



# Groups and Certificates

## (Part II)

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# Motivation

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- Check plausibility/correctness of CAS results
- Have an easy and convincing argument
- Nevertheless use a “clever” argument
  - Certify mathematics like mathematicians
- Are certificates sufficient to
  - **construct** a formal proof?
  - **plan** a formal proof?

# Implementation

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- GAP functions give solutions + certificates
  - translation of certificates into ad hoc explanations
  - translation of certificates into formal proofs
  - provide proof planning machinery in Omega
  - abstraction to retain comprehensibility
- ⇒ integrate the certificates into the reasoning
- ⇒ construct highly hierarchical plans

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- Is  $g$  an **element**  $G$ ?
- Is  $H$  a **subgroup** of  $G$ ?
- Determine the **orbit** of  $x \in \Omega$  under  $G$ ?
- What is the **stabiliser subgroup** for  $x \in \Omega$  in  $G$ ?
- Find a **base** for  $G$ ?

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- ⇒ **properties give additional proof obligations**
- **Operator @** to apply the permutations to points
  - $g_1 = g_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall_{n \in \mathbb{N}}. g_1 @ n = g_2 @ n$
  - Other formalisations straightforward



# Annotated Constants



- Always concrete permutations
  - Declaration of  $(a, b, c)$  denotes a constant with
    - annotation, that it is a cycle of the objects  $a, b, c$
    - definition  $(\text{cons } a(\text{cons } b(\text{cons } c \text{ nil})))$
  - Declaration of  $\{a, b, c\}$  denotes a constant with
    - annotation, that it is a set containing the objects  $a, b, c$
    - definition  $\lambda x.(x = a \vee x = b \vee x = c)$
- $\Rightarrow \{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}$  and  $\{(3, 4), (2, 1)\}$  denote the same constant
- $\Rightarrow$  'trivial' properties for free

# Formalisation of Concepts



$$\textit{Orbit}(G_{\alpha \rightarrow o}, @_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta}, x_{\beta}) \equiv \lambda y_{\beta}. \exists g:G. y = g @ x$$

$$\textit{Stabiliser}(G_{\alpha \rightarrow o}, @_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta}, x_{\beta}) \equiv \lambda g_{\alpha}. g \in G \wedge g @ x = x$$

$$\textit{StabChain}(G, @, (a :: l)_{list}) \equiv \textit{Stabiliser}(\textit{StabChain}(G, @, l), @, a)$$

$$\textit{StabChain}(G_{\alpha \rightarrow o}, @_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta}, ()_{list}) \equiv G$$

$$\textit{Base}(G_{\alpha \rightarrow o}, @_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta}, l_{list}) \equiv \textit{StabChain}(G, @, l) = \{id\}$$

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- ‘compute concrete set’ not expressible
- control of proof planner forces to instantiate concrete objects

# Hierarchical Proof Planning

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- Proof plans are composed of macro steps:  
methods = tactic + specification
- Execution of methods leads to logic level proof
- minor queries recur frequently in proofs of more complicated queries
- postpone the solution of these queries
- justify minor queries with **critical methods**
- plan subproofs when executing a **critical method**

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## 2. in methods:

- apply **GAP** to solve equations, apply or multiply permutations,
- verified when proof plan is executed (including recursive calls to **GAP**)

# Example — Membership



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# List of Methods

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- 6 basic ND methods
- 5 methods from set theory
- 3 methods using GAP
- 5 methods from permutation group theory
- 6 domain specific methods (introducing lemmata etc.)
- 6 Critical methods

# Experiments



1600 problems: randomly generated permutations in  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ .

| Generating set   | Member-<br>ship | Nonmembership |          | Average<br>Order |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|------------------|
|                  |                 | Unexp.        | Expanded |                  |
| 2 Elem. of $S_5$ | 4.9             | 68.8          | 198.9    | 58.8             |
| 4 Elem. of $S_5$ | 6.1             | 88.9          | 360.5    | 112.6            |
| 2 Elem. of $S_8$ | 5.0             | 160.1         | 754.6    | 25217.2          |
| 4 Elem. of $S_8$ | 6.9             | 233.7         | 1313.0   | 37389.8          |





# Future Work

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- Extend our work to graph theory
- Show non-isomorphism of graphs
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