

# Restriction and ample semigroups: constructions and Mária Szendrei's work

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# What is this talk about?

The classes of semigroups under consideration:

Inverse, (left) ample and (left) restriction.

## Three cameos illustrating Mária's insights

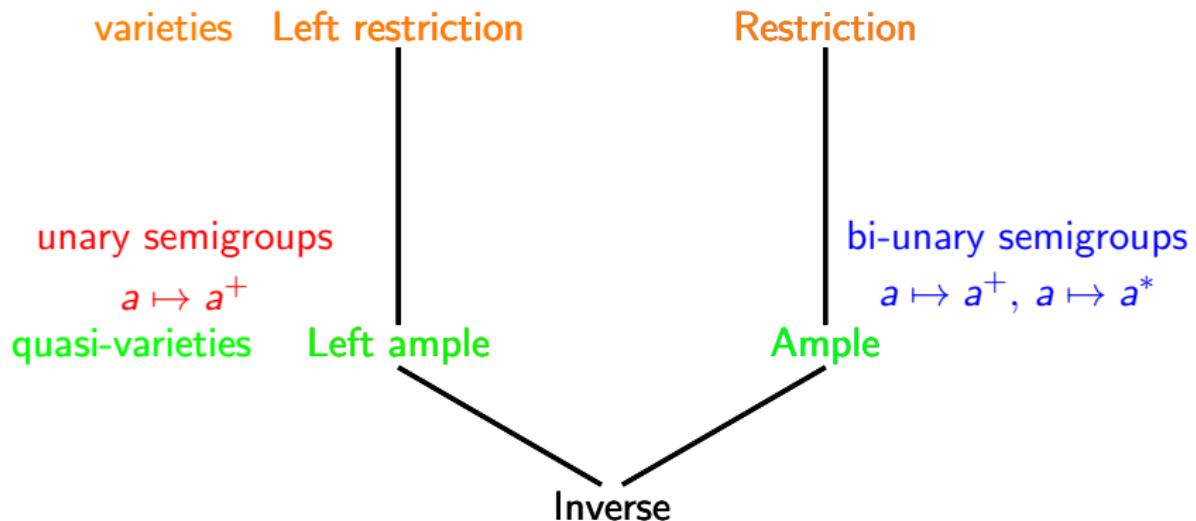
- ① The Szendrei expansion
- ② Embedding into  $W$ -products
- ③ Term functions for restriction semigroups:

## Constructions

The notion of semidirect product is key.

The semigroups we will consider

Inverse, (left) restriction and (left) ample semigroups



$S$  will always denote a semigroup/(bi-)unary semigroup

$E(S)$  is the set of **idempotents** of  $S$ ; and  $E \subseteq E(S)$

# Semidirect products

Let  $T$  be a monoid acting on the **left** of a semilattice  $Y$  by **morphisms**

That is, there is a map

$$T \times Y \rightarrow Y, (s, a) \mapsto s \cdot a$$

such that for all  $s, t \in T, a, b \in Y$ :

$$1 \cdot a = a, s \cdot (t \cdot a) = (st) \cdot a \text{ and } s \cdot (a \wedge b) = (s \cdot a) \wedge (s \cdot b).$$

The **semidirect product**  $Y \rtimes T$  on  $Y \times T$

$$(a, s)(b, t) = (a \wedge s \cdot b, st).$$

A **reverse** semidirect product  $T \ltimes Y$  is obtained by  $T$  acting on the **right** of  $Y$  by morphisms.

## Guiding case: Inverse semigroups

$S$  inverse

- ①  $E(S)$  is a **semilattice**
- ② An inverse semigroup **all** of whose elements are idempotent is a **semilattice**
- ③ An inverse semigroup with exactly **one** idempotent is a **group**
- ④  $S$  is naturally **partially ordered**

Many approaches to inverse semigroups

Aim to describe them in terms of **groups** and **semilattices**.

Let  $G$  be a group,  $T$  a monoid

The semidirect product  $Y \rtimes G$  is inverse;  $Y \rtimes T$  is left restriction;

$$Y \cong Y \rtimes \{1\} \leq Y \rtimes T.$$

## Inverse semigroups: $F$ -inverse and proper

Let  $S$  be inverse: some well known facts

- ①  $\sigma = \langle E(S) \times E(S) \rangle$  is the **least group congruence** on  $S$
- ②  $S$  is  **$F$ -inverse** if every  $\sigma$ -class has a **maximum element**
- ③ If  $S$  is  $F$ -inverse then it is **proper**, that is,

$$aa^{-1} = bb^{-1} \text{ and } a\sigma b \Rightarrow a = b.$$

Equivalently,  $S \rightarrow E(S) \times S/\sigma$  given by

$$s \mapsto (ss^{-1}, s\sigma)$$

is a **SET embedding**

- ④ **O'Carroll (1978)**  $S$  is proper if and only if embeds into some  $Y \rtimes G$
- ⑤ **McAlister (1974)** Every inverse semigroup has a proper cover.

# Cameo 1: The Szendrei expansion

Birget-Rhodes (1984)

An **expansion** is a functor  $\mathcal{E}$  from the category of semigroups to a special subcategory, such that there is a natural transformation  $\eta$  from  $\mathcal{E}$  to the identity functor with  $\eta(S)$  surjective for every  $S$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}(S) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}(\theta)} & \mathcal{E}(T) \\ \eta(S) \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta(T) \\ S & \xrightarrow{\theta} & T \end{array}$$

## Cameo 1: The Szendrei expansion

**Birget-Rhodes (1984):** prefix expansion

$\mathcal{E}(S)$  is given by

$$\widetilde{S}^{\mathcal{R}} := \left\{ \left( \{1, s_1, s_1 s_2, \dots, s_1 s_2 \dots s_n\}, s_1 \dots s_n \right) : s_i \in S, n \geq 1 \right\}$$

with semidirect product multiplication;  $\eta(S)$  is  $\pi_2$ .

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- ① **Birget-Rhodes (1984)** The free inverse semigroup on  $X$  is a subsemigroup of  $\text{Sz}(\text{FG}(X))$
- ② **Szendrei (1989)**  $\text{Sz}(G)$  is  $F$ -inverse and  $\text{Ker } \eta(S) = \sigma$ . Further,  $\text{Sz}(G)$  has universal properties with respect to being an  $F$ -inverse expansion.
- ③ **Exel (1998), Kellendonk and Lawson (2004)**  $G \rightarrow \text{Sz}(G)$ ,  $g \mapsto (\{1, g\}, g)$  is a premorphism. Further,  $\text{Sz}(G)$  is universal with respect to premorphisms and hence with respect to lifting partial actions to actions.

# Cameo 1

## The Szendrei expansion

### Szendrei (1989)

For every group  $G$ , the pair  $(\text{Sz}(G), \eta)$  has the property that, whenever  $S$  is an  $F$ -inverse semigroup and  $\phi : S \rightarrow G$  is an onto morphism with  $\text{Ker } \phi = \sigma$ , then there is a unique  $m^a$ -morphism  $\xi : \text{Sz}(G) \rightarrow S$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sz}(G) & \xrightarrow{\eta(G)} & G \\ \xi \downarrow & \nearrow \phi & \\ S & & \end{array}$$

commutes. This property uniquely determines  $\text{Sz}(G)$ .

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<sup>a</sup>preserving the max elements of  $\sigma$ -classes

# Cameo 1

## The Szendrei expansion

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### Fountain, Gomes, G., Hollings (1990)-(2007)

All of the above can be extended to **left ample** and **left restriction** semigroups, replacing  $G$  with a right cancellative monoid or a monoid.

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...and they can be extended to **ample** and **restriction** semigroups, replacing  $G$  with a cancellative monoid or a monoid.

## (Left) restriction and (left) ample semigroups

A unary semigroup is **left restriction** if

$S$  satisfies the identities:

$$x^+x = x, x^+y^+ = y^+x^+, (x^+y)^+ = x^+y^+, xy^+ = (xy)^+x.$$

$S$  is **left ample** if in addition  $S$  satisfies the quasi-identity

$$xy = zy \rightarrow xy^+ = zy^+.$$

If  $S$  is left restriction, then  $E = \{a^+ : a \in S\}$  is the **semilattice of projections**. If  $S$  is left ample, then  $E = E(S)$ .

## Restriction and ample semigroups

A bi-unary semigroup is restriction (ample) if it is left and right restriction (ample) and the semilattices of projections coincide.

## Restriction and ample semigroups: observations, examples

- ① A unary semigroup  $S$  left restriction iff it embeds into  $\mathcal{PT}_S$  where  $\alpha^+$  is the identity map in the domain of  $\alpha$ .
- ② A unary semigroup is  $S$  is left ample iff it embeds into  $\mathcal{I}_S$ .
- ③ Inverse semigroups are ample under  $a \mapsto a^+ = aa^{-1}$ ,  $a \mapsto a^* = a^{-1}a$ .
- ④ Any bi-unary subsemigroup of an inverse semigroup is ample.
- ⑤ Free (left) restriction/ample semigroups embed into free inverse semigroups.
- ⑥ (Left) restriction semigroups are (left) Ehresmann; (Left) ample semigroups are(left) adequate.
- ⑦ Monoids are **reduced** restriction under  $a^+ = a^* = 1$ , (right) cancellative monoids are (left) ample.
- ⑧ A semidirect product  $Y \rtimes M$  where  $Y$  is a semilattice and  $M$  is a (right cancellative) monoid is left restriction (ample).

## Cameo 2

### Embedding into $W$ -products

$W$ -product  $W(T, Y)$ : subsemigroup of **reverse** semidirect product  $T \ltimes Y$  where  $Y$  is a semilattice and  $T$  acts in a special way.

The notion was introduced by **Fountain and Gomes (1992)**; later developed and used by **Gomes, G. and Szendrei**

A left restriction (restriction) semigroup is **proper** if

$$[a^+ = b^+ \text{ and } a \sigma b] \Rightarrow a = b$$

(and also  $[a^* = b^* \text{ and } a \sigma b] \Rightarrow a = b$ ).

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Here  $\sigma$  is the least congruence identifying the projections.

### Fountain and Gomes (1992)

A left ample semigroup is proper if and only if it embeds into a  $W$ -product.

## Cameo 2

### Embedding into $W$ -products

$W(T, Y)$  is **proper restriction** (Gomes, Szendrei (2007))

Further,  $T$  is left/right cancellative iff  $W(T, Y)$  is right/left ample.

### G. and Szendrei (2013)

A left restriction semigroup  $S$  embeds into  $W$ -product if and only if  $\tau_S$  is a congruence, where

$$\tau_S = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : a^+ = b^+ \text{ and } a \omega_S b\}$$

and where  $\omega_S$  is the least right cancellative congruence on  $S$ .

### Szendrei (2014)

Gave necessary and sufficient conditions such that any restriction semigroup embeds into a  $W$ -product.

- ① An inverse monoid  $S$  is **factorisable** if  $S = E(S)H_1$ .
- ② The corresponding notion for inverse semigroups is called **almost factorisable**.

#### Lawson (1992)

Every inverse semigroup embeds into an almost factorisable inverse semigroup.

For restriction (and ample) semigroups and monoids these notions split into one- and two-sided notions of factorisability.

### Gomes, Szendrei (2007)

Let  $S$  be a restriction semigroup. Then:

- ①  $S$  is almost left factorisable if and only if it is a morphic image of a  **$W$ -product** of a semilattice by a monoid.
- ②  $S$  is almost factorisable if and only if it is a morphic image of a semidirect product  $Y \rtimes T$  where  $T$  **acts on  $Y$  by automorphisms**.

## Cameo 3

### Term functions for restriction semigroups

Let  $S$  be a bi-unary semigroup. An  $n$ -ary *term* function  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n) : S^n \rightarrow S$  is built from the binary operation, and both unary operations.

e.g.  $t(x, y, z, u) = (uz^*)^+ uu^* ((xz)^+ y^* xz)^*$

$S$  bi-unary,  $H \subseteq S \times S$  and  $\rho = \langle H \rangle$ .

Standard universal algebra gives  $a \rho b$  iff  $a = b$  or there exists a sequence

$$a = t_1(a_1), t_1(b_1) = t_2(a_2), \dots, t_n(b_n) = b$$

where  $t_i = t_i(\underline{u_i}, x)$  for some tuple  $\underline{u_i} \in S^{n_i}$  where  $(a_i, b_i) \in H \cup H^{-1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

## Cameo 3

### Term functions for restriction semigroups

#### Szendrei (2013)

Gave a simplification for the bi- unary term functions on a restriction semigroup, making use of the identities for restriction semigroups.

#### Example

$$t(x, y, z, u) = (uz^*)^+ uu^*((xz)^+ y^* xz)^* = u(yxz)^*$$

## Cameo 3

Term functions for restriction semigroups: embedding into almost factorisable

### Szendrei (2013)

Every restriction semigroup is embeddable into an **almost left factorisable** restriction semigroup.

### Hartmann, G., Szendrei (2017)

Every restriction semigroup is embeddable into an **almost factorisable** restriction semigroup.

## Cameo 3

### Term functions for restriction semigroups: embedding into almost factorisable

Take  $S = F/\rho$  where  $F$  is free restriction on  $X$ ;  
embed  $F \hookrightarrow Y \rtimes X^*$  for some  $Y$ ;  
consider  $\bar{\rho} = \langle \rho \rangle$ , the congruence on  $Y \rtimes X^*$  generated by  $\rho$ ;  
show  $\rho = \bar{\rho} \cap (F \times F)$ .

## What's behind all of this

- We are trying to understand classes of semigroups extending that of inverse semigroups
- These semigroups arise naturally
- The devil is in the detail
- The move between one- and two-sided constructions is not easy; behind some of this are various notions of partial action, used in  $C^*$ -algebras
- Don't give up!!