

# COMMUTATIVE N-RATIONAL SERIES OF POLYNOMIAL GROWTH

*and friends made along the way*



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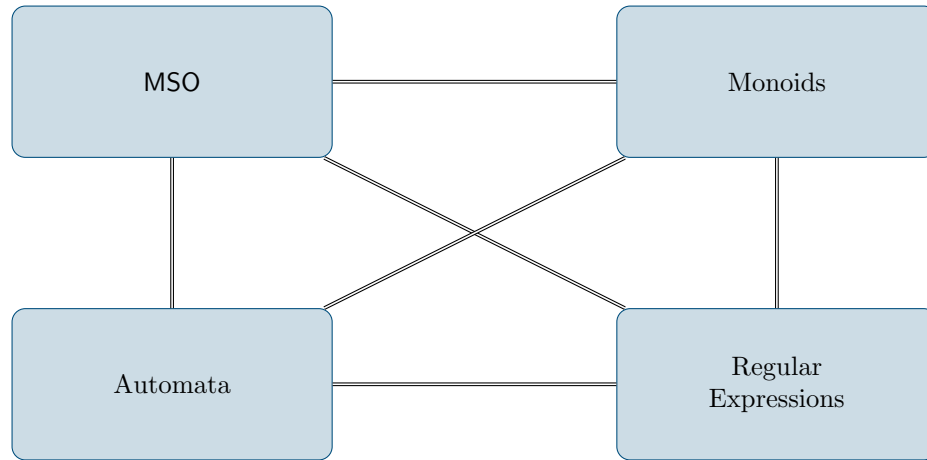
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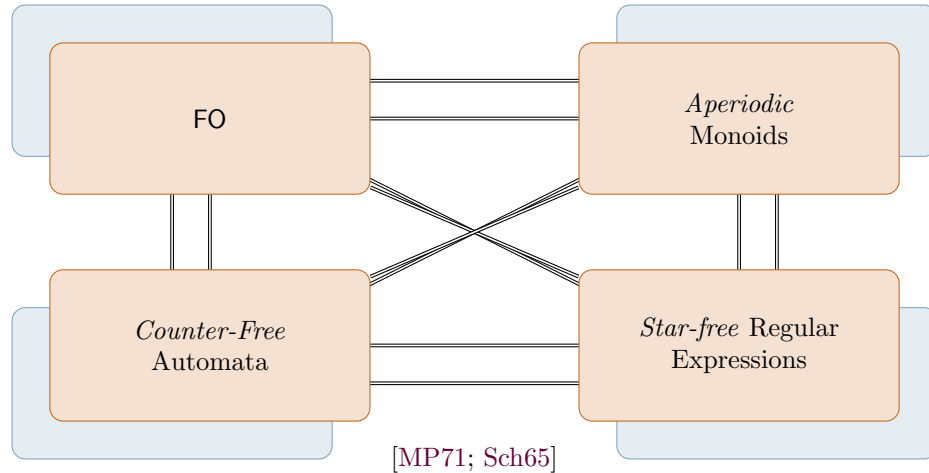
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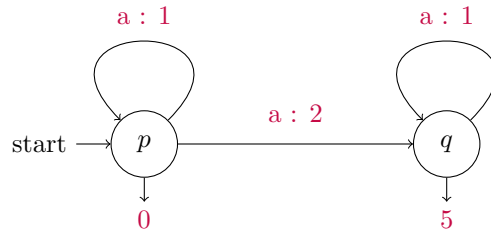
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$$(\mathbb{N}, +, \times) \approx \{1\}^*$$

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# $\mathbb{N}$ -weighted automaton



$$f: \{a\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f(w) \mapsto 10(|w| - 1)$$



# $\mathbb{N}$ -polyregular function

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{MSO}$$

$$\#\varphi: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f = \sum_{\lambda_i \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_i \times \#\varphi_i$$

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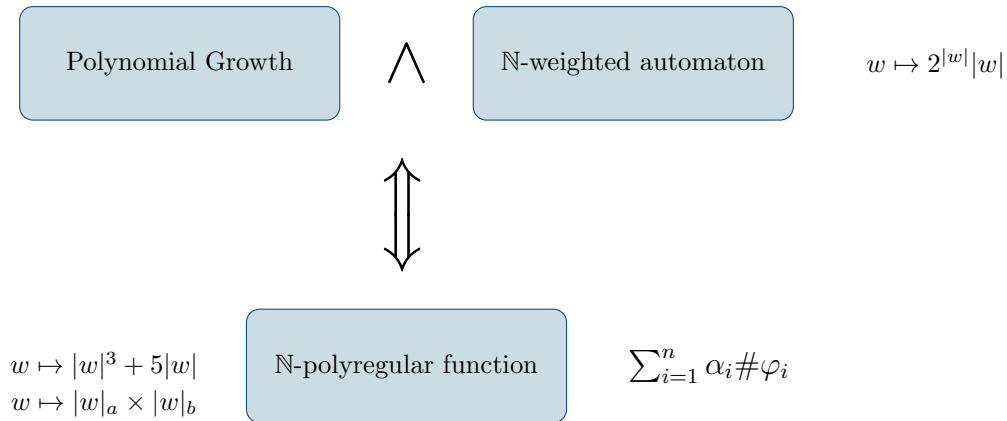
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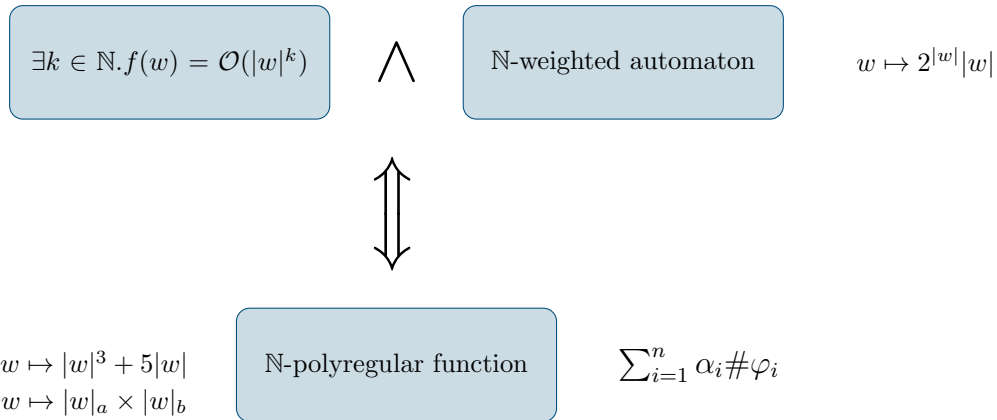
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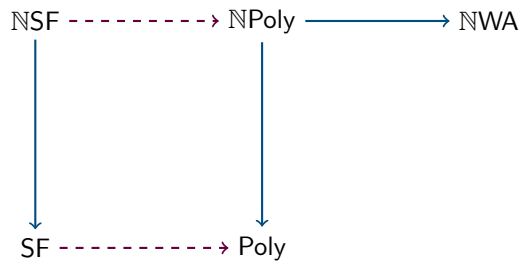
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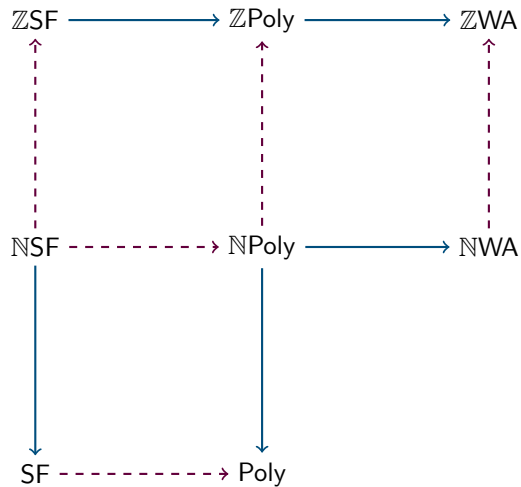
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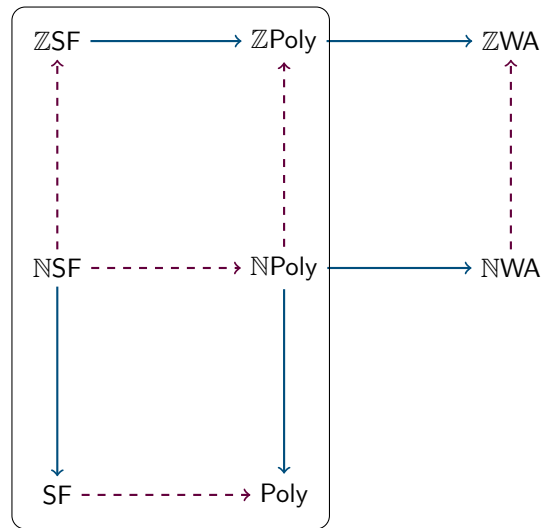
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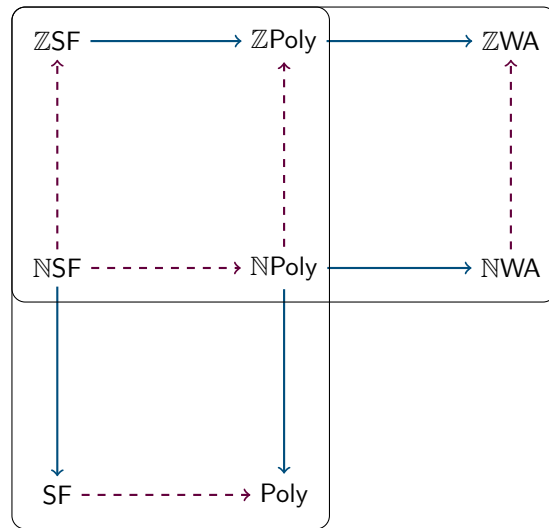


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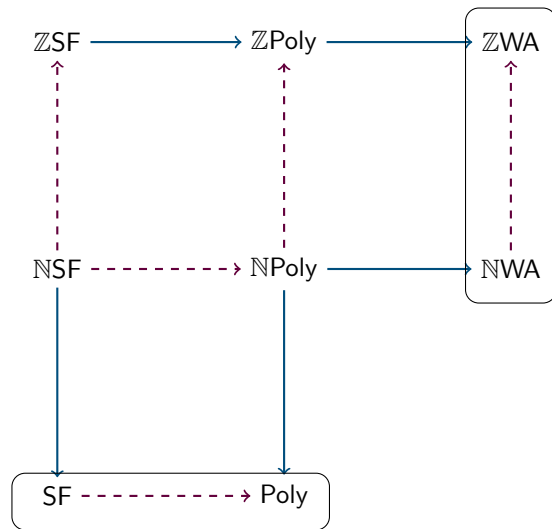


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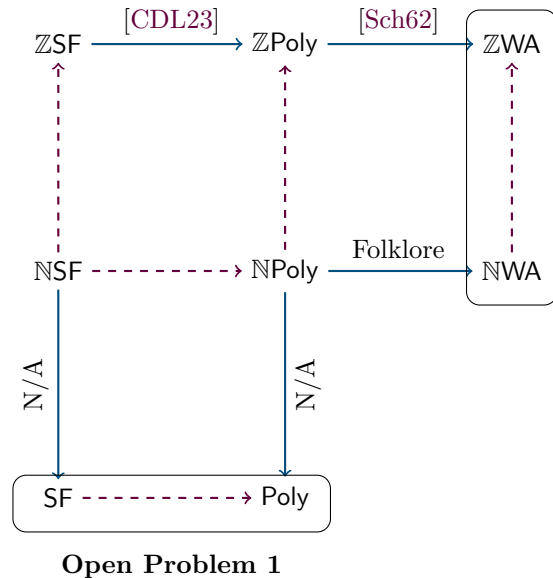


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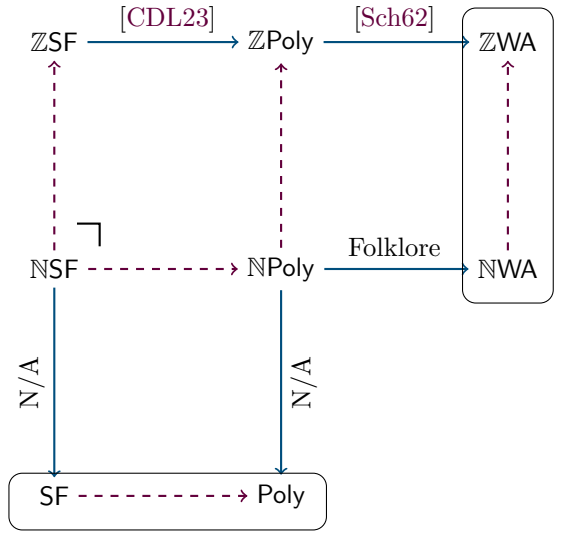
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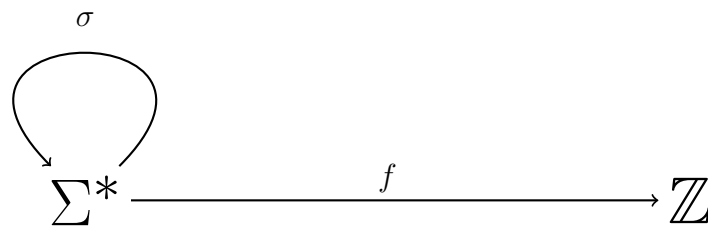
Simplify further:  
commutative input



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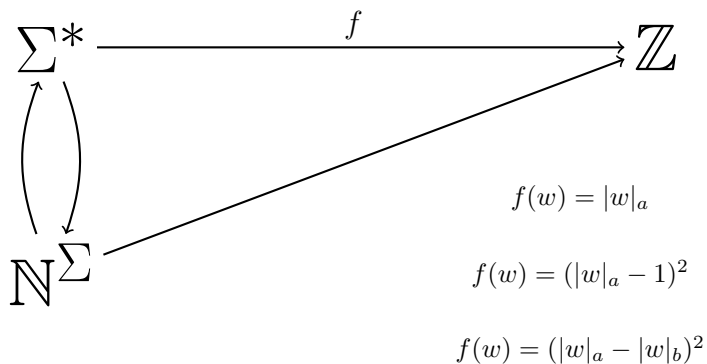
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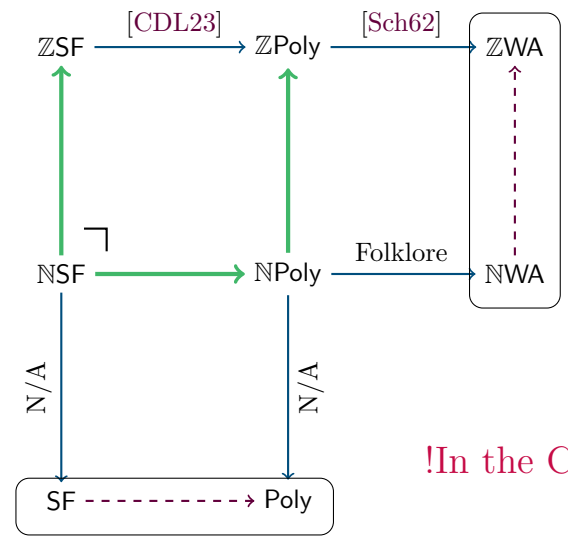
In particular: polynomials in  $\mathbb{N}[\vec{X}]$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Z}[\vec{X}]$ )



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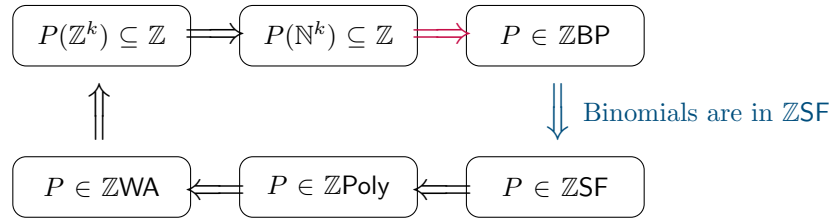
### Strongly $\mathbb{N}$ Binomial Polynomials:

partial applications of  $P$  are Natural Binomial Polynomials

Back to  $\mathbb{Z}$

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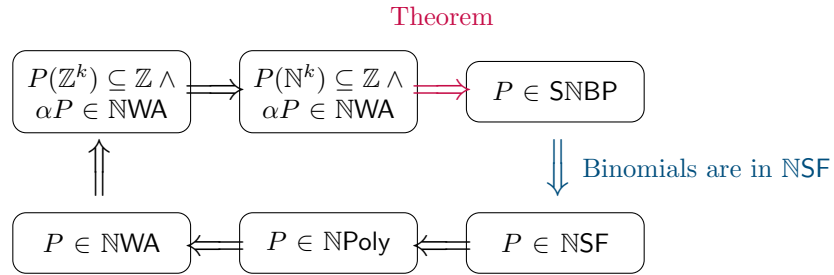
Classical result from Pólya [Pól15]



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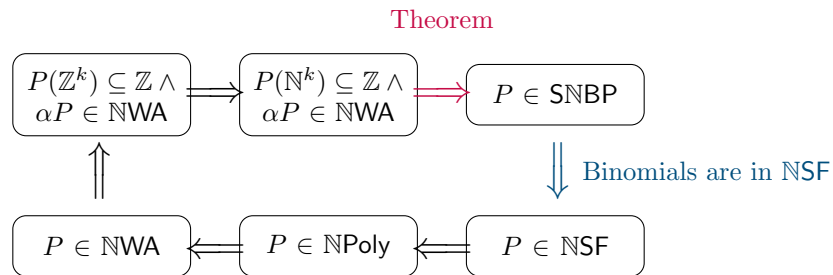
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In the case of at most two indeterminates, it coincides with [Kar77]

# Tying the knot: commutative input



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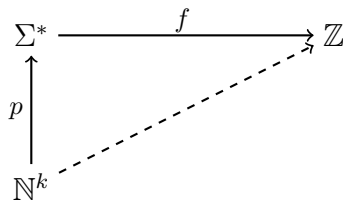
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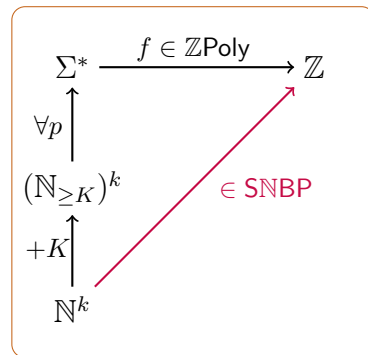
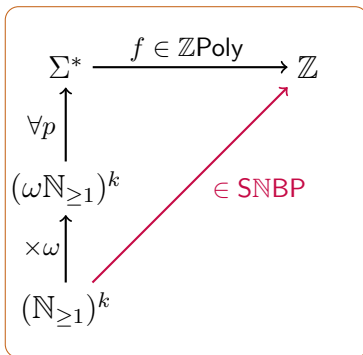
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$$p(x_1, \dots, x_k) = v_0 \prod_{i=1}^n (u_i)^{x_i} v_i$$

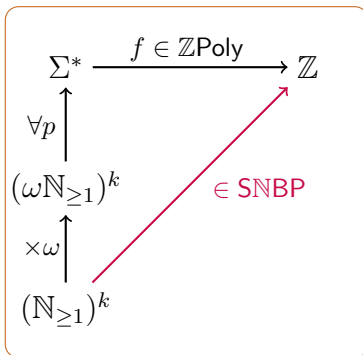
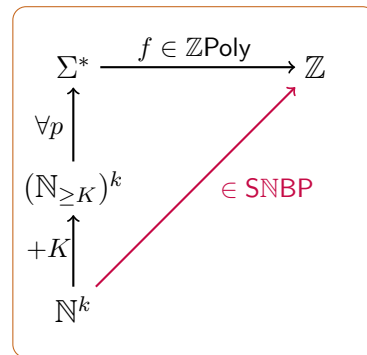




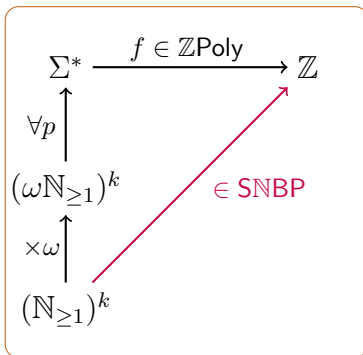
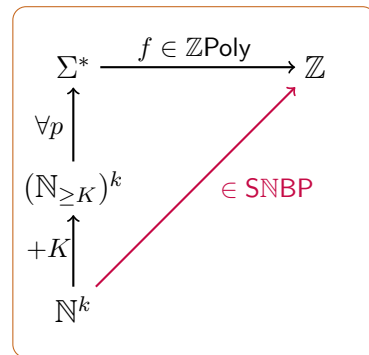
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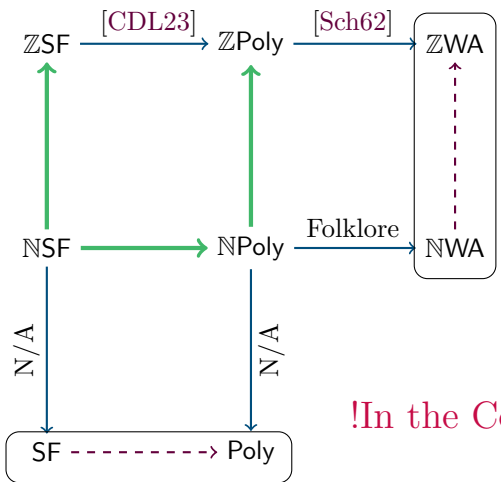

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**Conjecture:** true without commutative assumption

Conclusion



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Open Problem 2

**Towards Series:** define *aperiodic* ZWA and NWA (but not like [DG05; DG19]).

Spectrum in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , aperiodic finite quotients, pumping arguments

**Dropping Commutation:** attempted a *WQO* approach building a canonical model [Lop24].

Using aperiodic approximations?

!In the Commutative Setting!

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