

# Factorizaciones en extensiones de ideales de monoides libres conmutativos

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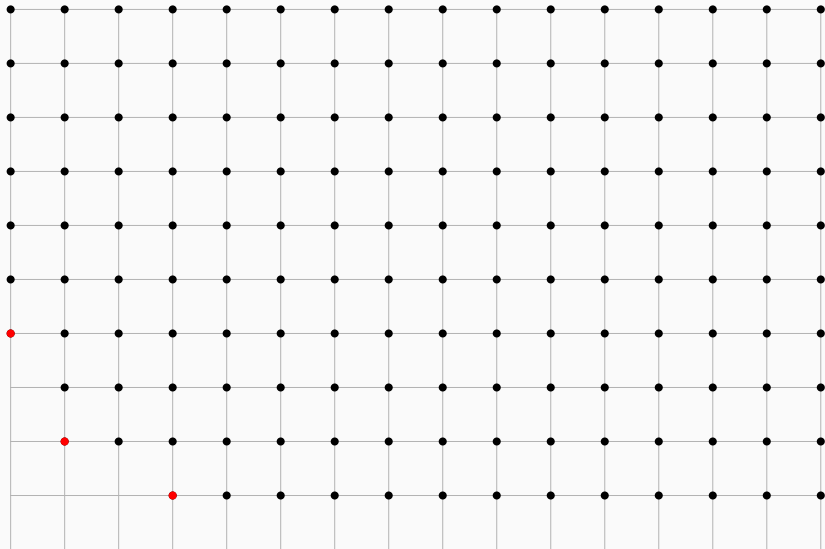
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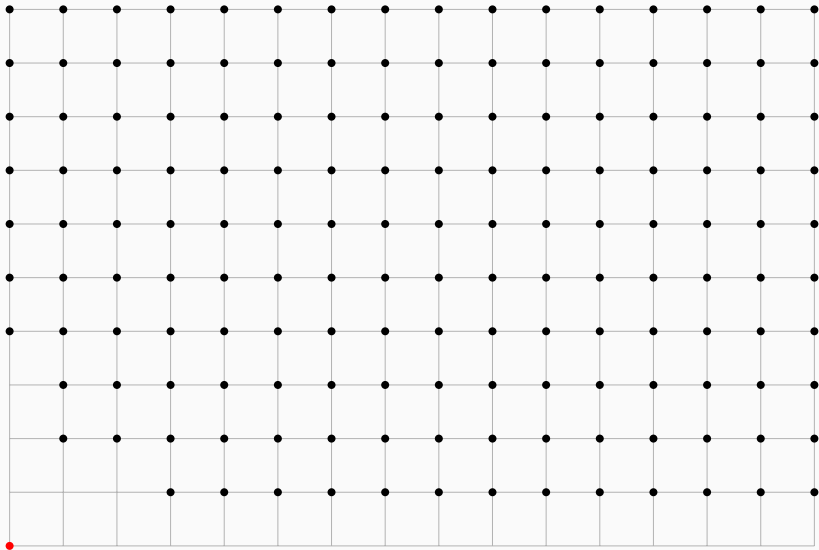
# Ideals

$$I = \{(0, 4), (1, 2), (3, 1)\} + \mathbb{N}^2; I + \mathbb{N}^2 \subseteq I$$



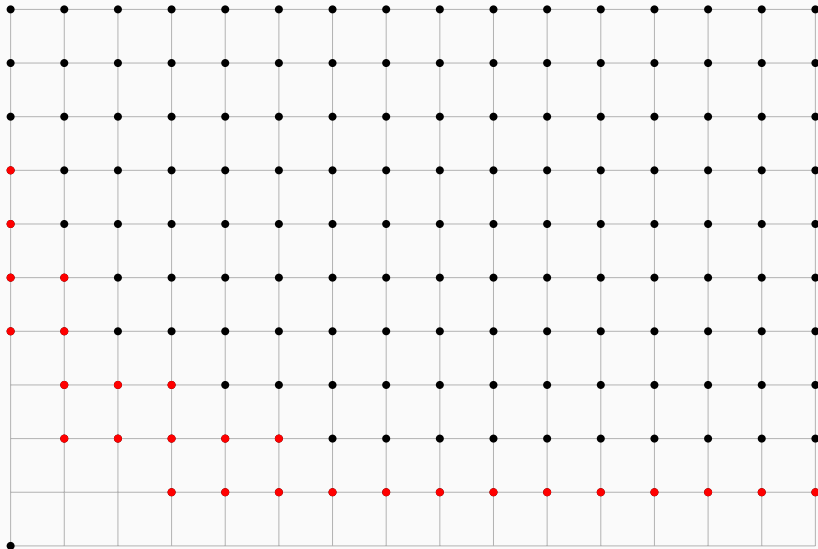
# Ideal extensions

$$S = \{0\} \cup I; S + S = S; S^* = I$$



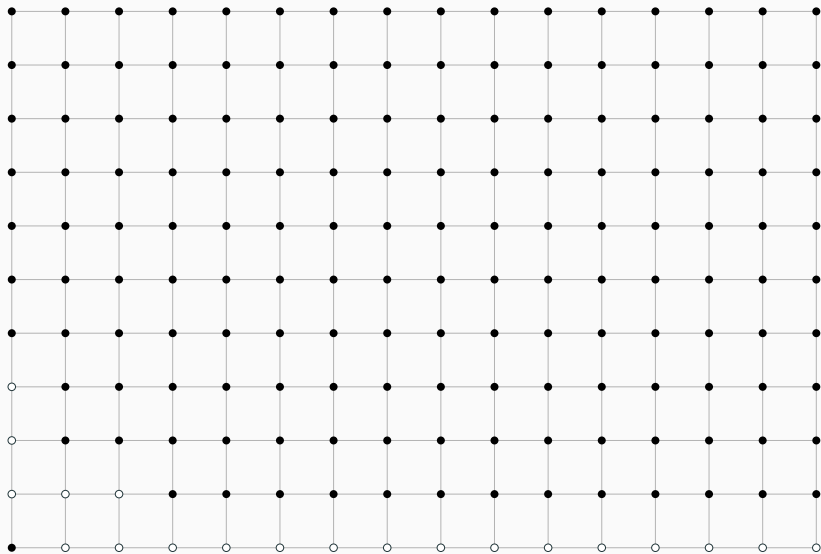
# Atoms

$$A = S^* \setminus (S^* + S^*)$$



# Gaps

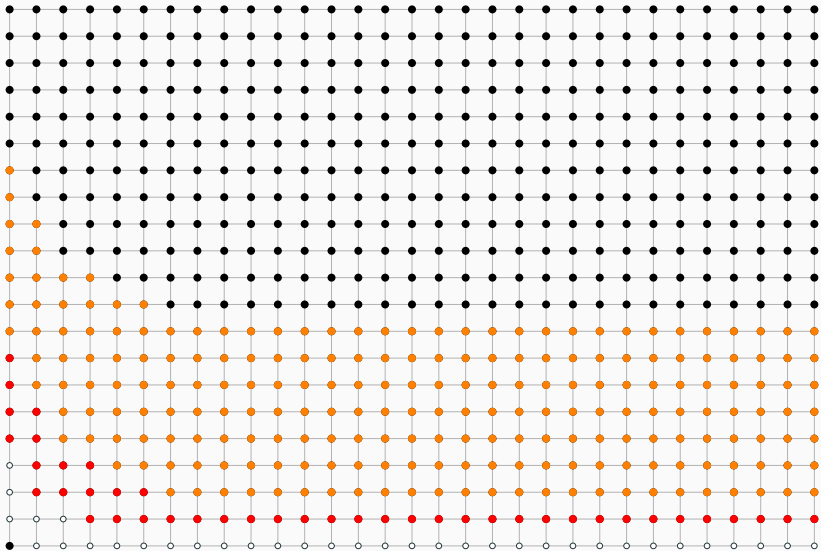
$$H = \mathbb{N}^2 \setminus S$$



# Gap absorbing monoid

$$(1) H + H \subseteq H \cup A \cup (A + A)$$

$$(2) H + A \subseteq A \cup (A + A)$$



## Gap absorbing monoids and ideal extensions

Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^{(I)}$ , write  $a \leq b$  if  $b - a \in \mathbb{N}^{(I)}$

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = \{x \in \mathbb{N}^{(I)} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

Let  $M$  be a submonoid of  $\mathbb{N}^{(I)}$ . The following are equivalent:

- $M$  is a gap absorbing monoid.
- $M$  is an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}^{(I)}$  and for every  $a, b \in A + A$ ,  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \subseteq A + A$ .

On  $\mathbb{N}^2$ , both concepts are equivalent

**Conjecture:** Every ideal extension is gap absorbing

# Factorizations

Let  $S$  be an atomic monoid,  $S = \langle A \rangle$

Let  $F = \mathbb{N}^{(A)}$  be the free monoid on  $A$

$$\varphi : F \rightarrow S, \varphi((\lambda_a)_{a \in A}) = \sum_{a \in A} \lambda_a a$$

is the *factorization morphism* of  $S$

The set  $Z(s) = \varphi^{-1}(s)$  is the set of *factorizations* of  $s$

**Example:**  $(5, 5)$  in our example has six different factorizations

$$\begin{aligned}(5, 5) &= (2, 3) + (3, 2) = (2, 2) + (3, 3) \\ &= (1, 4) + (4, 1) = (1, 3) + (4, 2) \\ &= 2(1, 2) + (3, 1) = (0, 4) + (5, 1)\end{aligned}$$



## Lengths of factorizations

Let  $S$  be an atomic monoid,  $S = \langle A \rangle$

Let  $z = (z_a)_{a \in A}$  be a factorization of  $s \in S$ . The *length* of  $z$  is

$$|z| = \sum_{a \in A} z_a$$

The set of lengths of factorizations of  $s$  is

$$L(s) = \{|z| : z \in Z(s)\}$$

**Baeth's conjecture:** If  $S$  is an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}^{(I)}$  with finitely many gaps, then  $L(s)$  is an interval for every  $s \in S$

## Betti elements (or degrees)

Given  $s \in S$  with  $S = \langle A \rangle$ , we define the graph  $\mathbf{G}_s$  as follows

- Vertices of  $\mathbf{G}_s$ :  $Z(s)$
- Edges of  $\mathbf{G}_s$ :  $zz'$  such that  $z \cdot z' \neq 0$

The elements  $s$  of  $S$  such that  $\mathbf{G}_s$  is not connected are called *Betti elements* of  $S$ ;  $\text{Betti}(S)$  is the set of Betti elements of  $S$

**Example:**  $(5, 5)$  is a Betti element in our example

**Result:** If  $S$  is gap absorbing with set of atoms  $A$ , then  $\text{Betti}(S) \subseteq (A + A) \cup (A + A + A)$

**Conjecture:** If  $S$  is an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}^{(I)}$ , then  $\text{Betti}(S) \subseteq A + A$

Let  $s \in S$  and let  $L(s) = \{l_1 < \dots < l_r < \dots\}$

The Delta set of  $s$  is

$$\Delta(s) = \{l_r - l_{r-1} : r \geq 2\}$$

The monoid  $S$  is a BF-monoid if  $L(s)$  is finite for every  $s \in S$

We know that on a BF-monoid,  $\max\{\Delta(s) : s \in S\}$  is attained at a Betti element

**Result:** If  $S$  is gap absorbing, then  $L(s)$  is an interval for every  $s \in S$

## Catenary degree

Let  $z$  and  $z'$  be two factorizations of  $s \in S$

The distance between  $z$  and  $z'$  is

$$d(z, z') = \max\{|z - (z \wedge z')|, |z' - (z \wedge z')|\},$$

where  $z \wedge z' = (\min\{z_a, z'_a\})_{a \in A}$

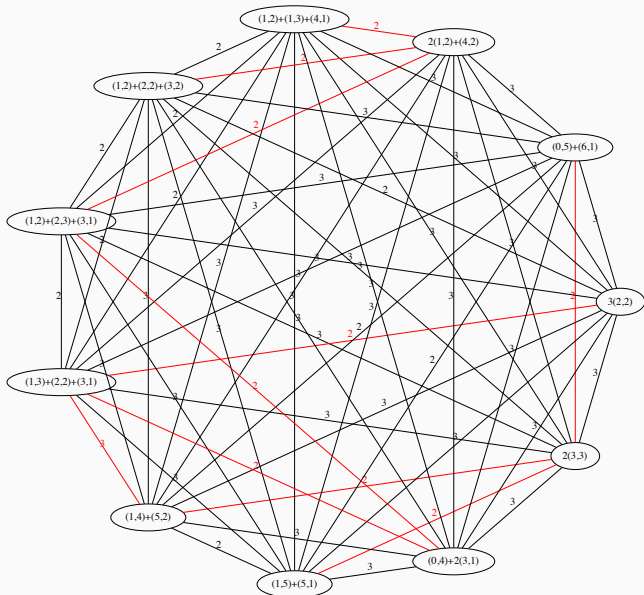
An  $N$ -chain of factorizations joining  $z$  and  $z'$  is a sequence of factorizations  $z = z_0, z_1, \dots, z_r = z'$  such that  $d(z_i, z_{i+1}) \leq N$

The catenary degree of  $s$  is the minimum  $N$  such that there exists an  $N$ -chain of factorizations joining any two factorizations of  $s$

The catenary degree of  $S$  is the supremum of the catenary degrees of its elements, and it is attained at a Betti element

**Result:** If  $S$  is gap absorbing, then the catenary degree of  $S$  is at most four (conjectured to be at most three)

Example:  $c((6, 6)) = 3$



## $\omega$ -primality

Given  $a, b \in S$ , we say that  $a$  divides  $b$  if  $b - a \in S$ ,  $a \leq_S b$

We say that  $a$  is a prime element of  $S$  if it is not a unit and whenever  $a \leq_S b + c$ , then  $a \leq_S b$  or  $a \leq_S c$

There are not primes in  $S$  unless  $S = \mathbb{N}^{(I)}$

The  $\omega$ -primality of  $s \in S$ ,  $\omega(s)$ , is the least integer  $n$  such that whenever  $s \leq_S (s_1 + \cdots + s_r)$ , there exists  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, r\}$  such that  $|I| \leq n$  and  $s \leq_S \sum_{i \in I} s_i$

The  $\omega$ -primality of  $S$  is the supremum of the  $\omega$ -primality of its atoms; denoted  $\omega(S)$

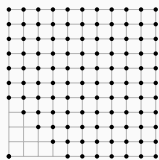
**Result:** If  $S$  is an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}^{(I)}$  and  $a$  is an atom of  $S$ , then  $\omega(a) \leq 1 + \|a\|_1$ ; if there exists  $b \in S^*$  with  $a \wedge b = 0$ , then  $\|a\|_1 \leq \omega(a)$

## Notable examples

For  $S$  an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}^2$  we know that it is gap absorbing,  $\text{Betti}(S) \subseteq A + A$ , and  $c(S) \leq 3$

Let  $I$  be a set of non-negative integers and  $\emptyset \neq J \subseteq I$ , and let  $T$  be a numerical semigroup. The backslash monoid associated to  $I$ ,  $J$ , and  $T$  is

$$S_I^J(T) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{N}^{(I)} : \sum_{j \in J} x_j \in T \right\}$$



**Result:**  $S_I^J(T)$  is gap absorbing if and only if  $T = \{0\} \cup (m + \mathbb{N})$  (an ideal extension of  $\mathbb{N}$ ; ordinary numerical semigroup)

In this setting, if  $|I| > 1$ ,  $\text{Betti}(S_I^J(T)) \subseteq A + A$ ,  $c(S_I^J(T)) = 3$ ,  $\omega(S_I^J(T)) = 2m - 1$ , and  $\omega(S_I^J(T)) = \infty$  for  $J \subsetneq I$

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