

# The Realization Problem for von Neumann regular rings

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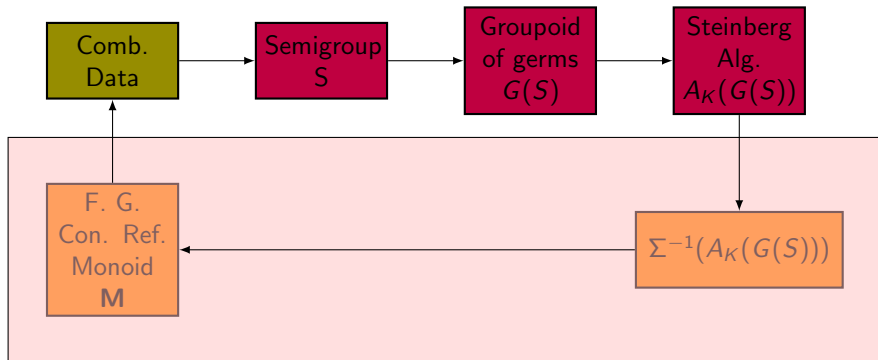
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$$\mathcal{V}(R) \cong M.$$

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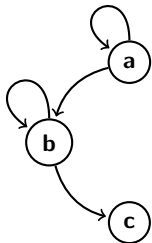


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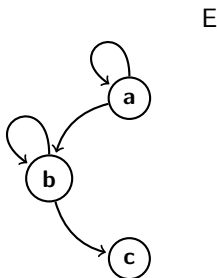
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**Theorem (Ara-Brustenga'09, Ara-Pardo-Moreno '07)**

*All conical monoids arising from finite graphs  $E$  are realizable by regular rings, in particular*

$$M(E) \cong \mathcal{V}(L_K(E))$$

*for any field  $K$ .*

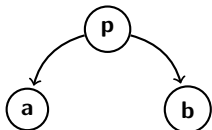


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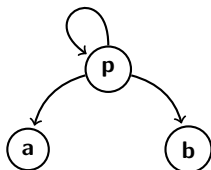
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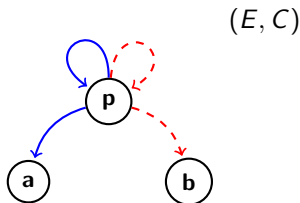
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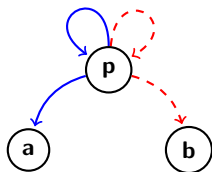


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**Separated graphs**  $(E, C)$  were introduced by Ara-Goodearl (2012) as a pair  $(E, C)$ , where  $E$  is a directed graph and  $C$  is a partition of the set of edges of  $E$ . But  $M(E, C)$  is **not** a refinement monoid in general.

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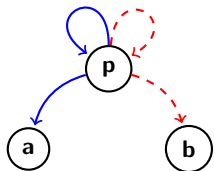
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Let  $(E, C)$  be a finitely separated graph and let  $(I, \leq)$  be the poset arising from antisymmetrization of  $(E^0, \leq)$ . It is **adaptable** if  $I = I_{free} \sqcup I_{reg}$  is finite, and a family of subgraphs  $\{E_p\}_{p \in I}$  of  $E$  such that:

- 1  $E^0 = \bigsqcup_{p \in I} E_p^0$ , where  $E_p$  is a transitive row-finite graph if  $p \in I_{reg}$  and  $E_p^0 = \{v^p\}$  is a single vertex if  $p \in I_{free}$ .
- 2 For  $p \in I_{reg}$  and  $w \in E_p^0$ , we have that  $|C_w| = 1$  and  $|s_{E_p}^{-1}(w)| \geq 2$ . Moreover, all edges departing from  $w$  either belong to the graph  $E_p$  or connect  $w$  to a vertex  $u \in E_q^0$ , with  $q < p$  in  $I$ .
- 3 For  $p \in I_{free}$  and not minimal, there exists  $k(p)$  colours  $C_{v^p} = \{X_1^{(p)}, \dots, X_{k(p)}^{(p)}\}$ , and each

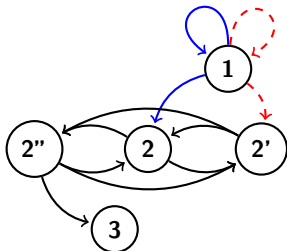
$$X_i^{(p)} = \{\alpha(p, i), \beta(p, i, 1), \beta(p, i, 2), \dots, \beta(p, i, g(p, i))\},$$

where  $\alpha(p, i)$  is a loop, and  $r(\beta(p, i, t)) \in E_q^0$  for  $q < p$  in  $I$ .

## Definition (adaptable Separated Graph)

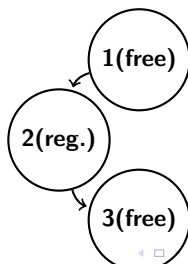
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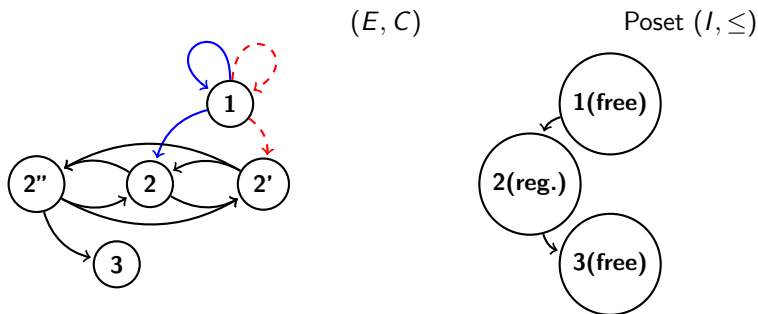
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Given an adaptable separated graph  $(E, C)$ , we define a "natural" inverse semigroup  $S(E, C)$  built upon finite paths that arise from the separated graph.



These are the concatenation of a "c-paths" and monomials at the components of the poset  $(I, \leq)$ . They are triples, for instances:

$$(\gamma, m(\mathbf{2}), \eta^*) \text{ satisfying } r(\gamma) = s(m(\mathbf{2})) \text{ and } r(m(\mathbf{2})) = r(\eta).$$

### Remark

*We introduce a set of auxiliary variables to each vertex to tame the natural relations associated to  $(E, C)$ , without altering the associated monoid.*

We study the semilattice of **idempotents**  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $S(E, C)$  (described solely in terms of paths and monomials in the  $(E, C)$ ), and the set of its infinite paths and characterize its tight filters.

### Proposition

*Given an adaptable separated graph, there is a bijection between the set of infinite paths in  $S(E, C)$  and the set of tight filters.*

Given an adaptable separated graph, we build the groupoid  $\mathcal{G}_{tight}(S(E, C))$  of germs of the canonical action of  $S(E, C)$  on  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{tight}$ . Then, we characterize the associated Steinberg Algebra and  $C^*$ -algebra.

### Proposition

*Let  $(E, C)$  be an adaptable separated graph. Then, the groupoid  $\mathcal{G}_{tight}(S(E, C))$  is amenable and:*

- *The Steinberg Algebra  $A_K(\mathcal{G}_{tight}(S(E, C)))$  is isomorphic to  $S_K(E, C)$ , the  $K$ -span of the elements of the inverse semigroup  $S(E, C)$ .*
- *$C^*(S(E, C)) \cong C^*(\mathcal{G}_{tight}(S(E, C)))$ .*

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### Theorem (Ara-B-Pardo-Sims '19)

*Let  $(E, C)$  be an adaptable separated graph, then*

$$M(E, C) \cong \text{Typ}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{tight}}(S(E, C))).$$

### Corollary (Ara-B-Pardo-Sims '19)

*For any finitely generated conical refinement monoid  $M$ , there exists an amenable groupoid  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{tight}}(S(E, C))$ , associated to an adaptable separated graph, such that*

$$M \cong \text{Typ}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{tight}}(S(E, C)))$$

Thanks for your attention !