

# Few subpowers & short definitions

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- classical logic Qs
- motivated by & tools from the CSP
- generalizing "linear algebra"

- A question I have that connects several open problems ①
- Recent progress but still work in progress

## pp-definability

$A$  - a finite domain

$$R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots\} \quad R_i \subseteq A^{\text{ar}(R_i)}$$

$S$  is pp-definable from  $R$  : definable by  $\varphi(\bar{x}) = \exists \bar{y} \bigwedge_j R_{ij}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  primitive positive (no  $\vee$ , no  $\neg$ )

$S \in \langle R \rangle$  relational closure, closure under  $\cap, \times, \text{perm}, \text{proj}, =$

## Motivation from the CSP

### classify constraint languages

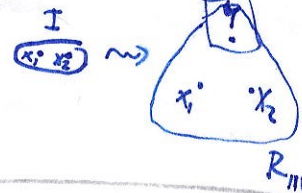
gadget constructions :  $R$  constraint language,  $R' \in \langle R \rangle \Rightarrow$  L-reduction from  $\text{CSP}(R')$  to  $\text{CSP}(R)$

Example:  $\text{STCON} \leq_L \text{HORN-3SAT}$   
 $\uparrow$  directed  $\uparrow$  NL-complete  $\uparrow$  P-complete

$R' = \{G, C, I\}$   $C_i = \{i\}$   $I = \{(00), (01), (11)\}$   
 co-STCON but NL = co-NL (Immerman-Szelepcsényi)

$$I(x_1, x_2) \Leftrightarrow (\exists y) (C_1(y) \wedge R_{110}(y, x_1, x_2))$$

$$R = \{R_{110}, R_{111}, G, C\} \quad R_{ijk} = \{0,1\}^3 \setminus \{(ijk)\}$$



## Multivalued logic

$$F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots\} \quad f_i : A^{\text{ar}(f_i)} \rightarrow A$$

$\langle F \rangle$  function clone, closure under composition, contains projections  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$

Example:  $\langle \neg, \Rightarrow \rangle = \langle \neg, 1, \vee \rangle =$  all functions,  $\langle 1, \vee \rangle =$  monotone functions

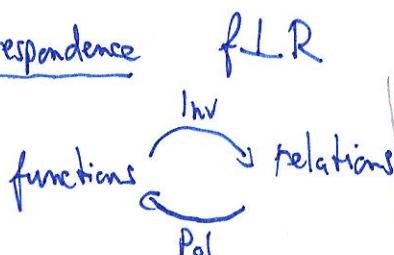
Post's lattice (1941) - boolean function clones, nice structure, countable

- generalize to multivalued logic? uncountably many clones for  $|A| \geq 3$

How to tell if  $g \in \langle F \rangle$ , and if  $S \in \langle R \rangle$ ?

Geiger '68; Bodnarcuk, Kaluzhnikov, Kotov, Romanov '69; independently Jeavons, Cohen, Gyssens '98 (for CSP)

## Galois correspondence



$$\langle R \rangle = \text{Inv}(\text{Pol}(R))$$

$$\langle F \rangle = \text{Pol}(\text{Inv}(F))$$

$$\text{Inv}(F) = \text{Inv}(\langle F \rangle)$$

$$\text{Pol}(R) = \text{Pol}(\langle R \rangle)$$

# Linear algebra

(point  $x$ ) + (vector  $z-y$ )

(2)

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $m(x,y,z) = x - y + z \pmod{p}$

$\text{Inv}(\{m\}) = \text{all affine subspaces}$   
 $= \langle R \rangle$  where  $R = \{R, G, S\}$ ,  
 $R = \{(x,y,z) \mid x+y=z \pmod{p}\}$

## properties:

(substructure)  
 subuniverse of Power of  $\mathbb{R} = \text{Pol}(\mathbb{R})$

- few (subspaces) subpowers  $S \in \langle R \rangle$
- small generating sets
- nice representation of  $S$  for sifting, computable in P  
 (Gauss form) (row-reduction)

Example:  $p=5$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 1 \\ z=3 \rightarrow z+z &= 0 \\ \rightarrow z+1+1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists y_1, y_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 &= y_1 \\ y_1 + x_3 &= y_2 \\ y_2 + x_4 &= z \\ z &= 1 \quad (G(z)) \end{aligned}$$

- Subpower Membership Problem is in P

$\text{SMP}(F)$ : input  $a_1, \dots, a_k, b \in A^n$

compute representation of  $S_g(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ , sift  $b$

Q:  $b \in S_g(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ ?

- short pp-definitions

## Few subpowers

(Berman, Idziak, Marković, McKenzie, Valeriote, Willard 2010 Trans. AMS, comp

def  $F$  has FS  $\Leftrightarrow \exists p(n)$   $|\text{Inv}(F)_n| \leq 2^{p(n)}$

equivalently:  $\exists p'(n) \forall S \in \text{Inv}(F)_n \exists S' \in S, |S'| \leq p'(n), S = S_g(S')$  - major step towards CSP dichotomy

Thm (BMMVW)

$F$  has FS  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  edge operation  $e \in \langle F \rangle$

$$e(y y x x \dots x) = x$$

proof very complicated

$$e(y x y x \dots x) = x$$

$$e(x x x y x \dots x) = x$$

$$e(x \dots x y) = x$$

$(k+2)$ -ary edge

Example 1: Mal'tsev  $m(xxy) = m(yyx) = y$   $e(xyz) = m(yxz)$

eg.  $x-y+z, x \cdot y \cdot z$ , groups, loops, q groups, modules, fields, ...

2) majority  $\text{maj}(xyz)$   $e(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = \text{maj}(x_2 x_3 x_4)$

eg.  $R_{\text{SAT}} = \{R_{00}, R_{01}, R_{10}, R_{11}\}$

$x \vee y, x \wedge y$

$p(n) \in O(n^2)$

## Finite relatedness

def  $F$  is finitely related  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Inv}(F) = \langle R \rangle$  for some  $R$  finite

Thm (Aichinger, Mayr, McKenzie) Few subpowers are finitely related

proof very complicated, encode as relations, work with representations, well partial order (uses Ramsey's Theorem - nonconstructive)

Example: majority (2SAT):  $R = \text{all binary invariant relations}$

Fun open Q:  $G$  group - what is  $R$ ? Abelian  $\rightarrow$  as for  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , otherwise open.



# Short definitions

def  $\langle R \rangle$  has SD  $\Leftrightarrow \exists p(n) \forall S \in \langle R \rangle_n \ S$  is pp-definable by  $\varphi, |\varphi| \leq p(n)$  ③  
 $R$  finite  
 • doesn't depend on  $R: \langle R \rangle = \langle R' \rangle$  pp-def  $R'$  from  $R$  is constant  
 • instead of  $|\varphi|$  can take  $|\text{var}(\varphi)|$  or # constraints (predicates)

③ SD  $\Rightarrow$  FS

Open Q: FS  $\Rightarrow$  SD?

- recent progress,
- based on new results from CSP theory
- help of Michael Kumpstrehler

+ can the short defn. be obtained efficiently?

Examples:

- $|A|=2 \Rightarrow \checkmark$
- majority  $\Rightarrow R(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i,j} \text{proj}_{i,j} R(x_i, x_j)$   $\binom{n}{2}$  is polynomial  $\sim O(n^2)$
- $(k+1)\text{-un} \Rightarrow k\text{-element projections}$

Proposition: Abelian mal'tsev  $m \in \text{Pol}(R) \Rightarrow R$  has SD

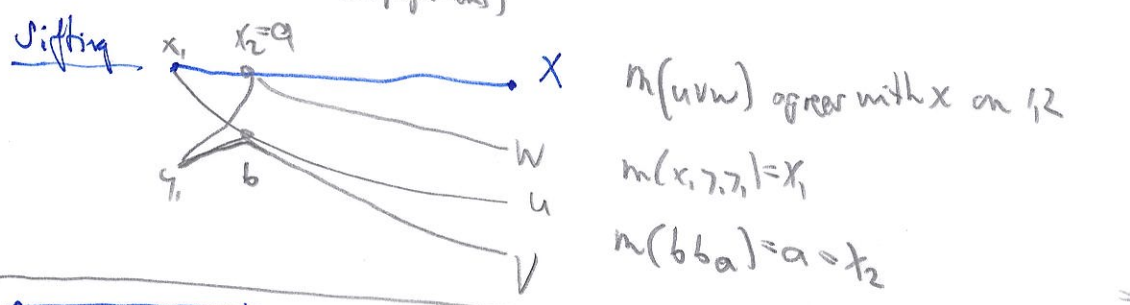
me 2022  $\hookrightarrow$  e.g. multilinear expansions of abelian groups (fields, modules...)  
 $\{x, y, z, m(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in A\} \in \langle R \rangle$

more on the proof later (if there's time)  
 Proof idea: pp-define the run of the sifting algorithm  
 not that exciting, since abelian = "like a module over abelian ring" (in a technical sense)

## representation for sifting

- a nice small generating set, e.g. vector spaces - Gauss NF + row reduction  
 only for Mal'tsev:  
 def  $(i, q, b)$  fork in  $R: \exists u, v \in R$   
 $R'$  is a representation of  $R$  if:  $\text{Forks}(R') = \text{Forks}(R)$  &  $|R'| \leq 2 \cdot |\text{Forks}(R')|$   
 Lemma: Butcher, Dalman '06:  $\exists$  mal'tsev  $m \in \text{Pol}(R) \Rightarrow R = \bigcup_m R'$  &  $R'$  repr. of  $R$

BITTWW for FS '10 (add k-el. projections)



Gauss normal form:

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1 . . . . .
0 0 . . . .
0 0 0 0 1 . .
0 0 0 0 0 1 . .
    
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$\Rightarrow$  add 0...0 & take multiples of all rows

## Proof of proposition

abelian mal'tsev  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \Pi(x, y, z, u) \ (x, y, z, u) \in \Pi \Rightarrow m(x, y, z) = u$   
 $R_i$  witnesses of forks on  $i$ th coordinate... constant size  $\Rightarrow$  pp-defn. is  $\in p(n)$   
 $i \sim j \Leftrightarrow m(i) = m(j)$  at most  $|A|$  classes of  $\sim$

$\Rightarrow$  can express "something is a witness for a fork" and " $m(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = \bar{u}$ "  
 $\Rightarrow$  express that  $\bar{x}$  sifted completely through the representation

Problem Can we generate a representation in  $P$ ?

S.D. Def  $\Rightarrow$  can generate repr. of  $f_g(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

in general, don't know when to stop (do we have all the forks?)

• Short def is a "better representation" - also tells us that  $\exists f, R = f_g(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

SMTP(F) in:  $a_1, \dots, a_k, b \in A^n$   
 $Q: b \in f(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ ?

Open Q:  $\vdash$  SMTP(F) in  $P$  whenever  $F$  has FS?

• yes for lin. algebra, groups

• yes if  $F$  has S.D.

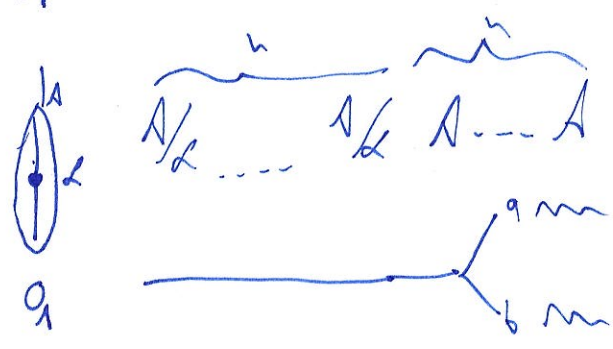
Motivation from CSP

CSP( $R$ ) in  $P \Rightarrow$  in co-NP but is there an "easy" witness? For  $FG$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}$  is such a witness

For lin. alg., the witness is a system of lin. eqn's describing the solution set

Idea that doesn't (yet) work:

representation modulo a congruence



forks in the 1st half = forks in  $1/2$   
 in the 2nd half = forks in  $a$  but within one  $\mathcal{L}$ -class

"abelian-like modulo  $\mathcal{L}$ "  $\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \mathcal{L}, (a/2 = b/2)$

nilpotent? (e.g. groups)  $m \mathcal{L} m$

solvable?

"easy": lin. algebra modulo  $\mathcal{L}$ , "like 2-AT" in  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes

example of nonabelian mal'tsev: mirrorly a  $\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $m(x, y, z) = x$