1046-13-814 Roger Wiegand* (rwiegand@math.unl.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0130. Semigroups of torsion-free modules. Preliminary report.

Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a commutative, Noetherian, local domain of dimension one, and assume that the \mathfrak{m} -adic completion of R has no non-zero nilpotent elements. Given a family S of finitely generated R-modules, with S closed under finite direct sums and under isomorphism, we consider the semigroup V(S) of isomorphism classes of elements in S, with the operation induced by the direct sum. In earlier work by the author and others, a complete set of invariants was given for the semigroup V(R-mod), where R-mod is the class of all finitely generated modules. For the class F of torsion-free finitely generated modules, the semigroup V(F) has so far defied description, though some progress has been made. For example, the description is relatively simple when each analytic branch has infinite Cohen-Macaulay type. In this talk I will discuss what is known about V(F) and what remains to be done. (Received September 11, 2008)