

# Pseudo-finite monoids and semigroups

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- Definitions: what does it mean for a monoid to be pseudo-finite, or pseudo-generated by a finite set?
- Background: different sources of motivation.
- Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?
- What can we say for semigroups?

## Left congruences

Let  $M$  be a monoid and let  $\bar{X} \subseteq M \times M$ . We denote by  $\rho_{\bar{X}}$  the smallest left congruence relation on  $M$  containing  $\bar{X}$ .

For  $a, b \in M$ ,  $a \rho_{\bar{X}} b$  if and only if  $a = b$  or there is an  $n \geq 1$  and a sequence

$$a = t_1 c_1, t_1 d_1 = t_2 c_2, t_2 d_2 = t_3 c_3, \dots, t_n d_n = b,$$

where  $(c_i, d_i) \in \bar{X} \cup \bar{X}^{-1}$  and  $t_i \in M$ .

Such a sequence is referred to as an  $\bar{X}$ -sequence of length  $n$ . If  $n = 0$ , we interpret this sequence as being  $a = b$ .

## Pseudo-generated monoids

Let  $M$  be a monoid and let  $X \subseteq M$ . Suppose

$$\bar{X} = \{(1, x) : x \in X\} \subseteq M \times M$$

and let  $\rho_{\bar{X}}$  be the left congruence on  $M$  generated by  $\bar{X}$ . We say  $M$  is **pseudo-generated** by  $X$  if  $\rho_{\bar{X}} = \omega_M$ .

If  $X$  is finite, then  $M$  is said to be pseudo-generated by a finite set.

## Pseudo-finite monoids

We say  $M$  is **pseudo-finite**, if there is a bound on the length of  $\bar{X}$ -sequence.

## Semigroup Algebras

A semigroup algebra  $\ell^1(S)$  is the Banach algebra generated by semigroup  $S$ .

A **weight** on a semigroup  $S$  is a function  $w : S \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  such that

$$w(uv) \leq w(u)w(v) \quad u, v \in S.$$

Define

$$\ell^1(S, w) = \left\{ f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|f\|_w := \sum_{u \in S} |f(u)|w(u) < \infty \right\}.$$

Then  $\ell^1(S, w)$  is a Banach space under pointwise operations with the norm given by  $\|\cdot\|_w$  and a Banach algebra if multiplication is given by convolution. Such a Banach algebra is called **weighted semigroup algebra**.

# Background: different sources of motivation

The augmentation ideal of  $\ell^1(S, w)$  is defined as

$$\ell_0^1(S, w) = \left\{ f \in \ell^1(S, w) : \sum_{u \in S} f(u) = 0 \right\}.$$

## Theorem (J. T. White)

Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then  $\ell_0^1(S)$  is finitely-generated if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-finite

White's Motivation was

## Dales-Zelazko conjecture

Let  $A$  be a unital Banach algebra in which every maximal left ideal is finitely-generated. Then  $A$  is finite dimensional.

The above conjecture has answer for the class of Banach algebras  $\ell^1(M)$  where  $M$  is *weakly right cancellative monoid*, but remains open for an arbitrary monoid.

# Background: different sources of motivation

## Ancestry for a monoid

Let  $M$  be a monoid with identity 1 and let  $X \subseteq M$ . A finite sequence  $(z_i)_{i=1}^n$  of elements in  $M$  is called an **ancestry for  $m \in M$  of length  $n$  with respect to  $X$**  if  $z_1 = m$ ,  $z_n = 1$  and for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $1 < i \leq n$  there exists  $x \in X$  such that either  $z_i x = z_{i-1}$  or  $z_i = z_{i-1} x$ .

## Lemma

A monoid  $M$  is pseudo-finite if and only if there is a finite set  $X$  such that every element of  $M$  has an ancestry of bounded length with respect to  $X$ .

## Lemma

A monoid  $M$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$  if and only if every element of  $M$  has an ancestry with respect to  $X$ .

## Kobayashi's criterion, the property left-FP<sub>1</sub> and Cayley graphs

### The property Left-FP<sub>n</sub> for monoids

Let  $M$  be a monoid and  $\mathbb{Z}M$  be the monoid ring over the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For  $n \geq 0$ ,  $M$  is of type left-FP<sub>n</sub> if there is a resolution

$$A_n \rightarrow A_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

of the trivial left  $\mathbb{Z}M$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n$  are finitely-generated left  $\mathbb{Z}M$ -modules.

Monoids of type right-FP<sub>n</sub> are defined dually.

For  $n = 1$ , a group is of type FP<sub>1</sub> if and only if it is finitely-generated.

This is not case for monoids.

The property left-FP<sub>1</sub> for monoids is characterised by Kobayashi.



## Right unitary monoids

A submonoid  $N$  of a monoid  $M$  is said to be **right unitary** if  $mn \in N$  implies  $m \in N$  for any  $n \in N$  and  $m \in M$ .

For a subset  $X$  of  $M$ ,  $U^r(X)$  denotes the smallest right unitary submonoid of  $M$  containing  $X$ .

If  $M = U^r(X)$ , then  $M$  is said to be right unitarily generated by  $X$ . If  $X$  is finite, then  $M$  is said to be right unitarily finitely generated by  $X$ .

## Cayley graphs

Let  $M$  be a monoid and  $X$  be a subset of  $M$ . The **right Cayley graph**  $\Gamma(M, X)$  of  $M$  with respect to  $X$  is the directed labelled graph with vertices the elements of  $M$ , and a directed edge from  $p$  to  $q$  labelled by  $x \in X$  if and only if  $px = q$  in  $M$ .

If there is an undirected path between any two vertices, then we say that  $\Gamma(M, X)$  is connected.

## Theorem (Y. Kobayashi 2006)

A monoid  $M$  is of type  $\text{left-FP}_1$  if and only if there is a finite subset  $X$  of  $M$  such that one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- 1  $M$  is right unitarily generated by  $X$ ;
- 2 the right Cayley graph  $\Gamma(M, X)$  is connected.

# Pseudo-finite/Pseudo-generated monoids and Kobayashi's criterion

if  $M$  is a monoid pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$ , then the smallest left congruence  $\rho_{\overline{X}} = \langle \{(1, x) : x \in X\} \rangle$  is completely determined by the set  $A = \{m \in M : (1, m) \in \rho_{\overline{X}}\}$ . Clearly  $A$  is a submonoid of  $M$  and is right unitary because for any  $a \in M$  and  $b \in A$

$$ab \in A \Rightarrow a \in A.$$

Thus  $M$  is right unitarily generated by  $X$

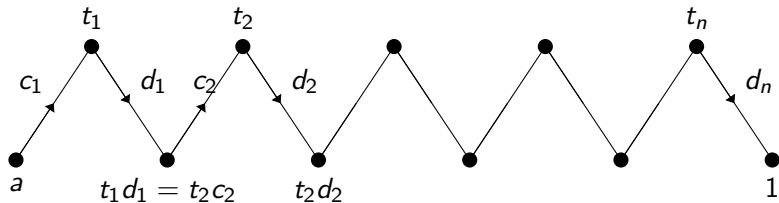
# Pseudo-finite/Pseudo-generated monoids and Kobayashi's criterion

Also For any  $m \in M$ , there is a sequence

$$m = t_1 c_1, t_1 d_1 = t_2 c_2, \dots, t_n d_n = 1$$

where  $(c_i, d_i) \in \overline{X} \cup \overline{X}^{-1}$  and  $t_i \in M$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

This gives us a path



so that  $\Gamma(M, X)$  is connected.

# Pseudo-finite/Pseudo-generated monoids and Kobayashi's criterion

## Theorem

Let  $M$  be a monoid and  $X$  be a finite subset of  $M$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- 1  $M$  is pseudo-generated by  $X$ ;
- 2 each element of  $M$  has an ancestry with respect to  $X$ ;
- 3  $M$  is right unitarily finitely generated by  $X$ ;
- 4  $M$  is of type left  $\text{FP}_1$ ;
- 5 the right Cayley graph  $\Gamma(M, X)$  of  $M$  with respect to  $X$  is connected.

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Groups

- Let  $G$  be a group and  $X$  be a (finite) subset of  $G$ . Then  $G$  is (finitely) generated by  $X$  if and only if  $G$  is pseudo-generated by  $X$ .
- A group  $G$  is pseudo-finite if and only if  $G$  is finite.

## Finite monoids

Finite monoids are pseudo-finite.

## Monoids with zero

Any monoid with zero is pseudo-finite.

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Monoid semilattices

Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be a semilattice with identity 1. Then the following are equivalent:

- 1  $\mathcal{Y}$  is pseudo-generated by some finite set;
- 2  $\mathcal{Y}$  has a zero;
- 3  $\mathcal{Y}$  is pseudo-finite.

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Homomorphic images, retracts and direct products

- 1 The homomorphic image (retract) of a monoid pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set.
- 2 The homomorphic image (retract) of a pseudo-finite monoid is pseudo-finite.
- 3 Let  $S$  and  $T$  be monoids. Then  $S$  and  $T$  are pseudo-generated by some finite sets  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively if and only if  $S \times T$  is pseudo-generated by  $X \times Y$ .
- 4 The direct product of monoids  $S$  and  $T$  is pseudo-finite if and only if  $S$  and  $T$  are pseudo-finite.



# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Inverse monoids

Suppose  $S$  is an inverse monoid with semilattice of idempotents  $E(S)$ . Then  $S$  is pseudo-finite if and only if  $E(S)$  has a zero and the corresponding group  $\mathcal{H}$ -class is finite.

## Bruck-Reilly extension of a monoid

Let  $S$  be a monoid with identity  $e$ . Suppose  $S$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$ . Then the Bruck-Reilly extension  $T = BR(S, \theta)$  of  $S$  determined by  $\theta$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set

$$X' = \{(1, e, 0), (0, e, 0), (0, x_i, 0) : x_i \in X\}.$$

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Bicyclic Monoid

The Bicyclic monoid  $\mathbb{N}^0 \times \mathbb{N}^0$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set

$$X = \{(1, 0), (0, 0)\}.$$

## Rectangular bands

Let  $B^1$  be a rectangular band with an identity adjoined and let  $X$  be a finite subset of  $B^1$ . Then  $B^1$  is pseudo-generated by  $X$  if and only if  $B^1$  has finitely many  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes.

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Strong semilattices of semigroups

- 1 Let  $S = [\mathcal{Y}; S_\alpha; \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a strong semilattice of semigroups. Then  $S^1$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{Y}^1$  has a zero and  $S_0^1$  is pseudo-generated.
- 2 Suppose  $\mathcal{N} = [\mathcal{Y}; S_\alpha; \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$  is a normal band. Then  $\mathcal{N}^1$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{Y}^1$  has a zero and  $S_0^1$  has finitely many  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes.
- 3 Let  $S = [\mathcal{Y}; G_\alpha; \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a Clifford monoid. Then  $S$  is pseudo-generated by some finite set ( $S$  is pseudo-finite) if and only if  $\mathcal{Y}$  has a 0 and  $G_0$  is finitely generated (finite).

# Which monoids are pseudo-generated by a finite set/pseudo-finite?

## Finite Rees Index

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a subsemigroup of  $S$ . The *Rees index* of  $T$  in  $S$  is defined to be the cardinality of the complement  $S \setminus T$ .

### Theorem

Let  $S$  be a monoid and suppose  $T$  be a retract of  $S$  having finite Rees index. Then  $S$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set if and only if  $T$  is pseudo-generated by some finite set.

# Counter example to Dales/White conjecture

## Dales/White conjecture (in an informal discussion)

A monoid is pseudo-finite if and only if it is direct product of a monoid with zero by a finite monoid.

## Example

Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \{\alpha, \beta\}$  be a semilattice with  $\beta < \alpha$  and let  $M = [\mathcal{Y}; G_\alpha; \phi_{\alpha,\beta}]$  be a strong semilattice of groups, where  $G_\alpha = G$  is an infinite group with identity 1 and no elements of  $G$  has order 2,  $G_\beta = \{a, e\}$  is a group with identity  $e$ , and  $\phi_{\alpha,\beta} : G_\alpha \rightarrow G_\beta$  is defined by  $g\phi_{\alpha,\beta} = e$  for all  $g \in G$ . Then  $M$  is an infinite pseudo-finite monoid without zero, and it is impossible to be isomorphic to a direct product of a monoid with zero by a finite monoid.

# What can we say for semigroups?

## Pseudo-generated semigroups

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $X \subseteq S$ . Let  $\bar{X} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in X\}$ . We say that  $S$  is pseudo-generated by  $X$  if  $\omega_S = \rho_{\bar{X}}$ , where  $\rho_{\bar{X}}$  is the smallest left congruence relation on  $S$  containing  $\bar{X}$ .

### Lemma

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $\omega_S$  be finitely generated by  $H \subseteq S \times S$ . Suppose  $\omega_S = \langle K \rangle$  for some  $K \subseteq S \times S$ . Then there exists a finite subset  $K'$  of  $K$  such that  $\omega_S = \langle K' \rangle$ .

Further, if there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $a, b \in S$ , there is a  $H$ -sequence from  $a$  to  $b$  of length at most  $m$ , then there is an  $m' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $a, b \in S$ , there is a  $K'$ -sequence from  $a$  to  $b$  of length at most  $m'$ .

### Brandt Semigroups

Let  $S = B^0(G, I)$  be a Brandt semigroup over a group  $G$ . Then  $S$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set  $X$  if and only if  $I$  is finite.

# What can we say for semigroups?

## Inverse semigroups

Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup and  $E(S)$  be the set of idempotents of  $S$ . Then  $S$  is pseudo-generated by a finite set (pseudo-finite) if and only if

- 1 there are finitely many maximal idempotents in  $E(S)$  such that every idempotent is below a maximal idempotent;
- 2  $E(S)$  has a zero;
- 3 the group  $\mathcal{H}$ -class of zero is finitely generated (finite).



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