# On injective and subdirectly irreducible S-posets over left zero posemigroups

#### Gholam Reza Moghaddasi and Mahdieh Haddadi

**Abstract.** The notion of a Cauchy sequence in an S-poset is a useful tool to study algebraic concepts, specially the concept of injectivity. This paper is concerned with the relations between injectivity and Cauchy sequences in the category of S-posets in which S is a left zero posemigroup. We characterize subdirectly irreducible S-posets over this posemigroup and by Birkhof's Representation Theorem we get a description of such S-posets.

# 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The category of S-posets, as the ordered version of the category of S-acts, recently have captured the interest of some mathematicians [4, 5]. And it is always interesting to verify the counterpart results of S-acts in the category of S-posets (see [1, 4, 8]). Cauchy sequences in an S-act first introduced by E. Giuli in [3] for a particular class of acts, then generalized to S-acts, in [2]. Recently we generalized this concept to S-posets, [4, 5].

Left zero semigroups, all of whose elements are left zero, are an important class of semigroups, since every non-empty set S can be turned into a left zero semigroup by defining st = s for all  $s, t \in S$  also this semigroup is applied in automata theory, theory of computations, Boolean algebras.

Here we are going to use the notion of Cauchy sequences to study the dc-regular injectivity of S-posets over a left zero posemigroup, as we did in [7] for injectivity of S-acts. But the order here plays an important role and to get the counterpart results here we need to modify (some times strongly) the S-act version of the proofs. The aim of this paper is to determine the structure of dc-injective in the category of S-posets and characterize the subdiretly irreducible S-posets over a left zero semigroup. Therefore, throughout this article, we assume S to be a left zero posemigroup. Now let us briefly recall some necessary concepts.

A partially ordered semigroup (or simply, a posemigoup) is a semigroup which is also a poset whose partial order is compatible with its binary operation (that is  $s \leq s'$  implies  $st \leq s't$ , for every  $s, s', t \in S$ ).

For a posemigoup S, a (right) S-poset is a poset A equipped with a function  $\alpha : A \times S \to A$ , called the action of S on A, such that for  $a, b \in A$ ,  $s, t \in S$  (denoting  $\alpha(a, s)$  by as): (1) a(st) = (as)t, (2)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow as \leq bs$ , (3)  $s \leq t \Rightarrow as \leq at$ .

<sup>2010</sup> Mathematics Subject Classification: 06F05, 20M30.

 $<sup>{\</sup>it Keywords:} \ S{\rm -poset}, \ {\it left} \ {\it zero} \ {\it posemigroup}, \ {\it subdiretly} \ {\it irreducible}, \ {\it injective}.$ 

By an S-poset morphism  $f : A \to B$ , we mean a monotone map between S-posets which preserves the action (that is f(as) = f(a)s).

An element a of an S-poset A is called a *fixed* or *zero element* if as = a for all  $s \in S$ . We denote the set of all fixed elements of an S-poset A by FixA, which is in fact a sub-S-poset of A that is  $as \in FixA$  for all  $a \in FixA$  and  $s \in S$ .

We define an S-poset A to be *separated* if it is separated as an S-act, that is any two points  $a \neq b$  in A can be separated by at least one  $s \in S$ , by  $sa \neq sb$ .

We say that an S-poset A is subseparated if  $a \leq b$  in A whenever  $as \leq bs$  for all  $s \in S$ . It is clear that every subseparated S-poset is a separated one.

A regular monomorphism or an embedding is an S-poset morphism (that is, a monoton and action preserving map)  $f: A \to B$  such that  $a \leq b$  if and only if  $f(a) \leq f(b)$ , for each  $a, b \in A$ .

## 2. Cauchy sequences

Our central object of study in this paper is the notion of Cauchy sequences in S-posets [2, 3, 4].

First of all it is easy to check that:

• If S is a left zero semigroup, then for every S-poset A,  $AS \subseteq FixA$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A *Cauchy sequence* in an S-poset A is an S-poset morphism  $f: S \to A$ . More explicitly,  $f: S \to A$  is a Cauchy sequence when it is order preserving and f(st) = f(s)t.

We denote a Cauchy sequence by  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$ , which expresses the fact that the element  $s \in S$  is mapped to the element  $a_s$  in A. Since S is a left zero posemigroup, with this notation we have  $a_s t = a_{st} = a_s$  and for  $s, t \in S$  if  $s \leq t$  then  $a_s \leq a_t$ .

It is worth noting that in an S-poset A (over the left zero posemigroup S) the terms of a Cauchy sequence are fixed elements of A. So if we denote the set of Cauchy sequences of A by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  then  $\mathcal{C}(A) = (FixA)^S$  in which  $(FixA)^S$  is the set of monotone mappings from S to FixA.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  be a Cauchy sequence in an S-poset A. An element b in an extension B of A is called a *limit* of  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  whenever  $bs = a_s$  for each  $s \in S$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Given an S-poset A over a left zero posemigroup S, the set C(A) of all Cauchy sequences in A, is a subseparated S-poset.

*Proof.* First we note that  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is an S-poset, by the action  $\mathcal{C}(A) \times S \to \mathcal{C}(A)$ mapping each  $((a_s)_{s \in S}, t) \in \mathcal{C}(A) \times S$  to  $(a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot t = (a_{ts})_{s \in S}$  which is obviously in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ , for every  $t \in S$ . We should note that  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is a poset with point-wise order and  $((a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot t) \cdot r = (a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot (tr)$ . Indeed,  $(a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot (tr) = (a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot t =$  $(a_{ts})_{s \in S} = (a_t)_{s \in S}$ , namely  $(a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot (tr)$  is the constant sequence  $(a_t)_{s \in S}$ , also we have  $((a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot t) \cdot r = (a_{ts})_{s \in S} \cdot r = (a_t)_{s \in S} \cdot r = (a_t)_{s \in S}$ ; the last equality is true because  $(a_t)_{s \in S}$  is a constant sequence. Now if  $r \leq t$  in S, then  $rs = r \leq t = ts$ , for every  $s \in S$  and since  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence,  $a_{rs} = a_r \leq a_t = a_{ts}$ . That is  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot r \leq (a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t$ . Finally if  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \leq (b_s)_{s\in S}$ , then  $a_s \leq b_s$ , for every  $s \in S$ . Hence  $a_{ts} \leq b_{ts}$  for every  $s, t \in S$ . That is  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t \leq (b_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t$ , for every  $t \in S$ . To prove subseparatedness, let  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t \leq (b_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t$ , for every  $t \in S$ . Then  $a_{ts} \leq b_{ts}$ , for every  $t, s \in S$ . Now, since S is a left zero posemigroup,  $a_t \leq b_t$ , for every  $t \in S$ . That is  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \leq (b_s)_{s\in S}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let A be an S-poset over a left zero posemigroup S and  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  be a sequence (indexed family of elements of A by  $s \in S$ ). Then  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  has a limit in some extension B of A if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* One way is clear. In fact the limit of the sequence  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  makes it to have the Cauchy property in Definition 2.1. For the converse, let  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  be a Cauchy sequence in A. Then take the extension B of A to be  $A \cup \{(a_s)_{s\in S}\}$  with the action  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t = a_t$  for  $t \in S$  and no order between  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  and the elements of A. The constructed B is an S-poset. This is because, for all  $t, r \in S$ , we have  $((a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t) \cdot r = a_t \cdot r = a_{tr} = (a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot (tr)$ , and if  $t \leq r$  then  $a_t \leq a_r$  follows from this fact that  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence, and hence  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t \leq (a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot r$ . Now, by the defined action, we have that  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  is a limit of  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** An S-poset A is said to be *complete* if every Cauchy sequence over A has a limit in A.

For a given left zero posemigroup S and an S-poset A Lemma 2.3 shows that  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is an S-poset. In fact,  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  is a complete S-poset.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let A be an S-poset over a left zero posemigroup S. The S-poset C(A) is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $(f_s)_{s \in S}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ , in which  $f_s = (a_r^s)_{r \in S}$  for each  $s \in S$ . Hence for each  $s, t \in S$  we have  $f_{st} = f_s t$ . Since S is a left zero semigroup,  $f_s = f_{st} = f_s t$ , i.e., for each  $s \in S$ ,  $f_s$  is a fixed element in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . Now, by the defined action of S over  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  in Lemma 2.3, we have  $f_s = f_s t = (a_{tr}^s)_{r \in S} = (a_t^s)_{r \in S} = (a_t^s)_{r \in S} = (a_t^s)_{r \in S}$  for each  $r \in S$ . Namely, for each  $s \in S$ ,  $f_s$  is a constant sequence. Now we define the Cauchy sequence  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  to be  $a_s = a_t^s$ , for every  $s \in S$  and claim that  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  is a limit of  $(f_s)_{s \in S}$ . This is because  $(a_s)_{s \in S} \cdot r = (a_t^s)_{s \in S} - (a_t^s)_{s \in S} = (a_t^s)_{r \in S} =$ 

# **3.** dc-injective of S-posets

A sub-S-poset A of an S-poset B is called down-closed in B if  $b \leq a$  for  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  then  $b \in A$ . By a down-closed embedding or dc-regular monomorphism, we mean an embedding  $f : A \to B$  such that f(A) is a down-closed sub-S-poset of B.

An S-poset A is said to be down-closed injective or simply dc-injective if for every down-closed embedding  $f: B \to C$  and each S-poset morphism  $\varphi: B \to A$ there exists an S-poset morphism  $\varphi^*: C \to A$  making the diagram



commutative.

**Theorem 3.1.** For a left zero posemigroup S every dc-injective S-poset is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  be a Cauchy sequence in a dc-injective S-poset A. Consider the extension  $B = A \dot{\cup} \{(a_s)_{s\in S}\}$  of A with the action  $(a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t = a_t$  and no order relation between  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  and the elements of A as introduced in the proof of Lemma 2.4. It is clear that A is embedded in B, so the dc-injective property of A completes the diagram



by an S-poset morphism  $\varphi$ . Now we claim that  $\varphi((a_s)_{s\in S}) \in A$  is a limit of the Cauchy sequence  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$ . This is because  $\varphi((a_s)_{s\in S}) \cdot t = \varphi((a_s)_{s\in S} \cdot t) = \varphi(a_t) = a_t$ , for every  $t \in S$ .

The converse of Theorem 3.1 is true if the S-poset has a "good" property. See the next theorem as the counterpart of Theorem 2.3 of [7] with the competely different method of proof.

**Theorem 3.2.** If S is a left zero posemigroup S, then every complete subseparated S-poset A with a top fixed element is dc-injective.

*Proof.* To prove, we show that A is a retract of each of its down-closed extensions (that is, to say A is an absolute down-closed retract) (see [8]). To do so, let B be a down-closed extension of A. Define  $g: B \to A$  with  $g|_A = id_A$  and for  $b \in B \setminus A$  take  $g(b) = a_b$  where  $a_b$  is a limit of the Cauchy sequence  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  with  $a_s = bs$  for  $bs \in A$ , and  $a_s = a_0$  for  $bs \notin A$ , where  $a_0 \in FixA$  is the top fixed element in A mentioned in the hypotheses.

First we show that  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence. To do so, we note that  $a_st = a_{st}$ . This is because, if  $a_s = bs$ , then  $a_st = (bs)t = b(st) = bs$  also  $a_{st} = a_s = bs$ , and if  $a_s = a_0$ , then  $a_st = a_0t = a_0$  also  $a_{st} = a_s = a_0$ . Also if  $s \leq t$ , then  $bs \leq bt$ . This is because if  $bt \in A$ , then  $bs \in A$ , since A is down-closed in B, therefore  $a_s \leq a_t$ , and if  $bt \notin A$ , then  $a_t = a_0$  but  $a_0$  is a top fixed element and hence  $bs \leq a_0$ , that is  $a_s \leq a_t$ . Thus  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Now we show that g is order preserving. To do so, let  $b \leq b'$ . Then  $bs \leq b's$  for all  $s \in S$ . Therefore, by definition of  $a_b, a_{b'}$ , we have  $a_bs \leq a_{b'}s$ . But, since A is subseparated,  $a_b \leq a_{b'}$ . That is  $g(b) \leq g(b')$ . Finally g is equivariant on  $B \setminus A$ . Because  $g(b)s = a_bs = a_s = bs = g(bs)$ , if  $bs \in A$ , for every  $b \in B \setminus A$  and  $s \in S$ . And if  $bs \notin A$ , then, since (bs)t = bs for all  $t \in S$ , we get  $g(bs) = a_{bs} = a_0 = a_0s = a_bs = g(b)s$ .

As a corollary of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 we get the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let S be a left zero posemigroup S. Then a subseparated S-poset A with a top fixed element is dc-injective if and only if it is complete.

**Theorem 3.4.** For each S-poset A over a left zero posemigroup S with a top fixed element, C(A) is dc-injective.

*Proof.* Let  $a_0$  be a top fixed element in A. One can easily see that the constant sequence  $(a_s = a_0)_{s \in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence and is a top fixed element in  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . Now Theorems 3.3 and 2.6 give the result.

Before the next definition it is worth noting that by a right down-closed ideal I of a posemigroup S we mean a non-empty subset I of S such that (i)  $IS \subset I$  and (ii)  $a \leq b \in I$  implies  $a \in I$ , for all  $a, b \in S$ .

**Definition 3.5.** An S-poset A is said to be

- *I-injective*, for a right down-closed ideal I of S, if each S-poset morphism  $f: I \to A$  is of the form  $\lambda_a$  for some  $a \in A$ , that is f(s) = as for  $s \in I$ .
- S-injective, if each S-poset morphism  $f: S \to A$  is of the form  $\lambda_a$  for some  $a \in A$ , that is f(s) = as for  $s \in S$ .

In the next theorem we compare the concept of completeness with the different types of injectivity for some special S-poset over a left zero posemigroup S, and we see that they are surprisingly equivalent to each other.

**Theorem 3.6.** For a subseparated S-poset A with a top fixed element  $a_0$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1) A is dc-injective;
- (2) A is dc-absolutely retract;
- (3) A is complete;
- (4) A is I-injective, for each right down-closed ideal I of S;
- (5) A is S-injective.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (2)$ . It is given in [8].

 $(1) \Leftrightarrow (3)$ . See Theorem 3.3.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . Let A be complete and I be a right down-closed ideal of S and  $f: I \to A$  be an S-poset morphism. Consider the sequence  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  to be  $a_s = f(s)$  for  $s \in I$ , and  $a_s = a_0$  for  $s \in S - I$ . The sequence  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence. This is because, if  $s \leq t$  then four cases may occur:

• If  $s, t \in I$  then  $f(s) \leq f(t)$ , since f is S-poset morphism, that is  $a_s \leq a_t$ .

• If  $s, t \in S - I$ , then  $a_s = a_t = a_0$ , that is  $a_s \leq a_t$ .

• It may  $s \in S - I$ ,  $t \in I$ . But since  $s \leq t$  and I is down-closed ideal, we must have  $s \in I$  which is a contradiction. Hence this case is not possible.

• And finally if  $s \in I$  and  $t \in S - I$ , then  $f(s) = a_s$ ,  $f(t) = a_0$ . But  $a_0$  is the top fixed element, hence  $f(s) = a_s \leq a_0 = f(t)$ .

Also let  $s, t \in S$ . Then if  $s \in I$ , we have  $a_s t = f(s)t = f(st) = f(s) = a_s$  and if  $s \in S - I$ , then  $f(s)t = a_0 t = a_0 = f(s)$ .

Now since  $(a_s)_{s\in S}$  is a Cauchy sequence, it has a limit a in A. So  $a_s = as$ , for all  $s \in S$ , which means  $f(s) = a_s = \lambda_a(s)$ . That is  $f = \lambda_a$ .

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ . It is trivial.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let A be S-injective and  $(a_s)_{s \in S}$  be a Cauchy sequence over A. So  $f: S \to A$  with  $f(s) = a_s$  is an S-poset morphism. Now (5) gives  $a \in A$  such that  $f = \lambda_a$ , hence  $a_s = as$  for all  $s \in S$ , i.e., a is a limit of the given sequence.

### 4. Subdirectly irreducible

By Birkhoff's Representation Theorem (see [6]) every algebra is isomorphic to a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible algebras. This theorem, by analogous proof is established in the category of S-posets. In [7], characterization of subdirectly irreducible acts, respectively over the monoid ( $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, \min, \infty$ ), and left zero semigroups can be seen. In this section we give a characterization of subdirectly irreducible S-posets over a left zero posemigroup.

**Definition 4.1.** (see [6]) An equivalence relation  $\rho$  on an S-act A is called a *congruence* on A, if  $a\rho a'$  implies  $(as)\rho(a's)$ , for all  $s \in S$ . We denote the set of all congruences on A by Con(A).

A congruence on an S-poset A is a congruence  $\theta$  on the S-act A with the property that the S-act  $A/\theta$  can be made into an S-poset in such a way that the natural map  $A \to A/\theta$  is an S-poset map (see [1]).

For any relation  $\theta$  on A, define the relation  $\leq_{\theta}$  on A by

 $a \leq_{\theta} a'$  if and only if  $a \leq a_1 \theta a'_1 \leq a_2 \theta a'_2 \leq \ldots \leq a_n \theta a'_n \leq a'$ ,

where  $a_i, a'_i \in A$  (such a sequence of elements is called a  $\theta$ -chain). Then an S-act congruence  $\theta$  on an S-poset A is an S-poset congruence if and only if  $a\theta a'$  whenever  $a \leq_{\theta} a' \leq_{\theta} a$ .

For  $a, b \in A$ ,  $\rho_{a,b}$  denotes the *smallest* S- act congruence on A containing (a, b). It is in fact, the equivalence relation generated by  $\{(as, bs) : s \in S \cup \{1\}\}$ . Its elements are as follows:

$$x\rho_{a,b}y \iff \exists s_1, s_2, ..., s_n \in S \cup \{1\}, p_1, p_2, ..., p_n, q_1, q_2, ..., q_n \in A,$$

where  $(p_i, q_i) = (as, bs)$  or  $(p_i, q_i) = (bs, as)$  for some  $s \in S \cup \{1\}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let A be an S-act over a posemigroup S. Then  $\rho_{x,y}$ , for every distinct  $x, y \in FixA$ , is an S-poset congruence.

 $x \leq a$  and hence a = a' thus  $a\rho_{x,y}a'$ ; or

2)  $a \leq x \rho_{x,y} y \leq y \rho_{x,y} x \leq a' \leq y \rho_{x,y} x \leq x \rho_{x,y} y \leq a$ . Therefore  $a \leq x \leq a' \leq y \leq a$  and hence x = y which is a contradiction. Hence this case is not possible. Thus we have a = a', that is  $a \rho_{x,y} a'$ .

**Definition 4.3.** (see [6])An S-poset A is called subdirectly irreducible if  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \rho_i \neq \Delta$  for all congruences  $\rho_i$  on A with  $\rho_i \neq \Delta$ . If A is not subdirectly irreducible, then it is called subdirectly reducible.

It is worth noting that for each posemigroup S and an S-poset A with |A| = 2 there exist only two congruences  $\Delta$  and  $\nabla$  on A and therefore these S-posets are subdirectly irreducible.

**Lemma 4.4.** Every S-poset A over a left zero posemigroup S with |FixA| = 1 or  $|FixA| \ge 3$  is subdirectly reducible.

*Proof.* It is clear that for a left zero semigroup S, every S-poset with only one fixed element is subirectly reducible. Also, let A be an S-poset with at least three distinct fixed elements a, b, c. Then we consider the S-poset congruences  $\rho_{a,b}$  and  $\rho_{b,c}$ , by Lemma 4.2. Since  $a, b, c \in \text{Fix}A$  we obviously have  $\rho_{a,b} = \Delta \bigcup \{(a,b), (b,a)\}$  and  $\rho_{b,c} = \Delta \bigcup \{(b,c), (c,b)\}$ . Therefore  $\rho_{a,b} \cap \rho_{a,c} = \Delta$ , and we are done.

We give the following theorem as the counterpart of Theorem 3.2 of [7] in the category of S-posets over a left zero posemigroup.

**Theorem 4.5.** An S-poset A over a left zero posemigroup S is subdirectly irreducible if and only if it is separated and |FixA| = 2.

*Proof.* Let A be subdirectly irreducible. Then Lemma 4.4 ensures that |FixA| = 2 such as  $\{a_0, b_0\}$ . To show that A is separated, we suppose that there exists  $x \neq y \in A$  such that xs = ys, for all  $s \in S$ , and find a contradiction. To do so, consider the S-act congruence  $\rho_{x,y}$ . Since xs = ys, for all  $s \in S$ ,  $\rho_{x,y} = \Delta \bigcup \{(x,y), (y,x)\}$ . By the analogous method of the proof of Lemma 4.2 one can see that  $\rho_{x,y}$  is an S-poset congruence on A. Also since  $a_0, b_0 \in FixA$ , by Lemma 4.2, we have the S-posset congruence  $\rho_{a_0,b_0}$  on A. But  $\rho_{a_0,b_0} \cap \rho_{x,y} = \Delta$  which is a contradiction, therefore A is separated.

For the converse, let A be separated,  $FixA = \{a_0, b_0\}$ , and  $\theta \neq \Delta$  be an S-poset congruence on A. Then there exists  $x \neq y \in A$  such that  $(x, y) \in \theta$ . Thus  $(xs, ys) \in \theta$  for every  $s \in S$ . But since  $xs, ys \in FixA = \{a_0, b_0\}$  and A is separated,

there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $xs \neq ys$ . This means  $(a_0, b_0), (b_0, a_0) \in \theta$ . Therefore  $\bigcap_{\theta \neq \Delta} \theta$  contains  $\Delta \cup \{(a_0, b_0), (b_0, a_0)\}$ , hence A is subdirectly irreducible.  $\Box$ 

Finally, by the above theorem, and Birkhoff's Representation Theorem we have:

**Theorem 4.6.** Every S-poset over a left zero posemigroup S is isomorphic to a subdirect product of separated S-posets each of which has exactly two fixed elements.

It is worth noting that every S-poset A over a left zero posemigroup S with one or two elements and |FixA| = 1 is dc-injective.

We close the paper by characterizing simple S-poset. Recall that an S-poset A is called *simple* if  $ConA = \{\Delta, \nabla\}$ . It is easy to check that every S-poset A with  $|A| \leq 2$  is simple but no S-poset A with trivial action and |A| > 2 is simple.

**Theorem 4.7.** For a left zero posemigroup S, there exists no simple S-poset A with |A| > 2.

*Proof.* Let  $a \neq b$  be elements of A. Then in the case where  $a, b \in FixA$  we have  $\rho_{a,b} \neq \nabla$ , (where  $\rho_{a,b}$  is an S-poset congruence that discussed in Lemma 4.2) since |A| > 2, hence there exists  $(a, b \neq)x \in A$  and  $(a, x) \notin \rho_{a,b}$ . Therefore,  $\rho_{a,b}$  is a nontrivial congruence on A. Also in the case that one of a, b is not fixed, taking  $a \notin FixA$ , then  $\rho_{a,b} \neq \nabla$ . Because otherwise, if  $\rho_{a,b} = \nabla$  then for each  $x \neq y \in A$ , we have  $(x, y) \in \rho_{a,b}$ . Consequently there exists  $s, t \in S$  such that as = x, bt = y. Hence  $x, y \in FixA$ . Thus  $(a, x) \notin \rho_{x,y}$ , and so  $\rho_{x,y}$  is a nontrivial congruence.  $\Box$ 

**Acknowledgment.** We would like to thank M.M. Ebrahimi and M. Mahmoudi for their valuable comments.

### References

- S. Bulman-Fleming and M. Mahmoudi, The category of S-posets, Semigroup Forum 71 (2005), 443-461.
- [2] M.M. Ebrahimi and M. Mahmoudi, Baer criterion for injectivity of projection algebras, Semigroup Forum 71 (2005), 332-335.
- [3] E. Giuli, On m-separated projection spaces, Appl. Categ. Struct. 2 (1994), 91-99.
- [4] M. Haddadi, Nets and separated S-posets, J. Algebraic Systems 1 (2013), 33-43.
- [5] M. Haddadi and Gh. Moghaddasi, Regualr sub-sequentially dense injectivity in the category of S-posets, Italian J. Pure Appl. Math. 33 (2014), 149-160.
- [6] M. Kilp, U. Knauer and A. Mikhalev, Monoids, Acts and Categories, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, New York (2000).
- [7] Gh. Moghaddasi, On injective and subdirectly irreducible S-acts over left zero semigroups, Turkish J. Math. 36 (2012), 359 - 365.
- [8] L. Shahbaz and M. Mahmoudi, Injectivity of S-posets with respect to down-closed regular monomorphism, Semigroup Forum, DOI 10.1007/s00233-014-9676-y.

Department of Mathematics, Hakim Sabzevari University, Sabzevar Iran.

E-mails: r.moghadasi@hsu.ac.ir, g.moghaddasi@gmail.com

#### M. Haddadi

Gh. Moghaddasi

Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Mathematics, statistics and computer sciences, Semnan University, Semnan, Iran. E-mail: m.haddadi@semnan.ac.ir, haddadi 1360@yahoo.com

Received April 24, 2015