

# Polynomial Clones on Squarefree Groups

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## Some classical results.

clones on a finite set $A$ :	$\aleph_0$ if $ A  = 2, c$ else
clones containing all constants:	$7$ if $ A  = 2, c$ else
constants and a Mal'cev operation:	finite iff $ A  \leq 3$ (Idziak, 1999)

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# Results

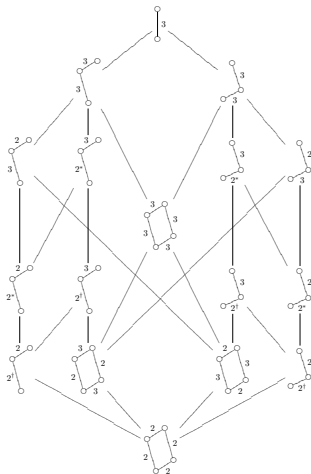
**Theorem.** (PM, submitted 2007)

For an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with squarefree group reduct,  $\text{Pol}(\mathbf{A})$  is determined by  $\text{Pol}_2(\mathbf{A})$ .

**Corollary.** (PM, submitted 2007)

There are only finitely many clones on  $A$  that contain a group operation and all constants iff  $|A|$  is squarefree.

# Polynomial clones on $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{pq}, + \rangle$ (Aichinger, PM, 2007)



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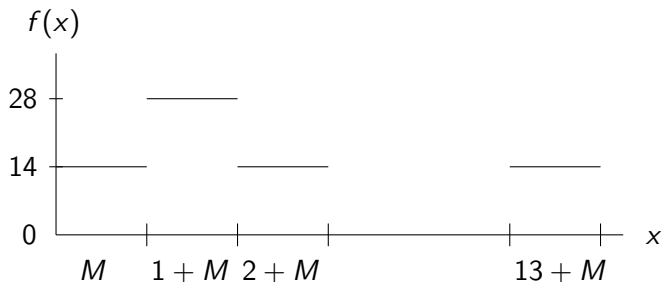
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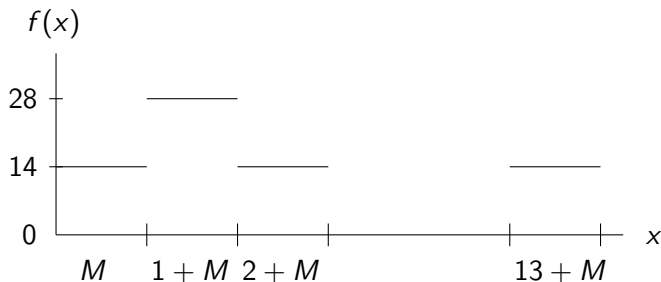




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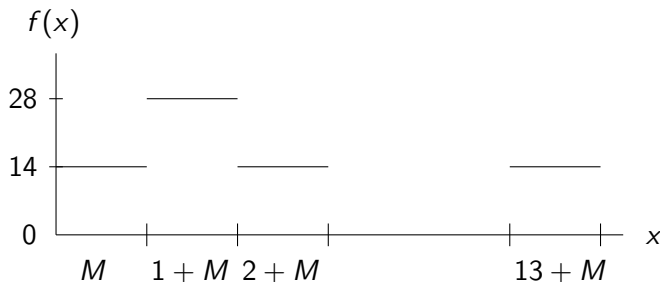


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 $W$  is an  $F[G]$ -module that is the sum of simple  $F[G]$ -modules.

## Interlude: Representation theory

### Lemma.

Let  $F, K$  be finite fields with distinct characteristics, let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $F[K^k]$  splits into 2 simple  $F[\text{AGL}(k, K)]$ -modules whose endomorphism algebras are  $F$ .

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is preserved by  $+, g_6, g_{10}, g_{15}$  but not by  $g_{30}$ .