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# **On Condition** $(PWP)_w$ for *S*-posets

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**Abstract:** Golchin and Rezaei (Commun Algebra 2009; 37: 1995–2007) introduced the weak version of Condition (PWP) for S-posets, called Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . In this paper, we continue to study this condition. We first present a necessary and sufficient condition under which the S-poset A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Furthermore, we characterize pomonoids S over which all cyclic (Rees factor) S-posets satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , and pomonoids S over which all Rees factor S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  have a certain property. Finally, we consider direct products of S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

Key words: Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , S-poset, Rees factor S-poset, direct product

## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

A partially ordered monoid, or briefly pomonoid, is a monoid S together with a partial order  $\leq$  on S such that  $s \leq s'$  implies  $su \leq s'u$  and  $us \leq us'$  for all  $s, s', u \in S$ . An ordered right ideal of a pomonoid S is a nonempty subset I of S such that (1)  $IS \subseteq I$  and (2)  $s \leq t \in I$  implies  $s \in I$ , for all  $s, t \in S$ . In this paper, S always denotes a pomonoid, and a right ideal of S is simply a nonempty subset I of S for which  $IS \subseteq I$  (not necessarily an ordered right ideal).

Let S be a pomonoid. A right S-poset, usually denoted  $A_S$ , is a nonempty set A equipped with a partial order  $\leq$  and a right action  $A \times S \to A$ ,  $(a, s) \mapsto as$ , which satisfies the conditions: (1) the action is monotonic in each variable, (2) a(st) = (as)t and a1 = a for all  $a \in A$  and  $s, t \in S$ . Left S-posets  $_{S}B$  are defined analogously, and  $\Theta_S = \{\theta\}$  is the one-element right S-poset. All left (resp., right) S-posets form a category, denoted S-POS (resp., POS-S), in which the morphisms are the functions preserving both the action and the order (see [3]).

Preliminary work on flatness properties of S-posets was done by Fakhruddin in the 1980s (see [4, 5]), and continued in recent papers (e.g., [1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13]).

An S-subposet  $B_S$  of an S-poset  $A_S$  is called *convex* if, for any  $a \in A_S$  and  $b, b' \in B_S$ ,  $b' \leq a \leq b$ implies  $a \in B$ . A pomonoid S is called *weakly right reversible* if, for any  $s, s' \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us \leq vs'$ . A pomonoid S is called *left collapsible* if, for any  $s, s' \in S$ , there exists  $u \in S$  such that us = us'. A pomonoid S is called *weakly left collapsible* if, for any  $s, s', z \in S$ , sz = s'z implies that there exists  $u \in S$  such that us = us'.

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In [4], Fakhruddin introduced the concept of order congruence on S-posets. An order congruence on an S-poset  $A_S$  is an S-act congruence  $\theta$  such that the factor act  $A/\theta$  can be equipped with a compatible order so that the natural map  $A \to A/\theta$  is an S-poset morphism.

An S-poset  $A_S$  is called *cyclic* if  $A = aS = \{as \mid s \in S\}$  for some  $a \in A_S$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is cyclic if and only if it is isomorphic to the factor S-poset of  $S_S$  by an S-poset congruence. If  $K_S$  is a convex right ideal of a pomonoid S, then there exists an S-poset congruence such that one of its classes is K and all the others are singletons. Moreover, the factor S-poset by this congruence is called the *Rees factor S-poset of S* by K, and denoted S/K. For  $s \in S$ , the congruence class of s in S/K will be denoted by  $[s]_{\rho_K}$ , or briefly [s].

The tensor product  $A \otimes_S B$  of a right S-poset  $A_S$  and a left S-poset  $_SB$  is a poset that can be constructed in a standard way (see [13] for details) so that the map  $A \times B \to A \otimes_S B$  sending (a, b) to  $a \otimes b$  is balanced, monotonic in both variables, and universal among balanced, monotonic maps from  $A \times B$  into posets. The order relation on  $A \otimes_S B$  can be described as follows:  $a \otimes b \leq a' \otimes b'$  in  $A \otimes_S B$  if and only if there exist  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in A_S, b_2, \ldots, b_n \in {}_SB$ , and  $s_1, t_1, \ldots, s_n, t_n \in S$  such that

$a \le a_1 s_1$	
$a_1 t_1 \le a_2 s_2$	$s_1b \le t_1b_2$
$a_2 t_2 \le a_3 s_3$	$s_2b_2 \le t_2b_3$
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$a_n t_n \le a'$	$s_n b_n \le t_n b'.$

It is easily established, as for S-acts, that  $A \otimes_S S$  can be equipped with a natural right S-action, and  $A \otimes_S S \cong A$  for any S-poset  $A_S$ .

In [1, 12], the properties of po-flatness, po-torsion freeness, and Conditions (P),  $(P_w)$ , and (E) are introduced. An S-poset  $A_S$  is called *po-flat* if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $b, b' \in {}_SB$ ,  $a \otimes b \leq a' \otimes b'$  in  $A \otimes_S B$ implies  $a \otimes b \leq a' \otimes b'$  in  $A \otimes_S (Sb \cup Sb')$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is called (*principally*) weakly *po-flat* if, for all (principal) left ideals I of a pomonoid S, and all  $s, s' \in I$ ,  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $a \otimes s \leq a' \otimes s'$  in  $A \otimes_S S$  implies  $a \otimes s \leq a' \otimes s'$  in  $A \otimes_S I$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy Condition (P) if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as \leq a's'$  implies a = a''u, a' = a''v for some  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  with  $us \leq vs'$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy Condition (E) if, for all  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as \leq as'$  implies a = a'u for some  $a' \in A_S$ and  $u \in S$  with  $us \leq us'$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is called strongly flat if it satisfies Conditions (E) and (P). An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy Condition (P<sub>w</sub>) if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as \leq a's'$  implies  $a \leq a'u$ ,  $a''v \leq a'$  for some  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  with  $us \leq vs'$ . An element  $c \in S$  is called *right po-cancellable* if, for all  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $sc \leq s'c$  implies  $s \leq s'$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is called *po-torsion free* if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$ , and all right po-cancellable elements c of S,  $ac \leq a'c$  implies  $a \leq a'$ .

Recall that an S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy Condition (E') if, for all  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, s', z \in S$ ,  $as \leq as'$ and sz = s'z imply a = a'u for some  $a' \in A_S$  and  $u \in S$  with  $us \leq us'$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is called *weakly* subpullback flat if it satisfies Conditions (E') and (P).

In [6], Conditions (WP),  $(WP)_w$ , (PWP), and  $(PWP)_w$  were introduced. An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy *Condition* (WP) if the corresponding  $\phi$  is surjective for every subpullback diagram P(I, I, f, f, S), where I is a left ideal of S. An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy *Condition*  $(WP)_w$  if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$ ,  $s, t \in S$ , and all homomorphisms  $f: {}_{S}(Ss \cup St) \to {}_{S}S$ ,  $af(s) \leq a'f(t)$  implies  $a \otimes s \leq a'' \otimes us'$  and  $a'' \otimes vt' \leq a' \otimes t$  in  $A \otimes_S (Ss \cup St)$  for some  $a'' \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $s', t' \in \{s, t\}$  with  $f(us') \leq f(vt')$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy *Condition* (*PWP*) if the corresponding  $\phi$  is surjective for every subpullback diagram P(Ss, Ss, f, f, S),  $s \in S$ . An S-poset  $A_S$  is said to satisfy *Condition* (*PWP*)<sub>w</sub> if, for all  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ ,

 $as \leq a's$  implies  $a \leq a''u$  and  $a''v \leq a'$  for some  $a'' \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  with  $us \leq vs$ .

Moreover, the authors in [6] gave equivalent descriptions of Conditions (PWP), (WP), and  $(WP)_w$  for (cyclic, Rees factor) S-posets and obtained the relations between these conditions and properties already studied as follows:

In this paper, we will continue the work of [6] to study Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . For S-posets, the definition of the S-poset A(I) was introduced in [3]. Qiao et al. in [9] proved that A(I) fails to satisfy Condition (P). Later, in [10], they further investigated some flatness properties of A(I) and provided an equivalent description of A(I) satisfying Condition  $(P)_w$ . In fact, observing the proof of [9, Lemma 2.4], we obtain that A(I) also fails to satisfy Condition (PWP). However, the situation for Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is markedly different. Thereby, in Section 2, we determine the condition under which A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . In [1, 11], some flatness properties of Rees factor S-posets are discussed. Later, Golchin et al. in [6] gave an equivalent characterization of cyclic (Rees factor) S-posets satisfying Condition (PWP) (Conditions  $(WP)_w$  and (WP)). In Section 3, we characterize pomonoids S over which all cyclic (Rees factor) S-posets satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . In [7], Khosravi first studied direct products of S-posets satisfying some flatness properties. In Section 4, we investigate pomonoids S over which S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  are preserved under direct products.

## **2.** S-posets satisfying Condition $(PWP)_w$

In this section, we discuss S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  and provide a necessary and sufficient condition under which the S-poset A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

We first give an alternative description for Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Proposition 2.1** A right S-poset  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  if and only if for all  $a, a' \in A_S$ ,  $x, y, s \in S$ , and all homomorphisms  $f: {}_{S}Ss \to {}_{S}S$ ,  $af(xs) \leq a'f(ys)$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $f(us) \leq f(vs)$ ,  $a \otimes xs \leq a'' \otimes us$  and  $a'' \otimes vs \leq a' \otimes ys$  in  $A \otimes_S Ss$ .

**Proof** It follows from the definition of Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

The following proposition shows that right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  are closed under directed colimits. For more information about directed colimits in the category POS-S the reader is referred to [2, 3].

**Proposition 2.2** Every directed colimit of a direct system of right S-posets that satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Proof** Let  $(A_i, \phi_{i,j})$  be a direct system of right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  over a directed index set I with directed colimit  $(A, \alpha_i)$ . Suppose that  $as \leq a's$  in A. Then there exist  $a_i \in A_i$  and  $a_j \in A_j$ with  $a = \alpha_i(a_i)$ ,  $a' = \alpha_j(a_j)$ . Since I is directed, by [2, Proposition 2.5] there exists  $k \geq i, j$  such that  $\phi_{i,k}(a_i)s \leq \phi_{j,k}(a_j)s$  in  $A_k$ . Since  $A_k$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , there exist  $a'' \in A_k$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $\phi_{i,k}(a_i) \leq a''u$ ,  $a''v \leq \phi_{j,k}(a_j)$  and  $us \leq vs$ , but then  $a = \alpha_i(a_i) = \alpha_k \phi_{i,k}(a_i) \leq \alpha_k(a'')u$ . In a similar way  $\alpha_k(a'')v \leq a'$ , and this implies that A satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

It follows from [6] that Condition  $(PWP)_w$  implies principally weakly po-flat but not conversely in general. However, for right po-cancellable pomonoids, we have the following corollary, which follows from [6] and [12, Theorems 3.21 and 3.22].

**Corollary 2.3** Let S be a right po-cancellable pomonoid and  $A_S$  an S-poset. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(P_w)$ ;
- (2)  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(WP)_w$ ;
- (3)  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;
- (4)  $A_S$  is weakly po-flat;
- (5)  $A_S$  is principally weakly po-flat;
- (6)  $A_S$  is po-torsion free.

Now we consider the right S-poset A(I) satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . The following definition of A(I) first appeared in [3].

Suppose I is a proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. For any  $x, y, z \notin S$ , let  $A(I) = (\{x, y\} \times (S - I)) \cup (\{z\} \times I)$ . Define a right S-action on A(I) by

$$\begin{aligned} (x,u)s &= \begin{cases} (x,us), & \text{if } us \notin I, \\ (z,us), & \text{if } us \in I, \end{cases} \\ (y,u)s &= \begin{cases} (y,us), & \text{if } us \notin I, \\ (z,us), & \text{if } us \in I, \end{cases} \\ (z,u)s &= (z,us). \end{aligned}$$

The order on A(I) is defined by

$$(w_1, s) \leq (w_2, t) \Leftrightarrow (w_1 = w_2, s \leq t) \text{ or } (w_1 \neq w_2, s \leq i \leq t \text{ for some } i \in I).$$

Then A(I) is a right S-poset (see [10] for details).

**Theorem 2.4** Let I be a proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then the right S-poset A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  if and only if for any  $u, v, s \in S$  and  $i \in I$ ,

$$us \le i \le vs \Rightarrow (\exists \ j \in I)(us \le js \land j \le v) \lor (js \le vs \land u \le j).$$

**Proof** Necessity: If  $us \le i \le vs$  for any  $u, v, s \in S$  and  $i \in I$ , then  $(x, 1)us \le (y, 1)vs$ . There are four cases to be considered:

**Case 1.**  $u, v \notin I$ . Then  $(x, u)s \leq (y, v)s$ . Since A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , there exist  $u', v' \in S$ and  $(w, p) \in A(I)$  such that

$$(x, u) \le (w, p)u', \ (w, p)v' \le (y, v) \text{ and } u's \le v's.$$
 (1)

There are three subcases:

**Subcase 1.** w = x. If  $pv' \notin I$ , then by (1) we have  $(x, u) \leq (x, p)u'$ ,  $(x, pv') \leq (y, v)$ , and  $u's \leq v's$ . Hence, there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $u \leq pu'$  and  $pv' \leq j \leq v$ . Since  $u's \leq v's$  implies  $(pu')s \leq (pv')s$ , we have  $us \leq (pu')s \leq (pv')s \leq js$ . If  $pv' \in I$ , then we can take j = pv'.

**Subcase 2.** w = y. If  $pu' \notin I$ , then by (1) we have  $(x, u) \leq (y, pu')$ ,  $(y, p)v' \leq (y, v)$ , and  $u's \leq v's$ . Hence, there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $u \leq j \leq pu'$  and  $pv' \leq v$ . Since  $u's \leq v's$  implies  $(pu')s \leq (pv')s$ , we have  $js \leq (pu')s \leq (pv')s \leq vs$ . If  $pu' \in I$ , then we can take j = pu'.

**Subcase 3.** w = z. In the case, we may take j = pu' or j = pv'.

**Case 2.**  $u \notin I$ ,  $v \in I$ . This is analogous to case 1.

**Case 3.**  $u \in I$ ,  $v \notin I$ . This is also analogous to case 1.

**Case 4.**  $u \in I$ ,  $v \in I$ . Then  $(z, u)s \leq (z, v)s$ . Since A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , there exist  $u', v' \in S$  and  $(w, p) \in A(I)$  such that  $(z, u) \leq (w, p)u'$ ,  $(w, p)v' \leq (z, v)$ , and  $u's \leq v's$ . We have  $(z, us) = (z, u)s \leq (w, p)u's \leq (w, p)v's \leq (z, v)s = (z, vs)$ , so  $us \leq vs$ . Then we can take j = u or j = v.

**Sufficiency**: Suppose that  $(w_1, u), (w_2, v) \in A(I)$ , and  $s \in S$  are such that

$$(w_1, u)s \le (w_2, v)s.$$
 (2)

There are three cases to be considered:

**Case 1.** If  $w_1 = w_2 = x$ , then by (2) we have  $(x, u)s \le (x, v)s$ . Hence  $(x, u) \le (x, 1)u$ ,  $(x, 1)v \le (x, v)$ , and  $us \le vs$ .

**Case 2.** If  $w_1 = x$ ,  $w_2 = y$ , then by (2) we have  $(x, u)s \leq (y, v)s$ . By the definition of A(I), there exists  $i \in I$  such that  $us \leq i \leq vs$ . By assumption, there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $us \leq js$  and  $j \leq v$ , or  $js \leq vs$  and  $u \leq j$ . If  $us \leq js$ ,  $j \leq v$ , then  $(x, 1)j = (z, j) = (y, 1)j \leq (y, 1)v = (y, v)$  and  $(x, u) \leq (x, 1)u$ , and if  $js \leq vs$ ,  $u \leq j$ , then  $(x, u) = (x, 1)u \leq (x, 1)j = (z, j) = (y, 1)j$  and  $(y, 1)v \leq (y, v)$ . Therefore, A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Case 3.** If  $w_1 = x$ ,  $w_2 = z$ , then (2) means  $(x, u)s \le (z, v)s$ . Hence,  $(x, u) \le (x, 1)u$ ,  $(x, 1)v \le (z, v)$ , and  $us \le vs$ .

The other cases can be discussed similarly and we obtain that A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.5** Let S be a pomonoid and 1 the identity of S, in which 1 is incomparable with every other element of S. Then the following conditions on pomonoids are equivalent:

- (1) All right S-posets satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;
- (2) All right S-posets satisfying Condition (E) satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;
- (3) All finitely generated right S-posets satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;

(4) All finitely generated right S-posets satisfying Condition (E) satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;

(5) S is a pogroup.

**Proof** The implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (4)$  and  $(1) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$  are all clear.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ . Suppose that I is a proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. It follows from [10, Lemma 2.2] that the right S-poset A(I) satisfies Condition (E). By assumption, A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Since  $i \leq i \leq i$  for every  $i \in I$ , we take u = v = 1, and by Theorem 2.4, there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $j \leq 1$  or  $1 \leq j$ . However, 1 is isolated and we obtain j = 1, a contradiction. Hence, S has no proper right ideals, and so S is a pogroup.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ . It is straightforward to verify.

At the end of this section, we present an example from [12, Example] that A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Let  $S = \{1, 0\}$  be a monoid with the usual order. We consider the ideal  $I = \{0\}$ . It follows from Theorem 2.4 that A(I) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . However, if  $S = \{1, 0\}$  with the discrete order, and the ideal  $I = \{0\}$ , then A(I) does not satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . This is because, taking u = v = 1 and s = i = 0 in Theorem 2.4, we have  $us \leq i \leq vs$ , and there does not exist  $j \in I$  such that  $j \leq v$ , or  $u \leq j$ .

#### **3.** Cyclic (Rees factor) S-posets satisfying $(PWP)_w$

In this section, we will give a description of pomonoids S by Condition  $(PWP)_w$  of cyclic (Rees factor) S-posets.

A relation  $\sigma$  on an S-poset  $A_S$  is called a *pseudo-order* on  $A_S$  if it is transitive, compatible with the S-action, and contains the relation  $\leq$  on  $A_S$ . The relationship between order congruences and pseudo-orders on  $A_S$  was given in [14].

Suppose that  $\rho$  is a right order congruence on a pomonoid S. Define a relation  $\hat{\rho}$  by

$$s\widehat{\rho}t \Leftrightarrow [s]_{\rho} \leq [t]_{\rho} \text{ in } S/\rho.$$

It is clear that  $\hat{\rho}$  is a pseudo-order on  $A_S$ . Below we will describe cyclic S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $\rho$  be a right order congruence on a pomonoid S. Then the cyclic right S-poset  $S/\rho$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  if and only if

$$(\forall x, y, t \in S)([x]_{\rho}t \leq [y]_{\rho}t \Rightarrow (\exists u, v \in S)(ut \leq vt \land x\widehat{\rho}u \land v\widehat{\rho}y)).$$

**Proof** It is a routine matter.

The following is a direct corollary of Proposition 3.1.

**Corollary 3.2** Let S be any pomonoid. Then  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

To get the results for Rees factor S-posets we need some more preliminary material.

**Lemma 3.3** ([1, Lemma 3]) Let K be a convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then for  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$[x]_{\rho_K} \leq [y]_{\rho_K}$$
 in  $S/K \Leftrightarrow (x \leq y)$  or  $(x \leq k \text{ and } k' \leq y \text{ for some } k, k' \in K).$ 

Moreover,  $[x]_{\rho_K} = [y]_{\rho_K}$  in S/K if and only if either x = y or else  $x, y \in K$ .

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Recall from [1, 11] that a convex, proper right ideal K of a pomonoid S is strongly left stabilizing, if

$$(\forall k \in K)(\forall s \in S)(k \le s \Rightarrow (\exists k' \in K)(k's \le s), \text{ and } s \le k \Rightarrow (\exists k'' \in K)(s \le k''s)).$$

The following two concepts first appeared in [6]. For convenience, we will define them as follows.

**Definition 3.4** A convex, proper right ideal K of a pomonoid S is called *strongly left annihilating*, if

$$(\forall t \in S)(\forall x, y \in S \setminus K)([x]_{\rho_K} t \leq [y]_{\rho_K} t \Rightarrow xt \leq yt).$$

**Definition 3.5** A convex, proper right ideal K of a pomonoid S is called *double-strongly left annihilating* (briefly, D-strongly left annihilating), if for every  $s, t \in S \setminus K$  and homomorphism  $f: {}_{S}(Ss \cup St) \to {}_{S}S$ ,

$$[f(s)]_{\rho_K} \le [f(t)]_{\rho_K} \Rightarrow f(s) \le f(t).$$

Every *D*-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid *S* is strongly left annihilating. Indeed, if  $[x]_{\rho_K}t \leq [y]_{\rho_K}t$  for  $t \in S$  and  $x, y \in S \setminus K$ , then  $[\rho_t(x)]_{\rho_K} \leq [\rho_t(y)]_{\rho_K}$ . (If *S* is a pomonoid and  $t \in S$ , then  $\rho_t \colon S \to S$  will denote the right translation by *t*, that is,  $\rho_t(s) = st$  for any  $s \in S$ .) This implies that if *K* is *D*-strongly left annihilating, then  $\rho_t(x) \leq \rho_t(y)$ , that is,  $xt \leq yt$ . Hence, *K* is strongly left annihilating. The next example from [8, Example 2] shows that not all strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideals are *D*-strongly left annihilating.

**Example 3.6** (strongly left annihilating  $\not\Rightarrow D$ -strongly left annihilating) Let S be an annihilating chain of semigroup  $S_1 = \{1\}$ , a right zero semigroup  $S_2 = \{s, t\}$ , a left zero semigroup  $S_3 = \{x, y\}$ , and a semigroup  $S_4 = \{0\}$  (1 > 2 > 3 > 4). The order of S is discrete. (A chain of semigroups  $S_{\gamma}, \gamma \in \Gamma$  is called an annihilating chain if  $x \in S_{\alpha}$  and  $y \in S_{\beta}$ ,  $\alpha > \beta$  implies xy = yx = y.) Consider the right ideal  $K = \{x, y, 0\}$ . If  $[u]_{\rho_K} z \leq [v]_{\rho_K} z$  for  $z \in S$  and  $u, v \in S \setminus K$ , then  $uz \leq vz$ , proving that K is strongly left annihilating. Define a mapping  $f : Ss \cup St \to S$  by f(us) = ux and f(ut) = uy for all  $u \in S$ . It is straightforward to check that f is a homomorphism of left S-posets. Now  $[f(s)]_{\rho_K} \leq [f(t)]_{\rho_K}$ , but it does not imply  $f(s) \leq f(t)$ , so K is not D-strongly left annihilating.

**Lemma 3.7** ([1, Propositions 10 and 13]) Let K be a convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then:

- (1) S/K is principally weakly po-flat if and only if K is strongly left stabilizing.
- (2) S/K is weakly po-flat if and only if S is weakly right reversible and K is strongly left stabilizing.

**Lemma 3.8** ([6, Theorem 4.5, Corollary 5.7]) Let K be a convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then:

- (1) S/K satisfies Condition (PWP) if and only if K is strongly left stabilizing and strongly left annihilating.
- (2) S/K satisfies Condition (WP) if and only if S is weakly right reversible, and K is strongly left stabilizing and D-strongly left annihilating.

For Rees factor S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , we can give the following description.

**Definition 3.9** A convex, proper right ideal K of a pomonoid S is called w-strongly left annihilating, if  $[x]_{\rho_K}t \leq [y]_{\rho_K}t$  for any  $x, y \in S \setminus K$  and  $t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$ , and  $k, k', l, l' \in K$  such that one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

- (a)  $x \leq u, v \leq y$ , and  $ut \leq vt$ ;
- (b)  $x \le u, v \le l, l' \le y$ , and  $ut \le vt$ ;
- (c)  $x \leq k, k' \leq u, v \leq y$ , and  $ut \leq vt$ ;
- (d)  $x \leq k, k' \leq u, v \leq l, l' \leq y$ , and  $ut \leq vt$ .

By the definition, every strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S is w-strongly left annihilating, but the converse is not true by the following Example 3.11.

**Theorem 3.10** Let K be a convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  if and only if

(1) K is strongly left stabilizing, and

#### (2) K is w-strongly left annihilating.

**Proof** Necessity: Suppose that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Then S/K is principally weakly po-flat, so by Lemma 3.7, we have (1).

To prove (2) we suppose that  $[x]_{\rho_K} t \leq [y]_{\rho_K} t$  for  $x, y \in S \setminus K$  and  $t \in S$ . Since S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , by Proposition 3.1, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $x \rho_K u, v \rho_K y$  and  $ut \leq vt$ . Thus, we have  $[x]_{\rho_K} \leq [u]_{\rho_K}$  and  $[v]_{\rho_K} \leq [y]_{\rho_K}$ . By Lemma 3.3,  $[x]_{\rho_K} \leq [u]_{\rho_K}$  implies  $x \leq u$ , or  $x \leq k$  and  $k' \leq u$  for  $k, k' \in K$ . Similarly,  $[v]_{\rho_K} \leq [y]_{\rho_K}$  implies  $v \leq y$ , or  $v \leq l$  and  $l' \leq y$  for  $l, l' \in K$ . Hence, we get the four possible cases of Definition 3.9, and this implies that K is w-strongly left annihilating.

Sufficiency: Assume (1) and (2) hold. To show that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , where K is a convex, proper right ideal of the pomonoid S, it suffices to show that S/K satisfies the conditions of Proposition 3.1. Now we suppose that  $[x]_{\rho_K} t \leq [y]_{\rho_K} t$  for  $x, y, t \in S$ . Then  $[xt]_{\rho_K} \leq [yt]_{\rho_K}$ . By Lemma 3.3, we have  $xt \leq yt$ , or  $xt \leq k$  and  $k' \leq yt$  for  $k, k' \in K$ . If  $xt \leq yt$ , then it suffices in Proposition 3.1 to take u = x, y = v. Otherwise, there are the following four cases:

**Case 1.**  $x, y \in K$ . We can take u = v = x.

**Case 2.**  $x \in K$ ,  $y \notin K$ . Since  $k' \leq yt$ , by assumption (1) there exists  $k'' \in K$  such that  $k''yt \leq yt$ , and so it suffices in Proposition 3.1 to take u = k''y and v = y.

**Case 3.**  $x \notin K$ ,  $y \in K$ . This is analogous to Case 2.

**Case 4.**  $x, y \notin K$ . By (2) of the assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $k, k', l, l' \in K$  such that one of the conditions of Definition 3.9 holds. However, in any condition, we always have  $x \widehat{\rho_K} u$ ,  $v \widehat{\rho_K} y$ , and  $xt \leq yt$ .  $\Box$ 

The following example illustrates that Condition  $(PWP)_w$  does not imply Condition (PWP).

**Example 3.11** ((PWP)<sub>w</sub>  $\neq$  (PWP)) Let  $S = \{1, e, f, 0\}$  denote the monoid with the Cayley table

	1	e	f	0
1	1	e	f	0
e	e	e	0	0
f	f	0	f	0
0	0	0	0	0

and suppose that the only nontrivial order relations are e < 1 and 0 < f. We consider the ideal  $K_S = \{e, 0\}$ . Then  $(S, \leq)$  is a pomonoid, and K is a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal. It follows from Theorem 3.10 that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . On the other hand, since  $1, f \in S \setminus K$  and  $[1]e \leq [f]e$ , but  $1e \not\leq fe$ . Hence, K is not strongly left annihilating. It follows from Lemma 3.8 that S/K does not satisfy Condition (PWP).

In what follows, we give the homological classification of pomonoids S over which all Rees factor S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  have a certain flatness property. To do this, we require the following results.

**Lemma 3.12** ([1, Theorem 1]) Let S be any pomonoid. Then:

- (1)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (E) if and only if S is left collapsible.
- (2)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (E') if and only if S is weakly left collapsible.
- (3) The following statements are equivalent:
  - (a)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (P);
  - (b)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (WP) (see [6, Corollary 5.4]);
  - (c)  $\Theta_S$  is weakly (po-)flat;
  - (d) S is weakly right reversible.

(4)  $\Theta_S$  is (always) principally weakly (po-) flat and (po-) torsion free.

**Lemma 3.13** ([11, Lemma 1.8]) Let K be a convex, proper right ideal of a pomonoid S. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K is strongly flat;
- (2) S/K satisfies Condition (P);
- (3) |K| = 1.

**Theorem 3.14** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is weakly po-flat;
- (2) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is weakly flat;
- (3) S is weakly right reversible.

**Proof**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ . It is obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Since  $\Theta_S$  always satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  and, by assumption,  $\Theta_S$  is weakly flat, it follows from Lemma 3.12 that S is weakly right reversible.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Suppose that K is a convex right ideal of a pomonoid S and S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . If K is a proper, convex right ideal, using Theorem 3.10, K is a strongly left stabilizing convex, proper right ideal, since S is weakly right reversible and by Lemma 3.7, S/K is weakly po-flat. However, if K = S and S is weakly right reversible, then by Lemma 3.12,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  is weakly po-flat.  $\Box$ 

Note that Condition  $(PWP)_w$  and weakly po-flat are independent notions. Indeed, on the one hand, if a pomonoid S is not weakly right reversible, then by Theorem 3.14, there exists a Rees factor S-poset S/Ksatisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  that is not weakly po-flat. Therefore, Condition  $(PWP)_w$  does not imply weakly po-flat in general. On the other hand, by [6, Example 6.3], there exists a weakly po-flat Rees factor S-poset that fails to satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Theorem 3.15** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition (WP);
- (2) S is weakly right reversible, and every strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K of S is D-strongly left annihilating.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  and by assumption,  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (WP), from Lemma 3.8, it follows that S is weakly right reversible. Let K be a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal. From Theorem 3.10, it follows that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . By assumption, S/K satisfies Condition (WP) and so by Lemma 3.8, K is D-strongly left annihilating.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let K be a convex right ideal of the pomonoid S and S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . If K is a convex, proper right ideal, then by Theorem 3.10, K is a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal, and so by assumption, K is a D-strongly left annihilating right ideal. Since S is weakly right reversible, from Lemma 3.8, it follows that S/K satisfies Condition (WP). However, if K = S and S is weakly right reversible, then by Lemma 3.12,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (WP).

Applying Lemma 3.8 and Theorem 3.10, we can get:

**Theorem 3.16** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition (PWP);
- (2) Every strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K of S is strongly left annihilating.

**Theorem 3.17** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition (P);
- (2) S is weakly right reversible, and S has no strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1.

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**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , by assumption,  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (P). From Lemma 3.12, we obtain that S is weakly right reversible. Assume S has a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1. From Theorem 3.10 it follows that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . By assumption, S/K satisfies Condition (P), and so by Lemma 3.13, |K| = 1, a contradiction is obtained.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let K be a convex right ideal of the pomonoid S. Suppose that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . If K is a convex, proper right ideal of S, it follows from Theorem 3.10 that K is a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal. By assumption, |K| = 1, and so S/K satisfies Condition (P). However, if K = S,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Since S is weakly right reversible, by Lemma 3.12,  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (P).

The following example shows that Condition  $(PWP)_w$  does not imply Condition (P).

**Example 3.18** ([11, Example 3.22]) Let S be a left zero semigroup K with 1 adjoined and |K| > 1. The order of S is discrete. It is easy to verify that K is strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating. It follows from Theorem 3.10 that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . However, by Theorem 3.17, S/K does not satisfy Condition (P).

In what follows we will use the following.

**Theorem 3.19** Let K be a convex right ideal of a pomonoid S. The right Rees factor S-poset S/K is weakly subpullback flat if and only if K = S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible, or |K| = 1.

**Proof** Necessity: If K = S and  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  is weakly subpullback flat, then  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Conditions (P) and (E'). From Lemma 3.12, we obtain that S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible. Assume S has a convex, proper right ideal K and S/K is weakly subpullback flat. Then S/K satisfies Condition (P), and so by lemma 3.13, |K| = 1.

Sufficiency: If K is a convex, proper right ideal of the pomonoid S, then by assumption, we have |K| = 1 and  $S/K \cong S$  is strongly flat, and it is clear that S/K is weakly subpullback flat. However, if K = S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible, then by Lemma 3.12,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Conditions (P) and (E'). Hence,  $\Theta_S$  is weakly subpullback flat.

**Theorem 3.20** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is weakly subpullback flat;
- (2) S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible, and S has no strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , by assumption,  $\Theta_S$  is weakly subpullback flat. Applying Theorem 3.19, we obtain that S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible. Assume S has a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1. From Theorem 3.10, it follows that S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . By assumption, S/K is weakly subpullback flat, and so by Theorem 3.19, |K| = 1, a contradiction.  $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Suppose that K is a convex right ideal of the pomonoid S and S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . If K is a convex, proper right ideal of S, by Theorem 3.10, K is a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal. By assumption, |K| = 1, and so  $S/K \cong S$  is strongly flat. Clearly, S/K is weakly subpullback flat. However, if K = S,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Since S is weakly right reversible and weakly left collapsible, by Lemma 3.12,  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Conditions (P) and (E'). Hence,  $\Theta_S$  is weakly subpullback flat.

#### **Theorem 3.21** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is strongly flat;
- (2) S is left collapsible, and S has no strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$  and by assumption,  $\Theta_S$  is strongly flat, thus  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (*E*). Using Lemma 3.12, *S* is left collapsible. Assume *S* has a strongly left stabilizing and *w*-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal *K* with |K| > 1. By Theorem 3.10, *S*/*K* satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , so by assumption, *S*/*K* is strongly flat, and by Lemma 3.13, |K| = 1, a contradiction is obtained.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let K be a convex right ideal of the pomonoid S and S/K satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . If K a is convex, proper right ideal, by Theorem 3.10, K is a strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal. By assumption, |K| = 1, and so  $S/K \cong S$  is strongly flat. However, if K = S,  $S/K \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Since S is left collapsible, by Lemma 3.12,  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (E). Hence,  $\Theta_S$  is strongly flat.

#### **Theorem 3.22** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is projective;
- (2) S has a left zero element, and S has no strongly left stabilizing and w-strongly left annihilating convex, proper right ideal K with |K| > 1.
- **Proof** It is similar to that of Theorem 3.21.

**Theorem 3.23** For any pomonoid S, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) S/K satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is free;
- (2) |S| = 1.
- **Proof** It can be easily proved.

**Example 3.24** Let S be a pogroup and |S| > 1. Then the Rees factor S-poset  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , but, by Theorem 3.23,  $\Theta_S$  is not free.

## 4. Direct products of S-posets satisfying Condition $(PWP)_w$

In this section, we are going to discuss direct products of any arbitrary nonempty family of S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

If S is a pomonoid, the Cartesian product  $S^{I}$  is a right and left S-poset equipped with the order and the action componentwise where I is a nonempty set. Moreover,  $(s_{i})_{i \in I} \in S^{I}$  is denoted simply by  $(s_{i})$ , and the right S-poset  $S \times S$  is called the *diagonal right S-poset of S*, usually denoted D(S). (For more information the reader is referred to [7]).

According to [7], the set  $L(s,s) := \{(u,v) \in D(S) | us \leq vs\}$  is a left S-subposet of D(S). Moreover, for each  $(p,q) \in D(S)$ , the set  $\widehat{S(p,q)} := \{(u,v) \in D(S) | u \leq wp$  and  $wq \leq v$  for some  $w \in S\}$  is a left S-poset. Clearly,  $\widehat{S(p,q)}$  contains the cyclic S-poset S(p,q).

**Theorem 4.1** Let S be a pomonoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Any finite product of right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;
- (2) The diagonal right S-poset D(S) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;
- (3) For every  $s \in S$ , the set L(s,s) is either empty or for each 2 elements (u,v),  $(u',v') \in L(s,s)$ , there exists  $(p,q) \in L(s,s)$  such that (u,v),  $(u',v') \in \widehat{S(p,q)}$ .

**Proof**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  It is obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Suppose that D(S) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Let (u, v),  $(u', v') \in L(s, s)$  for any  $s \in S$ . From the inequalities  $us \leq vs$  and  $u's \leq v's$  we obtain  $(u, u')s \leq (v, v')s$ . Since D(S) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , there exist  $(w, w') \in D(S)$  and  $p, q \in S$  such that  $(u, u') \leq (w, w')p$ ,  $(w, w')q \leq (v, v')$ , and  $ps \leq qs$ . Thus, we have  $(p, q) \in L(s, s)$  and we are done.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$  are right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Suppose  $a_i, a'_i \in A_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and let  $s \in S$  be such that  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)s \leq (a'_1, \ldots, a'_n)s$  in  $A = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$ . For every  $A_i$ , applying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  to the inequalities  $a_is \leq a'_is$   $(1 \leq i \leq n)$ , we get  $a''_i \in A_i$  and  $p_i, q_i \in S$  such that  $a_i \leq a''_i p_i$ ,  $a''_i q_i \leq a'_i$  and  $p_is \leq q_is$ . Then  $(p_i, q_i) \in L(s, s)$  for each i, and so by assumption, there exists  $(p,q) \in L(s,s)$  such that  $(p_i,q_i) \in L(p,q)$  for each i. Thus,  $p_i \leq w_i p$  and  $w_i q \leq q_i$  for some  $w_i \in S$   $(1 \leq i \leq n)$ . Thus, we calculate that  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \leq (a''_1 w_1, \ldots, a''_n w_n)p$ ,  $(a''_1 w_1, \ldots, a''_n w_n)q \leq (a'_1, \ldots, a'_n)$ , and  $ps \leq qs$ , proving that  $A = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

For a right po-cancellable pomonoid, Theorem 4.1 yields the following.

**Corollary 4.2** If the pomonoid S is right po-cancellative, then the diagonal right S-poset D(S) satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

As an extension of Theorem 4.1, the following result is obtained.

**Theorem 4.3** Let S be a pomonoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1) The direct product of every nonempty family of right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ ;

# (2) $(S^{I})_{S}$ satisfies Condition $(PWP)_{w}$ for every nonempty set I;

(3) For every  $s \in S$ , the set L(s,s) is either empty or there exists  $(p,q) \in L(s,s)$  such that  $L(s,s) = \widehat{S(p,q)}$ . **Proof**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  It is obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let  $s \in S$  and  $L(s,s) \neq \emptyset$ . Write  $L(s,s) = \{(u_i, v_i) | i \in I\}$ . Let u and v be the elements of  $S^I$  whose *i*th components are  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ , respectively. Then we get  $us \leq vs$  in  $S^I$ . Since  $S^I$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , we have that  $u \leq wp$ ,  $wq \leq v$  and  $ps \leq qs$  for some  $p, q \in S$  and  $w \in S^I$ . Then  $(p,q) \in L(s,s)$ , and for each  $i \in I$  we have  $u_i \leq w_i p$ ,  $w_i q \leq v_i$  where  $w_i$  is the *i*th component of w. Thus, we have  $L(s,s) = \widehat{S(p,q)}$ , as desired.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $A = \prod_{j \in J} A_j$  be a direct product of right S-posets satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Suppose that  $s \in S$ , and  $a = (a_j)$ ,  $b = (b_j) \in A$  are such that  $as \leq bs$ . Then we have  $a_js \leq b_js$  for each  $j \in J$ . Since  $A_j$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)_w$ , there are elements  $u_j, v_j \in S$  and  $c_j \in A_j$  with  $a_j \leq c_j u_j$ ,  $c_j v_j \leq b_j$ , and  $u_js \leq v_js$ . Therefore,  $(u_j, v_j) \in L(s, s) \neq \emptyset$  and by assumption there exists  $(p,q) \in L(s,s)$  such that  $L(s,s) = \widehat{S(p,q)}$ . Then for each  $(u_j, v_j) \in L(s, s)$  there exists  $w_j \in S$  with  $u_j \leq w_j p$  and  $w_j q \leq v_j$ . Thus,  $ps \leq qs$ , and for each  $j \in J$  we can calculate that  $a_j \leq c_j w_j p$  and  $c_j w_j q \leq b_j$ . Taking  $a' = (c_j w_j)_{j \in J} \in A$ , we have  $a \leq a'p$  and  $a'q \leq b$ , as required.  $\Box$ 

Note that the fact that not every pomonoid S has a diagonal S-poset D(S) satisfying Condition  $(PWP)_w$  is shown by the following example.

**Example 4.4** Let  $S = \{0, x, 1 | x^2 = 0\}$  be a monoid with the nontrivial order relations 0 < x < 1. Then S is a pomonoid, and the diagonal S-poset D(S) does not satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ .

**Proof** It is clear that S is a pomonoid. We use Theorem 4.1 to check that D(S) fails to satisfy Condition  $(PWP)_w$ . Note that (1,1),  $(x,0) \in L(x,x)$  for  $x \in S$ . However, there is no element  $(p,q) \in L(x,x)$  such that (1,1),  $(x,0) \in \widehat{S(p,q)}$ .

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