

# Upside down and backwards

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- 5 We primarily focus on definably amenable NIP groups.

# Outline

Our talk is outlined as follows:

- 1 Semigroup theory
- 2 Model theoretic dynamics
- 3 New results

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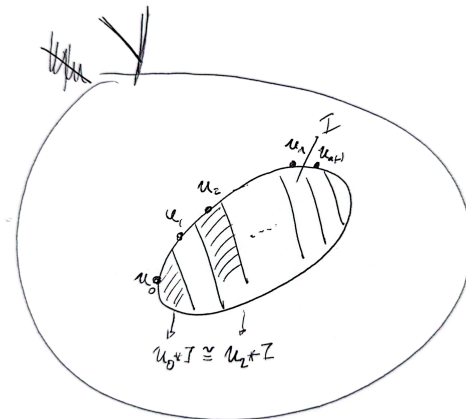
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- 4  $I$  is the disjoint union of its Ellis subgroups. More explicitly, if  $\text{id}(I)$  is the collection of idempotents in  $I$ , then

$$I = \bigsqcup_{u \in \text{id}(I)} u * I.$$

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# Take-away

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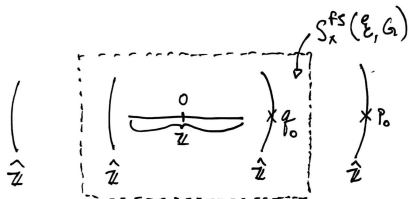
- 1 Historical; Newelski originally considered  $S_x(G)$ , when  $G$  is stable; extended to all types definable; then  $S_{\text{ext}}(G)$ ...
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# Definably amenable groups

## Fact

*Suppose that  $T$  is NIP. Then the following are equivalent:*

- ①  *$G$  is definably amenable, i.e.,  $G$  admits a left invariant measures on the collection of definable subsets.*
- ②  *$S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  admits a left (right) strong  $f$ -generic, i.e., there exists some  $p \in S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  such that every global left (right) translate of  $p$  is still an element of  $S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$ .*

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- 3 (HPP) The right stabilizer of any strong right  $f$ -generic is  $\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}^{00}$ .
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As consequence, we have that the ideal group of  $S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  and  $S_x^{\text{fs}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  are always isomorphic. Furthermore, essentially the same map gives an isomorphism.

Ok – So, is there some kind of natural isomorphism? (Reconsider  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

# Retraction

If the underlying theory is NIP, there exists a *mysterious* map

$$F : S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G) \rightarrow S_x^{\text{fs}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$$

whose definition is a little bit delicate.

## Fact (Simon)

*The retraction map  $F$  from  $S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  to  $S_x^{\text{fs}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$  has the following properties:  
Let  $p, q \in S_x^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{G}, G)$ , then*

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- ②  $F$  is continuous,
- ③ If  $p$  is finitely satisfiable in  $M$ , then  $F(p) = p$ ,
- ④ For any  $M$ -definable function  $f$ ,  $f_*(F(p)) = F(f_*(p))$ .
- ⑤ If  $q$  is finitely satisfiable in  $M$ , then  $F(q_x \otimes p_y) = q_x \otimes F(p_y)$ .

Question: Does the retraction map induce an isomorphism between Ellis subgroups?

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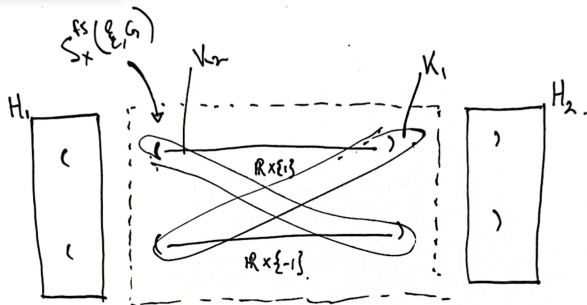
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$$(a, i) \cdot (b, j) = \begin{cases} (a + b, j) & \text{if } i = 1, \\ (a - b, -j) & \text{if } i = -1. \end{cases}$$



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## Theorem (G.-Rzepecki 2025+)

*Suppose that  $T$  is NIP,  $G$  is dfg, and  $t$  is a right dfg type over  $M$ . Then  $F \circ {}^{-1} \upharpoonright_{t * S_G^{\text{inv}}(\mathcal{U}, M)}$  is an anti-isomorphism from an invariant Ellis subgroup to a finitely satisfiable Ellis subgroup. Precomposing with group inversion give an honest-to-goodness isomorphism.*

# Thank you

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