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

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

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

 $Covact(y, Covact(x, a)) = Covact(x _{S} y, a).$