

# Structure Theorems for Proper Restriction Semigroups

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# Inverse Semigroups

## Definition

An element  $a' \in S$  is an *inverse* of  $a \in S$  if  $a = aa'a$  and  $a' = a'aa'$ . If each element of  $S$  has exactly one inverse in  $S$ , then  $S$  is an *inverse semigroup*.

## Definition

For  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$a \mathcal{R} b \Leftrightarrow a = bt \text{ and } b = as \text{ for some } s, t \in S$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a \sigma b &\Leftrightarrow ea = eb \text{ for some } e \in E(S) \\ &\Leftrightarrow af = bf \text{ for some } f \in E(S). \end{aligned}$$

# E-unitary and Proper Inverse Semigroups

## Definition

An inverse semigroup is *proper* if and only if  $\mathcal{R} \cap \sigma = \iota$ , i.e.

$$a \mathcal{R} b \text{ and } a \sigma b \Leftrightarrow a = b.$$

## Definition

An inverse semigroup  $S$  is *E-unitary* if for all  $a \in S$  and all  $e \in E(S)$ , if  $ae \in E(S)$ , then  $a \in E(S)$ .

## Proposition

Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup. Then the following are equivalent:

- i)  $S$  is E-unitary;
- ii)  $S$  is proper;
- iii)  $\mathcal{L} \cap \sigma = \iota$ .

# McAlister's Covering Theorem

## Definition

Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup. An *E-unitary cover* of  $S$  is an E-unitary inverse semigroup  $U$  together with an onto morphism

$$\psi : U \rightarrow S$$

where  $\psi$  is idempotent separating.

## McAlister's Covering Theorem

*Every inverse semigroup has a E-unitary cover.*

## Definition

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $(\mathcal{X}, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set where  $G$  acts on  $\mathcal{X}$  by order automorphisms. Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

P1)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a semilattice under  $\leq$ ;

P2)  $G\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X}$ ;

P3)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is an order ideal of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;

P4) For all  $g \in G$ ,  $g\mathcal{Y} \cap \mathcal{Y} \neq \emptyset$ .

Then  $(G, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called a *McAlister triple*.

# P-Semigroups

## Definition

Let  $(G, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be a McAlister triple. The set

$$P(G, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(A, g) \in \mathcal{Y} \times G : g^{-1}A \in \mathcal{Y}\},$$

with the binary operation defined by

$$(A, g)(B, h) = (A \wedge gB, gh)$$

for  $(A, g), (B, h) \in P(G, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ , is called a *P-semigroup*.

# McAlister's P-Theorem

## McAlister's P-Theorem

*Let  $P$  be a  $P$ -semigroup. Then  $P$  is an  $E$ -unitary inverse semigroup. Conversely, any  $E$ -unitary inverse semigroup is isomorphic to a  $P$ -semigroup.*

# Restriction and Weakly Ample Semigroups

## Definition

Suppose  $S$  is a semigroup and  $E$  a set of idempotents of  $S$ . Let  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $a \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E b$  if and only if for all  $e \in E$ ,

$$ea = a \text{ if and only if } eb = b.$$

## Definition

A semigroup  $S$  is *left restriction* (formally known as *weakly left E-ample*) if the following hold:

- 1)  $E$  is a subsemilattice of  $S$ ;
- 2) Every element  $a \in S$  is  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ -related to an idempotent in  $E$  (idempotent denoted by  $a^+$ );
- 3)  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  is a left congruence;
- 4) For all  $a \in S$  and  $e \in E$ ,

$$ae = (ae)^+ a \text{ (the } \textit{left ample condition}).$$

# Proper Restriction and Weakly Ample Semigroups

Let  $S$  be a left restriction semigroup with distinguished semilattice  $E$ . Then for  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$a \sigma_E b \Leftrightarrow ea = eb \text{ for some } e \in E.$$

## Definition

A left restriction semigroup is *proper* if and only if  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E \cap \sigma_E = \iota$ .

A right restriction semigroup is *proper* if and only if  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E \cap \sigma_E = \iota$ .

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $a \mathcal{R}^* b$  if and only if for all  $x, y \in S^1$ ,

$$xa = ya \Leftrightarrow xb = yb.$$

## Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{R}^*$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  be the relations defined above on a semigroup  $S$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^* \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E.$$

# Ample Semigroups

## Definition

A semigroup  $S$  is *left ample* (formally known as *left type A*) if the following hold:

- 1)  $E(S)$  is a subsemilattice of  $S$ ;
- 2) Every element  $a \in S$  is  $\mathcal{R}^*$ -related to an idempotent in  $E(S)$  (idempotent denoted by  $a^+$ );
- 3) For all  $a \in S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ ,

$$ae = (ae)^+ a.$$

## Definition

A left ample semigroup is *proper* if and only if  $\mathcal{R}^* \cap \sigma = \iota$ .

A right ample semigroup is *proper* if and only if  $\mathcal{L}^* \cap \sigma = \iota$ .

# Background Work: Structure Theorem for Proper Ample Semigroups

Suppose the following hold:

- (1)  $\mathcal{X}$  is a partially ordered set;
- (2)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a subsemilattice of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;
- (3)  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $a \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (4)  $T$  is a right cancellative monoid, which acts by order endomorphisms on the left of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;
- (5)  $T\mathcal{Y}^i = \mathcal{X}$ , where  $\mathcal{Y}^i = \mathcal{Y} \cup \{i\}$ ;
- (6) For  $t \in T$ ,  $\exists b \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $b \leq t\varepsilon$ ;
- (7) If  $a, b \in \mathcal{Y}$ , and  $a \leq t\varepsilon$ , then  $a \wedge tb \in \mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (8) If  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $a \leq t\varepsilon$  and  $b \leq u\varepsilon$ , then

$$(a \wedge tb) \wedge tuc = a \wedge t(b \wedge uc).$$

# Background Work: Structure Theorem for Proper Ample Semigroups

Given  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  as above, we define

$$\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(a, t) \in \mathcal{Y} \times T : a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon\},$$

with binary operation

$$(a, t)(b, u) = (a \wedge t \cdot b, tu)$$

for  $(a, t), (b, u) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .

The triple  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called a *left admissible triple* and  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  an *M-semigroup*.

## Theorem (Fountain)

An *M-semigroup* is proper left ample. Conversely, a proper left ample semigroup is isomorphic to an *M-semigroup* for some left admissible triple  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .

# Background Work: Structure Theorem for Proper Ample Semigroups

Let  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be a left admissible triple and  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  an M-semigroup. The triple  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called an *admissible triple* if the following hold:

- (A) There is a (unique) element  $[a, t] \in \mathcal{Y}$  for every  $(a, t) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  such that  $a \leq t \cdot [a, t]$  and  $\forall c, d \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,

$$a \wedge tc = a \wedge td \Rightarrow [a, t] \wedge c = [a, t] \wedge d;$$

- (B) For  $e \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$  with  $a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$ ,

$$a \wedge e = a \wedge t \cdot [e \wedge a, t];$$

- (C) For  $a, b \in \mathcal{Y}$  with  $a, b \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$ ,  $[a, t] = [b, t] \Rightarrow a = b$ .

## Theorem (Lawson)

Let  $S$  be a proper ample semigroup. Then  $S \cong \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  for some admissible triple  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ . Conversely, every admissible triple gives rise to an M-semigroup, which is proper ample.

# Background Work: Structure Theorem for Proper Left Restriction Semigroups

Suppose the following hold:

- (1)  $\mathcal{X}$  is a semilattice;
- (2)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a subsemilattice of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;
- (3)  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $a \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (4)  $T$  is a monoid, which acts by morphisms on the left of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;
- (5) For all  $t \in T$ , there exists  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$ ;
- (6) For all  $a, b \in \mathcal{Y}$  and all  $t \in T$ ,

$$a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon \Rightarrow a \wedge t \cdot b \text{ lies in } \mathcal{Y}.$$

Given  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  as above, we define

$$\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(a, t) \in \mathcal{Y} \times T : a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon\},$$

with binary operation defined for  $(a, t), (b, u) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  by

$$(a, t)(b, u) = (a \wedge t \cdot b, tu).$$

# Background Work: Structure Theorems for Proper Left Restriction and Weakly Left Ample Semigroups

## Theorem (Branco, Gould, Gomes)

*If  $T$  is an arbitrary monoid, a strong  $M$ -semigroup is a proper left restriction semigroup. Conversely, a proper left restriction semigroup is isomorphic to a strong  $M$ -semigroup.*

## Theorem (Gould, Gomes)

*If  $T$  is a unipotent monoid,  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper weakly left ample semigroup. Conversely, a proper weakly left ample semigroup is isomorphic to a strong  $M$ -semigroup where  $T$  is unipotent.*

# Structure Theorem for Proper Left Ample Semigroups

## Theorem

*If  $T$  is right cancellative,  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper left ample semigroup. Conversely, a proper left ample semigroup is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ , where  $T$  is right cancellative.*

# Structure Theorem for Proper Inverse Semigroups

## Theorem

A proper inverse semigroup is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ , where  $T$  is a group and  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is a 'strong M-semigroup' with altered condition

(5) For every  $t \in T$ ,  $\exists a \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$  and  $t^{-1} \cdot a \in \mathcal{Y}$  and

$$\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(a, t) \in \mathcal{Y} \times T : a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon, t^{-1} \cdot a \in \mathcal{Y}\}.$$

Conversely,  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ , with altered condition (5) and  $T$  a group, is a proper inverse semigroup.

# Structure Theorem for Proper Restriction Semigroups

Let  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be strong left M-triple and  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  a strong M-semigroup. The triple  $(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called a *strong M-triple* if the following hold:

- (A) There is a (unique) element  $[a, t] \in \mathcal{Y}$  for every  $(a, t) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  such that  $a \leq t \cdot [a, t]$  and  $\forall f \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,

$$a \leq t \cdot f \Rightarrow [a, t] \leq f;$$

- (B) For all  $(a, t), (b, u), (x, y) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ ,

$$\forall e \in \mathcal{Y}, [a \leq t \cdot e \Leftrightarrow b \leq u \cdot e]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{Y}, [a \wedge t \cdot x \leq ty \cdot f \Leftrightarrow b \wedge u \cdot x \leq uy \cdot f];$$

- (C) For  $e \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$  with  $a \leq t \cdot e$ ,

$$a \wedge e = a \wedge t \cdot [e \wedge a, t];$$

- (D) For  $a, b \in \mathcal{Y}$  with  $a, b \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$ ,  $[a, t] = [b, t] \Rightarrow a = b$ .

# Structure Theorem for Proper Restriction Semigroups

## Theorem

*Let  $S$  be a proper restriction semigroup. Then  $S \cong \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  for some strong  $M$ -triple. Conversely, every strong  $M$ -triple gives rise to a strong  $M$ -semigroup, which is proper restriction.*

# Motivation for a two-sided structure theorem

## Definition (Fountain, Gomes, Gould)

A monoid  $T$  acts doubly on a semilattice  $\mathcal{Y}$  with identity, if

- (i)  $T$  acts by morphisms on the left and right of  $\mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (ii)  $(t \cdot e) \circ t = (1_{\mathcal{Y}} \circ t)e$ ;
- (iii)  $t \cdot (e \circ t) = e(t \cdot 1_{\mathcal{Y}})$ .

# Construction based on double actions

Suppose that

- (1)  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{X}'$  are semilattices;
- (2)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a subsemilattice of both  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{X}'$ ;
- (3)  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\varepsilon' \in \mathcal{X}'$  such that  $a \leq \varepsilon, \varepsilon'$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (4)  $T$  is a monoid with identity 1 and  $T$  acts via morphisms on the left of  $\mathcal{X}$ , via  $\cdot$ , and on the right of  $\mathcal{X}'$ , via  $\circ$ ;
- (5) for all  $t \in T$ , there exists  $a \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon$ .

Suppose that  $\forall t \in T$  and  $\forall e \in \mathcal{Y}$ , the following hold:

- (A)  $e \leq t \cdot \varepsilon \Rightarrow e \circ t \in \mathcal{Y}$ ;
- (B)  $e \leq \varepsilon' \circ t \Rightarrow t \cdot e \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
- (C)  $e \leq t \cdot \varepsilon \Rightarrow t \cdot (e \circ t) = e$ ;
- (D)  $e \leq \varepsilon' \circ t \Rightarrow (t \cdot e) \circ t = e$ .

# Construction based on double actions

Let us define

$$M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y}) = \{(a, t) \in \mathcal{Y} \times T : a \leq t \cdot \varepsilon\},$$

with binary operation

$$(a, t)(b, u) = (a \wedge t \cdot b, tu)$$

for  $(a, t), (b, u) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$ .

# Construction based on double actions

## Proposition

*If  $T$  is an arbitrary monoid, then  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$  is proper restriction.*

## Proposition

*If  $T$  is a unipotent monoid, then  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$  is proper weakly ample.*

## Proposition

*If  $T$  is a cancellative monoid, then  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$  is proper ample.*

## Proposition

*If  $T$  is a group, then  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper inverse semigroup.  
Conversely, every proper inverse semigroup is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y})$ , where  $T$  is a group.*

# Construction based on partial actions

Suppose

- (1)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a semilattice;
- (2)  $T$  is a monoid, which acts partially on the right and left of  $\mathcal{Y}$  (denoted by  $\circ$  and  $\cdot$  respectively);
- (3)  $T$  preserves the partial orders;
- (4) The domain of each  $t \in T$  is an order ideal.

Suppose that for  $e \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $a \in T$ , the following hold:

- (A) If  $\exists e \circ a$ , then  $\exists a \cdot (e \circ a)$  and  $a \cdot (e \circ a) = e$ ;
- (B) If  $\exists a \cdot e$ , then  $\exists (a \cdot e) \circ a$  and  $(a \cdot e) \circ a = e$ ;
- (C) For all  $t \in T$ ,  $\exists e \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $\exists e \circ a$ .

# Construction based on partial actions

Let us define

$$M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(e, a) \in \mathcal{Y} \times T : \exists e \circ a\},$$

with binary operation

$$(e, a)(f, b) = (a \cdot (e \circ a \wedge f), ab)$$

for  $(e, a), (f, b) \in \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$ .

# Structure Theorems

## Theorem

*If  $T$  is an arbitrary monoid,  $M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper restriction semigroup and  $M/\sigma \cong T$ . Conversely, every proper restriction semigroup  $S$  is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$ , where  $S/\sigma \cong T$ .*

## Theorem

*$M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper weakly ample semigroup if and only if  $T$  is unipotent.*

## Theorem (Lawson)

*$M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper ample semigroup if and only if  $T$  is right cancellative.*

## Theorem (Petrich, Reilly)

*$M = \mathcal{M}(T, \mathcal{Y})$  is a proper inverse semigroup if and only if  $T$  is a group.*

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