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- Let G be a group;
- Let Σ be a subset of $\mathcal{L}(G)$;
- Let \mathcal{P} be a theoretical property of subgroups.

If for each $H \in \Sigma$, H satisfies \mathcal{P} ...
what about G ?



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- *Countable recognizability* was introduced by R. Baer.



Baer, R.: Abzählbar erkennbare gruppentheoretische Eigenschaften.
Math. Z. 79, 344–363 (1962).

Theorem 1.1

The class of nilpotent groups is countably recognizable.



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Such groups are the so-called (uncountable) *Jónsson groups*!



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We have to consider groups with **no-Jónsson** normal subgroups.



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Theorem 2.1 (M. De Falco - F. de Giovanni - H. Heineken - C. Musella, 2016)

Let A be an uncountable abelian group of cardinality \aleph . Then A contains a subgroup of the form

$$B = \text{Dr}_{i \in I} B_i,$$

where the set I has cardinality \aleph and either all B_i are infinite cyclic or they all have the same prime order.



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Let G be a group and k a positive integer. If every $H \leq G$ is subnormal of defect at most k , then G is nilpotent of class at most $f(k)$.



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Theorem (M. J. Evans and Y. Kim, 2004)

Let G be a locally soluble group of infinite rank in which all subgroups of infinite rank are subnormal of bounded defect, then all subgroups of G are subnormal of bounded defect.



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Theorem 3.2 (M. De Falco - F. de Giovanni - H. Heineken - C. Musella, 2016)

Let k be a positive integer, and let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph in which all large subgroups are subnormal of defect at most k .

- (a) If G contains an abelian large normal subgroup, then all subgroups of G are subnormal of defect at most k , and so G is nilpotent of class at most $f(k)$.*
- (b) If G contains an abelian large subgroup, then G is nilpotent and the subgroup $\gamma_{f(k)+1}(G)$ is small.*



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Theorem 3.3 (Baer)

*Let G be a group. G is a Dedekind group if and only if G is either **abelian** or a direct product of the form $G = Q_8 \times B \times D$, where B is an elementary abelian 2-group, and D is a torsion abelian group with all elements of odd order.*



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Corollary 3.4

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph which has no Jónsson large subgroups. If all large subgroups of G are normal and G contains an abelian large subgroup, then G is a Dedekind group.



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Theorem 3.5 (M. De Falco - F. de Giovanni- C. Musella)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph which has no Jónsson large subgroups. Then all large subgroups of G are normal if and only if one of the following conditions holds:

- (a) G is a Dedekind group;*
- (b) G is a C_{\aleph}^1 -group;*
- (c) $G = P \times Q$, where P is a nilpotent p -group of cardinality \aleph for some prime p , Q is a periodic Dedekind p' -group, and
 - $p > 2$, P is a C_{\aleph}^1 -group and Q is nonabelian,*
 - $p = 2$ and P contains a nonabelian C_{\aleph}^1 -subgroup N of finite index and such that P/N' is a Dedekind nonabelian group.**



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- H is said to be *nearly normal* in G if $|H^G : H| < \infty$.



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Theorem 3.7 (B. H. Neumann)

Let G be a group. For all $H \leq G$, H is nearly normal if and only if $|G'| < \infty$.



B. H. Neumann, *Groups with finite classes of conjugate subgroups*, Math. Z. 63 (1955), 76–96.



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Theorem 3.8 (M. De Falco - F. de Giovanni - C. Musella)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph in which every large subgroup is nearly normal. If G contains a large FC -subgroup, then $|G'| < \infty$.



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Theorem 3.9 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph . If there exists a positive integer k such that for every large subgroup X of G , $|X^G : X| \leq k$, then for every large subgroup X of G , the index $|G' : X'| \leq f(k)$.



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Theorem 3.10 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph which has no Jónsson large subgroups. If there exists a positive integer k such that for every large subgroup X of G , $|X^G : X| \leq k$, then

- (i) G' is small,*
- (ii) $\gamma_3(G) = [G', G]$ is finite.*

If G' is infinite, there exists a finite subgroup N containing $\gamma_3(G)$ such that either G'/N has prime exponent p or G/N is a C_{\aleph}^1 -group with divisible commutator subgroup.



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Corollary 3.11

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph which has no Jónsson large subgroups. If there exists a positive integer k such that for every large subgroup X of G , $|X^G : X| \leq k$ and G is torsion-free, then G is a C_{\aleph}^1 -group.



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C_{\aleph}^1 -groups replace abelian groups when we restrict our attention only on large subgroups.



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Theorem 3.12 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph which has no Jónsson large subgroups. Then there exists a positive integer k such that $|X^G : X| \leq k$ for every large subgroup X of G if and only if there exists a positive integer h and a family $\{K_j | j \in J\}$ such that

- K_j is a C_{\aleph}^1 -group, for each $j \in J$;
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\Rightarrow The commutator subgroups of large subgroups are constrained between a fixed K'_j and G' .



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Theorem 3.13 (M. J. Tomkinson)

Let G be an FC-group. Let α be an infinite cardinal. If $|U^G : U| < \alpha$ for each subgroup U of G , then $|G'| < \alpha$.



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Theorem 3.14 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable FC-group of cardinality \aleph . Let α be an infinite cardinal. If $|U^G : U| < \alpha$ for each large subgroup U of G , then $|G'| < \alpha$.



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Math. Z. 63 (1955), 76–96.



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Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph in which all large subgroups are almost normal. If G contains a large abelian subgroup, then $|G/Z(G)| < \infty$.



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Theorem 3.18 (Y. D. Polovickǐ)

Let G be a group. $|G/Z(G)| < \infty$ if and only if G has finitely many normalizers of (abelian) subgroups.



Y.D. Polovickǐ *Groups with finite classes of conjugate infinite abelian subgroups*, Soviet Math. (Izv. VUZ) 24 (1980) 52–59.



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Theorem 3.19 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - GS)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph having no large simple sections. If G contains only finitely many normalizers of large subgroups, then

G' is small.

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Theorem 3.20 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - GS)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph having no large simple sections such that G contains only finitely many normalizers of large subgroups. If G contains a large abelian subgroup, then $|G/Z(G)| < \infty$. In particular,

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Theorem 3.21 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph having no large simple sections. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- G contains only finitely many normalizers of large subgroups.*
- All large subgroups are boundedly almost normal.*



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Theorem 3.22 (F. de Giovanni - D. J. S. Robinson)

Let G be a group with finitely many commutator subgroups, then $|G'| < \infty$.



F. de Giovanni, D.J.S. Robinson, *Groups with finitely many derived subgroups*, J. London Math. Soc. 71 (2005), 658–668.



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Let G be a locally graded uncountable group of cardinality \aleph . If G has finitely many commutator subgroups and G contains a large abelian subgroup, $|G'| < \infty$.



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Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph having no large simple sections.

- (1) If G has finitely many commutator subgroups of large subgroups, then G is finite-by- C_{\aleph}^1 .*
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C_{\aleph}^1 -groups

C_{\aleph}^1 -groups play a symmetrical role with respect abelian groups when we focus only on large subgroups!



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Theorem (I. Shur)

Let G be a group in which there are finitely many normalizers. Then, in G there are finitely many commutator subgroups.



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Theorem 3.25 (M. De Falco - C. Musella - **GS**)

Let G be an uncountable group of cardinality \aleph having no large simple sections. If G contains only finitely many normalizers of large subgroups

$$\{N_G(X_1), \dots, N_G(X_n)\},$$

then G contains only finitely many commutator subgroups of large subgroups

$$\{Y'_1, \dots, Y'_m\}.$$

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M. De Falco, C. Musella, G. Sabatino, *Uncountable groups with small commutator subgroup*, *Journal of Algebra and Its Applications* (2024).



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- Normality conditions on (a set of) subgroups of a group G have a high impact on the cardinality of the commutator subgroup G' of G and vice versa.
- The behaviour of the large subgroups of an uncountable group has a strong influence on the structure of the whole group.



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