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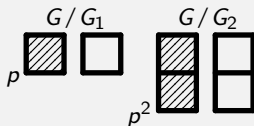


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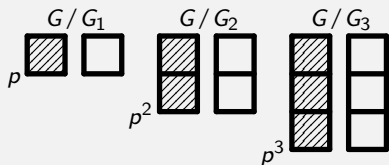


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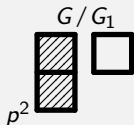
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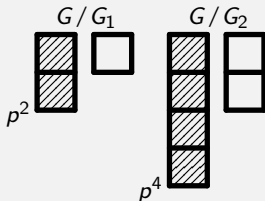
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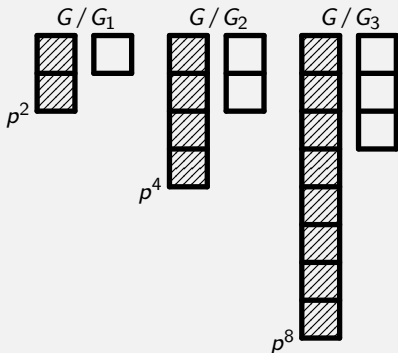
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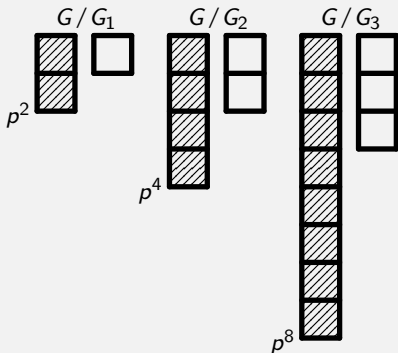
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$$\frac{|\text{hspec}^{\mathcal{L}}(G(m, d))|}{\dim(G(m, d))} \rightarrow d + 1 \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is unbounded as d tends to infinity.

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In particular, $|\text{hspec}^{\mathcal{L}}(G)| \leq 2^d$. (This bound can be improved)

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Let L be a free \mathbb{Z}_p -module of dimension d , and let $\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$ be a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis for L . We say that a filtration $\mathcal{S} : L = L_0 \geq L_1 \geq \dots$ is a *split filtration* with respect to $\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$ with growth rates $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_d \in (0, 1]$ if it is equivalent to the filtration $\mathcal{S}^* : L = L_0^* \geq L_1^* \geq \dots$, where

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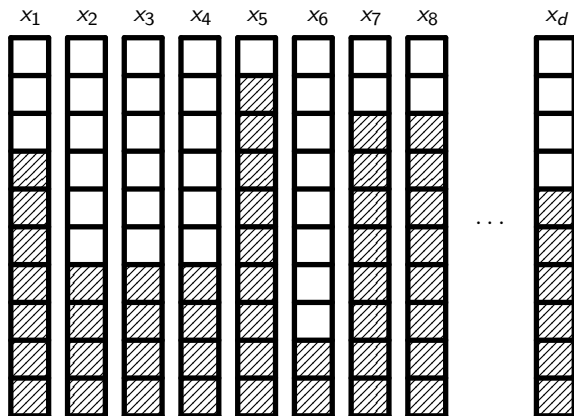
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Let G be a p -adic analytic pro- p group of dimension d and let U be a uniform pro- p subgroup of G of finite index. Then there exist $b, c \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $x_1, \dots, x_d \in U$ and $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_d \in (0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ such that

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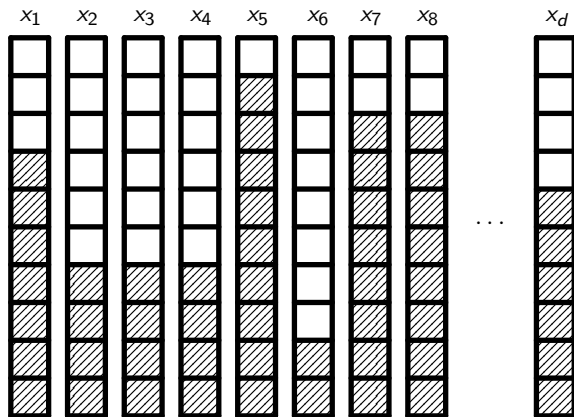
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So we do not know.

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