Title. Small doubling in ordered semigroups.

Abstract. The talk is focused on the generalization of recent results by G.A. Freiman, M. Herzog and coauthors on the structure theory of sets of very small doubling (less than 3) from the context of linearly (i.e., strictly and totally) ordered groups to the more abstract setting of linearly ordered semigroups. In particular, it is shown that: If S is a finite subset of a linearly ordered semigroup generating a nonabelian subsemigroup, then $|S^2| \ge 3|S| - 2$. On the road to this goal, a few subsidiary results are proved, notably including the fact that the commutator and the normalizer of a finite subset of a linearly ordered semigroup are equal to each other. The whole is accompanied by a number of examples, mostly finalized to explore conditions under which some special classes of semigroups (and related structures such as semirings) are linearly orderable.

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