

# The groupoids of adaptable separated graphs and their type semigroups (I)

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A basic example of a refinement monoid is the monoid

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$$(E) \quad s(e)e = er(e) = e \quad \text{for all } e \in E^1,$$

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A semigroup  $T$  is an *inverse semigroup* if

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- there exists a (necessarily unique) element  $0 \in T$ , called the zero element, such that  $x0 = 0x = 0$ , for all  $x$  in  $T$ .

If  $T$  is an inverse semigroup, then the set of idempotents of  $T$ ,  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(T)$ , is a semilattice with ordering  $e \leq f$  if and only if  $ef = e$ , and  $e \wedge f = ef$ .

## Notation

If  $p \in I$  is **non-minimal** and **free**, we denote by  $\sigma^p$  the map  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$$\sigma^p(i) = i + k(p) - 1.$$

Moreover, if  $1 \leq j \leq k(p)$ , we denote by  $\sigma_j^p$  the unique bijective, non-decreasing map from  $\{1, \dots, k(p)\} \setminus \{j\}$  onto  $\{1, \dots, k(p) - 1\}$ .

## Definition

Given an adaptable separated graph  $(E, C)$ , denote by  $S(E, C)$  the  $*$ -semigroup (with 0) generated by

$$E^0 \cup E^1 \cup \{(t_i^v)^\pm \mid i \in \mathbb{N}, v \in E^0\}$$

with the defining relations given below, except B1(ii)(d) and B2(1)(ii).

## RELATIONS

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We provide a different description of  $S(E, C)$ . This will be given via the paths that one can intuitively associate to any adaptable separated graph.

Roughly, a finite path is as follows: consider a sequence of elements  $p_1 > p_2 > \dots > p_n$  of the poset  $I$ , and for each  $i$  a path  $\gamma_i$  in  $E_{p_i}$ ; we form a finite path by connecting the  $\gamma_i$  together via the connectors  $\beta$ . Diagrammatically, we may write

$$p_1 \curvearrowright^{\beta_{1,2}} p_2 \curvearrowright^{\beta_{2,3}} \dots \curvearrowright^{\beta_{n-1,n}} p_n.$$

We now define the monomials as the possible multiplicative expressions one can form using generators (excluding connectors) corresponding to a given prime. They will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{m}(p)$  for  $p \in I$ . Namely,

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- 1  $0 \notin \eta$ ,
- 2 closed under  $\wedge$ ,
- 3  $f \geq e \in \eta$  implies  $f \in \eta$ .



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Let us identify what happens in the case of  $T$  being  $S(E, C)$ .

Let  $\gamma$  be a finite path. A **semifinite path**  $\mu$  starting at  $\gamma$  is one of the following:

(1) If  $r(\gamma) = v^p$ , with  $p$  a free prime, then

$$\mu = \gamma \prod_{j=1}^{k(p)} \alpha(p, j)^{k_j},$$

where  $0 \leq k_j \leq \infty$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, k(p)\}$ . We say that  $\mu$  is an **infinite path** if  $k_j = \infty$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, k(p)\}$ .



(2) If  $r(\gamma) = v$  with  $v \in E_p^0$  and  $p$  a regular prime, then

$$\mu = \gamma\lambda,$$

where  $\lambda$  is either a finite or an infinite path in the graph  $E_p$ . We say that  $\mu$  is an **infinite path** if  $\lambda$  is an infinite path in  $E_p$ .

## Theorem

*Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the collection of all semifinite paths. Then*

- 1 *There is a bijective correspondence  $\varphi: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{E}}_0$ .*
- 2  *$\varphi$  restricts to a bijection between the set of infinite paths and the set  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty$  of ultrafilters.*
- 3 *The space  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty$  of ultrafilters is closed in the space  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_0$  of filters. Consequently,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty = \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\text{tight}}$ .*

## Definition

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of semifinite paths of the form  $\mu = \gamma\lambda$ , where  $\gamma$  is a finite path, and  $\lambda$  is a path of finite length in the component of a regular prime, or  $\lambda = \prod_{j=1}^{k(p)} \alpha(p, j)^{k_j}$  for  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k(p)$  for a free prime  $p$ .

Notice that every  $e \in \mathcal{E}$  is of the form  $e(\mu)$  for a unique  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}$ . Accordingly, elements of  $\mathcal{P}$  will be called  $\mathcal{E}$ -paths.

For  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}$ , write

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \{\eta \in \hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty \mid \mu\mu^* \in \eta\}.$$

Depending on the situation,  $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$  might also be denoted by the idempotent it determines, i.e.,  $\mathcal{Z}(e(\mu))$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{Z}(\mu) = \mathcal{U}(\{\mu\mu^*\}, \emptyset) \cap \hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty$ .

## Corollary

*The space  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty$  of ultrafilters admits a basis of compact open subsets, namely the family  $\{\mathcal{Z}(\mu)\}_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}}$ . Moreover, every compact open subset of  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_\infty$  is a finite disjoint union of sets of the form  $\mathcal{Z}(\mu)$ , for  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}$ .*

## Corollary

*The set  $\{\Theta(\mu\mu^*, \mathcal{Z}(\mu)) : \mu \in \mathcal{P}\}$  is a basis of open compact bisections of the tight groupoid  $\mathcal{G}(E, C) := \mathcal{G}_{\text{tight}}(S(E, C))$ .*

Since  $S(E, C)$  is  $E^*$ -unitary, we conclude by results of [Exel]

## Proposition

*If  $(E, C)$  is a finitely separated graph, then  $\mathcal{G}(E, C)$  is a Hausdorff groupoid.*

By using a “graph-goupoid” type picture of  $\mathcal{G}(E, C)$ , we are able to prove

### Proposition

*Let  $(E, C)$  be an adaptable separated graph. The groupoid  $\mathcal{G}(E, C)$  is amenable.*

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