# **On (co)normal closure operators**

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Given a class of groups  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathsf{Grp}$ , the normal closure induced by  $\mathbb{A}$  is given by  $\operatorname{norm}_{G}^{\mathbb{A}}(H) := \bigcap \{ N \mid H \subseteq N \lhd G, \ G/N \subseteq A \in \mathbb{A} \} = \bigcap \{ f^{-1}(0) \mid f : G \to A \in \mathbb{A}, \ f(H) = 0 \}$ 

It is easy to see that the normal closure can be defined in any category with a 0-object and an  $\mathcal{M}$ -right factorization, where  $\mathcal{M}$  contains all normal monomorphisms.

It is patent that the constructions of the normal and the regular closure are very similar. Accordingly, we will define the conormal closure - in parallel with the coregular closure - and, using a unifying setting, we will generalize results obtained for regular/coregular closures in [CT]. X - category with finite limits and a factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  with  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq MonoX$ .

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c is idempotent if c(c(m)) = c(m) for all  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ .

c is weakly hereditary if  $c(j_m) = 1_{cM}$  for all  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $c(m) \cdot j_m = m$ .

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