

# Semigroups with skeletons and Zappa-Sz  p products

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## Definitions and basics

The relations  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $E$  be a distinguished set of idempotents.  
The relation  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  is defined by  $a \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E b$  if and only if for all  $e \in E$ ,

$$ea = a \Leftrightarrow eb = b.$$

The relation  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$  is dual.

Note that:

- The relations  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$  are equivalence relations.
- $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ .

The relation  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  is the intersection of  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$  and the relation  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$  is the join of  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ .

## Definitions and basics

A semigroup  $S$  satisfies the **congruence condition ( $C$ )** if  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  is a left congruence and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$  is a right congruence.

We will denote the  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ -class ( $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ -class,  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -class) of any  $a \in S$  by  $\tilde{R}_E^a$  ( $\tilde{L}_E^a$ ,  $\tilde{H}_E^a$ ).

If  $S$  satisfies ( $C$ ), then  $\tilde{H}_E^e$  is a monoid with identity  $e$ , for any  $e \in E$ .

### Weakly $E$ -abundant semigroups

A semigroup  $S$  with  $E \subseteq E(S)$  is said to be **weakly  $E$ -abundant** if every  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ - and every  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ -class of  $S$  contains an idempotent of  $E$ .

### $E$ -regular elements

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $E \subseteq E(S)$ . We say that an element  $c \in S$  is  **$E$ -regular** if  $c$  has an inverse  $c^\circ$  such that  $cc^\circ, c^\circ c \in E$ .

# Analogues of Green's Lemmas

**Lemma** Let  $S$  be a semigroup with  $(C)$  and suppose  $S$  has an  $E$ -regular element  $c$  such that

$$cc^\circ = e, c^\circ c = f$$

Then the right translations

$$\rho_c : \tilde{L}_E^e \rightarrow \tilde{L}_E^f \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_{c^\circ} : \tilde{L}_E^f \rightarrow \tilde{L}_E^e$$

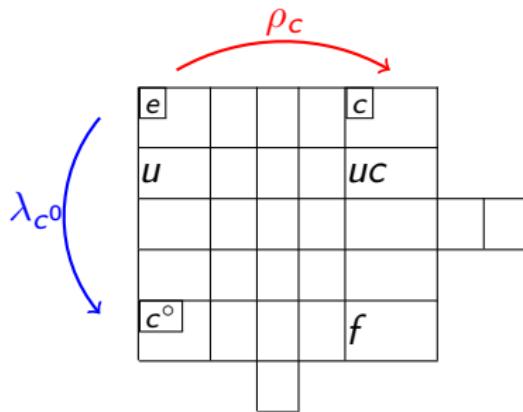
are mutually inverse  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ -class preserving bijections and the left translations

$$\lambda_{c^\circ} : \tilde{R}_E^e \rightarrow \tilde{R}_E^f \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_c : \tilde{R}_E^f \rightarrow \tilde{R}_E^e$$

are mutually inverse  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ -class preserving bijections.

# Analogues of Green's Lemmas

The following “egg” box picture helps us to understand the above Lemma



**Corollary** Let  $S$  be a semigroup with (C). Let  $c$  be an  $E$ -regular element of  $S$  such that

$$cc^o = e, \quad c^o c = f.$$

Then  $\tilde{H}_E^e \cong \tilde{H}_E^f$ .

## Observations

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $E \subseteq E(S)$ . Suppose every  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -class contains an  $E$ -regular element. Then

- ①  $S$  is weakly  $E$ -abundant;
- ② if  $S$  has  $(C)$ , then  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  (so that  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ );
- ③ if  $a, b \in S$  with  $a\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E b$ , then  $|\tilde{H}_E^a| = |\tilde{H}_E^b|$ ;
- ④ if  $E$  is a band and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  is a congruence, then for  $k \in S$  and  $k\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E k^2$ ,  $E \cap \tilde{H}_E^k \neq \emptyset$ .

# Semigroups inheriting congruence extension property

A subsemigroup  $M$  of a semigroup  $S$  has the right congruence extension property if for any right congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  we have

$$\rho = \bar{\rho} \cap (M \times M)$$

where  $\bar{\rho} = \langle \rho \rangle$  is right congruence on  $S$ .

**Lemma** Let  $S$  be a weakly  $E$ -abundant semigroup with  $(C)$ .

Suppose that  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  is a congruence. Let  $e \in E$ . Then  $M = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E^e$  has the right congruence extension property.

# Semigroups inheriting congruence extension property

We say that a congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  is closed under conjugation if for  $u, v \in M$  with  $u \rho v$  and for any  $c \in S$ , with  $cc^\circ, c^\circ c \in E$  and  $cuc^\circ, cvc^\circ \in M$ ,

$$cuc^\circ \rho cvc^\circ$$

**Lemma** Let  $S$  be a semigroup with  $(C)$  such that every  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -class contains an  $E$ -regular element,  $E$  is a band and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  is a congruence. Let  $e \in E$  and  $M = \tilde{H}_E^e$ . Let  $\rho$  be a congruence on  $M$ . Then

$$\rho = \bar{\rho} \cap (M \times M)$$

if and only if  $\rho$  is closed under conjugation.

# Restriction semigroups

Left restriction semigroups form a variety of unary semigroups, that is, semigroups equipped with an additional unary operation, denoted by  $^+$ . The identities that define a left restriction semigroup  $S$  are:

$$a^+a = a, a^+b^+ = b^+a^+, (a^+b)^+ = a^+b^+, ab^+ = (ab)^+a.$$

We put

$$E = \{a^+ : a \in S\},$$

then  $E$  is a semilattice known as the semilattice of projections of  $S$ .

Dually right restriction semigroups form a variety of unary semigroups. In this case the unary operation is denoted by  $*$ .

A semigroup is restriction, if it is both left and right restriction with same semilattice of projections.

# Restriction semigroups

If a restriction semigroup  $S$  has an identity element  $1$ , then

$$1^+ = 1^* = 1.$$

Such a restriction semigroup is called a restriction monoid.

We consider special classes of restriction semigroups that consists of single  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -classes. Such semigroups are called  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple semigroups.

## $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal subsets

We say that a subset  $V$  of  $W$ , where  $W \subseteq S$  and  $W$  is a union of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -classes, is an  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $W$  if

$$|V \cap \tilde{H}_E^a| = 1 \quad \text{for all } a \in W.$$

### Example 1

Let  $S = BR(M, \theta)$ , where  $M$  is a monoid. Then  $(0, 1, 0)$  is the identity of  $S$  and

$$\tilde{L}_E^{(0,1,0)} = \{(a, I, 0) : a \in \mathbb{N}^0, I \in M\},$$

$$\tilde{R}_E^{(0,1,0)} = \{(0, m, a) : a \in \mathbb{N}^0, m \in M\}$$

are  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$ - and  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ -classes of the identity respectively. Let

$$L = \{(a, 1, 0) : a \in \mathbb{N}^0\}.$$

Clearly  $L$  is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $\tilde{L}_E^{(0,1,0)}$ .

# Inverse skeleton

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a semigroup with  $E \subseteq E(S)$ . Let  $U$  be a subset of  $S$  consisting of  $E$ -regular elements, where  $E \subseteq U$ . If  $U$  intersects every  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -class of  $S$  ( $U$  is an  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $S$ ), then  $U$  is a *(combinatorial) inverse skeleton* of  $S$ . If in addition  $U$  is a subsemigroup, then  $U$  is a *(combinatorial) inverse  $S$ -skeleton*.

## Example

Let  $S = \mathcal{B}^\circ(M, I)$  be a **Brandt semigroup**, where  $M$  is a monoid.  
Then

$$U = \{(i, 1, j) : i \in I\} \cup \{0\}$$

is a combinatorial inverse  $S$ -skeleton of  $S$ .

# Semigroups containing inverse skeletons

**Theorem 1** Let  $S$  be a  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoid with  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ . Suppose there is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal  $L$  of  $\tilde{L}_E^1$  such that every  $c \in L$  is  $E$ -regular and for all  $c \in L, e \in E$  we have  $cec^\circ, c^\circ ec \in E$ . Let

$$R = \{c^\circ : c \in L\}.$$

Then  $R$  is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $\tilde{R}_E^1$ .



Suppose in addition that  $RL \subseteq R \cup L$ . Then  $U = \langle R \cup L \rangle = LR$  and  $U$  is a combinatorial inverse  $S$ -skeleton for  $S$ .

# Examples

## Example

Going back to [Example 1](#) let  $(a, 1, 0) \in L$ . Putting

$$(a, 1, 0)^\circ = (0, 1, a)$$

we have that  $(a, 1, 0)^\circ$  is an inverse of  $(0, 1, a)$ . Set

$$R = \{(a, 1, 0)^\circ : (a, 1, 0) \in L\}$$

We note that  $R$  is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  transversal of  $\tilde{R}_E^{(0,1,0)}$ . Also  $RL \subseteq R \cup L$ .

# Semigroups with skeletons

Then

$$U = \{(a, 1, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{N}^0\}$$

is a combinatorial inverse  $S$ -skeleton of  $S$ .

## Example

Let  $S = BR(M, \mathbb{Z}, \theta)$  be extended Bruck-Reilly extension of monoid  $M$ . The semigroup operation on  $S$  is defined by the rule:

$$(k, s, l)(m, t, n) = \begin{cases} (k - l + m, (s)\theta^{m-l}t), n), & \text{if } l < m; \\ (k, st, n), & \text{if } l = m; \\ (k, s(t)\theta^{l-m}, n - m + l), & \text{if } l > m. \end{cases}$$

for  $k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $s, t \in M$ . Then  $S$  has an inverse skeleton

# Examples

## Example

Let  $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \chi_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a strong semilattice  $Y$  of monoids  $S_\alpha$ , where

$$\chi_{\alpha,\beta} : S_\alpha \rightarrow S_\beta$$

is a monoid homomorphism such that

- ①  $\chi_{\alpha,\alpha} = 1_{S_\alpha}$ ,
- ②  $\chi_{\alpha,\beta}\chi_{\beta,\gamma} = \chi_{\alpha,\gamma}$  if  $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$

On  $S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} S_\alpha$ , multiplication is defined by

$$ab = (a\chi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta})(b\chi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}) \quad a \in S_\alpha, b \in S_\beta.$$

Let  $e_\alpha$  be the identity of  $S_\alpha$ . Then  $E = \{e_\alpha : \alpha \in Y\}$  is a semilattice,  $S$  is a restriction semigroup with respect to  $E$  and the  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -classes are the  $S_\alpha$ 's. Then  $E$  is an inverse  $S$ -skeleton.

# Special $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoids

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoid. We say that  $S$  is **special** if  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E \circ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$  and there is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal  $L$  of  $\tilde{L}_E^1$  such that every  $c \in L$  is  $E$ -regular and for all  $c \in L$ ,  $e \in E$  we have  $cec^\circ, c^\circ ec \in E$ .

If  $S$  is a special  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoid, then by Theorem 1  
 $R = \{c^\circ : c \in L\}$  is a submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $\tilde{R}_E^1$ .

# Zappa-Sz  p products

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be semigroups and suppose that we have maps

$$\begin{aligned}T \times S &\rightarrow S, \quad (t, s) \mapsto t \cdot s \\T \times S &\rightarrow T, \quad (t, s) \mapsto t^s\end{aligned}$$

such that for all  $s, s' \in S, t, t' \in T$ , the following hold:

$$\text{ZS1 } tt' \cdot s = t \cdot (t' \cdot s);$$

$$\text{ZS2 } t \cdot (ss') = (t \cdot s)(t^s \cdot s');$$

$$\text{ZS3 } (t^s)^{s'} = t^{ss'};$$

$$\text{ZS4 } (tt')^s = t^{t' \cdot s} t'^s.$$

Define a binary operation on  $S \times T$  by

$$(s, t)(s', t') = (s(t \cdot s'), t^{s'} t').$$

## Zappa-Sz  p products

Then  $S \times T$  is a semigroup, known as the **Zappa-Sz  p product** of  $S$  and  $T$  and denoted by  $S \bowtie T$ .

If  $S$  and  $T$  are monoids then we insist that the following four axioms also hold:

$$\text{ZS5 } t \cdot 1_S = 1_S;$$

$$\text{ZS6 } t^{1s} = t;$$

$$\text{ZS7 } 1_T \cdot s = s;$$

$$\text{ZS8 } 1_T^s = 1_T.$$

Then  $S \bowtie T$  is monoid with identity  $(1_S, 1_T)$ .

# The Bruck-Reilly extension of a monoid

*Kunze* discovered that the Bruck-Reilly extension of a monoid  $BR(S, \theta)$  is the Zappa-Sz  p product of  $\mathbb{N}^0$  under addition and the semidirect product  $\mathbb{N}^0 \ltimes S$ , where multiplication in  $\mathbb{N}^0 \ltimes S$  is defined by the following rule:

$$(k, s) \cdot (l, t) = (k + l, (s\theta^l)t).$$

Define for  $m \in \mathbb{N}^0$  and  $(l, s) \in \mathbb{N}^0 \ltimes S$

$$m \cdot (l, s) = (g - m, s\theta^{g-l}) \text{ and } m^{(l,s)} = g - l$$

where  $g$  is greater of  $m$  and  $l$ . Then  $(\mathbb{N}^0 \ltimes S) \times \mathbb{N}^0$  is Zappa-Sz  p product with composition rule

$$[(k, s), m] \circ [(l, t), n] = [(k - m + g, s\theta^{g-m}t\theta^{g-l}), n - l + g],$$

where again  $g$  is greater of  $m$  and  $l$ .

# Special $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoids and Zappa-Sz  p products

**Theorem 2** Let  $S$  be a special  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoid. Then  $M = L \bowtie \tilde{R}_E^1$  is a Zappa-Sz  p product of  $L$  and  $\tilde{R}_E^1$  under the actions defined by

$$r \cdot l = d \text{ where } d \in L \text{ and } d^+ = (rl)^+$$

and

$$r^l = d^\circ rl \text{ where } d \in L \text{ and } d^+ = (rl)^+$$

for  $l \in L$  and  $r \in \tilde{R}_E^1$ . Further  $S \cong M$ .

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We explain these actions with the help of an egg box picture.

1		r	$r^I = d \circ rl$
l			
$r \cdot l = d$			$rl$

# Special $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoids and Zappa-Szép products

**Theorem 3** Let  $S$  be a special  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_E$ -simple restriction monoid. Then  $Z = \tilde{H}_E^1 \bowtie R$  is a Zappa-Szép product isomorphic to  $\tilde{R}_E^1$  under the action of  $R$  on  $\tilde{H}_E^1$  defined by

$$r \cdot h = rht^\circ \text{ where } t^* = (rh)^* \text{ and } t \in R.$$

and action of  $\tilde{H}_E^1$  on  $R$  by

$$r^h = t \text{ where } t^* = (rh)^* \text{ and } t \in R.$$

Now we see that if  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$  is a congruence, then for  $r \in R$  and  $h \in \tilde{H}_E^1$

$$rh\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E r1 = r$$

and thus  $r^h = r$ , so that  $Z$  becomes a semidirect product.

## Deduction

Kunze showed that if  $S$  is a monoid and  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers under addition, then a semidirect product  $\mathbb{N}^0 \times S$  can be formed under the multiplication,

$$(k, s)(l, t) = (k + l, (s\theta^l)t).$$

Now we see that

$$L_1 = \{(l, s, 0) : l \in \mathbb{N}^0, s \in S\},$$

so that if we put

$$L = \{(l, e, 0) : l \in \mathbb{N}^0\} \cong \mathbb{N}^0,$$

then  $L$  is submonoid  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E$ -transversal of  $L_1$ . Further,

$$\tilde{H}_1 = \{(0, s, 0) : s \in S\}.$$

## Deduction

For  $(l, e, 0) \in L$  and  $(0, s, 0) \in \tilde{H}_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(0, s, 0)^{(l, e, 0)} &= (l, e, 0)^{-1}(0, s, 0)(l, e, 0) \\ &= (0, s\theta^l, 0) \in \tilde{H}_1.\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $L \ltimes \tilde{H}_1$  is semidirect product under multiplication defined by

$$((k, e, 0), (0, s, 0))((l, e, 0), (0, t, 0)) = ((k + l, e, 0), (0, s\theta^l t, 0)).$$

# Applications to bisimple inverse monoids

We specialise Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 to obtain corresponding results for bisimple inverse monoids.

## Example

The bicyclic semigroup  $B$  is the Zappa-Sz  p product of  $L = L_1$  and  $R = R_1$ , where

$$L = \{(m, 0) : m \in \mathbb{N}^0\} \cong \mathbb{N}^0$$

$$R = \{(0, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}^0\} \cong \mathbb{N}^0$$

under the actions of  $R$  on  $L$  and  $L$  on  $R$  defined respectively as:

$$(0, m) \cdot (n, 0) = (\max(m, n) - m, 0)$$

and

$$(0, m)^{(n, 0)} = (0, \max(m, n) - n).$$

