## From near-rings to polynomial completeness and residuated mappings

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Five years ago we had in Tartu an international conference on algebra and its applications. I gave there a talk "Half a century with algebra". Now, when we started to organize AAA103, Erhard Aichinger suggested me to repeat the same talk. I thought about this idea and came to conclusion that why not, in general. The abstract of my talk in 2018 was the following.

My story is about my life with algebra. The focus is not on algebra and research results. I rather want to tell about how algebra came to me and why I focused on certain specific research problems. Nowadays almost nobody does research alone. So, in particular, I want to tell about the people who have surrounded and supported me in my professional work.

This remains true for the present talk which partly coincides with the former one.