The free spectra of semigroups (Part I)

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Aim

To find similar structure theorems for other classes of algebras.

The free spectrum of the \mathcal{V} variety ($|\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(n)|$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...) sequence): • the size of the free algebra generated by n elements

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• Vector space over Z_p:
terms: \sum \lambda_i x_i,
|\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(n)| = p^n
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Simple semigroups

Will be discussed by Kamilla Kátai!

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- ▶ with relations,
- with identities,
- ▶ with generating semigroups

The lattice



With generating algebras

 \textbf{A}_i and \textbf{B}_i are the generating algebras. $\textbf{B}_i = \textbf{A}_i \cup \{1\}$ and $|\textbf{A}_i| = \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{2}$



With equations

Each variety can be defined with a single equation additionally to x(yz) = (xy)z and $x^2 = x$.



With relations



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The lattice

$$p_n(\mathcal{V}) = \sqrt{p_n(\overline{\mathcal{V}})p_n(\underline{\mathcal{V}})}$$



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The initial values

 $\log p_n(3) = 2 \log n,$ $\log p_1(k) = 0$

Closed form

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