# Pseudogrupoids and hoc genus omne in universal algebra 

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## First Slide

The contents of the first slide will appear on the second slide. And it is much superior to any of Epimenides', Gödel's or Tarski's tricks; because it is

## TRUE

## First slide-cnt'd

## Thank You, George

When back home, slap your wife. You do not need to know why; she does.
(Old Sicilian Philosophy)

## Pseudogrupoids-1

- $R, S$ congruence relations on an algebra $A$
- $R \square S$ : the subalgebra of $A \times A \times A \times A$ containing the quadruples $(x, y, t, z)$ such that $x R y, x S t, z R t, z S y$ :

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
x & t \\
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horizontal (resp. vertical) elements related by $R$ (resp. by $S$ ).

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(B) $m(x, y, t, z)=m\left(x, y, t^{\prime}, z\right)$ (i.e. $m$ does not depend on the third variable);
(C1) $m(x, x, t, z)=z$;
(C2) $m(x, y, t, y)=x$;
(D) $m\left(m\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, y, x_{3}\right), x_{4}, t, x_{5}\right)=m\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, t, m\left(x_{3}, x_{4}, z, x_{5}\right)\right)$, whenever $m$ is defined [...]for (A), (B), (C1), C(2) and for $x_{1} R x_{2}, y R x_{3} R x_{4}, t R x_{5} R z$; and $t S x_{1} S y, x_{2} S x_{3} S z, x_{4} S x_{5}$ for (D).

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- Congruence lattices of algebras in an ID variety are modular.


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Let $\mathbf{C}$ be an ID variety, $A \in \mathbf{C}, R, S$ be congruence relations of $A$. A homomorphism $g: R \square S \longrightarrow A$ is a pseudogroupoid on $R, S$ iff the following hold:

1. $g(x, x, x, x)=x$;
2. $g(x, 0,0,0)=x$;
3. $g(0,0,0, x)=x$;
4. $g(0,0, x, x)=x$,
when defined, namely for all $x \in A$ for (1); $0 R \times S 0$ ) for (2) and (3); (0 S x) for (4).

## Proof

One direction is trivial.

- Assuming (1)-(4) we have to show that $g$ is a pseudogroupoid. Assume the binary terms $s, d_{1}, \ldots, d_{n}$ satify requirements (a), (b) above. Consider ideals $I=0 / R, J=0 / S$. First prove some consequences of axioms (1)-(4)(in brackets, the range of the variables):
(5) $g(x, x, 0,0)=0 \quad(x \in J)$;
(6) $g(x, x, z, z)=z \quad(x S z)$;
(7) $g(0,0, x, 0)=0 \quad(x \in I \cap J)$;
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(11) $g(x, y, x, y)=x \quad(x S y)$;
(12) $g(0,0, t, z)=z \quad(t R z, t \in J, z \in J)$.


## Proof, cnt'd

- for instance: to prove (9), use (1) and (2):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g(0, x, x, x)=g(s(x, x), s(x, 0), s(x, 0), s(x, 0))= \\
& =s(g(x, x, x, x), g(0,0,0, x))=s(x, x)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

- For (12), first notice that for $i=1, \ldots, n, d_{i}(t, z) \in J$; then by (6) and (7):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.d_{i}(g(0,0, t, z), z)=d_{i}(g(0,0, t, z), g(0,0, z, z))\right)= \\
& =g\left(0,0, d_{i}(t, z), 0\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

- Next got to the axioms; for instance, to verify (C2) for $g$ : use axiom (B) just verified, and apply (11):

$$
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$$

## Variations on axioms

$\bullet$ A homomorphism $g: R \square S \longrightarrow A$ is a pseudogroupoid on $R, S$ iff the following hold:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
1 g(x, x, x, x)=x ; \\
2^{\prime} g(x, 0, x, 0)=x ; \\
3^{\prime} g(0,0, x, 0)=0 ; \\
4^{\prime} g(0,0, x, x)=x
\end{array}
$$

- The real role of axiom 1 is to ensure that $g$ is surjective on $A$.
- Anybody fit to compact these axioms?


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- it is a normal subalgebra (i.e. it is a congruence class and a subalgebra) of $A$, it is preserved under surjective homomorphisms, and it depends on $A$ but not on the ID variety to which $A$ belongs,


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$$
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3 Any intersection of functional subalgebras of $B \times C$ is a functional subalgebra. The following are equivalent for any functional subset $H \subseteq B \times C$.
(i) There is a functional subalgebra $F \subseteq B \times C$ such that $F \supseteq H$.
(ii) The subalgebra $H_{B \times C}$ generated in $B \times C$ by $H$ is functional.

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[G.Janledze-Marki-Tholen-~(CahiersTGDC2010)]:
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The commutator in semiabelian categories is dealt with in [Gran-G.Janelidze-~ (to appear, 2012)], but not yet via pseudogrupoids

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- (2) Ideals, clots and the commutator can be extended to general varieties with many constants [ $\sim$ (TAC, 2012)]. What are pseudogrupoids here?


## None of the above, but in this section

A curious remark on some semiabelian varieties

- A 1- semiabelian variety is a variety satisfying the laws:

$$
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