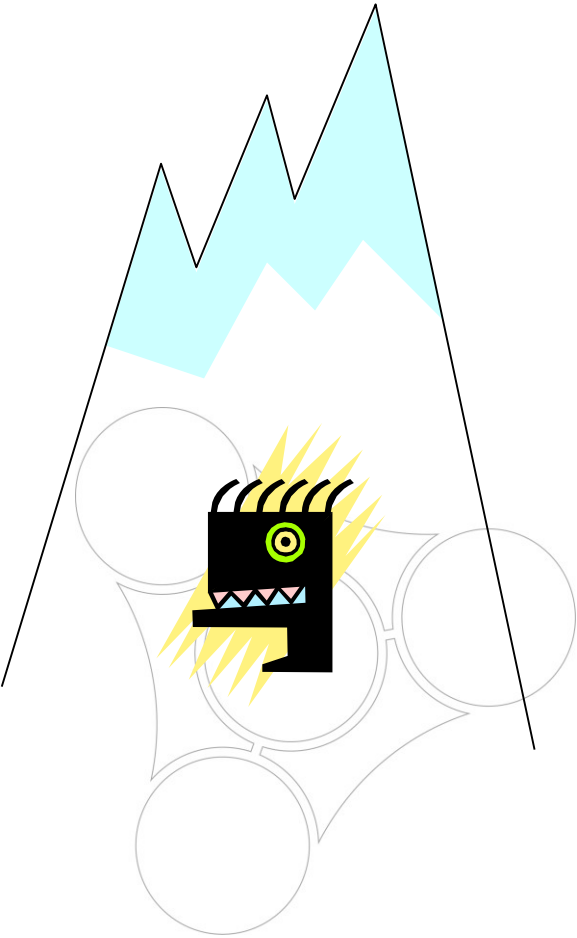
Odd Order



$|G|$  odd  
 $G$  simple  

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 $G \approx F_p$



# The Odd Order Theorem

Theorem (Feit & Thompson, 1963):

*All finite groups of odd order are solvable.*

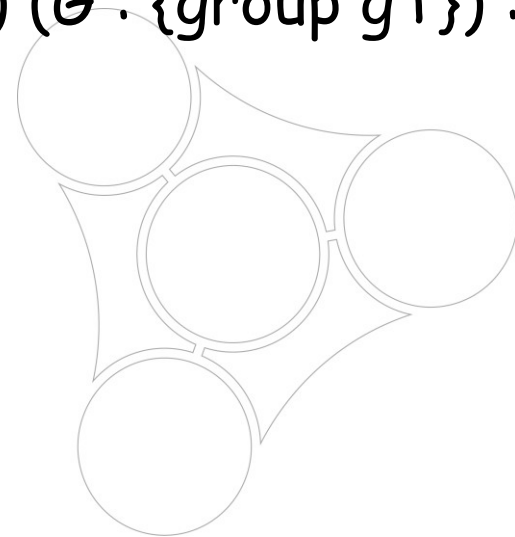
Proof. – 255 pages, 50 years

*Proofread.* – 240 pages, 20 years

Theorem Feit Thompson ( $gT : \text{finGroupType}$ ) ( $G : \{\text{group } gT\}$ ) :  
odd  $\#|G| \rightarrow$  solvable  $G$ .

Definitions. – 54 LOC

Proof. – 45,000 LOC, 2 years (+ 4 for the library)



# A mathematical library shelf

## Section Lagrange.

Variable `gT` : finGroupType.

Implicit Types `G H K` : {group `gT`}.

Lemma LagrangeI `G H` :  $(\#|G : \&: H| * \#|G : H|) \% N = \#|G|$ .

Proof.

`rewrite` -[ $\#|G|$ ]sum1\_card (partition\_big\_imset (rcoset H)) /=.

`rewrite` mulnC -sum\_nat\_const; `apply`: eq\_bigr => \_ /rcosetsP[x Gx ->].

`rewrite` -(card\_rcoset \_ x) -sum1\_card; `apply`: eq\_big1 => y.

`rewrite` rcosetE eqEcard mulGS !card\_rcoset leqnn andbT.

`by` `rewrite` group\_modr subset // inE.

`Qed`.

Lemma divgI `G H` :  $\#|G| \% \#|G : \&: H| = \#|G : H|$ .

Proof. `by` `rewrite` -(LagrangeI `G H`) mulKn ?cardG\_gt0. `Qed`.

Lemma divg\_index `G H` :  $\#|G| \% \#|G : H| = \#|G : \&: H|$ .

Proof. `by` `rewrite` -(LagrangeI `G H`) mulnK. `Qed`.

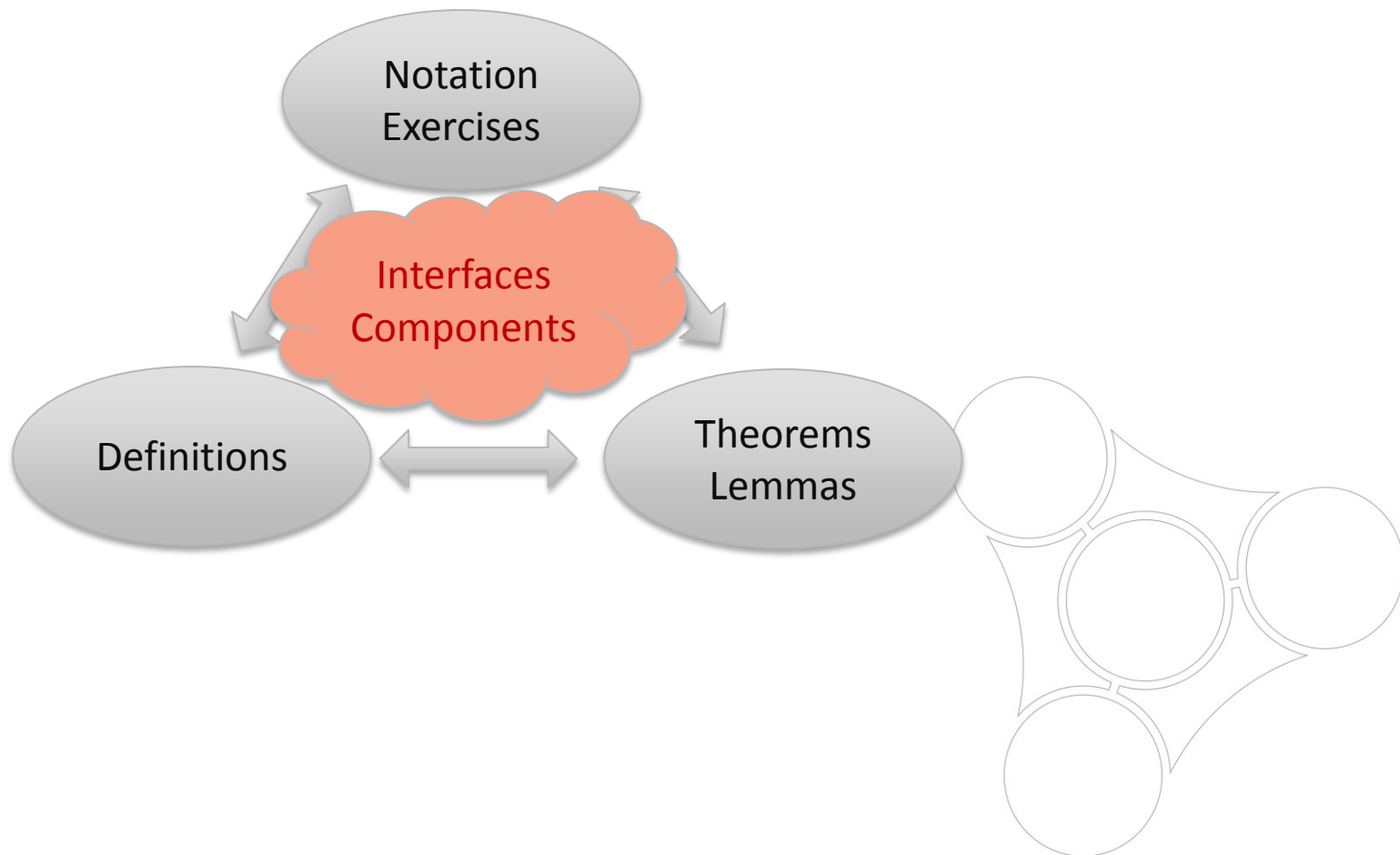
Lemma dvdn\_indexg `G H` :  $\#|G : H| \% \#|G|$ .

Proof. `by` `rewrite` -(LagrangeI `G H`) dvdn\_mull. `Qed`.

Theorem Lagrange `G H` : `H \subset G -> (#|H| * #|G : H|) \% N = #|G|`.

Proof. `by` `move`/setIidPr=> sHG; `rewrite` -{1}sHG LagrangeI. `Qed`.

# Mathematics



# Textbook to digital formal text

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Proof.
pose isKi Ks M K := [[&& M \in 'M 'P, \kappa(M).-Hall(M) K & Ks \subset K].
move: M K; have Fmax_sym M K X (Ks := 'C (M' \sigma)(K) (Z := K <> Ks) Mi :
  M \in 'M 'P -> \kappa(M).-Hall(M) K -> X \in 'E^1(K) -> Mi \in 'M ('N(X)) ->
  [\wedge Z \subsetset Mi, gval Mi \notin M : G, exists Ki, isKi Ks Mi Ki
  & (in 'E^1(Ks), forall Xs : Z \subsetset 'N_Mi (gval Xs))].
- move=> FmaxM hallK E1X maxNMi.
have [[_ maxM] [maxMi sNXMi]] := (setIdP FmaxM, setIdP maxNMi).
have [_ [defNK defNX] [ntKs uniqCKs] _] := Ptype_structure FmaxM hallK.
rewrite -/Ks in defNK ntKs uniqCKs; have [_ mulKKs cKKs _] := dprodP defNK.
have[mulKKs] defZ: 'N M(K) = Z by rewrite -mulKKs -cent_joinEr.
have sZMi: Z \subsetset Mi.
  by rewrite -defZ; have [<- _] := defNX X E1X; rewrite setIC subIset ?sNXMi.
have [sFMi sKsMi] := joining_subP sZMi.
have sXMi: X \subsetset Mi' \sigma by have [_ ->] := defNX X E1X.
have sMiX: \sigma(Mi).-group X := pgroupS sXMi (pcore_pgroup _).
have [q EqX] := nElemP E1X; have [sXK abelX dimX] := pnElemP EqX.
have piXq: q \in pi(X) by rewrite _p_rank_gt0 p_rank_abelm ?dimX.
have notMGMi: gval Mi \notin M : G.
  apply: contraL (pnatPpi sMiX piXq); case/imssetP=> a _ ->: rewrite sigmaJ.
  exact: kappa_sigma' (pnatPpi (pHall_pgroup hallK) (piSg sXK piXq)).
have kMiKs: \kappa(Mi).-group Ks.
  apply/pgroupP=> p p_pr /Cauchy[] // xs Ks xs oks.
  pose Xs := <[xs]>#G; have sXsKs: Xs \subsetset Ks by rewrite cycle_subG.
  have EpXs: Xs \in 'E_p^1(Ks) by rewrite piElemE // !inE sXsKs -oks /=.
  have sMi'Xs: \sigma(Mi)'^.-group Xs.
  rewrite /pgroup /= -orderE oks pnatE //.
  exact: contraFN (sigma_partition maxM maxMi notMGMi p) => /= sMi_p.
  rewrite inE /= sMi_p -pnatE // -oks andbT.
  exact: pgroupS sXsKs (pgroupS (subsetI1 _)) (pcore_pgroup _).
  have uniqM: 'M('C(Xs)) = [set M] by apply: uniqCKs; apply/nElemP; exists p.
  have [x Xx ntx] := trivgPn _ (nt pnElem EqX isT).
  have Mis_x: x \in (Mi' \sigma)^# by rewrite !inE ntx (subsetP sXMi).
  have CMix_xs: xs \in ('C_Mi[x])^#.
  rewrite 2!inE -order_gtl oks prime_gtl // inE -!cycle_subG.
  rewrite (subset_trans sXsKs) // = sub_cent1 (subsetP _ x Xx) //.
  by rewrite centC (centSS sXsKs sXK).
  have[sMi'Xs] [[_ _]] := pi.of_cent_sigma maxMi Mis_x CMix_xs sMi'Xs.
  by case; rewrite /p_elt oks pnatE.
  case/mem uniq_mmax=> _ sCxsMi; case/negP: notMGMi.
  by rewrite -eq_uniq_mmax uniqM maxMi ?orbit_refl // = cent_cycle.
  have[kMiKs] [Ki hallKi sKsKi] := Hall_superset (mmax_sol maxMi) sKsMi kMiKs.
  have[ntKs] FmaxMi: Mi \in 'M 'P.
  rewrite ! (maxMi, inE) andbT /= -partG_eq1 -(card_Hall hallKi) -trivg_card1.
  exact: subG1 contra sKsKi ntKs.
  have [_ [defNKi defNXs] _] := Ptype_structure FmaxMi hallKi.
  split=> // = [Xs]; case by exists Ki; apply/and3P.
  rewrite -[1][Ks] (setIdP sKsKi) nElem -setIdE => /setIdP[E1Xs sXsKs].
  have[defNXs] [defNXs _] := defNXs E1Xs; rewrite join_subG /= (2)defNXs.
  by rewrite subsetI sFMi sKsMi centS norm ?normsG ?centS sXsKs] // centC.
move:= M K FmaxM hallK /=; set Ks := 'C (M' \sigma)(K); set Z := K <> Ks.
move: {2} .+1 (ltnSn #|class support (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G) => nTG.
elim: nTG => // nTG ltnSn in M K FmaxM hallK Ks Z *: rewrite ltnS => leTgn.
have [maxM notFmaxM]: M \in 'M \wedge M \notin 'M 'P := setDP FmaxM.
have[notFmaxM] ntK: K :=: 1 by rewrite (trivg_kappa maxM).
have [_ [defNK defNX] [ntKs uniqCKs] _] := Ptype_structure FmaxM hallK.
rewrite -/Ks in defNK ntKs uniqCKs; have [_ mulKKs cKKs _] := dprodP defNK.
have[mulKKs] defZ: 'N M(K) = Z by rewrite -mulKKs -cent_joinEr.
pose MNX := \bigcup (X \in 'E^1(K), 'M('N(X))); pose MK := M : MNX.
have notMG_MNX: (in MNX, forall Mi, gval Mi \notin M : G).
  by move=> Mi /bigcupP[X E1X / (Fmax_sym M K)] [].
have MKO: M \in MK := setU11 M MNX.
have notMKXO: M \notin MNX by apply/negP=> /notMG_MNX; rewrite orbit_refl.
pose K_Mi := ofdlt K [pick Ki | isKi Ks Mi Ki].
pose Ks_Mi := 'C (Mi' \sigma)(K_Mi).
have KO: K_M = K.
  rewrite /K; case: pickP => // K1 /and3P[_ /and3P[_ kK1 _] sKsK1].
  have sM_Ks: \sigma(M).-group Ks := pgroupS (subsetI1 _)) (pcore_pgroup _).
  rewrite -(setId Ks) coprime_Tlg ?eqxx ?(pnat_coprime sM_Ks) // in ntKs.
  exact: sub_pgroup (@kappa_sigma' M) (pgroupS sKsK1 kK1).
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1 subgoal
gt : minSimpleOddGroupType
isKi := fun Ks M K =>
  [[&& M \in 'M 'P, (\kappa(M).-Hall(M) K & Ks \subsetset K)
  : {set gt} -> {group gt} -> {group gt} -> bool
Fmax_sym := forall M K X,
  let Ks := 'C (M' \sigma)(K) in
  let Z := K <> Ks in
  forall Mi,
  M \in 'M 'P ->
  (\kappa(M).-Hall(M) K ->
  X \in 'E^1(K) ->
  Mi \in 'M ('N(X)) ->
  [\wedge Z \subsetset Mi, Mi \notin M : G,
  exists Ki : (group gt), isKi Ks Mi Ki
  & (in 'E^1(Ks), forall Xs : group_type gt, Z \subsetset 'N_Mi (Xs))]
nTG : nat
ltn : forall M K,
  M \in 'M 'P ->
  (\kappa(M).-Hall(M) K ->
  let Ks := 'C (M' \sigma)(K) in
  let Z := K <> Ks in
  #|class support (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G| < nTG ->
  exists2 Mstar : (group gt),
  Mstar \in 'M 'P \wedge Mstar \notin M : G &
  [\wedge (in 'E^1(K), forall X, 'M('C(X)) = [set Mstar]),
  (\kappa(Mstar).-Hall(Mstar) Ks \wedge \sigma(M).-Hall(Mstar) Ks,
  'C (Mstar' \sigma)(Ks) = K \wedge \kappa(M) =: \tau(M),
  [\wedge cyclic Z, M : G: Mstar = Z, (in K^#,
  forall x, 'C_M[x] = Z), (in K^#,
  forall y, 'C_Mstar[y] = Z)
  & (in K^# & Ks^#, forall x y, 'C[x * y] = Z)]
  & [\wedge [\wedge normedTI (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G Z,
  (in ~: M, forall g : gt,
  [disjoint Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks) & M : ^ g]
  & (#|G|:R / 2#:R <
  #|class support (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G|:R)#R],
  M \in 'M 'P2 \wedge prime #|K| \wedge
  Mstar \in 'M 'P2 \wedge prime #|Ks|,
  (in 'M 'P, forall H, H \in M : G : Mstar : G)
  & M^((1) ><| K = M)]
M : (group gt)
K : (group gt)
FmaxM : M \in 'M 'P
hallK : (\kappa(M).-Hall(M) K
Ks := 'C (M' \sigma)(K) : {set gt}
Z := K <> Ks : {set gt}
leTgn : #|class support (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G| <= nTG
maxM : M \in 'M
ntK : K := 1
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exists2 Mstar : (group gt),
  Mstar \in 'M 'P \wedge Mstar \notin M : G &
  [\wedge (in 'E^1(K), forall X, 'M('C(X)) = [set Mstar]),
  (\kappa(Mstar).-Hall(Mstar) Ks \wedge \sigma(M).-Hall(Mstar) Ks,
  'C (Mstar' \sigma)(Ks) = K \wedge \kappa(M) =: \tau(M),
  [\wedge cyclic Z, M : G: Mstar = Z, (in K^#, forall x, 'C_M[x] = Z),
  (in Ks^#, forall y, 'C_Mstar[y] = Z)
  & (in K^# & Ks^#, forall x y, 'C[x * y] = Z)]
  & [\wedge [\wedge normedTI (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G Z,
  (in ~: M, forall g : gt,
  [disjoint Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks) & M : ^ g]
  & (#|G|:R / 2#:R < #|class support (Z \setminus (K \setminus Ks)) G|:R)#R],
  M \in 'M 'P2 \wedge prime #|K| \wedge Mstar \in 'M 'P2 \wedge prime #|Ks|,
  (in 'M 'P, forall H, H \in M : G : Mstar : G)
  & M^((1) ><| K = M)]
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# Demonstration

mxtrace\_mulC is defined

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trE (trE (forall (m0 n0 nat) (A0 : 'M_(m0, n0)) (B0 : 'M_(n0, m0)),
  \tr (A0 *m B0) = \sum_i \sum_j A0 i j * A0 j i
  -----
  = \sum_i \sum_j A_{i,j} B_{j,i}      (AB)_{i,j} = \sum_k A_{i,k} B_{k,j}
\tr (A *m B) = \tr (B *m A)

```

subgoal 2 is:

$$\text{\tr (A *m B)} = \sum_j \sum_i B_{j,i} A_{i,j}$$

$$\text{tr } AB = \sum_j \sum_i B_{j,i} A_{i,j} = \sum_j (BA)_{j,j} = \text{tr } BA$$

Lemma mxtrace\_mulC m n (A : 'M[R]\_(m, n)) B :  
 $\text{\tr (A *m B)} = \text{\tr (B *m A)}.$

Proof.

gen have trE: m n A B /  $\text{\tr (A *m B)} = \sum_i \sum_j A i j * B j i.$

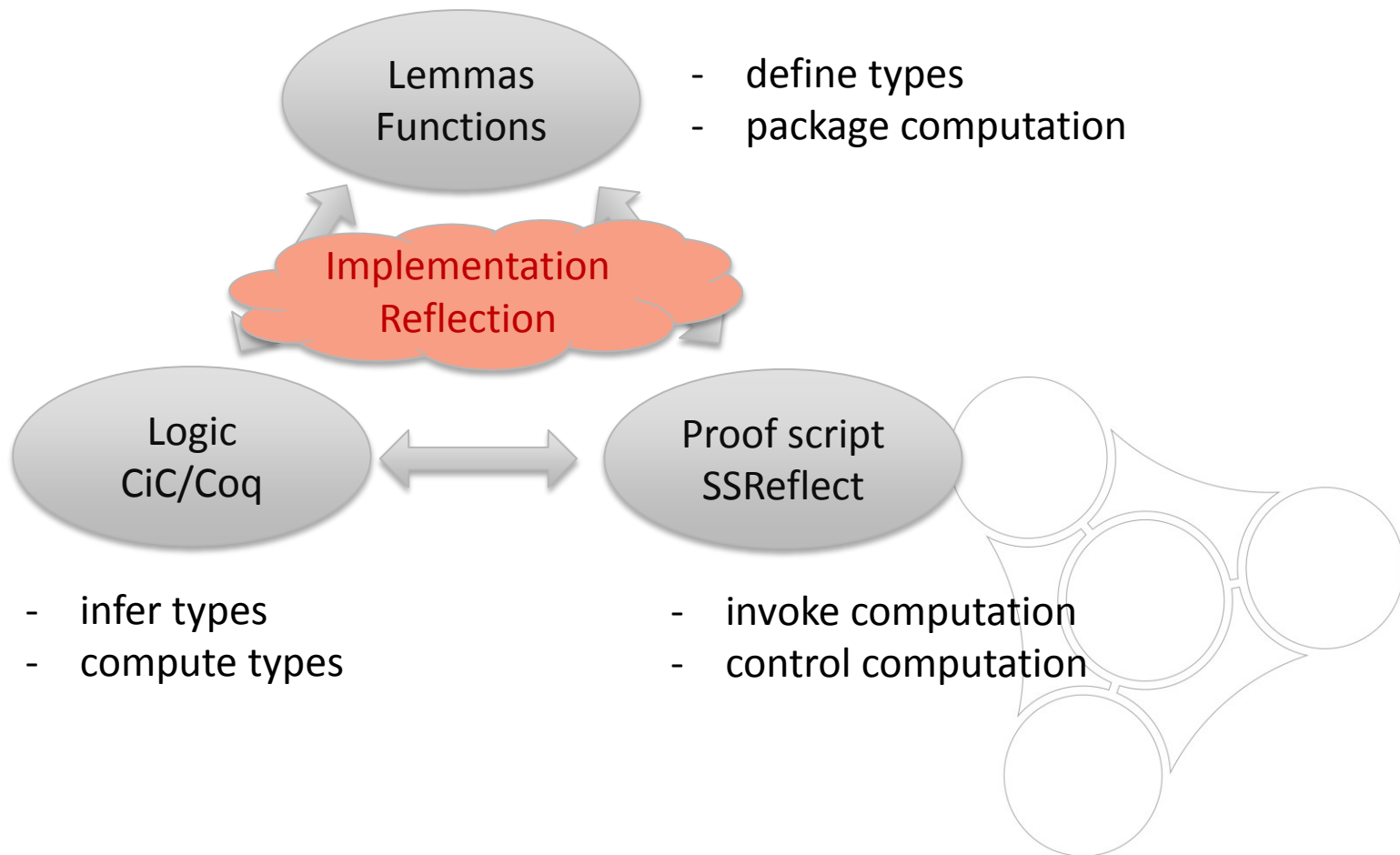
by apply: eq\_bigr => i \_; rewrite mxE.

rewrite {}!trE exchange\_bigr.

by do 2!apply: eq\_bigr => ? \_; apply: mulrC.

Qed.

# Formal mathematics



# Algebraic notation

$$\sum_{i < n} a_i X^i$$

$$\sum_{d | n} \phi(n/d) m^d$$

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \text{GCD } Q_i(X)$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^\sigma \prod_i A_{i, j\sigma}$$

$$\bigcap_{\substack{H < G \\ H \text{ maximal}}} H$$

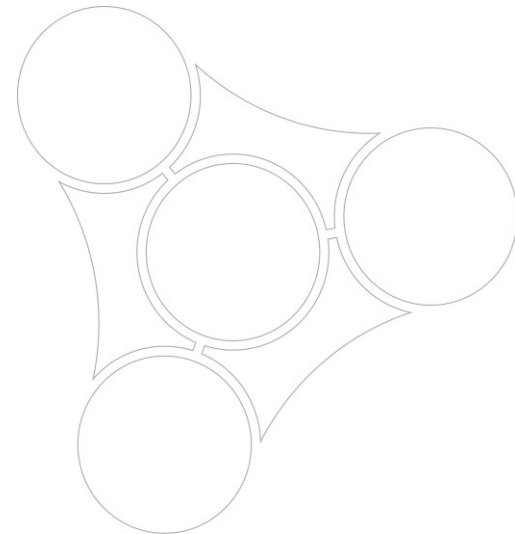
$$\bigoplus_{V_i \approx W} V_i$$

`\bigcap_{H < G \ \text{atop } H \{\ \text{rm}\ \text{maximal}\}} H`

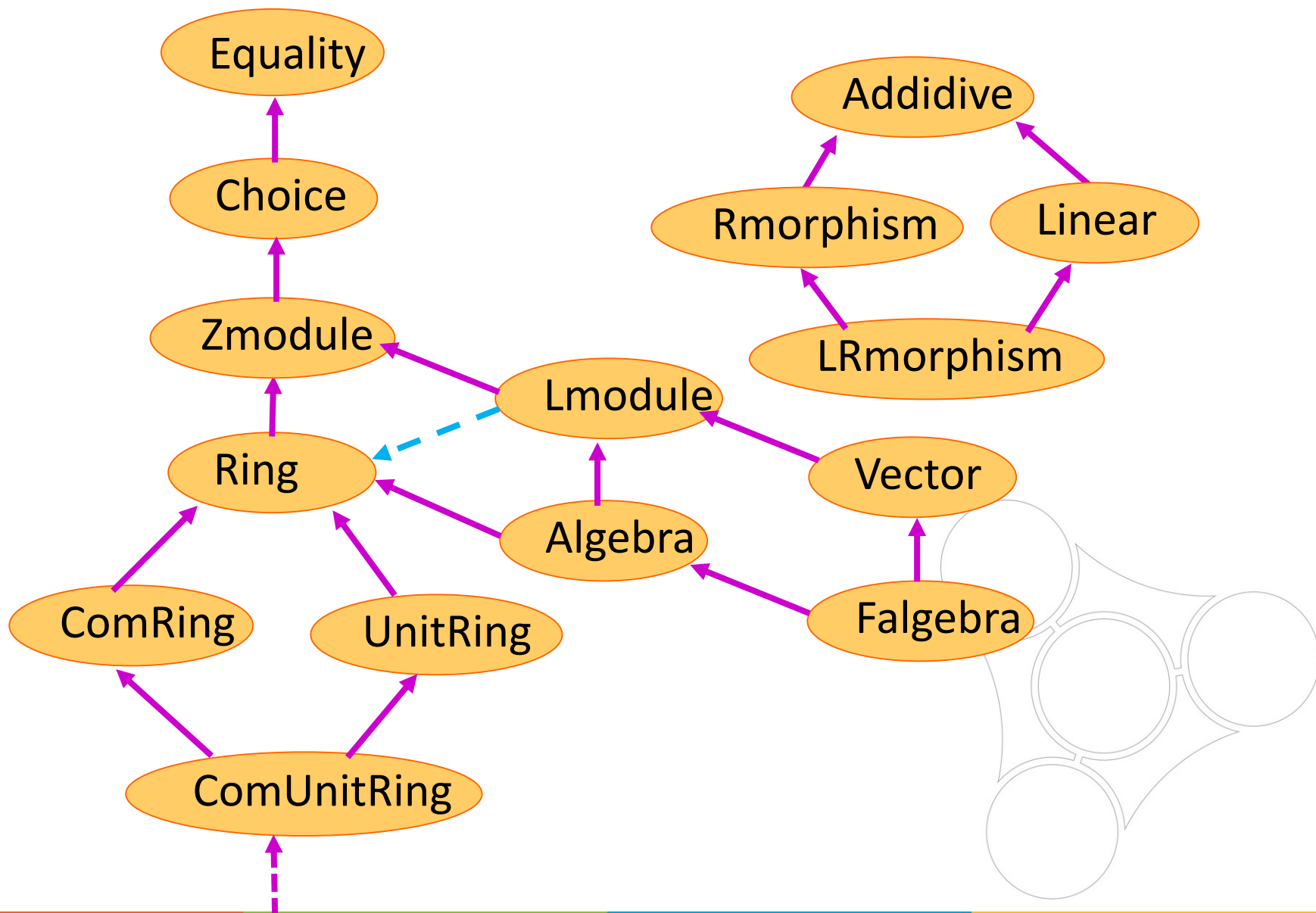
**Definition determinant**  $n (A : 'M_n) : R :=$   
 $\sum_{(s : 'S_n)} (-1)^{+s} * \prod_i A_i (s_i).$

# Implementing notation

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Definition mxtrace (R : ringType) n (A : `M[R]_n) :=  
  @bigop R `I_n 0 +%R (index_enum _)  
    (fun i : `I_n => fun_of_matrix A i i)
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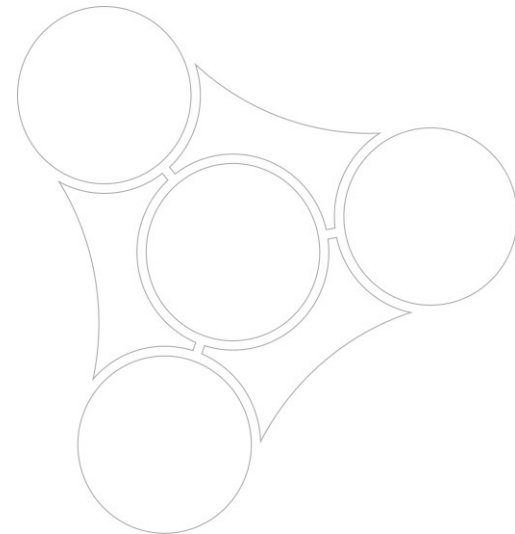


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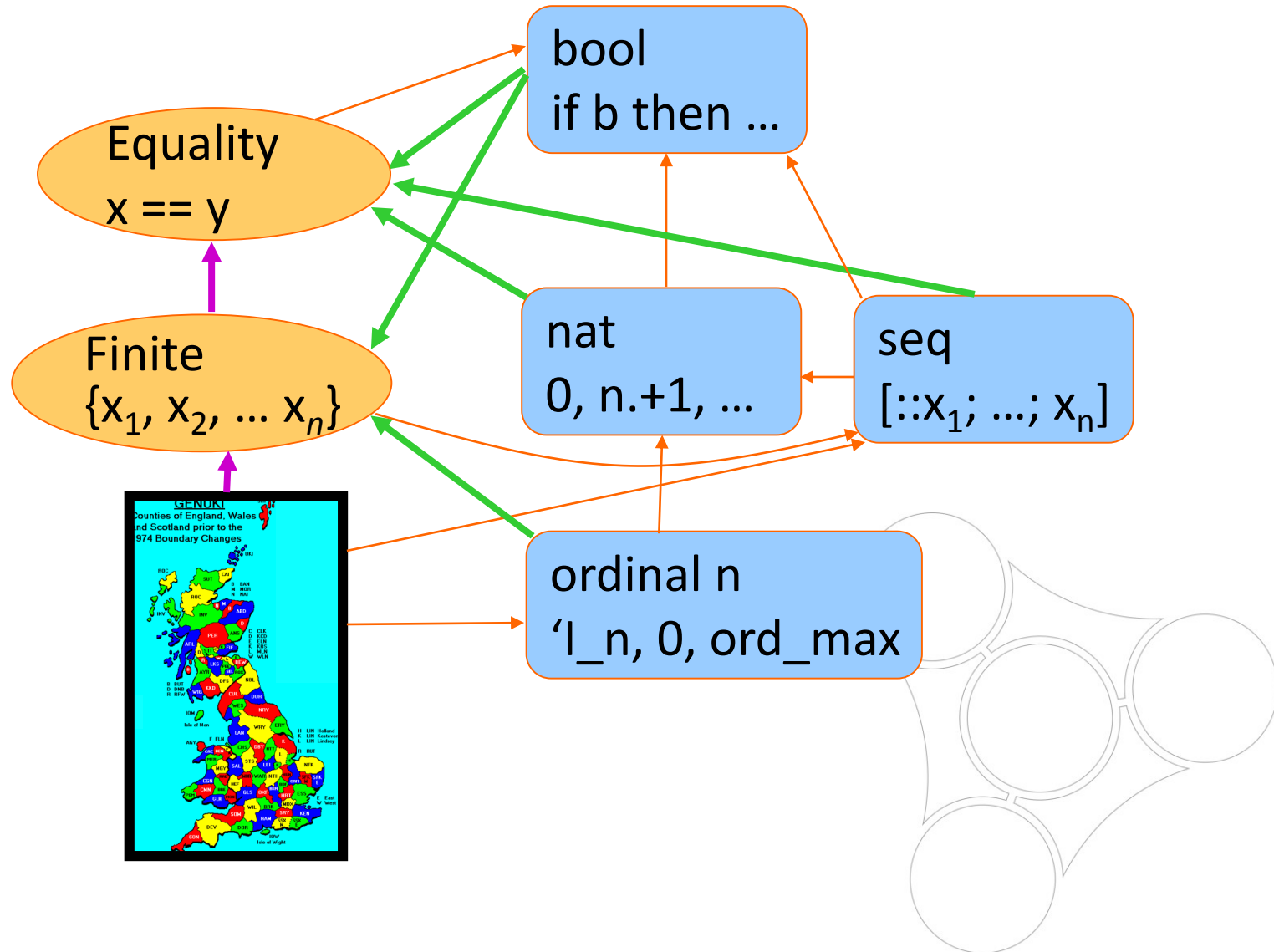


# Inferring notation

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Definition mxtrace (R : ringType) n (A : `M[R]_n) :=  
  @bigop R `I_n 0 (@Gring.add (Ring.ZmodType R))  
    (index_enum _)  
    (fun i : `I_n => fun_of_matrix A i i)
```

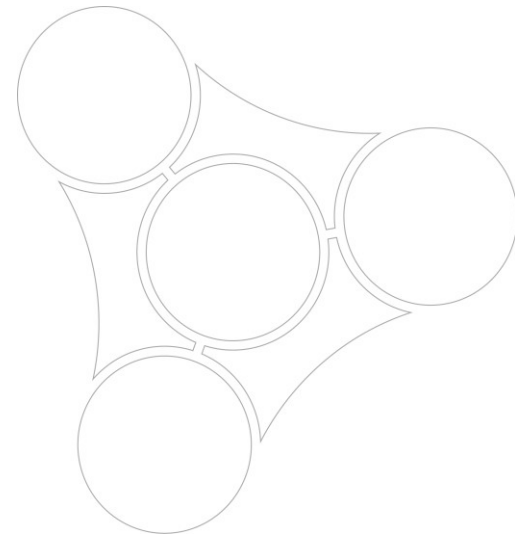


# Basic interfaces and objects



# Ad hoc inference

```
Definition mxtrace (R : ringType) n (A : `M[R]_n) :=  
  @bigop R `I_n 0 (@Gring.add (Ring.ZmodType R))  
    (index_enum (ordinal_finType n))  
    (fun i : `I_n => fun_of_matrix A i i)
```





# Generic Lemmas

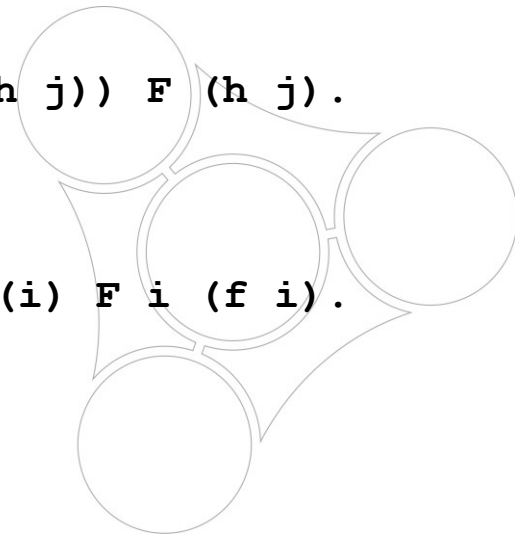
Pull, split, reindex, exchange ...

**Lemma bigD1** (I : finType) (j : I) P F :  
P j -> \big[\*M/1]\_(i | P i) F i  
= F j \* \big[\*M/1]\_(i | P i && (i != j)) F i.

**Lemma big split** I (r : list I) P F1 F2 :  
\big[\*M/1]\_(i <- r | P i) (F1 i \* F2 i) =  
\big[\*M/1]\_(i <- r | P i) F1 i \* \big[\*M/1]\_(i <- r | P i) F2 i.

**Lemma reindex** (I J : finType) (h : J -> I) P F :  
{on P, bijective h} ->  
\big[\*M/1]\_(i | P i) F i = \big[\*M/1]\_(j | P (h j)) F (h j).

**Lemma bigA distr bigA** (I J : finType) F :  
\big[\*M/1]\_(i : I) \big[+M/0]\_(j : J) F i j  
= \big[+M/0]\_(f : {ffun I -> J}) \big[\*M/1]\_(i) F i (f i).



# Operator structures

## Polymorphism for values!

```
Structure law : Type :=  
Law {  
  operator :> T -> T -> T;  
  _ : associative operator;  
  _ : left_id idx operator;  
  _ : right_id idx operator  
}.
```

```
Structure com law : Type :=  
AbelianLaw {  
  com_operator :> law;  
  _ : commutative com_operator  
}.
```

```
Canonical addn monoid := Monoid.Law addnA add0n addn0.
```

```
Canonical addn abeloid := Monoid.ComLaw addnC.
```

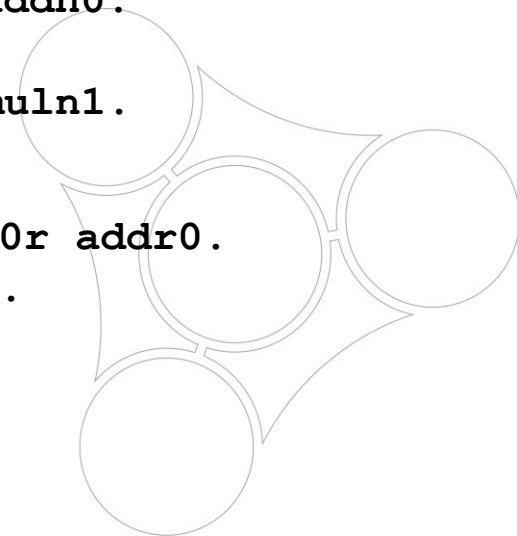
```
Canonical muln monoid := Monoid.Law mulnA mul1n muln1.
```

...

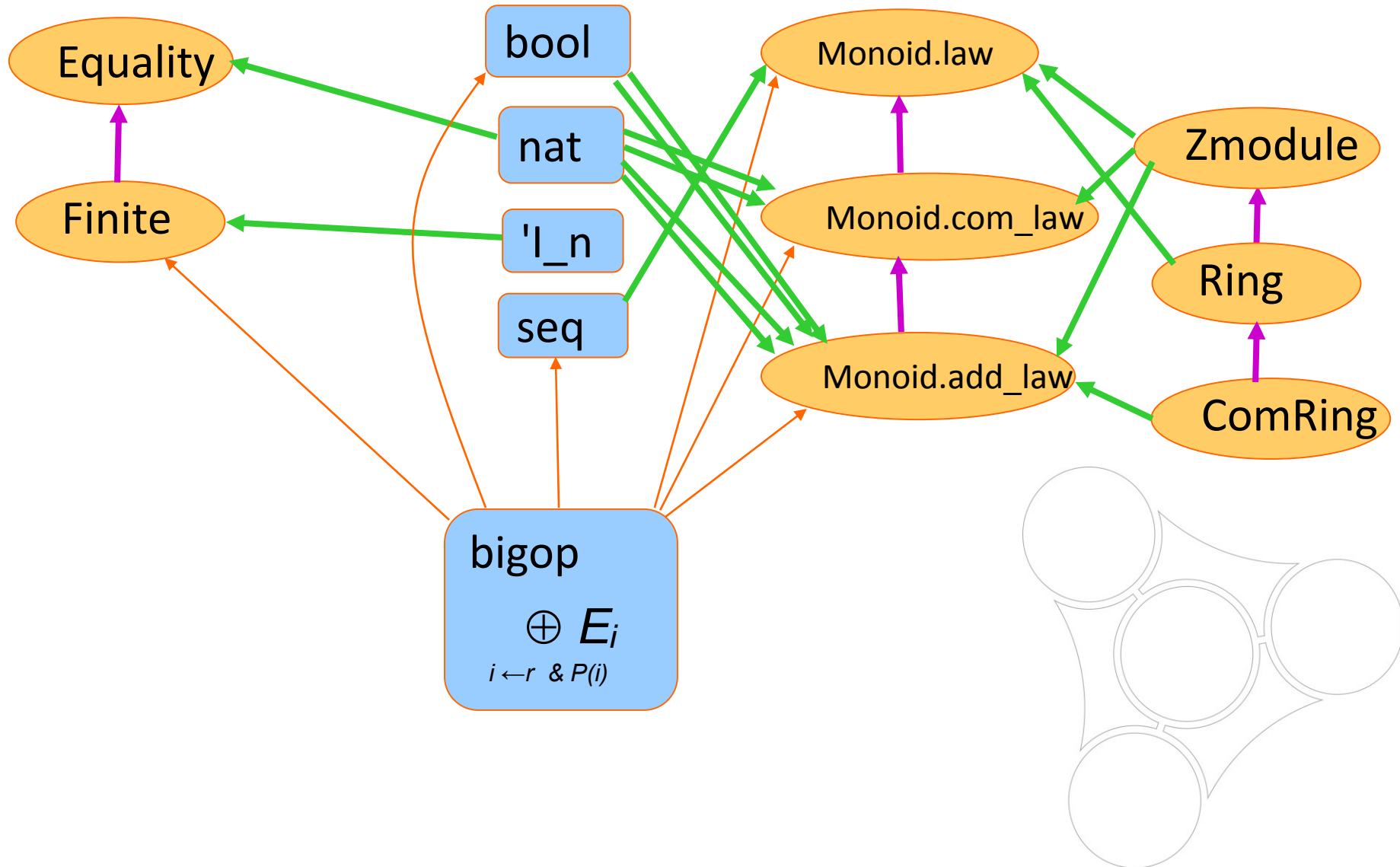
```
Canonical ring add monoid := Monoid.Law addrA add0r addr0.
```

```
Canonical ring add abeloid := Monoid.ComLaw addrC.
```

...

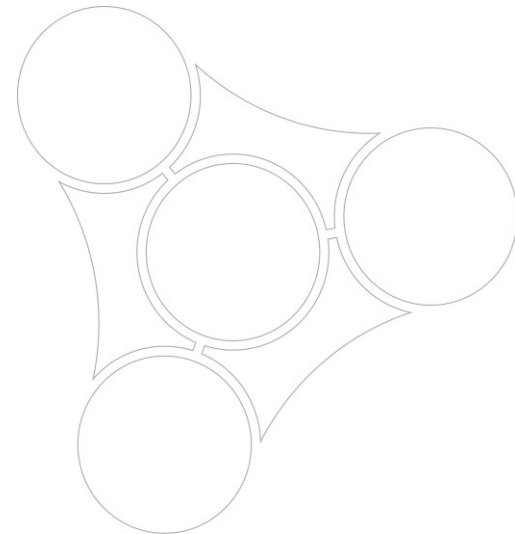


# Interfacing big operators

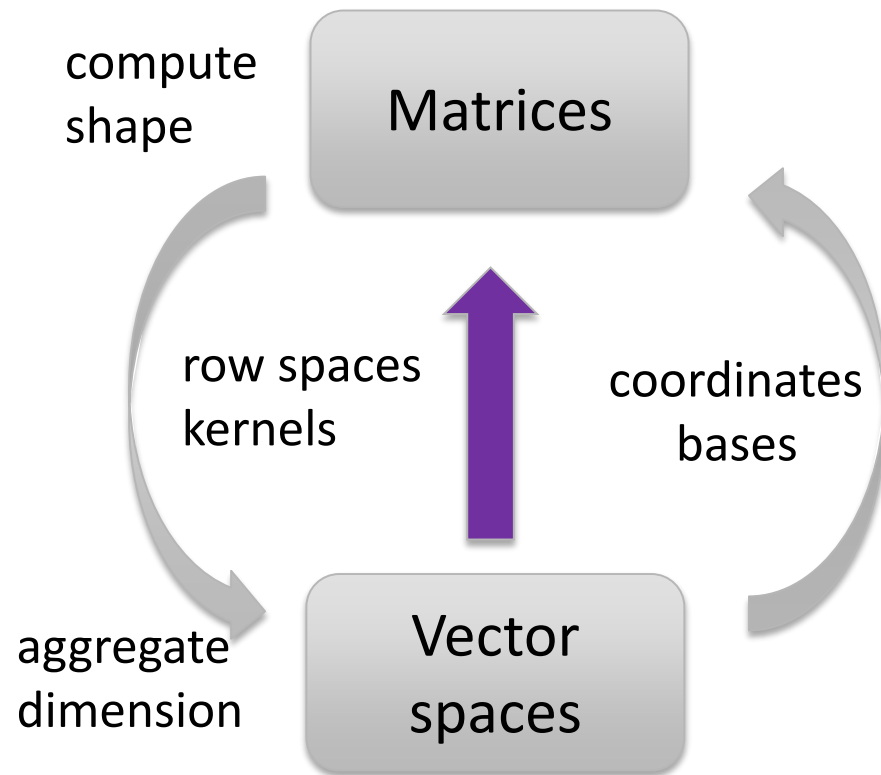


# More mathematical components...

- Finite group theory: morphisms, actions, characteristic & functor subgroups,  $p$ -groups, Frobenius & extremal groups...
- Character theory, representation and module theory, vector geometry.
- Finite field and Galois theory, algebraic number theory.
- Linear algebra, matrix rank.

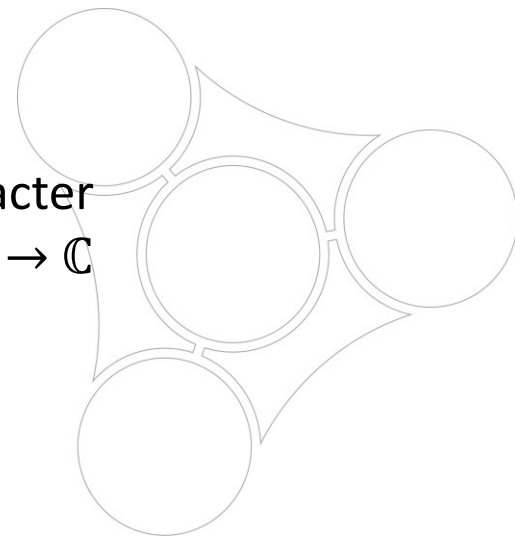


# Linear algebra interface?



group representation  
 $\mathbb{E} : G \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$

group character  
 $\chi = \text{tr } \mathbb{E} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$



# Notation abuse

In math:

$S = A + \sum_i B_i$  is **direct**

**iff**  $\text{rank } S = \text{rank } A + \sum_i \text{rank } B_i$

In Coq:

**Lemma** **mxdirectP** n (E : mxsum\_expr n) :

reflect (\rank E = mxsum\_rank E) (mxdirect E).

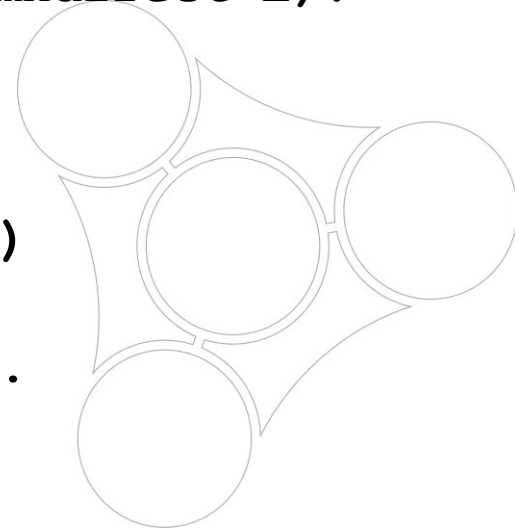
This is generic in the *shape* of  $\bar{E}$

**Let** **sumV** := (\sum\_ (i < h) 'V\_i)%MS.

(\* This is B & G, Proposition 2.4(a) \*)

**Lemma** **mxdirect\_sum\_eigenspace\_cycle** :

(sumV :=: 1%:M)%MS /\ mxdirect sumV.



# Recurrence

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## B. The Puig Subgroup

**Proof.** Again we use induction for (a). For  $n = 0$  we know (a) is true by hypothesis. Now suppose that  $n > 0$  and  $L(G)$  Then

$$L(G) \rightarrow L_{2n}(H).$$

Hence

$$L_{2n}(H) \subseteq L_G(L(G)) = L_*(G).$$

Furthermore,

$$L_{2n}(H) \rightarrow L_G(L_*(G)) = L(G) \subseteq H.$$

Thus

$$L(G) \subseteq L_{2n+1}(H).$$

Again, (b) follows from Lemma B.1(c).  $\square$

By Step 1 and Step 2 we can now conclude that  $L(G)$  is sired.  $\square$

**Lemma B.3.** Assume  $p$  is odd,  $G$  is solvable of odd order, and suppose that  $S$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $T = \mathcal{O}_p(G)$ .

$$L_*(S) \subseteq L_*(T) \subseteq L(T) \subseteq L(S).$$

**Proof.** First we show by induction on  $n$  that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$(B.1) \quad L_{2n}(S) \subseteq L_{2n}(T) \subseteq L_{2n+1}(T) \subseteq L_{2n+1}(S).$$

For  $n = 0$  the statement reduces to

$$1 \subseteq 1 \subseteq T \subseteq S,$$

which is trivial.

Assume (B.1) holds for some  $n$ . Since  $L_{2n+1}(S) \rightarrow L_{2n+2}(S)$

$$(B.2) \quad L_{2n+1}(T) \rightarrow L_{2n+2}(S).$$

Now  $L_{2n+1}(T)$  is a normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and, by Lemma

$$L_{2n+1}(T) \supseteq C_T(L_{2n+1}(T)).$$

Thus, by (B.2) and Theorem A.5, (2)

$$L_{2n+2}(S) \subseteq T.$$

Hence, by (B.2),

$$(B.3) \quad L_{2n+2}(S) \subseteq L_T(L_{2n+1}(T)) = L_{2n+2}(T).$$

Consequently, by Lemma B.1(a),

$$(B.4) \quad L_{2n+3}(T) = L_T(L_{2n+2}(T)) \subseteq L_T(L_{2n+2}(S)) \subseteq L_S(L_{2n+2}(S)).$$

By Lemma B.1(b),

**Theorem Puig center normal** : 'Z(L) <| G.

**Proof.**

have [sLiST sLTS] := pcore\_Sylow\_Puig\_sub.

have sLiLT: 'L\_\*(T) \subsetset 'L(T) by exact: Puig\_sub\_even\_odd.

have sZY: 'Z(L) \subsetset Y.

rewrite subsetI andbC subIset ?centS ?orbT // =.

suffices: 'C\_S('L\_\*(S)) \subsetset 'L(T).

by apply: subset\_trans; rewrite setISS ?Puig\_sub ?centS ?Puig\_sub\_even\_odd.

apply: subset\_trans (subset\_trans sLiST sLiLT).

by apply: sub\_cent\_Puig\_at pS; rewrite double\_gt0.

have chY: Y \char G := char\_trans (center\_Puig\_char \_) (pcore\_char \_).

have nsCY\_G: 'C\_G(Y) <| G by rewrite char\_normal 1?subcent\_char ?char\_refl.

have [C defC sCY\_C nsCG] := inv\_quotientN nsCY\_G (pcore\_normal p \_).

have sLG: L \subsetset G by rewrite (subset\_trans \_ (pHall\_sub sylS)) ?Puig\_sub.

have nsL\_nCS: L <| 'N\_G(C :&: S).

have sYLiS: Y \subsetset 'L\_\*(S).

rewrite abelian\_norm\_Puig ?double\_gt0 ?center\_abelian //.

apply: normalS (pHall\_sub sylS) (char\_normal chY).

by rewrite subsetI // (subset\_trans sLTS) ?Puig\_sub.

have gYL: Y --> L := norm\_abgenS sYLiS (Puig\_gen \_).

have sLCS: L \subsetset C :&: S.

rewrite subsetI Puig\_sub andbT.

rewrite -(quotientSGK \_ sCY\_C) ?(subset\_trans sLG) ?normal\_norm // -defC.

rewrite odd\_abelian\_gen\_stable ?char\_normal ?norm\_abgen\_pgroup //.

by rewrite (pgroups \_ pT) ?subIset // Puig\_sub.

by rewrite (pgroups \_ pS) ?Puig\_sub.

rewrite -[L] (sub\_Puig\_eq \_ sLCS) ?subsetIr //.

by rewrite (char\_normal\_trans (Puig\_char \_)) ?normalSG // subIset // sSG orbT.

have sylCS: p.-Sylow(C) (C :&: S) := Sylow\_setI\_normal nsCG sylS.

have{defC} defC: 'C\_G(Y) \* (C :&: S) = C.

apply/eqP; rewrite eqEsubset mulG\_subG sCY\_C subsetI // =.

have nCY\_C: C \subsetset 'N('C\_G(Y)).

exact: subset\_trans (normal\_sub nsCG) (normal\_norm nsCY\_G).

rewrite -quotientSK // -defC /= -pseries1.

rewrite -(pseries\_catr\_id [:: p : nat\_pred]) (pseries\_rcons\_id [::]) // =.

rewrite pseries1 /= pseries1 defC pcore\_sub\_Hall // morphim\_pHall //.

by rewrite subIset ?nCY\_C.

have defG: 'C\_G(Y) \* 'N\_G(C :&: S) = G.

have sCS\_N: C :&: S \subsetset 'N\_G(C :&: S).

by rewrite subsetI normG subIset // sSG orbT.

by rewrite -(mulSGid sCS\_N) mulGA defC (Frattini\_arg \_ sylCS).

have nsZ\_N: 'Z(L) <| 'N\_G(C :&: S) := char\_normal\_trans (center\_char \_) nsL\_nCS.

rewrite /normal subIset ?sLG // = -{1}defG mulG\_subG // =.

rewrite cents\_norm ?normal\_norm // centsC.

by rewrite (subset\_trans sZY) // centsC subsetIr.

Qed.

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C. The Final Contradiction

Thus, if  $k \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $\ell = k - 2$ , after multiplying on the left and on the right by  $t^{k-2} = t^\ell$  we have

$$(C.3) \quad \underbrace{t^{-\ell} s^\ell s^{-k} t^k}_{s^{-k} t^k t^{-\ell} s^\ell} \overbrace{(a^{-1})^{t^k} t^{-k} s^k s^{-k+1} t^{k-1}}^{a^{-1}} \overbrace{(ab^{-1})^{t^{k-1}} t^{-k+1} s^{k-1} s^{-\ell}}^{s} = \dots$$

Now observe that

$$s^{-\ell} t^\ell = s^{-\ell} (s^y)^y = s^{-\ell} (y^{-1} s y)^\ell = [s^\ell, y] \in Q$$

Since  $Q$  is commutative, (C.3) becomes

$$(C.4) \quad s^{-k} t^2 s^{k-2} \underbrace{s^{k-2} (a^{-1})^{t^k} s^{-k+1} t^{-1}}_{u_1 s_1 v_1} \underbrace{s^k (ab^{-1})^{t^{k-1}} s^{-k+2} t^{-1}}_{u_2 s_2 v_2} s^{k-1} t^\ell$$

By Step 1, there are elements  $u_i$ , and  $v_i \in U$  and  $s_i \in P_0$ , (that

$$(C.5) \quad \begin{aligned} u_1 s_1 v_1 &= s^{k-2} (a^{-1})^{t^k} s^{-k+1} \\ u_2 s_2 v_2 &= s^k (ab^{-1})^{t^{k-1}} s^{-k+2} \\ u_3 s_3 v_3 &= s^{k-1} t^\ell s^{-k} \end{aligned}$$

and by Steps 2 and 3

$$(C.6) \quad s_i \neq 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

If we multiply equation (C.4) on the left by  $s^k$  and on the right by  $t^{-\ell}$  we have

$$t^2 u_1 s_1 v_1 t^{-1} u_2 s_2 v_2 t^{-1} u_3 s_3 v_3 = 1, \text{ and hence } u_1^{-1} t^2 s_1 v_1 u_2^{-1} s_2 t^{-1} u_3^{-1} s_3 v_3 u_1^{-1} t^{-2} = 1$$

If we set

$$w_1 = u_2^{-1} u_3, \quad w_2 = v_3 u_1^{-2}, \quad \text{and } w_3 =$$

then  $w_i \in U$  and

$$(C.7) \quad t^{-1} s_2 t^{-1} = (w_1 s_3 w_2 t^2 s_1 w_3)^{-1}.$$

Next we show that (C.5) holds with  $a, b, u_i$ , and  $v_i$  replaced by  $u_i'$ , and  $v_i'$ , respectively. We prove only the first equation since

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have [[Ua Uu1 Uv1 P0s1 Dusv1] /sUs_modP-Duv1] := (usv1P, usv1P).
have [[_ Uu2 Uv2 P0s2 _] [Ub Uu3 Uv3 P0s3 _]] := (usv2P, usv3P).
suffices / (congr1 sigma): s ^+ 2 = s ^ v1 * s ^ a^-1 ^ t ^+ 3.
  rewrite inE sigmaX // sigma_s sigmaM ?memJ_P -?psiE ?nUtn // => ->.
  by rewrite addrK -!im_psi !mem_imset ?nUtn.
rewrite groupV in Ua; have [Hs1 Hs3]: s1 \in H /\ s3 \in H by rewrite !sP0H.
have nt_s1: s1 != 1 by apply: nt_sUs usv1P.
have nt_s3: s3 != 1 by apply: nt_sUs usv3P.
have {sUsXp} Ds2p: s2def (w1 ^+ p) (w2 ^+ p) (w3 ^+ p).
  have [/sUsXp-usv1p /sUsXp-usv2p /sUsXp-usv3p] := And3 usv1P usv2P usv3P.
  rewrite expUMp ?groupV // !expGVn in usv1p usv2p.
  rewrite !(^~ conjXg _ _ p, expUMp) ?groupV -1?[t]expG1 ?nUtn ?nUtVn //.
  apply: Ds2 usv1pP usv2pP usv3pP => //.
  by rewrite !psiX // -!Frobenius_autE -rmorphD Dab rmorph_nat.
have {Ds2} Ds2: s2def w1 w2 w3 by apply: Ds2 usv1P usv2P usv3P.
wlog [Uw1 Uw2 Uw3]: w1 w2 w3 Ds2p Ds2 / [/\ w1 \in U, w2 \in U & w3 \in U].
  by move/(_ w1 w2 w3)->; rewrite ?(nUtVn, nUtVn l%N, nUtn l%N, in_group).
have {Ds2p} Dw3p: (w2 ^- p * w1 ^- p.-1 ^ s3 * w2) ^ t ^+ 2 = w3 ^+ p.-1 ^ s1 ^-1.
  rewrite -[w1 ^+ _] (mulKg w1) -[w3 ^+ _] (mulKg w3) -expGS -expGSr !prednK //.
  rewrite -(canLR (mulKg _) Ds2p) -(canLR (mulKg _) Ds2) 6!invMg !invgK.
  by rewrite mulgA mulgK [2]lock /conj !mulgA mulgV mulg1 mulgK.
have w_id w: w \in U -> w ^+ p.-1 == 1 -> w = 1.
  by move=> Uw /eqP/(canRL_in (expGK _) Uw)->; rewrite ?expGln ?oU.
have {Uw3} Dw3: w3 = 1.
  apply: w_id => //; have:= @not_splitU s1^-1^-1 s1^-1 (w3 ^+ p.-1).
  rewrite !groupV mulVg eqxx andbT {2}invgK (negPf nt_s1) groupX // => -> //.
  have /tiH_P1 <-: t ^+ 2 \in P1^##.
  rewrite 2!inE groupX // andbT -order_dvdrn gtnNdvd // orderJ.
  by rewrite odd_gt2 ?order_gt1 // orderE defP0 (oddSg sP0P).
  by rewrite -mulgA -conjE inE -{2}Dw3p memJ_conjg !in_group ?Hs1 // sUH.
have {Dw3p} Dw2p: w2 ^+ p.-1 = w1 ^- p.-1 ^ s3.
  apply/(mulIg w2)/eqP; rewrite -expGSr prednK // eq_mulVg1 mulgA.
  by rewrite (canRL (conjgK _) Dw3p) Dw3 expGln !conjlg.
have {Uw1} Dw1: w1 = 1.
  apply: w_id => //; have:= @not_splitU s3^-1 s3 (w1 ^- p.-1).
  rewrite mulVg (negPf nt_s3) andbF -mulgA -conjgE -Dw2p !in_group //=.
  by rewrite eqxx andbT eq_invg1 /= => ->.
have {w1 w2 w3 Dw1 Dw3 w_id Uw2 Dw2p Ds2} Ds2: t * s2^-1 * t = s3 * t ^+ 2 * s1.
  by rewrite Ds2 Dw3 [w2]w_id ?mulg1 ?Dw2p ?Dw1 ?mulg // expGln invg1 conjlg.

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# Proof by reflection

Assume that (3.5) has been shown. Set  $\omega_{ij}^{\sigma} = \chi_{ij}$  and extend  $\sigma$  to  $CF(W)$  by linearity. Then (a) and (b) of Theorem (3.2) are established, and assertions (c) and (d) of Theorem (3.2) follow from (1.3).

**Proof of (3.5).**

(3.5.1) Let  $\beta_{ij} = \text{Ind}_W^G \alpha_{ij} - 1_G$  ( $1 \leq i < w_1, 1 \leq j < w_2$ ). Then  $(\beta_{ij}, 1_G) = 0$  and  $\|\beta_{ij}\|^2 = 3$  for all  $i, j$  while  $(\beta_{ij}, \beta_{i'j'}) = (\beta_{ij}, \beta_{ij}) = 1$  and  $(\beta_{ij}, \beta_{i'j'}) = 0$  for  $i \neq i', j \neq j'$ .

**Proof.** That  $(\text{Ind}_W^G \alpha_{ij}, 1_G) = (\alpha_{ij}, 1_W) = 1$  follows from Frobenius reciprocity, and so  $(\beta_{ij}, 1_G) = 0$ . The other relations follow from the fact that  $\text{Ind}_W^G$  is an isometry on  $CF(W, V)$ .  $\square$

Let  $1 \leq i < w_1, 1 \leq j < w_2$ . By (3.5.1) and the fact that  $\beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}[\text{Irr}(G)]$ , we see that  $\beta_{ij} = \sum_{\chi \in A_{ij}} \chi$ , where  $A_{ij}$  is a set of three pairwise orthogonal elements of  $\pm(\text{Irr}(G) - \{1_G\})$ .

(3.5.2) We have  $|A_{11} \cap A_{12}| = 1$  and  $A_{11} \cap (-A_{12}) = \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A_{11} = \{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\}$  and  $a_i = (\beta_{12}, \chi_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $(\beta_{12}, \beta_{11}) = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$  and  $a_i \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ . The numbers  $a_i$  are thus either 1, 0, 0, or 1, 1, -1. In the second case, we may assume that  $\beta_{12} = \chi_1 + \chi_2 - \chi_3$  whence  $2\chi_3 = \beta_{11} - \beta_{12} = \text{Ind}_W^G(\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{12})$  vanishes on  $1 \in G$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Lemma (3.5.2) clearly holds with  $A_{ij}$  and  $A_{i'j'}$  in place of  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{12}$  if  $i = i'$  and  $j \neq j'$  or if  $i \neq i'$  and  $j = j'$ . We refer to this lemma for  $A_{ij}$  and  $A_{i'j'}$  as  $L(ij, i'j')$ . We also refer to the statement  $(\beta_{ij}, \beta_{i'j'}) = 0$  for  $i \neq i'$  and  $j \neq j'$  as  $O(ij, i'j')$ .

By Hypothesis (3.1),  $\sup\{w_1, w_2\} \geq 5$ . By the symmetry between  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , we will assume

(3.5.3)  $w_1 \geq 5$ .

In the proof which follows, the functions  $\chi_i$  and  $\chi_{ij}$  are pairwise orthogonal elements of  $\pm(\text{Irr}(G) - \{1_G\})$ .

(3.5.4)  $|\bigcap_{1 \leq i < w_1} A_{1i}| = 1$ . *(if  $w_1 \geq 3$  then  $3 \geq 3$ )*

**Proof.** Suppose that (3.5.4) is false. By (3.5.2), we can then write, for some choice of indices  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{11} &= \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_3 & \beta_{12} &= \chi_1 + \chi_2 - \chi_3 \\ \beta_{21} &= \chi_1 + \chi_4 + \chi_6 & \beta_{22} &= \chi_2 + \chi_3 + \chi_5 \\ \beta_{31} &= \chi_2 + \chi_4 + \chi_6 & \beta_{32} &= \chi_1 - \chi_3 + \chi_5 \\ \beta_{41} &= \chi_1 + \chi_5 + \chi_6 & \beta_{42} &= \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_3 \end{aligned}$$

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let unsat Ii : unsat |= & x1 in b11 & x1 in b21 & ~x1 in b31.
proof.
wlog Db11: (& b11 = x1 + x2 + x3) by do 2!fill b11.
wlog Db21: (& b21 = x1 + x4 + x5).
  by uhave ~x2, ~x3 in b21 as L(21, 11); do 2!fill b21; uexact Db21.
wlog Db31: (& b31 = x2 + x4 + x6).
  wlog b31x2: x2 | ~x2 in b31 as L(31, 11).
  by uhave x3 in b31 as O(31, 11); symmetric to b31x2.
  wlog b31x4: x4 | ~x4 in b31 as L(31, 21).
  by uhave x5 in b31 as O(31, 21); symmetric to b31x4.
  uhave ~x3 in b31 as O(31, 11); uhave ~x5 in b31 as L(31, 21).
  by fill b31; uexact Db31.
consider b41; wlog b41x1: x1 | ~x1 in b41 as L(41, 11).
wlog Db41: (& b41 = x3 + x5 + x6) => [|{b41x1}|].
  uhave ~x2 | x2 in b41 as L(41, 11); last symmetric to b41x1.
  uhave ~x4 | x4 in b41 as L(41, 21); last symmetric to b41x1.
  uhave x3 in b41 as O(41, 11); uhave x5 in b41 as O(41, 21).
  by uhave x6 in b41 as O(41, 31); uexact Db41.
consider b12; wlog b12x1: x1 | ~x1 in b12 as L(12, 11).
  uhave ~x2 | x2 in b12 as L(12, 11); last symmetric to b12x1.
  by uhave x3 in b12 as O(12, 11); symmetric to b12x1.
wlog b12x4: ~x4 | ~x4 in b12 as O(12, 21).
  by uhave ~x5 in b12 as O(12, 21); symmetric to b12x4.
  uhave ~x2, ~x3 in b12 as L(12, 11); uhave ~x5 in b12 as O(12, 21).
  by uhave x6 in b12 as O(12, 31); counter to O(12, 41).
wlog Db41: (& b41 = x1 + x6 + x7).
  uhave ~x2, ~x3 in b41 as L(41, 11); uhave ~x4, ~x5 in b41 as L(41, 21).
  by uhave x6 in b41 as O(41, 31); fill b41; uexact Db41.
consider b32; wlog Db32: (& b32 = x6 - x7 + x8).
wlog b32x6: x6 | ~x6 in b32 as L(32, 31).
  uhave ~x2 | x2 in b32 as L(32, 31); last symmetric to b32x6.
  by uhave x4 in b32 as O(32, 31); symmetric to b32x6.
  uhave ~x2, ~x4 in b32 as L(32, 31).
  uhave ~x7 | ~x7 in b32 as O(32, 41).
  uhave ~x1 in b32 as O(32, 41); uhave ~x3 in b32 as O(32, 11).
  by uhave ~x5 in b32 as O(32, 21); fill b32; uexact Db32.
  uhave ~x1 in b32 as O(32, 41).
  by uhave x3 in b32 as O(32, 11); counter to O(32, 21).
consider b42; wlog Db42: (& b42 = x6 - x4 + x5).
  uhave ~x6 | x6 in b42 as L(42, 41).
  uhave ~x7 | x7 in b42 as L(42, 41); last counter to O(42, 32).
  uhave x1 in b42 as O(42, 41); uhave x8 in b42 as O(42, 32).
  uhave ~x2 | ~x2 in b42 as O(42, 11); last counter to O(42, 21).
(Unix)-- PFsection3.v 59% L1115 SVN-4447 (coq Scripting *3 SUBGOALS*
b41x1 : unsat
|= & b11 = x1 + x2 + x3
   & b21 = x1 + x4 + x5
   & b31 = x2 + x4 + x6
   & x1 in b41

Db41 : unsat
|= & b11 = x1 + x2 + x3
   & b21 = x1 + x4 + x5
   & b31 = x2 + x4 + x6
   & b41 = x3 + x5 + x6

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unsat
|= & b11 = x1 + x2 + x3
   & b21 = x1 + x4 + x5
   & b31 = x2 + x4 + x6
   & ~x1, ~x2 in b41
    
```

# Wandering typo

- B & G 15.7
  - .. (e)(2)  $p = |X|$  is a prime in  $\sigma(M) - \beta(M)$ ,  $O_p(H)$  is not abelian,  $O_{p'}(\mathbf{H})$  is cyclic, ...

**Theorem 15.7.** Suppose  $F(M)$  is not a TI-subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $H = M_F$  and choose  $g \in G - M$  such that  $X = F(M) \cap F(M)^g$  is not trivial. Take  $E, E_1, E_2, E_3$  as in Sections 12-13. Then

- (a)  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{G}} \cup \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{G}_1}$  and  $H = M_{\sigma}$ ,
- (b)  $X \subseteq H$  and  $X$  is cyclic,
- (c)  $M' \subseteq F(M) = M_{\sigma} \times O_{\sigma(M)'}(F(M))$ ,
- (d)  $E_3 = 1, E_2 \triangleleft E$ , and  $E/E_2 \cong E_1$ , which is cyclic, and
- (e) one of the following conditions holds:

$\Delta F \text{ not } H$   
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and the  $M' = F(M) = H$

- type I {
  - (1)  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $H$  is abelian of rank two, check use
  - (2)  $p = |X|$  is a prime in  $\sigma(M) - \beta(M)$ ,  $O_p(H)$  is not abelian,  $O_{p'}(H)$  is cyclic, and the exponent of  $M/H$  divides  $q - 1$  for every  $q \in \pi(H)$ ,
- type II {
  - (3)  $p = |X|$  is a prime in  $\sigma(M) - \beta(M)$ ,  $O_{p'}(H)$  is cyclic,  $O_p(H)$  has order  $p^3$  and is not abelian,  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{G}_1}$ , and  $|M/H|$  divides  $p + 1$ . check use

$X \subseteq O_p(X)$

# Things to look forward to

- Certification
  - of computer computations
  - of complex proofs
- Collaboration
  - **safe** contributions from diverse backgrounds
- Inspiration
  - explore logic, dependencies, and factoring

