## Congruences on ideals of semigroups and categories



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$\begin{array}{lll}\mathcal{T}_{4} & \operatorname{Cong}\left(\mathcal{T}_{4}\right) & \mathcal{T}_{4}\end{array}$




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- Suppose $(x, y)^{\sharp}=\nabla_{S}$ for all $x \in D_{S}$ and $y \in S \backslash H_{x}$.
- Suppose every congruence on $S$ is liftable to $T$.
- One more technical assumption.
- Let $G$ be a group $\mathscr{H}$-class contained in $D_{T}$.

Then
$\operatorname{Cong}(T)=\left\{\Delta_{D_{T}} \cup \sigma: \sigma \in \operatorname{Cong}(S)\right\} \cup\left\{R_{S, N}^{T}: N \unlhd G\right\} \cup\left\{\nabla_{T}\right\}$.

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- Let $G_{q}$ be a group $\mathscr{H}$-class in $D_{q}$.
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- A technical property on $I_{k}$, and another on $I_{k+1}, I_{k+2}, \ldots$

Then for any $r \geq k$ (including $r=\omega$ ),

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- (Anti-) Temperley-Lieb categories $\mathcal{T} \mathcal{L}$ and $\mathcal{T} \mathcal{L}^{ \pm}$



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