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# Characterization of Monoids by Condition $(PWP_S)$ of right acts

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**Abstract.** In [8] Valdis Laan introduced Condition (PWP). Golchin and Mohammadzadeh in [3] introduced Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , where Condition (PWP) implies Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , but the converse is not true in general. In this paper at first we introduce a generalization of Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , called Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Then will give some general properties and a characterization of monoids for which all right acts satisfy this condition. Also, we give a characterization of monoids, by comparing this property of their right acts with some others. Finally, we will give a characterization of monoid S, for which  $S_S^I$ , for any non-empty set I and  $S_S^{S\times S}$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

# 1 Introduction

For a monoid S, with 1 as its identity, a non-empty set A is called a right Sact, usually denoted by  $A_S$  (or simply A), if on which S acts unitarian from the right, that is, there exists a mapping  $A \times S \to A$ ,  $(a, s) \mapsto as$ , satisfying the conditions a(st) = (as)t and a1 = a, for all  $a \in A$  and  $s, t \in S$ . Let A

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and B be two right S-acts. A mapping  $f : A \to B$  is called a homomorphism of right S-acts or just an S-homomorphism if f(as) = f(a)s, for  $a \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . The set of all S-homomorphisms from A into B is denoted by Hom(A, B). Also **Act-**S is the category of right S-acts.

In [8], Condition (PWP) is defined as the principal weak form of Condition (P). In [3], Condition  $(PWP_E)$  is defined as the weak form of Condition (PWP).

In this paper at first we introduce a generalization of Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , called Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and will give some general properties, we also show that Condition  $(PWP_E)$  implies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  but the converse is not true in general. Then, we will give a characterization of monoids Sover which all right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and also a characterization of monoids S for which this condition of right S-acts has some other properties and vice versa. Finally, we give a characterization of monoid S, for which  $S_S^I$ , for any non-empty set I and  $S_S^{S\times S}$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

We refer the reader to [5, 6], for basic definitions and terminologies relating to semigroups and acts over monoids and to [2, 8, 9], for definitions and results on flatness which are used here.

### 2 General Properties

In this section we introduce Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and give some results on it.

Recall from [3, 6, 8] the following:

The right S-act A satisfies Condition (P), if for all  $a, a' \in A, s, s' \in S$ ,

$$as = a's' \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a''u, a' = a''v \text{ and } us = vs').$$

The right S-act A satisfies Condition (PWP), if for all  $a, a' \in A, s \in S$ ,

$$as = a's \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a''u, a' = a''v \text{ and } us = vs).$$

The right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A, s \in S$ ,

$$as = a's \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists e, f \in E(S))$$
  
$$(ae = a''ue, a'f = a''vf, es = s = fs \text{ and } us = vs).$$

The right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_e)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A, e \in E(S)$ ,

$$ae = a'e \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a''u, a' = a''v \text{ and } ue = ve).$$

We can easily see that the right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_E)$  if and only if as = a's, for  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s \in S$ , implies that there exist  $a'' \in A$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $e, f \in E(S)$  such that ae = a''u, a'f = a''v, es = s = fs and us = vs.

**Definition 2.1.** The right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A, s \in S$ ,

$$as = a's \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v, r, r' \in S)$$
$$(ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, rs = s = r's \text{ and } us = vs).$$

Clearly, Condition  $(PWP_E)$  implies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  but the converse is not true in general, see example 2.4.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let S be a monoid and A be a right S-act. Then:

- (1)  $S_S$  and  $\Theta_S$  satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (2) Condition  $(PWP_E)$  and Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are equivalent in idempotent monoids.
- (3) I is a non-empty set and  $A = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ , where  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , is right S-act. If A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), then  $A_i$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every  $i \in I$ .
- (4) If I is a non-empty set and  $A = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ , where  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , is right S-act, then A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) if and only if  $A_i$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every  $i \in I$ .
- (5) Let  $\{B_i | i \in I\}$  be a non-empty family of subacts of A. If for any  $i_1, i_2 \in I$  there exists  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $B_{i_1} \cup B_{i_2} \subseteq B_{i_0}$  and  $B_{i_0}$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  as a subact of A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (6) Let {B<sub>i</sub>|i ∈ I} be a non-empty chain of subacts of A. If every B<sub>i</sub>, i ∈ I, satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), then ∪ B<sub>i</sub> as a subact of A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).

(7) Any retract of an act satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

*Proof.* Parts (1), (2), (3), (4) and (7) are obvious.

(5): Suppose that as = a's, for  $a, a' \in \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $s \in S$ . Then there exist  $i_1, i_2 \in I$  such that  $a \in B_{i_1}$  and  $a' \in B_{i_2}$ , and so, by assumption, there exists  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $B_{i_1} \cup B_{i_2} \subseteq B_{i_0}$  and  $B_{i_0}$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Therefore

$$(\exists a'' \in B_{i_0})(\exists u, v, r, r' \in S); ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, rs = s = r's, us = vs.$$

Since  $B_{i_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  thus  $a'' \in \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$ , and so  $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

(6): is a special case of (5). Let  $a \in B_{i_1}$  and  $a' \in B_{i_2}$ . Without lose of generality, let  $B_{i_1} \subseteq B_{i_2}$ . Then  $a, a' \in B_{i_1} \cup B_{i_2} = B_{i_2}$ . By assumption,  $B_{i_2}$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , and so, by (5),  $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

Recall from [6, 8, 10, 11, 15] the following:

An element s of a monoid S is called right cancellable if ts = t's, for  $t, t' \in S$ , implies t = t' and monoid S is called right cancellative if every element s of S is right cancellable. A right S-act A is called torsion free (TF) if ac = a'c, for  $a, a' \in A$  and right cancellable element  $c \in S$ , implies a = a'.

A right S-act A is called principally weakly flat (PWF) if the functor  $A \otimes_S -$ , preserves all embeddings of principal left ideals into S. Also, an element s of a monoid S is called left almost regular if there exist elements  $r, r_1, ..., r_m, s_1, ..., s_m \in S$  and right cancellable elements  $c_1, ..., c_m \in S$  such that

$$s_1c_1 = sr_1$$
  

$$s_2c_2 = s_1r_2$$
  

$$\dots$$
  

$$s_mc_m = s_{m-1}r_m$$
  

$$s = s_mrs.$$

If all elements of S are left almost regular then S is called left almost regular monoid.

A right S-act A is called GP-flat, if  $a \otimes s = a' \otimes s$  in  $A \otimes_S S$  for  $s \in S$  and  $a, a' \in A$ , implies the existence of a natural number n such that  $a \otimes s^n = a' \otimes s^n$  in  $A \otimes_S S s^n$ . It is obvious that every principally weakly flat act is GP-flat and it is proved that every GP-flat act is torsion free, but the converse of both implications are not true in general.

A monoid S is called left PP if every principal left ideal of S is projective, or equivalently for every  $s \in S$  there exists an idempotent e of S such that  $ker\rho_s = ker\rho_e$ . It is left PSF if every principal left ideal of S is strongly flat, as a left S-act. This is equivalent to saying that S is right semi-cancellative, that is, whenever su = s'u, for  $s, s', u \in S$ , there exists  $r \in S$  such that u = ru and sr = s'r. Obviously every left PP monoid is left PSF.

An act  $A_S$  is called strongly torsion free (STF) if as = bs, for any  $a, b \in A$  and any  $s \in S$ , implies a = b.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let S be a monoid. Then for a right S-act A the following statements hold:

- (1)  $(PWP) \Rightarrow (PWP_E) \Rightarrow (PWP_S) \Rightarrow PWF.$
- (2) If S is left PSF, then

$$(PWP_S) \Leftrightarrow PWF.$$

(3) If S is left PP, then

$$(PWP_E) \Leftrightarrow (PWP_S) \Leftrightarrow PWF.$$

(4) If S is left almost regular, then

$$(PWP_E) \Leftrightarrow (PWP_S) \Leftrightarrow PWF \Leftrightarrow GP\text{-}flat \Leftrightarrow TF.$$

(5) If S is right cancellative, then

$$STF \Leftrightarrow (PWP) \Leftrightarrow (PWP_E) \Leftrightarrow (PWP_S) \Leftrightarrow PWF \Leftrightarrow GP-$$
$$flat \Leftrightarrow TF.$$

*Proof.* (1): Clearly  $(PWP) \Rightarrow (PWP_E) \Rightarrow (PWP_S)$ . Now let A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$  then there exist  $a'' \in A$  and  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, rs = s = r's and us = vs. So

$$a \otimes s = a \otimes rs = ar \otimes s = a''u \otimes s = a'' \otimes us = a'' \otimes vs = a''v \otimes s = a'r' \otimes s = a' \otimes r's = a' \otimes s$$

in  $A_S \otimes Ss$ . Thus A is PWF.

(2): Suppose the right S-act A is PWF and let as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$ and  $s \in S$ . By assumption, there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \in A$ ,  $s_1, ..., s_n, t_1, ..., t_n \in S$  such that

$$a = a_1 s_1$$
  
 $a_1 t_1 = a_2 s_2$   $s_1 s = t_1 s$   
 $a_2 t_2 = a_3 s_3$   $s_2 s = t_2 s$   
... ...  
 $a_n t_n = a'$   $s_n s = t_n s.$ 

Since S is left PSF,  $s_1s = t_1s$  implies the existence of  $r_1 \in S$  such that  $r_1s = s$  and  $s_1r_1 = t_1r_1$ . Also  $s_2s = t_2s$  implies  $s_2r_1s = t_2r_1s$ , and so, there exists  $r_2 \in S$  such that  $r_2s = s$ ,  $s_2r_1r_2 = t_2r_1r_2$  then  $r_1r_2s = s$ ,  $s_ir_1r_2 = t_ir_1r_2$ , for i = 1, 2.

Continuing this procedure, there exist  $r_1, r_2, ..., r_n \in S$  such that  $r_1r_2...r_ns = s$ ,  $s_ir_1r_2...r_n = t_ir_1r_2...r_n$ , for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Let  $r_1r_2...r_n = r$ . Thus rs = s and  $s_ir = t_ir$ , for  $1 \le i \le n$ . So  $ar = a_1s_1r = a_1t_1r = a_2s_2r = ... = a_ns_nr = a_nt_nr = a'r$ . Let u = v = r = r' and a'' = a. So A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

(3): Suppose S be a left PP monoid. Then by [3, Theorem 2.5], A is principally weakly flat if and only if A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_E)$  and by (1),(3) is true.

(4): Suppose S be a left almost regular monoid. Then by [6, IV, Theorem 6.5] every torsion free right S-act is principally weakly flat. Therefore for a right S-act A, torsion freeness and principal weak flatness are equivalent. Also  $PWF \Rightarrow GP\text{-}flat \Rightarrow TF$  then for a right S-act A, we will have,  $PWF \Leftrightarrow GP\text{-}flat \Leftrightarrow TF$ . On the other hand, according to the doual

of [6, IV, Proposition 1.3] every left almost regular monoid is left PP. So by (3) for a right S-act A, we will have  $(PWP_E) \Leftrightarrow (PWP_S) \Leftrightarrow PWF$ . Thus (4) is obtained.

(5): By (1) and definition, we will have  $STF \Rightarrow (PWP) \Rightarrow (PWP_E) \Rightarrow (PWP_S) \Rightarrow PWF \Rightarrow GP-flat \Rightarrow TF$ . Since S is a right cancellative monoid for a right S-act A, we will have  $STF \Leftrightarrow TF$ . Thus (5) is true.  $\Box$ 

We recall from [6] that a right ideal K of S satisfies Condition (LU) if for every  $k \in K$  there exists  $l \in K$  such that lk = k.

**Example 2.4.** Consider the commutative monoid  $S = \{x_i^m | i \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{1\}$  such that

$$x_i^m x_j^n = \begin{cases} x_j^n & i < j \\ x_i^{m+n} & i = j. \end{cases}$$

Let  $K = \{x_i^m | i \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . It is evident that K is an ideal of S. Let  $x_i^m \in K$  and j < i. Then  $x_j^m x_i^m = x_i^m$ , and so K satisfies Condition (LU).

Hence, by [6, III, Proposition 12.19],  $A = S \coprod S$  is weakly flat and so is principally weakly flat. Since S is left PSF (refer to [12, Example 1.6]), according to Theorem 2.3, A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , Now, we proceed to show that A does not satisfy Condition  $(PWP_E)$ . Since

$$(1,x)x_i^m = (1,y)x_i^m$$

and e = 1 is the only idempotent such that  $ex_i^m = x_i^m$ , there must exist  $a'' \in A$  and  $u, u' \in S$  such that (1, x) = a''u, (1, y) = a''u' and  $ux_i^m = u'x_i^m$ . Notice that (1, x) = a''u implies a'' = (1, x) and u = 1 but there is no element  $u' \in S$  such that (1, y) = (1, x)u'.

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In this section we give a characterization of monoids by Condition  $(PWP_S)$  of right S-acts. Also, we give a characterization of monoids, by comparing Condition  $(PWP_S)$  of their acts with some others.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let S be a left almost regular monoid. Then for a right S-act A, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) A satisfies Condition (PWP).
- (2) A satisfies Conditions  $(PWP_E)$  and  $(PWP_e)$ .
- (3) A satisfies Conditions  $(PWP_S)$  and  $(PWP_e)$ .
- (4) A is PWF and satisfies Condition  $(PWP_e)$ .
- (5) A is GP-flat and satisfies Condition  $(PWP_e)$ .
- (6) A is torsion free and satisfies Condition  $(PWP_e)$ .

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5) \Rightarrow (6)$  are obvious.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let as = a's, for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Since S is left almost regular, there exist elements  $r, r_1, r_2, ..., r_m, s_1, s_2, ..., s_m \in S$  and right cancellable elements  $c_1, c_2, ..., c_m \in S$  such that

$$s_1c_1 = sr_1$$

$$s_2c_2 = s_1r_2$$

$$\dots$$

$$s_mc_m = s_{m-1}r_m$$

$$s = s_mrs.$$

Therefore  $as_1c_1 = asr_1 = a'sr_1 = a's_1c_1$ , and so, by assumption,  $as_1 = a's_1$  because A is torsion free. Also

$$as_2c_2 = as_1r_2 = a's_1r_2 = a's_2c_2,$$

which implies  $as_2 = a's_2$ . Continuing this procedure  $as_i = a's_i$ , for  $1 \le i \le m$ . On the other hand  $s_1c_1 = sr_1 = s_mrsr_1 = s_mrs_1c_1$  which implies  $s_1 = s_mrs_1$ . Continuing this procedure,  $s_i = s_mrs_i$ , for  $1 \le i \le m$ . Therefore  $s_m = s_mrs_m$ , and so,  $s_mr, rs_m \in E(S)$ . Now  $as_m = a's_m$  implies  $as_mr = a's_mr$ . Since A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_e)$ , there exist  $a'' \in A$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that a = a''u, a' = a''v,  $us_mr = vs_mr$ . Also  $s = s_mrs$  implies  $us = us_mrs = vs_mrs = vs$ , that is, A satisfies Condition (PWP).

Now, an equivalent condition for a cyclic S-act satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  is given.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let S be a monoid and  $\rho$  be a right congruence on S. Then the cyclic right S-act  $S/\rho$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  if and only if  $(xt)\rho(yt)$ , for  $x, y, t \in S$ , implies the existence of elements  $u, v, r, r' \in S$ such that ut = vt,  $(xr)\rho u$ ,  $(yr')\rho v$  and rt = t = r't. *Proof.* Necessity: Suppose that  $S/\rho$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and let  $(xt)\rho(yt)$ , for  $x, y, t \in S$ . Then  $[x]_{\rho}t = [y]_{\rho}t$ , and so there exist  $r, r', w, w_1, w_2 \in S$  such that rt = t = r't,  $[x]_{\rho}r = [w]_{\rho}w_1$ ,  $[y]_{\rho}r' = [w]_{\rho}w_2$  and  $w_1t = w_2t$ . If  $ww_1 = u$  and  $ww_2 = v$  then  $[x]_{\rho}r = [1]_{\rho}u$  and  $[y]_{\rho}r' = [1]_{\rho}v$  and so,  $(xr)\rho u$ ,  $(yr')\rho v$  and ut = vt.

Sufficiency: Let  $[x]_{\rho}t = [y]_{\rho}t$ , for  $x, y, t \in S$ . Thus  $(xt)\rho(yt)$  and so, by assumption, there exist  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ut = vt,  $(xr)\rho u$ ,  $(yr')\rho v$ and rt = t = r't. Hence  $[x]_{\rho}r = [1]_{\rho}u$  and  $[y]_{\rho}r' = [1]_{\rho}v$ . So  $S/\rho$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $z \in S$ . Then the principal right ideal zS satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) if and only if zxt = zyt, for  $x, y, t \in S$ , implies the existence of elements  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ut = vt, zxr = zu, zyr' = zvand rt = t = r't.

*Proof.* Since  $zS \cong S/ker\lambda_z$ , the result follows from Theorem 3.2 if we put  $\rho = ker\lambda_z$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All finitely generated right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (3) All cyclic right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4) All monocyclic right S-acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (5) All monocyclic right S-acts of the form  $S/\rho(s, s^2)$ ,  $s \in S$ , satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (6) All right Rees factor acts of S satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (7) All right Rees factor acts of S of the form S/sS,  $s \in S$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (8) S is regular.

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

 $(5) \Rightarrow (8)$ : All monocyclic right S-acts of the form  $S/\rho(s, s^2), s \in S$ , are principally weakly flat, by Theorem 2.3(1). Thus by [6, IV, Theorem 6.6], S is regular.

 $(7) \Rightarrow (8)$ : All right Rees factor acts of the form S/sS,  $s \in S$ , are principally weakly flat, by Theorem 2.3(1). Thus by [6, IV, Theorem 6.6], S is regular.

 $(8) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Since S is regular then it is left PP. So by [6, IV, Theorem 6.6] and by Theorem 2.3(3), all right S-acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).  $\Box$ 

Recall from [10], that a right S-act A satisfies Condition (EP), if for all  $a \in A, s, s' \in S$ ,

$$as = as' \Rightarrow (\exists a' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a'u = a'v \text{ and } us = vs')$$

It satisfies Condition (E'P), if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s', z \in S$ ,

$$(as = as', sz = s'z) \Rightarrow (\exists a' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a'u = a'v \text{ and } us = vs').$$

Recall from [3], that a right S-act A satisfies Condition (E), if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s' \in S$ ,

$$as = as' \Rightarrow (\exists a' \in A)(\exists u \in S)(a = a'u \text{ and } us = us').$$

It satisfies Condition (E'), if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s', z \in S$ ,

$$(as = as', sz = s'z) \Rightarrow (\exists a' \in A)(\exists u \in S)(a = a'u \text{ and } us = us').$$

**Example 3.5.** Condition (E) does not imply Condition  $(PWP_S)$  in general, because if  $S = (\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  then  $A_{\mathbb{N}} = \mathbb{N} \coprod^{2\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{N} = (1, x)\mathbb{N} \cup (1, y)\mathbb{N}$ . Clearly,  $(1, x)\mathbb{N} \cong$  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathbb{N}} \cong (1, y)\mathbb{N}$ . Since,  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathbb{N}}$  satisfies Condition (E) then subacts  $(1, x)\mathbb{N}$  and  $(1, y)\mathbb{N}$  satisfy Condition (E). So  $A_{\mathbb{N}} = (1, x)\mathbb{N} \cup (1, y)\mathbb{N}$  satisfy Condition (E). But  $A_{\mathbb{N}}$  does not satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , because on the other hand (1, x)2 = (1, y)2 implies that there exist  $\alpha \in A_{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $r, r', u, v \in S$  such that  $(1, x)r = \alpha u, (1, y)r' = \alpha v, r.2 = 2 = r'.2$  and u2 = v2. Since r.2 = 2 = r'.2implies r = r' = 1 so  $(1, x) = \alpha u$  and  $(1, y) = \alpha v$ . Now,  $(1, x) = \alpha u$  implies that there exists  $l \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 2\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha = (l, x)$ . So  $(1, y) = \alpha v = (l, x)v$ , which is contradiction. So  $A_{\mathbb{N}}$  does not satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (E'P) satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (3) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (E') satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

- (4) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (EP) satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (5) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (E) satisfy Condition ( $PWP_S$ ).
- (6) S is regular.

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (5)$  and  $(2) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5)$  are obvious.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$ : Let  $s \in S$ . If sS = S, then there exists  $x \in S$  such that sx = 1. Thus sxs = s, and so, s is regular. Now let  $sS \neq S$ . Then

$$A = S \coprod^{sS} S = \{(l, x) | l \in S \setminus sS\} \ \dot{\cup} \ sS \ \dot{\cup} \ \{(t, y) | t \in S \setminus sS\}$$

is a right S-act and

$$B = \{(l,x) | l \in S \setminus sS\} \ \dot{\cup} \ sS \cong S_S \cong \{(t,y) | t \in S \setminus sS\} \ \dot{\cup} \ sS = C.$$

where B and C are subacts of A. Also,  $A = B \bigcup C$  is generated by two elements (1, x) and (1, y). Since S satisfies Condition (E), B and C satisfy Condition (E), and so, A satisfies Condition (E). Hence, by assumption, A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>). Since (1, x)s = (1, y)s, then there exist  $a \in A$ and  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that (1, x)r = au, (1, y)r' = av, rs = s = r's and us = vs. Now (1, x)r = au and (1, y)r' = av imply either  $r \in sS$  or  $r' \in sS$ . If  $r \in sS$  there exists  $s' \in S$  such that r = ss', and so, s = rs = ss's. Thus s is regular. If  $r' \in sS$ , then Similarly s is regular. Therefore S is regular. 

 $(6) \Rightarrow (1)$ : It is obvious, by Theorem 3.4.

If  $s \in S$  such that  $sS \neq S$ , then, by [6, III, Proposition 12.19], the right S-act  $S \coprod^{sS} S$  is principally weakly flat if and only if sS satisfies Condition (LU) and this is equivalent to saying that s is regular. On the other hand if S is regular, then S is left PP, and so, by Theorem 2.3(3) for every right S-act, Condition  $(PWP_S)$  is equivalent to principally weakly flat. Hence Theorem 3.6 is true, if we substitute Condition  $(PWP_S)$  by principally weakly flat. Moreover, for finitely generated right S-acts and for right S-acts generated by at most (exactly) two elements Theorem 3.6 is also true.

**Theorem 3.7.** A right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  if and only if for  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s \in S$  and homomorphism  $f : {}_{S}S \to {}_{S}S$ , af(s) = a'f(s)implies that there exist  $a'' \in A$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that f(u) = f(v), f(r) =f(1) = f(r') and  $a \otimes sr = a'' \otimes u$ ,  $a' \otimes sr' = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A \otimes_S S$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let af(s) = a'f(s), for homomorphism  $f : {}_{S}S \to {}_{S}S$ ,  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Then, asf(1) = a'sf(1), and so, there exist  $a'' \in A$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that asr = a''u, a'sr' = a''v, rf(1) = f(1) = r'f(1) and uf(1) = vf(1). Thus f(r) = f(1) = f(r') and f(u) = f(v). Now, by [6, II, Proposition 5.13], asr = a''u and a'sr' = a''v imply  $a \otimes sr = a'' \otimes u$  and  $a' \otimes sr' = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A \otimes_S S$ , as required.

Sufficiency: Let as = a's, for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Define

$$f = \rho_s : {}_SS \to {}_SS$$
$$x \mapsto xs.$$

It is obvious that f is a homomorphism and af(1) = a'f(1). Thus, by assumption, there exist  $a'' \in A$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that  $a \otimes r = a'' \otimes u$ ,  $a' \otimes r' = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A \otimes_S S$ , f(u) = f(v) and f(r) = f(1) = f(r'). By [6, II, Proposition 5.13],  $a \otimes r = a'' \otimes u$  and  $a' \otimes r' = a'' \otimes v$  imply ar = a''uand a'r' = a''v respectively. Also, f(u) = f(v) implies us = vs and f(r) =f(1) = f(r') implies rs = s = r's, by definition f. Hence A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , as required.  $\Box$ 

By putting r = r' = 1 in the above theorem, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.8.** A right S-act A satisfies Condition (PWP) if and only if for  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s \in S$  and homomorphism  $f : {}_{S}S \to {}_{S}S$ , af(s) = a'f(s), implies that there exist  $a'' \in A$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that f(u) = f(v) and  $a \otimes s = a'' \otimes u$ ,  $a' \otimes s = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A \otimes_{S}S$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All generators in right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (3) All finitely generated generators in right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4) All generators generated by at most three elements in right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (5)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every generator right S-act A.
- (6)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every finitely generated generator right S-act A.

- (7)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every generator right S-act A generated by at most three elements.
- (8)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every right S-act A.
- (9)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every finitely generated right S-act A.
- (10)  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every right S-act A generated by at most two elements.
- (11) A right S-act A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), if  $Hom(A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (12) A finitely generated right S-act A satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), if  $Hom(A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (13) A right S-act A generated by at most two elements satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , if  $Hom(A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (14) S is regular.

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$ ,  $(5) \Rightarrow (6) \Rightarrow (7)$ ,  $(8) \Rightarrow (9) \Rightarrow (10)$ ,  $(11) \Rightarrow (12) \Rightarrow (13)$ ,  $(1) \Rightarrow (5)$  and  $(1) \Rightarrow (11)$  are obvious.

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (14): It is obvious, by Theorem 3.4.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (8): It is obvious that the mapping  $\pi : S \times A_S \to S_S$ , where  $\pi(s, a) = s$ , for  $a \in A$  and  $s \in S$ , is an epimorphism in Act-S, and so, by [6, II, Theorem 3.16],  $S \times A_S$  is a generator. Thus by assumption,  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (*PWP*<sub>S</sub>).

 $(10) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Suppose as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . If  $B_S = aS \bigcup a'S$ . It is obvious that  $B_S$  is a subact of  $A_S$  and  $B_S$  is generated by at most two elements. Then by assumption, right S-act  $S \times B_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Since, as = a's implies (1, a)s = (1, a')s, there exist  $(w, b) \in$  $S \times B_S, u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that (1, a)r = (w, b)u, (1, a')r' = (w, b)v, us = vsand rs = s = r's. Then ar = bu and a'r' = bv and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

 $(13) \Rightarrow (2)$ : Suppose A be a generator right S-act, and as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Let  $B_S = aS \bigcup a'S$ . It is obvious that  $B_S$  is a subact of  $A_S$  generated by at most two elements. Since  $A_S$  is a generator, there exists an epimorphism  $\pi : A_S \to S_S$ . Obviously  $\pi^* = \pi|_{B_S} : B_S \to S_S$  is a homomorphism, then  $Hom(B_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, by assumption,  $B_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Now as = a's in  $B_S$  implies that there exist

 $a'' \in B_S \subseteq A_S, u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, us = vs and rs = s = r's. Hence,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (*PWPs*), as required.

 $(7) \Rightarrow (2)$ : Suppose A be a generator right S-act and as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Since  $A_S$  is a generator there exists an epimorphism  $\pi : A_S \to S_S$ . Let  $\pi(z) = 1$ . If  $B_S = aS \bigcup a'S \bigcup zS$ . It is obvious that  $B_S$  is a subact of  $A_S$  which is generated by at most three elements. Obviously the mapping  $\pi^* = \pi|_{B_S} : B_S \to S_S$  is an epimorphism, and so  $B_S$  is a generator. Therefore by assumption, right S-act  $S \times B_S$ , satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Now as = a's in  $B_S$  implies (1, a)s = (1, a')s in  $S \times B_S$  and so, there exist  $(w, a'') \in S \times B_S$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that (1, a)r = (w, a'')u, (1, a')r' = (w, a'')v, us = vs and rs = s = r's. Thus ar = a''u and a'r' = a''v. Hence,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , as required.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose A be a generator right S-act and as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Since  $A_S$  is a generator there exists an epimorphism  $\pi : A_S \to S_S$ . Let  $\pi(z) = 1$ . If  $B_S = aS \bigcup a'S \bigcup zS$ , then  $B_S$  is a subact of  $A_S$  generated by at most three elements. It is obvious that the mapping  $\pi^* = \pi|_{B_S} : B_S \to S_S$  is an epimorphism, then  $B_S$  is a generator, and so, by assumption,  $B_S$  satisfies Condition (*PWPs*). Now as = a's in  $B_S$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in B_S \subseteq A_S$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, us = vs and rs = s = r's. Hence,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (*PWPs*), as required.

A right S-act A is called  $\mathfrak{R}$ -torsion free if for any  $a, b \in A$  and  $c \in S, c$  right cancellable, ac = bc and  $a \mathfrak{R} b$  ( $\mathfrak{R}$  is the Green's equivalence) imply that a = b.

#### **Theorem 3.10.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All  $\Re$ -torsion free right S-acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (3) All  $\mathfrak{R}$ -torsion free finitely generated right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4) All R-torsion free right S-acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (5) All  $\mathfrak{R}$ -torsion free right S-acts generated by exactly two elements satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).

(6) S is regular.

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5)$  are obvious.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$ : Every right S-act satisfies Condition (EP) is  $\Re$ -torsion free, by [14, Proposition 1.2]. Therefore by assumption, all right S-acts satisfying Condition (EP) generated by exactly two elements satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Since Theorem 3.6, for right S-acts generated by exactly two elements is true, S is a regular monoid.

 $(6) \Rightarrow (1)$ : It is obvious, by Theorem 3.4.

Notation:  $C_l(C_r)$  is the set of all left (right) cancellable elements of S. It is clear that  $C_l(C_r)$  is not empty. because  $1 \in C_l(C_r)$ .

We recall from [6] that a right S-act A is (strongly) faithful if for  $s, t \in S$  the equality as = at for (some) all  $a \in A$  implies that s = t. It is straightforward that every strongly faithful right S-act is faithful, but the converse is not true in general.

By [1, Lemma 2.10], there exists at least one strongly faithful cyclic right (left) S-act if and only if  $S_S$  ( $_SS$ ) is a strongly faithful right (left) S-act, which it is equivalent to saying that S is a left (right) cancellative monoid.

**Lemma 3.11.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) There exists at least one strongly faithful right(left) S-act.
- (2) There exists at least one strongly faithful finitely generated right(left) S-act.
- (3) There exists at least one strongly faithful cyclic right(left) S-act.
- (4) There exists at least one strongly faithful monocyclic right(left) S-act.
- (5) For every  $s \in S$ , sS(Ss) is a strongly faithful right(left) S-act.
- (6) There exists  $s \in S$  such that sS(Ss) is a strongly faithful right(left) S-act.
- (7)  $S_S(S)$  is a strongly faithful right(left) S-act.
- (8) For every  $s \in S$ ,  $sS \subseteq C_l(Ss \subseteq C_r)$ .
- (9) There exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sS \subseteq C_l(Ss \subseteq C_r)$ .
- (10) S is a left(right) cancellative monoid, that is,  $S = C_l(S = C_r)$ .

*Proof.* By [1, Lemma 2.10], it is suffices to show that statements (4) and (7) are equivalent.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Since  $S/\rho(s,s) = S/\Delta_S \cong S_S$ ;  $(s \in S)$ , the result is obvious.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (7)$ : Suppose there exists at least one strongly faithful monocyclic right(left) S-act, then there exists at least one strongly faithful right(left) S-act. Let A be a strongly faithful right(left) S-act, and let ls = lt(sl = tl), for  $l, t, s \in S$ . Then for every  $a \in A$ , als = alt(sla = tla). Since A is strongly faithful, the last equality implies that s = t. Hence S is a left(right) cancellative monoid and so the result follows.

**Theorem 3.12.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All strongly faithful right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All finitely generated strongly faithful right S-acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (3) All strongly faithful right S-acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4) All strongly faithful right S-acts generated by exactly two elements satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (5) Either S is not left cancellative or S is regular.
- (6) Either S is not left cancellative or S is a group.

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

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ : If S is not left cancellative, then we are done proved. Otherwise, if sS = S, for  $s \in S$ , then s is regular. Now let  $sS \neq S$ . Then

$$A = S \coprod^{sS} S = \{(l, x) | l \in S \setminus sS\} \stackrel{.}{\cup} sS \stackrel{.}{\cup} \{(t, y) | t \in S \setminus sS\}$$

is a right S-act and

$$B = \{(l, x) | l \in S \setminus sS\} \ \dot{\cup} \ sS \cong S_S \cong \{(t, y) | t \in S \setminus sS\} \ \dot{\cup} \ sS = C.$$

Since S is left cancellative, it is strongly faithful, by Lemma 3.11. Therefore B and C are strongly faithful as subacts of A. Thus A is strongly faithful, and so, by assumption, it satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Now by the proof  $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$  of Theorem 3.6, S is regular.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$ : If S is left cancellative, then it is regular. Thus for every  $s \in S$ , there exists  $x \in S$  such that sxs = s, which implies xs = 1. Hence Ss = S, for every  $s \in S$  and so S is group.

 $(6) \Rightarrow (1)$ : If S is not left cancellative, by Lemma 3.11, we obtain the result. Otherwise, S is regular because it is group, and so, by Theorem 3.4, the result is proved.

Using a similar argument as in the proof of above theorem and that  $S_S$  is always a faithful right S-act, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.13.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All faithful right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (3) All finitely generated faithful right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4) All faithful right S-acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (5) All faithful right S-acts generated by exactly two elements satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (6) S is regular.

For fixed elements  $u, v \in S$ , a binary relation  $P_{u,v}$  on S can be defined as follows:

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

For  $s, t \in S$ , let  $\mu_{s,t} = ker\lambda_s \lor ker\lambda_t$  and for any right ideal I of S, let  $\rho_I$  denote the right Rees congruence on S, i.e., for  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$(x,y) \in \rho_I \Leftrightarrow (x = y \lor x, y \in I).$$

For  $x, y \in S$ 

$$L(x,y) = \{(a,b) \in S \times S | ax = by\}$$

is either empty or a subact of  $_{S}(S \times S)$ . Similarly, we define

$$R(x,y) = \{(a,b) \in S \times S | xa = yb\}.$$

Therefore  $P_{u,v} = R(u, v)$ , for every  $u, v \in S$ .

Recall from [6] that a right S-act is called cofree if it is isomorphic to the act  $X^S = \{f | f \text{ is a mapping from } S \text{ to } X\}$ , where fs is defined by fs(t) = f(st), for  $f \in X^S$  and  $s, t \in S$ .

An S-act  $Q_S$  is called injective (Inj), if for any monomorphism  $\iota : A_S \to B_S$  and any homomorphism  $f : A_S \to Q_S$  there exists a homomorphism  $\overline{f} : B_S \to Q_S$  such that  $f = \overline{f}\iota$ . It is called (fg-) weakly injective ((fg-)WI), if it is injective relative to all embeddings of (finitely generated) right ideals into S.

**Theorem 3.14.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All fg-weakly injective right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (1) All weakly injective right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (2) All injective right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (3) All cofree right S-acts satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .
- (4)  $(\forall s \in S) \ (\exists u, v, r, r' \in S)(rs = s = r's \land us = vs)$  and the following conditions hold:
  - (i)  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{r,s} \circ ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,r'}$
  - (ii)  $ker\lambda_u \subseteq ker\lambda_r$
  - (iii)  $ker\lambda_v \subseteq ker\lambda_{r'}$ .

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$  are obvious, because  $cofree \Rightarrow Inj \Rightarrow WI \Rightarrow fg - WI$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $s \in S$  and  $S_1, S_2$  be two distinct sets, where  $|S_1| = |S_2| = |S|$  and  $\alpha : S \to S_1, \beta : S \to S_2$  are bijections. Put  $X = (S/ker\lambda_s) \cup S_1 \cup S_2$ , and define the mappings  $f, g : S \to X$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{ker\lambda_s} & \text{if there exists } y \in S; \ x = sy \\ \alpha(x) & \text{if } x \in S \setminus sS \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{ker\lambda_s} & \text{if there exists } y \in S; \ x = sy \\ \\ \beta(x) & \text{if } x \in S \setminus sS \end{cases}$$

If there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$ , such that  $sy_1 = sy_2$ , then  $(y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s$ , and so,  $[y_1]_{ker\lambda_s} = [y_2]_{ker\lambda_s}$ , that is,  $f(sy_1) = f(sy_2)$ . So f is well-defined. Similarly, g is well-defined. According to our definition of f and g, we clearly have fs = gs. By assumption, the cofree right S-act  $X^S = \{h : S \to X\}$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , and so, there exist mapping  $h : S \to X$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$ such that fr = hu, gr' = hv, rs = s = r's and us = vs. Let  $(l_1, l_2) \in P_{u,v}$ , for  $l_1, l_2 \in S$ , then

$$f(rl_1) = (fr)l_1 = (hu)l_1 = h(ul_1) = h(vl_2) = (hv)l_2 = (gr')l_2 = g(r'l_2).$$

Thus there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $rl_1 = sy_1$  and  $r'l_2 = sy_2$ , and so  $f(rl_1) = [y_1]_{ker\lambda_s}$  and  $g(r'l_2) = [y_2]_{ker\lambda_s}$ , which imply  $sy_1 = sy_2$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} rl_1 &= sy_1 \Rightarrow (l_1, y_1) \in P_{r,s} \\ sy_1 &= sy_2 \Rightarrow (y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s \quad \Rightarrow (l_1, l_2) \in P_{r,s} \circ ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,r} \\ sy_2 &= r'l_2 \Rightarrow (y_2, l_2) \in P_{s,r'} \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{r,s} \circ ker\lambda_s \circ P_{s,r'}$ , and so (i) is proved. Now let  $(t_1, t_2) \in ker\lambda_u$ , for  $t_1, t_2 \in S$ . Then  $ut_1 = ut_2$  and so

$$f(rt_1) = (fr)t_1 = (hu)t_1 = h(ut_1) = h(ut_2) = (hu)t_2 = (fr)t_2 = f(rt_2).$$

From definition f, we consider two cases as follows:

Case 1.  $rt_1, rt_2 \in S \setminus sS$ , then  $\alpha(rt_1) = \alpha(rt_2)$ , which implies  $(t_1, t_2) \in ker\lambda_r$ .

Case 2.  $rt_1, rt_2 \in sS$  then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $rt_1 = sy_1$  and  $rt_2 = sy_2$ . Therefore  $f(rt_1) = f(rt_2)$  implies  $rt_1 = sy_1 = sy_2 = rt_2$ , that is  $(t_1, t_2) \in ker\lambda_r$ . Similarly, (iii) is proved.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Suppose that A is a fg-weakly injective right S-act and as = a's, for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . By assumption, there exist  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that rs = s = r's, us = vs and conditions (i), (ii), and (iii) hold. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : uS \cup vS \to A \\ x \mapsto \begin{cases} arp & \exists p \in S : \ x = up \\ a'r'q & \exists q \in S : \ x = vq \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

First we show that  $\varphi$  is well-defined. If there exist  $p, q \in S$  such that up = vq, then  $(p,q) \in P_{u,v}$ . By (i), there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $(p, y_1) \in P_{r,s}$ ,  $(y_1, y_2) \in ker\lambda_s$  and  $(y_2, q) \in P_{s,r'}$ . Thus  $rp = sy_1$ ,  $sy_1 = sy_2$  and  $sy_2 = r'q$ . Therefore  $arp = asy_1 = a'sy_1 = a'sy_2 = a'r'q$ . If there exist  $p_1, p_2 \in S$ such that  $up_1 = up_2$  then  $(p_1, p_2) \in ker\lambda_u$ , and so by (ii),  $rp_1 = rp_2$ , which implies  $arp_1 = arp_2$ . If there exist  $q_1, q_2 \in S$  such that  $vq_1 = vq_2$ , by (iii), similar to the pervious case,  $a'r'q_1 = a'r'q_2$ . Thus,  $\varphi$  is well-defined, and obviously it is a homomorphism. Since, by assumption, A is fg-weakly injective, there exists a homomorphism  $\psi : S \to A$  such that  $\psi|_{uS\cup vS} = \varphi$ . Let  $a'' = \psi(1)$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} ar = \varphi(u) = \psi(u) = \psi(1)u = a''u \\ , \\ a'r' = \varphi(v) = \psi(v) = \psi(1)v = a''v \end{cases}$$

that is, A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

In the following, we give a classification of monoids when Condition  $(PWP_S)$  of their acts implies some other flatness properties.

**Theorem 3.15.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are generator.
- (2) All finitely generated right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are generator.
- (3) All cyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are generator.
- (4) All right Rees factor acts of S satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are generator.
- (5)  $S = \{1\}.$

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

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5):  $\Theta_S \cong S/S_S$  satisfies Condition (*PWP<sub>S</sub>*), by Theorem 2.2, and so, by assumption,  $\Theta_S \cong S/S_S$  is generator. Hence there exists an epimorphism  $\pi : \Theta_S \to S_S$ , which implies  $S = \{1\}$ .

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Since  $S = \{1\}$ , all right S-acts are generator.

Recall from [2, 4], the following:

A right S-act A is called principally weakly kernel flat (PWKF) if the mapping  $\varphi$  is bijective for every pullback diagram  $P(Ss, Ss, f, f, S), s \in S$  and it is translation kernel flat (TKF) if the mapping  $\varphi$  is bijective for every pullback diagram P(S, S, f, f, S).

A right S-act A satisfies Condition (P'), if for all  $a, a' \in A, s, s', z \in S$ ,

$$(as = a's', sz = s'z) \Rightarrow (\exists a'' \in A)(\exists u, v \in S)(a = a''u, a' = a''v \text{ and } us = vs').$$

**Theorem 3.16.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S is left PSF and every right S-act satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) is PWKF.
- (2) S is left PSF and every right S-act satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  is TKF.
- (3) S is left PSF and every right S-act satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Condition (PWP).
- (4) S is left PSF and every right S-act satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  satisfy Condition (P').
- (5) S is right cancellative.

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  and  $(4) \Rightarrow (3)$  are obvious, since  $PWKF \Rightarrow TKF \Rightarrow (PWP)$  and  $(P') \Rightarrow (PWP)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Suppose S is not right cancellative. If  $I = S \setminus C_r$  then, by [7, Lemma 3.12], I is a proper right ideal of monoid S. Let

$$A = S \coprod^{I} S = \{(l, x) | l \in S \setminus I\} \ \dot{\cup} \ I \ \dot{\cup} \ \{(t, y) | t \in S \setminus I\}.$$

and

$$B = \left\{ (l, x) | l \in S \setminus I \right\} \ \dot{\cup} \ I \cong S_S \cong \left\{ (t, y) | t \in S \setminus I \right\} \ \dot{\cup} \ I = C,$$

So  $A = B \cup C$  is generated by two elements (1, x) and (1, y). Since S is left PSF, by [7, Lemma 3.12], I satisfies Condition (LU). Thus, by [6, III, Proposition 12.19], A is PWF. Also, by Theorem 2.3(2), A satisfies Condition ( $PWP_S$ ), and so, by assumption A satisfies Condition (PWP). Therefore (1, x)i = (1, y)i for  $i \in I$ , implies that there exist  $a'' \in A$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that (1, x) = a''u, (1, y) = a''v and ui = vi. But (1, x) = a''uand (1, y) = a''v imply that there exist  $w_1, w_2 \in S \setminus I$  such that  $a'' = (w_1, x) = (w_2, y)$ , which is a contradiction.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Since S is right cancellative, by [4, Theorem 2.2], all torsion free right S-acts satisfy Condition (P'), but by Theorem 2.3(1),  $(PWP_S) \Rightarrow$  $PWF \Rightarrow TF$ . Thus all right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  satisfy Condition (P'). Also, every right cancellative monoid is left *PSF*.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Since S is right cancellative, by [7, Lemma 3.13] and Theorem 2.3(5), Condition (*PWP<sub>S</sub>*) and *PWKF* are equivalent. Also, every right cancellative monoid is left *PSF*.

It is clear that the above theorem is also true for finitely generated right S-acts and right S-acts generated by at most (exactly) two elements.

We recall from [7] that a right S-act A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_{ssc})$  if for all  $a, a' \in A, s \in S$ ,

$$as = a's \Rightarrow (\exists r \in S)(ar = a'r \text{ and } rs = s).$$

#### **Corollary 3.17.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- All right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) are PWKF and satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (2) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) are TKF and satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (3) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Conditions (PWP) and (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (4) All right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Conditions (P') and (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (5) S is right cancellative.

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

 $(3) \Rightarrow (5)$ :  $S_S$  satisfies Condition ( $PWP_S$ ), by Theorem 2.2(1). Thus by assumption,  $S_S$  satisfies Condition ( $PWP_{ssc}$ ), and so, S is left PSF. Also, all right S-acts satisfying Condition ( $PWP_S$ ) satisfy Condition (PWP). Thus S is right cancellative, by Theorem 3.16.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (4)$ : All right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  satisfy Condition (P'), by Theorem 3.16. Now let A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$  and

as = a's for  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s \in S$ . Since A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , there exist  $a'' \in A$ ,  $u, v, r, r' \in S$  such that ar = a''u, a'r' = a''v, rs = s = r's and us = vs. Since S is right cancellative, r = r' = 1 and u = v. Hence a = a', and so, A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_{ssc})$ .

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : All right *S*-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are principally weakly kernel flat, by Theorem 3.16. Also by the proof of  $(5) \Rightarrow (4)$ , all right *S*-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  satisfy Condition  $(PWP_{ssc})$ .  $\Box$ 

By the proof of Theorem 3.16, we conclude that the above corollary is true for finitely generated right S-acts and also right S-acts generated by at most (exactly) two elements.

**Theorem 3.18.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are (strongly) faithful.
- (2) All finitely generated right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are (strongly) faithful.
- (3) All cyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are (strongly) faithful.
- (4) All right Rees factor acts of S satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) are (strongly) faithful.
- (5)  $S = \{1\}.$

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$  and  $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$  are obvious.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5): \Theta_S \cong S/S_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , by Theorem 2.2(1). Thus, by assumption, it is (strongly) faithful, and so  $S = \{1\}$ .

We recall from [6] that a right S- act A is called divisible if Ac = A, for any left cancellable element  $c \in S$ .

**Theorem 3.19.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts are divisible.
- (2) All right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are divisible.
- (3) All finitely generated right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are divisible.

- (4) All cyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition  $(PWP_S)$  are divisible.
- (5) All monocyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), are divisible.
- (6) Sc = S, for every  $c \in C_l$ .

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5)$  are obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): The monocyclic right S-act  $S_S \cong S/\Delta_S = S/\rho_{(x,x)}, x \in S$ , satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , and so, it is divisible, that is Sc = S, for every  $c \in C_l$ .

 $(6) \Rightarrow (1)$ : It is obvious, by [6, III, Proposition 2.2].

**Theorem 3.20.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-acts satisfying Condition ( $PWP_S$ ) satisfy Condition ( $PWP_{ssc}$ ).
- (2) All finitely generated right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- All cyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (4) All monocyclic right S-acts satisfying Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (5) S is left PSF.

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

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): The monocyclic right S-act  $S_S \cong S/\Delta_S = S/\rho_{(x,x)}, x \in S$ , satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ , and so, it satisfies Condition  $(PWP_{ssc})$ . Thus S is left PSF, by [7, Theorem 2.2].

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Suppose A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ . Thus A is PWF, by Theorem 2.3(1), and so, A satisfies Condition  $(PWP_{ssc})$ , by [7, Theorem 2.8].

# $\begin{array}{ll} 4 & Characterization \ of \ monoid \ S \ by \ Condition \ (PWP_S) \ of \ S_S^I \\ & \text{ and } \ S_S^{S \times S} \end{array}$

In this section, we give equivalent conditions that  $S_S^I$ , for any nonempty set I and  $S_S^{S \times S}$ , satisfy Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

Recall that for any nonempty set I,  $S_S^I$  is the product of a family of S in Act-S.

Recall from [1, 10, 13] following:

The right S-act  $S \times S$  equipped with the right S-action (s, t)u = (su, tu), for  $s, t, u \in S$  is called the diagonal act of S and will be denoted by D(S)or  $S_S^2$ .

A monoid S is called left PCP, if all principal left ideals of S satisfy Condition (P) or equivalently sz = tz, for  $s, t, z \in S$ , implies that there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that z = uz = vz and su = tv. Note that in some papers, such as [13], left PCP is denoted by left P(P).

A monoid S is called weakly left P(P) if as = bs, xb = yb, for  $s, x, y, a, b \in S$ , imply the existence of  $r \in S$ , such that xar = yar and rs = s. It is obvious that left  $PP \Rightarrow$  left  $PSF \Rightarrow$  left PCP and by [13, Proposition 2.2] it is proved that every left PCP monoid is weakly left P(P) monoid.

**Theorem 4.1.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S is left PSF.
- (2) S is left PCP and  $S_S^n$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (3) S is weakly left P(P) and  $S_S^n$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>) for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (4) S is left PCP and D(S) satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (5) S is weakly left P(P) and D(S) satisfies Condition  $(PWP_S)$ .

*Proof.* Implications  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  and  $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$  follow from [13, Proposition 2.2].

Implications  $(2) \Rightarrow (4)$  and  $(3) \Rightarrow (5)$  are obvious.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ : Every left *PSF* monoid is left *PCP*. Also,  $S_S^n$  is principally weakly flat for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by [10, Corollary 2.16]. Since *S* is left *PSF*,  $S_S^n$  satisfies Condition (*PWP*<sub>S</sub>) for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by Theorem 2.3(2).

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : S is weakly left P(P) and D(S) is principally weakly flat, by Theorem 2.3(1). Hence S is left PSF, by [13, Theorem 2.5].

**Theorem 4.2.** For any commutative monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

(1) S is left PSF.

- (2)  $S_S^n$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (3) D(S) satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- *Proof.* Implication  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  is obvious, by Theorem 4.1.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : It is obvious.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ : D(S) is principally weakly flat, by Theorem 2.3(1), and so, S is left *PSF*, by [13, Proposition 3.2].

**Theorem 4.3.** For any monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S is left PP.
- (2) S is left PSF and  $[1]_{ker\rho_s}$  as a submonoid of S,  $s \in S$ , contains a right zero.
- (3) S is left PCP and  $[1]_{ker\rho_s}$  as a submonoid of S,  $s \in S$ , contains a right zero.
- (4)  $S_S^I$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>), for any nonempty set I.
- (5)  $S_S^{S \times S}$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>ssc</sub>).
- (6) S is left PSF and  $S_S^I$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for any nonempty set I.
- (7) S is left PCP and  $S_S^I$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for any nonempty set I.
- (8) S is weakly left P(P) and  $S_S^I$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for any nonempty set I.
- (9) S is left PSF and  $S_S^{S \times S}$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (10) S is left PCP and  $S_S^{S \times S}$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).
- (11) S is weakly left P(P) and  $S_S^{S \times S}$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).

*Proof.* Implications  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (6)$ ,  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (7)$  and  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (8)$  are obvious, by [13, Corollary 2.6] and Theorem 2.3.

Implications  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ ,  $(9) \Rightarrow (10)$ ,  $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$  and  $(6) \Rightarrow (9)$  are obvious. (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): It is obvious, by Theorem 2.3(2) and [7, Theorem 2.8].  $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$ : By [7, Theorem 2.8],  $S_S^{S \times S}$  is PWF, then  $S_S^I$  is PWF, for any nonempty set I, by [12, Proposition 2.2]. Now let xs = ys, for  $x, y, s \in S$ . Put  $S \times S = I$ , take  $i_0 \in I$  and define

$$x_{i} = \begin{cases} x & i = i_{0} \\ 1 & i \neq i_{0} \end{cases} \qquad \qquad y_{i} = \begin{cases} y & i = i_{0} \\ 1 & i \neq i_{0} \end{cases}$$

for every  $i \in I$ . Then  $(x_i)_I s = (y_i)_I s$ , and so, by assumption, there exists  $r \in S$  such that  $(x_i)_I r = (y_i)_I r$  and rs = s. Thus  $xr = x_{i_0}r = y_{i_0}r = yr$ , that is, S is left *PSF*, and so, S is left *PP*, by [13, Corollary 2.6]. Hence  $(PWP_S)$  and PWF are equivalent, by Theorem 2.3(2).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Clearly left *PP* implies left *PSF* and  $[1]_{ker\rho_s}$ ,  $s \in S$ , is a submonoid of *S*. Since *S* is left *PP*, there exists  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $ker\rho_s = ker\rho_e$ , and so,  $(1, e) \in ker\rho_e = ker\rho_s$ , which implies  $e \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$ . Let  $t \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$ . Then  $(1, t) \in ker\rho_s = ker\rho_e$  implies te = e, that is, *e* is a right zero element in submonoid  $[1]_{ker\rho_s}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): By assumption, for  $s \in S$ , there exists  $e \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$  such that te = e, for any  $t \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$ . Now  $(l_1, l_2) \in ker\rho_e$  implies  $l_1e = l_2e$ . Also  $e \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$  implies s = es, and so  $l_1s = l_1es = l_2es = l_2s$ , that is,  $ker\rho_e \subseteq ker\rho_s$ . Take  $(x, y) \in ker\rho_s$  which implies xs = ys. Since S is left PCP, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that xu = yv and s = us = vs so  $(1, u), (1, v) \in ker\rho_s$ , and so,  $u, v \in [1]_{ker\rho_s}$ . Therefore ue = e = ve which implies xue = xe, yve = ye, that is,  $ker\rho_s \subseteq ker\rho_e$ . Hence S is left PP, as required.

 $(10) \Rightarrow (11)$ : It is obvious, by [13, Proposition 2.2].

 $(11) \Rightarrow (1)$ : By Theorem 2.3(1),  $S_S^{S \times S}$  is PWF. So  $S_S^I$  is PWF, by [12, Proposition 2.2]. Since by assumption, S is weakly left P(P), S is left PP, by [13, Corollary 2.6].

Now investigate the previous theorem for commutative monoid S.

**Theorem 4.4.** For any commutative monoid S the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S is left PP.
- (2)  $S_S^I$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>), for every nonempty set I.
- (3)  $S_S^{S \times S}$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>S</sub>).

*Proof.* Implication  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  is obvious, by Theorem 4.3.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : It is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): By Theorem 2.3(1),  $S_S^{S \times S}$  is *PWF*, and so,  $S_S^I$  is *PWF*, by [12, Propositions 2.2]. Hence S is left *PP*, by [13, Proposition 3.2].  $\Box$ 

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