

Clones near the top of the clone lattice

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Let A be a finite set with at least three elements, and let \mathcal{Q} and \mathcal{S} be clones on A such that $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$. The subclones \mathcal{C} of \mathcal{S} not containing \mathcal{Q} can be best classified by finding a manageable set R of relations on A such that every subclone of \mathcal{S} not containing \mathcal{Q} is contained in $\mathcal{S} \cap \text{Pol } \rho$ ($\neq \mathcal{S}$) for some $\rho \in R$. For example, if $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{Q}$ is the clone of all operations on A , then Rosenberg's description of the maximal clones provides such a set R of relations. The aim of this talk is to discuss analogous results for the cases when \mathcal{S} is Słupecki's clone or some of the other maximal clones.