

# ALGEBRAIC MONOIDS

## 1. THE UNIT GROUP OF AN ALGEBRAIC MONOID

We start by proving result on generic finiteness.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a dominant morphism of finite type between irreducible schemes. Suppose that  $\eta$  is a generic point and assume that the generic fiber  $f^{-1}(\eta)$  is finite. Then there exists an open and nonempty subset  $V$  of  $Y$  such that the restriction  $f^{-1}(V) \rightarrow V$  is finite.*

For the proof we need the following local version of the theorem.

**Lemma 1.1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a ring such that  $\text{Spec } A$  is irreducible and let  $B$  be an  $A$ -algebra of finite type. Suppose that a unique minimal prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  is nilpotent and  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A B$  is finite over  $k(\mathfrak{p})$ , where  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  denotes the residue field of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $A$ . Then there exists nonzero  $s$  in  $A$  such that  $B_s$  is a finite  $A_s$ -module.*

*Proof of the lemma.* Let  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  be generators of  $B$  as an  $A$ -algebra. Then

$$\bar{b}_i = b_i \bmod \mathfrak{p}B$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are generators of  $B/\mathfrak{p}B$  as an  $A/\mathfrak{p}$  algebra. Since  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A B$  is finite over  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  for each  $i$  there exists positive integer  $m_i$  and a polynomial

$$f_i(x) = s_{m_i}x^{m_i} + s_{m_i-1}x^{m_i-1} + \dots + s_0 \in (A/\mathfrak{p})[x]$$

such that  $s_{m_i} \neq 0$  and  $f_i(\bar{b}_i) = 0$ . Let  $s \in A$  be an element such that

$$\bar{s} = s \bmod \mathfrak{p} = s_{m_1} \cdot s_{m_2} \cdot \dots \cdot s_{m_n}$$

Clearly  $s$  is nonzero and  $B_s/(\mathfrak{p}B)_s = (B/\mathfrak{p}B)_s$  is a finite  $A_s$ -algebra. Hence there exists a finite  $A_s$ -submodule  $M$  of  $B_s$  such that

$$B_s = M + (\mathfrak{p}B)_s = M + \mathfrak{p}B_s$$

Since  $\mathfrak{p}$  is nilpotent, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}^N = 0$ . Thus

$$B_s = M + \mathfrak{p}B_s = M + \mathfrak{p}M + \mathfrak{p}^2B_s = \dots = M + \mathfrak{p}M + \dots + \mathfrak{p}^{N-1}M + \mathfrak{p}^NB_s = M + \mathfrak{p}M + \dots + \mathfrak{p}^{N-1}M$$

is a finite  $A_s$ -module.  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem.* Pick an open, nonempty, affine neighborhood  $W$  of  $\eta$ . Since  $f$  is of finite type, we derive that

$$f^{-1}(W) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$$

where each  $U_i$  is nonempty open affine subscheme of  $X$  and moreover, the morphism  $U_i \rightarrow V$  induced by  $f$  is of finite type. According to Lemma 1.1.1 for each  $i$  there exists an open, affine and nonempty subscheme  $W_i \subseteq W$  such that the morphism  $f^{-1}(W_i) \cap U_i \rightarrow W_i$  induced by  $f$  is finite. Thus replacing  $W$  by the intersection of  $W_1, \dots, W_n$  we may assume that each  $U_i \rightarrow W$  is finite. Consider

$$F = f^{-1}(W) \setminus \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \right)$$

Then  $F$  is a closed subset of  $f^{-1}(W)$  and it does not contain the generic point  $\xi$  of  $X$ . Since each restriction  $U_i \rightarrow W$  of  $f$  is finite, we derive that  $f(U_i \cap F)$  is closed in  $W$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and does not contain  $\eta = f(\xi)$  ( $f$  is dominant). Thus  $f(F)$  is a closed subset of  $W$  and  $\eta \notin f(F)$ .

Hence  $V = W \setminus f(F)$  is an open neighborhood of  $\eta$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$ . Thus the restriction  $f^{-1}(V) \rightarrow V$  of  $f$  is finite.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a geometrically integral algebraic monoid  $k$ -scheme. Suppose that  $\mathbf{G}$  is a group of units of  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $i : \mathbf{G} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is the canonical monomorphism. Then  $i$  is an open immersion.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $k$  is algebraically closed. Denote by  $\mu : \mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  and  $e : \text{Spec } k \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  the multiplication and the unit, respectively. Since  $\mathbf{M}$  is integral and of finite type over  $k$ , we derive that  $\mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M}$  is integral and

$$\dim(\mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M}) = 2 \cdot \dim(\mathbf{M})$$

Moreover,  $\mu$  is surjective (which can be checked on  $k$ -functors of points). Pick any irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\mu^{-1}(e)$ . By [Görtz and Wedhorn, 2010, Lemma 14.109] we deduce

$$\dim(Z) \geq \dim(\mu^{-1}(\eta))$$

where  $\eta$  is the generic point of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Since

$$\dim(\mu^{-1}(\eta)) = \dim(\mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M}) - \dim(\mathbf{M}) = 2 \cdot \dim(\mathbf{M}) - \dim(\mathbf{M}) = \dim(\mathbf{M})$$

we deduce that  $\dim(Z) \geq \dim(\mathbf{M})$ . Moreover, we have  $\mathbf{G} \cong \mu^{-1}(e)$  as  $k$ -schemes and this isomorphism is given by the restriction  $\pi : \mu^{-1}(e) \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$  to  $\mu^{-1}(e)$  of the projection  $\text{pr} : \mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  on the first factor (this can be checked on  $k$ -functors of points). Hence  $\mathbf{G}$  is of finite type over  $k$  as it is isomorphic with a closed subscheme of  $\mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M}$  and each irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\mathbf{G}$  is of dimension at least  $\dim(\mathbf{M})$ . Now we fix an irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\mathbf{G}$  and consider it as a closed subscheme of  $\mathbf{G}$  with reduced structure. Then the morphism  $i|_Z : Z \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is a monomorphism of finite type and  $\dim(Z) \geq \dim(\mathbf{M})$ . Hence  $i|_Z$  is dominant. Since  $i$  is a monomorphism, this implies that  $\mathbf{G}$  has only one irreducible component and  $i : \mathbf{G} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is dominant. By Theorem 1.1 there exists an open and nonempty subset  $V$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that the morphism  $i^{-1}(V) \hookrightarrow V$  induced by  $i$  is finite. Finite monomorphisms are closed immersions and dominant, closed immersions with integral scheme as a codomain are isomorphisms. Thus  $i^{-1}(V) \rightarrow V$  is an isomorphism. Now pick a  $k$ -point  $g$  of  $\mathbf{G}$ . Since  $\mathbf{G}$  is a group  $k$ -scheme, we derive that  $g \cdot (-) : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is an automorphism of the  $k$ -scheme  $\mathbf{M}$ . This implies that  $i^{-1}(g \cdot V) \rightarrow g \cdot V$  is an isomorphism. This holds for every  $k$ -point of  $\mathbf{G}$  and

$$i(\mathbf{G}) \subseteq \bigcup_{g \in \mathbf{G}(k)} g \cdot V$$

where  $\mathbf{G}(k)$  is the set of  $k$ -points of  $\mathbf{G}$ . Therefore,  $i$  is an open immersion.

If  $k$  is not algebraically closed, then we pick an algebraically closed extension  $K$  of  $k$  and consider  $1_{\text{Spec } K} \times_k i$ . This is an open immersion according to the case considered above. By faithfully flat descent  $i$  is an open immersion.  $\square$

The more general result for algebraically closed fields is [Brion, 2014, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a geometrically integral, algebraic monoid over  $k$ . Then the inclusion  $\mathbf{G} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  of the group of units is schematically dense open immersion.*

Let us also note the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4** ([Demazure and Gabriel, 1970, Chapitre 2, §2, Corollaire 3.6]). *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be an affine, algebraic monoid  $k$ -scheme. Suppose that  $\mathbf{G}$  is a group of units of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Then the following results holds.*

- (1) *There exists a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over  $k$  and a closed immersion*

$$\mathbf{M} \hookrightarrow \text{Spec Sym}(V \otimes_k V^\vee) = \mathbf{L}(V)$$

*of algebraic monoids.*

- (2) *There exists a regular function  $f$  on  $\mathbf{M}$  such that canonical morphism  $\mathbf{G} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is the inclusion of open subscheme of  $\mathbf{M}$  on which  $f$  is nonzero.*

The converse is also true.

**Theorem 1.5** ([Brion, 2014, Theorem 2]). *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a geometrically integral algebraic monoid over a field  $k$  and let  $\mathbf{G}$  be an group of units of  $\mathbf{M}$ . If  $\mathbf{G}$  is affine, then  $\mathbf{M}$  is affine.*

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a geometrically integral algebraic monoid over  $k$  and let  $\mathbf{G}$  be its group of units. If  $\mathbf{G}$  is (linearly) reductive, then  $\mathbf{M}$  is called a (linearly) reductive monoid over  $k$ .

By definition every reductive group is affine. Hence using Theorem 1.5 we deduce the following result.

**Corollary 1.7.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a reductive monoid over  $k$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is affine.*

## 2. TORIC MONOIDS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a torus over  $k$  and let  $\bar{T}$  be a geometrically integral, algebraic monoid having  $T$  as the group of units. Then  $\bar{T}$  is a toric monoid over  $k$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\bar{T}$  be a toric monoid over  $k$ . Then  $\bar{T}$  is a linearly reductive monoid over  $k$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from [Monygham, 2020, Corollary 10.4] □

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\bar{T}$  be a toric monoid over  $k$  with group of units  $T$  and let  $K$  be an algebraically closed extension of  $k$ . Suppose that  $N$  is a dimension of  $T$ .*

- (1) *The group of characters of  $T_K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  and there exists an abstract submonoid  $S$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  such that the open immersion*

$$T_K = \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^N} K \cdot \chi^m \right) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{m \in S} K \cdot \chi^m \right) = \bar{T}_K$$

*is induced by the inclusion  $S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^N$ .*

- (2) *Let  $\{V_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \text{Irr}(T)}$  be a set of irreducible representation of  $T$  such that  $V_\lambda$  is in isomorphism class  $\lambda$ . For every  $\lambda$  there exists a finite subset  $A_\lambda$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  such that*

$$K \otimes_k V_\lambda = \bigoplus_{m \in A_\lambda} K \cdot \chi^m$$

*If  $\lambda$  is in  $\text{Irr}(\bar{T})$ , then  $A_\lambda$  is a subset of  $S$ . Moreover, we have*

$$\mathbb{Z}^N = \coprod_{\lambda \in \text{Irr}(T)} A_\lambda$$

*and  $A_{\lambda_0} = \{0\}$ , where  $\lambda_0$  is the class of the trivial representation of  $T$ .*

- (3) *If  $\bar{T}$  has a zero, then there exists a homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  of abelian groups such that  $f|_{S \setminus \{0\}} > 0$ . In particular,  $f$  induces a closed immersion*

$$\text{Spec } K \times_k \mathbf{G}_m = \text{Spec } K[\mathbb{Z}] \hookrightarrow \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^N} K \cdot \chi^m \right) = T_K$$

*of group  $K$ -schemes that extends to a zero preserving closed immersion  $\mathbb{A}_K^1 \hookrightarrow \bar{T}_K$  of monoid  $K$ -schemes.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is a torus, we derive that

$$T_K = \text{Spec } K \times_k \underbrace{\mathbf{G}_m \times_k \mathbf{G}_m \times_k \dots \times_k \mathbf{G}_m}_{N \text{ times}} = \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^N} K \cdot \chi^m \right)$$

and hence

$$\bar{T}_K = \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{s \in S} K \cdot \chi^s \right)$$

for some abstract submonoid  $S$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^N$ . Moreover, the open immersion  $T_K \hookrightarrow \bar{T}_K$  is induced by the inclusion  $S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^N$ . This proves (1).

We have identification

$$k[T] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \text{Irr}(T)} V_\lambda^{n_\lambda}$$

of  $T$ -representations, where  $n_\lambda \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  for each  $\lambda$ . Thus

$$\bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^N} K \cdot \chi^m = K \otimes_k k[T] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \text{Irr}(T)} (K \otimes_k V_\lambda)^{n_\lambda}$$

This implies that  $n_\lambda = 1$  for every  $\lambda$  and moreover, we derive that

$$K \otimes_k V_\lambda = \bigoplus_{m \in A_\lambda} K \cdot \chi^m$$

for some finite set  $A_\lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^N$ . We also have  $A_{\lambda_0} = \{0\}$  and  $A_\lambda \subseteq S \setminus \{0\}$  for  $\lambda \in \text{Irr}(\bar{T})$ . This proves (2).

Since  $\bar{T}$  admits a zero, we derive that

$$\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{m \in S \setminus \{0\}} K \cdot \chi^m \subseteq \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^N} K \cdot \chi^m$$

is an ideal. This implies that  $S \setminus \{0\}$  is closed under addition. In particular, there exists a homomorphism of abelian groups  $f : \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f_{S \setminus \{0\}} > 0$ . This implies (3).  $\square$

### 3. KEMPF MONOIDS

In this section we introduce important class of a monoid  $k$ -schemes, which contains all reductive monoids over  $k$ . We recall classical result concerning quotients with respect to actions of linearly reductive groups on affine algebraic schemes over  $k$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *[[Bialynicki-Birula et al., 2013, Theorem 5.4 and discussion below its statement]] Let  $X$  be an affine  $k$ -scheme of finite type equipped with an action of a linearly reductive algebraic group  $\mathbf{G}$ . Consider the morphism  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  of affine  $k$ -schemes induced by the inclusion  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^{\mathbf{G}} \hookrightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ . Then the following assertions hold.*

- (1)  $Y$  is of finite type over  $k$ .
- (2) If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are disjoint,  $\mathbf{G}$ -stable and closed subschemes of  $X$ , then  $\pi(Z_1)$  and  $\pi(Z_2)$  are disjoint.
- (3)  $\pi$  is surjective.
- (4) If we consider  $Y$  as a  $k$ -scheme with trivial  $\mathbf{G}$ -action, then  $\pi$  is  $\mathbf{G}$ -equivariant morphism.
- (5) If  $p : X \rightarrow W$  is a  $\mathbf{G}$ -equivariant morphism and  $W$  is a  $k$ -scheme with trivial  $\mathbf{G}$ -action, then  $p$  uniquely factors through  $\pi$ .

Now we are ready to prove the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a reductive algebraic monoid over  $k$  and let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a group of units of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{M}$  admits a zero  $\mathbf{o}$ . Then there exists a central torus  $T$  in  $\mathbf{G}$  such that  $\mathbf{o} \in \text{cl}(T)$ .*

*Proof.* By assumption  $\mathbf{G}$  is a reductive group. According to [Milne, 2017, Corollary 17.62 and Notation 12.29] its centre  $Z(\mathbf{G})$  is an algebraic group of multiplicative type and the largest subtorus  $T$  of  $Z(\mathbf{G})$  is the solvable radical  $R(\mathbf{G})$  of  $\mathbf{G}$ . In particular, the quotient group  $\mathbf{G}/T$  has trivial solvable radical and hence it is a semisimple algebraic group. Now  $T$  is linearly reductive [Monygham, 2020, Corollary 10.4]. Thus by Theorem 3.1 we obtain a quotient  $\pi : \mathbf{M} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  by the action of  $T$ . Note also that  $T$  is central in  $\mathbf{M}$  as it is central in  $\mathbf{G}$ . Next the fact that  $T$  is

central in  $\mathbf{M}$ , the fact that  $\mathbf{M}$  is geometrically integral and Theorem 3.1 imply that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a geometrically integral, affine and algebraic monoid  $k$ -scheme with zero. Moreover,  $\pi$  is a surjective morphism of algebraic monoids over  $k$ . According to Theorem 1.2 we derive that the group of units  $\mathbf{Q}^*$  is the open subscheme of  $\mathbf{Q}$ . From the fact that  $\mathbf{G} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is dominant we derive that the restriction  $\pi|_{\mathbf{G}} : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  is dominant. Thus  $\pi$  induces a dominant morphism of geometrically integral algebraic groups  $\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}^*$ . Next [Monygham, 2020, Theorem 5.3] implies that  $\pi(\mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{Q}^*$ . Theorem 1.4 implies that there exists a closed immersion of monoids  $i : \mathbf{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{L}(V)$  for some finite dimensional vector  $k$ -space  $V$ . Thus  $i \cdot \pi_{\mathbf{G}}$  composed with the determinant  $\det : \mathbf{L}(V) \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m$  is a character of  $\mathbf{G}$  that factors through the quotient morphism  $\mathbf{G} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbf{G}/T$ , but  $\mathbf{G}/T$  is a semisimple algebraic group and hence it has only trivial characters. Therefore, the character of  $\mathbf{G}$  constructed above is trivial. Hence  $i(\mathbf{Q}^*) = i \cdot \pi(\mathbf{G})$  is contained in the algebraic subgroup  $\mathbf{SL}(V)$  of  $\mathbf{L}(V)$ . Next  $i$  induces a morphism of algebraic groups  $\mathbf{Q}^* \hookrightarrow \mathbf{SL}(V)$  and by [Monygham, 2020, Theorem 5.3] we infer that  $i(\mathbf{Q}^*)$  is closed in  $\mathbf{SL}(V)$ . Since  $\mathbf{SL}(V)$  is closed in  $\mathbf{L}(V)$ , we derive that  $i(\mathbf{Q}^*)$  is closed in  $\mathbf{L}(V)$  and hence it is also closed in  $\mathbf{Q}$ . On the other hand we proved that is open in  $\mathbf{Q}$ .  $\mathbf{Q}$  is (geometrically) integral and hence it is connected. Thus  $\mathbf{Q}^* = \mathbf{Q}$  which means that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a group  $k$ -scheme. Moreover,  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a monoid  $k$ -scheme with zero. Thus is only possible if  $\mathbf{Q}$  is  $\text{Spec } k$ . Therefore, the categorical quotient  $\pi : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  consists of a single  $k$ -rational point. Thus by (2) Theorem 3.1 the closure of every orbit of  $T$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  contains the zero  $\mathbf{o}$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{o} \in \text{cl}(T)$ .  $\square$

This theorem motivates the following definition.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a geometrically integral, affine algebraic monoid over  $k$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{M}$  admits a zero  $\mathbf{o}$  and let  $\mathbf{G}$  is a group of units of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Suppose that there exists a central subtorus  $T$  of  $\mathbf{G}$  such that its closure contains  $\mathbf{o}$ . Then we say that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a *Kempf monoid over  $k$* .

Let us note for the future reference the following reformulation of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a reductive monoid over  $k$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is a Kempf monoid.

Now we give an example of a Kempf monoid which is not reductive.

**Example 3.5** (Kempf monoid with nonreductive group of units). Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Consider the algebraic group  $\mathbf{B}_n$  of invertible upper triangular  $n \times n$  matrices. Let  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  be the closure of  $\mathbf{B}_n$  in the algebraic monoid of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{M}_n$ . Then  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  is an affine, geometrically integral algebraic monoid over  $k$  with zero (it contains zero matrix). Actually  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  (or better to say its  $k$ -functor of points) consists of all upper triangular  $n \times n$  matrices. The group of units of  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  is  $\mathbf{B}_n$  and hence it is solvable. Moreover, the center of  $\mathbf{B}_n$  contains the one-dimensional split torus  $\mathbf{G}_m$  consisting of scalar matrices. The closure of this torus in  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  contains zero matrix and hence  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_n$  is the Kempf monoid.

Let us discuss some properties of Kempf monoids. We first note the following.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a Kempf monoid over  $k$  and let  $T$  be a central torus of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $T$  contains  $\mathbf{o}$ . Then the closure  $\overline{T}$  of  $T$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  with reduced subscheme structure is a closed toric submonoid  $k$ -scheme of  $\mathbf{M}$  containing zero.

*Proof.* The multiplication  $\mu$  on  $\mathbf{M}$  induces a morphism  $\mu|_{\overline{T} \times_k \overline{T}} : \overline{T} \times_k \overline{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ . Since scheme-theoretic image of  $\mu(T \times_k T)$  is contained in  $\overline{T}$  and  $T \times_k T$  is open and schematically dense in  $\overline{T} \times_k \overline{T}$ , we deduce that  $\mu|_{\overline{T} \times_k \overline{T}}$  factors through closed subscheme  $\overline{T}$ . Thus  $\mu$  restricts to a multiplication  $\nu : \overline{T} \times_k \overline{T} \rightarrow \overline{T}$  and hence  $\overline{T} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  is closed immersion of monoid  $k$ -schemes. Clearly  $\overline{T}$  is geometrically integral as a scheme-theoretic closure of a geometrically integral scheme  $T$ . The fact that the zero  $\mathbf{o}$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  is contained in  $\overline{T}$  follows by definition.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a Kempf monoid over  $k$ . Fix an algebraically closed field  $K$  over  $k$ . Then there exists a closed immersion*

$$i : \mathbb{A}_K^1 \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Spec} K \times_k \mathbf{M}$$

*of monoid  $K$ -schemes sending the zero of  $\mathbb{A}_K^1$  to the zero of  $\mathbf{M}_K = \operatorname{Spec} K \times_k \mathbf{M}$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.6 and (3) Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a Kempf monoid over  $k$  with group  $\mathbf{G}$  of units and let  $j : Z \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}$  be a locally closed  $\mathbf{G}$ -stable subscheme of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the  $n$ -th infinitesimal neighborhood  $\mathbf{M}_n$  of  $\mathbf{o}$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  is contained in  $Z$ .*
- (ii)  *$j$  is an isomorphism.*

We first consider the following special case.

**Lemma 3.8.1.** *Let  $U$  be an open  $\mathbf{G}$ -stable subscheme of  $\mathbf{M}$ . If  $\mathbf{o}$  is a point of  $U$ , then  $U = \mathbf{M}$ .*

*Proof of the lemma.* Fix  $i : \mathbb{A}_K^1 \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Spec} K \times_k \mathbf{M}$  as in Corollary 3.7. Denote

$$\operatorname{Spec} K \times_k \mathbf{M}, \operatorname{Spec} K \times_k \mathbf{G}, \operatorname{Spec} K \times_k U$$

by  $\mathbf{M}_K, \mathbf{G}_K, U_K$ , respectively. Note that  $i(\mathbf{G}_{m,K}) \subseteq \mathbf{G}_K$ . Fix a field  $L$  over  $K$  and a morphism  $j : \operatorname{Spec} L \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}_K$ . Next consider the composition

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & f & & \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ \mathbb{A}_L^1 = \mathbb{A}_K^1 \times_K \operatorname{Spec} L & \xrightarrow{i \times_K j} & \mathbf{M}_K \times_K \mathbf{M}_K & \xrightarrow{\mu_K} & \mathbf{M}_K \end{array}$$

where the second morphism  $\mu_K : \mathbf{M}_K \times_K \mathbf{M}_K \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_K$  is the multiplication. Clearly  $f$  is  $\mathbf{G}_{m,L}$ -equivariant. Hence  $f^{-1}(U_K)$  is an open  $\mathbf{G}_{m,L}$ -stable subscheme of  $\mathbb{A}_L^1$ . It contains the zero of  $\mathbb{A}_L^1$  because  $\mathbf{o}_K \in U_K$  by assumption. Since the only open  $\mathbf{G}_{m,L}$ -stable subscheme of  $\mathbb{A}_L^1$  containing the zero is  $\mathbb{A}_L^1$ , we derive that  $f^{-1}(U_K) = \mathbb{A}_L^1$ . Thus the image of  $j$  is in  $U_K$ . Hence  $U_K = \mathbf{M}_K$  because  $j : \operatorname{Spec} L \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_K$  and  $L$  are arbitrary. By faithfully flat descent, we derive that  $U = \mathbf{M}$ .  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem.* Assume that (i) holds. Since  $\mathbf{o}$  is a point in  $Z$ , we have a surjective morphism  $j^\# : \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{M},\mathbf{o}} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Z,\mathbf{o}}$  of local rings. Both schemes  $Z, \mathbf{M}$  are noetherian and hence we have a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{M},\mathbf{o}}} & \xrightarrow{\widehat{j^\#}} & \widehat{\mathcal{O}_{Z,\mathbf{o}}} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{M},\mathbf{o}} & \xrightarrow{j^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{Z,\mathbf{o}} \end{array}$$

where vertical morphisms are injective. Since  $\mathbf{M}_n \subseteq Z$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we derive that  $\widehat{j^\#}$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $j^\#$  is injective and thus it is an isomorphism. This implies that there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $\mathbf{o}$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $V \subseteq Z$ . Let  $\mathbf{G} \cdot V$  be the open subscheme of  $\mathbf{M}$  defined as the image of  $\mathbf{G} \times_k V$  under the left action  $\mathbf{G} \times_k \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ . This is  $\mathbf{G}$ -stable open subscheme of  $\mathbf{M}$ . From the fact that  $j$  is  $\mathbf{G}$ -equivariant, we deduce that  $\mathbf{G} \cdot V \subseteq Z$ . By Lemma 3.8.1 we infer that  $\mathbf{G} \cdot V = \mathbf{M}$  because  $\mathbf{o} \in V \subseteq \mathbf{G} \cdot V$ . This shows that  $Z = \mathbf{M}$ . Thus we have (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

The implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is obvious.  $\square$

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