



## $E$ -Torsion Free Acts Over Monoids

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**Abstract :** In this paper we introduce  $E$ -torsion freeness of acts over monoids, and will give a characterization of monoids by this property of their (cyclic, mono-cyclic, Rees factor) acts.

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### 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper  $S$  will denote a monoid. We refer the reader to [1] and [2] for basic definitions and terminology relating to semigroups and acts over monoids and to [3], [4], [5] and [6] for definitions and results on flatness which are used here. A monoid  $S$  is called *left(right) collapsible* if for any  $s, s' \in S$  there exists  $z \in S$  such that  $zs = zs'$  ( $sz = s'z$ ). A submonoid  $P$  of  $S$  is called *weakly left collapsible* if for any  $s, s' \in P$ ,  $z \in S$ ,  $sz = s'z$  implies the existence of  $u \in P$  such that  $us = us'$ . It is obvious that every left collapsible submonoid is weakly left collapsible, but the converse is not true. A monoid  $S$  is called *right (left) reversible*, if for any  $s, s' \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vs'$  ( $su = s'v$ ). A submonoid  $P$  of  $S$  is called *weakly right reversible*, if for any  $s, s' \in P$ ,  $z \in S$ ,  $sz = s'z$  implies the existence of  $u, v \in P$  such that  $us = vs'$ . A right ideal  $K_S$  of a monoid  $S$  is called *left stabilizing*, if for any  $k \in K_S$ , there exists  $l \in K_S$  such that  $lk = k$ .  $K_S$  is called *left annihilating*, if for any  $t \in S$ ,  $x, y \in S \setminus K_S$ ,  $xt, yt \in K_S$

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implies that  $xt = yt$ .  $K_S$  is called *strongly left annihilating*, if for all  $s, t \in S \setminus K_S$  and for all homomorphisms  $f :_S (St \cup Ss) \rightarrow_S S$ ,  $f(s), f(t) \in K_S$  implies that  $f(s) = f(t)$ .  $K_S$  is called *completely left annihilating*, if for all  $x, y, z, t, t' \in S$ ,

$$[(xt \neq yt') \wedge (tz = t'z)] \Rightarrow [(xt \notin K_S) \vee (yt' \notin K_S) \vee (x \in K_S) \vee (y \in K_S)]$$

$K_S$  is called  *$P_E$ -left annihilating*, if for all  $x, y, t, t' \in S$ ,

$$(xt \neq yt') \Rightarrow [(x \in K_S) \vee (y \in K_S) \vee (xt \notin K_S) \vee (yt' \notin K_S) \vee$$

$$(\exists u, v \in S, e, f \in E(S), et = t, ft' = t', ut = vt'$$

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A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(P)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as = a's'$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = bu$ ,  $a' = bv$  and  $us = vs'$ . A monoid  $S$  is called *right PCP*, if all principal right ideals of  $S$  satisfy Condition  $(P)$ . A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(P')$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s, s', z \in S$ ,  $as = a's'$ ,  $sz = s'z$  imply that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = bu$ ,  $a' = bv$  and  $us = vs'$ . A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(P_E)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as = a's'$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u, v, e^2 = e, f^2 = f \in S$  such that  $ae = bue$ ,  $a'f = bvf$ ,  $es = s$ ,  $fs' = s'$  and  $us = vs'$ . It is obvious that Condition  $(P)$  implies Condition  $(P_E)$ , but not the converse. A satisfies Condition  $(E)$ , if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as = as'$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u \in S$  such that  $a = bu$  and  $us = us'$ . A satisfies Condition  $(E')$ , if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s', z \in S$ ,  $as = as'$  and  $sz = s'z$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u \in S$  such that  $a = bu$  and  $us = us'$ . A satisfies Condition  $(EP)$ , if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s' \in S$ ,  $as = as'$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = bu = bv$  and  $us = vs'$ . A satisfies Condition  $(E'P)$ , if for all  $a \in A$ ,  $s, s', z \in S$ ,  $as = as'$  and  $sz = s'z$  imply that there exist  $b \in A$ ,  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = bu = bv$  and  $us = vs'$ . It is obvious that Condition  $(E) \Rightarrow$  Condition  $(EP) \Rightarrow$  Condition  $(E'P)$  and Condition  $(E) \Rightarrow$  Condition  $(E') \Rightarrow$  Condition  $(E'P)$ . In [7] and [8] we gave a characterization of monoids by Conditions  $(EP)$  and  $(E'P)$  of their acts. A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $as = a's$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$  and  $u, v \in S$  such that  $a = bu$ ,  $a' = bv$  and  $us = vs$ . A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(PWP_E)$ , if for all  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $as = a's$  implies that there exist  $b \in A$  and  $u, v, e^2 = e, f^2 = f \in S$  such that  $ae = bue$ ,  $a'f = bvf$ ,  $es = fs = s$  and  $us = vs$ . In [9] we gave a characterization of monoids by Conditions  $(PWP_E)$  of their acts. A right  $S$ -act  $A$  satisfies Condition  $(W)$ , if  $as = a't$ , for  $a, a' \in A_S$ ,  $s, t \in S$ , implies that there exist  $b \in A_S$  and  $u \in Ss \cap St$ , such that  $as = a't = bu$ .

$A_S$  is called *regular*, if all cyclic subacts of  $A$  are projective.  $A_S$  is called *faithful*, if for  $s, t \in S$  the equality  $as = at$  for all  $a \in A$  implies  $s = t$ .  $A_S$  is called *strongly faithful*, if for  $s, t \in S$  the equality  $as = at$  for some  $a \in A$  implies  $s = t$ .  $A_S$  is called  *$P$ -regular*, if all cyclic subacts of  $A$  satisfy Condition  $(P)$ . In [10] we gave a characterization of monoids by  $P$ -regularity of their acts.  $A$  is called *strongly  $(P)$ -cyclic* if for any  $a \in A$  there exists  $z \in S$  such that  $\ker \lambda_a = \ker \lambda_z$  and  $zS$  satisfies Condition  $(P)$ . In [11] we gave a characterization of monoids  $S$  by strong  $(P)$ -cyclic of right  $S$ -acts.  $A_S$  is called *locally cyclic*, if every finitely generated subact of  $A$  is contained within a cyclic subact of  $A$ . An act  $A_S$  is called to be connected, if for all  $a, a' \in A$  there exist elements  $s_1, t_1, \dots, s_n, t_n \in S$  and  $a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} as_1 &= a_2t_1 \\ a_2s_2 &= a_3t_2 \\ &\cdot \\ &\cdot \\ &\cdot \\ a_ns_n &= a't_n. \end{aligned}$$

For torsionless of acts we refer the reader to [12].

## 2 General Properties

An element  $s \in S$  acts injectively on  $A_S$  if  $as = bs$ , for  $a, b \in A_S$ , implies  $a = b$ . If every  $s \in S$  acts injectively on  $A_S$ , then we say that  $S$  acts injectively on  $A_S$ .

**Definition 2.1.** An act  $A_S$  is called  *$E$ -torsion free (ETF)*, if  $E(S)$  acts injectively on  $A_S$ , that is;

$$(\forall a, a' \in A_S)(\forall e \in E(S))(ae = a'e \Rightarrow a = a').$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then:*

- (1) *The one-element act  $\Theta_S$  is ETF.*
- (2) *If  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , then all (left) right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (3)  *$S_S$  is ETF if and only if  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .*
- (4) *If  $S$  is a regular monoid, then  $A_S$  is ETF if and only if  $S$  acts injectively on  $A_S$ .*
- (5) *If  $A_i, i \in I$ , are right  $S$ -acts, then  $A_i, i \in I$ , are ETF if and only if  $A_S = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  is ETF.*
- (6) *If  $A_i, i \in I$ , are right  $S$ -acts, then  $A_i, i \in I$ , are ETF if and only if  $A_S = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  is ETF.*

- (7) If an act is *ETF*, then all its subacts are *ETF*.
- (8)  $A_S$  is an *ETF* right  $S$ -act if and only if  $ae = a$ , for all  $a \in A_S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (9) If  $S = T^1$ , where  $T$  is a semigroup, then the right  $S$ -act  $T_S$  is *ETF* if and only if  $E(T) = \emptyset$  or  $te = t$ , for all  $t \in T$  and  $e \in E(T)$ .
- (10) If  $S$  is an idempotent monoid, then the right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is *ETF* if and only if  $A_S$  is a coproduct of one element acts.
- (11) If  $S$  contains a left zero, then the right  $S$ -act  $A_S$  is *ETF* if and only if  $A_S$  is a coproduct of one element acts.

*Proof.* The statements (1) to (8) are clear from definition.

(9). It follows from (8).

(10). It follows from (5) and (8).

(11). Necessity. Let  $z$  be a left zero element of  $S$ . By (8),  $az = a$ , for all  $a \in A_S$ . Thus  $as = (az)s = a(zs) = az = a$ , for all  $s \in S$  and  $a \in A_S$ . Hence  $A_S$  is a coproduct of one element acts.

Sufficiency. It follows from (1) and (5).  $\square$

### 3 Characterization by $E$ -Torsion Freeness of Right Acts

In this section we characterize monoids by  $E$ -torsion freeness of right acts.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $(U)$  be a property of  $S$ -acts which  $S_S$  has property  $(U)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts with property  $(U)$  are *ETF*.
- (2) All finitely generated right  $S$ -acts with property  $(U)$  are *ETF*.
- (3) All cyclic right  $S$ -acts with property  $(U)$  are *ETF*.
- (4)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Since  $S_S$  is a cyclic right  $S$ -act, by assumption it is *ETF*, and so by Proposition 2.2(3),  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Proposition 2.2(2).  $\square$

Now we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.
- (2) All torsion free right  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.
- (3) All principally weakly flat right  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.

- (4) All GP-flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (5) All weakly flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (6) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (W) are ETF.
- (7) All flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (8) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (WP) are ETF.
- (9) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (PWP) are ETF.
- (10) All translation kernel flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (11) All principally weakly kernel flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (12) All weakly kernel flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (13) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (P) are ETF.
- (14) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $P_E$ ) are ETF.
- (15) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $P'$ ) are ETF.
- (16) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $PWP_E$ ) are ETF.
- (17) All equalizer flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (18) All strongly flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (19) All weakly pullback flat right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (20) All projective right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (21) All projective generators right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (22) All generators right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (23) All free right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (24) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (E) are ETF.
- (25) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $EP$ ) are ETF.
- (26) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $E'$ ) are ETF.
- (27) All right  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $E'P$ ) are ETF.
- (28) All faithful right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (29) All torsionless right  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (30)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

Notice that all statements in Corollary above, are also true for cyclic and finitely generated right  $S$ -acts.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S$  is left cancellative.

(2) *There exists a strongly faithful right  $S$ -act.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It is obvious, because in this case  $S_S$  is a strongly faithful right  $S$ -act.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A_S$  is a strongly faithful right  $S$ -act and let  $us = ut$ , for  $u, s, t \in S$ . Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $(au)s = (au)t$ , and so  $s = t$ . Thus  $S$  is left cancellative, as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and suppose there exists a strongly faithful right  $S$ -act. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All strongly faithful right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (2) *All strongly faithful finitely generated right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (3) *All strongly faithful cyclic right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (4)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3 and Proposition 2.2(2) it is obvious.  $\square$

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

- (1) *All divisible right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (2) *All principally weakly injective right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (3) *All  $fg$ -weakly injective right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (4) *All weakly injective right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (5) *All injective right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (6) *All cofree right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (7) *All indecomposable right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (8) *All locally cyclic right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (9)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* Since cofreeness  $\Rightarrow$  injectivity  $\Rightarrow$  weak injectivity  $\Rightarrow$   $fg$ -weak injectivity  $\Rightarrow$  principal weak injectivity  $\Rightarrow$  divisibility, then implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) are obvious.

Implications (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) follow from Proposition 2.2(2).

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). It follows from [13, Lemma 3.4].

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Since every right  $S$ -act can be embedded into a cofree right  $S$ -act, thus by Proposition 2.2(7), all right  $S$ -acts are ETF, and so  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , by Corollary 3.2.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). All cyclic right  $S$ -acts are locally cyclic. Thus  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , by Corollary 3.2.  $\square$

Here we give a characterization of monoids for which  $E$ -torsion freeness of their acts implies other properties.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are free.*
- (2) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are projective generators.*
- (3) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are generators.*
- (4) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are faithful.*
- (5) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are strongly faithful.*
- (6)  $S = \{1\}$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). It follows from [2, III, 18.1].

Since  $\Theta_S$  is an ETF right  $S$ -act, and  $\Theta_S$  is (strongly) faithful if and only if  $S = \{1\}$ , implications (4), (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) are obvious.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), (5). If  $S = \{1\}$ , then all right  $S$ -acts are free (strongly faithful).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid with no zero element. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are torsionless.*
- (2)  *$S$  contains a left zero.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since the right  $S$ -act  $\Theta_S$  is ETF, it follows from [12, Lemma 2.2].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Proposition 2.2(11) and [12, Proposition 2.10].  $\square$

Notice that all statements in Theorems 3.6 and 3.7 are also true for cyclic, finitely generated and right Rees factor  $S$ -acts.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $S$  be an idempotent monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are strongly flat.*
- (2) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are equalizer flat.*
- (3) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are weakly pullback flat.*
- (4) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (P).*
- (5) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P_E)$ .*
- (6) *All ETF right  $S$ -acts are weakly kernel flat.*

- (7) All *ETF* right *S*-acts are (WP).
- (8) All *ETF* right *S*-acts are flat.
- (9) All *ETF* right *S*-acts are weakly flat.
- (10) All *ETF* right *S*-acts satisfy Condition (W).
- (11) *S* is right reversible.
- (12) *S* is left collapsible.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). It follows from [4, Page 79].

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

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (9). It follows from [14, Theorem 2.5].

(9)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (10). Since *S* is regular, all right *S*-acts are principally weakly flat, and so the result follows from [2, III, 11.4].

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (11). It follows from Proposition 2.2(1), and [2, III, 11.2].

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (12). Suppose  $e, f \in S$ . Since *S* is right reversible, there exist  $g, g' \in S$  such that  $ge = g'f$ . If  $u = ge = g'f$ , then  $ue = (ge)e = ge^2 = ge = g'f = g'f^2 = (g'f)f = uf$ . Thus *S* is left collapsible.

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Suppose  $A_S$  is *ETF* and let  $as = bt$ , for  $a, b \in A_S$  and  $s, t \in S$ . Since by Proposition 2.2(8),  $aS = \{a\}$ , for any  $a \in A_S$ , we have  $a = b$ . Since *S* is left collapsible, there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $us = ut$ . But,  $a = b = au$ , and so  $A_S$  satisfies Condition (P), as required.  $\square$

Notice that all statements in theorem above are also true for finitely generated and cyclic right *S*-acts.

## 4 Characterization by *E*-Torsion Freeness of Cyclic Right Acts

In this section we characterize monoids by *E*-torsion freeness of their cyclic right acts.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $\rho$  be a right congruence on  $S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S/\rho$  is *ETF*.
- (2)  $(\forall s, t \in S)(\forall e \in E(S))((se, te) \in \rho \Rightarrow (s, t) \in \rho)$ .
- (3)  $(\forall s \in S)(\forall e \in E(S))(se, s) \in \rho$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward.  $\square$



**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\rho$  be a right congruence on  $S$ . If  $S/\rho$  is ETF, then  $T = [1]_\rho$  is a submonoid of  $S$  with  $E(S) = E(T)$ . The converse is also true when  $\rho$  is a congruence or every idempotent of  $S$  is central.*

*Proof.* It is obvious that  $T$  is a submonoid of  $S$  and also  $E(T) \subseteq E(S)$ . Let  $e \in E(S)$ . Then  $(ee, 1e) = (e, e) \in \rho$ , and so  $(e, 1) \in \rho$ , by Proposition 4.1. Thus  $e \in T$ , and hence  $e \in E(T)$ .

Suppose  $(se, te) \in \rho$ , for  $s, t \in S$ , and  $e \in E(S)$ . Since  $E(S) = E(T)$ , we have  $(e, 1) \in \rho$ . If  $\rho$  is a congruence, then  $(se, s), (te, t) \in \rho$ , and so  $(s, t) \in \rho$ . If every idempotent of  $S$  is central, then  $(s, se) = (s, es) \in \rho$  and  $(t, te) = (t, et) \in \rho$ , and so  $(s, t) \in \rho$ . Thus in both cases  $S/\rho$  is ETF.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be an idempotent monoid and  $\rho$  be a right congruence on  $S$ . Then  $S/\rho$  is ETF if and only if  $S = [1]_\rho$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity. By Theorem 4.2, we have  $S = E(S) = E(T) = T = [1]_\rho$ . Sufficiency. It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All cyclic right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (2) *All monocyclic right  $S$ -acts are ETF.*
- (3)  $\rho(x, y) \subseteq \rho(xe, ye)$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (4)  $\rho(x, 1) \subseteq \rho(xe, e)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (5)  $\rho(x, e) \subseteq \rho(xe, e)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (6)  $\rho(e, f) \subseteq \rho(e, f)$ , for all  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (7)  $\rho(e, 1) \subseteq \rho(e, f)$ , for all  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (8)  $\rho(e, f) \subseteq \rho(fe, f)$ , for all  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (9)  $\rho(xe, y) \subseteq \rho(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (10)  $\rho(xe, 1) \subseteq \rho(x, 1)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (11)  $\rho(ex, 1) \subseteq \rho(x, 1)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ .
- (12)  $\rho(xe, f) \subseteq \rho(x, f)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (13)  $\rho(ex, f) \subseteq \rho(x, f)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (14)  $\rho(xe, f) \subseteq \rho(x, e)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (15)  $\rho(ex, f) \subseteq \rho(x, e)$ , for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e, f \in E(S)$ .
- (16)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward.  $\square$

Notice that Theorem 4.4, is also true when inclusions from 3 to 15 be replaced by equality.

Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $s, t \in S$ . Set  $F_1 = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid \exists e \in E(S), (xe, ye) \in \rho(s, t)\}$ ,  $F_{i+1} = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid \exists e \in E(S), (xe, ye) \in \rho(F_i)\}$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . It can easily be seen that  $F_i$  is reflexive and symmetric, for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,

$$\rho(s, t) \subseteq F_1 \subseteq \rho(F_1) \subseteq F_2 \subseteq \rho(F_2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \rho(F_i) \subseteq F_{i+1} \dots$$

It is clear that  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \rho(F_i)$  is a right congruence on  $S$  containing  $(s, t)$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $s, t \in S$ . Then  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  is the smallest right congruence containing  $(s, t)$ , such that  $S/\rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  is *ETF*.*

*Proof.* If  $(xe, ye) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ , for  $x, y \in S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ , then there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(xe, ye) \in \rho(F_i)$ , and so  $(x, y) \in F_{i+1}$ . Thus  $(x, y) \in \rho(F_{i+1}) \subseteq \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ , and so  $S/\rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  is *ETF* by Proposition 4.1.

Let  $\tau$  be a right congruence on  $S$  containing  $(s, t)$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is *ETF*. We show that  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \subseteq \tau$ . Since  $(s, t) \in \tau$ , we have  $\rho(s, t) \subseteq \tau$ . If  $(x, y) \in F_1$ , then there exists  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $(xe, ye) \in \rho(s, t)$ , and so  $(xe, ye) \in \tau$ . Since  $S/\tau$  is *ETF*, we have  $(x, y) \in \tau$ . Thus  $F_1 \subseteq \tau$ , and so  $\rho(F_1) \subseteq \tau$ . Suppose then that  $\rho(F_i) \subseteq \tau$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $(x, y) \in F_{i+1}$ , then there exists  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $(xe, ye) \in \rho(F_i) \subseteq \tau$ . Since  $S/\tau$  is *ETF*,  $(x, y) \in \tau$ . Hence  $F_{i+1} \subseteq \tau$ , and so  $\rho(F_{i+1}) \subseteq \tau$ . Thus  $\rho(F_i) \subseteq \tau$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \subseteq \tau$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (P).*
- (2) *All *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (P<sub>E</sub>).*
- (3) *For any  $x, y, s, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xs, yt)$  and  $us = vt$ .*
- (4) *For any  $s, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $(u, 1), (v, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  and  $us = vt$ .*

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

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). The cyclic right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho_{ETF}(xs, yt)$  is *ETF*, and so it satisfies Condition (P<sub>E</sub>). Thus by [15, Theorem 2.5], there exist  $u, v \in S$  and  $e, f \in E(S)$  such that  $us = vt$ ,  $es = s$ ,  $ft = t$ ,  $(ue, xe), (yf, vf) \in \rho_{ETF}(xs, yt)$ . Thus by Proposition 4.1,  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xs, yt)$ , as required.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). It is sufficient to take  $x = y = 1$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $\tau$  is a right congruence on  $S$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is *ETF* and let  $(s, t) \in \tau$ . Then by assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vt$  and  $(u, 1), (v, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ . By Theorem 4.5,  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \subseteq \tau$ , and so  $(u, 1), (v, 1) \in \tau$ . Thus  $S/\tau$  satisfies Condition (P), by [2, III, 13.4].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P')$ .*
- (2) *For any  $x, y, z, t, t' \in S$ , the equality  $tz = t'z$  implies that there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ut = vt'$  and  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt')$ .*

*Proof.* Using [16, Theorem 3.1] and Theorem 4.5, it is similar to that of Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(E)$ .*
- (2) *For any  $s, t \in S$ , there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $us = ut$ , and  $(u, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ .*

*Proof.* Using [2, III, 14.8] and Theorem 4.5, it is similar to that of Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(E')$ .*
- (2) *For any  $s, t, z \in S$ , the equality  $sz = tz$  implies that there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $us = ut$  and  $(u, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 4.5, and a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(E'P)$ .*
- (2) *For any  $x, y, z \in S$ , the equality  $xz = yz$  implies that there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ux = vy$  and  $(u, 1), (v, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(x, y)$ .*
- (3) *For any  $x, t, t', z \in S$ , the equality  $tz = t'z$  implies that there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ut = vt'$  and  $(u, x), (v, x) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, xt')$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from [7, Theorem 2.10], Theorem 4.5, and a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts are principally weakly flat.*
- (2) *For any  $u, v, s \in S$ ,  $(u, v) \in (\rho_{ETF}(us, vs) \vee \ker \rho_s)$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose  $u, v, s \in S$ . Then the cyclic right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho_{ETF}(us, vs)$  is ETF, and so it is principally weakly flat. Since  $(us, vs) \in \rho_{ETF}(us, vs)$  by [2, III, 10.7], we have  $(u, v) \in (\rho_{ETF}(us, vs) \vee \ker \rho_s)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $\tau$  is a right congruence on  $S$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is ETF and let  $(us, vs) \in \tau$ . By Theorem 4.5,  $\rho_{ETF}(us, vs) \subseteq \tau$ . By assumption,  $(u, v) \in (\rho_{ETF}(us, vs) \vee \ker \rho_s)$ , and so  $(u, v) \in (\tau \vee \ker \rho_s)$ . Thus  $S/\tau$  is principally weakly flat, by [2, III, 10.7].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts are weakly flat.*
- (2) *For any  $s, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vt$ ,  $(u, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_s)$  and  $(v, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_t)$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). The cyclic right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  is *ETF*, and so it is weakly flat. Thus by [2, III, 11.5], there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vt$ ,  $(u, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_s)$  and  $(v, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_t)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $\tau$  is a right congruence on  $S$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is *ETF* and let  $(s, t) \in \tau$ . By Theorem 4.5,  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \subseteq \tau$  and by assumption, there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vt$ ,  $(u, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_s)$  and  $(v, 1) \in (\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \vee \ker \rho_t)$ . Thus  $(u, 1) \in (\tau \vee \ker \rho_s)$  and  $(v, 1) \in (\tau \vee \ker \rho_t)$ , and so  $S/\tau$  is weakly flat, by [2, III, 11.5].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.13.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP).*
- (2) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>E</sub>).*
- (3) *For any  $x, y, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ut = vt$  and  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .*

*Proof.* Using [9, Theorem 3.7], [5, Proposition 7] and Theorem 4.5, it is similar to that of Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.14.** *Let  $S$  be a left PP monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *For any  $x, y, t \in S$ ,  $(x, y) \in (\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt) \vee \ker \rho_t)$ .*
- (2) *For any  $x, y, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ut = vt$  and  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .*
- (3) *For any  $x, y, t \in S$ ,  $(x, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from [9, Theorem 2.5], Theorem 4.11 and Theorem 4.13.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $x, y, t \in S$ . By assumption there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $ut = vt$  and  $(u, x), (v, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ . Since  $S$  is left *PP*, there exists  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $\ker \rho_t = \ker \rho_e$ . Thus  $ue = ve$ , and so  $(xe, ye) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ , by Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 4.5.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.15.** *Let  $S$  be a left PP monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP).*
- (2) *All ETF cyclic right  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP<sub>E</sub>).*

- (3) All *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts are principally weakly flat.
- (4)  $S$  acts injectively on every *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts.
- (5) For any  $x, y, t \in S$ ,  $(x, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from Theorem 4.13.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). It follows from [9, Theorem 2.5].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5). It follows from Theorem 4.11 and Lemma 4.14.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Suppose  $x, y, t \in S$ . Then the cyclic right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$  is *ETF*, and so  $S$  acts injectively on  $S/\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .  $(xt, yt) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$  implies that  $[x]_{\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)}t = [y]_{\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)}t$ , and so  $[x]_{\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)} = [y]_{\rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)}$ . Thus  $(x, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt)$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Suppose  $\tau$  is a right congruence on  $S$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is *ETF*. Let  $[x]_{\tau}t = [y]_{\tau}t$ ,  $x, y, t \in S$ . By Theorem 4.5 and by the assumption we have  $(x, y) \in \rho_{ETF}(xt, yt) \subseteq \tau$ . Thus  $[x]_{\tau} = [y]_{\tau}$  as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.16.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts are torsion free.
- (2) For any  $s, t \in S$ ,  $\rho_{TF}(s, t) \subseteq \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ .
- (3) For any  $s, t \in S$  and  $c \in S$  right cancellable,  $(s, t) \in \rho_{ETF}(sc, tc)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose  $s, t \in S$ . Then the cyclic right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho_{ETF}(s, t)$  is *ETF*, and so it is torsion free. Thus  $\rho_{TF}(s, t) \subseteq \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ , by the proof of Lemma 3.31 of [4].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose  $s, t \in S$  and  $c \in S$  right cancellable. Then  $(s, t) \in \rho_{TF}(sc, tc) \subseteq \rho_{ETF}(sc, tc)$ , by [4, Lemma 3.31] and [2, III, 8.4].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $\tau$  is a right congruence on  $S$ , such that  $S/\tau$  is *ETF* and let  $(sc, tc) \in \tau$ ,  $s, t \in S$  and  $c \in S$  right cancellable. Then by Theorem 4.5 and by the assumption we have  $(s, t) \in \rho_{ETF}(sc, tc) \subseteq \tau$ . Thus  $S/\tau$  is torsion free, by [2, III, 8.4].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.17.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* cyclic right  $S$ -acts are weakly pullback flat.
- (2)  $S$  satisfies the following Conditions:
  - (a) For any  $s, t, z \in S$ , the equality  $sz = tz$  implies that there exists  $u \in S$  such that  $us = ut$  and  $(u, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ .
  - (b) For any  $s, t \in S$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $us = vt$  and  $(u, 1), (v, 1) \in \rho_{ETF}(s, t)$ .

*Proof.* It follows from [5, Theorem 21], Theorem 4.6 and Theorem 4.9.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.18.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All torsion free cyclic right  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.

- (2) For any  $s, t \in S$ ,  $\rho_{ETF}(s, t) \subseteq \rho_{TF}(s, t)$ .
- (3) For any  $s, t \in S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ ,  $(s, t) \in \rho_{ETF}(se, te)$ .
- (4)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.16. □

## 5 Characterization by $E$ -torsion freeness of monocyclic right acts

In this section we characterize monoids by  $E$ -torsion freeness of their monocyclic right acts.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid,  $w, t \in S$  and  $wt \neq t$ . Then  $\rho(wt, t) = \rho(w, 1)$  if and only if  $t$  is right invertible.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\rho(wt, t) = \rho(w, 1)$ . Then by [2, III, 8.5], there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^m w = w^n 1 = w^n$  and  $w^i w \in tS$ , whenever  $0 \leq i < m$ , and  $w^j \in tS$ , whenever  $0 \leq j < n$ . If  $n \geq 1$ , then  $1 = w^0 \in tS$ , and so  $t$  is right invertible. If  $n = 0$ , then  $m \geq 1$ , since  $w \neq 1$ . Thus  $w \in tS$ , and so  $1 = w^{m+1} \in tS$ , that is,  $t$  is right invertible. The converse is obvious. □

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $w, e^2 = e \in S$ . Then  $S/\rho(we, e)$  is ETF if and only if  $e = 1$  and  $w^m x f = w^n y f$ , for  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , implies that  $w^p x = w^q y$ , for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho = \rho(we, e)$ .  
 Necessity. If  $we = e$ , then  $S/\rho = S/\Delta_S \cong S_S$ , and so we are done by Proposition 2.2(3). Thus we suppose  $we \neq e$ . Since  $(we, 1e) \in \rho$ , we have by Proposition 4.1, that  $(w, 1) \in \rho$ . Since  $(we, e) \in \rho(w, 1)$ , we have  $\rho = \rho(w, 1)$ . Thus  $e = 1$ , by Lemma 5.1. Suppose now that  $w^m x f = w^n y f$ , for  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then  $(x f, y f) \in \rho$ , by [2, III, 8.7], and so  $(x, y) \in \rho$ , by Proposition 4.1. Since  $\rho = \rho(w, 1)$ , we have by [2, III, 8.7], that  $w^p x = w^q y$ , for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Sufficiency. Suppose  $(s f, t f) \in \rho$ . Then by [2, III, 8.7],  $w^m s f = w^n t f$ , for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Thus by assumption,  $w^p s = w^q t$ , for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Again by [2, III, 8.7],  $(s, t) \in \rho$ , and so the result follows from Proposition 4.1. □

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then all ETF right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(we, e)$  satisfy Condition (P).*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 5.2, [2, III, 13.8] and [2, III, 13.5]. □

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All monocyclic right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(we, e)$ ,  $w, e^2 = e \in S$ ,  $we \neq e$ , satisfying Condition (P) are ETF.

- (2) For every  $1 \neq w \in S$ , if there exist  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^m x f = w^n y f$ , then there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^p x = w^q y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $w \in S$ , with  $w \neq 1$ . Then  $S/\rho(w, 1)$  satisfies Condition (P), by [2, III, 13.8]. Thus  $S/\rho(w, 1)$  is *ETF*, and the result follows from Theorem 5.2. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose the right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho(we, e)$ ,  $we \neq e$ , satisfies Condition (P). Then by [2, III, 13.8], there exists  $a \in S$  such that  $\rho(we, e) = \rho(a, 1)$ . Since  $(we, e) \in \rho(a, 1)$ , by [2, III, 8.7], there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $a^m we = a^n e$ . Since  $we \neq e$ , we have  $a \neq 1$ . Thus by assumption there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $a^p w = a^q$ . Again  $(w, 1) \in \rho(a, 1) = \rho(we, e)$  by [2, III, 8.7], and so  $\rho(we, e) = \rho(w, 1)$ . Now the result follows from Lemma 5.1 and Theorem 5.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All projective monocyclic right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ ,  $1 \neq w \in S$ , are *ETF*.
- (2) All monocyclic right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ ,  $1 \neq w \in S$ , satisfying Condition (E) are *ETF*.
- (3) If  $1 \neq w$  is aperiodic, then the equality  $w^n x f = w^n y f$ , for  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , implies  $w^n x = w^n y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from [2, III, 17.14].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose for  $1 \neq w \in S$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w^{n+1} = w^n$ . Then  $S/\rho(w, 1)$  satisfies Condition (E), by [2, III, 17.14], and so it is *ETF*. Now the result follows from Theorem 5.2.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose the right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ ,  $w \neq 1$ , satisfies Condition (E). Then by [2, III, 17.14], there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w^{n+1} = w^n$ . If  $w^k x f = w^j y f$ , for  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $k, j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , then  $w^n x f = w^n y f$ , and so by assumption,  $w^n x = w^n y$ . Now the result follows from Theorem 5.2.  $\square$

Now we consider monoids over which  $E$ -torsion freeness implies projectivity and Condition (E).

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* monocyclic right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ , are projective.
- (2) All *ETF* monocyclic right  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ , satisfy Condition (E).
- (3) Every  $w \in S$  is either aperiodic or there exist  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^m x f = w^n y f$  and  $w^p x \neq w^q y$ , for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from [2, III, 17.14].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). If  $w = 1$ , then we are done. Suppose that  $1 \neq w \in S$ . If for all  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $w^m x f = w^n y f$  implies the existence of  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^p x = w^q y$ , then by Theorem 5.2,  $S/\rho(w, 1)$  is *ETF*.

Thus  $S/\rho(w, 1)$  satisfies Condition (E), and so  $w$  is aperiodic, by [2, III, 14.9].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose the right  $S$ -act  $S/\rho(w, 1)$ ,  $w \in S$  is *ETF*. If  $w = 1$ , then  $S/\rho(w, 1) = S/\Delta_S \cong S_S$  satisfies Condition (E). Thus we suppose  $w \neq 1$ . By Theorem 5.2, the equality  $w^m x f = w^n y f$ , for all  $x, y, f^2 = f \in S$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , implies the existence of  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $w^p x = w^q y$ . Thus  $w$  is aperiodic and the result follows from [2, III, 14.9].  $\square$

## 6 Characterization by $E$ -Torsion Freeness of Right Rees Factor Acts

In this section we characterize monoids by  $E$ -torsion freeness of their right Rees factor acts. First of all we give a characterization of monoids over which all right Rees factor acts are *ETF* and also monoids over which all *ETF* right Rees factor acts have some other properties. Then we give a characterization of monoids for which right Rees factor acts with other properties are *ETF*. We recall that for a right ideal  $K_S$  of  $S$ , the Rees congruence  $\rho_K$  is defined by  $(a, b) \in \rho_K$  if  $a, b \in K_S$  or  $a = b$  and the resulting factor act is called the Rees factor act and is denoted by  $S/K_S$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and  $K_S$  be a right ideal of  $S$ . Then  $S/K_S$  is *ETF* if and only if  $K_S = S$  or  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity. Suppose  $S/K_S$  is *ETF*,  $K_S \neq S$  and let  $e \in E(S)$ . Then  $[1]_{\rho_K} e = [e]_{\rho_K} e$ , and so  $[1]_{\rho_K} = [e]_{\rho_K}$ . Thus  $e = 1$ , and so  $E(S) = \{1\}$  as required. Sufficiency. It follows from Proposition 2.2(1),(2).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (2) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/sS$ ,  $s \in S$  are *ETF*.*
- (3) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/sS$ ,  $s \in S$  is regular, are *ETF*.*
- (4) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts of the form  $S/eS$ ,  $e \in E(S)$ , are *ETF*.*
- (5)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

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

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $e \in E(S)$ . Then by assumption  $S/eS$  is *ETF*, and so by Theorem 6.1,  $eS = S$  or  $E(S) = \{1\}$ . these imply that  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Proposition 2.2(2).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.3.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid and (U) be a property of acts. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy (U).*



- (2)  $\Theta_S$  satisfies (U) and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that all right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy (U).

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By Proposition 2.2(1),  $\Theta_S \cong S/S_S$  satisfies (U). If  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , then by Theorem 6.2, and assumption all right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy (U).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/K_S$  is *ETF*. Then either  $K_S = S$  or  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , by Theorem 6.1. If  $K_S = S$ , then  $S/K_S = S/S_S \cong \Theta_S$  satisfies Condition (U). If  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , then by assumption, all right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy (U), and so all *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy (U).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.4.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are torsion free.
- (2)  $E(S) \neq \{1\}$  or else, every right cancellable element of  $S$  is right invertible.

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 6.3, [2, III, 8.2] and [2, IV, 6.1].  $\square$

**Theorem 6.5.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are principally weakly flat.
- (2) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWP).
- (3) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PWPE).
- (4)  $E(S) \neq \{1\}$  or else,  $S$  is a group.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [2, III, 10.2], [2, IV, 6.6], and [1, II, Exercise 11].

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [5, Corollary 11] and [3, Proposition 9].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). It follows from Theorem 6.3, and [9, Theorem 3.1].  $\square$

**Theorem 6.6.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are flat.
- (2) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are weakly flat.
- (3) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (WP).
- (4) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (P).
- (5) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (PE).
- (6) All *ETF* right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are  $P$ -regular.
- (7)  $S$  is right reversible and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S$  is a group.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from [2, III, 12.17].

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [2, III, 11.2] and [2, IV, 7.3].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [5, Corollary 18] and [3, Proposition 14].

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [5, Corollary 18] and [2, IV, 9.9].

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7). It follows from Theorem 6.3 and [15, Theorem 3.1].

(6)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7). It follows from Theorem 6.3, [10, Theorem 2.1(1)] and [10, Theorem 2.3].  $\square$

**Theorem 6.7.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition (E).*
- (2) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are pullback flat.*
- (3) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are equalizer flat.*
- (4) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are strongly flat.*
- (5)  *$S$  is left collapsible and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Implications (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2), (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) and (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) are obvious, by [2, III, 16.7].

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5). By Theorem 6.3, all ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are strongly flat if and only if  $\Theta_S$  is strongly flat and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that all right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are strongly flat. By [2, III, 14.3] and [2, IV, 11.13], all ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are strongly flat if and only if  $S$  is left collapsible and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.8.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are regular.*
- (2) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are strongly (P)-cyclic.*
- (3) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are projective.*
- (4)  *$S$  contains a left zero.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [11, Theorem 2.1].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It follows from [11, Corollary 3.10].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). By Proposition 2.2(1), the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/S_S \cong \Theta_S$  is ETF, and so it is projective. Thus by [2, III, 17.2],  $S$  contains a left zero element.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/K_S$  is ETF. By Theorem 6.1,  $K_S = S$  or  $E(S) = \{1\}$ . If  $K_S = S$ , then  $S/K_S = S/S_S \cong \Theta_S$  is regular, by [2, III, 19.4(4)]. If  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , then  $S = \{1\}$ , and so all right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are regular.  $\square$

Notice that all statements in Theorem 6.8 are also true for (cyclic) right  $S$ -acts.

**Theorem 6.9.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are weakly pullback flat.*
- (2) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are weakly kernel flat.*
- (3)  *$S$  is right reversible, weakly left collapsible and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 6.3, [10, Corollary 3.10] and [3, Theorem 20].  $\square$

**Theorem 6.10.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are principally weakly kernel flat.*
- (2) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are translation kernel flat.*
- (3)  *$\ker \rho_z$  is connected as a left  $S$ -act, for every  $z \in S$  and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 6.3, [3, Proposition 7] and [3, Theorem 20].  $\square$

**Theorem 6.11.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All ETF right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfy Condition  $(P')$ .*
- (2)  *$S$  is weakly right reversible and  $E(S) = \{1\}$  implies that  $S$  is a group.*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 6.3, [16, Corollary 4.4] and [16, Theorem 4.18].  $\square$

Now we give a characterization of monoids for which right Rees factor acts with other properties are *ETF*.

**Theorem 6.12.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(P)$  are *ETF*.*
- (2) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(E)$  are *ETF*.*
- (3) *All pullback flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (4) *All equalizer flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (5) *All strongly flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (6) *All projective right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (7) *All free right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are *ETF*.*
- (8)  *$S$  contains no left zero element or  $S = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [2, III, 14.7].

Implications (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) follow from [2, III, 16.7].

Implications (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) are obvious.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). Let  $s \in S$  be a left zero. Then the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/sS \cong S_S$  is free, and so it is *ETF*, by assumption. Thus by Proposition 2.2(3),  $E(S) = \{1\}$ , and so  $s = 1$ , that is,  $S = \{1\}$ .

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/K_S$  satisfies Condition  $(P)$ . If  $K_S = S$ , then by Proposition 2.2(1) we are done. Thus we suppose that  $K_S \neq S$ . Then by [2, III, 13.9],  $|K_S| = 1$ , and so  $S$  contains a left zero element. Thus,  $S = \{1\}$ , and so  $K_S = S$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.13.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All weakly flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (2) All flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (3)  $E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  is not right reversible.

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

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose  $E(S) \neq \{1\}$ ,  $S$  is right reversible and let  $e \in E(S) \setminus \{1\}$ . By [2, III, 12.17], the right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/(eS)_S$  is flat. Thus  $eS = S$ , by Theorem 6.1, which is a contradiction.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [2, III, 12.17] and Proposition 2.2(2).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.14.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All torsion free right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (2) All principally weakly flat right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (3)  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

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

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose  $e \in E(S)$ . The right Rees factor  $S$ -act  $S/(eS)_S$  is principally weakly flat, and so  $E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $eS = S$ , by Theorem 6.1. In each case,  $E(S) = \{1\}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Proposition 2.2(2).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.15.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All regular right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (2)  $S = \{1\}$  or  $S$  contains no left zero element or there exists  $z \in S$  such that  $\ker \lambda_z \neq \ker \lambda_e$ , for every  $e \in E(S)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [2, III, 19.6], [2, III, 17.16] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [2, III, 19.6], [2, III, 17.16] and Proposition 2.2(2).  $\square$

**Theorem 6.16.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All  $P$ -regular right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (2) All strongly  $(P)$ -cyclic right Rees factor  $S$ -acts are ETF.
- (3)  $S = \{1\}$  or  $S$  contains no left zero element or  $S$  is not right PCP.

*Proof.* Since strong  $(P)$ -cyclic implies  $P$ -regularity, (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It follows from [11, Theorem 3.1] and Theorem 6.1.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [10, Theorem 3.1] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.17.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition  $(P')$  are ETF.
- (2)  $E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  has no left stabilizing and completely left annihilating proper right ideal.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [16, Theorem 4.3] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [16, Theorem 4.3] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.18.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (PWP) are ETF.*

(2)  *$E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  has no left stabilizing and left annihilating proper right ideal.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [5, Theorem 10] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [5, Theorem 10] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.19.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition (WP) are ETF.*

(2)  *$E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  is not right reversible or  $S$  has no left stabilizing and strongly left annihilating proper right ideal.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [5, Theorem 17] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [5, Theorem 17] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.20.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $P_E$ ) are ETF.*

(2)  *$E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  is not right reversible or  $S$  has no proper  $P_E$ -left annihilating right ideal.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [15, Theorem 3.5] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [15, Theorem 3.5] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.21.** *Let  $S$  be a monoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *All right Rees factor  $S$ -acts satisfying Condition ( $PWP_E$ ) are ETF.*

(2)  *$E(S) = \{1\}$  or  $S$  has no left stabilizing and  $E$ -left annihilating proper right ideal.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from [9, Theorem 4.2] and Theorem 6.1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from [9, Theorem 4.2] and Theorem 6.2.  $\square$

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