Invited Talks

## PROBLEMS IN ADDITIVE NUMBER THEORY WITH AN ULTRAFILTER FLAVOR

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The set A of nonnegative integers is called a *basis of order* h if every nonnegative integer can be represented as the sum of h not necessarily distinct elements of A. The positive real number  $\alpha$  is called an *additive eigenvalue of order* h if there is a basis  $A = \{a_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  of order h such that  $a_i \sim \alpha i^h$ . The set of all additive eigenvalues of order h is called the *spectrum of order* h, and denoted  $\mathcal{N}(h)$ . Cassels showed that additive eigenvalues exist for all  $h \geq 2$ . It is proved that  $0 < \eta(h) = \sup \mathcal{N}(h) \leq$  $h!/\Gamma^h(1+1/h)$ , and that the spectrum  $\mathcal{N}(h)$  is an interval of the form  $(0, \eta(h))$  or  $(0, \eta(h)]$ . A preprint will be appear on arXiv.org.

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