

# Gaps and approximations in the space of growth functions

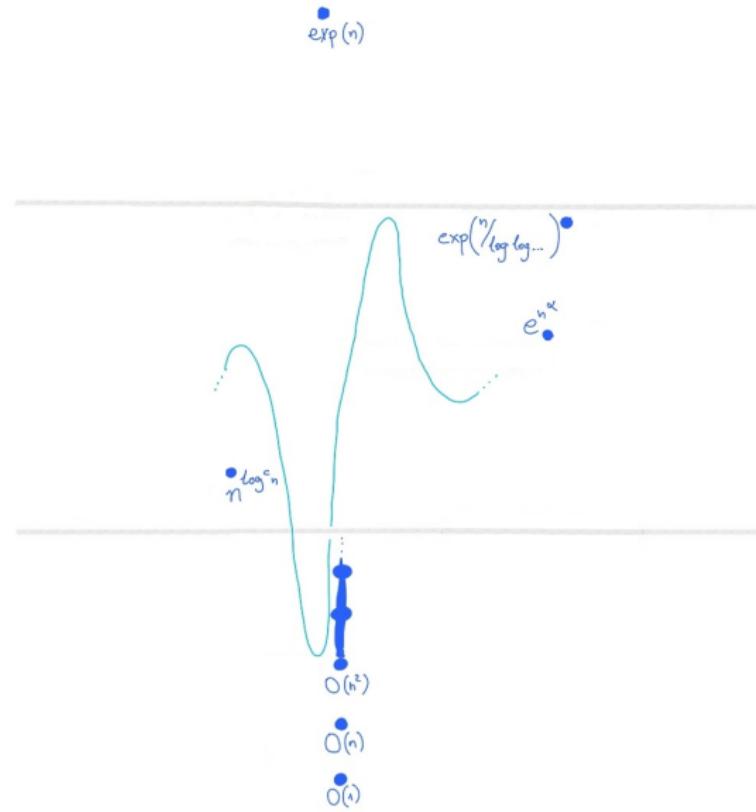
From pathological examples to natural constructions

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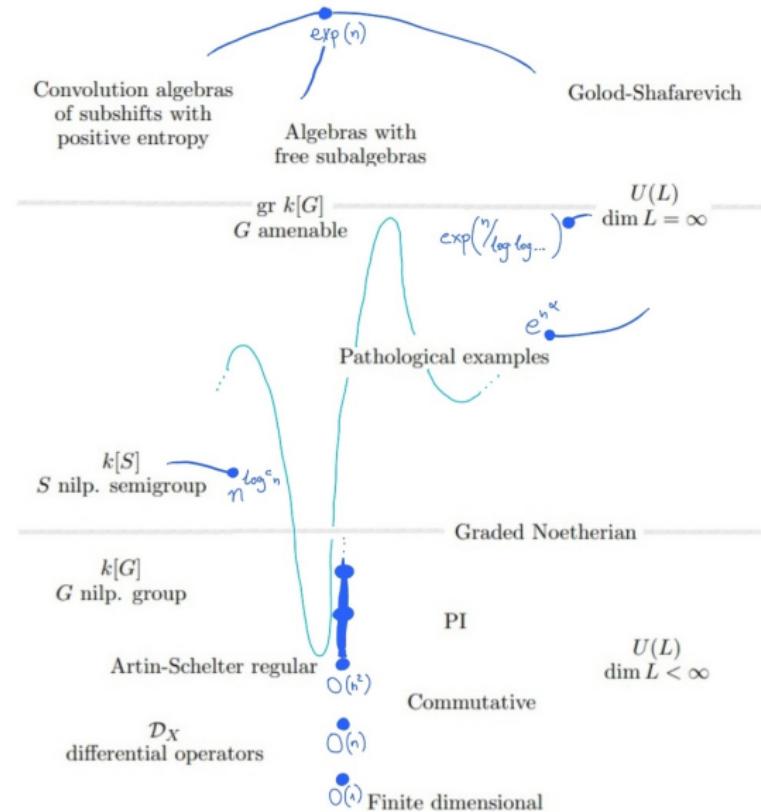
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- $f(n) \preceq \gamma_A(n) \preceq nf(n)$  (follows from Bell-Zelmanov '20)

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- For any growth function  $f$  there exists a primitive algebra s.t.  $f(n) \preceq \gamma_A(n) \preceq n^2 f(n)$
- There exist graded algebras whose growth functions encode graded nilpotent ideals, i.e. the 'Graded Conjecture I' is false

(Convolution algebras of étale groupoids of Cantor systems)

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Theorem (G.-Zelmanov, '22)

For any increasing, submultiplicative function  $f$  and an arbitrarily slow 'distortion'  $\omega(n) \rightarrow \infty$  there exists a nil algebra/Lie algebra  $A$  such that:

$$f(n/\omega(n)) \preceq \gamma_A(n) \preceq \text{poly}(n) \cdot f(n)$$

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For any  $\alpha, \beta \geq 2$  and  $\gamma \in [\min\{\alpha, \beta\} + 2, \alpha + \beta]$  there exist primitive monomial algebras  $\text{GKdim}(A) = \alpha, \text{GKdim}(B) = \beta, \text{GKdim}(A \otimes_F B) = \gamma$ .

# Thank you!

Questions?