

G-terms and the  
local - global property

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# Outline

- 1) G-terms  $\Sigma_G$   
+ examples / applications
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  - ) success for regular  $G$
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## $G$ -terms

Let  $\underline{A}$  .. algebra

$G \leq \text{Sym}(n)$  permutation group

then  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{L}(\underline{A})$  is called a

$G$ -term if

$$\underline{A} \models t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx t(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)})$$

for all  $\pi \in G$ .

Let us write  $\underline{A} \models \Sigma_G$

if  $\underline{A}$  has a  $G$ -term.

Example:

$$G = \langle (1, 2, 3) \rangle \leq \text{Sym}(3)$$

$t$  is a  $G$ -term if

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{A} \models t(x_1, x_2, x_3) &\approx t(x_2, x_3, x_1) \\ &\approx t(x_3, x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

⚠  $\Sigma_G$  depends on the group action

## Examples

- **Cyclic terms**  $C_n = \langle (1, 2, \dots, n) \rangle$

$$t(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \approx t(x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1)$$

[BK '12]

$$\underline{A} = \sum_{C_p} \forall p > 1 \text{ prime}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \underline{A}$  is Taylor

- **cyclic loop conditions**  $G = \langle S \rangle$

e.g.  $t(\underbrace{x_1 x_2}_{(12)} \underbrace{x_3 x_4 x_5}_{(345)}) \approx t(\underbrace{x_2 x_1}_{(21)} \underbrace{x_4 x_5 x_3}_{(453)})$

$$S = (12)(345)$$



[BSV '21]

classification  $\sum_{\langle S \rangle}$

$\text{Pol}(\mathbb{D})$

$\Leftrightarrow$

classification of smooth digraphs  $\mathbb{D}$  up to pp-interpretation



## $\Sigma_G$ for minions / PCSPs

$\Sigma_G = \{ f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \approx f(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)}) \mid \pi \in G \}$  is of height 1

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \Sigma_G$  also well-defined for

minions  $\mathcal{M}$

(set of operations  $A^n \rightarrow B$ )  
closed under minors

### Example

1) symmetric terms

$$G = \text{Sym}(n)$$

2) block-symmetric terms

$$B_n = \text{Sym}(n) \times \text{Sym}(n+1)$$

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PCSP}(A, B) \text{ solved by BLP} \Leftrightarrow \\ \text{Pcl}(A, B) \models \Sigma_{\text{Sym}(n)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right.$   
[BBK0 '19]

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PCSP}(A, B) \text{ solved by BLP+AIP} \Leftrightarrow \\ \text{Pcl}(A, B) \models \Sigma_{B_n} \text{ for inf. many } n \end{array} \right.$   
[BGWŽ'20]

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# Interpretability

Let us write

$$\Sigma_G \leq_{\leq_n} \Sigma_H \iff \begin{array}{l} \forall \underline{A} \text{ algebra } \underline{A} \models \Sigma_H \Rightarrow \underline{A} \models \Sigma_G \\ \forall \mathcal{M} \text{ module } \mathcal{M} \models \Sigma_H \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \Sigma_G \end{array}$$

**Question:** Can we classify all conditions  $\Sigma_G$  up to interpretability  $\leq$  ?

Observation:

$\Sigma_G$  trivial  $\iff G$  has a fix point  $i$

$$\forall \underline{A} : \underline{A} \models \Sigma_G$$

$\pi_i^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$  is a  $G$ -term.

# Interpretability

- If  $G \leq H \leq \text{Sym}(n) \Rightarrow \Sigma_G \leq \Sigma_H$
- If  $G = \alpha^{-1} H \alpha \Rightarrow \Sigma_G \sim \Sigma_H$
- surjective hom.  $(h, \alpha): (H, m) \rightarrow (G, n) \Rightarrow \Sigma_G \leq \Sigma_H$

Ex.  $t(x_1 x_2, x_3 x_4) \approx t(x_2 x_3 x_4 x_1) \Rightarrow s(y_1 y_2) := t(y_1 y_2 y_1 y_2)$   
 $C_4$ -term  $C_2$ -term

- Direct products

$$\Sigma_{G \times H} \leq \Sigma_G \wedge \Sigma_H$$

(if  $G \leq n$  and  $H \leq m$  then  $G \times H \leq n+m$ )

$$\text{if } t(x_1 \dots x_n) \text{ is } G\text{-term} \Rightarrow s(x_1 \dots x_n y_1 \dots y_m) := t(x_1 \dots x_n) \text{ is } G \times H\text{-term}$$

- Wreath products

For  $G \leq \text{Sym}(n)$  let  $G \wr H \leq \text{Sym}(n \times m)$   
 $H \leq \text{Sym}(m)$  be the wreath product

then  $\Sigma_G \vee \Sigma_H \sim \Sigma_{G \wr H}$

Example

 We need composition

If  $t(x_1, x_2, x_3)$   $C_3$ -term

$$\Sigma_G \vee \Sigma_H \leq_n \Sigma_{G \wr H}$$

then  $t \left( \begin{array}{l} + (x_1, x_2, x_3), \\ + (x_4, x_5, x_6), \\ + (x_7, x_8, x_9) \end{array} \right)$  is  $C_3 \wr C_3$ -term

"doubly cyclic"  $\rightarrow$  used in [AB21] as criterion for fin. tractable PCSPs

# Partial classifications

- Cyclic terms [Olšák '18]

$$\sum_{C_n} \sim \bigvee_{\substack{p|n \\ p \text{ prime}}} \sum_{C_p}$$

$$\sum_{C_n} \leq \sum_{C_m} \Leftrightarrow \text{rad}(n) | \text{rad}(m)$$

- Cyclic loop conditions [BSV '21]  
are joins of 'prime' CLC

Ex.  $\sum_{(4,6,7)} \sim \sum_{(2,2,7)} \vee \sum_{(2,3,7)} \sim \sum_{(2,7)} \vee \sum_{(2,3,7)} \sim \sum_{(2,7)}$

$$\sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_k)} \leq \sum_{(m_1, \dots, m_r)} \Leftrightarrow \forall m_i \exists n_j : \text{rad}(n_j) | \text{rad}(m_i)$$

## New results [KK '21]

p-groups: If  $G$  is a p-group then  $\Sigma_G \subseteq \Sigma_{C_p}$ .

Regular groups:  $G \leq \text{Sym}(G)$  with  $g(h) = g \circ h$

• if  $K \cong G \times H$  (as abstract groups)  $\Rightarrow \Sigma_K \sim \Sigma_G \vee \Sigma_H$   
with rep. action!

• Corollary: If  $G$  regular & nilpotent

then  $\Sigma_G = \bigvee_{p \mid |G|} \Sigma_{C_p}$

To do: Fully classify p-regular groups  $\leq \text{Sym}(n)$ .

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# Deciding Maltsev conditions

## Decide ( $\Sigma$ )

INPUT: Finite  $\underline{A} = (A, f_1, \dots, f_n)$

QUESTION: Does  $\underline{A} \models \Sigma$ ?

$\Sigma$

- o)  $m(yxx) = m(xxy) \approx y$
- o)  $w(yx \dots x) \approx \dots \approx w(x \dots xy) \approx y$
- o)  $f(\text{rare } a) \approx f(\text{rare})$
- o) semilattice
- o)  $t(x_1 \dots x_n) \approx t(x_2 \dots x_{n+1})$
- o)  $m(yxx) = m(xyx) = m(xxy) = y$

all  $\underline{A}$

EXP-C

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idempotent  $A$

$\textcircled{P}$

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EXP-C

$\textcircled{P}$

$\textcircled{NP}$

local-global

Question (Valeriote):

what is the complexity of Decide ( $\Sigma_G$ )?

# Local-global for $\Sigma_{c_n}$ [BKMMN'09]

Claim  $\underline{A} = f(xy) \approx f(yx) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall a = (a_1, a_2) \in A^2 \exists f_a \in \text{Ob } \underline{A} : f_a(a_1 a_2) = f_a(a_2 a_1)$$

Proof sketch

$$d_1 = f_a(b_1 b_2)$$

$$d_2 = f_a(b_2 b_1)$$

$x$	$y$	$f_a(xy)$	$f_a(yx)$	$f_d(f_a(xy), f_a(yx))$
$a_1$	$a_2$	$c$	$c$	$c'$
$a_2$	$a_1$	$c$	$c$	$c'$
$b_1$	$b_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$e$
$b_2$	$b_1$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$e$
$\vdots$				$\vdots$

□

$$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ c \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{\in} S_{\underline{A}} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

decidable in  $\mathcal{O}(\text{len}(\underline{A}) \cdot |A|^2)$

$\Rightarrow$  Decide  $(\Sigma_{c_2})$  can be solved in  $\mathcal{O}(\text{len}(\underline{A}) \cdot |A|^4)$

# $n$ -local-global property

$\Sigma$  ...  $h$  identities  
in variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ ,  $m$  many different minors  
function symb.  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_e$

$A$  algebra  $F \subseteq A^k$

then  $A \models \Sigma$  if  $\exists f_1^F, f_2^F, \dots, f_e^F$  which satisfy  $\Sigma$   
for  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in F$ .

Def.  $\Sigma$  has the  $n$ -local-global property if

$\forall \underline{A} : \underline{A} \models \Sigma$  for all  $|F| = n$   $\Rightarrow$   $A \models \Sigma$  for all  $|F| < \infty$

In this case  $\text{Decide}(\Sigma)$  solvable in  $O(\text{ar}(\underline{A}) \cdot |A|^{n \cdot (m+k)})$

## Theorem [KK'21]

$$G = \underbrace{G_1} \times \dots \times \underbrace{G_n}_{\text{regular}} \subseteq \text{Sym}(G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n)$$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma_G$  has n-local-global property

**DECIDE**  $(\Sigma_G) \in P$

## Corollary [KK'21]

**DECIDE**  $(\Sigma_{\langle s \rangle}) \in P$

for cyclic loop terms.

for  $n=1$   
proof as for  $\Sigma_{C_k}$

### **Question:**

Can we generalize  
this result to

$\Sigma_{G \times H}$  s.t.  $\Sigma_G$  l.-g.

$\Sigma_H$  l.-g.

## Failure of local-global

Theorem [KK '21]

Let  $G \leq \text{Sym}(n)$  s.t.

- )  $\Sigma_G$  non-trivial
- )  $\exists g \in G : g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ell & & \\ & & \ell & \\ & & & \ell \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $\Sigma_G$  does **not** have  
the  $k$ -local-global property.  
for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Example: For

- )  $G = \text{Sym}(n) \quad n \geq 3$
- )  $G = A_n \quad n \geq 3$
- )  $G = D_{2n} \quad n \text{ odd}$
- )  $G = \text{Sym}(n) \times \text{Sym}(n+1) \quad n \geq 2$

$\Sigma_G$  has **not** local-global  
property.

Construction  $\Sigma_{\text{Sym}(3)}$  has not 1-local-global property

let  $g = (1)(23) \langle g \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

Transversal  
T

$\langle g \rangle \curvearrowright \{1, 2, 3\}^3$

1 2 3	1 1 3	3 2 2	- -
1 3 2	1 1 2	2 3 3	- -

$$\underline{A} = (\{e, 1g\} \times \{123\} \cup \mathbb{Z}_2; f_0, f_1)$$

•)  $f_i$ : ternary, idempotent

for  $\bar{t} \in T$ :

•)  $f_i(\{i\} \times g^e(\bar{t})) = e \in \mathbb{Z}_2$

•)  $f_i(\{1-i\} \times g^e(\bar{t})) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$

•)  $f_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$  if  $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$

and symmetric elsewhere\*



$f_i$ : symmetric everywhere except  $\{i\} \times \{123\}^3$

same for every  $t \in \text{Co } \underline{A}$

## Open questions

- ) What is the complexity of Decide ( $\Sigma_{\text{sym}(n)}$ )?
  - Is Decide ( $\Sigma_{\text{sym}(n)}) \in \text{NP}$ ?
  - Is there any **hl**  $\Sigma$  with Decide ( $\Sigma$ )  $\notin \text{NP}$ ?
- ) Are there hl conditions  $\Sigma \sim \Sigma'$  such that  $\Sigma$  has l.g. property but  $\Sigma'$  not?
- ) For  $\Sigma$  hl condition: Is  $\text{Decide}(\Sigma) \sim_p \text{Decide}^{\text{idup.}}(\Sigma)$ ?



Thank you!