

Adequate Transversals of Abundant Semigroups

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Largest Inverses

- Let S be a regular semigroup with set of idempotents E and let \leq be a partial order on S . Then (S, \leq) is said to be *naturally ordered* if

$$e = ef = fe \text{ implies } e \leq f$$

- If S has a greatest idempotent then for all $x \in S$, $V(x)$ has a greatest element - denoted by x^0
- Let $S^0 = \{x^0 : x \in S\}$. Then S^0 is an inverse subsemigroup of S and for all $x \in S$, $|S^0 \cap V(x)| = 1$

Inverse Transversals

S^0 is an *inverse transversal* of S if for all $x \in S$ there exists a unique $x^0 \in V(x) \cap S^0$

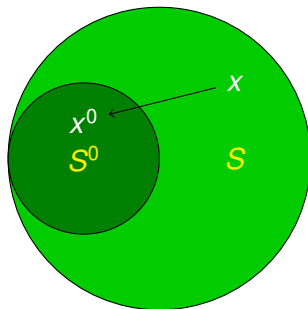
$$x^{00} = (x^0)^0$$

$$x^{000} = x^0$$

$$x = (xx^0)x^{00}(x^0x) = e_x x^{00} f_x$$

$$e_x \mathcal{L} x^{00} x^0 \mathcal{R} x^{00}$$

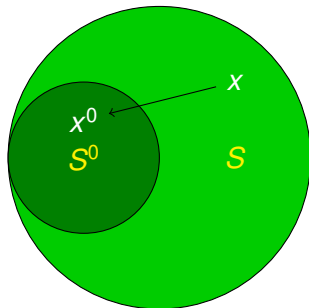
$$(x^0 y)^0 = y^0 x^{00}$$



Generalisations

An *associate* of x is an element $x' \in S$ with $xx'x = x$. S^0 is an *associate transversal* of S if for all $x \in S$ there exists a unique $x^0 \in A(x) \cap S^0$ where $A(x)$ is the set of all associates of x .

In Semigroup Forum (2009) 79, 101–118, Billhardt, Giraldez, Marques-Smith, Mendes Martins consider the situation where x^0 is the *least associate* with respect to the natural partial order on S .



Generalizations

Let $V_{S^0}(x) = V(x) \cap S^0$.

S^0 is an *orthodox transversal* of S if

- 1 for all $x \in S$, $V_{S^0}(x) \neq \emptyset$
- 2 if $a, b \in S$ and $\{a, b\} \cap S^0 \neq \emptyset$ then $V_{S^0}(a)V_{S^0}(b) \subseteq V_{S^0}(ba)$.

Easy to check that S^0 is necessarily an orthodox subsemigroup of S .

Adequate transversals

- Define a left congruence on S by

$$\mathcal{R}^* = \{(a, b) \in S \times S \mid xa = ya \text{ iff } xb = yb \text{ for all } x, y \in S^1\}$$

and a right congruence by

$$\mathcal{L}^* = \{(a, b) \in S \times S \mid ax = ay \text{ iff } bx = by \text{ for all } x, y \in S^1\}$$

- We say that a semigroup is *abundant* if each \mathcal{R}^* -class and each \mathcal{L}^* -class contains an idempotent
- An abundant semigroup in which the idempotents commute is called *adequate*

Adequate transversals

Lemma

A semigroup S is adequate if and only if each \mathcal{L}^ -class and each \mathcal{R}^* -class contain a unique idempotent and the subsemigroup generated by $E(S)$ is regular.*

If S is adequate and $a \in S$ denote by a^* the unique idempotent in L_a^* and by a^+ the unique idempotent in R_a^* .

Lemma

If S is an adequate semigroup then for all $a, b \in S$, $(ab)^ = (a^*b)^*$ and $(ab)^+ = (ab^+)^+$.*

Adequate transversals

- $U \subseteq S$ abundant subsemigroups - U is a $*$ -subsemigroup of S if

$$\mathcal{L}^*(U) = \mathcal{L}^*(S) \cap (U \times U), \mathcal{R}^*(U) = \mathcal{R}^*(S) \cap (U \times U)$$

- Let S^0 be an adequate $*$ -subsemigroup of the abundant semigroup S . S^0 is an *adequate transversal* of S if for each $x \in S$ there is a unique $\bar{x} \in S^0$ and $e, f \in E$ such that

$$x = e\bar{x}f \text{ and such that } e \mathcal{L} \bar{x}^+ \text{ and } f \mathcal{R} \bar{x}^*.$$

e and f are uniquely determined by x - denoted by e_x , and f_x and $E(S^0)$ by E^0 .

Adequate transversals

Adequate transversals were first introduced by El-Qallali in the early 90s and might have been inspired by earlier joint work with Fountain on quasi-adequate semigroups.

Adequate transversals

If S is regular and S^0 is an inverse transversal, then S^0 is an adequate transversal and

- $\bar{x} = x^{00}$;
- $e_x = xx^0$;
- $f_x = x^0x$;
- $\bar{x}^+ = x^{00}x^0 \mathcal{R} x^{00}$;
- $\bar{x}^* = x^0x^{00} \mathcal{L} x^{00}$.

Adequate transversals

A non-regular based on one originally given by El-Qallali:

- S^0 is an adequate transversal of an abundant semigroup S
- M is a cancellative monoid with identity 1
- $M \times S^0$ is an adequate transversal of the abundant semigroup $M \times S$
- In fact $E(M \times S) = \{1\} \times E(S)$ and $E(M \times S^0) = \{1\} \times S^0$
- Moreover $\overline{(m, a)} = (m, \bar{a})$, $e_{(m,a)} = (1, e_a)$ and $f_{(m,a)} = (1, f_a)$.

Adequate transversals

Lemma

Let S be an abundant semigroup with an adequate transversal S^0 . Then for all $x \in S$

- 1 $e_x \mathcal{R}^* x$ and $f_x \mathcal{L}^* x$,
- 2 if $x \in S^0$ then $e_x = x^+ \in E^0$, $\bar{x} = x$, $f_x = x^* \in E^0$,
- 3 if $x \in E^0$ then $e_x = \bar{x} = f_x = x$,
- 4 $e_{\bar{x}} \mathcal{L} e_x$ and hence $e_{\bar{x}} e_x = e_{\bar{x}}$ and $e_x e_{\bar{x}} = e_x$,
- 5 $f_{\bar{x}} \mathcal{R} f_x$ and hence $f_{\bar{x}} f_x = f_x$ and $f_x f_{\bar{x}} = f_{\bar{x}}$.

Adequate transversal

$$\begin{aligned}sx = tx &\Rightarrow se_x \bar{x} f_x \bar{x}^* = te_x \bar{x} f_x \bar{x}^* \\ &\Rightarrow se_x \bar{x} = te_x \bar{x} \\ &\Rightarrow se_x \bar{x}^+ = te_x \bar{x}^+ \\ &\Rightarrow se_x = te_x\end{aligned}$$

Adequate transversals

$$I = \{e_x : x \in S\}, \quad \Lambda = \{f_x : x \in S\}$$

Lemma

Let S^0 be an adequate transversal of an abundant semigroup S and let $x, y \in S$. Then

- ① $x \mathcal{R}^* y$ if and only if $e_x = e_y$,
- ② $x \mathcal{L}^* y$ if and only if $f_x = f_y$.

Hence there are bijections $I \rightarrow S/\mathcal{R}^*$ and $\Lambda \rightarrow S/\mathcal{L}^*$.

$|R_x^* \cap I| = 1$ and that $|L_x^* \cap \Lambda| = 1$.

Adequate transversals

Suppose now that $x \in \text{Reg}(S)$, the set of regular elements of S . Using the fact that $x \mathcal{R} e_x$ and $x \mathcal{L} f_x$ then there exists a unique $x^0 \in V(x)$ with $xx^0 = e_x$ and $x^0x = f_x$.

Theorem

If $x \in \text{Reg}(S)$ then $|V(x) \cap S^0| = 1$. Moreover $x^0 \in S^0$, $\bar{x} = x^{00}$ and $x^0 = x^{000}$. Also,

$$I = \{x \in \text{Reg}(S) : x = xx^0\} = \{xx^0 : x \in \text{Reg}(S)\}$$

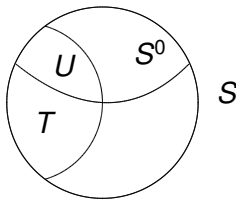
and

$$\Lambda = \{x \in \text{Reg}(S) : x = x^0x\} = \{x^0x : x \in \text{Reg}(S)\}.$$

Adequate transversals

Let $T = \text{Reg}(S)$, let $U = T \cap S^0$ and suppose that T is a subsemigroup of S .

U is an inverse transversal of the regular semigroup T



Theorem

If T is a subsemigroup of S then I is a left regular subband of S and Λ is a right regular subband of S .

Quasi-adequate

- A semigroup is said to be *quasi-adequate* if it is abundant and its idempotents form a subsemigroup.
- It was shown by El-Qallali and Fountain that in this case the set T of regular elements is an orthodox subsemigroup of S .
- So we see that $U = T \cap S^0$ is an inverse transversal of T and I and Λ are subbands of S .

Quasi-adequate

Proposition

Let S^0 be an adequate transversal of an abundant semigroup S . Then the following are equivalent:

- ① S is quasi-adequate;
- ② $(\forall x, y \in \text{Reg}(S)), (xy)^0 = y^0 x^0$;
- ③ $(\forall i \in I)(\forall l \in \Lambda), (li)^0 = i^0 l^0$;
- ④ $I\Lambda = E(S)$.

Quasi-adequate

- Let S be a quasi-adequate semigroup with an adequate transversal S^0 and suppose that $x, y \in \text{Reg}(S)$. Then $\overline{xy} = \overline{x} \overline{y}$.
- Let S be an orthodox semigroup with an adequate (and hence inverse) transversal S^0 . Then for all $x, y \in S$, $\overline{xy} = \overline{x} \overline{y}$.

We say that S^0 is a *quasi-ideal* of S if $S^0 S S^0 \subseteq S^0$ or equivalently if $\Lambda I \subseteq S^0$. These transversals have been the subject of a great deal of study in both the inverse and adequate cases.

- Let S be an abundant semigroup with a quasi-ideal adequate transversal S^0 . S is quasi-adequate if and only if for all $x, y \in S$, $\overline{xy} = \overline{x} \overline{y}$.

Quasi-adequate

- S quasi-adequate semigroup, band of idempotents E
- for $e \in E$, let $E(e)$ denote the \mathcal{J} -class of e in E
- for $a \in S$, let a^+ denote a typical element of $R_a^*(S) \cap E$ and let a^* denote a typical element of $L_a^*(S) \cap E$.
- Define a relation δ on S by

$$\delta = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : b = eaf, \text{ for some } e \in E(a^+), f \in E(a^*)\}.$$

Fountain showed that δ is an equivalence relation and is contained in any adequate congruence ρ on S .

Quasi-adequate

$\phi : S \rightarrow T$ is called *good* if for all $a, b \in S$, $a \mathcal{R}^*(S) b$ implies $a\phi \mathcal{R}^*(T) b\phi$ and $a \mathcal{L}^*(S) b$ implies $a\phi \mathcal{L}^*(T) b\phi$.

A congruence ρ is called *good* if the natural homomorphism $\rho^\natural : S \rightarrow S/\rho$ is good.

Lemma (Fountain)

If δ is a congruence then δ is the minimum adequate good congruence on S .

Quasi-adequate

Proposition (El-Qallali)

If S is a quasi-adequate semigroup with an adequate transversal S^0 then the following are equivalent

- ① δ is a congruence on S ,
- ② $\delta = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : \bar{a} = \bar{b}\}$,
- ③ for all $x, y \in S$, $\overline{xy} = \bar{x} \bar{y}$.

Moreover in this case $S/\delta \cong S^0$.

Consequently, we shall say that an adequate transversal S^0 of a quasi-adequate semigroup S is *good* if $\overline{xy} = \bar{x} \bar{y}$ for all $x, y \in S$.

Structure Theorems

Theorem

Let S be a quasi-adequate semigroup with a good adequate transversal S^0 . Then

- 1 $\overline{xy} = \overline{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}}$
- 2 $e_{xy} = e_x e_{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}}$
- 3 $f_{xy} = f_{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}} f_y$.

$$(e_x \overline{x} f_x)(e_y \overline{y} f_y) = (e_x e_{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}}) (\overline{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}}) (f_{\overline{x}f_x e_y \overline{y}} f_y).$$

Structure Theorems

$I = \cup_{x \in E^0} L_x$ and I is a semilattice E^0 of the left zero semigroups L_x .

Theorem

S^0 adequate semigroup with semilattice E^0 , $I = \cup_{x \in E^0} L_x$ left regular band, $\Lambda = \cup_{x \in E^0} R_x$ right regular band, common semilattice transversal E^0 .

$\forall x, y \in S^0, \exists \alpha_{x,y} : R_{x^*} \times L_{y^+} \rightarrow L_{(xy)^+}, \beta_{x,y} : R_{x^*} \times L_{y^+} \rightarrow R_{(xy)^*}$ satisfying:

① if $f \in R_{x^*}, g \in L_{y^+}, h \in R_{y^*}, k \in L_{z^+}$ then

$$(f, g)\alpha_{x,y} ((f, g)\beta_{x,y}h, k)\alpha_{xy,z} = (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{y,z})\alpha_{x,yz}$$

$$(f, g(h, k)\alpha_{y,z})\beta_{x,yz}(h, k)\beta_{y,z} = ((f, g)\beta_{x,y}h, k)\beta_{xy,z}$$

② $(x^*, y^+)\alpha_{x,y} = (xy)^+, (x^*, y^+)\beta_{x,y} = (xy)^*$,

Structure Theorems

Theorem

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if

$x, x_1, x_2 \in S^0$, $e_1 \in L_{x_1^+}$, $f_1 \in R_{x_1^*}$, $e_2 \in L_{x_2^+}$, $f_2 \in R_{x_2^*}$, $e \in L_{x^+}$

and if

- $e_1(f_1, e)\alpha_{x_1, x} = e_2(f_2, e)\alpha_{x_2, x}$,
- $x_1x = x_2x$
- $(f_1, e)\beta_{x_1, x}x^* = (f_2, e)\beta_{x_2, x}x^*$

then

- $e_1(f_1, e)\alpha_{x_1, x^+} = e_2(f_2, e)\alpha_{x_2, x^+}$,
- $x_1x^+ = x_2x^+$
- $(f_1, e)\beta_{x_1, x^+} = (f_2, e)\beta_{x_2, x^+}$.

Structure Theorems

Theorem

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if

$$x, x_1, x_2 \in S^0, e_1 \in L_{x_1}^+, f_1 \in R_{x_1}^*, e_2 \in L_{x_2}^+, f_2 \in R_{x_2}^*, f \in R_{x^*}$$
and if

- $x^+(f, e_1)\alpha_{x, x_1} = x^+(f, e_2)\alpha_{x, x_2},$
- $xx_1 = xx_2$
- $(f, e_1)\beta_{x, x_1}f_1 = (f, e_2)\beta_{x, x_2}f_2$

then

- $(f, e_1)\alpha_{x^*, x_1} = (f, e_2)\alpha_{x^*, x_2},$
- $x^*x_1 = x^*x_2$
- $(f, e_1)\beta_{x^*, x_1}f_1 = (f, e_2)\beta_{x^*, x_2}f_2$

Structure Theorems

Theorem

Define a multiplication on the set

$$W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^0 \times \Lambda : e \in L_{x^+}, f \in R_{x^*}\}$$

by

$$(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (e(f, g)\alpha_{x,y}, xy, (f, g)\beta_{x,y}h).$$

Then W is a quasi-adequate semigroup with a good adequate transversal isomorphic to S^0 .

Moreover every quasi-adequate semigroup S , with a good adequate transversal can be constructed in this way.

$$(a, b)\alpha_{x,y} = e_{xaby} \text{ and } (a, b)\beta_{x,y} = f_{xaby}$$

Structure Theorems

Corollary

Let S^0 be an adequate semigroup with semilattice of idempotents E^0 and let $I = \cup_{x \in E^0} L_x$ be a left normal band and $\Lambda = \cup_{x \in E^0} R_x$ be a right normal band with a common semilattice transversal E^0 . Let

$$W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^0 \times \Lambda : e \in L_{x^+}, f \in R_{x^*}\}$$

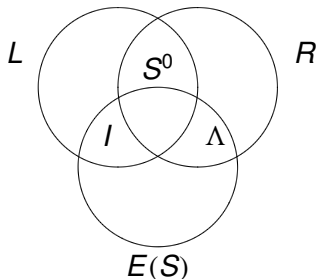
and define a multiplication on W by

$$(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (e(xy)^+, xy, (xy)^*h).$$

Then W is a quasi-adequate semigroup with a quasi-ideal, good adequate transversal isomorphic to S^0 . Conversely every such transversal can be constructed in this way.

Structure Theorems

$$R = \{x \in S : e_x = e_{\bar{x}}\}, \quad L = \{x \in S : f_x = f_{\bar{x}}\}$$



It can be shown that

$$R = \{x \in S : x = \bar{x}f_x\} = \{\bar{x}f_x : x \in S\},$$

$$L = \{x \in S : x = e_x\bar{x}\} = \{e_x\bar{x} : x \in S\}.$$

Structure Theorems

An abundant semigroup is *left (resp. right) adequate* if every \mathcal{R}^* -class (resp. \mathcal{L}^* -class) contains a unique idempotent.

Corollary

Let L be a left adequate semigroup and R a right adequate semigroup with a common quasi-ideal adequate transversal S^0 . Construct the spined product

$$L| \times |R = \{(x, a) \in L \times R : \bar{x} = \bar{a}\}$$

and define a multiplication on $L| \times |R$ by

$$(x, a)(y, b) = (x\bar{y}, \bar{a}b) = (x\bar{b}, \bar{x}b).$$

Then $L| \times |R$ is a quasi-adequate semigroup with a good, quasi-ideal adequate transversal isomorphic to S^0 . Moreover every such transversal can be constructed in this way.

Structure Theorems

- Let S be a left adequate semigroup. Since $\Lambda = E^0$ then if S is also quasi-adequate and S^0 is good then we must have $R_{x^*} = \{x^*\}$ and so $(f, e)\beta_{x,y} = (xy)^*$.
- I a left regular band with a semilattice transversal E^0 . Define on I a left S^0 -action $S^0 \times I \rightarrow I$, $(x, e) \mapsto x * e$ and which is *distributive* over the multiplication on I , i.e. $(xy) * e = x * (y * e)$ and $x * (ef) = (x * e)(x * f)$.
- Construct the semidirect product of S^0 by I as $I * S^0 = \{(e, x) \in I \times S^0\}$ with multiplication given by

$$(e, x)(g, y) = (e(x * g), xy)$$
 and it is an easy matter to check that $I * S^0$ is a semigroup.

Structure Theorems

We say that a left adequate semigroup S is *left ample* (formerly called *left type-A*) if for all $a \in S$, $e \in E(S)$, $(ae) = (ae)^+ a$.

Theorem

Let S^0 be a left ample, adequate semigroup with semilattice E^0 and let $I = \cup_{x \in E^0} L_x$ be a left regular band with a semilattice transversal E^0 . Suppose there is a left S^0 -action $S^0 \times I \rightarrow I$, $(x, e) \mapsto x * e$ which is distributive over I satisfying:

- ① for all $x, y \in S^0$, $x * y^+ = (xy)^+$,
- ② if $x, x_1, x_2 \in S^0$, $e_1 \in L_{x_1^+}$, $e_2 \in L_{x_2^+}$ and if

$$x^+(x * e_1) = x^+(x * e_2), \quad xx_1 = xx_2$$

then

$$x^* * e_1 = x^* * e_2, \quad x^* x_1 = x^* x_2$$

Structure Theorems

Theorem

Define a multiplication on the set

$$W = \{(e, x) \in I \times S^0 : e \in L_{x^+}\}$$

by

$$(e, x)(g, y) = (e(x * g), xy).$$

Then W is a left adequate, quasi-adequate semigroup with a good, left ample, adequate transversal isomorphic to S^0 .

Moreover every left adequate, quasi-adequate semigroup S with a left ample, good adequate transversal can be constructed in this way.

Regular semigroups

Corollary

*Let S^0 be an inverse semigroup with semilattice of idempotents E^0 and let I be a left regular band with a semilattice transversal isomorphic to E^0 . Suppose we have a left action of S^0 on I , $(x, e) \mapsto x * e$ and which is distributive over the multiplication on I satisfying*

- ① *for all $x, y \in S^0$, $x * (yy^{-1}) = (xy)(xy)^{-1}$;*
- ② *for all $x \in S^0$, $e \in I$, $(xx^{-1}) * e = (xx^{-1})e$.*

*Define a multiplication on $W = \{(e, x) \in I \times S^0 : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}\}$ by $(e, x)(g, y) = (e(x * g), xy)$.*

Then W is a left inverse semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to S^0 . Moreover every left inverse semigroup S with an inverse transversal can be constructed in this way.

Quasi-ideals

Theorem

Let S^0 be adequate with semilattice of idempotents E^0 . Let L be left adequate and R right adequate and suppose that S^0 is a common quasi-ideal adequate transversal of both. Let

$* : R \times L \rightarrow S^0$ be a map such that

- 1 for all $y, z \in L, a, b \in R$ with $\bar{y} = \bar{b}$,
 $(a * y)f_b * z = a * e_y(b * z)$;
- 2 if $a \in S^0$ or $x \in S^0$ then $a * x = ax$.

Let $T = \{(x, a) \in L \times R : \bar{x} = \bar{a}\}$ and define

$$(x, a)(y, b) = (e_x(a * y), (a * y)f_b).$$

Then T is an abundant semigroup with a quasi-ideal adequate transversal T^0 with $T^0 \cong S^0$. Moreover every quasi-ideal adequate transversal can be constructed in this way.