

Graph Inverse Semigroups & Leavitt Path Algebras

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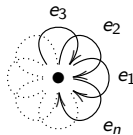
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$\mathcal{S}(E)$ is an inverse semigroup, with $(pq^{-1})^{-1} = qp^{-1}$ for all paths p, q . (A semigroup S is an *inverse semigroup* if for each $x \in S$ there is a unique $y \in S$ satisfying $xyx = x$ and $xy = y$.)

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$$K[\mathcal{S}(E)] / \left\langle v - \sum_{e \in s^{-1}(v)} ee^{-1} \mid v \in E^0 \text{ is regular} \right\rangle$$

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Corollary

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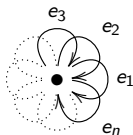
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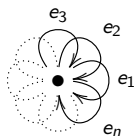
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$S(E_1) \setminus \{0\}$ is isomorphic to the *bicyclic monoid*

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the canonical inverse semigroup that is not a group.

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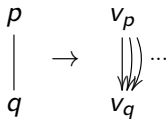
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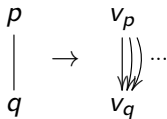


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$$\phi(p) = \langle E_P^0 \setminus \{w \in E^0 \mid \exists \text{ path } t \text{ with } \mathbf{s}(t) = w \text{ and } \mathbf{r}(t) = v_p\} \rangle.$$

Then ϕ is an order-embedding, and ϕ is an order-isomorphism if and only if (P, \leq) satisfies DCC. “Many” posets without DCC can be realized as $\text{Spec}(L_K(E_P))$, for some (P, \leq) .

Simple Leavitt Path Algebras

Let E be a graph. If $u, v \in E^0$, and there is a path p in E satisfying $\mathbf{s}(p) = u$ and $\mathbf{r}(p) = v$, then we write $u \geq v$.

Let $H \subseteq E^0$. Then H is *hereditary* if whenever $u \in H$ and $u \geq v$ for some $v \in E^0$, then $v \in H$. H is *saturated* if $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)) \subseteq H$ implies that $v \in H$ for any regular $v \in E^0$ (i.e., a vertex that emits a nonzero finite number of edges).

Theorem (Abrams/Aranda Pino, 2008)

Let K be a field and E a graph. Then $L_K(E)$ is simple if and only if the following conditions hold.

- 1 Every cycle in E has an exit.
- 2 The only hereditary and saturated subsets of E^0 are \emptyset and E^0 .

Congruence-Free Graph Inverse Semigroups

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Theorem (Tomforde, 2007)

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Let E be a graph, R a Rees congruence on $S(E)$, and I the ideal of $S(E)$ corresponding to R . Then $S(E)/R \cong S(E \setminus (I \cap E^0))$.

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$$W \subseteq \{v \in E^0 \setminus H \mid |\mathbf{s}_{E \setminus H}^{-1}(v)| = 1\},$$

and a *cycle function* $f : C(E^0) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ (i.e., $f(c) = 1$ for all $c \in C(H)$, $f(c) = \infty$ for all $c \notin C(H \cup W)$, and the restriction of f to $C(W)$ is invariant under cyclic permutations). Given a congruence triple (H, W, f) , let $\varrho(H, W, f)$ be the congruence on $\mathcal{S}(E)$, generated by

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Let E be a graph and $v \in E^0$. We refer to v as a *forked* vertex, if there exist distinct edges $e, f \in \mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)$ such that the following properties hold.

- (1) $\mathbf{r}(g) \not\leq \mathbf{r}(e)$ for all $g \in \mathbf{s}^{-1}(v) \setminus \{e\}$.
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Theorem (Anagnostopoulou-Merkouri/Mesyant/Mitchell, 2024)

For any graph E , the lattice of congruences on $\mathcal{S}(E)$ is lower-semimodular if and only if E has no forked vertices.

Atoms

Let L be a lattice with a least element 0 . We say that $a \in L$ is an *atom* if $0 \prec a$. Also, L is *atomistic* if every element of L can be expressed as a join of finitely many atoms.

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Let E be a graph. Then every congruence in $\mathcal{S}(E)$ is the join of a (possibly infinite) collection of atoms if and only if for every $v \in E^0$ one of the following holds.

- 1 $|\mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)| = 0$.
- 2 $|\mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)| = 1$, v does not belong to a cycle, and $v > u$ for some $u \in E^0$ such that $|\mathbf{s}^{-1}(u)| \neq 1$.
- 3 $|\mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)| \geq 2$, and $\mathbf{r}(e) \geq v$ for all $e \in \mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)$.

Moreover, the lattice of congruences on $\mathcal{S}(E)$ is atomistic if and only if, in addition to the above conditions on all vertices, E^0 has only finitely many strongly connected components and vertices v such that $|\mathbf{s}^{-1}(v)| = 1$.

Topologies on the Bicyclic Monoid

If S is a semigroup and \mathcal{O} is a topology on S , then we say that S is a *topological semigroup* with respect to \mathcal{O} , or that \mathcal{O} is a *semigroup topology* on S , if the multiplication operation $* : S \times S \rightarrow S$ on S is continuous with respect to \mathcal{O} , where $S \times S$ is endowed with the product topology.

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Non-Discrete Semigroup Topology

Proposition (Mesyan/Mitchell/Morayne/Péresse, 2016)

Let E be a graph having paths of arbitrary (finite) length, define $d'(0, 0) = 0$,

$$d'(xy^{-1}, 0) = d'(0, xy^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\min\{|x|, |y|\} + 1}$$

for all paths x, y in E , and extend d' to a map $d : \mathcal{S}(E) \times \mathcal{S}(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ via

$$d(\mu, \nu) = \begin{cases} d'(\mu, 0) + d'(\nu, 0) & \text{if } \mu \neq \nu \\ 0 & \text{if } \mu = \nu \end{cases} .$$

Then d is a metric that induces a non-discrete semigroup topology on $\mathcal{S}(E)$.

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- 1 For all $\rho \in T$ there are idempotents $\mu, \nu \in T$ such that $\rho \in \mu T \nu$.
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Example (Mesyan/Mitchell/Morayne/Péresse, 2016)

Let S be the monoid with zero element generated by $\{e_1, e_2, e_1^{-1}, e_2^{-1}, X\}$, subject to the relations:

$$e_i^{-1}e_j = \delta_{ij}, \quad e_1X = Xe_2^{-1} = X, \quad e_1^{-1}X = Xe_2 = 0.$$

Then there is a semigroup Hausdorff topology on S , with respect to which S contains a dense non-discrete copy of P_2 (namely, $\langle e_1, e_2, e_1^{-1}, e_2^{-1} \rangle$), and $|S \setminus P_2| = \aleph_0$.

Uncountable Complement Example

Let $L = \{(p_1, p_2, \dots) \mid p_i \in \{e_1, e_2\}\}$, $R = \{(\dots, q_2^{-1}, q_1^{-1}) \mid q_i \in \{e_1, e_2\}\}$, where e_1, e_2 are the generators of P_2 as an inverse semigroup.

Let $S \subseteq L \times R$ be the set of pairs $((p_1, p_2, \dots), (\dots, q_2^{-1}, q_1^{-1}))$ such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid p_i = e_1\}|}{n} > \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid q_i^{-1} = e_1^{-1}\}|}{n} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Let $T = P_2 \cup S$. Then $|T \setminus P_2| = 2^{\aleph_0}$, and T can be made into a topological semigroup such that $\overline{P_2} = T$.

Details

For the sake of brevity, we denote an element $((p_1, p_2, \dots), (\dots, q_2^{-1}, q_1^{-1}))$ of S by $p_1 p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1}$.

Define multiplication on T so that it extends the usual multiplication on P_2 , where $\sigma\tau = 0$ for all $\sigma, \tau \in S$, and where for all $x \in \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $\sigma = p_1 p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1} \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned}x \cdot \sigma &= x p_1 p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1} \\ \sigma \cdot x^{-1} &= p_1 p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1} x^{-1} \\ \sigma \cdot x &= \begin{cases} p_1 p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} & \text{if } x = q_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq q_1 \end{cases} \\ x^{-1} \cdot \sigma &= \begin{cases} p_2 \cdots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1} & \text{if } x = p_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq p_1. \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

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Identify each $p_1 \dots p_n q_m^{-1} \dots q_1^{-1} \in P_2$ ($p_i, q_i \in \{e_1, e_2\}$) with

$$p_1, \dots, p_n, 1, 1, \dots, 1^{-1}, 1^{-1}, q_m^{-1}, \dots, q_1^{-1}.$$

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$$d(\sigma, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \sigma = \tau \\ \frac{1}{\min\{i \mid p_i \neq x_i \text{ or } q_i \neq y_i\}} & \text{if } \sigma \neq \tau, \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma = p_1 p_2 \dots q_2^{-1} q_1^{-1}$ and $\tau = x_1 x_2 \dots y_2^{-1} y_1^{-1}$.

Then d is a metric, which induces a topology on $T = P_2 \cup S$ with the desired properties.

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Theorem (Krieger, 2006; Costa/Steinberg, 2016)

The following are equivalent for all graphs E_1 and E_2 .

- 1** $E_1 \cong E_2$.
- 2** $\mathcal{S}(E_1) \cong \mathcal{S}(E_2)$.
- 3** $\mathcal{S}(E_1)$ and $\mathcal{S}(E_2)$ are Morita equivalent.

Thank you!