

**Title: A zigzag theorem for partially ordered monoids**

**Abstract**

We prove a zigzag theorem for partially ordered monoids. The said theorem was first proved for semigroups in 1965 by J.R. Isbell [1] using the so called ‘partitioned rectangles’ (‘dominating tableaux’ to use his own terminology). Its more powerful formulation, that basically deals with monoids, was later put forward by B. Stenström [2]. Also, in the year 2002 J. Renshaw gave a new proof of the Isbell zigzag theorem [3] while adhering to its Stenström version. It is the Renshaw’s approach upon which we have based our argument. Accordingly, we first describe the pushout  $S_1 *_U S_2$  of a pomonoid amalgam  $(S_1, S_2; U)$  as the colimit of a specific updirected system of right  $U$ -posets. We then manipulate, with the help of certain mappings, the results already obtained by Renshaw and Howie in the unordered context.

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