

# Semigroup Graph Expansions and their Green's Relations

Rebecca Noonan Heale

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh  
and the Maxwell Institute for Mathematical Sciences  
Supervised by Nick Gilbert

North British Semigroups and Applications Network, York  
28th January 2009

# Outline

## 1 Graph Expansions

- History
- Definitions
- Graph Expansions

## 2 Green's Relations

- $\mathcal{R}$  Relation
- $\mathcal{L}$  Relation

## 3 Closing Remarks

# Outline

## 1 Graph Expansions

- History
- Definitions
- Graph Expansions

## 2 Green's Relations

- $\mathcal{R}$  Relation
- $\mathcal{L}$  Relation

## 3 Closing Remarks

# Who's Who Guide to Graph Expansions

- Birget and Rhodes: fathers of semigroup expansions
- Margolis and Meakin: groups
- Gould and Gomes: monoids (right cancellative, unipotent)
- Elston: generalized graph expansions (via derived categories)
- Lawson, Margolis, and Steinberg: inverse semigroups
- Gilbert and Miller: ordered groupoids

# Digraphs

**Labeled digraph**  $\Gamma$ : vertex set  $V(\Gamma)$ ;  
edge set  $E(\Gamma)$ ;  
edge label set  $X$ ;  
maps  $\iota, \tau : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow V(\Gamma)$ ,  $\ell : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow X$ .

**Labeled graph**  $\Gamma$ : labeled digraph + inverse edges,  
for all  $e \in E(\Gamma)$ , there exist  $e^{-1} \in E(\Gamma)$   
such that  $e\iota = e^{-1}\tau$ ,  $e\tau = e^{-1}\iota$ ,  
if  $e, f \in E(\Gamma)$  with  $e\ell = f\ell$ , then  $e^{-1}\ell = f^{-1}\ell$ .

# Cayley Digraphs

	Groups	Semigroups
Presentation	$\langle X_G \rangle = G$ $f_G : X_G \rightarrow G$	$\langle X_S \rangle = S$ $f_S : X_S \rightarrow S$
Notation	$\text{Cay}(G, X_G)$	$\text{Cay}(S, X_S)$
Vertices	G	S
Edges	$\bullet$ $\xrightarrow{a}$ $\bullet$ $r \in X_G \cup X_G^{-1}$	$\bullet$ $\xrightarrow{a}$ $\bullet$ $r \in X_S$
Properties	labeled graph contains 1	labeled digraph

# Group Graph Expansions (Margolis-Meakin, '89)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(G; X_G)$

Finish:  $\mathcal{M}_{gp}(G, X_G)$

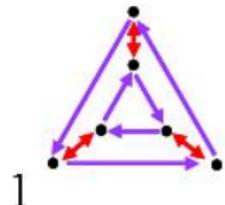
Elements: “Pieces” of the Cayley graph

$(P, c) = (\text{subgraph}, \text{chosen vertex})$

$P$  is - finite,

- connected,

-  $1, c \in V(P)$

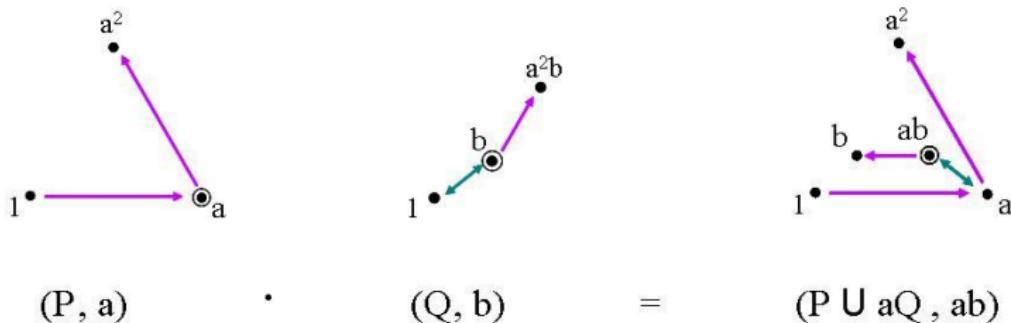


Operation:  $(P, a)(Q, b) = (P \cup aQ, ab)$

## Group Graph Expansions (Margolis-Meakin, '89)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(G; X_G)$ Finish:  $\mathcal{M}_{gp}(G, X_G)$ 

Operation:



# Semigroup Graph Expansions (RNH)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(S; X_S)$

Finish:  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$

Elements: “Pieces” of the Cayley graph

$(r, P, c) =$  (“root”, subgraph, chosen vertex)

$r \in X_S$

$P$  is - finite,

-  $rf$ -rooted,

-  $rf_S, c \in V(P)$

Operation:  $(r, P, c)(s, Q, d) = (r, P \cup cQ_s^1, cd)$

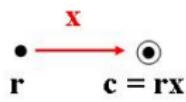
# Semigroup Graph Expansions (RNH)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(S; X_S)$

Finish:  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$

Operation:

$$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}) \quad \cdot \quad (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{d})$$



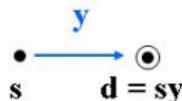
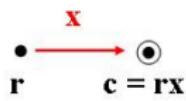
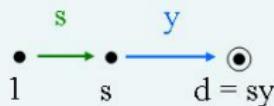
\* For clarity, assume  $rf = r$  and  $sf = s$ .

# Semigroup Graph Expansions (RNH)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(S; X_S)$ Finish:  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$ 

Operation:

$$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}) \quad \cdot \quad (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{d})$$

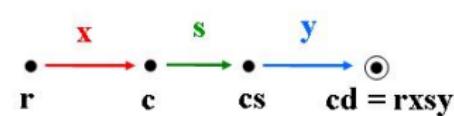
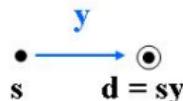
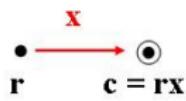
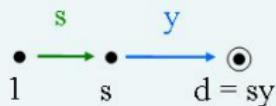
Form  $Q_s^{-1}$ \* For clarity, assume  $rf = r$  and  $sf = s$ .

# Semigroup Graph Expansions (RNH)

Start:  $\text{Cay}(S; X_S)$ Finish:  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$ 

Operation:

$$(r, P, c) \cdot (s, Q, d) = (r, P \cup cQ_s^{-1}, cd)$$

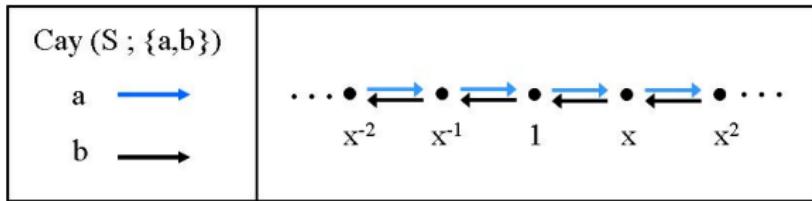
Form  $Q_s^{-1}$ \* For clarity, assume  $rf = r$  and  $sf = s$ .

# Example: Semigroup presentation of free group on one generator

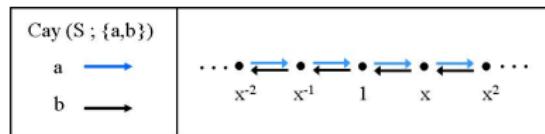
$$G = \langle x | \emptyset \rangle;$$

$$S = \langle x, x^{-1} \mid xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x, x = xx^{-1}x, x^{-1} = x^{-1}xx^{-1} \rangle$$

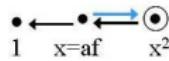
$X_S = \{a, b\}$ , define  $af_S = x$ ,  $bf_S = x^{-1}$



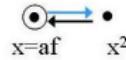
# Example: Semigroup presentation of free group on one generator



Sample elements:  $(a, P, x^2)$



$(a, Q, x)$



$(a, R, 1)$



Idempotent!

# Properties of Graph Expansions

## $\mathcal{M}_{gp}(G, X_G)$

- Inverse monoid
- $E$ -unitary
- Maximal group image  $G$
- Generated by  $X_G \cup X_G^{-1}$
- Residually finite, finite  $J$ -above, all subgroups are finite . . .

## $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$

- Semigroup
- $E$ -dense iff  $S$  is  $E$ -dense
- If  $S$  is  $E$ -dense, has same maximal group image as  $S$
- Finitely generated iff  $S$  is finite
- $c \in S$  periodic iff  $(r, P, c)$  periodic
- Residually finite, finite  $J$ -above, all subgroups are finite . . .

# Outline

## 1 Graph Expansions

- History
- Definitions
- Graph Expansions

## 2 Green's Relations

- $\mathcal{R}$  Relation
- $\mathcal{L}$  Relation

## 3 Closing Remarks

# $\mathcal{R}$ Relation

**Definition:**

For  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a\mathcal{R}b \iff$  there exists  $x, y \in S^1$  such that  $ax = b$ ,  $by = a$ .

**Prop. for  $\mathcal{M}_{gp}(G, X_G)$ :**  $(P, c)\mathcal{R}(Q, d) \iff P = Q$ .  
**(M & M)**

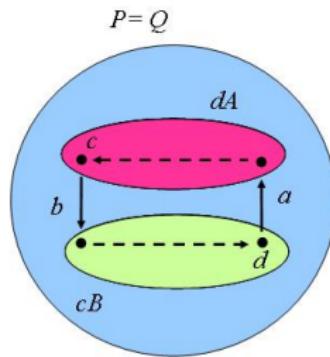
**Prop. for  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$ :**  $(r, P, c)\mathcal{R}(s, Q, d) \iff r = s$ ,  
**(RNH)**  $P = Q$ , and there is a cycle in  $P$  containing  $c$  and  $d$ .

Picture for  $\mathcal{R}$  Relation

- Let  $(r, P, c) \mathcal{R} (s, Q, d)$ .
- There exist  $(a, A, x)$  and  $(b, B, y)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}(r, P, c) &= (s, Q, d)(a, A, x) \\ &= (s, Q \cup dA_a^1, dx)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(s, Q, d) &= (r, P, c)(b, B, y) \\ &= (r, P \cup cB_b^1, cy)\end{aligned}$$



$\Rightarrow r = s;$

$\Rightarrow Q \subseteq P$  and  $P \subseteq Q \Rightarrow P = Q;$

$\Rightarrow$  Clearly a cycle connecting  $c$  and  $d$ .

# $\mathcal{L}$ Relation

**Definition:**

For  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a\mathcal{L}b \iff$  there exists  $x, y \in S^1$  such that  $xa = b$ ,  $yb = a$ .

**Prop. for  $\mathcal{M}_{gp}(G, X_G)$ :**  $(P, c)\mathcal{L}(Q, d) \iff c^{-1}P = d^{-1}Q$ .  
**(M & M)**

**Prop. for  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$ :**  $(r, P, c)\mathcal{L}(s, Q, d) \iff$  there exist  $a, b \in S$  such that:

- (a)  $ac = c$  and  $bd = d$ ;
- (b)  $aP_r^1 \subseteq P$  and  $bQ_s^1 \subseteq Q$ ;
- (c)  $aP_r^1$  is isomorphic to  $bQ_s^1$  (as labeled graphs) and this isomorphism sends  $c$  to  $d$ .

Idea Behind  $\mathcal{L}$  Relation  $\Rightarrow$ 

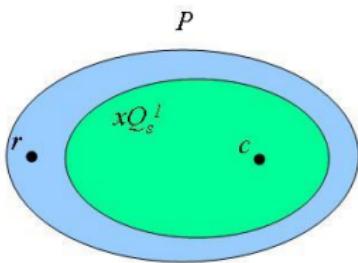
- Let  $(r, P, c) \mathcal{L} (s, Q, d)$ .
- There exist  $(r, A, x)$  and  $(s, B, y)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}(r, P, c) &= (r, A, x)(s, Q, d) \\ &= (r, A \cup xQ_s^1, xd)\end{aligned}$$

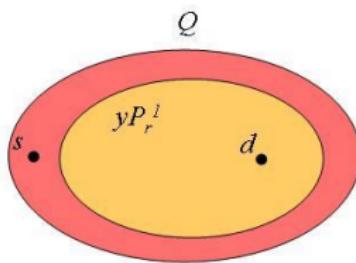
$$\begin{aligned}(s, Q, d) &= (s, B, y)(r, P, c) \\ &= (s, B \cup yP_r^1, yc)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow xQ_s^1 \subseteq P, yP_r^1 \subseteq Q$ .

# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$

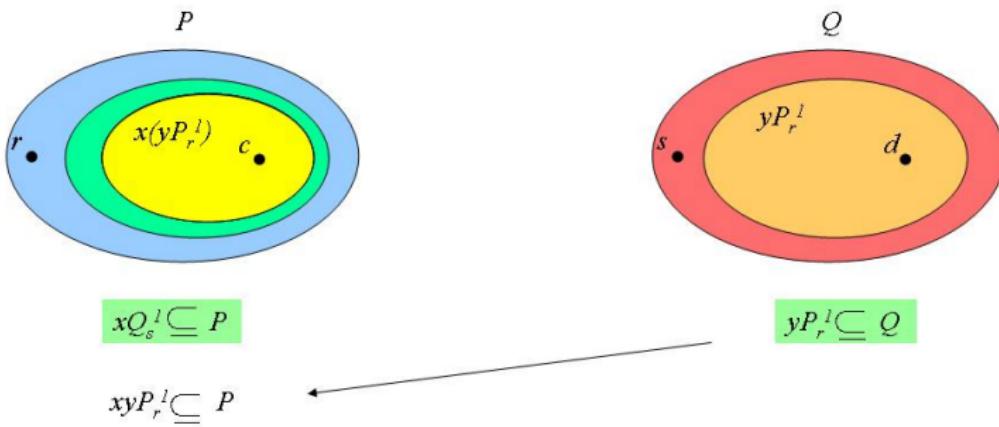


$$xQ_s^l \subseteq P$$

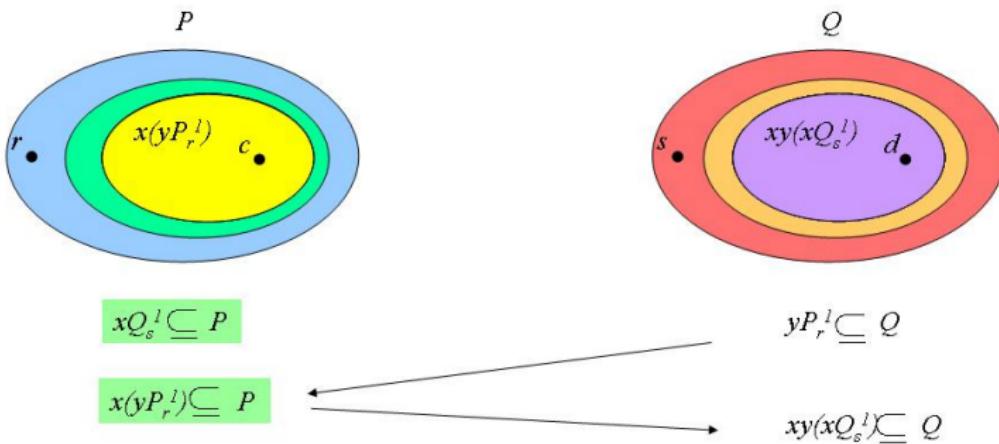


$$yP_r^l \subseteq Q$$

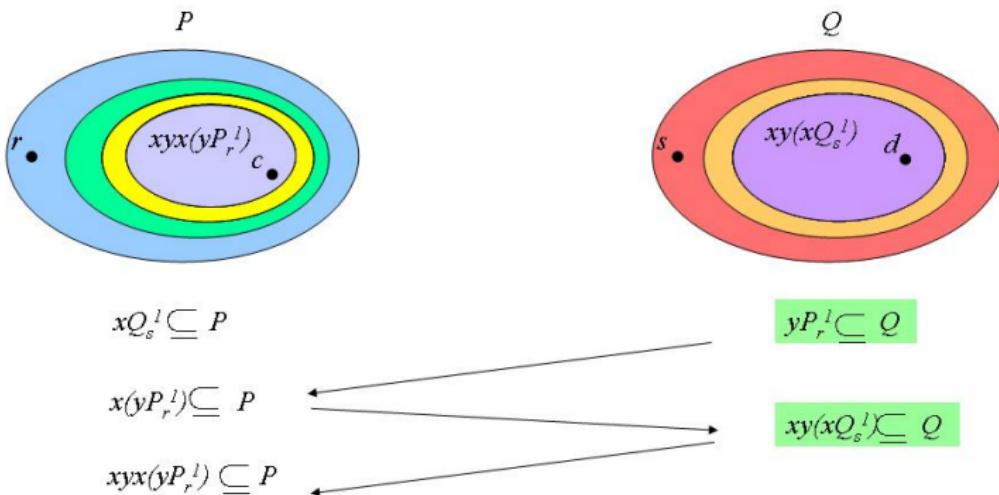
# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



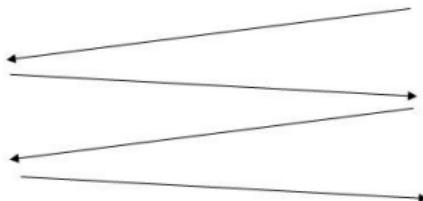
$$xQ_s^l \subseteq P$$

$$yP_r^l \subseteq Q$$

$$x(yP_r^l) \subseteq P$$

$$xy(xQ_s^l) \subseteq Q$$

$$xyx(yP_r^l) \subseteq P$$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



$$xQ_s^l \subseteq P$$

$$yP_r^l \subseteq Q$$

$$x(yP_r^l) \subseteq P$$

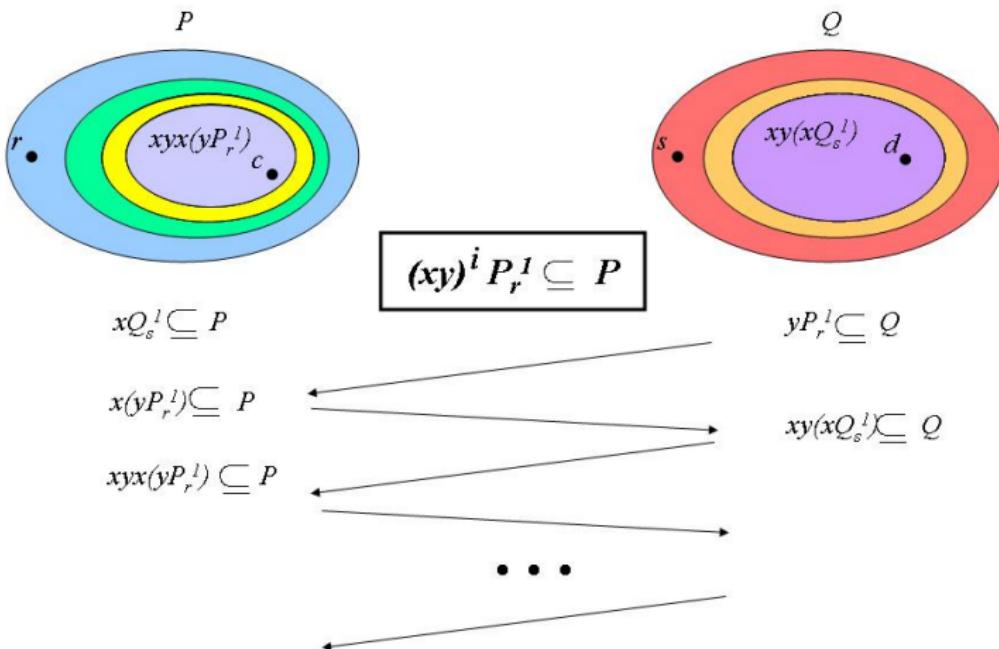
$$xy(xQ_s^l) \subseteq Q$$

$$xyx(yP_r^l) \subseteq P$$

• • •



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$

- See that  $(xy)^i \in V(P)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- Since  $P$  is a finite graph,  $(xy)$  is periodic
- There exists a smallest  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $(xy)^k = (xy)^{k+m}$

Idea Behind  $\mathcal{L}$  Relation  $\Rightarrow$ 

- Recall the **Proposition** for  $\mathcal{M}(S, X_S)$ :

$(r, P, c) \mathcal{L} (s, Q, d) \iff \text{there exist } a, b \in S \text{ s.t. :}$

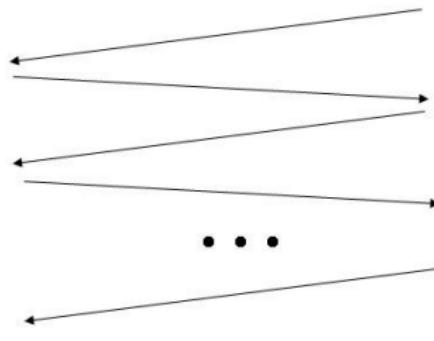
- (a)  $ac = c$  and  $bd = d$ ;
- (b)  $aP_r^1 \subseteq P$  and  $bQ_s^1 \subseteq Q$ ;
- (c) there exists a label-preserving isomorphism  
 $\theta : aP_r^1 \rightarrow bQ_s^1$  such that  $c\theta = d$ .

- Use  $a = (xy)^k$ ,  $b = (yx)^{k+1}$ .

- Already have

- (a)  $(xy)^k P \subseteq P$ ,
- (b)  $(xy)c = c \implies (xy)^k c = c$

# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$



# Idea Behind $\mathcal{L}$ Relation $\Rightarrow$

- Therefore  $aP_r^1$  is isomorphic to  $bQ_s^1$  (as labeled graphs) and this isomorphism sends  $c$  to  $d$ .

Idea Behind  $\mathcal{L}$  Relation  $\Leftarrow$ 

- Let  $(r, P, c) \mathcal{L} (s, Q, d)$ .
- There are elements  $a, b$  such that:
  - (a)  $ac = c$  and  $bd = d$ ;
  - (b)  $aP_r^1 \subseteq P$  and  $bQ_s^1 \subseteq Q$ ;
  - (c)  $aP_r^1$  is isomorphic to  $bQ_s^1$  (as labeled graphs) and this isomorphism sends  $c$  to  $d$ .
- Let  $\theta : aP_r^1 \rightarrow bQ_s^1$  be the isomorphism.

Idea Behind  $\mathcal{L}$  Relation  $\Leftarrow$ 

- Notice  $(aP_r^1)\theta = bQ_s^1$ .
- Need two results (Obtained from “rootedness” of  $P$  and determinism of Cayley graph):
  1.  $a\theta(P_r^1) = (aP_r^1)\theta$ ;
  2.  $(a\theta)c = (ac)\theta = c\theta = d$
- Therefore:  $(s, Q, a\theta)(r, P, c) = (s, Q \cup (a\theta)P_r^1, (a\theta)c)$   
 $(s, Q, d)$
- A little more work ...  $(r, P, c)\mathcal{L}(s, Q, d)$ .

# Examples of $\mathcal{L}$ Relation

- Suppose  $S$  is a group (generated as a semigroup).
- Use Prop:  $(r, P, c)\mathcal{L}(s, Q, d) \Leftrightarrow$  there exist  $a, b \in S$  s.t.:
  - $ac = c$  and  $bd = d$ ;
  - $aP_r^1 \subseteq P$  and  $bQ_s^1 \subseteq Q$ ;
  - $aP_r^1$  is isomorphic to  $bQ_s^1$  (with  $c$  sent to  $d$ ).
- This implies
  - $\Rightarrow a = b = 1$
  - $\Rightarrow P_r^1 = P$  and  $Q_s^1 = Q$
  - $\Rightarrow c^{-1}P = d^{-1}Q$

Examples of  $\mathcal{L}$  Relation

- Suppose  $S$  is a semilattice.
- Use Prop:  $(r, P, c) \mathcal{L} (s, Q, d) \Leftrightarrow$  there exist  $a, b \in S$  s.t.:
  - (a)  $ac = c$  and  $bd = d$ ;
  - (b)  $aP_r^1 \subseteq P$  and  $bQ_s^1 \subseteq Q$ ;
  - (c)  $aP_r^1$  is isomorphic to  $bQ_s^1$  (with  $c$  sent to  $d$ ).
- This implies

$$\Rightarrow c = d$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

$$\Rightarrow c \leq a$$

$$\Rightarrow aP_r^1 = aQ_s^1$$

# Outline

## 1 Graph Expansions

- History
- Definitions
- Graph Expansions

## 2 Green's Relations

- $\mathcal{R}$  Relation
- $\mathcal{L}$  Relation

## 3 Closing Remarks

# Understanding Generalizations of the Green's Relations - Using Graph Expansion Techniques

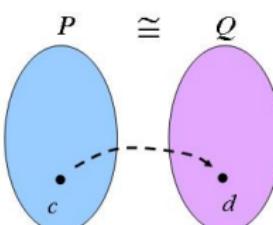
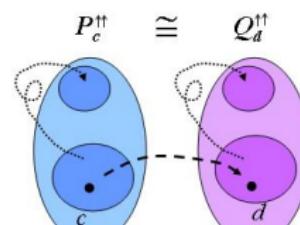
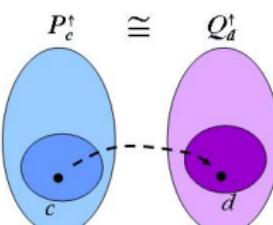
Switch to graph expansions of a MONOID  $T$ ;

- $\mathcal{L}$ ;
- Star Relation:  $a\mathcal{L}^*b \Leftrightarrow$  for all  $x, y \in T$ ,  $ax = ay$  if and only if  $bx = by$
- Tilde Relation:  $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}b$ : if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  have the same idempotent right identities, i.e.

$$\{c|ac = a \text{ and } c^2 = c\} = \{d|bd = b \text{ and } d^2 = d\}.$$

# Generalizations of Green's Relations

## Left Cancellative Monoids

$\mathcal{L}$	$(P, c)\mathcal{L}^*(Q, d)$ $(P, c)(X, x) = (P, c)(Y, y) \Leftrightarrow$ $(Q, d)(X, x) = (Q, d)(Y, y)$	$(P, c)\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(Q, d)$ $(P, c)(X, x) = (P, c) \Leftrightarrow$ $(Q, d)(X, x) = (Q, d)$ $(X, x)$ is idempotent
$P$ $\cong$ $Q$ 	$P_c^{\dagger\dagger} \cong Q_d^{\dagger\dagger}$ 	$P_c^\dagger \cong Q_d^\dagger$ 

Köszönöm!

Obrigada!

Thank you!

Muchas Gracias!

Vielen Dank!