

Semigroups with skeletons and Zappa-Szép products

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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 $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E$.

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° such that $cc^\circ, c^\circ c \in E$.

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

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

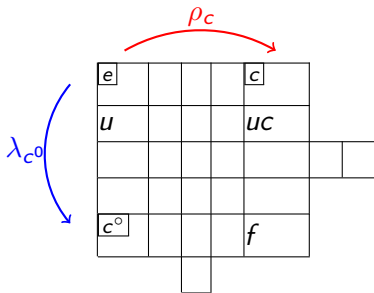
are mutually inverse $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E$ -class preserving bijections and the left translations

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

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

Analogue 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

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

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

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 $k \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_E k^2$, $E \cap \tilde{H}_E^k \neq \emptyset$.

A subsemigroup M of a semigroup S has the right congruence extension property if for any right congruence ρ 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 $M = \tilde{H}_E^e$ has the right congruence extension property.

We say that a congruence ρ 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 ρ be a congruence on M . Then

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

if and only if ρ is closed under conjugation.

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.

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

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

Example1

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

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

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

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 $\tilde{L}_E^{(0,1,0)}$.

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 .

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 $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E^1$ 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 $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E^1$. 

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 .

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 $RL \subseteq R \cup L$.

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

Example

Let $S = [Y; S_\alpha, \chi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ be a strong semilattice Y of monoids S_α , 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 $S = \cup_{\alpha \in Y} S_\alpha$, 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_α be the identity of S_α . 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_α 's. Then E is an inverse S -skeleton.

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 $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_E^1$ 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 $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_E^1$.

Zappa-Szép products

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

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

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

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

Then $S \times T$ is a semigroup, known as the **Zappa-Szép 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:

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

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

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

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

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-Szép product of \mathbb{N}^0 under addition and the semidirect product $\mathbb{N}^0 \rtimes S$, where multiplication in $\mathbb{N}^0 \rtimes S$ 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 $(l, s) \in \mathbb{N}^0 \rtimes S$

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

where g is greater of m and l . Then $(\mathbb{N}^0 \rtimes S) \times \mathbb{N}^0$ is Zappa-Szép 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-Szép 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-Szép 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 $S \cong M$.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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 $L \rtimes \tilde{H}_1$ 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-Szép 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

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

