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**Reflections into idempotent subvarieties of
universal algebras and their Galois theories**

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Categorical version of monotone-light factorization for continuous maps of compact Hausdorff spaces was obtained in “**On Localization and Stabilization for Factorization Systems**”, A. Carboni, G. Janelidze, G. M. Kelly, R. Paré, 1997.

The results on the reflection of semigroups into semilattices obtained in “**Limit preservation properties of the greatest semilattice image functor**”, G. Janelidze, V. Lann, L. Mårki, 2008, look similar to the results on the reflection of compact Hausdorff spaces into Stone spaces.

In “**Admissibility, Stable units and connected components**” , J.J.Xarez, 2011, it is shown that this is not only similarity, but two special cases of the same 'theory'.

My work begins by applying this to (semigroups again and) universal algebras.

1 Preservation of finite products

In “**Limit preservation properties of the greatest semilattice image functor**”, G. Janelidze, V. Lann, L. Mårki, 2008, it is shown that the reflector $D : \mathbf{SGr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$ preserves finite products.

How did they prove this?

Consider the reflection $H \vdash B : \mathbf{SGr} \rightarrow \mathbf{Band}$. They noticed first that $B(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) = 1$ which implies that the map

$\gamma_r : Q \rightarrow HB(Q \times R); q \mapsto [(q, r)]$ is, actually, a homomorphism, for every fixed $r \in R$. Hence, it induces a homomorphism $D(Q) \rightarrow D(Q \times R)$.

Now, notice that \mathbb{N} is just the free semigroup on one generator. All this can, then, be generalized as follows:

In fact, for a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ from a finitely complete category \mathcal{A} into a full subcategory \mathcal{B} , subject to the following data I:

- (1) there exists a functor $U : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ which **preserves finite limits** and **reflects isomorphisms** ;
- (2) every map $U(\eta_A)$ is a **surjection**, for every unit morphism η_A , $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

D **preserves the product** $Q \times R$ provided for all $q \in U(Q)$ and $r \in U(R)$, there exist morphisms $\gamma_r : Q \rightarrow HD(Q \times R)$ and $\gamma_q : R \rightarrow HD(Q \times R)$, such that

$$U(\gamma_r)(a) = U(\eta_{Q \times R})(a, r),$$

for all $a \in U(Q)$, with r fixed.

$$U(\gamma_q)(b) = U(\eta_{Q \times R})(q, b),$$

for all $b \in U(R)$, with q fixed.

Further conclusions follow from this fact:

- (1) Let $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a reflection from a variety of universal algebras \mathcal{A} into an idempotent subvariety \mathcal{B}^a .

D preserves finite products
if and only if
 $D(F(x) \times F(x)) \cong \mathbf{1}$,^b

Then, J. Xarez suggested to use its Data in the paper above in order to find out if the scope of this work could be enlarged.

- (2) Under data \mathbf{I} , if $U_{T;A} : \mathcal{A}(T, A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}(\{*\}, U(A))^c$ is a **surjection** for every object $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with T a terminal object in \mathcal{A} then D preserves finite products.

^aevery x in any $X \in \mathcal{B}$ is a subalgebra

^b $F(x)$ is the free algebra on one generator

^cin varieties of universal algebras this is equivalent to \mathcal{A} being idempotent

(3) It follows either from (1) or from (2) that **finite products are always preserved if not only \mathcal{B} but also the variety \mathcal{A} is idempotent.**

Since the reflections above preserve finite products, they have **stable units if and only if they are semi-left-exact**, as follows from:
“Admissibility, Stable units and connected components”,
J.J.Xarez, 2011.

2 The prefactorization system $(\mathcal{E}_D, \mathcal{M}_D)$ derived from reflective subvarieties

\mathcal{E}_D is the class of homomorphisms $e : S \rightarrow L$ in \mathcal{C} such that:

- $[l]_{\sim_L} \cap e(S) \neq \emptyset$,
- $e(s) \sim_L e(s') \Rightarrow s \sim_S s'$,

for every $s, s' \in S$ and $l \in L$.

If the reflection is simple, then this prefactorization system is a factorization system and \mathcal{M}_D is the class of homomorphisms $m : S \rightarrow L$ in \mathcal{C} such that

$$m_{|[s]_{\sim_S}} : [s]_{\sim_S} \rightarrow [m(s)]_{\sim_L}$$

is an **isomorphism**, for every $s \in S$.

3 Simple = Semi-left-exact

If the [unit morphisms](#) $\eta_S : S \rightarrow HD(S)$ of a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ from a finitely complete category into a full subcategory are [effective descent morphisms](#) in \mathcal{A} , then the reflection [is simple if and only if it is semi-left-exact](#).

(This follows from a fact proved in the first paper, namely: If in a pullback constituted by two commutative squares the left square is a pullback whose bottom arrow is an effective descent morphism, then the right square is a pullback too.)

That is the case of [varieties of universal algebras](#), since the unit morphisms of any reflection into a subvariety are surjective homomorphisms, which are just the effective descent morphisms in any variety of universal algebras.

4 Galois groupoid = equivalence relation

In both reflections $D : \mathbf{Band} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$ and $D : \mathbf{CommSgr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$ the following property holds for every effective descent morphism $p : A \rightarrow B$:

$$b \sim_B b' \Rightarrow \exists a, a' \in A, \text{ with } a \sim_A a', \quad p(a) \in \langle b \rangle_B, \quad p(a') \in \langle b' \rangle_B, \quad (1)$$

for all $b, b' \in B$.^a

^a $\langle b \rangle_B$ denotes the subalgebra of B generated by b

Let $H \vdash D : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a simple (= semi-left-exact) reflection into an idempotent subvariety \mathcal{X} which satisfies the property (1), for every effective descent morphisms in \mathcal{C} :

If $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ is an effective descent morphism in \mathcal{C} and $\pi_1 \in \mathcal{M}_D$ in the pullback below, then the following conditions (i) and (ii) are equivalent:

- (i) In the following pullback $D(\pi_1)$ and $D(\pi_2)$ are jointly-monic;
- (ii) the reflector D preserves this pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & C \\
 \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\
 A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & B
 \end{array}$$

Under these conditions (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii),

- the **Galois groupoid** $\text{Gal}(L, \sigma)$ of a Galois descent homomorphism $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ is the equivalence relation given by the **kernel pair of $D(\sigma)$** , in \mathcal{X} ;
- $\mathcal{M}^*_D/B = \mathcal{M}_D/B$.

For instance:

σ is any Galois descent homomorphism, in the reflection $D : \mathbf{Band} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$;

σ is a Galois descent homomorphism and B has cancellation, or B is finitely generated, or each of its archimedean classes has one idempotent, in the reflection $D : \mathbf{CommSgr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$.

These results were also generalized for semi-left-exact reflections $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ from a finitely complete category \mathcal{A} into a full subcategory \mathcal{B} , under data I .

5 The class \mathcal{E}'_D of stably-vertical morphisms

- Let $H \vdash D : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a reflection into a subvariety of universal algebras;
- let $\langle x \rangle_C$ denote the subalgebra of $C \in \mathcal{C}$, generated by $x \in C$;
- let \mathcal{F} denote the class of homomorphisms $f : S \rightarrow L$ in \mathcal{C} , such that $\langle l \rangle_L \cap f(S) \neq \emptyset$.

$$\mathcal{E}'_D \subseteq \mathcal{F},$$

for any reflection into a subvariety of universal algebras.

5.1 \mathcal{X} idempotent

If \mathcal{X} is idempotent, then the following conditions (a) and (b) are equivalent:

(a) For all the pullback diagrams in \mathcal{C} , such that $g \in \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times_C B & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & B \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ A & \longrightarrow & C \end{array}$$

$D(\pi_1)$ and $D(\pi_2)$ are jointly-monic;

(b) $\mathcal{E}'_D = \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{F}$.

This result characterizes the class of stably-vertical morphisms in the reflection $D : \mathbf{Band} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$.

Under these equivalent conditions the reflection $D : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ with \mathcal{X} idempotent [has stable units](#), since $\eta_C \in \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{F}$.

This result was also generalized for a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ from a finitely complete category \mathcal{A} into a full subcategory \mathcal{B} , subject to data \mathbf{I} , provided $U_{T;A} : \mathcal{A}(T, A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}(\{*\}, U(A))$ is a surjection for every object $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with T a terminal object in \mathcal{A} .

In the reflection $\mathbf{CommSgr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$ things were not so easy and, then, G. Janelidze suggested to try free semigroups. From this suggestion followed the next facts.

Consider again a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ into a subvariety of universal algebras and the free adjunction $\langle F, U, \delta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.^a

A homomorphism $e : S \rightarrow L$ belongs to \mathcal{E}'_D only if its pullback $\varepsilon_L^*(e)$ along ε_L , belongs to \mathcal{F} .

If the reflection is into an idempotent subvariety and $\varepsilon_A : FU(A) \rightarrow A$ satisfies property (1),^b for every $A \in \mathcal{C}$, then the following two conditions are equivalent:

^a $\varepsilon_A : FU(A) \rightarrow A$ is an effective descent morphism, for all $A \in \mathcal{C}$.

^b $b \sim_B b' \Rightarrow \exists a, a' \in A$, with $a \sim_A a'$, $p(a) \in \langle b \rangle_B$, $p(a') \in \langle b' \rangle_B$

- (i) For all the diagrams in \mathcal{C} , where both squares are pullbacks, such that $\varepsilon_L^*(e) \in \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \\
 & \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \varepsilon_L^*(e) & & \downarrow e \\
 FU(A) & \xrightarrow{FU(f)} & FU(L) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_L} & L
 \end{array}$$

$HD(\pi_1)$ and $HD(\pi_2)$ are jointly-monic.

- (ii) A homomorphism $e : S \rightarrow L$ belongs to \mathcal{E}'_D if and only if $\varepsilon_L^*(e) \in \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{F}$.

This result characterizes the class \mathcal{E}'_D in the reflection $\mathbf{CommSgr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$.

This result was also generalized for a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ from a finitely complete category \mathcal{A} into a full subcategory \mathcal{B} , subject to data \mathbf{I} , provided $U(\varepsilon_A)$ and $U_{T;A} : \mathcal{A}(T, A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}(\{*\}, U(A))$ are surjections for every object $A \in \mathcal{A}$, with T a terminal object in \mathcal{A}

6 Separable, purely inseparable and normal morphisms

Consider a reflection $H \vdash D : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ into a subvariety of universal algebras. If $D(u)$ and $D(v)$ are jointly-monic, for a kernel pair (u, v) of a homomorphism α , then:

- $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ is separable if and only if

$$\text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \sim_A = \Delta$$

- $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ is purely inseparable if and only if

$$\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \sim_A$$

- $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ is **normal** if and only if the next two conditions hold:

1. $\sim_A \circ Ker(\alpha) \subseteq Ker(\alpha) \circ \sim_A$

2. $Ker(\alpha) \cap \sim_A = \Delta$

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For instance, these characterizations hold

for all the homomorphisms in the reflection $D : \mathbf{Band} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$ (in this reflection normal homomorphisms were already characterized by V. Lann);

and, in the reflection $D : \mathbf{CommSgr} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$, for all the homomorphisms whose codomain has cancellation law, or is finitely generated, or each of its congruence classes has an idempotent.

^a Δ denotes the equality relation, $Ker(\alpha)$ denotes the kernel pair of α and \sim_A denotes the congruence on A induced by the reflection

6.1 Factorizations in $\mathbf{Band} \rightarrow \mathbf{SLat}$

In the reflection of bands into semilattices $\mathcal{E}'_D = \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{E}$, where $\mathcal{E} = \{\text{surjective homomorphisms}\}$ then there is an (Ins, Sep) factorization system, with $\text{Ins} = \mathcal{E}_D \cap \mathcal{E}$.

On the other hand there is no monotone-light factorization, $(\mathcal{E}'_D, \mathcal{M}^*_D)$, since monomorphisms clearly belong to the class of separable morphisms, while there are monomorphisms that do not belong to the class $\mathcal{M}_D = \mathcal{M}^*_D$.