# Semilinear idempotent distributive $\ell$-monoids 

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A totally ordered monoid $\langle M, \cdot, e, \leq\rangle$, i.e., a monoid $\langle M, \cdot, e\rangle$ with a total order $\leq$ on $M$ such that $a \leq b$ implies $c a d \leq c b d$ for $a, b, c, d \in M$, can be considered as a distributive $\ell$-monoid $\langle M, \min , \max , \cdot, e\rangle$ which we also call totally ordered monoid.

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Intuition: $\mathbf{L} \oplus \mathbf{M}$ is obtained by replacing the identity $e$ in $\mathbf{L}$ with $\mathbf{M}$ and extending the order and product in such a way that the elements of $\mathbf{M}$ behave like $e$ with respect to elements of $\mathbf{L}$.

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So it makes sense to write $\mathbf{M}_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{M}_{n}$ for totally ordered idempotent monoids $\mathbf{M}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{M}_{n}$ or shorter $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{M}_{i}$, where $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{0} \mathbf{M}_{i}=\mathbf{0}$ for some fixed trivial algebra $\mathbf{0}$. We note that $\mathbf{M} \oplus \mathbf{0} \cong \mathbf{0} \oplus \mathbf{M} \cong \mathbf{M}$ for all $\mathbf{M}$, i.e., $\mathbf{0}$ is the neutral element of the $e$-sum operation.

## Back to the Examples

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## Corollary (cf. Gil-Férez, Jipsen, Metcalfe 2020)

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$$
\mathbf{I}(n)=2 \cdot \mathbf{I}(n-1)+2 \cdot \mathbf{I}(n-2) \quad(n>2)
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Moreover,

$$
\mathbf{I}(n)=\frac{(1+\sqrt{3})^{n}-(1-\sqrt{3})^{n}}{2 \sqrt{3}}
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## Corollary (Olson 2012)

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Lemma (Higman 1952)
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We define for $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{S e m \mathcal { I }} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{M}_{*}$ the relation $\preceq$ by

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\mathbf{L} \preceq \mathbf{M}: \Longleftrightarrow\left\langle\mathbf{L}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{L}_{m}\right\rangle \leq_{I S}^{*}\left\langle\mathbf{M}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{M}_{n}\right\rangle,
$$

for $\mathbf{L}=\mathbf{L}_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{L}_{m}, \mathbf{M}=\mathbf{M}_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{M}_{n}$ with
$\mathbf{M}_{i}, \mathbf{L}_{j} \in\left\{\mathbf{C}_{2}, \mathbf{C}_{2}^{\partial}, \mathbf{G}_{3}, \mathbf{D}_{3}\right\}$.

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Thus we get that $\left\langle\operatorname{Sem} \mathcal{I} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{M}_{*}, \leq_{I S}\right\rangle$ is a well quasi-ordered set, yielding

## Theorem

The subvariety lattice of $\operatorname{Sem} \mathcal{I} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L M}$ is countably infinite.

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- Using the theorem of (Davey 1979) and the fact that $\leq_{H S}=\preceq$ we get that the subvariety lattice of $\operatorname{Sem} \mathcal{I} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{M}$ is isomorphic to the lattice of order-ideals of $\left\langle\mathcal{S e m \mathcal { I }} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{M}_{*}, \preceq\right\rangle$, via the map that maps an order ideal $\mathcal{I}$ to the variety $V(\mathcal{I})$ generated by $\mathcal{I}$.
- Thus, by the characterization of the finite subdirectly irreducibles and the definition of $\preceq$ via the Higman order, we get a description of the subvariety lattice of $\operatorname{Sem\mathcal {I}} d \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{M}$.


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There are up to isomorphism $2^{n-1}$ totally ordered commutative idempotent monoids of size $n \geq 1$.

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## Example $\mathbf{C}_{3}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{3}^{\partial}$



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