

Recognizability in Stochastic Monoids

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Abstract

Stochastic monoids and stochastic congruences are introduced and the syntactic stochastic monoid M_L associated to a subset L of a stochastic monoid M is constructed. It is shown that M_L is minimal among all stochastic epimorphisms $h : M \rightarrow M'$ whose kernel saturates L . The subset L is said to be stochastically recognizable whenever M_L is finite. The so obtained class is closed under boolean operations and inverse morphisms.

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1 Introduction

A stochastic subset of a set M is a function $F : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with the additional property $\sum_{m \in M} F(m) = 1$, i.e., F is a discrete probability distribution. The corresponding class is denoted by $Stoc(M)$. Our subject of study, in the present paper, are stochastic monoids which were introduced in [4]. A stochastic monoid is a set M equipped with a stochastic multiplication $M \times M \rightarrow Stoc(M)$ which is associative and unitary. It can be viewed as a nondeterministic monoid (cf. [1, 2, 3]) with multiplication $M \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$ such that for all $m_1, m_2 \in M$ a discrete probability distribution is assigned on the set $m_1 \cdot m_2$.

A congruence on a stochastic monoid M is an equivalence \sim on M such that $m_1 \sim m'_1$ and $m_2 \sim m'_2$ imply

$$\sum_{n \in C} (m_1 \cdot m_2)(n) = \sum_{n \in C} (m'_1 \cdot m'_2)(n)$$

for all \sim -classes C . The quotient M/\sim admits a stochastic monoid structure rendering the canonical function $m \mapsto [m]$ an epimorphism of stochastic monoids. The classical Isomorphism Theorem of Algebra still holds in the stochastic setup, namely

for any epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h : M \rightarrow M'$ and every stochastic congruence \sim on M' its inverse image $h^{-1}(\sim)$ defined by

$$m_1 h^{-1}(\sim) m_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad h(m_1) \sim h(m_2),$$

is again a stochastic congruence and the quotient stochastic monoids $M/h^{-1}(\sim)$ and M'/\sim are isomorphic. In particular if \sim is the equality, then $h^{-1}(=)$ is the kernel congruence of h (denoted by \sim_h)

$$m_1 \sim_h m_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad h(m_1) = h(m_2),$$

and the stochastic monoids M/\sim_h and M' are isomorphic.

We show that stochastic congruences are closed under the join operation. This allows us to construct the greatest stochastic congruence included in an equivalence \sim . It is the join of all stochastic congruences on M included into \sim and it is denoted by \sim^{stoc} . The quotient stochastic monoid M/\sim^{stoc} is denoted by M^{stoc} and has the following universal property:

given an epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h : M \rightarrow M'$ whose kernel \sim_h saturates the equivalence \sim there exists a unique epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h' : M' \rightarrow M^{stoc}$ such that $h' \circ h = h^{stoc}$, where $h^{stoc} : M \rightarrow M^{stoc}$ is the canonical epimorphism into the quotient.

This result states that h^{stoc} is minimal among all epimorphisms saturating \sim .

Let M be a stochastic monoid and $L \subseteq M$. Denote by \sim_L the greatest congruence of M included in the partition (equivalence) $\{L, M - L\}$, i.e., $\sim_L = \{L, M - L\}^{stoc}$. The quotient stochastic monoid $M_L = M/\sim_L$ will be called the syntactic stochastic monoid of L and it is characterized by the following universal property.

For every stochastic monoid M and every epimorphism $h : M \rightarrow M'$ verifying $h^{-1}(h(L)) = L$, there exists a unique epimorphism $h' : M' \rightarrow M_L$ such that $h' \circ h = h_L$ where $h_L : M \rightarrow M_L$ is the canonical projection into the quotient.

A subset L of a stochastic monoid M is stochastically recognizable if there exist a finite stochastic monoid M' and a morphism $h : M \rightarrow M'$ such that $h^{-1}(h(L)) = L$. By taking into account the previous result we get that L is recognizable if and only if its syntactic stochastic monoid is finite. Moreover stochastically recognizable subsets are closed under boolean operations and inverse morphisms.

2 Stochastic Subsets

Some useful elementary facts are displayed. Let $(x_i)_{i \in I}$, $(x_{ij})_{i \in I, j \in J}$, $(y_j)_{j \in J}$ be families of nonnegative reals, then

$$\sup_{i \in I, j \in J} x_{ij} = \sup_{i \in I} \sup_{j \in J} x_{ij} = \sup_{j \in J} \sup_{i \in I} x_{ij}, \quad \sup_{i \in I, j \in J} x_i y_j = \sup_{i \in I} x_i \cdot \sup_{j \in J} y_j,$$

provided that the above suprema exist. If $\sup_{I' \subseteq_{fin} I} \sum_{i \in I'} x_i$ exists, then we say that the sum $\sum_{i \in I} x_i$ exists and we put

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i = \sup_{I' \subseteq_{fin} I} \sum_{i \in I'} x_i$$

where the notation $I' \subseteq_{fin} I$ means that I' is a finite subset of I .

It holds

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J} x_{ij} = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} x_{ij} = \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i \in I} x_{ij}, \quad \sum_{i \in I, j \in J} x_i y_j = \sum_{i \in I} x_i \sum_{j \in J} y_j.$$

Let M be a non empty set and $[0, 1]$ the unit interval, a *stochastic subset* of M is a function $F : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with the additional property that the sum of its values exists and is equal to 1

$$\sum_{m \in M} F(m) = 1.$$

We denote by $Stoc(M)$ the set of all stochastic subsets of M .

Let $F_i : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, $i \in I$, be a family of functions such that for every $m \in M$ the sum $\sum_{i \in I} F_i(m)$ exists. Then the assignment

$$m \mapsto \sum_{i \in I} F_i(m)$$

defines a function from M to \mathbb{R}_+ denoted by $\sum_{i \in I} F_i$, i.e.,

$$\left(\sum_{i \in I} F_i \right) (m) = \sum_{i \in I} F_i(m), \quad m \in M.$$

Now let $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family in $[0, 1]$ such that $\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i = 1$ and $F_i \in \text{Stoc}(M)$, $i \in I$. For any finite subset I' of I and any $m \in M$, we have

$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i(m) = \sup_{I' \subseteq_{\text{fin}} I} \sum_{i \in I'} \lambda_i F_i(m) \leq 1.$$

Thus $\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i$ is defined and belongs to $\text{Stoc}(M)$ because

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m \in M} \left(\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i \right)(m) &= \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i(m) = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{m \in M} \lambda_i F_i(m) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i \right) \left(\sum_{m \in M} F_i(m) \right) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can state:

Strong Convexity Lemma (SCL). *The set $\text{Stoc}(M)$ is a strongly convex set, i.e., for any stochastic family*

$$\lambda_i \in [0, 1], \quad F_i \in \text{Stoc}(M), \quad i \in I$$

the function $\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i$ is in $\text{Stoc}(M)$.

For arbitrary sets M, M' any function $h : M \rightarrow \text{Stoc}(M')$ can be extended into a function $\bar{h} : \text{Stoc}(M) \rightarrow \text{Stoc}(M')$ by setting

$$\bar{h}(F) = \sum_{m \in M} F(m) \cdot h(m).$$

In particular, any function $h : M \rightarrow M'$ is extended into a function $\bar{h} : \text{Stoc}(M) \rightarrow \text{Stoc}(M')$ by the same as above formula. This formula is legitimate since by the strong convexity lemma

$$\sum_{m \in M} F(m) = 1$$

and $h(m)$ is a stochastic subset of M' .

Hence, for any stochastic subset $F : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ we have the expansion formula

$$F = \sum_{m \in M} F(m) \hat{m}$$

where $\hat{m} : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ stands for the singleton function

$$\hat{m}(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = m; \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq m. \end{cases}$$

Often \hat{m} is identified with m itself.

3 Stochastic Congruences

Our main interest is focused on equivalences in the stochastic setup. Any equivalence relation \sim on the set M , can be extended into an equivalence relation \approx on the set $\text{Stoc}(M)$ as follows: for $F, F' \in \text{Stoc}(M)$ we set $F \approx F'$ if and only if for each \sim -class C it holds

$$\sum_{m \in C} F(m) = \sum_{m \in C} F'(m),$$

that is both F, F' behave stochastically on C in similar way. The above sums exist because F, F' are stochastic subsets of M :

$$\sum_{m \in C} F(m) \leq \sum_{m \in M} F(m) = 1.$$

The equivalence \approx has a fundamental property, it is compatible with strong convex combinations.

Proposition 3.1. *Assume that $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I}$ is a stochastic family of numbers in $[0, 1]$ and $F_i, F'_i \in \text{Stoc}(M)$, for all $i \in I$. Then*

$$F_i \approx F'_i, \text{ for all } i \in I, \text{ implies } \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i \approx \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F'_i.$$

Proof. By hypothesis we have

$$\sum_{m \in C} F_i(m) = \sum_{m \in C} F'_i(m)$$

for any \sim -class C in M , and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m \in C} \left(\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i \right) (m) &= \sum_{m \in C} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i(m) = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i \sum_{m \in C} F_i(m) \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i \sum_{m \in C} F'_i(m) = \sum_{m \in C} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F'_i(m) \\ &= \sum_{m \in C} \left(\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F'_i \right) (m) \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F_i \approx \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i F'_i$$

as wanted. □

4 Stochastic Monoids

A stochastic monoid is a set M equipped with a stochastic multiplication, i.e. a function

$$M \times M \rightarrow \text{Stoc}(M), \quad (m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 m_2$$

which is associative

$$\sum_{n \in M} (m_1 m_2)(n)(n m_3) = \sum_{n \in M} (m_2 m_3)(n)(m_1 n)$$

and unitary i.e. there is an element $e \in M$ such that

$$m e = m = e m, \quad \text{for all } m \in M.$$

For instance any ordinary monoid can be viewed as a stochastic monoid. In the present study it is important to have a congruence notion. More precisely, let M be a stochastic monoid and \sim an equivalence relation on the set M , such that: $m_1 \sim m'_1$ and $m_2 \sim m'_2$ implies

$$\sum_{m \in C} (m_1 m_2)(m) = \sum_{m \in C} (m'_1 m'_2)(m)$$

for all \sim -classes C , then \sim is called a *stochastic congruence* on M . This condition can be reformulated as follows: $m_1 \sim m'_1$ and $m_2 \sim m'_2$ implies

$$m_1 m_2 \approx m'_1 m'_2.$$

Proposition 4.1. *The quotient set M/\sim is structured into a stochastic monoid by defining the stochastic multiplication via the formula*

$$([m_1][m_2])([n]) = \sum_{m \in [n]} (m_1 m_2)(m).$$

Proof. First observe that the above multiplication is well defined. Next for every \sim -class $[b]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (([m_1][m_2])[m_3])([b]) &= \sum_{[n] \in M/\sim} ([m_1][m_2])([n])([n][m_3])([b]) \\ &= \sum_{[n] \in M/\sim} \sum_{n_1 \in [n]} (m_1 m_2)(n_1) \sum_{b' \in [b]} (n m_3)(b') \end{aligned}$$

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Since $n \sim n_1$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{[n] \in M / \sim} \sum_{n_1 \in [n]} (m_1 m_2)(n_1) \sum_{b' \in [b]} (n_1 m_3)(b') \\
 &= \sum_{[n] \in M / \sim} \sum_{b' \in [b]} \sum_{n_1 \in [n]} (m_1 m_2)(n_1) (n_1 m_3)(b') \\
 &= \sum_{b' \in [b]} \sum_{n_1 \in M} (m_1 m_2)(n_1) (n_1 m_3)(b').
 \end{aligned}$$

By taking into account the associativity of M we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{b' \in [b]} \sum_{n_1 \in M} (m_2 m_3)(n_1) (m_1 n_1)(b') \\
 &= ([m_1]([m_2][m_3]))([b]). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Congruences on an ordinary monoid M coincide with stochastic congruences when M is viewed as a stochastic monoid. The first question arising is whether stochastic congruence is a good algebraic notion. This is checked by the validity of the known isomorphism theorems in their stochastic variant.

Given stochastic monoids M and M' , a strict morphism from M to M' is a function $h : M \rightarrow M'$ preserving stochastic multiplication and units, i.e.,

$$\bar{h}(m_1 m_2) = h(m_1) h(m_2), \quad h(e) = e',$$

for all $m_1, m_2 \in M$, where e, e' are the units of M, M' respectively, and $\bar{h} : Stoc(M) \rightarrow Stoc(M')$ the canonical extension of h defined in Section 2.

Theorem 4.1. *Given an epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h : M \rightarrow M'$ and a stochastic congruence \sim on M' , its inverse image $h^{-1}(\sim)$ defined by*

$$m_1 h^{-1}(\sim) m_2 \quad \text{if} \quad h(m_1) \sim h(m_2)$$

is also a stochastic congruence and the stochastic quotient monoids $M/h^{-1}(\sim)$ and M'/\sim are isomorphic.

Proof. Assume that

$$m_1 h^{-1}(\sim) m'_1 \quad \text{and} \quad m_2 h^{-1}(\sim) m'_2$$

that is

$$h(m_1) \sim h(m'_1) \quad \text{and} \quad h(m_2) \sim h(m'_2).$$

Then

$$\bar{h}(m_1 m_2) = h(m_1)h(m_2) \approx h(m'_1)h(m'_2) = \bar{h}(m'_1 m'_2),$$

that is for all $C \in M'/\sim$, we have

$$\sum_{c \in C} \bar{h}(m_1 m_2)(c) = \sum_{c \in C} \bar{h}(m'_1 m'_2)(c),$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{c \in C} \bar{h}(m_1 m_2)(c) &= \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{m \in M} (m_1 m_2)(m) h(m)(c) = \sum_{m \in M} (m_1 m_2)(m) \sum_{c \in C} h(m)(c) \\ &= \sum_{m \in h^{-1}(C)} (m_1 m_2)(m). \end{aligned}$$

Recall that all $h^{-1}(\sim)$ -classes are of the form $h^{-1}(C)$, $C \in M'/\sim$. Consequently,

$$= \sum_{m \in h^{-1}(C)} (m_1 m_2)(m) = \sum_{m \in h^{-1}(C)} (m'_1 m'_2)(m)$$

which shows that $h^{-1}(\sim)$ is indeed a congruence of the stochastic monoid M . The desired isomorphism $\hat{h} : M/h^{-1}(\sim) \rightarrow M'/\sim$ is given by

$$\hat{h}([m]_{h^{-1}(\sim)}) = [h(m)]_{\sim}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 4.1. *Let $h : M \rightarrow M'$ be an epimorphism of stochastic monoids. Then the kernel equivalence*

$$m_1 \sim_h m_2 \text{ if } h(m_1) = h(m_2)$$

is a congruence on M and the stochastic quotient monoid M/\sim_h is isomorphic to M' .

Given stochastic monoids M_1, \dots, M_k the stochastic multiplication

$$[(m_1, \dots, m_k) \cdot (m'_1, \dots, m'_k)](n_1, \dots, n_k) = (m_1 m'_1)(n_1) \cdots (m_k m'_k)(n_k)$$

structures the set $M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k$ into a stochastic monoid so that the canonical projection

$$\pi_i : M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k \rightarrow M_i, \quad \pi_i(m_1, \dots, m_k) = m_i$$

becomes a morphism of stochastic monoids. Notice that the above multiplication is stochastic because

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n_i \in M_i \\ 1 \leq i \leq k}} (m_1 m'_1)(n_1) \cdots (m_k m'_k)(n_k) &= \sum_{n_1 \in M_1} (m_1 m'_1)(n_1) \cdots \sum_{n_k \in M_k} (m_k m'_k)(n_k) \\ &= 1 \cdots 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.2. *Let \sim_i be a stochastic congruence on the stochastic monoid M_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$). Then $\sim_1 \times \cdots \times \sim_k$ is a stochastic congruence on the stochastic monoid $M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k$ and the stochastic monoids $M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k / \sim_1 \times \cdots \times \sim_k$ and $M_1 / \sim_1 \times \cdots \times M_k / \sim_k$ are isomorphic.*

5 Greatest Stochastic Congruence Saturating an Equivalence

First observe that, due to the symmetric property which an equivalence relation satisfies, the sumability condition in the definition of a congruence can be replaced by the weaker condition: $m_1 \sim m'_1$ and $m_2 \sim m'_2$ implies

$$\sum_{m \in C} (m_1 m_2)(m) \leq \sum_{m \in C} (m'_1 m'_2)(m)$$

for all \sim -classes C .

Lemma 5.1. *The equivalence \sim on the stochastic monoid M is a congruence if and only if the following condition is fulfilled: $m \sim m'$, implies*

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m' \cdot n)(b) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{b \in C} (n \cdot m)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (n \cdot m')(b).$$

Proof. One direction is immediate whereas for the opposite direction we have: $m_1 \sim m'_1$ and $m_2 \sim m'_2$ imply

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m_1 \cdot m_2)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m'_1 \cdot m_2)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m'_1 \cdot m'_2)(b). \quad \square$$

Next we demonstrate that stochastic congruences are closed under the join operation. We recall that the join $\bigvee_{i \in I} \sim_i$ of a family of equivalences $(\sim_i)_{i \in I}$ on a set A is the reflexive and transitive closure of their union:

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} \sim_i = \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} \sim_i \right)^*$$

Theorem 5.1. *If $(\sim_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of stochastic congruences on M , then their join $\bigvee_{i \in I} \sim_i$ is also a stochastic congruence.*

Proof. Let \sim_1, \sim_2 be two congruences on M and $\sim = \sim_1 \vee \sim_2$. First we show that $m \sim_1 m'$ implies

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m' \cdot n)(b),$$

for all \sim -classes C . From the inclusion $\sim_1 \subseteq \sim$ we get that C is the disjoint union

$$C = \bigcup_{j=1}^m C_j^1$$

where C_j^1 denote \sim_1 -classes. Then

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m \cdot n)(b) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{b \in C_j^1} (m \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{b \in C_j^1} (m' \cdot n)(b) = \sum_{b \in C} (m' \cdot n)(b).$$

By a similar argument we show that $m \sim_2 m'$ implies

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m' \cdot n)(b),$$

for all \sim -classes C . Now, if $m \sim m'$, without any loss we may assume that

$$m \sim_1 m_1 \sim_2 m_2 \sim_1 \cdots \sim_1 m_{2\lambda-1} \sim_2 m'$$

for some elements $m_1, \dots, m_{2\lambda-1} \in M$. Applying successively the previous facts, we obtain

$$\sum_{b \in C} (m \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m_1 \cdot n)(b) \leq \cdots \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m_{2\lambda-1} \cdot n)(b) \leq \sum_{b \in C} (m' \cdot n)(b).$$

For an arbitrary set of congruences we proceed in a similar way. \square

The previous result leads us to introduce the greatest stochastic congruence included into an equivalence \sim of M . It is the join of all stochastic congruences on M included into \sim and it is denoted by \sim^{stoc} . The quotient stochastic monoid M / \sim^{stoc} is denoted by M^{stoc} and has the following universal property

Theorem 5.2. *Given an epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h : M \rightarrow M'$ whose kernel \sim_h saturates the equivalence \sim there exists a unique epimorphism of stochastic monoids $h' : M' \rightarrow M^{stoc}$ rendering commutative the triangle*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M & \\ h \swarrow & & \searrow h^{stoc} \\ M' & \xrightarrow{h'} & M^{stoc} \end{array}$$

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where $h^{stoc} : M \rightarrow M^{stoc}$ is the canonical projection $m \mapsto [m]_{stoc}$ sending every element $m \in M$ on its \sim^{stoc} -class.

Proof. By virtue of the Isomorphism Theorem the stochastic monoid M' is isomorphic to the quotient M / \sim_h . Since by assumption $\sim_h \subseteq \sim^{stoc}$, h' is the following composition

$$M' \xrightarrow{\cong} M / \sim_h \xrightarrow{f} M / \sim^{stoc} = M^{stoc},$$

with $f([m]_h) = [m]_{stoc}$, $[m]_h$ being the \sim_h -class of m . □

The previous result states that h^{stoc} is minimal among all epimorphisms saturating \sim .

6 Syntactic Stochastic Monoids

Let M be a stochastic monoid and $L \subseteq M$. Denote by \sim_L the greatest congruence of M included in the partition (equivalence) $\{L, M - L\}$, i.e.,

$$\sim_L = \{L, M - L\}^{stoc}.$$

The quotient stochastic monoid $M_L = M / \sim_L$ will be called the *syntactic stochastic monoid* of L and it is characterized by the following universal property.

Theorem 6.1. *For every stochastic monoid M and every epimorphism $h : M \rightarrow M'$ verifying $h^{-1}(h(L)) = L$, there exists a unique epimorphism $h' : M' \rightarrow M_L$ rendering commutative the triangle*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M & \\ h \swarrow & & \searrow h_L \\ M' & \xrightarrow{h'} & M_L \end{array}$$

where h_L is the canonical morphism sending every element $m \in M$ to its \sim_L -class.

Proof. The hypothesis $h^{-1}(h(L)) = L$ means that \sim_h saturates L and so the statement follows immediately by Theorem 5.2. □

Given stochastic monoids M, M' we write $M' < M$ if there is a stochastic monoid \bar{M} and a situation

$$M' \xleftarrow{h} \bar{M} \xrightarrow{i} M$$

where i (resp. h) is a monomorphism (resp. epimorphism).

Theorem 6.2. *Given subsets L_1, L_2, L of a stochastic monoid M it holds*

i) $M_{L_1 \cap L_2} < M_{L_1} \times M_{L_2}$,

ii) $M_L = M_{\bar{L}}$, where \bar{L} designates the set theoretic complement of L ,

iii) $M_{L_1 \cup L_2} < M_{L_1} \times M_{L_2}$,

iv) If $h : M \rightarrow N$ is an epimorphism of ND-monoids and $L \subseteq N$, then $M_{h^{-1}(L)} = M_L$.

Proof. The proof follows by applying Theorem 6.1. □

A subset L of a stochastic monoid M is *stochastically recognizable* if there exist a finite stochastic monoid M' and a morphism $h : M \rightarrow M'$ such that $h^{-1}(h(L)) = L$. The class of stochastically recognizable subsets of M is denoted by $StocRec(M)$. By taking into account Theorem 6.1 we get

Proposition 6.1. *$L \subseteq M$ is recognizable if and only if its syntactic stochastic monoid is finite, $card(M_L) < \infty$.*

Putting this result together with Theorem 6.2 we yield

Proposition 6.2. *The class $StocRec(M)$ is closed under boolean operations and inverse morphisms.*

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