

Powers of irreducibles in rings of integer-valued polynomials

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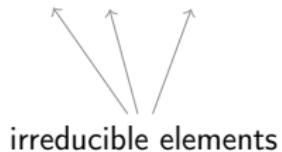
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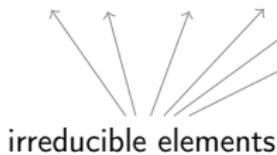


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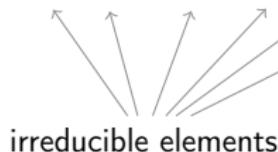


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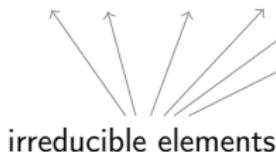
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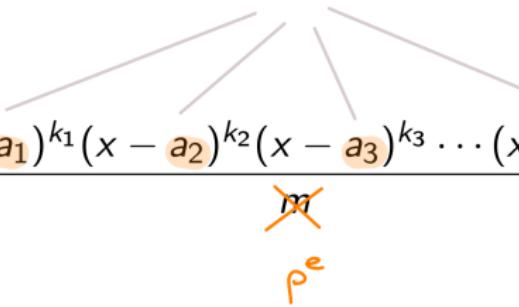
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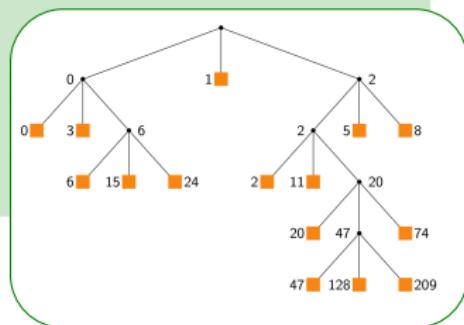
Theorem (Frisch, Nakato, R., 2022)

Let R be a discrete valuation domain with finite residue field,
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$$\frac{h_0}{p^e} \text{ with } h_0 = \prod_{s \in S} (x - s)^{k_s}$$

is absolutely irreducible if and only if

- S is a balanced set
- h_0 is the equalizing polynomial of S
- p^e is the fixed divisor of h_0



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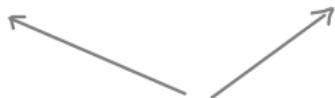
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