# Note on the number of semistar operations, XIV

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#### Abstract

We determine conditions for a grading monoid to have only a finite number of semistar operations.

This is a note on the number of semistar operations, and is a continuation of [M3]. The notions of star operations, semistar operations, and their Kronecker function rings of integral domains have been well known. We refer to Fontana-Loper([FL]) and its references for them. Let G be a torsion-free abelian additive group, and let S be an additively closed subset containing 0 of G. Then S is called a grading monoid (or, a g-monoid). We refer to [M1] for notions of star operations, semistar operations, and their Kronecker function rings for g-monoids.

Let  $\Sigma(S)$  be the set of star operations on S, and let  $\Sigma'(S)$  be the set of semistar operations on S. In §1 of this paper, we are interested in the cardinalities  $|\Sigma(S)|$ , and  $|\Sigma'(S)|$ , especially, in when  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ ? We will determine conditions for  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ . §2 is an another note on  $|\Sigma'(D)|$  for i-local domains D.

## §1 The conditions for $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$

Let G be the quotient group of S, and let  $\bar{S}$  be the integral closure of S. If S is a group, we have  $|\Sigma'(S)| = 1$  trivially. Thus, throughout the section, let S be a g-monoid which is not a group, let M (resp. N) be the maximal ideal of S (resp.  $\bar{S}$ ), let H (resp. L) be the group of units of S (resp.  $\bar{S}$ ). In [M2, Theorem 14] we proved the following fact: Assume that M = N. Then we have that  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$  if and only if dim  $(S) < \infty$ ,  $\bar{S}$  is a valuation semigroup, and L/H is a finite group.

In this section, we will prove the following,

**Theorem 1** Assume that  $M \neq N$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent. (1)  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ .

(2)  $\dim(S) < \infty, \overline{S}$  is a valuation semigroup, and  $\overline{S} - S$  is a finite set modulo H.

(1.1) (cf. [M2, Proposition 1]) Let V be a valuation semigroup with maximal ideal N. If N is a principal ideal of V, then  $|\Sigma(V)| = 1$ , and if N is not a principal

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ideal of V, then  $|\Sigma(V)| = 2$ .

(1.2) Assume that  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ . Then there is only a finite number of oversemigroups of S.

Proof. Let T be an oversemigroup of S. Then there arises a semistar operation  $I \longmapsto I + T$  on S.

(1.3) Assume that  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ . Then L/H is a finite group.

Proof. If L/H is an infinite group, then there is an infinite number of subgroups K of L containing H. Set  $T = K \cup N$ . Then T is an oversemigroup of S.

Let A be a subset of G. Then S[A] denotes the oversemigroup of S generated by A.

(1.4) Assume that  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ . Then dim $(S) < \infty, \overline{S}$  is a valuation semigroup, and  $\overline{S} - S$  is a finite set modulo H.

Proof. Suppose that  $\dim(S) = \infty$ . Then there is an infinite number of oversemigroups of S. Then  $|\Sigma'(S)| = \infty$  by (1.2).

Suppose that  $\overline{S}$  is not a valuation semigroup. Then there is an element  $x \in G - \overline{S}$  such that  $-x \notin \overline{S}$ . We have  $S[2^n x] \supseteq S[2^{n+1}x]$  for each positive integer n. Then  $|\Sigma'(S)| = \infty$  by (1.2).

Confering (1.3), let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  be a complete representative system of L modulo H. Let v be a valuation belongoing to  $\overline{S}$ . By (1.2), we have  $\{S[x] \mid x \in \overline{S} - S\} = \{S[x_1], \dots, S[x_m]\}$  for some positive integer m. Let  $x \in \overline{S} - S$ . Then  $S[x] = S[x_i]$  for some i. Hence  $v(x) = v(x_i)$ . Then  $x - x_i = \alpha_j + h$  for some j and  $h \in H$ .

We have seen that (1) implies (2) in Theorem 1.

Thus, in the rest of the section, we assume that  $M \neq N$ ,  $\dim(S) < \infty$ ,  $\overline{S}$  is a valuation semigroup, and  $\overline{S} - S$  is a finite set modulo H. Set  $\overline{S} = V$ , let v be a valuation belonging to V, and let  $\Gamma$  be the value group of v.

(1.5) (1) Let  $I \in F'(S)$  so that v(I) is not bounded below. Then I = G.

(2)  $F'(S) = F(S) \cup \{G\}.$ 

(3) Each star operation \* on S can be extended uniquely to a semistar operation on S.

(4)  $|\Sigma(S)| \le |\Sigma'(S)|.$ 

(5) L/H is a finite group.

(6) Let  $I \in F(S)$  so that there does not exist inf v(I). Then we have  $\{x \in G \mid v(x) \ge v(a) \text{ for some } a \in I\} \subset I$ .

Proof. (1) Let  $x \in G$ . There are  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \cdots$  in I so that  $v(x) > v(x_1) > \cdots$ . Then  $x - x_i \in N$  for each i, and  $x - x_i \not\equiv x - x_j$  modulo H for each i < j. It follows that  $x - x_n \in S$  for some n, and hence  $x \in I$ .

- (2) follows from (1).
- (3) follows from (2).
- (4) follows from (3).
- (5) follows from the fact that V S is a finite set modulo H.

(6) Suppose the contrary. There are  $x \notin I$  and  $a_0 \in I$  such that  $v(a_0) \leq v(x)$ . There are elements  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \cdots$  in I so that  $v(a_0) > v(a_1) > v(a_2) > \cdots$ . Then  $x - a_i \in V - S$  for each i, and  $x - a_i \not\equiv x - a_j$  modulo H for each i < j; a contradiction.

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_a$  be a complete representative system of L modulo H. And let  $z_1, \dots, z_b$  be a complete representative system of N - M modulo H. We may assume that  $v(z_1) \leq \dots \leq v(z_b)$ .

(1.6) Let T be an oversemigroup of S with  $T \in F(S)$ , and let \* be either a star operation or a semistar operation on S. Then  $T^*$  is an oversemigroup of S.

Proof. Let  $x, y \in T^*$ . Then  $x + y \in T^* + T^* \subset (T^* + T^*)^* = (T + T)^* = T^*$ .

(1.7) There is min v(N).

Proof. Suppose that  $0 < v(s) < v(z_1)$  for some  $s \in S$ . We have  $z_1 - s \equiv z_i$  modulo H for some i. Then  $v(z_1) = v(z_i)$ , and hence v(s) = 0; a contradiction.

Let  $x \in N - M$ . Then  $x \equiv z_i$  modulo H for some i. Hence  $v(x) = v(z_i) \ge v(z_1)$ .

We may assume that is the rank 1 convex subgroup of  $\Gamma$ . Take an element  $\pi \in N$  such that  $v(\pi) = 1$ .

(1.8) Let T be an oversemigroup of S. Then  $T \supset V$  or  $T \subset V$ .

Proof. Assume that  $T \not\subset V$ , and take an element  $x_0 \in T - V$ . Then  $-x_0 \in N$ . Let  $x \in V$ . We have  $x - kx_0 \in V$  for each  $k \ge 0$ . If 0 < i < j, then  $x - ix_0 \not\equiv x - jx_0$ modulo H. Therefore  $x - mx_0 \in S$  for some m. Then  $x \in S[x_0]$ , and hence  $V \subset T$ .

(1.9) There is only a finite number of oversemigroups of S.

Proof. It follows from (1.8),  $\dim(V) < \infty$ , and the hypothesis that V - S is a finite set modulo H.

(1.10) Let  $\dim(S) = 1$ . Then  $V^v = V$ , that is, V is a divisorial fractional ideal of S.

Proof.  $V^v$  is an oversemigroup of V by (1.6), and we have  $\dim(V) = 1$ . Suppose that  $V^v \neq V$ . Then  $V^v = G$ . Take an element  $x_0 \in M$ . Let  $1 \leq i \leq b$ , and let 0 < j < k. Then  $z_i + jx_0 \not\equiv z_i + kx_0$  modulo H. Hence there is  $m_i$  so that  $z_i + mx_0 \in S$  for each  $m \geq m_i$ , that is,  $z_i \in (-mx_0)$ . Similarly, there is  $m'_j$  so that  $\alpha_j \in (-mx_0)$  for each  $m \geq m'_j$ . Let  $\max\{m_i, m'_j \mid i, j\} = m_0$ . Then  $V \subset (-mx_0)$  for each  $m \geq m_0$ . Since  $V^v = \cap\{(x) \mid (x) \supset V\}$ , we have  $(-mx_0) = G$  for each  $m \geq m_0$ ; this is clearly impossible.

(1.11) We have  $V^v = V$ .

Proof. By (1.10), we may assume that  $\dim(S) \geq 2$ . Let Q be a prime ideal of V with  $\operatorname{ht}(Q) = \operatorname{ht}(N) - 1$ , and let  $P = S \cap Q$ , where  $\operatorname{ht}(N)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{ht}(Q)$ ) means the height of N (resp. the height of Q). Suppose that  $V^v \neq V$ . Then  $V^v \supset V_Q$ . Take an element  $x_0 \in M - P$ . The similar argument to the proof of (1.10) shows that  $(-mx_0) \supset V_Q$  for all sufficiently large m. Since  $(m+1)x_0 \notin Q$ , we have  $-(m+1)x_0 \in V_Q \subset (-mx_0)$ , and hence  $-x_0 \in S$ ; a contradiction.

(1.12) Let  $I \in F(S)$  so that there does not exist inf v(I). Then  $I^v = I$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $I^v \supseteq I$ . Take an element  $x \in I^v - I$ . Then v(x) is a lower bound of v(I) by (1.5)(6). There is a lower bound v(y) of v(I) with v(x) < v(y). Set I - y = J. Since  $J \subset V$ , we have  $J^v \subset V$  by (1.11). We have  $x - y \in I^v - y = J^v$ , and v(x - y) < 0. Hence  $J^v \not\subset V$ ; a contradiction.

(1.13)  $|\Sigma(S)| < \infty$ .

Proof. Let  $I \in F(S)$  with  $S \subset I \subset V$ . Then I is generated on S by a subset of  $\{\alpha_i, z_j \mid i, j\}$ . Therefore the set  $\{I \in F(S) \mid S \subset I \subset V\} = X$  is a finite set.

Let  $* \in \Sigma(S)$  and let  $I \in X$ . Set  $I^* = g_*(I)$ . Then  $g_*$  is a mapping from X to X by (1.11), that is,  $g_* \in X^X$ . Then g is a mapping from  $\Sigma(S)$  to  $X^X$ .

Let  $*, *' \in \Sigma(S), I \in F(S)$ , and assume that  $g_* = g_{*'}$ . If there does not exist inf v(I), then  $I^* = I^{*'} = I$  by (1.12). If there is inf v(I) = v(x), then min v(I-x) = 0 by (1.7). Hence  $S \subset I - y \subset V$  for some  $y \in I$ . Since  $g_* = g_{*'}$ , we have  $(I-y)^* = (I-y)^{*'}$ , and hence  $I^* = I^{*'}$ . We have proved that \* = \*', and hence g is an injection. It follows that  $|\Sigma(S)| < \infty$ .

(1.14) Let T be an oversemigroup of S with  $T \subset V$ . Then  $|\Sigma(T)| < \infty$ .

Proof. Let M' be the maximal ideal of T, and let H' be the group of units of T. We have that  $\overline{T} = V$ ,  $\dim(T) = \dim(S) < \infty$ , and L/H' is a finite group. If M' = N, we have  $|\Sigma'(T)| < \infty$  by [M2, Theorem 14], and hence  $|\Sigma(T)| < \infty$  by (1.5)(4). If  $M' \neq N$ , we have  $|\Sigma(T)| < \infty$  by (1.13).

(1.15) Let T be an oversemigroup of S. Then  $|\Sigma(T)| < \infty$ .

Proof. We may assume that  $T \not\subset V$  by (1.14). Then  $T \supset V$  by (1.8). Then  $|\Sigma(T)| \leq 2$  by (1.1).

Confering (1.9), let  $\{T_1, \dots, T_c\}$  be the set of oversemigroups of S. For each  $1 \leq i \leq c, * \in \Sigma(T_i)$  and  $I \in F(S)$ , set  $(I + T_i)^* = I^{\sigma(*)}$  and  $G = G^{\sigma(*)}$ .

(1.16) (1) If  $i \neq j$ , then  $\Sigma(T_i) \cap \Sigma(T_j) = \emptyset$ .

(2) There is a canonical mapping  $\sigma$  from  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{c} \Sigma(T_i)$  to  $\Sigma'(S)$ .

Proof. (1) We have  $F(T_i) \neq F(T_j)$ , and  $\Sigma(T_i)$  (resp.  $\Sigma(T_j)$ ) is a set of mappings from  $F(T_i)$  to  $F(T_i)$  (resp. from  $F(T_j)$  to  $F(T_j)$ ).

(2) We see easily that  $\sigma(*)$  satisfies the conditions of a semistar operation on S.

(1.17) The mapping  $\sigma$  is a bijection onto  $\Sigma'(S)$ .

Proof. Let  $* \in \Sigma'(S)$ . Then  $S^* = T_i$  for some  $T_i$ . There is a star operation  $*': J \longmapsto J^*$  on  $T_i$ . Then we have  $\sigma(*') = *$ , and hence  $\sigma$  is a surjection.

Let  $*_i \in \Sigma(T_i)$  and  $*_j \in \Sigma(T_j)$  such that  $\sigma(*_i) = \sigma(*_j)$ . Then we have  $T_i = S^{\sigma(*_i)} = S^{\sigma(*_j)} = T_j$ .

(1.18)  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ .

Proof. It follows from (1.15), (1.16), and (1.17).

The proof of Theorem 1 is complete.

### §2 An another note

In [M4], we determined conditions for  $|\Sigma'(D)| < \infty$  for any APVD (or, an almost pseudo-valuation domain) D, and in §1, we determined conditions for  $|\Sigma'(S)| < \infty$ for any g-monoid S. Every g-monoid that is not a group has a unique maximal ideal, and every APVD D has the property that D and its integral closure  $\overline{D}$  has a unique maximal ideal. We refer to [BH] for APVD's. Thus it is natural to consider the class of domains D such that  $\overline{D}$  has a unique maximal ideal. We call such a domain an i-local domain. In §2, we will study  $|\Sigma'(D)|$  for i-local domains D.

(2.1) Let D be an i-local domain. Assume that  $\overline{D}$  is a valuation domain with maximal ideal M, v be a valuation belonging to  $\overline{D}$ , and  $M^n \subset D$  for some positive integer n. Then either D is a PVD (or, a pseudo-valuation domain), or there is min v(M).

Proof. Suppose the contrary. Let  $0 \neq x \in M$ . There are elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$ such that  $v(x) > v(x_1) > \dots > v(x_n) > 0$ . Then  $x = \frac{x}{x_1} \frac{x_1}{x_2} \cdots \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n} x_n \in M^n \subset D$ . Hence D is a PVD; a contradiction.

Let D be a valuation domain with maximal ideal M, let v be a valuation belonging to D, and let  $\Gamma$  be the balue group of v. If there is min v(M), then we may assume that is the rank one convex subgroup of  $\Gamma$ , and min  $v(M) = 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \subset \Gamma$ .

For, the rank one convex subgroup of  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic with the ordered group . Therefore  $\Gamma$  is order isomorphic with an ordered group  $\Gamma'$  the rank one convex subgroup of which is .

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(2.2) Let D be an i-local domain with maximal ideal P, let M be the maximal ideal of  $\overline{D}$ , and assume that  $|\Sigma'(D)| < \infty$ . Then we have,

(1)  $\dim(D) < \infty$ .

(2) There is only a finite number of overrings of D.

(3)  $\overline{D} = V$  is a valuation domain.

(4) V is a finitely generated D-module.

(5) V/M = K is a simple extension field of D/P = k with  $[K:k] < \infty$ .

(6)  $V, M \in F(D)$ .

(7)  $F'(D) = F(D) \cup \{q(D)\}.$ 

Proof. (1) follows from (2).

(2) If T is an overring of D, then there is a semistar operation  $I \longmapsto IT$  on D.

(3) Let  $\{V_{\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be the set of valuation overrings of D. Then we have  $\bar{D} = \cap_{\lambda} V_{\lambda}.$ 

(4)  $\overline{D}$  is a finitely generated overring of D.

(5) There is only a finite number of intermediate fields between k and K.

(6) There are elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$  such that  $V = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Dx_i$  for some positive integer n.

(7) There is  $0 \neq d \in D$  such that  $dV \subset D$ . Let v be a valuation belonging to V. Let  $I \in F'(D)$  so that v(I) is not bounded below. Let  $x \in q(D)$ . There is  $a \in I$  such that v(a) < v(x). Then  $x \in aV \subset (a/d)D \subset (1/d)I$ . Hence  $q(D) \subset (1/d)I$ , and hence I = q(D).

(2.3) Let D be an i-local domain such that  $\overline{D} = V$  is a valuation ring, and let M be the maximal ideal of  $\overline{D}$ . Assume that  $M^n \subset D$  for some positive integer n. Then we have,

(1)  $F'(D) = F(D) \cup \{q(D)\}.$ 

(2) Let T be an overring of D. Then either  $T \supset V$  or  $T \subset V$ .

(3) Let  $\Sigma'_1 = \{ * \in \Sigma'(D) \mid D^* \supset V \}$ . Then there is a canonical bijection from  $\Sigma'(V)$  onto  $\Sigma'_1$ .

(4) Let  $\Sigma'_2 = \{ * \in \Sigma'(D) \mid D^* \subsetneq V \}$ . Then  $\Sigma'(D) = \Sigma'_1 \cup \Sigma'_2$ . (5) Let  $\{T_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be the set of overrings T of D with  $T \gneqq V$ . Then there is a canonical bijection from the disjoint union  $\bigcup_{\lambda} \Sigma(T_{\lambda})$  onto  $\Sigma'_2$ .

Proof. (1) Similar to (2.2)(7).

(2) Assume that  $T \not\subset V$ , and take an element  $x \in T - V$ . We may assume that  $1/x \in M^n$ . Let  $a \in V$ . Then  $a(1/x) \in P$ , hence  $a \in xP \subset T$ .

(3) The map  $* \longmapsto \delta_D(*)$  gives a bijection from  $\Sigma'(V)$  onto  $\Sigma'_1$ .

(4) follows from (1).

(5) Similar to (3).

(2.4) Let D be an i-local domain. Assume that  $\overline{D} = V$  is a valuation ring with maximal ideal M, let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a complete representative system of V modulo M, v be a valuation belonging to V with value group  $\Gamma$ , assume that is the rank one convex subgroup of  $\Gamma$ , and  $v(\pi) = 1 \in \vec{Z}$  for some  $\pi \in V$ . Let  $x \in q(D) - \{0\}$  with  $v(x) \in \vec{Z}$ . Let k be a positive integer with k > v(x). Then x can be expressed uniquely as  $x = \alpha_l \pi^l + \alpha_{l+1} \pi^{l+1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \pi^{k-1} + a \pi^k$ , where l = v(x) and each  $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $\alpha_l \neq 0 \pmod{M}$  and  $a \in V$ .

Proof. Since  $\frac{x}{\pi^l}$  is a unit of V, we have  $\frac{x}{\pi^l} \equiv \alpha_l \pmod{M}$  for a unique  $0 \not\equiv \alpha_l \in \mathcal{K}$ .

(2.5) Proposition Let D be an i-local domain with maximal ideal P, and assume that  $\overline{D} = V$  is a valuation ring with maximal ideal M, v be a valuation belonging to V with the value group  $\Gamma$ . Asume that  $D \supset M^3$ . Then,

(1) D is either a PVD or, we may assume that is the rank one convex subgroup of  $\Gamma$ .

(2) If D/P = V/M, then D is an APVD.

Proof. (1) follows from (2.1).

(2) Suppose the contrary. Then we may apply (2.4), and we may assume that  $\mathcal{K} \subset D$ . Since D is not an APVD, we may choose  $x \in P - M^3$ . If v(x) = 1, then  $x^2 \in P - M^3$  and  $x^2 \in M^2$ . Hence we may assume that v(x) = 2. We have  $x = \alpha \pi^2 + a \pi^3$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $a \in V$ . Since  $\alpha \in D - P$ , we have  $\pi^2 \in P$ , and hence  $M^2 \subset P$ . Since D is not an APVD, we may choose  $x \in P - M^2$ . Then  $\pi \in P$ , and hence M = P; a contradiction.

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