# A general duality theory for clones

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### What is clone theory?

#### Notation

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### Definition

A subset  $C \subseteq O_A$  is a clone (of operations) if

- ▶ it contains all projections  $\pi_i^n$ :  $A^n \to A : (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \mapsto x_i$ ,
- ▶ for all  $f \in C^{(n)}$ ,  $f_1, \ldots, f_n \in C^{(k)}$ , the *k*-ary operation

$$f(f_1, \ldots, f_n)(x_1, \ldots, x_k) := f(f_1(x_1, \ldots, x_k), \ldots, f_n(x_1, \ldots, x_k))$$
  
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(think: term operations)

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#### However...

...as soon as  $|A| \ge 3$ , it seems totally out of reach to understand the lattice of all clones on A completely.

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An operation  $f \in O_A^{(n)}$  preserves a relation  $\sigma \in R_A^{(k)}$ , written  $f \triangleright \sigma$ , whenever

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1k} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} a_{n1} \\ a_{n2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nk} \end{pmatrix} \in \sigma \Longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} f(a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{n1}) \\ f(a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{n2}) \\ \vdots \\ f(a_{1k}, a_{2k}, \dots, a_{nk}) \end{pmatrix} \in \sigma.$$

That is,  $\sigma$  forms a subalgebra of  $(A, f)^k$ .

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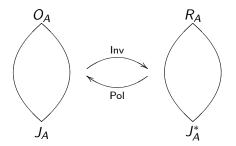
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#### A well-known result...

The Galois-closed classes of Pol-Inv are local closures of clones of operations and local closures of so-called clones of relations.

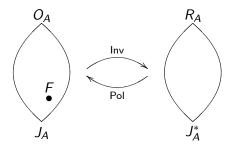
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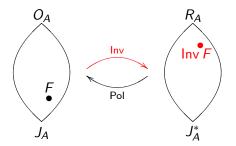
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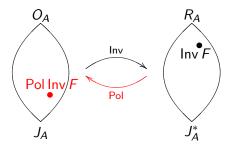
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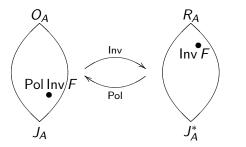
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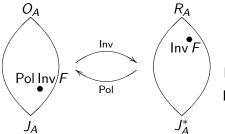
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Only works for centralizer clones with finite base set and dismisses Pol-Inv.





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- This is useful.



### Treating and dualizing clones categorically. (a lot of triviality)

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# Examples.

- ► If C = Set, this notion coincides with the usual notion of a clone.
- ▶ If  $A \in Top$ , then  $O_A$  is the clone of the topological space A.
- ► Each clone C on a finite set A can be written as O<sub>A</sub> for some algebraic structure A with carrier set A. (for instance, take A = ⟨A, Inv C⟩).

## What's the connection to Lawvere theories?

A Lawvere theory is a small category with countably many objects  $\mathbf{t}_0, \mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots$  such that  $\mathbf{t}_n$  is the *n*-th power of  $\mathbf{t}_1$ .

#### Fact

A set of operations C over  $\mathbf{A} \in C$  is a clone iff there exists a Lawvere theory  $\mathcal{L}$  and a product-preserving functor  $M \colon \mathcal{L} \to C$  such that  $M(\mathbf{t}_1) = \mathbf{A}$  and

$$C = \{M(f) \mid f \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{t}_n, \mathbf{t}_1), n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

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We can now dualize all notions.

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### Dual operations and dual clones.

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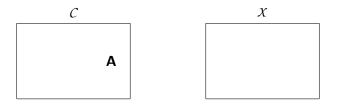
An *n*-ary dual operation over **X** is a morphism from  $\mathbf{A}^n$  to  $\mathbf{A}$  **X** to  $n \cdot \mathbf{X}$ . Let  $\overline{O}_{\mathbf{X}}$  be the set of all finitary dual operations over **X**.

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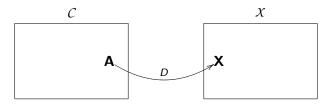
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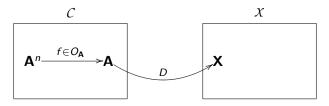
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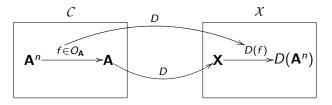
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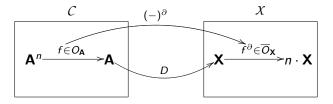
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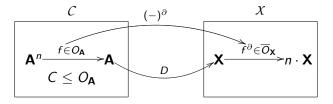
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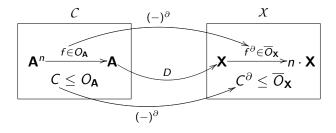
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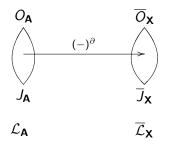


► The set of dual operations C<sup>∂</sup> = {f<sup>∂</sup> | f ∈ C} is a clone of dual operations over X iff C is a clone of operations over A.

The duality on the clone lattices.

#### Consequence.

The lattice of clones of operations over A and that of clones of dual operations over X are isomorphic.



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#### Generalizing and dualizing Pol-Inv.

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This will be our starting point for generalizing relations.

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# The idea.



We do not take sets of the form  $\{1, \ldots, k\}$ , but objects from the category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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#### Remark

For C = Set and  $\mathbb{T} = \{\{1, \dots, k\} \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\mathsf{Pol}_{\mathbf{A}}-\mathsf{Inv}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbb{T}}$  coincides with Pol-Inv.

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The main result for  $\mathsf{Pol}_{\mathbf{A}}-\mathsf{Inv}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbb{T}}$  (verbally).

The Galois-closed classes are what you expect.

Generalized local closures of clones of operations & generalized local closures of clones of relations.

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# Clones of relations.

#### Definition

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## Local closure operators.

#### Definition

Let  $F \subseteq O_A$ ,  $R \subseteq R_A^{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $s \ge 1$  and let  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{T}$ . We define the following local closure operators:

$$\mathbf{C}\operatorname{-Loc} F := \{ f \in O_{\mathbf{A}}^{(n)} \mid n \ge 1, \forall r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}) : \\ \exists f' \in F : f \circ \langle r_1, \dots, r_n \rangle = f' \circ \langle r_1, \dots, r_n \rangle \}, \\ \operatorname{s-LOC}^{\mathbb{T}} R := \{ \sigma \in \mathsf{R}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbb{T}} \mid \forall B \subseteq \sigma, |B| \le s : \exists \sigma' \in R : B \subseteq \sigma' \subseteq \sigma \}. \\ \operatorname{Loc}^{\mathbb{T}} F := \bigcap_{\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{T}} \mathbf{C}\operatorname{-Loc} F, \qquad \operatorname{LOC}^{\mathbb{T}} R := \bigcap_{s \ge 1} \operatorname{s-LOC}^{\mathbb{T}} R. \end{cases}$$

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The main result for  $Pol_{\mathbf{A}}-Inv_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbb{T}}$  (formally).

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#### Generalized Baker-Pixely Theorem

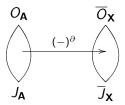
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•  $d \cdot \mathbf{B} \in C$ ,

► For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a finite subset  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq C(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A})$  s.t. for all  $f, g \in O_{\mathbf{A}}^{(n)}$  we have f = g whenever  $f \circ \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle = g \circ \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle$  for all  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $Clo(\mathcal{F}) = Pol_{\mathbf{A}} Inv_{\mathbf{A}}^{(d \cdot \mathbf{B})} \mathcal{F}$ .

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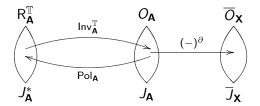


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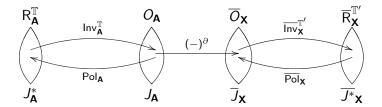
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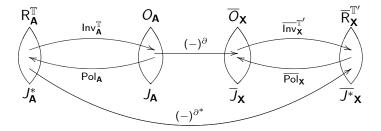
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### Using this framework.

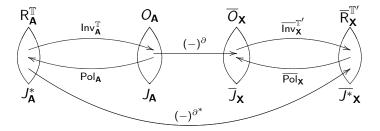


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There is some use in this.

In abstract categories: Just a change of notation. In concrete categories: Different.



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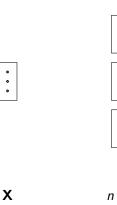
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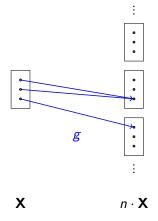
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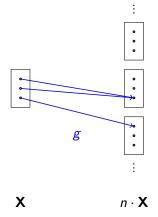
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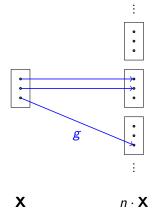
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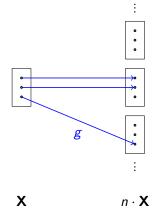
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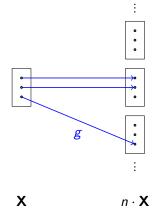
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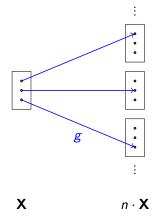
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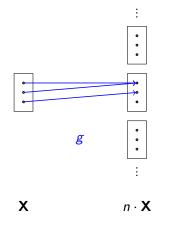
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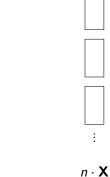
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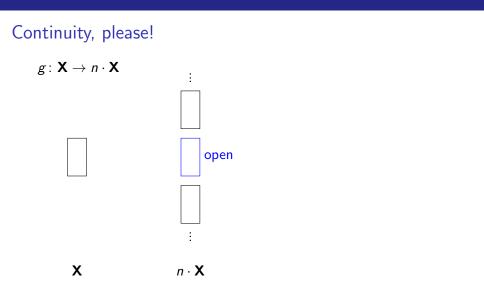


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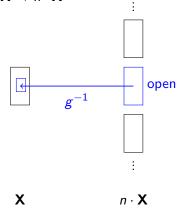
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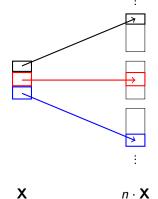
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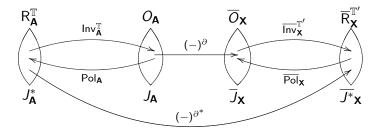
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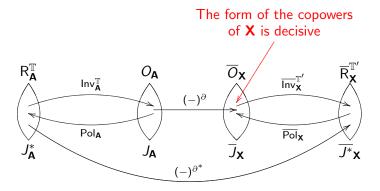
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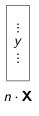
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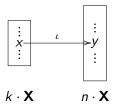
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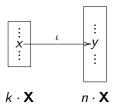


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This property is rare, but there are many well-known categories in which all objects have non-deformed copowers to the degree 1: *Set*, *Top*, *pSet*, *Graph*, *Pries*,...

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Let **X** be finite and let X be concrete.

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# There are (many) examples in which we can use this.

If we dualize the following clones, then we obtain a clone of dual operations over X which has non-deformed copowers of degree 1:

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- Clones over Boolean algebras,
- clones over De Morgan algebras,
- clones over Heyting algebras,
- clones over (bounded) distributive lattices,
- clones over median algebras,
- clones over commutative unital C\*-algebras,
- clones over *M*-spaces with unit,

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The following two statements are equivalent:

- 1.  $\operatorname{Clo}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathsf{A}} \cup \operatorname{End} \mathsf{A}) = O_{\mathsf{A}}.$
- For each Y ∈ Con(X) and (Y<sub>1</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>) ∈ Spl(Y) there exists Y' ∈ Con(X) \ {Y} such that Y<sub>1</sub> or Y<sub>2</sub> can be order-embedded into Y'.

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