**Definition** (Semigroup contravariant action (preliminary version)). A semigroup contravariant action of a semigroup S onto a set A is a map

Contravact:  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{A}$ 

such that, for all  $a \in A$ ,

Contravact(Contravact(a, y), x) = Contravact( $a, x \circ_S y$ ).