

## Logic Seminar

### *Defining $R$ and $G(R)$*

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**Abstract:** In joint work with Segal we use the fact that for Chevalley groups  $G(R)$  of rank at least 2 over a ring  $R$  the root subgroups are (nearly always) the double centralizer of a corresponding root element to show under mild restrictions on the ring  $R$  that  $R$  and  $G(R)$  are bi-interpretable. (This holds in particular for any field  $k$ .) For such groups it then follows that the group  $G(R)$  is finitely axiomatizable in the appropriate class of groups provided  $R$  is finitely axiomatizable in the corresponding class of rings.

Tuesday, March 2 at 11:00 AM in Zoom