

# Isolated elements in finite groups

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An element  $x$  of a finite group  $G$  is said to be isolated in  $G$  if and only if the only conjugate of  $x$  that commutes with  $x$  is  $x$  itself. How can such a little property have influence on the structure of all of  $G$ ? In this talk I will motivate questions of this type and explain how they can be seen from different perspectives, and I will explain work in recent years towards a better understanding of how isolated elements influence the group structure.

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