



## On condition $(G-PWP)$

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**Abstract.** Laan introduced the principal weak form of Condition  $(P)$  as Condition  $(PWP)$  and gave some characterization of monoids by this condition of their acts. In this paper first we introduce Condition  $(G-PWP)$ , a generalization of Condition  $(PWP)$  of acts over monoids and then will give a characterization of monoids when all right acts satisfy this condition. We also give a characterization of monoids, by comparing this property of their acts with some others. Finally, we give a characterization of monoids coming from some special classes, by this property of their diagonal acts and extend some results on Condition  $(PWP)$  to this condition of acts.

### 1 Introduction

In [12], the concept of strong flatness was introduced: a right act  $A_S$  is strongly flat if the functor  $A_S \otimes -$  preserves pullbacks and equalizers. In that article strongly flat acts were characterized as those acts that satisfy two interpolation conditions, later labelled Condition  $(P)$  and Condition  $(E)$  in [13]. In [10] Valdis Laan introduced the principal weak form of Condition  $(P)$  as Condition  $(PWP)$  and gave some characterization of monoids, by this condition of their acts.

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In this article in Section 2 first of all we introduce a generalization of Condition ( $PWP$ ), called Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ) and will give some general properties. Then for a monoid  $S$  we will give a necessary and sufficient condition for a right  $S$ -act to satisfy this condition. We show that Condition ( $PWP$ ) implies Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ), but not the converse, and Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ) implies  $GP$ -flatness, but the converse is not true in general. Then, we will give a characterization of monoids  $S$  over which all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ) and also a characterization of monoids  $S$  for which this condition of right  $S$ -acts has some other properties and vice versa. Some results from Condition ( $PWP$ ) will also be extended to this property. Finally, in Section 3 we give a characterization of monoids coming from some special classes, by this property of their diagonal acts.

Throughout this article,  $\mathbb{N}$  will stand for natural numbers. We refer the reader to [5] and [8] for basic definitions and results relating to acts over monoids and to [10] and [11] for definitions and results on flatness which are used here.

We use the following abbreviations,

weak pullback flatness = WPF.

weak kernel flatness = WKF.

principal weak kernel flatness = PWKF.

translation kernel flatness = TKF.

## 2 Characterization by condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ) on right $S$ -acts

We recall from [10] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies *Condition ( $PWP$ )* if  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ , implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$ , such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us = vs$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $A_S$  a right  $S$ -act. We say that  $A_S$  satisfies *Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ )* if  $as = a's$  for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ , implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ .

Clearly, Condition (PWP) implies Condition (G-PWP), but not the converse, see the following example.

First we recall from [8] that a right ideal  $K$  of a monoid  $S$  is called *left stabilizing* if for every  $k \in K$ , there exists  $l \in K$  such that  $lk = k$ . We also recall from [10] that  $K$  is called *left annihilating* if for all  $s \in S$  and  $x, y \in S \setminus K$ ,  $xs, ys \in K$  implies that  $xs = ys$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $S = \{1, 0, e, f, a\}$  be a monoid with the following table:

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

If  $K = aS = \{0, a\}$ , then it is easy to see that the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/K$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP). But  $K$  is not left annihilating, because,  $a \in S$ ,  $e, f \in S \setminus K$ ,  $ea, fa \in K$  and  $ea \neq fa$ , also  $K$  is not left stabilizing, thus, by [8, III, 10.11],  $S/K$  is not principally weakly flat and so it does not satisfy Condition (PWP).

All statements in Proposition 2.3 are easy consequences of definition.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $A_S$  be a right  $S$ -act. Then*

- (1)  $S_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP).
- (2)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP).
- (3) Any retract of an act satisfying Condition (G-PWP) satisfies Condition (G-PWP).
- (4) Let  $A_S = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ , where  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , are right  $S$ -acts. If  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), then  $A_i$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), for every  $i \in I$ .

- (5) Let  $A_S = \coprod_{i \in I} A_i$ , where  $A_i, i \in I$ , are right  $S$ -acts. Then  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) if and only if each  $A_i, i \in I$ , satisfies Condition (G-PWP).
- (6) Let  $\{B_i | i \in I\}$  be a chain of subacts of  $A_S$ . If every  $B_i, i \in I$ , satisfies Condition (G-PWP), then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP).

**Proposition 2.4.** *A right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) if and only if for all  $a, a' \in A_S$  and all homomorphisms  $f : {}_S S \rightarrow {}_S S$ , the equality  $af(s) = a'f(s)$  for all  $s \in S$  implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \otimes s = a'' \otimes u, a' \otimes s = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A_S \otimes {}_S S$  and  $uf^n(1) = vf^n(1)$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity. Suppose that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) and let  $af(s) = a'f(s)$ , for homomorphism  $f : {}_S S \rightarrow {}_S S, a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Then,  $asf(1) = a'sf(1)$  and so there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $as = a''u, a's = a''v$  and  $uf^n(1) = vf^n(1)$ . Thus, by [8, II, 5.13],  $a \otimes s = a'' \otimes u$  and  $a' \otimes s = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A_S \otimes {}_S S$ , as required.

Sufficiency. Suppose that  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S$  and let  $f : {}_S S \rightarrow {}_S S$  be defined as  $f(r) = rs, r \in S$ . It is obvious that  $f$  is a homomorphism where  $af(1) = a'f(1)$ . Then, by assumption, there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \otimes 1 = a'' \otimes u, a' \otimes 1 = a'' \otimes v$  in  $A_S \otimes {}_S S$  and  $uf^n(1) = vf^n(1)$ . Thus  $us^n = vs^n$  and, by [8, II, 5.13],  $a = a''u, a' = a''v$ . Hence  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), as required.  $\square$

We recall from [7] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is called *GP-flat* if  $a \otimes s = a' \otimes s$  in  $A_S \otimes {}_S S$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S, s \in S$  implies that there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \otimes s^n = a' \otimes s^n$  in  $A_S \otimes {}_S Ss^n$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $A_S$  be a right  $S$ -act. If  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), then  $A_S$  is GP-flat.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) and let  $as = a's$  for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Then there exist  $a'' \in A_S, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a = a''u, a' = a''v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Therefore,

$$a \otimes s^n = a''u \otimes s^n = a'' \otimes us^n = a'' \otimes vs^n = a''v \otimes s^n = a' \otimes s^n$$

in  $A_S \otimes {}_S Ss^n$ , and so  $A_S$  is GP-flat, as required.  $\square$

The converse of Proposition 2.5 is not true, see the following example.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $S = \{1, e, f, 0\}$  be a semilattice, where  $ef = 0$ . Consider the right ideal  $K = eS = \{e, 0\}$  of  $S$ . Since  $K$  is left stabilizing,  $S/K$  is principally weakly flat, by [8, III, 10.11], and so it is *GP*-flat. But, it is easy to see that  $S$ -act  $S/K$  does not satisfy Condition (G-PWP).

We recall from [13] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (E) if  $as = at$ , for  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, t \in S$ , implies that there exist  $a' \in A_S$  and  $u \in S$ , such that  $a = a'u$  and  $us = ut$ . Also we recall from [9] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (E') if  $as = at$  and  $sz = tz$ , for  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, t, z \in S$ , imply that there exist  $a' \in A_S$  and  $u \in S$ , such that  $a = a'u$  and  $us = ut$ . A right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (EP) if  $as = at$  for  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, t \in S$ , implies that there exist  $a' \in A_S$  and  $u, u' \in S$  such that  $a = a'u = a'u'$  and  $us = u't$ . A right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (E'P) if  $as = at$  and  $sz = tz$ , for  $a \in A_S$  and  $s, t, z \in S$ , imply that there exist  $a' \in A_S$  and  $u, u' \in S$  such that  $a = a'u = a'u'$  and  $us = u't$  (see [1], [2]).

It is obvious that  $(E) \Rightarrow (E') \Rightarrow (E'P)$  and  $(E) \Rightarrow (EP) \Rightarrow (E'P)$ , but not the converses in general (see [1], [2]).

For monoids over which all right acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP), see the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.7.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (2) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (E'P) satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (3) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (EP) satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (4) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (E') satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (5) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (E) satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (6) *all generators in  $\mathbf{Act}\text{-}S$  satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (7)  *$S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), for every right  $S$ -act  $A_S$ ;*
- (8) *a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) if  $\text{Hom}(A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ ;*

(9)  $S$  is a group.

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5), (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5), (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) are obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Suppose that  $I$  is a proper right ideal of  $S$  and let  $A_S = S \coprod^I S$ . Then

$$A_S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, y) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\},$$

where  $B_S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I$  and  $D_S = \{(\beta, x) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I$  are subacts of  $A_S$  isomorphic to  $S_S$ . Since  $S_S$  satisfies Condition (E),  $B_S$  and  $D_S$  satisfy Condition (E), too, and so  $A_S = B_S \cup D_S$  satisfies Condition (E) and so, by assumption,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP). Hence, the equality  $(1, x)t = (1, y)t$ , for  $t \in I$ , implies that there exist  $a \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(1, x) = au$ ,  $(1, y) = av$  and  $ut^n = vt^n$ . Then equalities  $(1, x) = au$  and  $(1, y) = av$  imply, that there exist  $l, l' \in S \setminus I$  such that  $a = (l, x)$  and  $a = (l', y)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $S$  has no proper right ideal, and so  $aS = S$ , for every  $a \in S$ . That is,  $S$  is a group, as required.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). It is obvious that the mapping  $\pi : S \times A_S \rightarrow S_S$ , where  $\pi(s, a) = s$ , for all  $s \in S$  and  $a \in A_S$ , is an epimorphism in **Act-S**, and so  $S \times A_S$  is a generator, by [8, II, 3.16], thus, by assumption,  $S \times A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP).

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). Suppose  $Hom(A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ , for the right  $S$ -act  $A_S$ . We have to show that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP). Let  $f \in Hom(A_S, S_S)$ ,  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Then  $f(as) = f(a's)$  and so  $(f(a), a)s = (f(a'), a')s$  in  $S \times A_S$ . Thus there exist  $(w, a'') \in S \times A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(f(a), a) = (w, a'')u$ ,  $(f(a'), a') = (w, a'')v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Therefore,  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ , and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), as required.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $A_S$  be a right  $S$ -act. It is obvious that the mapping  $\pi : S \times A_S \rightarrow S_S$ , where  $\pi(s, a) = s$ , for  $s \in S$  and  $a \in A_S$  is a homomorphism and so  $Hom(S \times A_S, S_S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Then  $(1, a)s = (1, a')s$  in  $S \times A_S$ , and so, by assumption, there exist  $(w, a'') \in S \times A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(1, a) = (w, a'')u$ ,  $(1, a') = (w, a'')v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Then  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ , and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), as required.  $\square$

We recall from [8] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is *torsion free* if for  $a, b \in A_S$  and

a right cancellable element  $c$  of  $S$ , the equality  $ac = bc$  implies that  $a = b$ .  $A_S$  is *strongly torsion free* if the equality  $as = bs$  for all  $a, b \in A_S$  and all  $s \in S$  implies that  $a = b$  (see [14]). Also we recall from [8] that an element  $a \in A_S$  is called *act-regular* if there exists a homomorphism  $f : aS \rightarrow S$  such that  $af(a) = a$ , and  $A_S$  is called a *regular act* if every  $a \in A_S$  is an act-regular element.

An element  $s \in S$  is called *generally left almost regular* if there exist elements  $r, r_1, \dots, r_m, s_1, \dots, s_m \in S$ , right cancellable elements  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in S$  and a natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_1c_1 &= sr_1 \\ s_2c_2 &= s_1r_2 \\ &\dots \\ s_m c_m &= s_{m-1}r_m \\ s^n &= s_m r s^n. \end{aligned}$$

A monoid  $S$  is called *generally left almost regular* if all its elements are generally left almost regular (see [7]).

An element  $u \in S$  is called *right semi-cancellable* if for every  $x, y \in S$ ,  $xu = yu$  implies for some  $r \in S$ ,  $ru = u$  and  $xr = yr$ . A monoid  $S$  is *left PSF* if and only if every element of  $S$  is right semi-cancellative.

**Definition 2.8.** We say that a right ideal  $K$  of a monoid  $S$  is *G-left stabilizing* if for every  $s \in S$  and  $r \in S \setminus K$ ,  $rs \in K$  implies that there exist  $k \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $rs^n = ks^n$ .

Proposition 2.5, [7, Proposition 2.6] and Example 2.6 show that Condition (G-PWP) of acts implies torsion freeness, but not the converse.

For the converse see the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.9.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all torsion free right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*

- (2) *all finitely generated torsion free right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (3) *all torsion free right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (4)  *$S$  is generally left almost regular and all GP-flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (5)  *$S$  is generally left almost regular and all finitely generated GP-flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (6)  *$S$  is generally left almost regular and all GP-flat right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (7)  *$S$  is left PSF and all GP-flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (8)  *$S$  is left PSF and all principally weakly flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (9)  *$S$  is left PSF and all weakly flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (10)  *$S$  is left PSF and all flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (11) *there exists a regular left  $S$ -act and all GP-flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (12) *there exists a regular left  $S$ -act and all principally weakly flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (13) *there exists a regular left  $S$ -act and all weakly flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (14) *there exists a regular left  $S$ -act and all flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (15) *there exists a regular left  $S$ -act and  $|E(S)| = 1$ ;*
- (16)  *$S$  is right cancellative.*



*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10) and (11)  $\Rightarrow$  (12)  $\Rightarrow$  (13)  $\Rightarrow$  (14) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). Suppose that all torsion free right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition ( $G$ -PWP). Since Condition ( $G$ -PWP) implies  $GP$ -flatness, all torsion free cyclic right  $S$ -acts are  $GP$ -flat and so  $S$  is generally left almost regular, by [7, Theorem 3.9]. Since  $GP$ -flatness implies torsion freeness, the second part is also true.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). A similar argument as in (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) can be used.

(16)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $S$  is a right cancellative monoid. Then all torsion free right  $S$ -acts are strongly torsion free, by [14, Corollary 3.1], and so we are done, because strong torsion freeness implies Condition ( $G$ -PWP).

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (16). Let  $C_r$  be the set of all right cancellable elements of  $S$ . If  $S$  is not right cancellative, then  $C_r \neq S$ . Let  $I = S \setminus C_r$ . Then  $I \neq \emptyset$  and since  $1 \in C_r$ ,  $I \subset S$ . Let  $l \in I$  and  $s \in S$ , then there exist  $l_1, l_2 \in S$  such that  $l_1 \neq l_2$  and  $l_1 l = l_2 l$ , which implies that  $l_1 l s = l_2 l s$ . If  $l s \in C_r = S \setminus I$ , then the equality  $l_1 l s = l_2 l s$  implies that  $l_1 = l_2$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $l s \in I = S \setminus C_r$ , and so  $I$  is a right ideal of  $S$ . Now we show that  $I$  is  $G$ -left stabilizing. Let  $rs \in I$ , for  $s \in S$  and  $r \in S \setminus I = C_r$ . Then  $rs \in I$  implies that there exist  $t_1, t_2 \in S$  such that  $t_1 \neq t_2$  and  $t_1 r s = t_2 r s$ . By assumption, for  $s \in S$ , there exist elements  $r^*, r_1, \dots, r_m, s_1, \dots, s_m \in S$ , right cancellable elements  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in S$  and a natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$s_1 c_1 = s r_1$$

$$s_2 c_2 = s_1 r_2$$

...

$$s_m c_m = s_{m-1} r_m$$

$$s^n = s_m r^* s^n.$$

Since  $t_1 r s = t_2 r s$ , we have  $t_1 r s r_1 = t_2 r s r_1$ , using the first equality we have  $t_1 r s_1 c_1 = t_2 r s_1 c_1$ , and so  $t_1 r s_1 = t_2 r s_1$ .

Similarly,  $t_1 r s_2 = t_2 r s_2, \dots, t_1 r s_m = t_2 r s_m$ . The last equality implies that  $t_1 r s_m r^* = t_2 r s_m r^*$ . If  $s_m r^* = l$ , then

$$t_1 r l = t_2 r l, l s^n = s_m r^* s^n = s^n \Rightarrow r s^n = (r l) s^n.$$

If  $rl \in S \setminus I = C_r$ , then the equality  $t_1rl = t_2rl$  implies  $t_1 = t_2$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $rl \in I = S \setminus C_r$ , and so  $rs^n = (rl)s^n$  implies that  $I = S \setminus C_r$  is  $G$ -left stabilizing. Thus the right  $S$ -act

$$A_S = S \coprod^I S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, y) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\}$$

is  $GP$ -flat, by [7, Lemma 2.4], and so it satisfies Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ). Therefore the equality  $(1, x)t = (1, y)t$ , for  $t \in I$  implies that there exist  $a \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(1, x) = au$ ,  $(1, y) = av$  and  $ut^n = vt^n$ . Then the equalities  $(1, x) = au$  and  $(1, y) = av$  imply, respectively, that there exist  $l, l' \in S \setminus I$  such that  $a = (l, x)$  and  $a = (l', y)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $S$  is a right cancellative monoid, as required.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). It is true, because of (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (16) and that every right cancellative monoid is left  $PSF$ .

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (16). Let  $S$  be a left  $PSF$  monoid, all flat right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ), but  $S$  is not right cancellative. Let  $I$  be the set of all non cancellable elements of  $S$ . It is easy to see that  $I$  is a proper right ideal of  $S$ , where  $i \in Ii$ , for every  $i \in I$ . Then the right  $S$ -act

$$A_S = S \coprod^I S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, y) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\}$$

is flat, by [8, III, 12.19]. Thus, by assumption,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ), which a similar argument as in the proof of (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (16) shows that this is a contradiction. Thus  $S$  is a right cancellative monoid, as required.

(15)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (16). It is true, by [6, Theorem 3.12].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (11). It is true, since (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (16)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (15).

(14)  $\Rightarrow$  (15). Suppose that there exist a regular left  $S$ -act, all flat right  $S$ -act satisfy Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ) and let  $e \in E(S)$ . If  $eS = S$ , then there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $eu = 1$ , thus the equality  $e(eu) = e$  implies that  $e = 1$ . If  $eS \neq S$ , then for every  $i \in eS$  there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $i = ex$ . Then  $i = e(ex) = ei \in (eS)i$ , and so the right  $S$ -act

$$S \coprod^{eS} S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus eS\} \dot{\cup} eS \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, x) \mid \beta \in S \setminus eS\}$$

is flat, by [8, III, 12.19]. Thus, by assumption, it satisfies Condition ( $G$ - $PWP$ ), but a similar argument as in the proof of (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (16) shows that this is a contradiction. Hence  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , as required.  $\square$

We recall from [8] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is *faithful* if for  $s, t \in S$  the equality  $as = at$ , for all  $a \in A$  implies that  $s = t$ , and  $A_S$  is *strongly faithful* if for  $s, t \in S$  the equality  $as = at$ , for some  $a \in A$  implies that  $s = t$ . It is obvious that every strongly faithful right  $S$ -act is faithful.

**Lemma 2.10.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *there exists a strongly faithful cyclic right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (2) *there exists a strongly faithful finitely generated right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (3) *there exists a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (4) *for every  $s \in S$ ,  $sS$  ( $Ss$ ) is a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (5) *there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sS$  ( $Ss$ ) is a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (6)  *$S_S$  ( ${}_S S$ ) is a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act;*
- (7) *for every  $s \in S$ ,  $sS \subseteq C_l$  ( $Ss \subseteq C_r$ );*
- (8) *there exists  $s \in S$ ,  $sS \subseteq C_l$  ( $Ss \subseteq C_r$ );*
- (9)  *$S$  is a left (right) cancellative monoid, that is,  $S = C_l$  ( $S = C_r$ ) ( $C_l$  ( $C_r$ ) is the set of all left (right) cancellable elements of  $S$ ).*

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Suppose that  $A$  is a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act, and let  $sl = st$  ( $ls = ts$ ), for  $l, t, s \in S$ . Then for every  $a \in A$ ,  $asl = ast$  ( $lsa = tsa$ ). Since  $A$  is strongly faithful, the last equality implies that  $l = t$ . Hence  $S$  is a left (right) cancellative monoid, as required.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). It is obvious.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Let  $rt = rl$  ( $tr = lr$ ), for  $l, t, r \in S$ . Then  $srt = srl$  ( $trs = lrs$ ) implies that  $t = l$ , and so  $S$  is a left (right) cancellative monoid, as required.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Suppose that  $S$  is a left (right) cancellative monoid and let  $skt = skl$  ( $tkl = lks$ ), for  $l, k, t \in S$ . Then  $t = l$  and so  $sS$  ( $Ss$ ) is a strongly faithful right (left)  $S$ -act, as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all strongly faithful right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (2) *all strongly faithful finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (3) *all strongly faithful right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (4)  *$S$  is a group or  $S$  is not a left cancellative monoid.*

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). If  $S$  is not left cancellative, then we are done. Otherwise, we suppose that there exists  $s \in S$ , such that  $sS \neq S$ . Then

$$A_S = S \coprod^{sS} S = \{(l, x) \mid l \in S \setminus sS\} \dot{\cup} sS \dot{\cup} \{(t, y) \mid t \in S \setminus sS\}$$

is a right  $S$ -act and  $B_S = \{(l, x) \mid l \in S \setminus sS\} \dot{\cup} sS \cong S \cong \{(t, y) \mid t \in S \setminus sS\} \dot{\cup} sS = C_S$ , such that  $A_S = B_S \cup C_S$  is generated by two elements  $(1, x)$  and  $(1, y)$ . Since  $S$  is left cancellative, it is strongly faithful, by Lemma 2.10, and so  $B_S$  and  $C_S$  are strongly faithful as subacts of  $A_S$ . Thus  $A_S$  is strongly faithful and so, by assumption, it satisfies Condition (G-PWP). Thus the equality  $(1, x)s = (1, y)s$ , implies that there exist  $a \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(1, x) = au$ ,  $(1, y) = av$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Hence there exist  $l, t \in S \setminus sS$  such that  $a = (l, x) = (t, y)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $sS = S$ , for every  $s \in S$  and so  $S$  is a group, as required.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If  $S$  is not left cancellative, then we are done, by Lemma 2.10. Otherwise, by Proposition 2.7, it is obvious.  $\square$

Recall from [8] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is said to be *decomposable* if there exist two subacts  $B_S, C_S \subseteq A_S$  such that  $A_S = B_S \cup C_S$  and  $B_S \cap C_S = \emptyset$ . A right  $S$ -act which is not decomposable is called *indecomposable*.

$S/K$  in Example 2.6 does not satisfy Condition (G-PWP), but it is indecomposable. Thus indecomposability does not imply Condition (G-PWP) in general.

Also, let  $S = (\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  and consider  $A_S = \mathbb{N} \coprod^{\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}} \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $(1, x) \neq (1, y)$ , but  $(1, x)2 = 2 = (1, y)2$ . Hence  $A_S$  is not torsion free and so does not

satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*). But it can easily be seen that  $A_S$  is faithful. Thus faithfulness does not imply Condition (*G-PWP*) in general.

Now we give a characterization of monoids  $S$  for which indecomposability or faithfulness of right  $S$ -acts implies Condition (*G-PWP*).

**Proposition 2.12.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all indecomposable right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (2) *all indecomposable finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (3) *all indecomposable right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (4) *all faithful right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (5) *all faithful finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (6) *all faithful right  $S$ -acts generated by at most two elements satisfy Condition (*G-PWP*);*
- (7)  *$S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). Suppose that  $I$  is a proper right ideal of  $S$ . Since

$$A_S = S \coprod^I S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, x) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\}$$

is an indecomposable right  $S$ -act generated by  $(1, x)$  and  $(1, y)$ , it satisfies Condition (*G-PWP*), but a similar argument as in the proof of Proposition 2.7 shows that this is a contradiction. Thus  $S$  has no proper ideal, that is,  $S$  is a group, as required.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). Suppose that  $I$  is a proper right ideal of  $S$  and let

$$A_S = S \coprod^I S = \{(\alpha, x) \mid \alpha \in S \setminus I\} \dot{\cup} I \dot{\cup} \{(\beta, x) \mid \beta \in S \setminus I\}.$$

Then for  $s \neq t \in S$ , there exists  $(1, x) \in A_S$  such that  $(1, x)s \neq (1, x)t$ , that is,  $A_S$  is a faithful right  $S$ -act. Thus, by assumption,  $A_S$  satisfies Condition  $(G-PWP)$ , but a similar argument as in the proof of Proposition 2.7 shows that this is a contradiction. Hence,  $S$  has no proper ideal, that is,  $S$  is a group, as required.  $\square$

For elements  $u, v \in S$ , the relation  $P_{u,v}$  is defined on  $S$  as

$$(x, y) \in P_{u,v} \Leftrightarrow ux = vy (x, y \in S).$$

and  $\Delta_S$  denotes the diagonal congruence, i.e.  $\Delta_S = \{(s, s) | s \in S\}$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then:*

$$(1) (\forall s \in S) P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1} = \Delta_S \cap (sS \times sS);$$

$$(2) (\forall u, v, s \in S)(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$(P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1} \wedge us^n = vs^n) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$((s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S);$$

*Proof.* (1). Let  $l_1, l_2 \in S$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} ((l_1, l_2) \in P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}) &\Leftrightarrow ((\exists y_1, y_2 \in S)(l_1, y_1) \in P_{1,s} \wedge (y_1, y_2) \in \\ &\ker \lambda_s \wedge (y_2, l_2) \in P_{s,1}) \Leftrightarrow ((\exists y_1, y_2 \in S) l_1 = sy_1 \wedge sy_1 = sy_2 \wedge sy_2 = \\ &l_2) \Leftrightarrow ((\exists y_1, y_2 \in S) l_1 = sy_1 = sy_2 = l_2) \Leftrightarrow ((l_1, l_2) \in \Delta_S \cap (sS \times sS)), \end{aligned}$$

as required.

(2). First we suppose that  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ , for  $u, v, s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we show that:

$$(s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S.$$

By (1), it is obvious that  $P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S$ . Now let  $(l_1, l_2) \in (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S$ . Then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $l_1 = s^n y_1 = s^n y_2 = l_2$ . Thus the equality  $us^n = vs^n$  implies that

$$ul_1 = us^n y_1 = us^n y_2 = vs^n y_2 = vl_2.$$

Thus  $(l_1, l_2) \in P_{u,v}$ , and so

$$(s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S,$$

as required.

For the other side, using (1), we have  $P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}$  and since  $(s^n, s^n) \in (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v}$ , we have  $us^n = vs^n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.14.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all fg-weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (2) *all weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (3) *all injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (4) *all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP);*
- (5)  $(\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})$   
 $\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1} \wedge us^n = vs^n;$
- (6)  $(\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})$   
 $\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge P_{1,s^n} \circ \ker \lambda_{s^n} \circ P_{s^n,1} \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq$   
 $P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1};$
- (7)  $(\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})$   
 $\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq$   
 $(sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S.$

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are obvious.

Implications (5)  $\iff$  (6)  $\iff$  (7) are true, by Lemma 2.13.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Suppose that all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP),  $S_1, S_2$  are the sets, where  $|S_1| = |S_2| = |S|$ , and  $\alpha : S \rightarrow S_1, \beta : S \rightarrow S_2$  are bijections.

Let  $s \in S, X = S/\ker \lambda_s \dot{\cup} S_1 \dot{\cup} S_2$  and define the mappings  $f, g : S \rightarrow X$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{\ker \lambda_s} & \text{if there exists } y \in S; x = sy \\ \alpha(x) & \text{if } x \in S \setminus sS. \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} [y]_{\ker \lambda_s} & \text{if there exists } y \in S; x = sy \\ \beta(x) & \text{if } x \in S \setminus sS. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $f$  is well-defined. For this, we suppose that  $sy_1 = sy_2$ , for  $y_1, y_2 \in S$ , hence  $(y_1, y_2) \in \ker \lambda_s$  and so  $[y_1]_{\ker \lambda_s} = [y_2]_{\ker \lambda_s}$ , that is,  $f(sy_1) = f(sy_2)$  and so  $f$  is well-defined. Similarly,  $g$  is well-defined. Since  $f_s = g_s$ , and  $X^S = \{h : S \rightarrow X \mid h \text{ is mapping}\}$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), there exist a mapping  $h : S \rightarrow X$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $f = hu$ ,  $g = hv$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Let  $(l_1, l_2) \in \ker \lambda_u$ , for  $l_1, l_2 \in S$ , then

$$ul_1 = ul_2 \Rightarrow f(l_1) = (hu)(l_1) = h(ul_1) = h(ul_2) = (hu)l_2 = f(l_2) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(l_1) = f(l_2) \Rightarrow l_1, l_2 \in sS \vee l_1, l_2 \in S \setminus sS$$

if  $l_1, l_2 \in S \setminus sS$ , then

$$\alpha(l_1) = f(l_1) = f(l_2) = \alpha(l_2) \Rightarrow l_1 = l_2.$$

If  $l_1, l_2 \in sS$ , then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in S$  such that  $l_1 = sy_1$  and  $l_2 = sy_2$ , hence

$$f(l_1) = f(sy_1) = [y_1]_{\ker \lambda_s}, \quad f(l_2) = f(sy_2) = [y_2]_{\ker \lambda_s}$$

$$f(l_1) = f(l_2) \Rightarrow [y_1]_{\ker \lambda_s} = [y_2]_{\ker \lambda_s} \Rightarrow (y_1, y_2) \in \ker \lambda_s$$

$$sy_1 = sy_2 \Rightarrow l_1 = l_2$$

thus the equality  $f(l_1) = f(l_2)$  implies that  $l_1 = l_2$ , and  $\ker \lambda_u = \Delta_S$ . Analogously, the equality  $g = hv$  implies that  $\ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S$ . Suppose now that  $(x, y) \in P_{u,v}$ . Then  $ux = vy$ , and so

$$f(x) = (hu)(x) = h(ux) = h(vy) = (hv)y = g(y) \Rightarrow f(x) = g(y).$$

The last equality implies that  $x, y \in sS$  and so there exist  $t_1, t_2 \in S$  such that  $x = st_1$ ,  $y = st_2$ , hence  $f(x) = [t_1]_{\ker \lambda_s}$  and  $g(y) = [t_2]_{\ker \lambda_s}$ . Thus

$$f(x) = g(y) \Rightarrow [t_1]_{\ker \lambda_s} = [t_2]_{\ker \lambda_s} \Rightarrow (t_1, t_2) \in \ker \lambda_s,$$

and so we have

$$(x, t_1) \in P_{1,s} \wedge (t_1, t_2) \in \ker \lambda_s \wedge (t_2, y) \in P_{s,1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1} \Rightarrow P_{u,v} \subseteq P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1}.$$



(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A_S$  is an  $fg$ -weakly injective right  $S$ -act and let  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . By assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S, (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S.$$

Define the mapping  $\varphi : uS \cup vS \longrightarrow A$ , such that for every  $x \in uS \cup vS$ ,

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} ap & \text{if there exists } p \in S; x = up \\ a'q & \text{if there exists } p \in S; x = vp \end{cases}$$

First we show that  $\varphi$  is well-defined. If there exist  $p_1, p_2 \in S$  such that  $up_1 = up_2$ , then

$$(p_1, p_2) \in \ker \lambda_u = \Delta_S \Rightarrow p_1 = p_2 \Rightarrow ap_1 = ap_2$$

If there exist  $q_1, q_2 \in S$ , such that  $vq_1 = vq_2$ , then

$$(q_1, q_2) \in \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \Rightarrow q_1 = q_2 \Rightarrow a'q_1 = a'q_2$$

If there exist  $p, q \in S$  such that  $up = vq$ , then  $(p, q) \in P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S$  and so there exist  $l_1, l_2 \in S$  such that  $p = sl_1 = sl_2 = q$ , which implies that

$$ap = asl_1 = asl_2 = a'sl_2 = a'q.$$

Thus,  $\varphi$  is well-defined, and obviously it is a homomorphism. Since, by assumption,  $A_S$  is an  $fg$ -weakly injective right  $S$ -act, there exists an extension  $\psi : S \longrightarrow A_S$  of  $\varphi$ . If  $a'' = \psi(1)$ , then  $a = \varphi(u) = \psi(u) = \psi(1)u = a''u$  and  $a' = \varphi(v) = \psi(v) = \psi(1)v = a''v$ . Also, by assumption,

$$(s^n, s^n) \in (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \Rightarrow us^n = vs^n,$$

hence  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), as required. □

Notice that in Proposition 2.14,  $\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S$  if and only if  $u$  and  $v$  is left cancellable.

**Corollary 2.15.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid such that the set of all left cancellable elements are commutative. Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP) if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* Necessity. Suppose that all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP). By Proposition 2.14, for every  $s \in S$  there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S.$$

Thus  $u$  and  $v$  are left cancellable and so, by assumption,  $uv = vu$ . Hence,

$$(v, u) \in P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S \Rightarrow u = v$$

$$\Delta_S \subseteq \ker \lambda_u = P_{u,u} = P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq \Delta_S$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker \lambda_u = \Delta_S = (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq sS \times sS$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 1) \in \Delta_S \subseteq sS \times sS \Rightarrow \exists x \in S, 1 = sx$$

Thus  $sS = S$ , and so  $S$  is a group, as required.

Sufficiency is true, by Proposition 2.7. □

Notice that, Corollary 2.15 holds for any monoid  $S$  with  $C_l(S) \subseteq C(S)$  or  $C(S) = S$  ( $C(S)$  is the center of  $S$ ).

**Corollary 2.16.** *Let  $S$  be a finite monoid. Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP) if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* Necessity. By Proposition 2.14, for every  $s \in S$  there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge (s^n S \times s^n S) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq P_{u,v} \subseteq ((sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S).$$

On the other hand

$$uS \cong S/\ker \lambda_u = S/\Delta_S \cong S \Rightarrow uS \cong S \Rightarrow |uS| = |S|$$

Since  $uS \subseteq S$  and  $S$  is finite we have  $uS = S$ . Thus there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $ux = v$ , and so we have

$$(x, 1) \in P_{u,v} \subseteq (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow u = v.$$

Now a similar argument as in the proof of Corollary 2.15 shows that  $sS = S$ . That is,  $S$  is a group, as required.

Sufficiency is obvious, by Proposition 2.7. □

**Corollary 2.17.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and suppose every left cancellable element of  $S$  has a right inverse. Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP) if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* Since, by assumption,  $uS = S$ , for any  $u \in C_l(S)$ , a similar argument as in the proof of Corollary 2.16 can be used.  $\square$

Notice that, for finite monoids, every left cancellable element has a right inverse.

**Corollary 2.18.** *Let  $S$  be an idempotent monoid. Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (G-PWP) if and only if  $S = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity. If  $e \in S$ , then, by Proposition 2.14, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that

$$\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S, P_{u,v} = (eS \times eS) \cap \Delta_S.$$

Thus  $(u, 1) \in \ker \lambda_u = \Delta_S$ , which implies that  $u = 1$ , similarly  $v = 1$ . So we have

$$\Delta_S = \ker \lambda_1 = P_{u,v} = P_{u,u} = (eS \times eS) \cap \Delta_S \subseteq (eS \times eS)$$

Then  $(1, 1) \in \Delta_S \subseteq (eS \times eS)$  implies that there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $ex = 1$ , and so  $e = 1$ , that is,  $S = \{1\}$ , as required.

Sufficiency is clear.  $\square$

So far there is no characterization of monoids for which ( $fg$ -weak, weak) injectivity or cofreeness imply Condition (PWP). For a characterization of these monoids see the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.19.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all  $fg$ -weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP);*
- (2) *all weakly injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP);*
- (3) *all injective right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP);*
- (4) *all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP);*

$$(5) (\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S)$$

$$(\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge P_{u,v} = P_{1,s} \circ \ker \lambda_s \circ P_{s,1});$$

$$(6) (\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S)$$

$$(\ker \lambda_u = \ker \lambda_v = \Delta_S \wedge P_{u,v} = (sS \times sS) \cap \Delta_S).$$

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 2.14, for  $n = 1$ . □

Recall from [8] that, a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies *Condition (P)* if  $as = a't$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$ ,  $s, t \in S$ , there exist  $a'' \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us = vt$ . Also we recall from [4] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies *Condition (P')* if  $as = a't$  and  $sz = tz$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$ ,  $s, t, z \in S$ , imply that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$ , such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $us = vt$ .

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} WPF &\Rightarrow WKF \Rightarrow PWKF \Rightarrow TKF \Rightarrow (PWP) \Rightarrow (G-PWP) \\ WPF &\Rightarrow (P) \Rightarrow (WP) \Rightarrow (PWP) \Rightarrow (G-PWP) \\ (P) &\Rightarrow (P') \Rightarrow (PWP) \Rightarrow (G-PWP). \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $(U)$  be a property of acts that can be stand for  $WPF$ ,  $WKF$ ,  $PWKF$ ,  $TKF$ ,  $(P)$ ,  $(WP)$ ,  $(P')$  or  $(PWP)$ , then, by Corollaries 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and [11, Proposition 9], we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.20.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid for which one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (1)  $C_l(S)$  is commutative;
- (2)  $S$  is finite;
- (3)  $cS = S$ , for every  $c \in C_l(S)$ .

*Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(U)$  if and only if  $S$  is a group.*

**Corollary 2.21.** *Let  $S$  be an idempotent monoid and let  $(U)$  be a property of acts that can be stand for free, projective generator, projective, strongly flat,  $WPF$ ,  $WKF$ ,  $PWKF$ ,  $TKF$ ,  $(P)$ ,  $(WP)$ ,  $(P')$  or  $(PWP)$ . Then all cofree right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(U)$  if and only if  $S = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 2.18, it is obvious.  $\square$

By Proposition 2.3,  $S_S$  and  $\Theta_S$  satisfy Condition ( $G$ -PWP) for any monoid  $S$ . But  $\Theta_S$  is faithful if and only if  $S = \{1\}$ , and  $S_S$  is strongly faithful if and only if  $S$  is left cancellative. Thus Condition ( $G$ -PWP) of acts does not imply (strong) faithfulness in general. The following proposition gives a characterization of monoids  $S$  for which Condition ( $G$ -PWP) of right  $S$ -acts implies (strong) faithfulness.

**Proposition 2.22.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are (strongly) faithful;*
- (2) *all finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are (strongly) faithful;*
- (3) *all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are (strongly) faithful;*
- (4) *all Rees factor right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are (strongly) faithful;*
- (5)  $S = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious. (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Since  $\Theta_S = S/S_S$  satisfies Condition ( $G$ -PWP), it is (strongly) faithful, and so  $S = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

Example 2.2, shows that Condition ( $G$ -PWP) of acts does not imply freeness and projective generator. For a characterization of monoids when this is the case see the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.23.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are free;*
- (2) *all right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $G$ -PWP) are projective generators;*

- (3) all finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are free;
- (4) all finitely generated right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are projective generators;
- (5) all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are free;
- (6) all cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are projective generators;
- (7) all monocyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are free;
- (8) all monocyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (G-PWP) are projective generators;
- (9)  $S = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (8), (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (7), (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4), (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8) and (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9): By [8, IV, 12.8], it is obvious. □

We recall from [8] that an element  $s \in S$  is called *left almost regular* if there exist  $r, r_1, \dots, r_m, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m \in S$  and right cancellable elements  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m \in S$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_1c_1 &= sr_1 \\ s_2c_2 &= s_1r_2 \\ &\dots \\ s_m c_m &= s_{m-1}r_m \\ s &= s_m r s. \end{aligned}$$

A monoid  $S$  is called *left almost regular* if all its elements are left almost regular.

Also recall from [3] that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  satisfies *Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>)* if  $ae = a'e$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ , implies that there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$ , such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $ue = ve$ . It is obvious that Condition (PWP) implies Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>). Also, for idempotent

monoids, Conditions (PWP) and (PWP<sub>e</sub>) coincide and if  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>). If  $S = (\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  be the monoid of natural numbers with multiplication, then, by Proposition 2.7, there exists at least a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  which does not satisfy Condition (G-PWP). But  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>), because  $E(S) = \{1\}$ . So in general Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>) does not imply Condition (G-PWP).

The following proposition shows that for a (right) left almost regular monoid  $S$  Conditions (PWP), (G-PWP) of (left) right  $S$ -acts are equivalent to torsion freeness and Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>) of them. That is,

$$(PWP) \iff (G-PWP) \iff TF \wedge (PWP_e)$$

**Proposition 2.24.** *Let  $S$  be a left almost regular monoid. Then for a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP);
- (2)  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);
- (3)  $A_S$  is torsion free and satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>).

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

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose that  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP). Then, obviously,  $A_S$  is torsion free. Now let  $ae = a'e$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ . Then there exist  $a'' \in A_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $ue^n = ve^n$ . The last equality implies that  $ue = ve$ , and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $A_S$  be a torsion free right  $S$ -act which satisfies Condition (PWP<sub>e</sub>). Let  $as = a's$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Since  $S$  is left almost regular, there exist elements  $r, r_1, \dots, r_m, s_1, \dots, s_m \in S$  and right cancellable elements  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in S$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_1c_1 &= sr_1 \\ s_2c_2 &= s_1r_2 \\ &\dots \\ s_m c_m &= s_{m-1}r_m \end{aligned}$$

$$s = s_m r s.$$

Hence

$$as_1 c_1 = asr_1 = a' sr_1 = a' s_1 c_1,$$

and so  $as_1 = a' s_1$ . Also,

$$as_2 c_2 = as_1 r_2 = a' s_1 r_2 = a' s_2 c_2,$$

which implies that  $as_2 = a' s_2$ . Continuing this procedure, we obtain that  $as_i = a' s_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . On the other hand we have

$$s_1 c_1 = sr_1 = s_m r s r_1 = s_m r s_1 c_1 \Rightarrow s_1 = s_m r s_1.$$

Continuing this procedure, we have  $s_m = s_m r s_m$  and so  $e = s_m r$  is an idempotent. Now the equality  $as_m = a' s_m$  implies that  $as_m r = a' s_m r$ , that is,  $ae = a'e$  and so there exist  $a'' \in A_S$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = a''u$ ,  $a' = a''v$  and  $ue = ve$ . The last equality implies that  $ues = ves$ , that is,  $us = vs$  and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP), as required.  $\square$

### 3 Characterization by condition (G-PWP) on diagonal acts

Here we give a characterization of monoids coming from some special classes, by Condition (G-PWP) of their diagonal acts. The right  $S$ -act  $S \times S$  equipped with the right  $S$ -action  $(s, t)u = (su, tu)$ ,  $s, t, u \in S$  is called the *diagonal act* of monoid  $S$  and is denoted by  $D(S)$ .

Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $s \in S$ . Define

$$L(s, s) = \{(u, v) \in D(S) | us = vs\}.$$

It is obvious that  $L(s, s)$  is a left  $S$ -act.

**Proposition 3.1.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for any non-empty set  $I$ ,  $(S^I)_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);*
- (2)  $(\forall s \in S)(\exists u, v \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}) L(s, s) \subseteq S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n).$



*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $S^I$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) for any non-empty set  $I$  and let  $s \in S$ . It is obvious that  $(s, s) \in L(s, s)$  and so  $L(s, s) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus we can assume that  $L(s, s) = \{(x_i, y_i) | i \in I\}$ , where  $x_i s = y_i s$ , for  $i \in I$ , thus  $(x_i)_{I}s = (y_i)_{I}s$  in  $(S^I)_S$  and so, by assumption, there exist  $(w_i)_I \in (S^I)_S$ ,  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(x_i)_I = (w_i)_I u$ ,  $(y_i)_I = (w_i)_I v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Hence  $(x_i, y_i) = w_i(u, v)$ , for  $i \in I$ , which implies that  $(x_i, y_i) \in S(u, v)$ , for  $i \in I$ . Thus  $L(s, s) \subseteq S(u, v)$ . On the other hand the equality  $us^n = vs^n$  implies that  $(u, v) \in L(s^n, s^n)$ , and so  $S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $(x_i)_{I}s = (y_i)_{I}s$ , for  $(x_i)_I, (y_i)_I \in (S^I)_S$  and  $s \in S$ . Then there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$L(s, s) \subseteq S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n).$$

The equality  $x_i s = y_i s$ ,  $i \in I$ , implies that  $(x_i, y_i) \in L(s, s)$ ,  $i \in I$  and so there exist  $w_i \in S$ ,  $i \in I$ , such that  $(x_i, y_i) = w_i(u, v)$ . That is,  $x_i = w_i u$  and  $y_i = w_i v$ ,  $i \in I$ . Thus  $(x_i)_I = (w_i)_I u$  and  $(y_i)_I = (w_i)_I v$ . Since  $(u, v) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n)$ , we have  $us^n = vs^n$  and so  $(S^I)_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for any non-empty set  $I$ ,  $(S^I)_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP);*
- (2) *for every  $s \in S$ ,  $L(s, s)$  is a cyclic left  $S$ -act.*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 3.1, for  $n = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(S^k)_S$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);*
- (2)  *$D(S)$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);*
- (3)  $(\forall s \in S)(\forall k \in \mathbb{N})(\forall (x_i, y_i) \in L(s, s), 1 \leq i \leq k)(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})$

$$((x_i, y_i) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n), 1 \leq i \leq k);$$

$$(4) (\forall s \in S)(\forall (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in L(s, s))(\exists u, v \in S)(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$((x_i, y_i) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n), 1 \leq i \leq 2).$$

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Suppose that  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (*G-PWP*) and let

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in L(s, s),$$

for  $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, s \in S$ . Then  $x_1s = y_1s$  and  $x_2s = y_2s$ , which imply that  $(x_1, x_2)s = (y_1, y_2)s$ . Thus, by assumption, there exist  $w_1, w_2, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(x_1, x_2) = (w_1, w_2)u, (y_1, y_2) = (w_1, w_2)v, us^n = vs^n$$

$$\implies x_1 = w_1u, y_1 = w_1v, x_2 = w_2u, y_2 = w_2v.$$

Thus we have

$$(x_i, y_i) = w_i(u, v) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n), i = 1, 2.$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)s = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)s$ , where  $x_i, y_i \in S, 1 \leq i \leq k$ . Then  $(x_i, y_i) \in L(s, s), 1 \leq i \leq k$ , and so, by assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(x_i, y_i) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n), 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Thus there exists  $w_i \in S$  such that

$$(x_i, y_i) = w_i(u, v), us^n = vs^n, 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

and so

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k)u, (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k)v, us^n = vs^n.$$

Hence  $(S^k)_S$  satisfies Condition (*G-PWP*), as required.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $s \in S$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $k = 1$  and  $(x_1, y_1) \in L(s, s)$ , then  $x_1s = y_1s$ . Since  $x_1 = 1x_1$  and  $y_1 = 1y_1$ , we have

$$(x_1, y_1) \in S(x_1, y_1) \subseteq L(s, s).$$

If  $k = 2$ , then it is true, by assumption.

Now let  $k > 2$ , and suppose the assertion is valid for every value less than  $k$ . Suppose also that  $(x_i, y_i) \in L(s, s)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Then  $(x_i, y_i) \in L(s, s)$ , for  $1 \leq i < k$  imply that there exist  $w_1, w_2 \in S$  and  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $(x_i, y_i) \in S(w_1, w_2) \subseteq L(s^{n_1}, s^{n_1})$ ,  $1 \leq i < k$ . On the other hand, since  $(x_{k-1}, y_{k-1}), (x_k, y_k) \in L(s, s)$ , there exist  $w_1^*, w_2^* \in S$  and  $n_1^* \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(x_{k-1}, y_{k-1}), (x_k, y_k) \in S(w_1^*, w_2^*) \subseteq L(s^{n_1^*}, s^{n_1^*}).$$

First we suppose that  $n_1^* \leq n_1$ . Then obviously,  $L(s^{n_1^*}, s^{n_1^*}) \subseteq L(s^{n_1}, s^{n_1})$ , which implies that

$$(w_1, w_2), (w_1^*, w_2^*) \in L(s^{n_1}, s^{n_1}).$$

By assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (obviously  $n_1 \leq n$ ) such that

$$(w_1, w_2), (w_1^*, w_2^*) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n).$$

Thus  $S(w_1, w_2) \cup S(w_1^*, w_2^*) \subseteq S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n)$ , and so

$$(x_i, y_i) \in S(u, v) \subseteq L(s^n, s^n), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

A similar argument can be used if  $n_1 \leq n_1^*$ . □

Recall that a right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is *locally cyclic* if every finitely generated subact of  $A_S$  is contained within a cyclic subact of  $A_S$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(S^k)_S$  satisfies Condition (PWP);*
- (2)  *$D(S)$  satisfies Condition (PWP);*
- (3) *for every  $s \in S$ ,  $L(s, s)$  is locally cyclic.*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 3.3, for  $n = 1$ . □

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $S$  be a commutative monoid. Then, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$D(S)$  satisfies Condition (PWP);*

(2)  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);

(3)  $S$  is cancellative.

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $xc = yc$ , for  $x, y, c \in S$ . Then  $(1, x)c = (1, y)c$  in  $D(S)$ , and so there exist  $a, b, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $(1, x) = (a, b)u$ ,  $(1, y) = (a, b)v$  and  $uc^n = vc^n$ . Thus  $x = bu$ ,  $y = bv$  and  $au = av = 1$  and so

$$x = bu = b1u = bav u = bvau = y1 = y.$$

Thus  $S$  is a right cancellative monoid, as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** *For any monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

(1)  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (PWP) and  $|E(S)| \leq 2$ ;

(2)  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP) and  $|E(S)| \leq 2$ ;

(3)  $S$  is right cancellative.

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

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $xc = yc$ , for  $x, y, c \in S$ . Then  $(1, x)c = (1, y)c$  in  $D(S)$ . Since  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP), there exist  $a, b, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $(1, x) = (a, b)u$ ,  $(1, y) = (a, b)v$  and  $uc^n = vc^n$ . Thus  $au = av = 1$ , and so  $ua$  and  $va$  are idempotents. If  $ua = va$ , then  $uau = vau$  and so  $u = v$ . Thus  $x = bu = bv = y$ . If  $ua \neq va$ , then either  $ua = 1$  or  $va = 1$ . For example if  $ua = 1$ , then we have  $v = 1v = uav = u1 = u$ , and so  $x = bu = bv = y$ . Thus  $S$  is a right cancellative monoid, as required.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): If  $S$  is right cancellative, then obviously  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (PWP) and so  $|E(S)| = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** *For an idempotent monoid  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

(1)  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (PWP);

(2)  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition (G-PWP);

(3)  $S = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $s \in S$ . Then  $(1, s)s = (s, 1)s$  in  $D(S)$ . Since  $D(S)$  satisfies Condition ( $G$ -PWP) there exist  $a, b, u, v \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(1, s) = (a, b)u$ ,  $(s, 1) = (a, b)v$  and  $us^n = vs^n$ . Thus  $1 = au$  and so  $a = u = 1$ . Similarly,  $v = 1$ , and so  $s = av = 1$ . That is,  $S = \{1\}$ , as required.  $\square$

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