

# Generalizing and Classifying Irreducible Numerical Monoids

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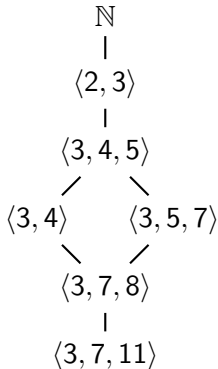
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## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be an irreducible numerical semigroup. Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is either symmetric or pseudo-symmetric. Moreover, every symmetric or pseudo-symmetric semigroup are irreducible.

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*Remark:* A Noetherian ring  $R$  is Gorenstein if  $R$  has finite injective dimension as an  $R$ -module.



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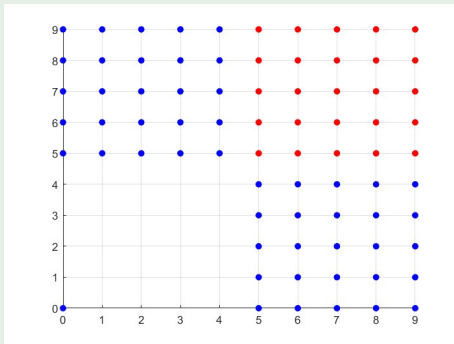


Figure: This is  $\mathbf{P}_5(3)$



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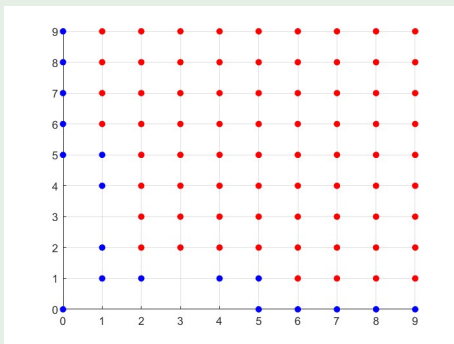


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- 4 We will denote an arbitrary Unipotent Numerical Monoid in  $\mathbf{G}$  by  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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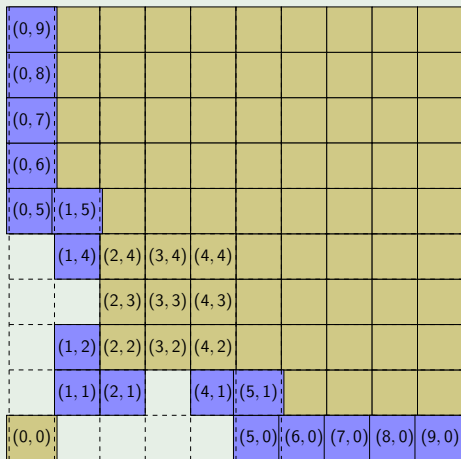
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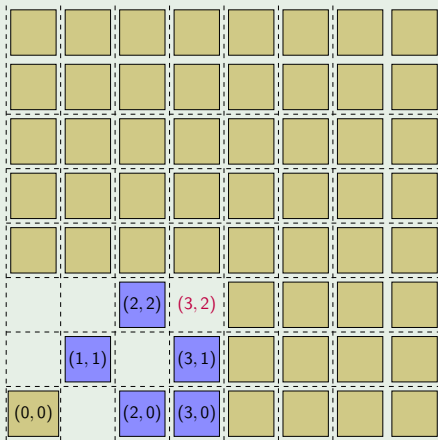
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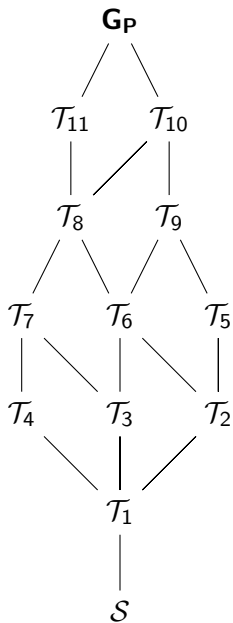
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  - ① We have  $A^2 \in \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S})$ .
  - ② We have  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S}) \cap (A\mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset$ .



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## Lemma (Can, S. 23)

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a unipotent numerical monoid in  $\mathbf{G}$ . The following statements are equivalent.

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Furthermore, if  $|\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S})| = 1$ , then we can add the following equivalent statement to the above list.

- $\mathcal{S}$  is maximal with respect to set inclusion in the set of unipotent numerical monoid  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S}) = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{T})$ .

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*Remark:* This shows that the condition of irreducibility in symmetricity can be dropped and be replaced by  $|\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S})| = 1$ .

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a unipotent numerical monoid in  $\mathbf{G}$ . We define  $\mathcal{S}$  to be symmetric if  $|\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S})| = 1$  and for every  $A \in \mathbf{G} \setminus \mathcal{S}$ , we have  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{S}) \cap A\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$ .

## Theorem (Can, S. 23)

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a unipotent numerical monoid. If  $\mathcal{S}$  is irreducible, then  $\mathcal{S}$  is either symmetric or pseudo-symmetric.

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- ⑤ We look forward to generalizing it to linear algebraic groups. We know that  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{U}(n)$ .

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