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PRODUCTIVE REPRESENTATIONS OF SEMIGROUPS BY PAIRS OF  
STRUCTURES

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**Abstract:** We prove that for any commutative semigroup  $(S,+)$  there exists a collection  $\{r(s) \mid s \in S\}$  of complete metric spaces such that for every  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,

- (i)  $r(s_1 + s_2)$  is isometric to  $r(s_1) \times r(s_2)$  and
- (ii) if  $s_1 \neq s_2$  then  $r(s_1)$  is not homeomorphic to  $r(s_2)$ .

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1. Let us begin with a definition.

**Definition.** Let  $\mathbb{K}, \mathbb{H}$  be categories,  $\mathbb{K}$  have finite products. Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  be a functor. Let  $(S,+)$  be a commutative semigroup. Any mapping

$$r: S \rightarrow \text{obj } \mathbb{K}$$

is called an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation of  $(S,+)$  if

- (i) for any  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  $r(s_1 + s_2)$  is isomorphic to  $r(s_1) \times r(s_2)$  in  $\mathbb{K}$ ;
- (ii) if  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  $s_1 \neq s_2$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(r(s_1))$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathcal{F}(r(s_2))$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ .

In [T<sub>2</sub>], a representation of  $(S,+)$  by products in a category

$\mathbb{K}$  is introduced. It is a special case of the above definition with  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \text{ident}$ . The dual definitions of  $\mathcal{F}$ -coproductive representation is evident.

2. Some of the known results give  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representations of some semigroups. Let us recall some of them.

A) Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be the category of lattices and all lattice-homomorphisms; let  $\mathbb{L} \mathbb{L}$  be the category of all linear lattices and all linear lattice-homomorphisms. Let  $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{L} \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$  be the functor which assigns to each linear lattice its underlying lattice. Then

any Abelian group and any countable commutative semigroup have  $\mathcal{L}$ -productive representations.

B) Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the category of all commutative rings with unit (and all their unit-preserving homomorphisms), let  $\mathbb{S}$  be the category of all commutative semigroups with unit. Let  $\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  be the functor which assigns to each ring its multiplicative semigroup. Then

any Abelian group and any countable commutative semigroup have  $\mathcal{R}$ -productive representations.

C) Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be the category of all Banach spaces and all bounded linear operators with the norm  $\leq 1$ , let  $\mathbb{B} \mathbb{A}$  be the category of all Banach algebras. Let  $\mathcal{B} : \mathbb{B} \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  be the functor which assigns to each Banach algebra its underlying Banach space. Then

any Abelian group and any countable commutative semigroup have  $\mathcal{B}$ -productive representations.

In all these cases, the  $\mathcal{L}$ - or  $\mathcal{R}$ - or  $\mathcal{B}$ -productive representations are obtained as follows. By [AKT], any Abelian

group has a representation by coproducts of Boolean spaces (i.e. compact Hausdorff zero-dimensional spaces), in other words, for any Abelian group  $G$  there exists a collection  $\{r(g) \mid g \in G\}$  of pairwise non-homeomorphic Boolean spaces such that  $r(g_1 + g_2)$  is always homeomorphic to the coproduct  $r(g_1) \amalg r(g_2)$  of  $r(g_1)$  and  $r(g_2)$ . The analogous result for all countable commutative semigroups is proved in [K] (here,  $r(g)$  are metrizable).

Consider the sets  $C(r(g))$  of all real-valued continuous functions on these spaces  $r(g)$ . They can be structured in a lot of ways: As linear lattices and lattices for A), as rings and semigroups for B), as Banach algebras and Banach spaces for C). Structured as a linear lattice or ring or Banach algebra,  $C(r(g_1) \amalg r(g_2))$  is isomorphic to  $C(r(g_1)) \times C(r(g_2))$  in the corresponding category. Since  $r(g_1)$  is not homeomorphic to  $r(g_2)$ ,  $C(r(g_1))$  is not isomorphic to  $C(r(g_2))$ , structured as lattices (by the Birkhoff-Kaplansky theorem) or Banach spaces (by the Banach-Stone theorem) or multiplicative semigroups (by Milgram [M]).

Let us notice that if  $\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  preserves finite products and a semigroup has an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation, then it has a representation by products in  $\mathbb{H}$  in the sense of [T<sub>2</sub>]. Hence, if a functor  $\mathcal{F}$  from an arbitrary category into the category Set of all sets or into the category Lin of all linear spaces preserves finite products, then no non-trivial Abelian group has an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation.

3. Let  $\mathbb{CM}$  be the category of all complete metric spaces with diameter  $\leq 1$  and all their contractions (we re-

call that a mapping  $c$  is a contraction if  $\text{dist}(c(x), c(y)) \leq \epsilon \text{dist}(x, y)$  for all  $x, y$ . Let us notice that isomorphisms in  $\mathbb{C}M$  coincide with isometries and a product-metric  $d$  of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is given by the usual formula

$$d((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = \max\{d_1(x_1, y_1), d_2(x_2, y_2)\}.$$

Let  $\text{Top}$  be the category of all topological spaces and all their continuous mappings. Here isomorphisms coincide with homeomorphisms. Let

$$\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{C}M \rightarrow \text{Top}$$

be the functor which assigns to each metric space its underlying topological space. The aim of this note is to prove the following theorem:

**Theorem.** Every commutative semigroup has an  $\mathcal{M}$ -productive representation.

Every commutative semigroup has a representation by products of uniform, proximity and topological spaces; by [AK], every  $C$ -embeddable semigroup has a representation by products of metrizable topological spaces. The above theorem strengthens all these results.

4. First, we sketch modifications of the general method, described in [T<sub>2</sub>]. If a semigroup  $S$  has an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation, then any of its subsemigroups has also an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation. Consequently, it is sufficient to investigate  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation of "universal semigroups" (this means universal for some class of semigroups with respect to an embedding of semigroups).

Denote by  $N$  the additive semigroup of all non-negative inte-

gers, by  $N^m$  its  $m$ -th power (with the operation given pointwise) and by  $\exp N^m$  the semigroup of all its subsets (with the operation given by  $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ ). By [T<sub>3</sub>], any commutative semigroup  $S$  can be embedded in  $\exp N^m$  with  $m = \aleph_0 \cdot \text{card } S$ . Hence, we shall investigate  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representations of the semigroups  $\exp N^m$ .

5. We shall use the following notation and conventions. Isomorphism in a category will be denoted by  $\simeq$ , product by  $\prod$  (or  $\times$  for finite collections), coproduct by  $\coprod$ . The product of the empty collection is a terminal object (it can be added to a category whenever it is missing). If  $a$  is an arbitrary object of a category with finite products, then  $a^0$  is the terminal object,  $a^1 \simeq a$ ,  $a^{n+1} \simeq a \times a^n$ . We say that a category  $K$  with all products and coproducts is distributive (see [T<sub>2</sub>]) if

$$\left(\prod_{i \in I} a_i\right) \times \left(\prod_{j \in J} b_j\right) \simeq \prod_{(i,j) \in I \times J} (a_i \times b_j).$$

We say that an object  $a$  is a summand of  $b$  if  $b \simeq a \amalg c$  for an object  $c$ .

6. Let  $K$  be a category with products, let  $\mathcal{F} : K \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  be a functor. Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be a set of objects of  $K$ . For any  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ , denote by  $Z(f)$  the product  $\prod_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} Z^f(z)$  (if  $f(z) = 0$ ,  $Z^f(z)$  is the terminal object). We say that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -independent set of objects of  $K$  if for every  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{F}}$ ,

$f \in A$  whenever  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Z}(f))$  is a summand of  $\mathcal{F}(\coprod_{(g,s) \in A \times S} \mathcal{Z}(g)_s)$ , where  $S$  is a set and  $\mathcal{Z}(g)_s \simeq \mathcal{Z}(g)$  for all  $s \in S$ .

(This generalizes the notion of productively independent set of objects, see [T<sub>2</sub>] and [AK].)

**7. Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a distributive category, let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  preserve coproducts. Let there exist an  $\mathcal{F}$ -independent set  $\mathcal{X}$  of objects of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then the semigroup  $\exp \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}}$  has an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation.

**Proof.** For any  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}}$  denote  $\mathcal{Z}(f) = \prod_{Z \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{Z}^{f(Z)}$ ; let  $\mathbb{C}(f)$  be a coproduct of  $2^{\mathcal{M}}$  copies of  $\mathcal{Z}(f)$  with  $\mathcal{M} = \text{card } \mathcal{X}$ . For  $A \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}}$  put

$$r(A) = \coprod_{f \in A} \mathbb{C}(f).$$

Then  $r$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation of  $\exp \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}}$ . For, if  $A, B \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}}$ , then  $r(A+B) \simeq r(A) \times r(B)$  (implied by  $\mathcal{Z}(f+g) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(f) \times \mathcal{Z}(g)$ ). If  $A \neq B$ , say if  $A \setminus B \neq \emptyset$ , then, for  $f \in A \setminus B$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \mathcal{Z}(f)$  is a summand of  $\mathcal{F} r(A)$  while it cannot be a summand of  $\mathcal{F} r(B)$  because  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -independent. Hence,  $\mathcal{F} r(A)$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathcal{F} r(B)$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Corollary.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a distributive category, let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a coproduct-preserving functor. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  have an arbitrarily large  $\mathcal{F}$ -independent set of objects. Then any commutative semigroup has an  $\mathcal{F}$ -productive representation.

**8.** Let us examine the category  $\mathbb{CMI}$ . It has all coproducts (for, if  $\{(X_i, d_i) \mid i \in I\}$  is a collection of ob-

jects,  $X_i$  disjoint, put  $X = \bigcup_i X_i$ ,  $d(x,y) = d_i(x,y)$  whenever  $x,y \in X_i$  for some  $i$ ,  $d(x,y) = 1$  otherwise;  $d$  is complete whenever all the  $d_i$ 's are complete;  $(X,d)$  is a coproduct in  $\mathcal{CM}$ . It has all products (for, if  $\{(X_i, d_i) \mid i \in I\}$  is a collection of objects, put  $X = \prod_i X_i$ ,  $d(\{x_i\}, \{y_i\}) = \sup_i d_i(x_i, y_i)$ ). Clearly,  $\mathcal{CM}$  is distributive. The functor  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{CM} \rightarrow \text{Top}$  preserves coproducts and finite products, but it does not preserve products in general. To prove the theorem, we have to show that  $\mathcal{CM}$  contains arbitrarily large sets of  $\mathcal{M}$ -independent sets of objects.

9. If  $\{Y_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a collection of topological spaces, denote by  $\prod_i Y_i$  their box-product. We recall that a set  $\mathcal{U}$  of topological spaces is called stiff if for any  $Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathcal{U}$  and any continuous mapping  $m: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2$  either  $m$  is constant or  $Y_1 = Y_2$  and  $m = \text{ident}$ . Now, let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a set of topological spaces. For any  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{U}}$  denote by  $\mathbb{B}(f)$  a topological space with the same underlying set as  $\prod_{Y \in \mathcal{U}} Y^{f(Y)}$  and such that both the identical mappings

$$\prod_{Y \in \mathcal{U}} Y^{f(Y)} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(f) \rightarrow \prod_{Y \in \mathcal{U}} Y^{f(Y)}$$

are continuous (where  $\Pi$  denotes product in  $\text{Top}$ ).

In the following proposition,  $S$  is a set and, for each  $s \in S$ ,  $(\mathbb{B}(g))_s$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{B}(g)$ . If  $X \subset \mathbb{B}(g)$ ,  $X_s$  means the corresponding subspace of  $(\mathbb{B}(g))_s$ .

Proposition. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a stiff set of connected Hausdorff spaces. Let  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{U}}$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{U}}$  be given. If  $\mathbb{B}(f)$  is homeomorphic to a closed-and-open subset of  $\prod_{(g,h) \in A \times S} (\mathbb{B}(g))_s$ ,



then  $f \in A$ .

**Proof.** a) First, let us notice that for any  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  and any  $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , the existence of a homeomorphism of  $Y^{m_1}$  into  $Y^{m_2}$  implies  $m_1 \leq m_2$  (see [H]).

b) For any  $g \in N^{\mathcal{U}}$  and any  $x \in B(g)$ , denote by  $B_x(g)$  the subspace of  $B(g)$  consisting of all these points  $y$  which differ from  $x$  only in finitely many coordinates. Clearly, every  $B_x(g)$  is connected. One can see easily by a), that if, for some  $g_1, g_2 \in N^{\mathcal{U}}$  and some  $x \in B(g_1)$ , there exists a homeomorphism of  $B_x(g_1)$  into  $B(g_2)$ , then  $g_1 \leq g_2$ .

c) Now, let  $h: B(f) \rightarrow \coprod_{(g,s) \in A \times S} (B(g))_s$  be a homeomorphism onto a closed-and-open subset. Choose  $x \in B(f)$ . Since  $B_x(f)$  is connected, there exists  $(g_0, s_0) \in A \times S$  such that  $h(B_x(f)) \subset (B(g_0))_{s_0}$ . By b),  $f \leq g_0$ . Put  $y = h(x)$ . Since  $h(B(f))$  is a closed-and-open set containing  $y$  and  $(B_y(g_0))_{s_0}$  is connected, it is contained in  $h(B(f))$ . Hence,  $h^{-1}$  defines a homeomorphism of  $B_y(g_0)$  into  $B(f)$ . By b),  $g_0 \leq f$ . We conclude that  $f = g_0 \in A$ .

10. By [T<sub>1</sub>], there exist arbitrarily large stiff sets  $\mathcal{U}$  of connected topological spaces such that any  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  can be metrized by a complete metric, say  $d_Y$ . We may suppose  $d_Y \leq 1$ . By the previous proposition,  $\mathcal{X} = \{(Y, d_Y) \mid Y \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is an  $\mathcal{M}$ -independent set of objects of  $\mathcal{CM}$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

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