

# Ordered Kovács-Newman semigroups

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We say that pseudovariety  $\mathbf{U}$  is **finite join irreducible (fji)** if

$$\mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \vee \mathbf{W} \text{ then either } \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \text{ or } \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{W}.$$

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Since  $G \in \mathbf{H}_1 \vee \mathbf{H}_2$  if there is such diagram with  $G_i \in \mathbf{H}_i$ , then also the pseudovariety  $\mathbf{HSP}_{fin}(G)$ , with  $G$  being KN group, is a **fji** pseudovariety.



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Example

Group  $\mathbb{S}_n$  is KN for  $n \geq 5$ , as  $\mathbb{A}_n$  forms the monolith.

Pseudovariety  $\mathbf{G}$  of finite groups is irreducible.

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## Theorem (Rhodes, Steinberg, 2009)

Finite semigroup is a Kovács-Newman semigroup if and only if it is group mapping semigroup over its kernel and the maximal subgroup of the kernel is a KN group (i.e. monolithic with non-abelian monolith).

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Other **fji** results: **CR**, **DS** ...

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Irreducibility of certain pseudovarieties in  $\mathcal{L}_o(\mathbf{S})$  studied ( $\mathbf{A}, \overline{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{B}, \dots$  by Almeida, Klíma (2015, 2018) using different techniques).

# Pseudovariety **CS** in $\mathcal{L}_o(\mathbf{S})$

Corollary (JK, 2018)

Pseudovariety **CS** of ordered completely simple semigroups is finite join irreducible in the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_o(\mathbf{S})$ .

# Closure

Thank you so much for your attention.