

# Primitive Orthogonal Idempotents For R-Trivial Monoids

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(Norton; Krob-Thibon; Schocker; Denton; BBBS)

- Weakly Ordered Monoids (WOM) (Schocker)

- WOM  $\iff$   $R$ -trivial (Steinberg)

- Constructing Orthogonal Idempotents (BBBS)

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$H_n(0)\eta_\alpha$  gives all projective indecomposable (not simple)

YEAH! .... but the  $\eta_\alpha$  are not idempotents nor orthogonal ... Oh!

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**Left Regular Band  $W$ :**  $x^2 = x$  and  $xyx = xy$

**Support map  $Supp: W \rightarrow L$ :**

$L = W / \sim$  where  $x \sim y$  iff  $x = xy$  and  $y = yx$ , is a lattice.

**Radical of  $kW$ :**  $\sqrt{kW} = \ker(Supp)$ , in particular  $kW / \sqrt{kW} \cong kL$ .

**Orthogonal idempotents of  $kW$ :** for  $J \in L$ , take  $x$  such that  $Supp(x) = j$ .

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Manfred notice the similarity between LRB and the way I was understanding the radical of  $H_n(0)$ . He proposed to study the following class of monoid that contains both LRB and Hecke algebra at  $q = 0$  of all finite types.

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**PROP. A** [Schocker]: For  $W$  WOM,  $\leq$  is an order and

$$\sqrt{kW} = \ker(C)$$

IDEMPOTENT ???

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- **LRB:**  $C = D = \text{Supp}$
- **Hecke Algebra  $H_n(0)$ :**
  - Generated by  $T_i$ ;  $T_i^2 = T_i$  and braid relations.
  - $D(T_w)$  Descent map =  $\{i : T_w T_i = T_w\}$ .
  - $C(T_w)$  Content map =  $\{i : T_i \text{ occur in } T_w\}$ .
  - The order  $\leq$  is the weak order on  $W$ .

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“ $\Leftarrow$ ”

–  $L = \{We : e \text{ idempotent}\}$  with inclusion

–  $C(x) = Wx^\omega$  where

$$x \leq x^2 \leq \dots \leq x^N = x^{N+1} = x^\omega$$

–  $D(x) = C(e)$  where

$$e = \max_{\leq} \{s \in W : xs = x\}.$$

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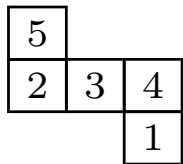
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In the case of Hecke algebra of type A at  $q=0$



$$T_J = T_5 \cdot T_2 T_3 T_2 T_4 T_3 T_2 \cdot T_1$$

$$A_J = \bar{T}_2 \bar{T}_5 \cdot \bar{T}_3 \cdot \bar{T}_1 \bar{T}_4 \text{ where } \bar{T}_i = 1 - T_i$$

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PROP. D [BBBS] Yes we can!

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$A_J$  and  $T_J$  are both idempotents but...  $\eta_J$  IS NOT.



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$$\sum_{n=0}^N x(1-x)^n = 1 - (1-x)^{N+1}.$$

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**THEOREM** [BBBS] 
$$e_J = P_J \left( 1 - \sum_{K > J} e_K \right)$$

This is the Left Regular Band trick of Saliola and Brown.

Someone must be smiling

