## Clonoids

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# **Definition of Clonoids**

Setup:A...setB...algebraC...finitary functions from A to B, henceC $\subseteq$  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B^{A^n}$  $C^{[k]}$ := $C \cap B^{A^k}(k\text{-ary functions in } C).$ 

 $C\subseteq igcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}B^{A^n}$  is a

#### clonoid with source set A and target algebra $\mathbf{B}$ : $\iff$

- ▶ for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $C^{[k]}$  is a subuniverse of  $\mathbf{B}^{A^k}$ , and
- ▶ for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $(i_1, \ldots, i_k) \in \{1, \ldots, n\}^k$ , and for all  $c \in C^{[k]}$ , the function  $c' : A^n \to B$  defined by

$$c'(a_1,\ldots,a_n):=c(a_{i_1},\ldots,a_{i_k})$$

satisfies  $c' \in C^{[n]}$ .

## Definition as stable classes

#### Composition of function classes

[Couceiro and Foldes, Acta Cybernetica 2007]

 $\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Fin}(A,B) := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B^{A^n} = \text{all finitary functions from } A \text{ to } B \\ & X \subseteq \operatorname{Fin}(A,B), \ Y \subseteq \operatorname{Fin}(B,C) \end{aligned}$ 

$$YX := \{g(f_1,\ldots,f_n) \mid m,n \in \mathbb{N}, g \in Y^{[n]}, f_1,\ldots,f_n \in X^{[m]}\}.$$

Associativity Lemma [Couceiro and Foldes] Let  $J := \{\pi_i^{(n)} : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto x_i \mid n, i \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n\}$ . Then  $(XY)Z \subseteq X(YZ) \subseteq (X(YJ))Z$ .

## Names of closed sets of finitary functions

- $X \subseteq \operatorname{Fin}(A, A)$  is a clone  $\iff J \subseteq X, XX \subseteq X$ .
  - ▶  $\{(a_1,...,a_n) \mapsto p(a_1,...,a_n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, p \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1,...,x_n]\}$  is a clone on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - ► For every universal algebra A = (A, f<sub>1</sub>,..., f<sub>k</sub>), the set of term functions of A is a clone on A denoted by Clo(A).
  - ►  $J_A := \{\pi_i^{[n]}(x_1, ..., x_n) \mapsto x_i \mid n, i \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n\}$  is the smallest clone on the set *A* and called the **clone of projections**.

Let *C* be a clone on *A*, and let *D* be a clone on *B*.  $X \subseteq Fin(A, B)$  is

- ▶ (*C*, *D*)-stable [Couceiro and Foldes 2009]  $\iff$  *XC*  $\subseteq$  *X* and *DX*  $\subseteq$  *X*.
- ▶ minor closed set or minion  $\iff XJ_A \subseteq X \iff X$  is  $(J_A, J_B)$ -stable.
- If B is an algebra, then X is a clonoid with source set A and target algebra B ⇐⇒ X is (J<sub>A</sub>, Clo(B))-stable.

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X ⊆ Fin(A, B) is a clonoid from A into B = (B; G)
 ⇔ there exists a two-sorted algebra C = ((A, B); F ∪ G) with F ⊆ Fin(A, B) and G ⊆ Fin(B, B) such that

X is the set of (finitary) term functions from A to B.

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▶ Let  $R \subseteq A'$ ,  $S \subseteq B'$ , X clonoid from A to (B; G). The pair (R, S) is **preserved** by X  $\iff (R, S)$  is a subuniverse of  $((A, B); X)' \iff XR \subseteq S$ . Then (R, S) is an **invariant relation** of X.

## The "Polym-Inv"-Theorem

Let A be finite,  $f : A^n \to B$ , X a minion from A to B. If f preserves

$$(\{\pi_i^{(n)} \mid i \in \{1,\ldots,n\}\}, X^{[n]}) \in P(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{A}^n}) \times P(\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{A}^n}),$$

then  $f \in X$ .

Hence each clonoid with finite source is determined by its finitary invariant relation pairs.

## Basic Theory of clonoids

The "Inv-Polym"-Theorem [Pippenger 2002] Let A, B be finite,  $R \subseteq A^k, S \subseteq B^k$ . Let

 $X = \{f : A^n \to B \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, f \text{ preserves } (R, S)\}.$ 

If  $(C, D) \leq ((A, B), X)^m$ , then (C, D) can be obtained from (R, S) using

direct products

▶ relaxations: If  $f : A^n \to B$  preserves (R, S), then it also preserves (R', S') with  $R' \subseteq R$ ,  $S \subseteq S'$ .

# **Occurrences of clonoids**

Given: an algebra A.

Asked: describe the polynomial functions of A.

**Example:** On a finite field, every function is a polynomial function. On the lattice  $(\{0, 1\}, \lor, \land)$ , every monotonic function is polynomial. In describing Pol(**A**)  $\subseteq$  Fin(*A*, *A*), one oftens describes **clonoids** inside Pol(**A**).

## Clonoids inside clones

Let **A** be a universal algebra, and let  $\rho \in Con(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $o \in A$ .

- $P_0$  = those functions that fix  $o = Polym({o}, {o})$ .
- All functions that map into *o*/ρ = Polym(*A*, *o*/ρ). This is a (Pol(**A**), *P*<sub>0</sub>)-stable class.
   For submodules *I*, *J* of an *R*-module *M*, the Noetherian quotient (*I* : *J*) = {*r* ∈ *R* | *rJ* ⊆ *I*} "is" Polym(*J*, *I*) ∩ Clo<sup>[1]</sup>(<sub>*R*</sub>*M*).
- All functions that are constant on ρ-cosets = Polym(ρ, =<sub>A</sub>). This is a (Pol(A), Pol(A))-stable class.
- All functions that map into one ρ-class = Polym(A × A, ρ). This is a (Pol(A), Pol(A))-stable class.

For example, [EA, 2006] describes the polynomial functions of the finite nonsolvable special linear groups.

## Occurrences in clone theory

We let A, B be abelian groups,  $f : A^n \to B$ .

► For 
$$a \in A^n$$
,  $\Delta_a(f)(x) := f(x + a) - f(x)$ .

► FDEG(f) := the minimal  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  with  $\Delta_{a_1} \Delta_{a_2} \cdots \Delta_{a_{k+1}} f = 0$  for all  $a_1, \ldots, a_{k+1} \in A^n$ .

• Intuitive:  $f : \mathbb{R}^1 \to \mathbb{R}$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2 \iff f''' = 0$ . By [Leibman 2002], we have

#### Lemma

Let End(A) be the set of all endomorphims from  $A^n$  to  $A, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$D_k := \{f : A^n \to B \mid \mathsf{FDEG}(f) \le k\}$$

is an (End(A), End(B))-stable class.

# Clonoids in universal algebraic geometry

Let  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P(A^n)$  be a system of finitary relations on *A*. Then: If for all  $n, k, \sigma : [n] \to [k], B \in S$  with  $B \subseteq A^n$ ,

$$\textit{B}_{\sigma} := \{(\textit{s}_1, \ldots, \textit{s}_k) \in \textit{A}^k \mid (\textit{s}_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, \textit{s}_{\sigma(n)}) \in \textit{B}\} = \{\textit{s} \in \textit{A}^k \mid \textit{s} \circ \sigma \in \textit{B}\}$$

satisfies  $B_{\sigma} \in S$ , then the set of characteristic functions

$$C_{\mathcal{S}} := \{\chi_{\mathcal{B}} \mid \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{S}\}$$

is a clonoid from A into  $\{0, 1\}$  called **the characteristic clonoid** of S.  $B_{\sigma}$  is a **minor** of B.

- ▶ If *S* is closed under intersections,  $C_S$  is a clonoid from *A* into ({0,1},  $\land$ ).
- If S is closed under intersections and unions, C<sub>S</sub> is a clonoid from A into ({0,1}, ∧, ∨).

We look for an algorithm that does the following:

**Input:** A finite graph G.

**Output: Yes** if  $\mathbb{G}$  is 3-colorable. No if  $\mathbb{G}$  is not even 100-colorable.

Do not bother about boarderline cases (**G** is 100-colorable and not 3-colorable). This is  $PCSP(\mathbb{K}_3, \mathbb{K}_{100})$ , where  $\mathbb{K}_n = ([n], \neq)$ .

Theorem [Pippenger 2002; Brakensiek, Guruswami 2019; Barto, Bulín, Krokhin, Opršal 2019]

If  $\mathsf{Polym}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}) \subseteq \mathsf{Polym}(\mathbb{A}', \mathbb{B}')$ , then  $\mathsf{PCSP}(\mathbb{A}', \mathbb{B}')$  is polynomial-time reducible to  $\mathsf{PCSP}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$ .

# Clonoids in equational logic

The equational theory of W in **A** [EA and Mayr 2016] **A** algebra, W subvariety of  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A})$ .

$$\mathsf{Th}_{\mathsf{A}}(W) := \{(a_1, \ldots, a_k) \mapsto \left( egin{array}{c} s^{\mathsf{A}}(\mathsf{a}) \\ t^{\mathsf{A}}(\mathsf{a}) \end{array} 
ight) \mid k \in \mathbb{N},$$

*s*, *t* are *k*-variable terms in the language of **A** with  $W \models s \approx t$ }.

Th<sub>A</sub>(*W*) is a clonoid with source set *A* and target algebra  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A}$ . These clonoids from *A* into the algebra  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A}$  can distinguish all subvarieties of  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A})$ .

# The finite relatedness result

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# Finite relatedness of Mal'cev clonoids

#### Theorem [EA Mayr McKenzie 2014, 2016]

Let *A* be finite, **B** be a finite algebra with a Mal'cev term, and let *C* be a clonoid from *A* to **B**. Then

- 1. There are  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $R \subseteq A^n$ ,  $S \leq \mathbf{B}^n$  such that C = Polym(R, S).
- 2. There is no infinite descending chain of clonoids from A to B,

#### Corollary

Every subvariety of a finitely generated variety with Mal'cev term is finitely generated.

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We will now explain the main steps in the proof.

# Forks

## **Definition of Forks**

Let **A** be an algebra, let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let *F* be a subuniverse of **A**<sup>*m*</sup>. For  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ , we define the relation Forks<sub>*i*</sub>(*F*) on *A* by

Forks<sub>i</sub>(F):={
$$(a_i, b_i) | (a_1, ..., a_m) \in F, (b_1, ..., b_m) \in F, (a_1, ..., a_{i-1}) = (b_1, ..., b_{i-1})$$
}.

If 
$$(c, d) \in Forks_i(F)$$
, we call  $(c, d)$  a fork of  $F$  at  $i$ .  
If

$$\begin{array}{rcl} {\bf u} & = & (a_1,\ldots,a_{i-1},c,a_{i+1},\ldots,a_m) \in F \text{ and} \\ {\bf v} & = & (a_1,\ldots,a_{i-1},d,b_{i+1},\ldots,b_m) \in F, \end{array}$$

then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  is a witness of the fork (c, d) at *i*.

Let  $\mathbf{F} \leq (\mathbb{Z}_5, +)^4$  with  $\mathbf{F} = \langle (1, 2, 2, 2), (3, 1, 4, 2), (1, 2, 0, 3) \rangle$ . When we compute the row echelon form of

$$\left( \begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right),$$

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we obtain that (0, 1) is a fork of **F** at 1 with witness (0, 0, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, 3) and that (0, 1) is a fork of **F** at 3 with witness (0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 2).

Let **A** be an algebra with a Mal'cev term, and let  $\mathbf{F} \leq \mathbf{A}^{m}$ .

Let G ⊆ F be such that G contains at least one witness for each fork of F. Then G generates F.

Hence for  $a := |A| < \aleph_0$ , **F** can be generated by  $a^2 \cdot m$  elements and thus

$$\#\operatorname{\mathsf{Sub}}(\mathbf{A}^m) \leq inom{a^m}{a^2m} \leq a^{m \cdot a^2 \cdot m} \leq 2^{C(a)m^2}.$$

► (The Fork Lemma) If E ≤ F and every fork of F is a fork of E, then E = F. We represent a clonoid *C* with source set  $A = \{a_1, ..., a_t\}$  and target algebra **B** using forks.

For  $\mathbf{a} \in A^n$ , we define the forks of *C* at  $\mathbf{a}$  by

$$\mathsf{Forks}(C, \mathbf{a}) := \{ (f_1(\mathbf{a}), f_2(\mathbf{a})) \in B \times B \mid f_1 \in C, f_2 \in C, \\ f_1(\mathbf{z}) = f_2(\mathbf{z}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{z} \in A^n \text{ with } \mathbf{z} <_{\mathrm{lex}} \mathbf{a} \}.$$

#### Fork Lemma for Clonoids

A finite set, **B** finite algebra with Mal'cev term, C, D clonoids from A to **B**. If  $C \subseteq D$  and C and D have the same forks, then C = D.

 $\mathbf{a} \leq_E \mathbf{b}$  : $\Leftrightarrow$  **b** can be obtained from **a** by inserting additional letters anywhere after their first occurrence in **a**. Such orders are studied further in [McDevitt 2018].

 $abac \leq_E aaababbaabaccba$ 

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#### Embedded Forks Lemma ([EA Mayr McKenzie 2014] for clones)

Let *A* be a set and **B** be an algebra, let *C* be a clonoid from *A* to **B**, and let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in A^*$  with  $\mathbf{a} \leq_E \mathbf{b}$ . Then Forks $(C, \mathbf{b}) \subseteq$  Forks $(C, \mathbf{a})$ . For a finite set A,  $(A^*, \leq_E)$  has no infinite descending chains and no infinite antichains. In other words,  $(A^*, \leq_E)$  is **well partially ordered**.

Let *U* be the set of upward closed subsets of  $(A^*, \leq_E)$ . Then

- (U, ⊆) has no infinite ascending chains.
   Reason: ⋃<sub>i∈ℕ</sub> U<sub>i</sub> is generated by its minimal elements M ⊆ A\*. As an antichain in (A\*, ≤<sub>E</sub>), M is finite.
   Hence there is j ∈ ℕ with M ⊆ U<sub>j</sub>, und thus U<sub>j+1</sub> ⊆ U<sub>j</sub>.
- (U,⊆) has no infinite antichains. Well-known; a proof in [EA and Aichinger, Expo. Math. (2020)].

## Theorem [EA Mayr McKenzie 2014, 2016]

Let *A* be finite, **B** be a finite algebra with a Mal'cev term. Then there is no infinite descending chain of clonoids from A to **B**.

## Proof (sketch):

- ▶ Let  $(C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an infinite descending chain of clonoids from *A* to **B**.
- For each D ≤ B × B, U<sub>D</sub>(C<sub>i</sub>) := {a ∈ A<sup>\*</sup> | Forks(C<sub>i</sub>, a) ⊆ D} is upward closed by the Embedded Forks Lemma.
- There is D ⊆ B × B such that (U<sub>D</sub>(C<sub>i</sub>))<sub>i∈ℕ</sub> is an infinite ascending chain. Contradiction.

#### Theorem [EA Mayr McKenzie 2014, 2016]

Let *A* be finite, **B** be a finite algebra with a Mal'cev term, and let *C* be a clonoid from *A* to *B*. Let

 $m := \max\{|\mathbf{a}| \mid \exists \mathbf{D} \leq \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B} : \mathbf{a} \text{ is minimal in } U_{\mathbf{D}}(C)\}.$ 

Then C = Polym(R; S) with  $R \subseteq A^{|A|^m}$  and  $S \leq \mathbf{B}^{|A|^m}$ .

We do not know how to compute *m*. Computing *m* would allow us to decide: **Given:**  $F \subset_{\text{fin}} \text{Fin}(B, B), k \in \mathbb{N}, \rho \subset B^k$ .

**Asked:**  $Clo_B(F \cup \{d\}) = Polym(\rho)$ .

Note that  $\subseteq$  is easy to check.

- 1. Release finiteness of *A* or **B**.
- 2. *A* finite, **B** Mal'cev algebra. Is there an infinite antichain of clonoids from *A* to **B**?
- 3. Is there an infinite antichain of clones with a Mal'cev term on a finite set?

# Significance of "no antichains"

We imitate [Robertson and Seymour, Graph minors. XX. 2004].

## Fact

A finite, d Mal'cev, f, g operations on A.

Suppose that there is no infinite antichain of clones on *A* containing *d*. We define

 $f \leq_d g : \iff f \in \operatorname{Clo}_{\mathcal{A}}(g, d).$ 

Let  $\psi$  be a property of operations such that

$$\boldsymbol{g} \models \boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{f} \leq_{\boldsymbol{d}} \boldsymbol{g} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{f} \models \boldsymbol{\psi}.$$

Then  $\psi$  can be decided in polynomial time in  $||f|| \sim |A|^{\operatorname{arity}(f)}$ .

**Proof:**  $\psi$  has finitely many minimal counterexamples  $g_1, \ldots, g_k$ . The property  $g_i \in \text{Clo}_A(f, d)$  can be checked "easily".

# **Open problems - varieties**

The "no descending chains" result for clonoids yields:

## Theorem [EA and Mayr 2016]

Let **A** be a finite algebra with a Mal'cev term. Then every subvariety of  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A})$  is generated by a finite algebra.

#### **Open problems:**

- Given A, B similar finite algebras with Mal'cev term, V(A) ∩ V(B) is therefore finitely generated. Can you give an upper bound for the size of a generator?
- Is there a finitely generated variety with a Mal'cev term (of finite type) with an infinite antichain of subvarieties? (Infinite ascending chains cannot exist, and infinite descending chains sometimes do exist; pointed group [Bryant 1982]).

# **Description of concrete clonoids**

## Clonoids closed under near-unanimity terms

$$t(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$$
 is NU-term  $\iff$   
 $t(x, y, y, \ldots, y) = t(y, x, y, \ldots, y) = \cdots = t(y, y, \ldots, x) = y$  for all  $x, y$ .

#### Theorem [Baker and Pixley 1975; Sparks 2019]

A finite, **B** algebra with *n*-ary NU-term Let *C*, *D* clonoids from *A* to **B** that have the same functions of arity  $|A|^{n-1}$ . Then C = D.

Remark: For clones,  $|A|^{n-1}$  can be improved [Lakser, 1989], [Kerkhoff 2011], [Kerkhoff and Zhuk, 2014].

## Clonoids closed under near-unanimity terms: a logical consequence

For a set of f.o. formulas  $\Phi$  in the language of the f.o. structure **A**, let

$$\mathsf{Def}^{[n]}(\Phi) := \Big\{ \{ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathcal{A}^n \mid \mathbf{A} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \} \mid \varphi \in \Phi \text{ with } \mathsf{freeVars}(\varphi) \subseteq \{ x_1, \dots, x_n \} \Big\}.$$

## Corollary [EA and Rossi 2020]

Let  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  be f.o. structures on a finite set A. For each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , let  $\Phi_i$  be a set of f.o. formulas in the language of  $\mathbf{A}_i$  that is closed under  $\land$ ,  $\lor$ , and substituting variables. Then  $\text{Def}(\mathbf{A}_1, \Phi_1) = \text{Def}(\mathbf{A}_2, \Phi_2)$  if and only if  $\text{Def}^{[|A|^2]}(\mathbf{A}_1, \Phi_1) = \text{Def}^{[|A|^2]}(\mathbf{A}_2, \Phi_2)$ .

By Sparks' Theorem, there are only finitely many clonoids from *A* into an algebra with NU-term.

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## Open problem [Sparks 2019]

Is there a finite set A and an algebra **B** such that

- there are only finitely many clonoids from A to B and
- |A| > 1 and **B** has no NU-term?

## Theorem [Sparks 2019]

For  $|\mathbf{B}| = 2$  and finite *A*, let *c* be the number of clonoids from *A* to **B**. Then:

- 1.  $c < \aleph_0 \iff \mathbf{B}$  has an NU-term.
- 2.  $c = \aleph_0 \iff \mathbf{B}$  has a Mal'cev term and no NU-term.
- 3.  $c = 2^{\aleph_0} \iff \mathbf{B}$  has neither NU nor Mal'cev term.

#### Motivation: Bulatov and Idziak described all extensions of

$$\mathsf{Pol}(\mathbb{Z}_{p} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p}, +) = \mathsf{Clo}(\mathbb{Z}_{p} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p}, +, 1).$$

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We try to describe extensions of  $Clo(\mathbb{Z}_{p} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p}, +)$ .

# Linear closed clonoids from $\mathbb{Z}_p$ to $\mathbb{Z}_p$

#### First step:

## Theorem [Kreinecker 2020]

Let  $L := \text{Clo}(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$ . For every (L, L)-stable subclass C of  $\text{Fin}(\mathbb{Z}_p, Z_p)$ , there is  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}_0$  such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (n \in M \land n > p-1) \Rightarrow n-(p-1) \in M.$$

*f* ∈ *C* ⇐⇒ *f* is induced by a polynomial such that the total degree of each monomial is in *M*.

The correspondence  $C \mapsto M$  is a lattice isomorphism from the set (L, L)-stable classes to the subsets of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  satisfying the first condition.

**Example:** p = 3,  $M = \{6, 4, 2\} \cup \{11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1\}$  is minor closed,  $x_1 x_2 x_8 x_9 x_{10}^2 + x_1^2 x_2^2 - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6 x_7 \in C$ . Hence the lattice of (L, L)-stable classes is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}, \subseteq)^{p-1} \times 2$ -element chain.

# Embedding the clonoid into a clone

#### Theorem [Fioravanti and Kreinecker 2020]

For an (L, L)-stable subclass C of  $Fin(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , define

$$\phi(\mathcal{C}) := \{ ((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)) \mapsto \big( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i + c(y_1, \dots, y_n), \sum_{i=1}^n b_i y_i \big) \mid a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}, c \in \mathcal{C} \} \subseteq \mathsf{Fin}(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

Then  $\phi(C)$  is a clone. The mapping  $C \mapsto \phi(C)$  is a lattice embedding.

#### Theorem [Kreinecker 2020]

Let p > 2 be a prime. Then there are infinitely many not finitely generated clones on  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$  which contain +.

Extensions of  $Clo(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q, +)$ 

## Theorem [Fioravanti 2020]

Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  be squarefree. Then each clone containing  $Clo(\mathbb{Z}_s, +)$  is generated by its functions of arity  $\leq s$ .

#### Lemma [Fioravanti 2019]

Let  $L_p := \text{Clo}(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$  and  $L_q := \text{Clo}(\mathbb{Z}_q, +)$ . Then every  $(L_p, L_q)$ -stable subclass of  $\text{Fin}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is generated by one unary function.

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# ¡Muchas gracias por su atención y esta invitación muy apreciada!

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