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# **Sage Reference Manual: Standard Semirings**

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## NON NEGATIVE INTEGER SEMIRING

**class** sage.rings.semiring.non\_negative\_integer\_semiring.**NonNegativeIntegerSemiring**  
Bases: sage.sets.non\_negative\_integers.NonNegativeIntegers

A class for the semiring of the non negative integers

This parent inherits from the infinite enumerated set of non negative integers and endows it with its natural semiring structure.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: NonNegativeIntegerSemiring()
Non negative integer semiring
```

For convenience, NN is a shortcut for NonNegativeIntegerSemiring():

```
sage: NN == NonNegativeIntegerSemiring()
True

sage: NN.category()
Category of facade infinite enumerated commutative semirings
```

Here is a piece of the Cayley graph for the multiplicative structure:

```
sage: G = NN.cayley_graph(elements=range(9), generators=[0,1,2,3,5,7])
sage: G
Looped multi-digraph on 9 vertices
sage: G.plot()
Graphics object consisting of 48 graphics primitives
```

This is the Hasse diagram of the divisibility order on NN.

```
sage: Poset(NN.cayley_graph(elements=[1..12], generators=[2,3,5,7,11])).show()
```

Note: as for NonNegativeIntegers, NN is currently just a “facade” parent; namely its elements are plain Sage Integers with Integer Ring as parent:

```
sage: x = NN(15); type(x)
<type 'sage.rings.integer.Integer'>
sage: x.parent()
Integer Ring
sage: x+3
18
```

**additive\_semigroup\_generators()**

Returns the additive semigroup generators of self.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: NN.additive_semigroup_generators()  
Family (0, 1)
```

## TROPICAL SEMIRINGS

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```
class sage.rings.semirings.tropical_semiring.TropicalSemiring(base,  
                                                         use_min=True)  
Bases: sage.structure.parent.Parent, sage.structure.unique_representation.  
UniqueRepresentation
```

The tropical semiring.

Given an ordered additive semigroup  $R$ , we define the tropical semiring  $T = R \cup \{+\infty\}$  by defining tropical addition and multiplication as follows:

$$a \oplus b = \min(a, b), \quad a \odot b = a + b.$$

In particular, note that there are no (tropical) additive inverses (except for  $\infty$ ), and every element in  $R$  has a (tropical) multiplicative inverse.

There is an alternative definition where we define  $T = R \cup \{-\infty\}$  and alter tropical addition to be defined by

$$a \oplus b = \max(a, b).$$

To use the max definition, set the argument `use_min = False`.

**Warning:** `zero()` and `one()` refer to the tropical additive and multiplicative identities respectively. These are **not** the same as calling `T(0)` and `T(1)` respectively as these are **not** the tropical additive and multiplicative identities respectively.

Specifically do not use `sum(...)` as this converts 0 to 0 as a tropical element, which is not the same as `zero()`. Instead use the `sum` method of the tropical semiring:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)  
sage: sum([T(1), T(2)]) # This is wrong  
0  
sage: T.sum([T(1), T(2)]) # This is correct  
1
```

Be careful about using code that has not been checked for tropical safety.

INPUT:

- `base` – the base ordered additive semigroup  $R$

- `use_min` – (default: `True`) if `True`, then the semiring uses  $a \oplus b = \min(a, b)$ ; otherwise uses  $a \oplus b = \max(a, b)$

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: elt = T(2); elt
2
```

Recall that tropical addition is the minimum of two elements:

```
sage: T(3) + T(5)
3
```

Tropical multiplication is the addition of two elements:

```
sage: T(2) * T(3)
5
sage: T(0) * T(-2)
-2
```

We can also do tropical division and arbitrary tropical exponentiation:

```
sage: T(2) / T(1)
1
sage: T(2)^(-3/7)
-6/7
```

Note that “zero” and “one” are the additive and multiplicative identities of the tropical semiring. In general, they are **not** the elements 0 and 1 of  $R$ , respectively, even if such elements exist (e.g., for  $R = \mathbf{Z}$ ), but instead the (tropical) additive and multiplicative identities  $+\infty$  and 0 respectively:

```
sage: T.zero() + T(3) == T(3)
True
sage: T.one() * T(3) == T(3)
True
sage: T.zero() == T(0)
False
sage: T.one() == T(1)
False
```

### Element

alias of `TropicalSemiringElement`

### `additive_identity()`

Return the (tropical) additive identity element  $+\infty$ .

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.zero()
+infinity
```

### `gens()`

Return the generators of `self`.

EXAMPLES:



```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.gens()
(1, +infinity)
```

**infinity()**

Return the (tropical) additive identity element  $+\infty$ .

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.zero()
+infinity
```

**multiplicative\_identity()**

Return the (tropical) multiplicative identity element 0.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.one()
0
```

**one()**

Return the (tropical) multiplicative identity element 0.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.one()
0
```

**zero()**

Return the (tropical) additive identity element  $+\infty$ .

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.zero()
+infinity
```

**class** sage.rings.semiring.tropical\_semiring.TropicalSemiringElement

Bases: sage.structure.element.Element

An element in the tropical semiring over an ordered additive semigroup  $R$ . Either in  $R$  or  $\infty$ . The operators  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  are defined as the tropical operators  $\oplus$ ,  $\odot$  respectively.

**lift()**

Return the value of `self` lifted to the base.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: elt = T(2)
sage: elt.lift()
2
sage: elt.lift().parent() is QQ
True
sage: T.additive_identity().lift().parent()
The Infinity Ring
```

**multiplicative\_order()**

Return the multiplicative order of `self`.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: T = TropicalSemiring(QQ)
sage: T.multiplicative_identity().multiplicative_order()
1
sage: T.additive_identity().multiplicative_order()
+Infinity
```

**class** `sage.rings.semiring.tropical_semiring.TropicalToTropical`

Bases: `sage.categories.map.Map`

Map from the tropical semiring to itself (possibly with different bases). Used in coercion.

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