# Analysis of discrete dynamical systems An algebraic perspective 

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## An example from science

## A planetary system



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## What if our instruments are less sophisticated?

# Abstract evolution of the system 



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# Product of dynamical systems 

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# Give temporary names to the states 


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# Compute the <br> <br> Cartesian product 

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## Add the arcs between states



## Forget the names once again



## Back to our

## planetary system

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## Any other decomposition?

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- Multiplication by zero: $\varnothing \times X=\varnothing$


## Multiplication table



## Equations for

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\begin{aligned}
& \overbrace{6}^{9} X+Y^{2}=\int_{6}^{2} \\
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& Y=\Omega \\
& Z=9
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- We are still unsure if equations in one single variable, like $A X=B$, can be solved efficiently (conjecture: no)


# Identifying basic building blocks 

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## No unique factorisation into irreducibles!



| $\times$ | $\varnothing$ | $C$ |  | $C_{0}{ }_{0}$ | 0. |  |
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- So $A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n}$ might all be replaceable


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- So we want at least all primes in our warehouse (even though that's not enough...)


## Primes are not sufficient



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- Those $A$ and $B$ can be much bigger than $P$, but we don't know how much, so no algorithm yet...


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## Thanks for your attention! Any questions?

