

1 Linear and Semilinear Set Definitions:

Definition 1 Let \mathbb{N} be the set of nonnegative integers and k be a positive integer. A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$ is a linear set if $\exists v_0, v_1, \dots, v_t$ in \mathbb{N}^k such that

$$S = \{v | v = v_0 + a_1v_1 + \dots + a_tv_t, a_i \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

The vector v_0 (referred to as the constant vector) and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t (referred to as the periods) are called the generators of the linear set S .

Definition 2 A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$ is semilinear if it is a finite union of linear sets. \emptyset is a trivial semilinear set where the set of generators is empty. Every finite subset of \mathbb{N}^k is semilinear - it is a finite union of linear sets whose generators are constant vectors. Clearly, semilinear sets are closed under union and projection. It is also known that semilinear sets are closed under intersection and complementation.