On the computability of the abelian kernel of an inverse semigroup

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Rhodes’ Type II Conjecture

**Strong form:** The kernel of every semigroup is the smallest subsemigroup closed under weak conjugation.

**Weak form:** The kernel of every semigroup is computable.
Ash's proof (1991): Structural proof using inevitable graphs where inverse semigroups play an important role.

Ribes and Zaleskiï’s proof (1993): Translation of the problem to profinite topology by Pin and Reutenauer.


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**Basis of the proof**

Reduce the calculation of the abelian kernel to the calculation of the closure of certain subsets of the free commutative monoid and then test if 0 belongs to this closure.
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Let $\mathcal{U}_\Lambda(G)$ be the inverse semigroup of $\Lambda \times \Lambda$ matrices which have at most one non-zero entry in $G$ for each row and column. It holds $\mathcal{U}_\Lambda(G)$ has a unique 0-minimal $J$-class

$$\bar{J} = \{ M(i,g,j) : i, j \in \Lambda, g \in G \}$$

such that $J^0$ and $\bar{J}^0$ are isomorphic.

Then, we define a homomorphism $\phi_S : S \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_\Lambda(G)$. For every $s \in S$, take $M_s = \varphi_S(s)$. Whenever $M_s(i,j) = g$, we say that $(i, g, j)$ is a projection of $s$ onto $J$. We call $M_s$ the matrix of projections of $s$ onto $J$. 
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Consequences

For every minimal pair \((S, J)\), there exists a relational morphism
\[ \tau : S \rightarrow A \in \mathcal{Ab} \] such that:

1. \( \tau^{-1}(0) \cap J = K_{\mathcal{Ab}}(S) \cap J \).

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3. For every \( s, t \in S \) with \( 0 \neq st \) the equality \( \tau(st) = \tau(s) + \tau(t) \) holds.
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\(A := F_{ab,\Lambda} \oplus G\) be the infinite abelian group, where \(F_{ab,\Lambda}\) is the 
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\[
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Remarks of the proof

1. The proof is constructive.
2. Although the quotient $A/N$ could be not finite, in the first part of the proof, we see that every punctual relational morphism $\tau : S \rightarrow B$, which provides the abelian kernel, satisfies that $B$ is isomorphic to a quotient of $A/N$.
3. In the second part of the proof we construct a family of abelian finite groups, which are quotient of $A/N$, and such that we can construct a relational morphism providing the abelian kernel.
In particular, depending on $S$ it is possible to define a normal subgroup $\bar{N}$ such that $N \leq \bar{N} \leq A$, $A/\bar{N}$ is finite and we construct $\tau : S \rightarrow A/\bar{N}$ satisfying

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Applications
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