Congruences on ideals of semigroups and categories





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- Suppose the ideal $S = T \setminus D_T$ has a stable, regular maximum \mathscr{J} -class D_S .
- Suppose $(x, y)^{\sharp} = \nabla_S$ for all $x \in D_S$ and $y \in S \setminus H_x$.
- Suppose every congruence on S is liftable to T.
- One more technical assumption.
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Then

$$\operatorname{Cong}(T) = \left\{ \Delta_{D_T} \cup \sigma : \sigma \in \operatorname{Cong}(S) \right\} \cup \left\{ R_{S,N}^T : N \trianglelefteq G \right\} \cup \left\{ \nabla_T \right\}.$$





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- Let S be a stable, regular partial semigroup with a chain of 𝓕-classes D₀ < D₁ < · · ·.</p>
- ► The ideals of S are I_r = D₀ ∪ · · · ∪ D_r (and I_ω = S if the chain is infinite).
- Let G_q be a group \mathcal{H} -class in D_q .
- Suppose for some k every congruence on I_k is liftable to S.
- 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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