Chapter 5: Nilpotency and solvability

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Commutator of normal subloops

- There is a general theory of commutators of normal subloops in congruence modular varieties, due to Gumm, Smith and Freese-McKenzie.
- It was specialized to loops by Stanovský and Vojtěchovský. A key result was improved by Barnes:

Theorem: (S+V, B)
Let A, B be normal subloops of a loop Q. The commutator $[A,B]_Q$ is the normal closure of

$$\{T_u(a)/T_v(a),\ R_{u_1,u_2}(a)/R_{v_1,v_2}(a),\ L_{u_1,u_2}(a)/L_{v_1,v_2}(a) : u_i/v_i \in B, a \in A\}.$$

Series

- Lower central series: $Q_0 = Q$, $Q_{i+1} = [Q, Q_i]_Q$
- Upper central series: as usual
- Congruence derived series: $Q_0 = Q$, $Q_{i+1} = [Q_i, Q_i]_Q$
- Classical derived series: $Q_0 = Q$, $Q_{i+1} = [Q_i, Q_i]_{Q_i}$
- This leads to nilpotency, congruence solvability and classical solvability

Nilpotency

```
gap> Q := MoufangLoop( 64, 10 );
MoufangLoop( 64, 10 )
gap> IsNilpotent( Q );
true
gap> NilpotencyClassOfLoop( Q );
2
gap> LowerCentralSeries( Q );
[ MoufangLoop( 64, 10 ), <Moufang loop of size 4>, <trivial group with 1 generator> ]
gap> UpperCentralSeries( Q );
[ <Moufang loop of size 64>, <Moufang loop of size 8>, <trivial group with 0 generators> ]
```

Demonstration: *All nilpotent loops in a given variety*

- Suppose we want to find all nilpotent left Bol loops Q of order 20 up to isomorphism.
- The center of Q contains a cyclic group of order 2 or 5. So it suffices to find all nilpotent Bol loops of order 10 and 4, and their central extensions with those cyclic loops. Etc.

All nilpotent left Bol loops: AllLoopCentralExtensions

```
AllLoopCentralExtensions( F, p, identities )
```

- It calculates coboundaries $\mathrm{Cob}(F, p)$, cocycles $\mathrm{Coc}(F, p)$ in the variety (given by identities), and representatives of a certain action of $\mathrm{Aut}(F) \times \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ on the space of cocycles modulo coboundaries.

```
leftbol := "x*(y*(x*z))=(x*(y*x))*z";
f := AllLoopCentralExtensionsInVariety;
```

All nilpotent left Bol loops: Order 10

- order 10 = 2x5 = 5x2

```
C2 := AsLoop( CyclicGroup( 2 ) );
C5 := AsLoop( CyclicGroup( 5 ) );
lps10a := f( C2, 5, [ leftbol ] );
lps10b := f( C5, 2, [ leftbol ] );
lps10 := LoopsUpToIsomorphism( Concatenation( lps10a, lps10b ) );
```

All nilpotent left Bol loops : Order 20

- order 20 = 10x2 = 4x5

```
C4 := AsLoop( CyclicGroup( 4 ) );
V4 := AsLoop( Group( (1,2), (3,4) ) );
lps20a := List( lps10, F -> f( F, 2, [ leftbol ] ) );
lps20a := Concatenation( lps20a );
lps20b := f( C4, 5, [ leftbol ] );
lps20c := f( V4, 5, [ leftbol ] );
lps20 := LoopsUpToIsomorphism( Concatenation( lps20a, lps20b, lps20c ) );
```

- Guess what is found?

Demonstration: *Frattini subloop*

- $\Phi(Q)$ is the intersection of all maximal subloops of Q
- **Theorem:** (Nagy) Let Q be a finite loop such that $\mathrm{Mlt}(Q)$ is nilpotent. Then $\Phi(Q)$ is the orbit of $\Phi(\mathrm{Mlt}(Q))$ containing 1.
- **Theorem:** (Bruck) If Q is nilpotent of prime power order then $\mathrm{Mlt}(Q)$ is nilpotent.
- **Theorem:** (Glauberman-Wright, Drápal) A Moufang loop of prime power order is nilpotent.

Frattini subloop

- from definition

```
gap> Q := MoufangLoop( 64, 100 );;
gap> F1 := Intersection( AllMaximalSubloops( Q ) );
<Moufang loop of size 8>
```

- from theory

```
gap> G := MultiplicationGroup( Q );;
gap> orb := Orbit( FrattiniSubgroup( G ), 1 );;
gap> F2 := Subloop( Q, List( orb, i -> Q.(i) ) );;
gap> F1 = F2;
true
```

- from documentation

```
gap> FrattiniSubloop( Q );;
```

Congruence solvability vs classical solvability

- A congruence derived subloop is classically solvable. The converse does not hold in general. It is open in Moufang loops, say.
- Consider a normal series

$$Q = Q_0 > Q_1 > \cdots > Q_n = 1, \qquad F_i = Q_i/Q_{i+1} \tag{1}$$

- A loop Q is classically solvable if it contains (1) where every F_i is an abelian group, that is, $[F_i, F_i]_{F_i} = 1$.
- A loop Q is conguence solvable if it contains (1) where every F_i induces an abelian congruence of Q/Q_{i+1}, that is, $[F_i, F_i]_{Q/Q_{i+1}} = 1$.

Demonstration: *A loop that is classically solvable but not congruence solvable*

```
gap> Q := LeftBolLoop( 16, 1 );;
gap> [ IsSolvableLoop( Q ), IsCongruenceSolvableLoop( Q ) ];
[ true, false ]
```

- derived series and congruence derived series (could call them directly)

```
gap> D := DerivedSubloop( Q );
<left Bol loop of size 8>
gap> DerivedSubloop( D );
<trivial group with 1 generator>
gap> CommutatorOfNormalSubloops( Q, D, D );
<left Bol loop of size 8>
gap> IsCongruenceSolvableLoop( D );
true
gap> IsAbelianNormalSubloop( Q, D );
false
```