

ON MAXIMAL EMBEDDINGS OF FINITE QUASISIMPLE GROUPS

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DEDICATION

This talk is dedicated to the memory of my friend and colleague
Kay Magaard (1962 – 2018).



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MAXIMAL SUBGROUPS OF FINITE GROUPS

Given a finite group G , determine its maximal subgroups; these correspond to the **primitive** permutation representations of G ; moreover, every subgroup of G is contained in a maximal one.

Given a **series** of finite groups, describe their maximal subgroups in a **uniform** way.

Determine the maximal subgroups of the finite **simple groups**.

A large portion of these are closely related to **classical groups**.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE FINITE SIMPLE GROUPS

Groups describe symmetry.

The finite **simple** groups constitute the **elements** of symmetry.

THEOREM

Every finite simple group is one of

- 1 *26 sporadic simple groups; or*
- 2 *an alternating group A_m with $m \geq 5$; or*
- 3 *a finite group of Lie type; or*
- 4 *a cyclic group of prime order.*

Only the groups in 4 are abelian.

QUASISIMPLE GROUPS

Along with the simple groups come the quasisimple groups.

DEFINITION

A finite group G is **quasisimple**, if

- 1 G is perfect, i.e. $G = [G, G]$, and
- 2 $G/Z(G)$ is simple (and then nonabelian).

REMARK

Let S be a nonabelian finite simple group.

- 1 There is a **largest** quasisimple group \widehat{S} with $\widehat{S}/Z(\widehat{S}) \cong S$.
- 2 \widehat{S} is uniquely determined by S (up to isomorphism).
- 3 \widehat{S} is a universal central extension of S .
- 4 \widehat{S} is called the **Schur covering group** of S .

THE FINITE CLASSICAL GROUPS, I

Let k be a finite field of characteristic p , V an n -dimensional k -vector space, and X a finite classical group on V .

To be more specific, $V = \mathbb{F}_q^n$ (i.e. $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ for some $q = p^f$), and

- 1 $X = \mathrm{SL}(V) = \mathrm{SL}_n(q)$ ($n \geq 2$), or
- 2 $X = \mathrm{Sp}(V) = \mathrm{Sp}_n(q)$ ($n \geq 4$ even), or
- 3 $X = \Omega(V) = \Omega_n(q)$ ($n \geq 7$ odd), or
- 4 $X = \Omega(V)^\pm = \Omega_n^\pm(q)$ ($n \geq 8$ even), or

$V = \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^n$ (i.e. $k = \mathbb{F}_{q^2}$), and

- 5 $X = \mathrm{SU}(V) = \mathrm{SU}_n(q)$ ($n \geq 3$).

In Cases 2–5, the group X is the stabilizer of a non-degenerate form (symplectic, quadratic or hermitian) on V .

THE FINITE CLASSICAL GROUPS, II

Let p , n , V and X be as above;
 n is called the **degree** of X and p its **characteristic**.

REMARK

X is quasisimple, except for finitely many cases.

If X is quasisimple, $S := X/Z(X)$, then $X = \widehat{S}$, the Schur covering group of S , except for finitely many cases.

EXAMPLE (THE ORTHOGONAL GROUPS)

Let Q be a non-degenerate quadratic form on V . Set

$$O(V, Q) := \{g \in \text{GL}(V) \mid Q(gv) = Q(v) \text{ for all } v \in V\}$$

(the elements of $\text{GL}(V)$ that **preserve the form** Q);

$$\Omega(V, Q) := [O(V, Q), O(V, Q)]; \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \Omega_{2m+1}(q), \Omega_{2m}^{\pm}(q).$$

Analogous definitions for the symplectic and unitary groups.

MAXIMAL SUBGROUPS OF CLASSICAL GROUPS

Let X be a finite classical group as above.

Overall objective: Determine the maximal subgroups of X .

If $H \leq X$, then the embedding

$$\varphi : H \rightarrow X \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$$

is a representation of H on V .

If φ is **reducible**, then $H \leq_X K$ with

$$K = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \in X \mid A \in \mathrm{GL}_a(k), B \in k^{a \times b}, C \in \mathrm{GL}_b(k) \right\}$$

for some $1 < a, b < n$.

Thus H can only be maximal if K is maximal and $H =_X K$.

A FURTHER EXAMPLE

Let $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_r)$ be quasisimple (r a prime power).

Let $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ such that $r - 1 \mid q - 1$ and $r \neq q$.

(Given r , there are infinitely many primes q satisfying this.)

Let $M \leq \mathrm{SL}_{r+1}(k)$ denote the subgroup of monomial matrices.

FACT

There are irreducible representations $\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_{r+1}(k)$, with $\varphi(G) \leq M$.

Put $H := \varphi(G)$ and let $X \leq \mathrm{SL}_{r+1}(k)$ denote the smallest classical group containing H .

Then H is **not** maximal in X

(otherwise $H = M \cap X$, but $M \cap X$ is not quasisimple).

Still, $N_X(H)$ could be maximal; this depends on ...

THE ASCHBACHER CLASSIFICATION

Let X be a finite classical group as above.

Aschbacher defines nine classes of subgroups $C_1(X), \dots, C_8(X)$ and $S(X)$ of X .

THEOREM (ASCHBACHER, 1984)

Let $H \leq X$ be a maximal subgroup of X . Then

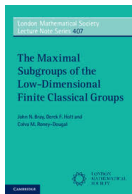
$$H \in \cup_{i=1}^8 C_i(X) \cup S(X).$$

But: An element in $\cup_{i=1}^8 C_i(X) \cup S(X)$ is not necessarily a maximal subgroup of X .

KLEIDMAN-LIEBECK/BRAY-HOLT-RONEY-DOUGAL



[KL] Kleidman-Liebeck (1990): Determine the maximal subgroups among the members of $\cup_{i=1}^8 \mathcal{C}_i(X)$ for $n \geq 13$ (amot).



[BHRD] Bray-Holt-Roney-Dougal (2013): Determine the maximal subgroups for $n \leq 12$ (amot).

SOME ASCHBACHER CLASSES, I

Let $X \leq \mathrm{SL}(V)$ be a classical group, e.g., $X = \mathrm{Sp}_n(q), \mathrm{SU}_n(q)$.

Let $K \leq X$ and $\varphi : K \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ the corresponding representation of K .

$\mathcal{C}_1(X)$: K acts reducibly on V

$$K \leq_X \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \mid A \in \mathrm{GL}_a(k), B \in k^{a \times b}, C \in \mathrm{GL}_b(k) \right\} \leq \mathrm{GL}(V)$$

with $1 < a, b < n$

\rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known [KL,BHRD]

SOME ASCHBACHER CLASSES, II

$C_2(X)$: K acts irreducibly but imprimitively on V

$$K \leq_X \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \boxed{A_1} & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \boxed{A_m} & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \vdots & \boxed{A_2} & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{array} \right) \mid A_i \in GL_a(k), 1 \leq i \leq m \right\}$$

\rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known [KL,BHRD]

SOME ASCHBACHER CLASSES, III

$C_4(X), C_7(X)$: K preserves a tensor product decomposition of V

φ is tensor decomposable, i.e.,

$$V = V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_t, \quad (1)$$

such that

φ is equivalent to $\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi_t$ (with $\varphi_i : K \rightarrow \text{SL}(V_i)$).

\rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known [KL,BHRD]

SOME ASCHBACHER CLASSES, IV

$\mathcal{C}_5(X)$: K is realizable over a smaller field

$\varphi : K \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ is **realizable over a smaller field**, if φ factors as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathrm{SL}(V) \\
 & \searrow \varphi_0 & \uparrow \nu \\
 & & \mathrm{SL}(V_0)
 \end{array}$$

for some proper subfield $k_0 \subsetneq k$, a k_0 -vector space V_0 with $V = k \otimes_{k_0} V_0$, and a representation $\varphi_0 : K \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V_0)$.

\rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known [KL,BHRD]

$\mathcal{C}_8(X)$: $K = X$, i.e. K is a classical group.

\rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known [KL,BHRD]

SOME ASCHBACHER CLASSES: SUMMARY

- ① K acts reducibly on V (\mathcal{C}_1 -case)
 \rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K known
- ② K acts irreducibly but imprimitively on V (\mathcal{C}_2 -case)
 \rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K are known
- ③ ...
- ④ action of K respects a tensor decomposition $V = U \otimes_K W$
 $(\mathcal{C}_4$ -case)
 \rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K are known
- ⋮
- ⑧ $K \in \{\mathrm{Sp}(V), \Omega(V), \Omega^\pm(V), \mathrm{SU}(V)\}$ (only if $X = \mathrm{SL}(V)$)
 \rightsquigarrow maximal overgroups of K are known
- ⑨ **crucial case** $K \in \mathcal{S}(X)$: next slide

THE CLASS $\mathcal{S}(X)$

Let $H \leq X$.

DEFINITION

$H \in \mathcal{S}(X)$, if $H = N_X(G)$ for some $G \leq X$ with:

- 1 G is quasisimple,
- 2 $\varphi : G \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow \text{SL}(V)$ is absolutely irreducible,
- 3 not realizable over a smaller field,
- 4 G is not a classical group.

THE STRUCTURE OF $H \in \mathcal{S}(X)$

Let $H = N_X(G) \in \mathcal{S}(X)$.

Put $Z := Z(X)$.

Then

$$C_X(G) = Z = C_X(H) = Z(H),$$

as $\varphi : G \rightarrow X$ is absolutely irreducible.

Also, $H/ZG \leq \text{Out}(G)$ is solvable by Schreier's conjecture.

Hence $G = H^\infty$, the last term in the derived series of H .

Moreover, H/Z is **almost simple**, i.e. if $S := G/Z(G)$ (recall S is nonabelian simple), then there is a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow S \rightarrow H/Z \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S) \rightarrow 1$$

ON THE MAXIMALITY OF THE ELEMENTS OF $\mathcal{S}(X)$

Let $H = N_X(G) \in \mathcal{S}(X)$.

QUESTION

Is H a maximal subgroup of X ?

If not, there is a maximal subgroup L of X with

$$H \not\leq L \leq X.$$

Write $\varphi : L \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ for the embedding.

By the definition of the classes $\mathcal{C}_i(X)$ and $\mathcal{S}(X)$, we have

$$L \in \mathcal{C}_2(X) \cup \mathcal{C}_4(X) \cup \mathcal{C}_6(X) \cup \mathcal{C}_7(X) \cup \mathcal{S}(X).$$

If $L \in \mathcal{C}_i(X)$ (resp. $\mathcal{S}(X)$), we call this a \mathcal{C}_i - (resp. \mathcal{S} -) *obstruction* to the maximality of H .

SOME OBSTRUCTIONS

\mathcal{C}_2 -obstruction: $\varphi : L \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ is imprimitive.

In particular, $\mathrm{Res}_G^L(\varphi) : G \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ is imprimitive.

Joint project with Kay Magaard:

Classify (G, V, φ) , with G quasisimple, $\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ absolutely irreducible and imprimitive.

\mathcal{S} -obstruction: There is a quasisimple group K with $G \not\leq K \not\leq X$ (take $K = L^\infty$).

In particular, $\mathrm{Res}_G^K(\varphi)$ is absolutely irreducible.

Project of Donna Testerman and Kay Magaard: Classify (G, K, V, φ) with $G \not\leq K$ both quasisimple, $\varphi : K \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(V)$ absolutely irreducible, and $\mathrm{Res}_G^K(\varphi)$ absolutely irreducible.

EXAMPLE: MATHIEU GROUP M_{11} (K. MAGAARD)

Let $\varphi : M_{11} \rightarrow X$ be absolutely irreducible, faithful, and not realizable over a smaller field. (All such (φ, X) are known.)

Put $G := \varphi(M_{11})$. Then $N_X(G) = Z(X) \times G$.

Is $Z(X) \times G$ maximal in X ?

NO, except for $\varphi : M_{11} \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_5(3)$.

EXAMPLES

- (1) $M_{11} \rightarrow A_{11} \rightarrow \Omega_{10}^+(3)$ (\mathcal{S} -obstruction).
- (2) $M_{11} \rightarrow \Omega_{55}(q)$ is imprimitive, $q \geq 5$ prime (\mathcal{C}_2 -obstruction).
- (3) Also: $M_{11} \rightarrow M_{12} \rightarrow A_{12} \rightarrow \Omega_{11}(q) \rightarrow \Omega_{55}(q)$, $q \geq 5$ prime.
- (4) $M_{11} \rightarrow 2.M_{12} \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_{10}(3)$ (\mathcal{S} -obstruction).
- (5) $M_{11} \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_5(3) \rightarrow \Omega_{24}^-(3)$ (\mathcal{S} -obstruction).

EXAMPLE: THE MONSTER GROUP M

Let M denote the Monster group.

There is an absolutely irreducible representation

$$\varphi : M \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_{196\,882}(2).$$

In fact, $\varphi(M) \leq \Omega_{196\,882}^-(2)$ (Rob Wilson).

Is $G := \varphi(M)$ maximal in $X := \Omega_{196\,882}^-(2)$?

No \mathcal{C}_i obstruction for $i \in \{2, 4, 6, 7\}$.

Is there an \mathcal{S} -obstruction L ?

No: $K := L^\infty$ is quasisimple; as every non-trivial representation of K would have degree at least 196 882, K would not fit into X .

N.B.: $|M| \sim 8 \cdot 10^{53}$; $|\Omega_{196\,882}^-(2)| \sim 10^{5\,814\,378\,288}$.

THE FINITE QUASISIMPLE GROUPS

RECALL

A finite quasisimple group is of the form \widehat{S}/Z , where \widehat{S} is the Schur covering group of a simple group S and $Z \leq Z(\widehat{S})$.

Moreover, S is one of

- 1 a sporadic simple group;
- 2 an alternating group A_m , $m \geq 5$;
- 3 a simple group of Lie type.

Consequence: All finite quasisimple groups are known.

THE INVARIANT $R(G)$

Let G, H be groups, with G finite.

Write $G \preceq H$, if G is isomorphic to a subgroup of H .

DEFINITION (KLEIDMAN-LIEBECK)

(a) If p is a prime, set

$$R_p(G) := \min\{0 \neq n \in \mathbb{N} \mid G \preceq \text{PGL}_n(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)\}.$$

(b) We also set

$$R(G) := \min\{R_p(G) \mid p \text{ a prime}\}.$$

REMARK (KLEIDMAN-LIEBECK)

$$R_p(G) = \min\{0 \neq n \in \mathbb{N} \mid G \preceq \text{PGL}_n(F), F \text{ a field, char}(F) = p\}$$

PROJECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS

Let G be a group and F a field.

If $G \cong \text{PGL}_n(F)$ we get a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \text{GL}_n(F) \\
 & \nearrow \varphi' & \downarrow \kappa \\
 G & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \text{PGL}_n(F)
 \end{array}$$

where κ denotes the canonical epimorphism.

Choose a section for κ to complete to a commutative diagram.

A **projective representation** of G is a map $\varphi' : G \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(F)$, that fits into such a commutative diagram.

LINEARIZING PROJECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS

Let G be a nonabelian simple group.

Suppose we have a commutative diagram as above, where φ' is absolutely irreducible.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \widehat{G} & \xrightarrow{\widehat{\varphi}} & \mathrm{GL}_n(F) \\
 \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi' & \downarrow \kappa \\
 G & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathrm{PGL}_n(F)
 \end{array}$$

Let \widehat{G} be the Schur covering group of G with canonical map $\pi : \widehat{G} \rightarrow G$.

Then there is a **representation** $\widehat{\varphi} : \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(F)$, completing the diagram.

SOME PROPERTIES OF $R(G)$

Let p be a prime, F a field with $\text{char}(F) = p$.

LEMMA

Let G and K be quasisimple with $G \leq K$.

Then $R_p(G/Z(G)) \leq R_p(K/Z(K))$.

In particular, $R(G/Z(G)) \leq R(K/Z(K))$.

LEMMA

Let S be nonabelian simple, \hat{S} the Schur covering group of S .

(a) Let φ an F -representation of \hat{S} of degree $R_p(S)$ with non-trivial image. Then φ is absolutely irreducible.

(b) If $U \not\cong S$ is a proper subgroup, then $R(S) < [S:U]$.

SOME EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES

- ① Let A_m denote the alternating group of degree m .

$$R(A_m) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } m = 5, 6 \\ 3, & \text{if } m = 7 \\ 4, & \text{if } m = 8 \\ m - 2, & \text{if } m \geq 9 \end{cases}$$

- ② Let X be a quasisimple classical group of degree n and characteristic p as on the 8th slide.

Then $R(X) = n$, up to finitely many exceptions.

Also $R(X) = R_p(X)$ and $R_r(X) > R_p(X)$ for primes $r \neq p$, up to finitely many exceptions.

THE BASIC SETUP

NOTATION

- 1 S : a finite nonabelian simple group; $n := R(S)$
- 2 p a prime such that $R(S) = R_p(S)$
- 3 G : quasisimple covering group of S such that G has a faithful representation φ of degree n over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$
- 4 q a power of p minimal with: φ is realizable over \mathbb{F}_q
- 5 $V := \mathbb{F}_q^n$; identify G with $\varphi(G) \leq \mathrm{SL}(V)$
- 6 $X \leq \mathrm{SL}(V)$: smallest classical group containing G

THE SMALLEST CLASSICAL GROUPS CONTAINING G

In the above notation, X is isomorphic to one of

- ① $\Omega_n(q)$, n odd, or $\Omega_n^\pm(q)$, n even
- ② $\mathrm{Sp}_n(q)$, n even
- ③ $\mathrm{SU}_n(q_0)$, $q = q_0^2$
- ④ $\mathrm{SL}_n(q)$

If G stabilizes a non-degenerate **quadratic form** on V , then X is as in 1;

else, if G stabilizes a non-degenerate **symplectic** or **hermitian** form on V , then X is as in 2 or 3, respectively;

otherwise, $X = \mathrm{SL}(V)$.

X is uniquely determined by G [BHRD].

X is quasisimple, except for finitely many cases.

THE MAIN RESULT, PART I

THEOREM

Assume the above notation. Then one of the following holds:

- 1 $G = X$.
- 2 $N_X(G)$ is a maximal subgroup in X .
- 3 $G = {}^2G_2(q)$ with $q = 3^{2m+1}$, $m \geq 1$ and $n = 7$.
In this case, $X = \Omega_7(q)$ and $G \not\leq G_2(q) \not\leq X$ for all q .
- 4 $G = {}^2F_4(q)'$ with $q = 2^{2m+1}$, $m \geq 0$ and $n = 26$.
In this case, $X = \Omega_{26}^+(q)$ and $G \not\leq F_4(q) \not\leq X$ for all q .

The groups G in 3 and 4 are the **Ree groups** (when $m \geq 1$),
 ${}^2F_4(2)'$ is the **Tits group**.

THE MAIN RESULT, PART II

THEOREM

Assume the above notation. Apart from 1 – 4, the following possibilities can occur:

- ⑤ $G = J_2$, $n = 6$ and $q = 4$.

In this case $X = \text{Sp}_6(4)$ and $G \not\leq G_2(4) \not\leq X$.

- ⑥ $G = M_{23}$, $n = 11$ and $q = 2$.

In this case, $X = \text{SL}_{11}(2)$ and $G \not\leq M_{24} \not\leq X$.

- ⑦ $G = 3.\text{Fi}_{22}$, $n = 27$ and $q = 4$.

In this case, $X = \text{SU}_{27}(2)$, and $G \not\leq 3.^2E_6(2) \not\leq X$.

- ⑧ $G = \text{Th}$, $n = 248$ and $q = 3$.

In this case, $X = \Omega_{248}^+(3)$, and $G \times 2 \not\leq E_8(3) \times 2 \not\leq X$.

THE FIRST CASE OF THE THEOREM

Suppose that $G = X \not\leq \text{SL}(V)$ in the above theorem.

Then G is in Aschbacher class \mathcal{C}_8 .

In this case, replace X by the smallest classical group Y properly containing G .

In matrix notation, $Y = \text{Sp}_n(q)$ if n and q are even and $G = \Omega_n^\pm(q)$.

In all other cases $Y = \text{SL}_n(q) = \text{SL}(V)$.

Then $N_Y(G)$ is a maximal subgroup of Y [KL, BHRD].

MAXIMAL OVERGROUPS

Let $G \leq K \leq X$ be as in one of the cases 3 – 8 of the main theorem.

Here K denotes the quasisimple group (given in the theorem) disproving the maximality of $N_X(G)$.

Then $N_X(K)$ is maximal in X .

Moreover, $N_X(K) = K$, except in cases 7 and 8.

In case 7, we have $N_X(K) = 3.^2E_6(2).3$.

In case 8, we have $N_X(K) = E_8(3) \times 2$.

SOME REMARKS ON THE PROOFS, I

Recall that $n = R(S)$. For $n \leq 4$, use [BHRD].

Assume that $n \geq 5$.

If S is classical, we get $G = X$ (with one exception), hence Conclusion 1 of the main theorem.

If $G \not\leq X$, we get $N_X(G) \not\leq X$ (as X is perfect).

Choose maximal subgroup $L \not\leq X$ with $N_X(G) \leq L$ and let $\varphi : L \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow \text{SL}(V)$ denote the embedding.

What are the possible Aschbacher classes of L ?

SOME REMARKS ON THE PROOFS, II

φ is irreducible, as $\text{Res}_G^L(\varphi)$ is, i.e. $L \notin \mathcal{C}_1(X)$.

φ is tensor indecomposable, as $\dim(V) = R_p(G)$, i.e. $L \notin \mathcal{C}_4(X), \mathcal{C}_7(X)$.

φ is primitive, i.e. $L \notin \mathcal{C}_2(X)$.

By definition, G and hence L do not lie in Aschbacher class \mathcal{C}_5 .

One can also rule out Aschbacher classes $\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_8$ for L .

Conclusion: L lies in Aschbacher class $\mathcal{S}(X)$.

SOME REMARKS ON THE PROOFS, III

Put $K := L^\infty$. Then K is quasisimple and $G \leq K \not\leq X$.

If $G = K$, then $N_X(G) = N_X(K) = L$, hence Conclusion 2.

Assume $G \not\leq K$ and put $T := K/Z(K)$. Recall $S = G/Z(G)$.

Then $R_p(T) = R_p(S)$ and $R(T) = R(S)$.

If T is a group of Lie type, its characteristic equals p (with 2 exceptions).

None of S, T is a classical group, as $K \not\leq X$ (with 1 exception).

If S and T are exceptional groups of Lie type, we get (G, K) as in Conclusions 3, 4 of the main theorem.

SOME REMARKS ON THE PROOFS, IV

Suppose T is an exceptional groups of Lie type.

Then $R(T) \leq 248$.

Use results of Lübeck and Malle-H., classifying all quasisimple groups with representations of degree ≤ 250 .

Yields Conclusions 5, 7, 8 of the main theorem.

If $T = A_m$, then $m = n + 2$, and $G \rightarrow K$ yields a 2-transitive permutation representation of G on $n + 2$ points.

Then S known, implying $R(S) < n$, a contradiction.

If T is sporadic, use explicit knowledge of $R(T)$ [Jansen].

This yields Conclusion 6 of the main theorem.

Thank you for your attention!