# Combinatorial optimization problems

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$$\mathcal{B}(n_1,\ldots,n_p)\setminus \{\{0\}\} = \bigcup_{d\in D} \left\{ dS \mid S \in \mathcal{N}(\frac{n_1}{d},\ldots,\frac{n_p}{d}) \right\}.$$

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Let  $n_1, \ldots, n_p$  be positive integers. Then  $\mathcal{N}(n_1, \ldots, n_p)$  is a Frobenius variety.

We define the graph  $G(\mathcal{N}(n_1, \ldots, n_p))$  as follows:

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The graph  $G(\mathcal{N}(n_1,...,n_p))$  is a tree rooted in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, the descendants of  $S \in \mathcal{N}(n_1,...,n_p)$  are the elements of the set  $\{S \setminus \{x\} \mid x \in msg(S), x > F(S) \text{ and } S \setminus \{x\} \in \mathcal{N}(n_1,...,n_p)\}.$ 

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## Example

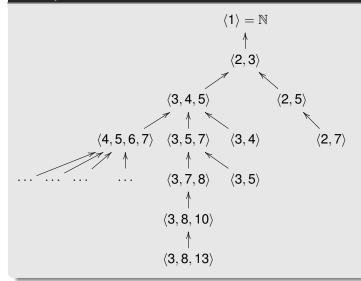
We now draw part of the tree associated to the numerical (2,3)-bracelets.

- .  $\mathbb N$  has an only descendant  $\mathbb N\backslash\{1\}=\langle 2,3\rangle,$
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- .  $\langle \mathbf{3},\mathbf{8},\mathbf{13}\rangle$  has no descendants,
  - (4.5.6.7) has four descendants

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$$L_{\{2,3\}}({7\}) = \{0\} \cup {7\} \cup (14 + \{0,2,3\}) \cup (21 + \{0,2,3,4,5,6\}) \cup (28 + \{0,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}) \cup {30,\rightarrow} \}$$
  
and thus  
$$L_{\{2,3\}}({7\}) = \{0,7,14,16,17,21,23,24,25,26,27,28,30,\rightarrow\} = \langle 7,16,17,25,26,27,36 \rangle.$$

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The correspondence  $\varphi : \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{L}$ , defined by  $\varphi(D) = L(D) \cup \{0\}$ , is a bijective map. Furthermore its inverse is the map  $\theta : \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\theta(S) = \{a \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid \ell(a) \in S\}.$ So,  $\mathcal{D} = \{\theta(S) \mid S \text{ is a } L \text{ D somigroup}\}$ 

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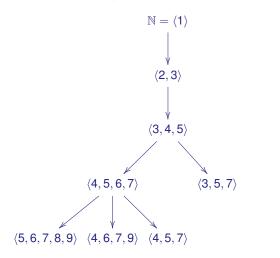
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The graph  $G(\mathcal{L})$  is a tree rooted in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, the sons of a vertex  $S \in \mathcal{L}$  are  $S \setminus \{x_1\}, \ldots, S \setminus \{x_l\}$  with  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_l\} = \{x \in msg(S) \mid x > F(S) \text{ and } S \setminus \{x\} \in \mathcal{L}\}$ 

Figure: The tree of LD-numerical semigroups



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