

Garside Categories

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Lecture 2 :

Working with Garside families in categories and groupoid.

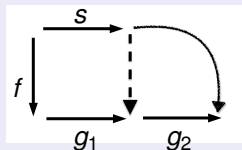
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Greediness

Definition (greedy path)


Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative category and S is a family of \mathcal{C} . A length two \mathcal{C} -path $g_1 | g_2$ is called S -greedy if

each relation $h \preceq fg_1g_2$ with $h \in S$ implies $h \preceq fg_1$.



A \mathcal{C} -path $g_1 | \dots | g_q$ is called S -greedy if $g_k | g_{k+1}$ is S -greedy for each $k < q$.

By definition a length 1 path is greedy.

Notation for greediness : 

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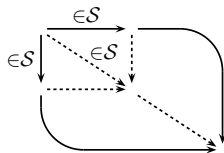
Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a inverse-free left-cancellative category.

Let S be a family of \mathcal{C} that generates \mathcal{C} , contains the identity elements, is closed under right-comultiple is closed under right-divisor.

Then, for every \mathcal{C} -path $g_1 | g_2$ with g_1 in S , the following are equivalent :

- (i) The path $g_1 | g_2$ is S -greedy ($h \preceq fg_1g_2$ and $h \in S \Rightarrow h \preceq fg_1$);
- (ii) For every h in S , $h \preceq g_1g_2 \Rightarrow h \preceq g_1$;
- (iii) The unique element h of \mathcal{C} satisfying both $g_1h \in S$ and $h \preceq g_2$ is 1_x , where x is the target of g_1 .



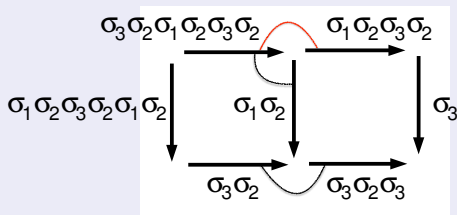
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Example

In B_4 , let S be the set of left-divisor of Δ . Then, $\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_3$ and $\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_2 \mid \sigma_3$ are S greedy.

(Recall Lecture 1 : $g = \sigma_3\sigma_2^2\sigma_1\sigma_2^2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1$ in B_4^+ .)



Example

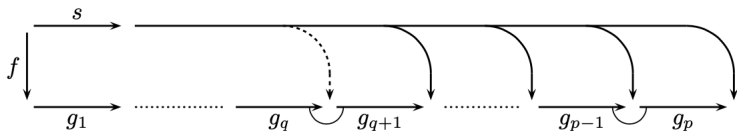
Let $L_2 = \langle a, b \mid ab^2 = b^3 \rangle^+$. Set $S_n = \{1, a, b, b^2, b^3\}$. Then $b \mid a \mid b^2$ is not S greedy because $a \mid b^2$ is not.

Proposition (grouping entries)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative category and S is included in \mathcal{C} . If a path $g_1 | \cdots | g_q$ is S -greedy, then so is every path obtained from $g_1 | \cdots | g_p$ by replacing adjacent entries by their product. In particular, $g_1 | g_2 \cdots g_p$ is S -greedy, that is

$$\text{each relation } h \preceq fg_1 \cdots g_q \text{ with } h \in S \text{ implies } h \preceq fg_1. \quad (1)$$

proof : $g_1 \cdots g_q | g_{p+1} \cdots g_p$ is S -greedy.



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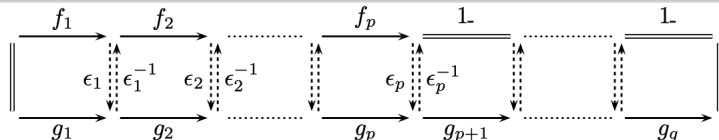
Definition (\mathcal{S} -normal path/decomposition)

Assume \mathcal{S} is a family of a left-cancellative inverse free category \mathcal{C} .

- 1 A \mathcal{C} -path is **\mathcal{S} -normal** if it is \mathcal{S} -greedy and its not identity terms lie in \mathcal{S} .
- 2 A \mathcal{S} -normal \mathcal{C} -path is **strict** when no terms is an identity of \mathcal{C} . In particular, this is a \mathcal{S} -path.
- 3 A \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition of g in \mathcal{C} is a \mathcal{S} -normal path $g_1 | \dots | g_p$ so that $g = g_1 \cdots g_p$.

Proposition

For any family \mathcal{S} of an inverse-free left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} , every element of \mathcal{C} admits at most one strict \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition.



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Definition (**Garside family**)

A family \mathcal{S} of an inverse free left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} is said to be a *Garside family* in \mathcal{C} if every element of \mathcal{C} admits at least one \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition.

In this case, for g in \mathcal{C} , by $\|g\|_{\mathcal{S}}$ we denote the number not unity terms of any of its \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition. For a identity, this is 0 and for a not identity element this is the number of terms of its strict \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition.

Remark

- 1 This is equivalent to ask that every not identity element of \mathcal{C} admits a (unique) strict \mathcal{S} -normal decomposition.
- 2 If \mathcal{S} is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} , then so is $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{S}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{S}^k$ for every $k \geq 1$.

Example

\mathcal{C} is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} .

Garside monoid

Definition

A *Garside monoid* is a pair (M, Δ) where M is a monoid such that

- M is left- and right-cancellative,
- there exists $\lambda : M \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $\lambda(fg) \geq \lambda(f) + \lambda(g)$ and $g \neq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda(g) \neq 0$,
- any two elements of M have a left- and a right-lcm and a left- and a right-gcd,
- Δ is a *Garside element* of M , this meaning that the left- and right-divisors of Δ coincide, generate M , and are finite in number.

Proposition

Let A^+ be any Artin-Tits monoids and ι be the canonical set section from the associated Coxeter group W to A^+ . Then

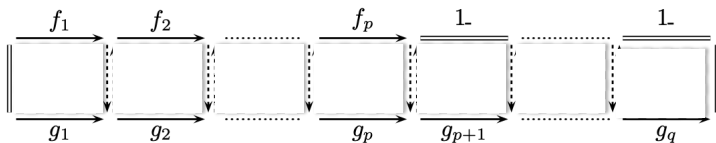
- 1 $\iota(W)$ is a Garside family of A^+ .
- 2 A^+ is a Garside monoid when W is finite and in this case, $\iota(\omega_0)$ is a Garside element of A^+ .

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Normal decomposition

Proposition

Assume S is a family of an inverse free left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} . If $g \in S^p$ possesses a strict S -normal decomposition $g_1 | \dots | g_q$, then $q \leq p$.



Proposition

Let S is a subfamily of an inverse free left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} . Assume that S generates \mathcal{C} . Then the two properties are equivalent

- 1 S is a Garside family
- 2 Any element of S^2 possesses S -normal decomposition.

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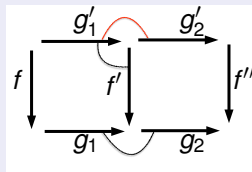
First Domino Rule

Proposition

Assume \mathcal{C} is an inverse free left-cancellative category, S is a family of \mathcal{C} . Assume the \mathcal{C} -path $g_1 \mid g_2$ is S -greedy. Let g'_1 be a left-multiple of g_1 and g'_2 is a left-divisor of g_2 . Then $g_1 \mid g_2$ is S -greedy as well.

Proposition (First domino rule)

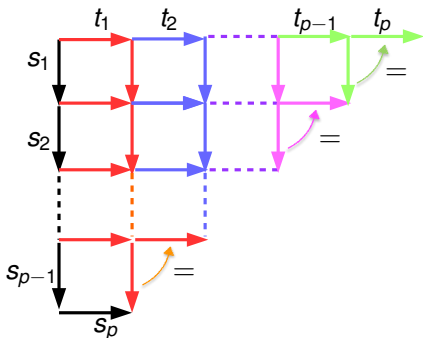
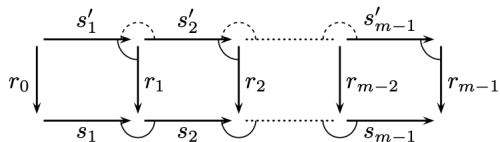
Assume \mathcal{C} is an inverse free left-cancellative category, S is a family of \mathcal{C} , and we have a the following commutative diagram with edges in \mathcal{C} .



If $g_1 \mid g_2$ and $g'_1 \mid f'$ are S -greedy, then $g'_1 \mid f' g_2$ and $g'_1 \mid g'_2$ are S -greedy as well.

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proof of the proposition



Transform the S -path $s_1 | \dots | s_p$ into the S -normal path $t_1 | \dots | t_p$.

Each horizontal path is a S -normal path. This takes $p(p-1)/2$ steps.

Introduction and motivations

Braid groups - Normal form

Example

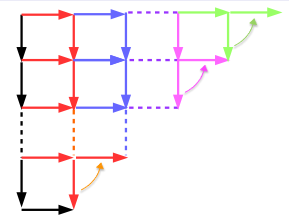
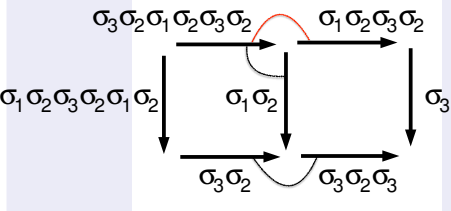
Consider the element $g = \sigma_3 \sigma_2^2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2^2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 \sigma_1$ in B_4^+ .

$$g = \sigma_3 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 \sigma_1$$

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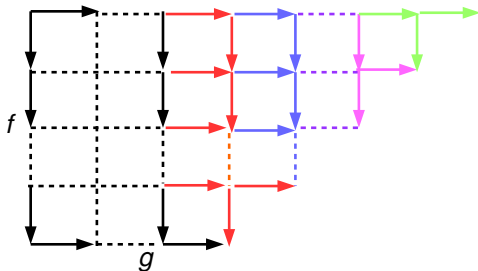
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Length

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative category and S is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} . Then, for every \mathcal{C} -path $f|g$, we have

$$\|g\|_S \leq \|fg\|_S \leq \|f\|_S + \|g\|_S.$$



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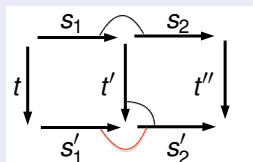
Length

Example

Let $n \geq 1$ and $L_n = \langle a, b \mid ab^n = b^{n+1} \rangle^+$. Set $S = \{1, a, b, b^2, \dots, b^{n+1}\}$. Then L_n is left cancellative and S_n is a Garside family (exercice). The strict S -normal decomposition of ab^{n-1} is $a \mid b^{n-1}$, but the S -normal decomposition of $ab^{n-1} \cdot b$ is b^{n+1} . so $\|ab^{n-1} \cdot b\|_S < \|ab^{n-1}\|_S$.

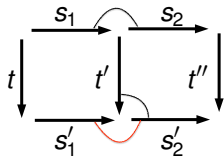
Definition (Second domino rule)

Assume \mathcal{C} is a inverse-free left-cancellative category and S a family in \mathcal{C} . The *second domino rule* is valid if, whenever $s_1 \mid s_2$ and $t' \mid s'_2$ are S -greedy in a commutative diagram as below with edges in S , then $s'_1 \mid s'_2$ is S -greedy as well.

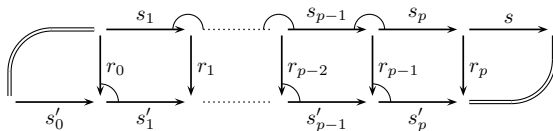


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Normal decomposition using the second domino rule :



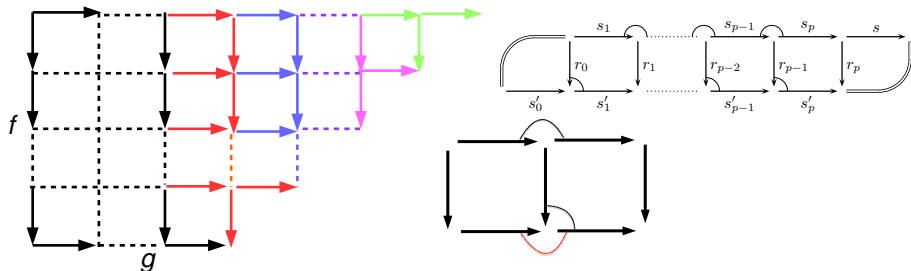
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Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a inverse free left-cancellative category and S is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} for which the second domino rule is valid and, moreover, every left-divisor of an element of S lies in S . Then, for all \mathcal{C} -path

$$\max(\|f\|_S, \|g\|_S) \leq \|fg\|_S \leq \|f\|_S + \|g\|_S$$



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Domino rules 1 and 2

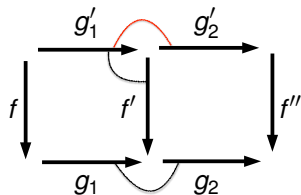


FIGURE – Domino Rule 1

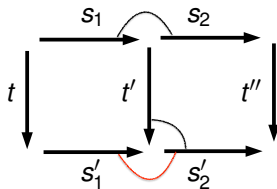


FIGURE – Domino Rule 2

Remark

The equality

$$\max(\|f\|_S, \|g\|_S) \leq \|fg\|_S \leq \|f\|_S + \|g\|_S$$

may hold even if the second domino rule does not hold. This is for instance the case when \mathcal{C} is cancellative and S is both a left Garside family and a right Garside family.

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Length

Definition (closure)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free cancellative category and S is a family in \mathcal{C} .

- (i) **(left-divisor)** We say that S is *closed under left-divisor* if every left-divisor of an element of S is an element of S .
- (ii) **(left-comultiple)** We say that S is *closed under left-comultiple* if every common left-multiple of two elements f, g of S (if any) is a left-multiple of some common left-multiple of f, g that lies in S .

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free cancellative category and S is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} such that

- (a) $S \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is closed under left-divisor;
- (b) S is closed under left-comultiple.

Then, the second domino rule is valid for S in \mathcal{C} .

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Closure property

Proposition

Let S is a subfamily of an inverse free left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} . Assume that S generates \mathcal{C} . Then the two following properties are equivalent

- 1 S is a Garside family.
- 2
 - (a) $S \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is closed under right-divisor ;
 - (b) S is closed under right-comultiple ;
 - (c) Any element of S^2 admits a maximal left divisor in S .

Definition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free cancellative category and S is a Garside family of \mathcal{C} . The family S is called **solid** when it contains $1_{\mathcal{C}}$ and it is closed under right-divisor.

So, any Garside family that contains $1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is solid. Later on, we will see characterisation of Garside family under the assumption that the family is solid.

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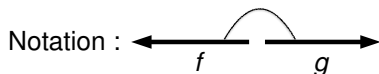
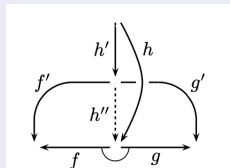
In groupoid

We turn now to groupoid. Here Öre condition will be needed.

Definition (left-disjoint)

Two elements f, g of a left-cancellative category \mathcal{C} are called *left-disjoint* if they have the same source and satisfy :

$$\forall h, h' \in \mathcal{C} \left((h' \preccurlyeq hf \ \& \ h' \preccurlyeq hg) \Rightarrow h' \preccurlyeq h \right).$$



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In groupoid

The two following result explains why left-disjoint property is relevant in Garside framework :

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-Ore category. Then, two elements f, g of \mathcal{C} with the same source are left-disjoint if and only if, for all f', g' in \mathcal{C} such that $f^{-1}g = f'^{-1}g'$ holds in $\mathcal{E}nv(\mathcal{C})$, there exists h satisfying $f' = hf$ and $g' = hg$.

In particular for an inverse free left-Öre category \mathcal{C} , any element of $\mathcal{E}nv(\mathcal{C})$ possesses at most one decomposition as a left-disjoint fraction.

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative inverse free category, S is family in \mathcal{C} , and S generates \mathcal{C} . For any S -greedy paths $f_1 | \dots | f_p$ and $g_1 | \dots | g_q$, the following are equivalent :

- (i) f_1 and g_1 are left-disjoint.
- (ii) $f_1 \dots f_p$ and $g_1 \dots g_q$ are left-disjoint ;

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In groupoid

Definition (symmetric greedy)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free left-cancellative category and \mathcal{S} is a family in \mathcal{C} . A signed \mathcal{C} -path $\overline{f_p} | \cdots | \overline{f_1} | g_1 | \cdots | g_q$ is called **symmetric \mathcal{S} -greedy** if

- 1 the paths $f_1 | \cdots | f_p$ and $g_1 | \cdots | g_q$ are \mathcal{S} -greedy
- 2 f_1 and g_1 are left-disjoint.

Definition (symmetric normal)

Assume \mathcal{C} is an inverse free left-cancellative category and \mathcal{S} is a family in \mathcal{C} . A signed \mathcal{C} -path $\overline{f_p} | \cdots | \overline{f_1} | g_1 | \cdots | g_q$ is called **symmetric \mathcal{S} -normal** (*resp.* **strictly symmetric \mathcal{S} -normal**) if

- 1 the paths $f_1 | \cdots | f_p$ and $g_1 | \cdots | g_q$ are \mathcal{S} -normal (*resp.* strictly \mathcal{S} -normal)
- 2 f_1 and g_1 are left-disjoint.

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Proposition (symmetric normal unique I)

Assume \mathcal{C} is an inverse free left Öre category, S is a family in \mathcal{C} , and S generates \mathcal{C} . Then any element of $\mathcal{E}nv(\mathcal{C})$ admits at most one strict S -normal decompositions

Proposition (symmetric normal exist)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free Öre category and S is a Garside family in \mathcal{C} . Then the following are equivalent :

- 1 Every element of $\mathcal{E}nv(\mathcal{C})$ admits a symmetric (strict) S -normal decomposition ;
- 2 The category \mathcal{C} admits left-lcms.

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Computing symmetric normal decomposition

Definition (strong Garside)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free category that admits left-lcms. Then a Garside family \mathcal{S} of \mathcal{C} is called **strong** if for any s, t in $\mathcal{S} \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ with common target possess a left lcm $s \vee t$ and there exists s', t' in $\mathcal{S} \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ so that $s \vee t = s't = t's$. We say that \mathcal{S} is perfect if in addition left lcm lies in \mathcal{S} too.

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free cancellative category that admits local left-lcms. Then, for every Garside family \mathcal{S} of \mathcal{C} , the following are equivalent :

- (i) *\mathcal{S} is a strong (resp. perfect) Garside family in \mathcal{C} ;*
- (ii) *$\mathcal{S} \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is closed under left-complement (resp. this and left-comultiple).*

Moreover, when the above conditions are met, $\mathcal{S} \cup 1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is closed under left-divisor.

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Computing symmetric normal decomposition

Proposition (strong exists)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-Ore category. Then the following are equivalent :

- (i) Some Garside family of \mathcal{C} is strong ;*
- (ii) The category \mathcal{C} viewed as a Garside family in itself is strong ;*
- (iii) The category \mathcal{C} admits left-lcms.*

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is an inverse free cancellative category that admits left-lcms and S is a strong Garside family in \mathcal{C} .

- (i) Every element of $\text{Env}(\mathcal{C})$ that can be represented by a positive–negative S -path of length ℓ admits a symmetric S -normal decomposition of length at most ℓ .*
- (ii) For every positive–negative S -path, there is an algorithm that returns in quadratic time. the symmetric S -normal decomposition of the element of $\text{Env}(\mathcal{C})$ represented by the S -path.*

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Computing symmetric normal decomposition

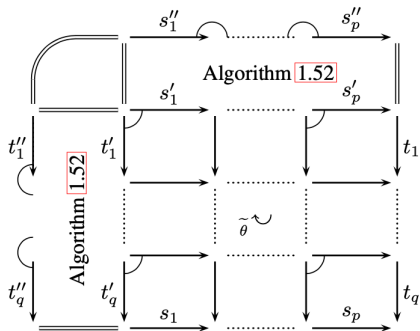


FIGURE – Algo 1

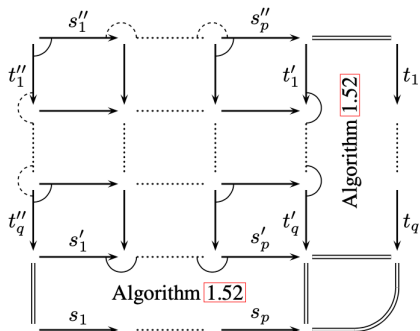


FIGURE – Algo 2

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Recognizing Garside families

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative inverse-free category and S is a solid generating subfamily of \mathcal{C} . Then the following are equivalent :

- (i) The category \mathcal{C} is right-Noetherian and S is Garside in \mathcal{C} ;*
- (ii) The family S is locally right-Noetherian and closed under right-comultiple.*

Proposition

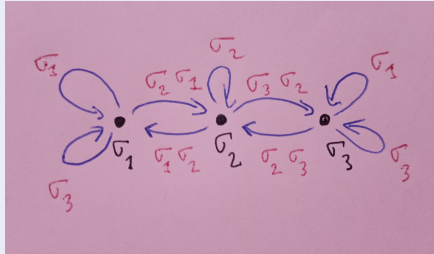
Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative inverse-free category that is right-Noetherian and admits conditional right-lcms. Then a family S that generates \mathcal{C} and contains $1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is a Garside family in \mathcal{C} if and only if any one of the following conditions is satisfied :

- (i) S is closed under right-lcm and right-divisor ;*
- (ii) S is closed under right-lcm and right-complement ;*

Proposition (smallest Garside)

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a strongly-noetherian left-cancellative inverse-free category. Then there exists a smallest Garside family S in \mathcal{C} containing $1_{\mathcal{C}}$, namely the closure of the atoms under right-mcm and right-divisor.

Example



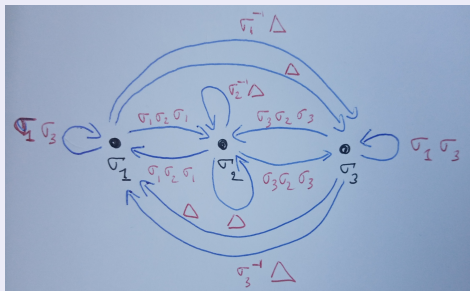
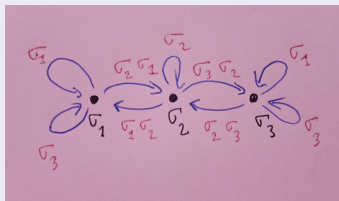
The category of positive quasi-centralisers of generators in B_4 is cancellative inverse-free and strongly-noetherian. Its atom set consists on the red morphisms. So its closure under right-mcm (indeed right lcm) and right-divisor is a Garside family. The second domino rule holds.

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Recognizing Garside families

Example

The smallest strong Garside family of the category of positive quasi-centralisers of generators in B_4 is the union of all represented morphisms plus the 3 identity elements.



$$\sigma_2^{-1} \Delta_4 = \sigma_3 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_3 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1.$$

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Presentation

Proposition

Assume that \mathcal{C} is a left-cancellative inverse-free category and S is a solid Garside family in \mathcal{C} . Then \mathcal{C} admits the presentation $\langle S \mid R \rangle^+$ where R consists on the family of all relations $fg = h$ with f, g, h in S that are valid in \mathcal{C} make a presentation of \mathcal{C} in terms of S .

Remark

Obviously this presentation is not minimal in terms of generators (since we only need the atoms to generate the category). If S is finite, we get a finite presentation.

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Presentation

Example

The category \mathcal{C} of positive quasi-centralisers of the generators in B_4 has a presentation with the already seen atom set and the defining relations :

1 $In \mathcal{C}(\sigma_1, \cdot)$

(a) $\sigma_1 \sigma_3 = \sigma_3 \sigma_1 ;$

(b) $\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 ;$

(c) $\sigma_2 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_3 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_1 = \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_3 \sigma_2$

2 $In \mathcal{C}(\sigma_3, \cdot) :$

(a) $\sigma_1 \sigma_3 = \sigma_3 \sigma_1 ;$

(b) $\sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_3 = \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_2 ;$

(c) $\sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3 = \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_1 \sigma_2$

3 $In \mathcal{C}(\sigma_2, \cdot) :$

(a) $\sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_1 ;$

(b) $\sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3 \sigma_2 = \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_3 ;$

(c) $\sigma_3 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_3 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3 \cdot \sigma_2 \sigma_1$