# On literal varieties of languages 

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We are interested in literal positive/boolean varieties consisting of literally idempotent languages. These varieties can be induced by classical varieties in two natural ways. At first, for a class of languages $\mathscr{V}$, we can consider the class of languages from $\mathscr{V}$ which are also literally idempotent languages, i.e. the intersection $\mathscr{V} \cap \mathscr{L}$. The second possibility is to consider the following operator on classes of languages: $\mathscr{V} \mapsto \bar{V}$ where

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B_{1}^{*} B_{2}^{*} \ldots B_{k}^{*}, k \in \mathbb{N}_{0}, B_{1}, \ldots, B_{k} \subseteq A \tag{L1/2c}
\end{equation*}
$$

form a literal positive variety which is equal both to $(\sqrt[1]{1 / 2})^{c} \cap \mathscr{L}$ and $\left(\mathscr{V}_{1 / 2}\right)^{c}$.
(iii) Boolean combinations of languages of the form ( $\mathscr{L} 1 / 2$ ) form a literal boolean variety which is equal both to $\mathscr{V}_{1} \cap \mathscr{L}$ and $\overline{\mathscr{W}_{1}}$.

In general, for a positive/boolean variety $\mathscr{V}$, the class $\mathscr{Y} \cap \mathscr{L}$ is a literal positive/boolean variety but we have only $\mathscr{Y} \cap \mathscr{L} \subseteq \overline{\mathscr{V}}$ and $\overline{\mathscr{V}}$ need not to be a literal positive/boolean variety.
For more, see O. Klíma and L. Polák, On varieties of literally idempotent languages, RAIRO - Theoretical Informatics and Applications Vol. 42 No. 3, p. 583-598

## Two variable case

Let $M_{n}$ be monoid with the presentation

$$
<a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n} \mid a_{1}^{2}=a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}^{2}=a_{n}>
$$

and let $M_{n}=\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}^{*} / \approx$.
Each $\pi \in \operatorname{Con} A^{*}$ with $\pi \supseteq \approx$ defines $\pi / \approx \in \operatorname{Con} M_{n}$ by $u \approx \pi / \approx v \approx$ iff $u \pi v$.

## Theorem (OK \& LP)

$\left.\mathscr{H}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right)$ 's for equational literal varieties of literally idempotent languages correspond to literally invariant congruences on $M_{n}$; we write $\left.\left.\mathcal{M}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right) \mapsto \kappa_{\mathcal{M}}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right\}$.
More precisely, $\left.\left.\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{H}}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right\}\right)$ is the greatest literally invariant congruence on $M_{n}$ containing all $\left.\sim_{L} / \approx, L \in \mathcal{H}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right)$. Moreover,
$\left.L \in \mathscr{H}\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right)$ if and only if $\left.\sim_{L} / \approx \supseteq \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{Y}}\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}\right\}$.

From now on, let $n=2$. We write $a=a_{1}, b=a_{2}$ an we identify the elements of $M_{2}$ with

$$
\begin{gathered}
1, u_{2 \ell+1}=a(b a)^{\ell}, u_{2 \ell+2}=(a b)^{\ell+1} \\
v_{2 \ell+1}=b(a b)^{\ell}, v_{2 \ell+2}=(b a)^{\ell+1}, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

On $M_{2}$ we have:
the trivial congruence $\Delta=\left\{(w, w) \in M_{2} \times M_{2} \mid w \in M_{2}\right\}$ and the universal congruence $\nabla=M_{2} \times M_{2}$.

For $k \in \mathbb{N}, d \in \mathbb{N}$, we put

$$
U_{k, d}=\left\{u_{k}, u_{k+2 d}, \ldots\right\} \quad \text { and } \quad V_{k, d}=\left\{v_{k}, v_{k+2 d}, \ldots\right\} ;
$$

and we write simply $U_{k}$ instead of $U_{k, 1}$ and $V_{k}$ instead of $V_{k, 1}$.

For $k, d \in \mathbb{N}$, consider the following equivalences on the set $M_{2}$ :

- $\rho_{k, d}$ with non-trivial (= non-singleton) classes

$$
U_{k, d}, U_{k+1, d}, \ldots, U_{k+2 d-1, d}, V_{k, d}, V_{k+1, d}, \ldots, V_{k+2 d-1, d},
$$

- $\sigma_{k}$ with the non-trivial classes $U_{k} \cup U_{k+1}$ and $V_{k} \cup V_{k+1}$,
- $\tau_{k}$ with the non-trivial classes $U_{k} \cup V_{k+1}$ and $U_{k+1} \cup V_{k}$,
- $v_{k}$ with the non-trivial class $U_{k} \cup U_{k+1} \cup V_{k} \cup V_{k+1}$.


## Theorem (OK \& LP)

Proper literally invariant congruences of the monoid $M_{2}$ are exactly the relations listed above. They are generated by

$$
u_{k}=u_{k+2 d}, u_{k}=u_{k+1}, u_{k}=v_{k+1}, u_{k}=v_{k} \text {, respectively. }
$$

The congruence $\nabla$ is generated by $a=1$.

A part of the dual of the $k$-th level of the lattice of all literally invariant congruences on $M_{2}$ is depicted below.


The whole lattice is the product of such a level with the chain $1<2<\ldots$ of all positive natural numbers with $\nabla$ and $\Delta$ adjoined. We draw the dual since we are primarily interested in the corresponding varieties of languages.

Let $L$ be a literally idempotent language over the alphabet $\{a, b\}$. Let $\mathscr{A}=(Q,\{a, b\}, \cdot, i, T)$ be the minimal complete deterministic automaton for $L$. We would like to find the smallest possible $\mathcal{H}(\{a, b\})$ containing $L$. So we are looking for the greatest literally invariant congruence on $M_{2}$ contained in $\sim_{L}$.
It is well-known that the syntactic homomorphism $\phi_{L}$ can be identified with the mapping which maps $u \in\{a, b\}^{*}$ onto the transformation of $Q$ induced by the word $u$.
Recall that the automaton $\mathscr{A}$ is literally idempotent.

We distinguish several cases:
(i) There is the only cycle in $\mathscr{A}$ and it is of length 1.
(ii) There are exactly two cycles in $\mathscr{A}$, both of the length 1 .
(iii) There is the only cycle in $\mathscr{A}$ and it is of length 2.
(iv) There is the only cycle in $\mathscr{A}$ and it is of length $2 d$ where $d \geq 2$ or there are exactly two cycles of lengths $2 d_{1}$ and $2 d_{2}$ where $d_{1}, d_{2} \in \mathbb{N}$
or there are exactly two cycles of lengths $2 d$ and 1 .

Notice that exactly one case of (i) - (iv) happens. Let $k$ be the smallest such that all words $w$ of length $\geq k$ transform the initial state $i$ into a cycle. In the second subcase of (iv), let $d$ equal to the least common multiple of $d_{1}$ and $d_{2}$.

## Theorem (OK \& LP)

The literally invariant congruence on $M_{2}$ corresponding to the language $L$ is
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