# Tropical Weierstrass Semigroups 

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Goal: tropical analogues of Weierstrass semigroups

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Theorem (Weierstrass gap theorem)

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Recent work of Cotterill, Pflueger, Zhang (2022) certifies Weierstrass-realizability of some numerical semigroups.

## Theorem (Torres)

Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$ and $X$ be a curve of genus $g \geq 6 \gamma+4$. TFAE:

- $X$ is a double cover of a curve of genus $\gamma$,
- there exists $P \in X$ such that $H(P)$ is the numerical duplication of a numerical semigroup of genus $\gamma$.


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Two divisors $D, D^{\prime} \in \operatorname{Div}(G)$ are linearly equivalent if

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Denote by $\operatorname{Div}_{+}^{d}(G)$ the set of effective of divisors of degree $d$.

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The rank of $D$ is -1 if $|D|=\emptyset$, otherwise

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r(D)=\max \left\{d \in \mathbb{N}:|D-E| \neq \emptyset, \forall E \in \operatorname{Div}_{+}^{d}(G)\right\} .
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$H_{f}(P)$ is a semigroup, $H_{r}(P)$ is not.

## Example

Consider the following graph $G$


It is the vertex gluing of $K_{2,3}$ and two copies of $K_{2,2}$.
Let $P \in V(G)$ be the vertex of degree 7 . Then

$$
H_{r}(P)=\{0,3,5,7\} \cup(8+\mathbb{N}) .
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Note that $H_{r}(P)$ is not a semigroup $6=3+3 \notin H_{r}(P)$.

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$$
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## Thank you very much!

