

# Exactness and geometric properties of inverse semigroups

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- (2) Proper and right sub-invariant metrics
- (3) Exactness vs. Yu's property A
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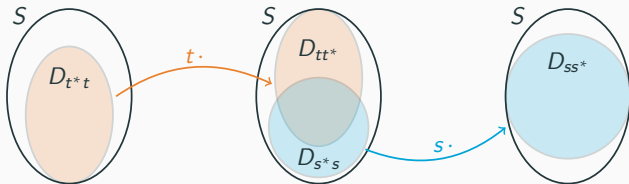
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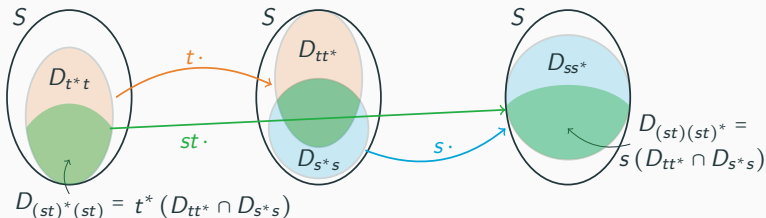
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**Reduced C\*-algebra:**  $C_r^*(S) := C^*(\{v_s\}_{s \in S}) \subset \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(S))$

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## Proposition (classical)

The large scale geometry of the Cayley graph of  $G$   
does not depend on the generators

**Goal:** coarse geometry of inverse semigroups  
and its relation with  $C^*$ -properties of  $C_r^*(S)$

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- If  $d$  is **proper**, then  $(S, d)$  has **bounded geometry**  
However, the converse is false!



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## Theorem (Ozawa - 2000)

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**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) given  $\xi: S \rightarrow \ell^1(S)_1^+$  the diagram

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can be shown to be an approximation of  $\text{id}: \mathcal{R}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_S$

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(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is based on  $\ell^\infty(S) \rtimes_r S \cong C_u^*(S, d)$

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