

# Infinite Chains in the Tree of Numerical Semigroups

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# Numerical semigroups

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it contains 0      A set  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0$  is a **numerical semigroup** if  
 it is closed for addition      it has a finite complement in  $\mathbb{N}_0$

### Examples

$O_n$  :       *Ordinary semigroup*

$G(O_n) = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the set of *gaps* of  $O_n$

$g(O_n) = n$ , the *genus* of  $O_n$

$H_3$  :       *Hyperelliptic semigroup*

$G(H_3) = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$g(H_3) = 3$

**A problem.** Is the sequence  $n_g$  formed by the number of numerical semigroups of genus  $g$  increasing? How does it grow?

► (2008 - M. Bras-Amorós) conjectured that  $n_g$  grows Fibonacci-like.

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$f(H_3) = 5$ , the *Frobenius number* of  $H_3$

$c(H_3) = 6$ , the *conductor* of  $H_3$

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# The tree

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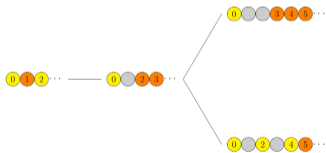
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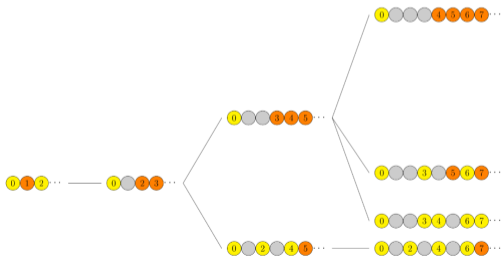
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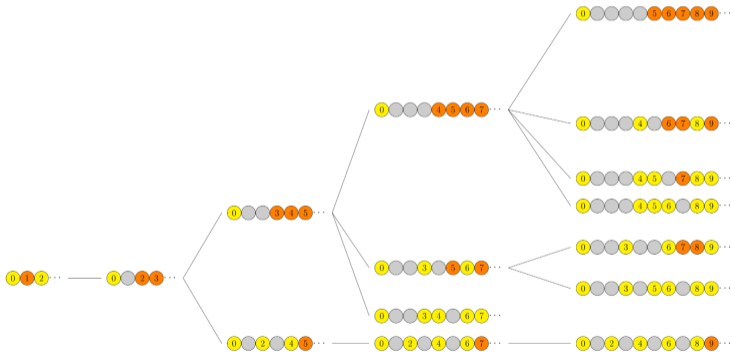
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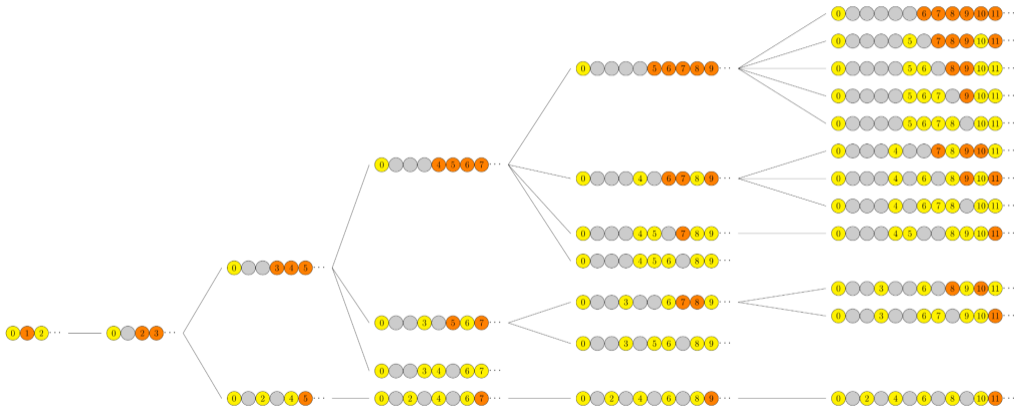
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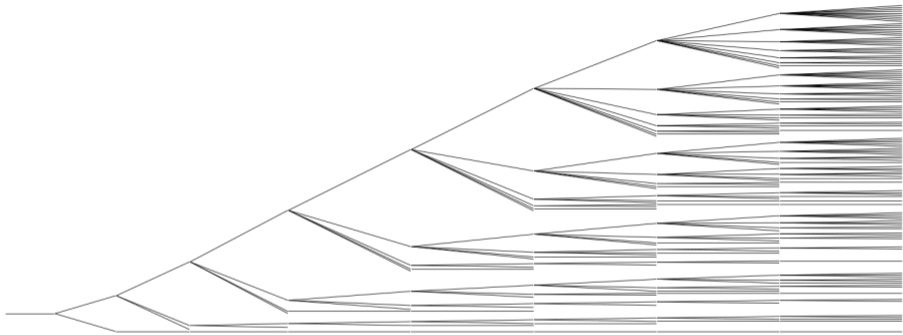
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Tree structure of numerical semigroups up to level 9

## Infinite chains

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**Lemma 1.** Given an infinite chain  $I = (\Lambda_i)_{i \geq 0}$  different than  $I_{\mathcal{O}}$ , it holds that  $\bigcap_{i \geq 0} \Lambda_i = d \cdot \Lambda$  for some integer  $d > 1$  and some numerical semigroup  $\Lambda$ .

**Lemma 2.** Given an integer  $d > 1$  and a numerical semigroup  $\Lambda$ , the infinite chain obtained by deleting repetitions in the sequence  $\Lambda_j = d \cdot \Lambda \cup \{l \in \mathbb{N} : l \geq j\}$  has intersection  $d \cdot \Lambda$ .

Consequently,  $\mathbb{I} \setminus I_{\mathcal{O}}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 2} \times \mathbb{S}$  are in a one-to-one correspondence.

For example, in this correspondence, the image of  $I_{\mathcal{H}} = \{\mathcal{H}_g : g \geq 0\}$  would be  $(2, \mathbb{N}_0)$ .

**Definition.** A descendant of a numerical semigroup *beyond* a given nongap of the semigroup is a descendant that contains all nongaps up to the given nongap.

**Theorem.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a non-ordinary numerical semigroup with enumeration  $\lambda$ , genus  $g$ , and conductor  $c$ , and let  $d$  be the greatest common divisor of  $\mathcal{L}(\Lambda)$ . Then,

1.  $\Lambda$  lies in an infinite chain if and only if  $d \neq 1$ .
2. If  $d = 1$ , then the descendant of  $\Lambda$  with largest genus is the numerical semigroup generated by  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{c-g-1}$ .
3. If  $d \neq 1$  and  $d$  is not prime, then  $\Lambda$  lies in infinitely many infinite chains.
4. If  $d$  is a prime then the number of infinite chains in which  $\Lambda$  lies is one plus the number of descendants of  $\{0, \frac{\lambda_1}{d}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_{c-g-1}}{d}\} \cup \{l \in \mathbb{N}_0 : l \geq \lceil \frac{c}{d} \rceil\}$  beyond  $\frac{\lambda_{c-g-1}}{d}$ .

## Minority of semigroups in infinite chains

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**Corollary.** If the numerical semigroup  $\Lambda$  lies in an infinite chain, then it has at most two children in an infinite chain.

And we explicitly know that the only two possible children of a semigroup  $\Lambda$  that have infinitely many descendants are  $\Lambda \setminus \{c\}$  or  $\Lambda \setminus \{c + 1\}$ .

**Proposition.** Except for  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{1\}$  and hyperelliptic semigroups, every numerical semigroup that is in an infinite chain has at least one child that is not.

**Definition.** A numerical semigroup is *fertile* if most of its children are in infinite chains.



**Proposition.** A fertile numerical semigroup  $\Lambda$  of genus  $g > 2$  has three children if and only if  $\Lambda = \{4k : k \geq 0\} \cup [4n + 2, \infty)$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .

**Theorem.** The unique fertile semigroups of genus  $g$  are:

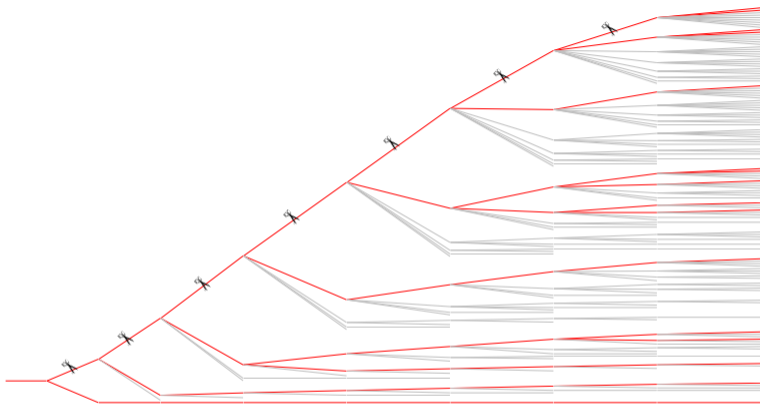
- ▶  $\mathbb{N}_0$  if  $g = 0$ .
- ▶  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{1\}$  if  $g = 1$ .
- ▶  $H_g$  if  $g > 1$  and  $g \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .
- ▶  $H_g$  and  $M_{\frac{g-1}{3}}$  if  $g > 1$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

$$i_g := \#\{\Lambda : g(\Lambda) = g \text{ and } \Lambda \text{ lies in an infinite chain}\}$$

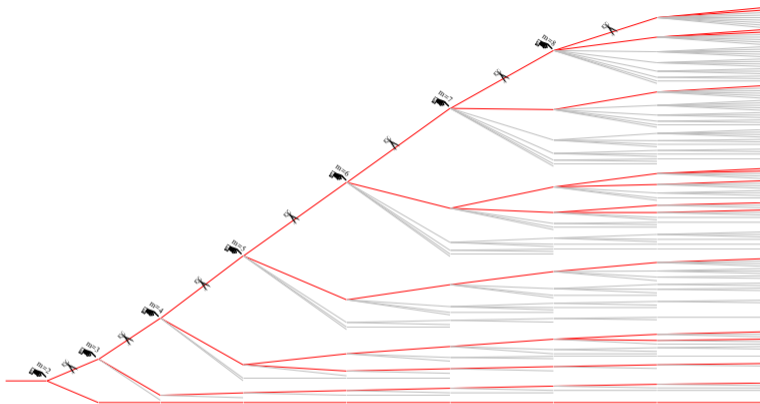
**Theorem.** For  $g \geq 5$  we have  $i_g < \frac{n_g}{2}$ .

## Fixing the multiplicity

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Numerical semigroups tree up to genus 9, with infinite chains highlighted.



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**Definition.** The *push* of  $\Lambda$ , with enumeration  $\lambda$ , by its multiplicity is the numerical semigroup  $\lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda := \{0\} \cup \{\lambda_1 + \lambda_j; \lambda_j \in \Lambda\}$ .

**Corollary.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a numerical semigroup with enumeration  $\lambda$  and let  $\Pi$  be a non-ordinary numerical semigroup. Then,

- ▶ If  $\lambda_k$  is a (effective) generator of  $\Lambda$ , then  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_k$  is a (effective) generator of  $\lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda$ .
- ▶  $\Pi$  is a child of  $\Lambda$  if and only if  $\lambda_1 \oplus \Pi$  is a child of  $\lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda$ .
- ▶  $\Lambda$  lies in an infinite chain if and only if so does  $\lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda$ .

$$\lambda_1 \oplus^n \Lambda := \lambda_1 \oplus \underbrace{(\cdots (\lambda_1 \oplus (\lambda_1 \oplus \Lambda)))}_{n \text{ times}}, n \geq 2$$

# Prime multiplicity

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For each prime multiplicity there is only one infinite chain containing semigroups of that multiplicity. Indeed, this unique chain is  $\omega(m, \mathbb{N}_0)$ .

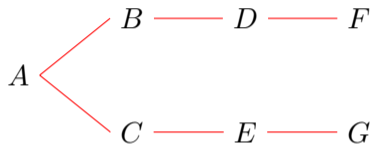
**Theorem.** If  $m$  is a prime, then the number  $i_g(m)$  of numerical semigroups of genus  $g$  and multiplicity  $m$  that are in an infinite chain is:

- ▶ 0, if  $g < m - 1$ ,
- ▶ 1, otherwise.

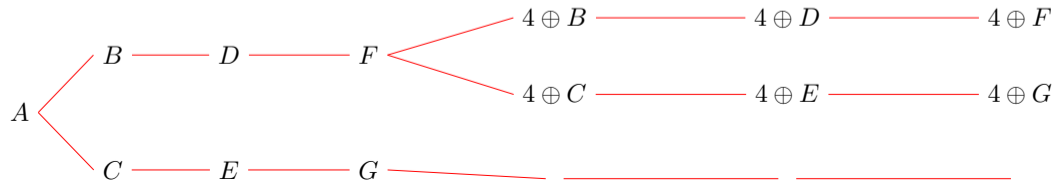
# Multiplicity 4

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Tree structure of numerical semigroups of multiplicity 4 that are in an infinite chain, from genus 4 to 7.



Tree structure of numerical semigroups of multiplicity 4 that are in an infinite chain, from genus 4 to 10.



**Theorem.** The number  $i_g(m = 4)$  of numerical semigroups of genus  $g$  and multiplicity 4 that are in an infinite chain is:

- ▶ 0, if  $g \leq 2$
- ▶ 1 if  $g = 3, 4$
- ▶  $\left\lfloor \frac{g+1}{3} \right\rfloor$ , if  $g \geq 5$ .

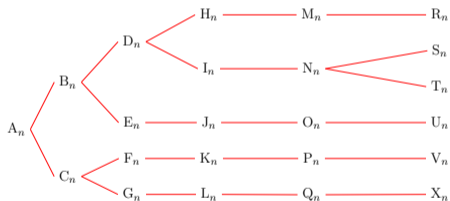
Tree of numerical semigroups in infinite chains, with multiplicity 4, from genus 3 up to 40.



# Multiplicity 6

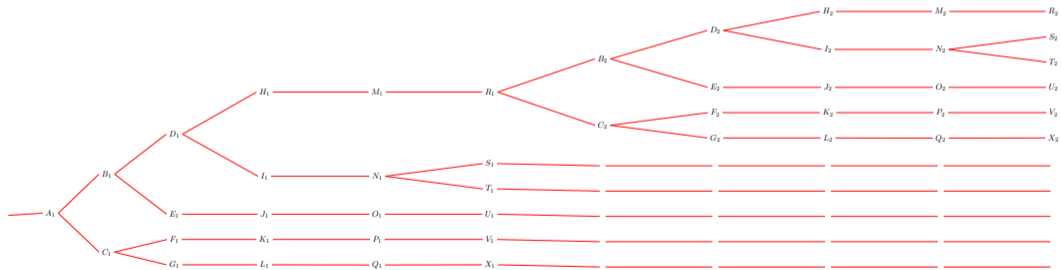
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Tree structure which is replicated on numerical semigroups tree in an infinite chain with multiplicity 6



- ▶  $T_n, U_n, X_n$  lie to 1 infinite chain
- ▶  $S_n, V_n$  lie to  $n$  infinite chains

N. semigroups in infinite chains, with multiplicity 6, from genus 5 up to 16





**Theorem.** The number  $i_g(m = 6)$  of numerical semigroups of genus  $g$  and multiplicity 6 that are in an infinite chain is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
 \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \\ g - 4 \\ g - 5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \text{if } g \leq 4 \\ \text{if } g = 5 \\ \text{if } 5 < g \leq 15 \text{ and } (g \pmod{5}) > 2 \\ \text{if } 5 < g \leq 15 \text{ and } (g \pmod{5}) \leq 2 \end{array} \\
 g - 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor \frac{g-8}{9} \rfloor} n + \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor \frac{g-11}{9} \rfloor} n + \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{g+1}{9} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{g-12}{5} \rfloor} \lfloor \frac{g-8-5n}{4} \rfloor + \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{g-2}{9} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{g-15}{5} \rfloor} \lfloor \frac{g-11-5n}{4} \rfloor & \text{if } g \geq 16 \text{ and } (g \pmod{5}) > 2 \\
 g - 5 + \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor \frac{g-8}{9} \rfloor} n + \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor \frac{g-11}{9} \rfloor} n + \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{g+1}{9} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{g-12}{5} \rfloor} \lfloor \frac{g-8-5n}{4} \rfloor + \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{g-2}{9} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{g-15}{5} \rfloor} \lfloor \frac{g-11-5n}{4} \rfloor & \text{if } g \geq 16 \text{ and } (g \pmod{5}) \leq 2
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