# Nilpotents in a semigroup of partial automorphisms of a rooted tree

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Let PAut T be the semigroup of partial automorphisms of the tree T, defined on a connected subgraph containing root and preserving the level of vertices.

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If  $a \in \mathcal{IS}(X)$ ,  $f \in S^{PX}$ , we define  $f^a$  by:

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The partial wreath product of two semigroup is a semigroup itself. Moreover, partial wreath product of inverse semigroups is an inverse semigroup.

## Proposition

Let T be a rooted k-level n-regular tree. Then

PAut 
$$T \cong \mathcal{IS}_n \wr_p \ldots \wr_p \mathcal{IS}_n = \wr_p^k \mathcal{IS}_n$$
.



In a paper [1] it has been shown that there about 1.8 million of non-equivalent semigroups of order 8 and 99% of them are nilpotent.

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 $\overline{\text{dom}(e)} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots a_k\}$ , then every maximal nilpotent subsemigroup corresponds to a permutation  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$  of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  and has the form:

$$T = \left\{ \sigma \in \mathcal{IS}_n \mid \text{dom}(e) \subseteq \text{dom}(\sigma); \sigma(x) = x \text{ for all } x \in \text{dom}(e); \\ \sigma(b_i) = b_j \text{ implies } i < j \text{ for all } b_i \notin \text{dom}(e) \right\}$$

Details can be found in [2].



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### Corollary

Maximal nilpotent subsemigroup of semigroup  $\binom{k}{p}\mathcal{IS}_n$  are those having the form  $\binom{k-1}{p}\mathcal{IS}_n$   $\binom{k}{p}S$ , where S is a maximal nilpotent subsemigroup of the semigroup  $\mathcal{IS}_n$ .

Now consider proper maximal nilpotent subsemigroups. Let T be a proper nilpotent subsemigroup of PAut T with a zero  $e \in E(\mathsf{PAut}\ T)$ . Denote by  $T_x$  the maximal subtree of T such that its root is  $x \in VT$  and none of the edge of  $T_x$  is in  $\mathsf{dom}(e)$ .

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#### Theorem

Proper maximal subsemigroup of PAut T is (canonically) isomorphic to

$$\prod_{x\in \mathsf{dom}(e)} \mathit{Nilp}_x,$$

where  $Nilp_x$  is a maximal nilpotent subsemigroup of PAut  $T_x$ .

The cardinality of a maximal subsemigroup of  $P \wr_p \mathcal{IS}_n$  is equal to

$$|P|^n B_n \left(\frac{1}{|P|}\right),$$

where  $B_n(x)$  denotes the *n*th Bell polynomial. Consequently, the cardinality of a maximal subsemigroup of  $\ell_p^k \mathcal{IS}_n$  is

$$\left| \langle p_p^{k-1} \mathcal{I} \mathcal{S}_n \right|^n \mathcal{B}_n \left( \frac{1}{\left| \langle p_p^{k-1} \mathcal{I} \mathcal{S}_n \right|} \right).$$

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Denote 
$$F^k(x) = \underbrace{F(F...(F(x))...)}_{k}$$
.

$$|\wr_p^k \mathcal{IS}_n| = F^k(1),$$

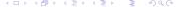
where  $F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} {n \choose i}^2 i! x^i$ 



The number of proper maximal nilpotent subsemigroups of PAut T with a zero  $e \in E(\mathsf{PAut}\ T)$  equals

$$\prod_{x \in \mathsf{dom}(e)} (k_x)!,$$

where  $k_x$  is the number of vertices of the first level of the tree  $T_x$ .







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