

# Split reductive groups over rings and their relatives

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Define  $E(I) = \langle x_\alpha(r) \mid \alpha \in \Phi, r \in R \rangle$  and  $\check{E}(R, I) = E(I)^{E(R)}$ .

The latter is called the relative elementary subgroup.

If  $G = SL_n$ , then  $x_\alpha(r)$  differs from the identity matrix in 1 nondiagonal place ( $\alpha$  parametrizes the place,  $r$  is the entry).

## Normal structure 2

Suppose that

- ▶  $\Phi \neq A_1$ ,
- ▶ 2 is invertible in  $R$  if  $\Phi = B_n, C_n, F_4$ , and
- ▶ 6 is invertible in  $R$  if  $\Phi = G_2$ .

### Theorem

*Given a subgroup  $H \leq G(R)$ , normalized by  $E(R)$ , there exists a unique ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that*

$$\check{E}(R, I) \leq H \leq \check{C}(R, I).$$

*Moreover,  $[\check{C}(R, I), E(R)] = \check{E}(R, I)$ , hence all subgroups in the sandwich are normalized by  $E(R)$ .*

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## Results

1. Normality of  $E(R)$  in  $G(R)$  and commutator formulas.
2. Bounded width of commutators.
3. Nilpotent structure of  $G(R)/E(R)$ .

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$$\check{E}(R, I)\check{E}(R, J) = \check{E}(R, I + J).$$

$$\text{If } R = R' + I, \text{ then } E(R')\check{E}(R, I) = E(R).$$

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### Property (clearing denominators)

Let  $a \in \check{G}(R[t], tR[t])$ . Suppose that  $\lambda_S(a) \in E(R_S[t])$ . Then there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $a(st) \in \check{E}(R[t], tR[t])$ .

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## Theorem (width of commutators)

*There exists a constant  $L \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for any  $K$ -algebra  $R$ , ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $a \in G(R)$ , and  $b \in \check{E}(R, I)$  (or  $a \in \check{G}(R, I)$  and  $b \in \check{E}(R)$ ) the commutator  $[a, b]$  can be written as a product of  $\leq L$  elements of  $\mathcal{S}(R, I)$ .*

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Theorem (nilpotent structure of  $K_1$ )

If  $\dim R \leqslant d$ , then

$$[\check{G}(R, I_0), \check{G}(R, I_1), \dots, \check{G}(R, I_d)] \leqslant EE(R, I_0 \dots I_{d-1}, I_d).$$