

## Generalization of Condition $(PWP)$

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**Abstract.** An act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)$  if  $as = a's$  for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u, a' = a''v$  and  $us = vs$ . In this paper we introduce a generalization of Condition  $(PWP)$  called Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  and will characterize monoids using this property. It can be seen easily that any right locally cyclic act satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Recall that an act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)$  if  $as = a's$  for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u, a' = a''v$  and  $us = vs$ . It is clear that Condition  $(PWP)$  implies torsion freeness.

**Definition 1.1.** *The right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  if for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S$ , the equality  $as = a's$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u$  and  $a' = a''v$ .*

The above definition is equivalent to the following statement:

$$(\forall a, a' \in A_S)(\forall s \in S)[(as = a's) \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A_S)(aS \cup a'S \subseteq a''S)]$$

Clearly in **Act** –  $S$ , Condition  $(PWP)$  implies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  and also we have cyclic  $\implies$  locally cyclic  $\implies$  Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .

The following example shows that Condition  $(LPWP)$  does not imply Condition  $(PWP)$ .

*Example 1.2.* Let  $S = (\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  and  $K = 2\mathbb{N}$  which is a right ideal of  $S$ . Since  $S/K_S$  is cyclic, it satisfies Condition  $(LPWP)$ . But  $S/K_S$  is not torsion free by [6, III, Proposition 8.10]. Indeed, the element  $2 \in 2\mathbb{N}$  is right cancellable and we have  $3 \cdot 2 \in 2\mathbb{N}$  but  $3 \notin 2\mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $I$  be a proper right ideal of a monoid  $S$ . Suppose that  $x, y$  and  $z$  are different symbols that do not belong to  $S$ . Consider the right  $S$ -act  $A(I) = S \coprod^I S = ((S \setminus I) \times \{x, y\}) \cup (I \times \{z\})$  with the  $S$ -action defined by

$$(t, u)s = \begin{cases} (ts, u) & \text{if } ts \in S \setminus I, \\ (ts, z) & \text{if } ts \in I, \end{cases}$$

where  $u \in \{x, y\}$  and  $(t, z)s = (ts, z)$ .

An act  $A_S$  is called *strongly faithful* if for  $s, t \in S$ , the equality  $as = at$  for some  $a \in A_S$ , implies that  $s = t$ .  $A_S$  is called *faithful* if for  $s, t \in S$ , the equality  $as = at$  for all  $a \in A_S$ , implies that  $s = t$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** *For the right  $S$ -act  $A(I)$  the following statements holds:*

- (1)  $A(I)$  does not satisfy Condition  $(LPWP)$ .
- (2)  $A(I)$  is not locally cyclic.
- (3)  $A(I)$  satisfies Condition  $(E)$ .
- (4)  $A(I)$  is indecomposable and is generated by exactly two elements.
- (5)  $A(I)$  is faithful.

*Proof.* (1). The equality  $(1, x)s = (1, y)s$  holds in  $A(I)$  for  $s \in I$ . It can be easily checked that we cannot find  $a \in A(I)$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that  $(1, x) = as_1, (1, y) = as_2$ . So  $A(I)$  does not satisfy Condition  $(LPWP)$ .

(2).  $(1, x)$  and  $(1, y)$  are elements of  $A(I)$ , but there is no cyclic subact of  $A(I)$  which contains these two elements.

(3). Note that  $A(I) = (1, x)S \cup (1, y)S$ . Obviously,  $(1, x)S \cong S_S \cong (1, y)S$ . So  $A(I)$  is the union of two subacts both of which satisfy Condition  $(E)$ . Then  $A(I)$  satisfies Condition  $(E)$ .

(4). If  $A(I)$  is decomposable, then there exist  $B_S, C_S \leq A(I)$  such that  $A(I) = B_S \cup C_S, B_S \cap C_S = \emptyset$ . Let  $(1, x) \in B_S$ . Since  $A(I) = (1, x)S \cup (1, y)S$ , we have  $(1, y) \in C_S$ . But  $(1, x)S \cap (1, y)S = I \subseteq B_S \cap C_S$  which shows that  $B_S \cap C_S \neq \emptyset$ , a contradiction. Hence  $A(I)$  is indecomposable.

The equality  $A(I) = (1, x)S \cup (1, y)S$  shows that  $A(I)$  is generated by exactly two elements.

(5). It was mentioned that  $A(I) = (1, x)S \cup (1, y)S$  and  $(1, x)S \cong S_S \cong (1, y)S$ . Since  $S_S$  is faithful,  $A(I)$  has a faithful subact. Therefore,  $A(I)$  is faithful. ■

## 2. Classification of Monoids by Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) of their Acts

Recall that an act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition ( $E'$ ) if for all  $a \in A_S, s, t, z \in S, as = at$  and  $sz = tz$  imply that there exist  $a' \in A_S, u \in S$  such that  $a = a'u$  and  $us = ut$ .  $A_S$  satisfies Condition ( $E'P$ ) if for all  $a \in A_S, s, t, z \in S, as = at$  and  $sz = tz$  imply that there exist  $a' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a'u = a'v$  and  $us = vt$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (2) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $E'P$ ), satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $EP$ ), satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (4) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $E'$ ), satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (5) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $E$ ), satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (6) All faithful right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (7) All indecomposable right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).
- (8)  $S$  is a group.

*Proof.* Since  $(E) \Rightarrow (E') \Rightarrow (E'P)$  and  $(E) \Rightarrow (EP) \Rightarrow (E'P)$ , the implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5)$ ,  $(2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (5)$ ,  $(1) \Rightarrow (6)$  and  $(1) \Rightarrow (7)$  are obvious.

$(5) \Rightarrow (8)$ . Take  $s \in S$  such that  $sS \neq S$ . Lemma 1.3 implies that  $A(sS)$  satisfies Condition ( $E$ ). By assumption,  $A(sS)$  satisfies Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) which is not possible by Lemma 1.3. Thus  $sS = S$  for any  $s \in S$  and  $S$  is a group.

$(8) \Rightarrow (1)$ . If  $S$  is a group, then any right  $S$ -act satisfies Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ). To see this, let  $A_S$  be an arbitrary right  $S$ -act such that for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$  we have  $as = a's$ . Then we can write  $a = a'ss^{-1}$  and  $a' = a'.1$ . Thus  $A_S$  satisfies Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ).

$(6) \Rightarrow (8)$ . Take  $s \in S$  such that  $sS \neq S$ . By Lemma 1.3,  $A(sS)$  is faithful, so by assumption  $A(sS)$  satisfies Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) which is impossible by Lemma 1.3. Then for any  $s \in S, sS = S$  which means that  $S$  is a group.

$(7) \Rightarrow (8)$ . Let  $s \in S$  be such that  $sS \neq S$ . The right  $S$ -act  $A(sS)$  is indecomposable by Lemma 1.3. So  $A(sS)$  should satisfy Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) and this is impossible. Hence  $sS = S$  for any  $s \in S$  which shows that  $S$  is a group. ■

As we see in Example 1.2, Condition( $L_{PWP}$ ) does not imply torsion freeness.

**Theorem 2.2.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ), are torsion free.
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) are torsion free.
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition ( $L_{PWP}$ ) are torsion free.
- (4) All right cancellable elements are right invertible.

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). By assumption any cyclic right  $S$ -act satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , is torsion free, and so by [6, IV, Theorem 6.1] every right cancellable element is right invertible.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If (4) holds, then by [6, IV, Theorem 6.1] all right  $S$ -acts are torsion free, and so any right  $S$ -act satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  is torsion free. ■

Condition  $(PWP_E)$  is defined in [2].

**Theorem 2.3.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$ .
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$ .
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$ .
- (4) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are principally weakly flat.
- (5) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are principally weakly flat.
- (6) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are principally weakly flat.
- (7)  $S$  is a regular monoid.

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) are obvious. By [2, Theorem 2.3] Condition  $(PWP_E)$  implies principal weak flatness, and so we have the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6).

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). Since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , by assumption all cyclic right  $S$ -acts are principally weakly flat. Then by [6, IV, Theorem 6.6]  $S$  is regular.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By [2, Theorem 3.1], all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$  and consequently all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$ . ■

Condition  $(P_E)$  was introduced in [4].

**Theorem 2.4.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ .
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ .
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ .
- (4) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are weakly flat.

- (5) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are weakly flat.
- (6) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are weakly flat.
- (7)  $S$  is regular and satisfies the following condition:
  - (R) For any elements  $s, t \in S$ , there exists  $w \in Ss \cap St$  such that  $w\rho(s, t)s$  ( $\rho(s, t)$  is the smallest right congruence on  $S$  containing  $(s, t)$ ).

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) are obvious. By [4, Theorem 2.3] Condition  $(P_E)$  implies weak flatness, and so we have the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6).

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). Since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , by assumption all cyclic right  $S$ -acts are weakly flat. Then by [6, IV, Theorem 7.5]  $S$  is regular and satisfies Condition (R).

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By [6, IV, Theorem 7.5] all right  $S$ -acts are weakly flat. It follows from [4, Theorem 2.5] that all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ , and so all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.5.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P)$ .
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P)$ .
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P)$ .
- (4)  $S$  is a group or a group with a zero adjoined.

*Proof.* The implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , by assumption we can deduce that all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P)$ . By [8, Theorem 2.1],  $S = G^0$  or  $S = G$ , where  $G$  is a group.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If  $S = G$ , then by [9, Theorem 3.10] all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P)$ . Therefore, all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , satisfy Condition  $(P)$ . Suppose that  $S = G^0$  and let  $A_S$  be a right  $S$ -act which satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ . We show that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(P)$ . Take  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s, t \in S$  such that  $as = a't$ . There are three cases as follows:

*Case 1:* If  $s, t \in G$ , then we have  $a = a'ts^{-1}$ ,  $a' = a'1$  and  $(ts^{-1})s = 1t$ .

*Case 2:* If  $t = 0, s \in G$ , then  $as = a'0$  implies that  $(as)s^{-1} = (a'0)s^{-1}$ . So  $a = a'0, a' = a'1$  and  $0s = 10$ .

*Case 3:* If  $s = t = 0$ , then  $a0 = a'0$ . Since  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u, a' = a''v$  and clearly  $u0 = v0$ . ■

We deduce from the above Theorem that whenever  $S \neq G^0$  and  $S \neq G$  ( $G$  is a group), then there exists at least one (finitely generated) right  $S$ -act that satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  but does not satisfy Condition  $(P)$ .

Recall that a monoid  $S$  is called left collapsible if for every  $s, s' \in S$ , there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $us = us'$ .  $S$  is called weakly left collapsible if for every  $s, s', z \in S$ ,  $sz = s'z$  implies the existence of  $u \in S$  such that  $us = us'$ .

*Example 2.6.* Let  $S$  be a monoid which is not weakly left collapsible. Then the one-element right  $S$ -act  $\Theta_S = \{\theta\}$  with multiplication  $\theta s = \theta$  for all  $s \in S$ , fails to satisfy Condition  $(E')$  but it satisfies Condition  $(LPWP)$ . So Condition  $(LPWP)$  does not imply Condition  $(E')$  (as well as Condition  $(E)$ , regularity, strong faithfulness, equalizer flatness which are stronger properties).

**Theorem 2.7.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$ , satisfy Condition  $(E')$ .*
- (2) *All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$ , satisfy Condition  $(E')$ .*
- (3) *All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$ , satisfy Condition  $(E')$ .*
- (4)  $(\forall s, t, z \in S), (sz = tz \implies (\exists e \in E(S))(\rho(s, t) = \ker \lambda_e))$

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2)  $\implies$  (3). It is clear.

(3)  $\implies$  (4). Since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(LPWP)$ , by assumption all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(E')$ . By [3, Theorem 2.5] the result follows.

(4)  $\implies$  (1). By [3, Theorem 2.5], all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(E')$ . Hence all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$ , satisfy Condition  $(E')$ . ■

Weak pullback flatness was defined by Laan [7]. He showed that a right  $S$ -act is pullback flat if and only if it satisfies both Conditions  $(P)$  and  $(E')$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are weakly pullback flat.*
- (2) *All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are weakly pullback flat.*
- (3) *All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are weakly pullback flat.*
- (4)  *$S$  is a group or  $S = \{0, 1\}$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2)  $\implies$  (3). It is obvious.

(3)  $\implies$  (4). By assumption, since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(LPWP)$ , one can deduce that all cyclic right  $S$ -acts are weakly pullback flat. So by [1, Proposition 25] the statement (4) holds.

(4)  $\implies$  (1). If  $S$  is a group, then by [1, Proposition 9] all right  $S$ -acts are weakly pullback flat and we are done. Now suppose that  $S = \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $A_S$  be a right  $S$ -act that satisfies Condition  $(LPWP)$ . It suffices to show that  $A_S$

satisfies Conditions (P) and (E'). Let  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s, t \in S$  be such that  $as = a't$ . To show that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (P), we consider three cases:

*Case 1:*  $s = t = 1$ . Then we have  $a = a'$ , and so we can write  $a = a' \cdot 1, a' = a' \cdot 1$  and  $1 \cdot s = 1 \cdot t$ .

*Case 2:*  $s = 1, t = 0$ . Then we have  $a = a' \cdot 0, a' = a' \cdot 1$  and  $0 \cdot s = 1 \cdot t$ .

*Case 3:*  $s = t = 0$ . Since  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (LPWP), the equality  $a0 = a'0$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u \wedge a = a''v$  and clearly  $u \cdot 0 = v \cdot 0$ .

So  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (P) in each case. It remains to show that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (E'). Since  $S = \{0, 1\}$ , by [9, Theorem 2.4] all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (E), and consequently satisfy Condition (E'). ■

**Theorem 2.9.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP) are strongly flat.
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP) are strongly flat.
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition (LPWP) are strongly flat.
- (4) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP) are equalizer flat.
- (5) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP) are equalizer flat.
- (6) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition (LPWP) are equalizer flat.
- (7) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP), satisfy Condition (E).
- (8) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP), satisfy Condition (E).
- (9) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition (LPWP), satisfy Condition (E).
- (10)  $S = \{0, 1\}$  or  $S = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) are obvious.

Since we have strongly flat  $\Rightarrow$  equalizer flat  $\Rightarrow$  Condition (E), the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) are valid.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10). Since all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP), by assumption, all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (E). By [9, Theorem 2.4] we are done.

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If  $S = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts are strongly flat and (1) follows. Suppose that  $S = \{0, 1\}$ . Then by Theorem 2.8 all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP), are weakly pullback flat which is the combination of Conditions (E') and (P). Since  $S = \{0, 1\}$ , Condition (E') implies Condition (E). So, all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (LPWP), are strongly flat. ■

Recall that a monoid  $S$  satisfies Condition  $(K)$  if, every left collapsible submonoid of  $S$  contains a left zero. The monoid  $S$  satisfies Condition  $A$  if any right  $S$ -act satisfy the ascending chain condition for cyclic subacts.

**Theorem 2.10.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective.
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective.
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective.
- (4)  $S = \{1\}$  or  $S = \{0, 1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are obvious.

$(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . Since projectivity implies strong flatness, by assumption all right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$ , are strongly flat. So by [8, Corollary 2.2],  $S = \{1\}$  or  $S = \{0, 1\}$ .

$(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ . If  $S = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts are projective. Now suppose that  $S = \{0, 1\}$ . By Theorem 2.9, all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are strongly flat. Assume that  $A_S$  is a right  $S$ -act and  $\alpha_1 S \subseteq \alpha_2 S \subseteq \dots$  be an ascending chain of cyclic subacts of  $A_S$ . Since  $S = \{0, 1\}$ , we have for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq |\alpha_i S| \leq 2$ . If  $|\alpha_i S| = 1$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\alpha_i S = \alpha_j S$ , for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  and we are done. Suppose that  $|\alpha_k S| = 2$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $|\alpha_i S| = 2$  for every  $i \geq k$ . This shows that for all  $i \geq k, \alpha_i S = \alpha_{i+1} S$ , which means that the above chain terminates. Thus the monoid  $S$  satisfies Condition  $(A)$ . Obviously, the monoid  $S$  satisfies Condition  $(K)$ , and so by Theorems 1.1 and 2.1 of [5], strong flatness implies projectivity. ■

**Theorem 2.11.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are free.
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are free.
- (3) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are free.
- (4) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective generator.
- (5) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective generator.
- (6) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are projective generator.
- (7) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are generator.
- (8) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are generator.
- (9) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are generator.
- (10) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(LPWP)$  are strongly faithful.

- (11) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are strongly faithful.
- (12) All right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfying Condition  $(L_{PWP})$  are strongly faithful.
- (13)  $S = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9), (10)  $\Rightarrow$  (11)  $\Rightarrow$  (12), are obvious.

Since free  $\Rightarrow$  projective generator  $\Rightarrow$  generator, the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) are easily obtained.

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (13). Since the one element act  $\Theta_S$  satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , by assumption  $\Theta_S$  is strongly faithful. So  $S = \{1\}$ .

(13)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If  $S = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts are free.

(13)  $\Rightarrow$  (10). If  $S = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts are strongly faithful.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (13). By assumption  $\Theta_S$  is generator. So there exists an epimorphism  $\pi : \Theta_S \rightarrow S_S$  and this implies that  $S = \{1\}$ . ■

For fixed elements  $u, v \in S$ , define a binary relation  $P_{u,v}$  on  $S$  with

$$(x, y) \in P_{u,v} \iff ux = vy \ (x, y \in S).$$

Recall that for any right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ , Rees congruence  $\rho_I$  on  $S$  defined by  $(x, y) \in \rho_I$  if  $x = y$  or  $x, y \in I$ .

Recall that an act is called cofree if it is isomorphic to the act  $X^S = \{f|f \text{ is a mapping from } S \text{ to } X\}$  for some nonempty set  $X$ , where  $f_s$  is defined by  $f_s(t) = f(st), t \in S$ , for every  $f \in X^S, s \in S$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) All  $fg$ -weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .
- (2) All weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .
- (3) All injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .
- (4) All cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ .
- (5) For any  $s \in S$  there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that:
  - (i)  $P_{u,v} \subset P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$ .
  - (ii)  $\ker \lambda_u \cup \ker \lambda_v \subset \rho_{sS}$ .
  - (iii)  $\ker \lambda_{us} \cup \ker \lambda_{vs} \subset \ker \lambda_s$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are clear.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Suppose that  $s \in S$  and  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are two sets such that  $|S_1| = |S| = |S_2|$ . Assume that  $\alpha : S \rightarrow S_1$  and  $\beta : S \rightarrow S_2$  are bijections. Let  $X = S/\ker \lambda_s \amalg S_1 \amalg S_2$ . Define the mappings  $f, g : S \rightarrow X$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{\ker \lambda_s} & \text{if } x \in sS(x = sy), \\ \alpha(x) & \text{if } x \notin sS \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{ker\lambda_s} & \text{if } x \in sS(x = sy), \\ \beta(x) & \text{if } x \notin sS. \end{cases}$$

If  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  are such that  $sy_1 = sy_2$ , then  $(y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s$  which implies that  $f(sy_1) = [y_1]_{ker\lambda_s} = [y_2]_{ker\lambda_s} = f(sy_2)$ . So  $f$  is well-defined. By a similar argument,  $g$  is well-defined.

Clearly  $fs = gs$  by definition. Since  $X^S$  satisfies Condition  $(L_{PWP})$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  and the map  $h : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $g = hv$  and  $f = hu$ . Now, we show that the conditions (i)–(iii) are true.

(i). Let  $(l_1, l_2) \in P_{u,v}$ ,  $l_1, l_2 \in S$ . Then  $ul_1 = vl_2$ , and so  $f(l_1) = hu(l_1) = h(ul_1) = h(vl_2) = hv(l_2) = g(l_2)$ . The equality  $f(l_1) = g(l_2)$  yields that there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $l_1 = sy_1, l_2 = sy_2, (y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s$ . So  $(l_1, y_1) \in P_{1,s}, (y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s$  and  $(y_2, l_2) \in P_{s,1}$ . This implies that  $(l_1, l_2) \in P_{1,s} \circ ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$ .

(ii). Assume that the condition (ii) does not hold. Without loss of generality, suppose that  $ker\lambda_u \setminus \rho_{sS} \neq \emptyset$ . So there exist  $p_1, p_2 \in S$  such that  $(p_1, p_2) \in ker\lambda_u \setminus \rho_{sS}$ . That is

$$(\exists p_1, p_2 \in S)(up_1 = up_2 \wedge p_1 \neq p_2 \wedge (p_1 \notin sS \vee p_2 \notin sS)).$$

Hence  $f(p_1) = hu(p_1) = h(up_1) = h(up_2) = hu(p_2) = f(p_2)$ . Since  $p_1 \neq p_2$  and  $\alpha$  is injective,  $p_1, p_2 \in sS$  which is a contradiction.

(iii). Suppose that  $(l_1, l_2) \in ker\lambda_{us}$  where  $l_1, l_2 \in S$ . So  $usl_1 = usl_2$  and we have  $f(sl_1) = hu(sl_1) = h(usl_1) = h(usl_2) = hu(sl_2) = f(sl_2)$ . According to the definition of  $f$ , we have  $sl_1 = sl_2$  or  $[l_1]_{ker\lambda_s} = [l_2]_{ker\lambda_s}$ . If  $sl_1 = sl_2$ , then  $(l_1, l_2) \in ker\lambda_s$ . If  $[l_1]_{ker\lambda_s} = [l_2]_{ker\lambda_s}$ , then  $(l_1, l_2) \in ker\lambda_s$ . So  $ker\lambda_{us} \subseteq ker\lambda_s$ . Similar argument shows that  $ker\lambda_{vs} \subseteq ker\lambda_s$ . Consequently  $ker\lambda_{us} \cup ker\lambda_{vs} \subseteq ker\lambda_s$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A_S$  is fg-weakly injective and for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S, as = a's$ . By assumption there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that the conditions (i)–(iii) hold. Define  $\varphi : uS \cup vS \rightarrow A_S$  by the rule that for each  $x$  in  $uS \cup vS$ ,

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} ap & \text{if } x \in uS(x = up), \\ a'r & \text{if } x \in vS(x = vr). \end{cases}$$

To show that  $\varphi$  is well defined, we consider three cases as follows:

*Case 1.* If there exist  $p, r \in S$  such that  $up = vr$ , then by condition (i), there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $(p, y_1) \in P_{1,s}, (y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s, (y_2, r) \in P_{s,1}$ . Thus  $p = sy_1, r = sy_2$  and  $sy_1 = sy_2$ , and so  $ap = asy_1 = a'sy_1 = a'sy_2 = a'r$ .

*Case 2.* Assume that there exist  $p_1, p_2 \in S$  such that  $up_1 = up_2$ . If  $p_1 = p_2$ , then  $ap_1 = ap_2$ . If  $p_1 \neq p_2$ , then by condition (ii), there exist  $y'_1, y'_2 \in S$  such that  $p_1 = sy'_1$  and  $p_2 = sy'_2$ . Then by (iii) we have

$$up_1 = up_2 \Rightarrow usy'_1 = usy'_2 \Rightarrow (y'_1, y'_2) \in ker\lambda_{us} \subseteq ker\lambda_s.$$

This means that  $sy'_1 = sy'_2$ . Hence  $ap_1 = asy'_1 = asy'_2 = ap_2$ .

*Case 3.* If there exist  $r_1, r_2 \in S$  such that  $vr_1 = vr_2$ , then by a similar argument we get  $a'r_1 = a'r_2$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is well defined. Clearly  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Since  $A_S$  is fg-weakly injective, there exists a homomorphism  $\psi : S_S \rightarrow A_S$  which extends  $\varphi$ . Put  $a'' = \psi(1)$ . Then  $a = \varphi(u) = \psi(u) = \psi(1)u = a''u$  and  $a' = \varphi(v) = \psi(v) = \psi(1)v = a''v$ . Thus  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (LPWP). ■

**Corollary 2.13.** *If  $S$  is a commutative monoid, then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP) if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* Let  $s \in S$ . By Theorem 2.12, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$ . If  $l_1, l_2 \in S$  and  $ul_1 = vl_2$ , then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $(l_1, y_1) \in P_{1,s}, (y_1, y_2) \in \ker\lambda_s, (y_2, l_2) \in P_{s,1}$  which implies that  $l_1 = sy_1, sy_1 = sy_2, sy_2 = l_2$ . So  $l_1 = l_2$  and  $P_{u,v} \subseteq \Delta_S$ . Commutativity of  $S$  implies that  $(v, u) \in P_{u,v}$  which yields  $u = v$ . So  $\ker\lambda_u = P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$ . Since  $u.1 = u.1$ , there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $(1, y_1) \in P_{1,s}, (y_1, y_2) \in \ker\lambda_s, (y_2, 1) \in P_{s,1}$ . Hence  $1 = sy_1 = sy_2$  and  $S$  is a group.

Conversely, suppose that  $S$  is a group. By Theorem 2.1, all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP). So all right cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP). ■

**Corollary 2.14.** *If  $S$  is a finite monoid, then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP) if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.12, for any  $s \in S$  there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}, \ker\lambda_u \cup \ker\lambda_v \subseteq \rho_s S$  and  $\ker\lambda_{us} \cup \ker\lambda_{vs} \subseteq \ker\lambda_s$ . If  $l_1, l_2 \in S$  and  $ul_1 = vl_2$ , then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $(l_1, y_1) \in P_{1,s}, (y_1, y_2) \in \ker\lambda_s, (y_2, l_2) \in P_{s,1}$  which means  $l_1 = sy_1, sy_1 = sy_2, sy_2 = l_2$ . So  $l_1 = l_2$  and  $P_{u,v} \subseteq \Delta_S$ . Suppose that  $l_1, l_2 \in S$  are such that  $ul_1 = ul_2$  and  $l_1 \neq l_2$ . Then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S, l_1 = sy_1, l_2 = sy_2$  which implies that  $usy_1 = usy_2$ . The last equality shows that  $(y_1, y_2) \in \ker\lambda_{us} \subseteq \ker\lambda_s$ . So  $sy_1 = sy_2$  that is  $l_1 = l_2$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $u$  is left cancellable. Let  $S = \{1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  (note that the elements of  $S$  are distinct). It is clear that  $uS = \{u, ux_1, ux_2, \dots, ux_n\} = S$ . So  $v \in uS$ . If there exists  $i \leq n$  such that  $ux_i = v$ , then  $(x_i, 1) \in P_{u,v} \subseteq \Delta_S$  which implies that  $x_i = 1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $v = u$  and by a similar argument to Corollary 2.13, we get that  $s$  has a right inverse. Thus  $S$  is a group.

The converse has been proved in Theorem 2.1. ■

**Corollary 2.15.** *If  $S$  is an idempotent monoid, then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP) if and only if  $S = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that all cofree  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (LPWP). We claim that  $S = \{1\}$ . Assume that  $S \neq \{1\}$ . So there exists  $e \in S \setminus \{1\}$ . By Theorem 2.12, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,e} \circ \ker\lambda_e \circ P_{e,1}, \ker\lambda_u \cup \ker\lambda_v \subseteq \rho_e S$ . Obviously,  $(u, 1) \in \ker\lambda_u \subseteq \rho_e S$ , so  $u = 1$  or there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $u = ey_1$  and  $1 = ey_2$ . Since  $e \neq 1$ , we get that  $u = 1$  and similarly  $v = 1$ . By a

similar argument to the Corollary 2.13,  $e$  has a right inverse. Hence  $e = 1$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $S = \{1\}$  and we are done.

The converse is a part of Theorem 2.1. ■

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