

# Free idempotent generated semigroups

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*All of old. Nothing else ever. Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter.  
Try again.*

(S. Beckett, Worstword Ho)



## Free IG semigroups: idea

- ▶ To every semigroup  $S$  with idempotents  $E$  associate the free-est semigroup  $IG(E)$  in which idempotents have the same structure as in  $S$ .
- ▶ To every regular semigroup  $S$  with idempotents  $E$  associate the free-est regular semigroup  $RIG(E)$  in which idempotents have the same structure as in  $S$ .
- ▶ Structure = biorder.

## Free IG semigroups: definition

$E$  – the set of idempotents in a semigroup  $S$ .

$$\text{IG}(E) := \langle E \mid e^2 = e \quad (e \in E), \\ e \cdot f = ef \quad (\{e, f\} \cap \{ef, fe\} \neq \emptyset) \rangle.$$

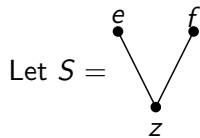
Suppose now  $S$  is regular.

$S(e, f) = \{h \in E : ehf = ef, fhe = h\} \neq \emptyset$  (sandwich sets).

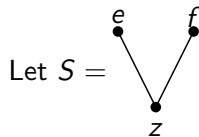
$$\text{RIG}(E) := \langle E \mid \text{IG}, e \cdot h \cdot f = e \cdot f \quad (e, f \in E, h \in S(e, f)) \rangle.$$



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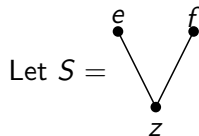


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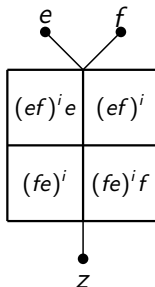


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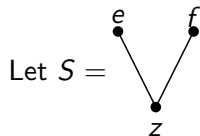
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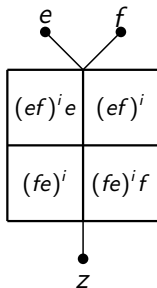
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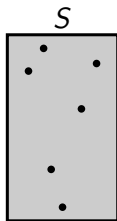
# $S, IG(E), RIG(E)$

- ▶ The sets of idempotents isomorphic (as biordered sets).
- ▶ The  $\mathcal{D}$ -class of an idempotent  $e$  has the same dimensions in all three.
- ▶ The group  $H_e$  in  $S$  is a homomorphic image of its counterparts in  $IG(E)$ ,  $RIG(E)$ , which themselves are isomorphic.
- ▶  $IG(E)$  may contain other, non-regular  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes.

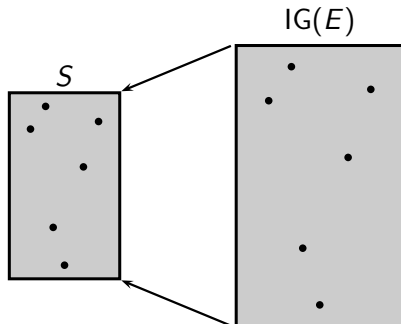
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Describe maximal subgroups of  $IG(E)$  and  $RIG(E)$ .

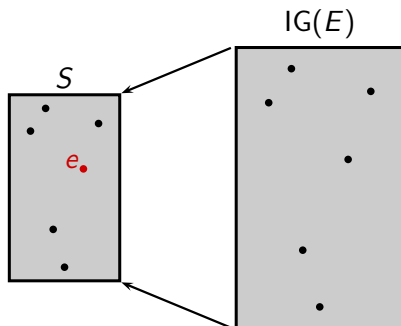
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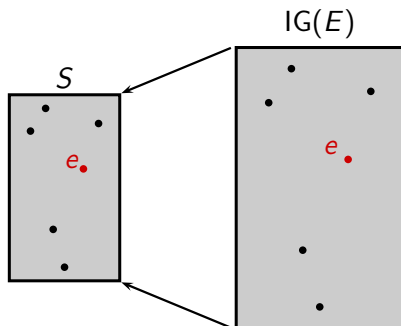


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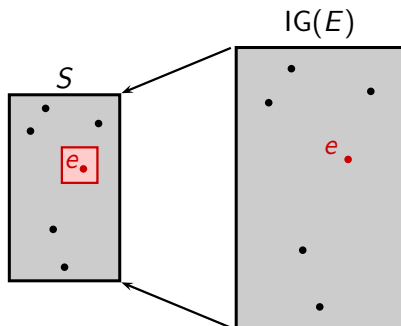




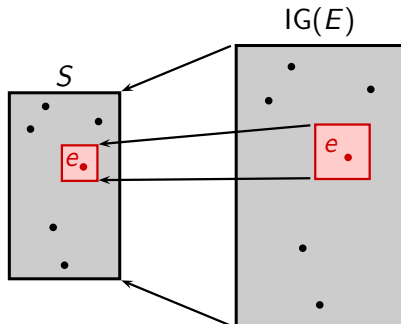
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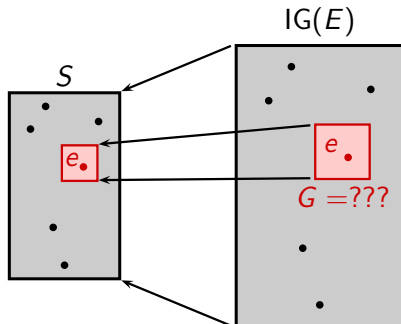
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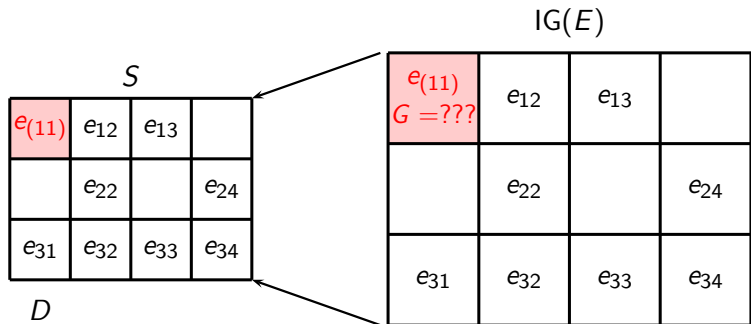
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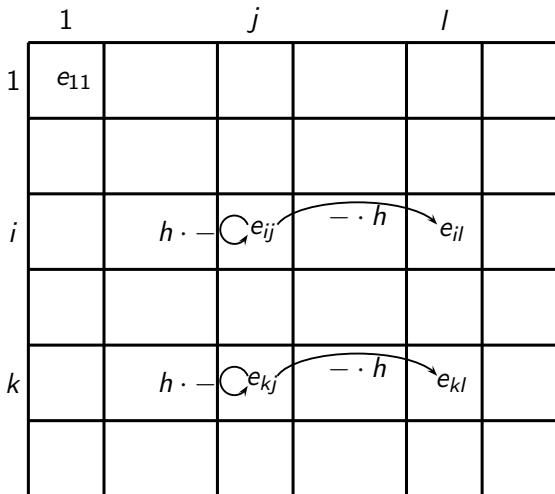
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$$G = \langle f_{ij} (e_{ij} \in D \cap E) \mid ??? \rangle$$



Typical relations:  $f_{ij}^{-1}f_{il} = f_{kj}^{-1}f_{kl}$

•  $h = h^2$



Singular square  $\begin{bmatrix} e_{ij} & e_{il} \\ e_{kj} & e_{kl} \end{bmatrix}$ ; relation:  $f_{ij}^{-1}f_{il} = f_{kj}^{-1}f_{kl}$ .

# Presentation

Theorem (Nambooripad '79; Gray, NR '12)

The maximal subgroup  $G$  of  $e \in E$  in  $IG(E)$  or  $RIG(E)$  is defined by the presentation:

$$\langle f_{ij} \mid f_{i,\pi(i)} = 1 \quad (i \in I), \\ f_{ij} = f_{il} \quad (\text{if } r_j e_{il} \text{ is a Schreier rep}), \\ f_{ij}^{-1} f_{il} = f_{kj}^{-1} f_{kl} \left( \begin{bmatrix} e_{ij} & e_{il} \\ e_{kj} & e_{kl} \end{bmatrix} \text{ sing. sq.} \right) \rangle.$$



## Remarks (1)

- ▶ Proof: Reidemeister–Schreier followed by Tietze transformations.
- ▶ Two types of relations:
  - ▶ Initial conditions: declaring some generators equal to 1 or each other;
  - ▶ Main relations: one per singular square.
- ▶ All relations of length  $\leq 4$ .
- ▶ If no singular squares, the group is free.
- ▶ They have been conjectured to *always* be free.
- ▶ Brittenham, Margolis, Meakin '09 construct a 73-element semigroup such that  $IG(E)$  and  $RIG(E)$  have  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  as a maximal subgroup.



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### Remark

Maximal subgroups of free idempotent generated semigroups arising from finite semigroups have to be finitely presented by Reidemeister–Schreier.

### Remaining Question

Is every finitely presented group a maximal subgroup in some free idempotent generated semigroup over a finite regular semigroup?



## Results (2): calculating the groups

Some or all maximal subgroups in  $IG(E(S))$  have been calculated for the following  $S$ :

- ▶ Full matrix monoid over a finite field: Brittenham, Margolis, Meakin; Dolinka, Gray.
- ▶ Full and partial transformation monoids: Gray, NR; Dolinka.
- ▶ Endomorphism monoid of a free  $G$ -act: Gould, Yang.

## Results (3): bands

### Theorem (Dolinka)

*For every left- or right seminormal band  $B$ , all maximal subgroups of  $IG(B)$  are free. For every variety  $\mathbf{V}$  not contained in  $\mathbf{LSNB} \cup \mathbf{RSNB}$  there exists  $B \in \mathbf{V}$  such that  $IG(B)$  contains a non-free maximal subgroup.*

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Which subgroups arise as maximal subgroups of  $IG(B)$ ,  $B$  a band?

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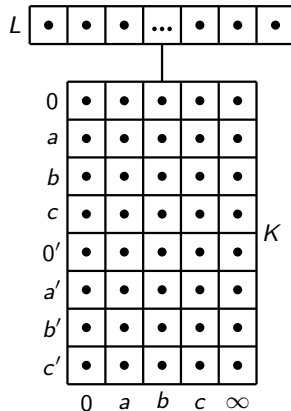
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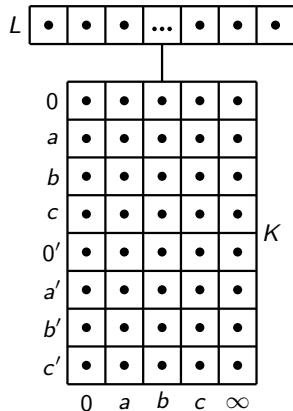
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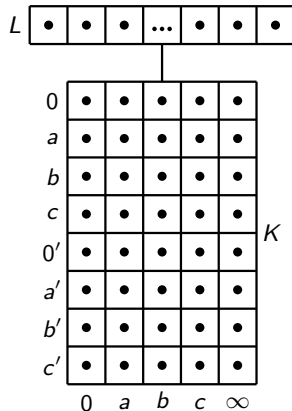
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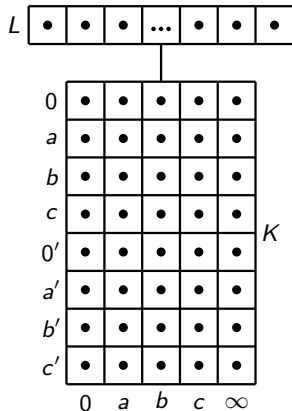
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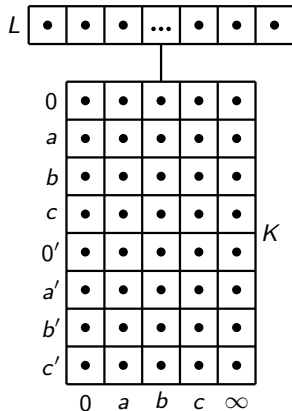
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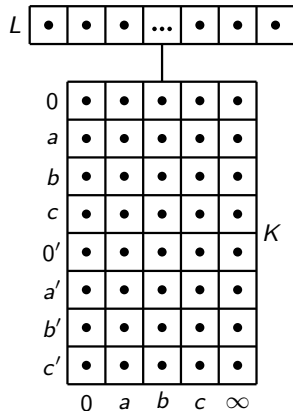
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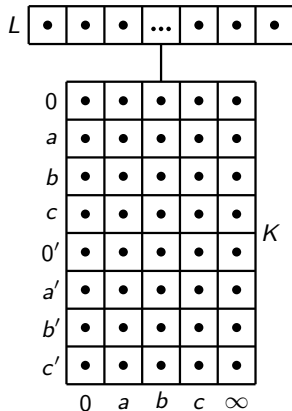
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# Subgroups of $IG(B)$ , $B$ band

## Theorem

*For any group  $G$  there exists a band  $B$  such that  $IG(B)$  has a maximal subgroup isomorphic to  $G$ . Furthermore, if  $G$  is finitely presented, then  $B$  can be constructed to be finite.*

## Remark

- ▶  $G$  has two  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes,  $K$  and  $L$ .
- ▶ If  $G = \langle A \mid R \rangle$  with  $|A| = m$ ,  $|R| = n$ , then
  - ▶  $K$  is a  $(2m + 2) \times (m + 2)$  rectangular band;
  - ▶  $L$  is a left zero semigroup of order  $2m + n + 1$ .



## Future directions: word problem

### Fact

*Suppose  $S$  is a finite regular semigroup. The word problem for  $RIG(E)$  is solvable iff the word problem for each of its maximal subgroups is solvable.*

### Open Problem

Is it true that the word problem for  $IG(E)$  arising from a finite semigroup is solvable iff the word problem for each of its maximal subgroups is solvable?

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Is it true that the word problem for  $IG(E)$  arising from a finite semigroup is solvable iff the word problem for each of its Schützenberger groups is solvable?

### Open Problem

Can  $IG(E)$  have non-trivial Schützenberger groups in non-regular  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes?



*... Try again. Fail again. Fail better.*

(S. Beckett, *Worstword Ho*)

