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# **Exactness of Proximal Groupoid Homomorphisms**

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## Abstract

This article introduces proximal algebraic structures in descriptive proximity spaces. A descriptive proximity space is an extension of an Efremovič proximity space that contains non-abstract points describable with feature vectors. Various types of groupoids is such spaces are considered. A groupoid is a nonempty set equipped with a binary operation. A groupoid A is descriptively near a groupoid B, provided there is at least one pair of points  $a \in A, b \in B$  with matching descriptions. This leads to a consideration of mappings on groupoid A into groupoid B that are descriptive homomorphisms.

*Keywords*: Proximity relation, descriptive proximity space, proximal groupoid, descriptive homomorphism.

### Proksimal Grupoid Homomorfizmalarının Tamlığı

# Özet

Bu çalışmada tanımsal proksimiti uzayda proksimal cebirsel yapılar tanıtıldı. Tanımsal proksimiti uzay, özellik vektörleri ile nitelendirilebilen ve soyut olmayan noktaları içeren Efremovič proksimiti uzayının bir genelleştirilmişidir. Grupoidlerin farklı türleri böyle düşünülen uzaylardır. Grupoid, bir ikili işlem ile donatılmış boş olmayan bir kümedir. A ve B iki grupoid olmak üzere, eşleşen tanımlamalar ile en az bir  $a \in A, b \in B$  nokta çifti varsa *A* grupoidi *B* grupoidine tanımsal yakındır. Bu kavram, *A* grupoidinden *B* grupoidine dönüşümleri ve özellikle tanımsal homomorfizmaları göz önünde bulundurmamıza yol açar.

*Anahtar Kelimeler*: Proksimiti bağıntı, tanımsal proksimiti uzay, proksimal grupoid, tanımsal homomorfizma.

### Introduction

This article introduces exactness of homomorphisms on groupoids in proximity and descriptive proximity spaces. A descriptive proximity space [1, 2] is an extension of an Efremovič proximity space [3]. This extension is made possible by the introduction of feature vectors that describe each point in a proximity space. Sets A, B in a proximity space X are near, provided there is at least one pair of points  $a \in A, b \in B$  with matching descriptions. The focus is on descriptive groupoids (a groupoid is a set with binary operation " \*") that can be found in such spaces. Groupoids A(\*), B(\*) in a descriptive proximity space are near each other, provided the A and B are descriptively near.

### 1. Preliminaries

Let X be a nonempty set endowed with an Efremovič proximity relation [3].  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  denotes the collection of all subsets of X. In an ordinary metric closure space [4, §14A.1] X, the closure of  $A \subset X$  (denoted by cl(A)) is defined by

$$cl(A) = \{x \in X : d(x, A) = 0\}$$
, where  
 $d(x, A) = inf \{d(x, a) : a \in A\}$ ,

i.e., cl(A) is the set of all points x in X that are close to A (d(x, A) is the Hausdorff distance [5, §22, p.128] between x and the set A where d(x,a) = |x-a| (standard distance)). Subsets  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  are spatially near (denoted by  $A \delta B$ ), provided the intersection of closure of A and the closure of B is nonempty, i.e.,  $cl(A) \cap cl(B) \neq \emptyset$ . That is, nonempty sets are spatially near, provided the sets have at least one point in common.



#### **Figure 1.** $cl(A) \cap cl(B) \neq \emptyset$ implies A is close to B

**Example 1.1 (Spatially Near Sets)** Let the set of points X be represented by the weave cells in Fig. 1 and let the closures of sets  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  be represented by cl(A), cl(B), cl(C) in Fig. 1. The boundary points for A, B, C are represented by dotted lines in Fig. 1. Since A and B have common boundary points, we have  $cl(A) \cap cl(B) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $A \delta B$ .

A spatial nearness relation  $\delta$  (called a *discrete proximity*) is defined by

$$\delta = \{ (A,B) \in \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) : cl(A) \cap cl(B) \neq \emptyset \}.$$

The following proximity space axioms are given by J. M. Smirnov [6] based on what V. Efremovič introduced during the first half of the 1930s [3]:

**EF.1** If the set A is close to B, then B is close to A.

**EF.2**  $A \cup B$  is close to C, if and only if, at least one of the sets A or B is close to C.

EF.3 Two points are close, if and only if, they are the same point.

**EF.4** All sets are far from the empty set  $\emptyset$ .

**EF.5** For any two sets A and B which are far from each other, there exists C and D,  $C \cup D = X$ , such that A is far from C and B is far from D (*Efremovič axiom*).

The pair  $(X, \delta)$  is called an EF-proximity space. In a proximity space X, the closure of A in X coincides with the intersection of all closed sets that contain A. From Smirnov,  $\delta(A, B) = 0$  indicates that A is close to B.

**Theorem 1.1** [6] The closure of any set A in the proximity space X is the set of points  $x \in X$  that are close to A.

Descriptively near sets were introduced as a means of solving classification and pattern recognition problems arising from disjoint sets (i.e., sets with empty spatial intersections) that resemble each other. Descriptively near sets were introduced in 2007 [7, 8]. Recently, the connections between spatially near sets and descriptively near sets have been explored in [1, 2, 9].

Let X be a nonempty set of non-abstract points, x a member of X,  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, ..., \phi_n\}$  a set of probe functions that represent features of each x. Points as locations with features lead, for example, to a proximal view of sets of picture points in digital images [10]. A probe function  $\phi: X \to \mathbb{R}$  is real-valued and represents a feature of an object such as a sample point (pixel) in a picture. Let  $\Phi(x)$  denote a feature vector for the object x, i.e., a vector of feature values that describe x. A feature vector provides a description of a point x in X. To obtain a descriptive proximity relation (denoted by  $\delta_{\Phi}$ ), one first chooses a set of probe functions, which provides a basis for describing points in a set. Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}(A), \mathcal{Q}(B)$ denote sets of descriptions of points in A, B, respectively. That is,

$$\mathcal{Q}(A) = \left\{ \Phi(a) : a \in A \right\},$$
$$\mathcal{Q}(B) = \left\{ \Phi(b) : b \in B \right\}.$$

The expression  $A \delta_{\Phi} B$  reads A is descriptively near B. The relation  $\delta_{\Phi}$  is called a *descriptive proximity relation*. Similarly,  $A \underline{\delta}_{\Phi} B$  denotes that A is descriptively far (remote) from B. The descriptive proximity of A and B is defined by

$$A \, \delta_{\oplus} B \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(A) \cap \mathcal{Q}(B) \neq \emptyset$$

The descriptive intersection  $\bigcap$  of A and B is defined by

$$A_{\bigcap_{\Phi}} B = \left\{ x \in A \cup B : \Phi(x) \in \mathcal{Q}(A) \text{ and } \Phi(x) \in \mathcal{Q}(B) \right\}$$

That is,  $x \in A \cup B$  is in  $A \cap B$ , provided  $\Phi(x) = \Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$  for some  $a \in A, b \in B$ .

**Example 1.2 (Descriptive Intersection of Disjoint Sets)** Choose  $\Phi$  to be a set of probe functions representing weave cell greylevel intensities (from black to shades of grey to white) in Fig. 1. Let the set of cells X in the sample weave strip be endowed with  $\delta_{\Phi}$ . Sets  $A, C \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  are disjoint but descriptively close. Let  $a_2 \in A, c_4 \in C$  be a pair of weave cells. Observe that  $\Phi(a_2)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  is descriptively near  $\Phi(c_4)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(C)$ , since  $\Phi(a_2) = \Phi(c_4)$ . Also observe that  $\Phi(a_2) = \Phi(c_1)$ . Except for  $a_2$ , the cells in A do not have descriptions that match the description of any cell C. Hence we have  $A \cap C = \{a_2, c_1, c_4\}$ .

The descriptive proximity relation  $\delta_{\Phi}$  is defined by

$$\delta_{\Phi} = \left\{ (A,B) \in \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) : cl(A) \bigcap_{\Phi} cl(B) \neq \emptyset \right\}.$$

Whenever the sets A and B have no points with matching descriptions, the sets are descriptively far from each other (denoted by  $A \underline{\delta}_{\Phi} B$ ), where

$$\underline{\delta}_{\Phi} = \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \delta_{\Phi}.$$

A binary relation  $\delta_{\Phi}$  is a descriptive EF-proximity, provided the following axioms are satisfied for  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ :

**dEF.1** If the set A is descriptively close to B, then B is descriptively close to A.

**dEF.2**  $A \cup B$  is descriptively close to *C*, if and only if, at least one of the sets *A* or *B* is descriptively close to *C*.

**dEF.3** Two points  $x, y \in X$  are descriptively close, if and only if, the description of x matches the description of y.

**dEF.4** All nonempty sets are descriptively far from the empty set  $\emptyset$ .

**dEF.5** For any two sets A and B which are descriptively far from each other, there exists C and D,  $C \cup D = X$ , such that A is descriptively far from C and B is descriptively far from D (descriptive Efremovič axiom).

The pair  $(X, \delta_{\Phi})$  is called a descriptive EF-proximity space.

In a descriptive proximity space X, the descriptive closure of A in X contains all points in X that are descriptively close to the closure of A. Let  $\delta_{\Phi}(A,B) = 0$  indicate that A is descriptively close to B. The descriptive closure of a set A (denoted by  $cl_{\Phi}(A)$ ) is defined by

$$cl_{\Phi}(A) = \{x \in X : \Phi(x) \in \mathcal{Q}(cl(A))\}$$

That is,  $x \in X$  is in the descriptive closure of A, provided  $\Phi(x)$  (description of x) matches  $\Phi(a) \in \mathcal{Q}(cl(A))$  for at least one  $a \in cl(A)$ .

**Example 1.3 (Descriptive Closure of a Set)** Choose X to be the set of weave cells shown in Fig. 1 and let  $\Phi$  contain probe functions representing weave cell greyscale intensities. Since cells  $c_1, c_4$  in cl(C) are descriptively near  $a_2$  in cl(A), then  $cl_{\Phi}(C) = \{a_2\} \cup cl(C)$ . Observe that each  $c \in cl(C)$  matches the description of itself, i.e.,  $\Phi(c) \in Q(C)$ . Consequently,  $cl(C) \subseteq cl_{\Phi}(C)$ . This is true in general (see Lemma 1 in [2, §3]).

**Theorem 1.2** [11] The descriptive closure of any set A in the descriptive proximity space X is the set of points  $x \in X$  that are descriptively close to A.

## 2. Descriptive Mappings and Homomorphisms



**Figure 2.** g(a) = b such that  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$ .

Let  $(X, \delta_{\Phi})$ ,  $(Y, \delta_{\Phi})$  be descriptive EF-proximity spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ . A mapping  $g: A \to B$  is defined by

$$g(a) = \begin{cases} b & , & if \ \Phi(a) = \Phi(b) & for \ some \ b \in B \\ y & , & if \ \Phi(a) \neq \Phi(y) & for \ any \ y \in B \end{cases}$$

The mapping g is called a  $\Phi$ -descriptive mapping. Hence we can observe that if there is a  $\Phi$ -descriptive mapping of A to B, then  $A\delta_{\Phi}g(A)$  or  $A\underline{\delta}_{\Phi}g(A)$ .

**Example 2.1** ( $\Phi$ -Descriptive Mapping Based on Gradient Orientation) Let X, Y in Fig. 2 be endowed with a descriptive proximity relation  $\delta_{\Phi}$  such that  $\Phi$  contains a probe function that represents the gradient orientation of a point. The gradient orientation of a point x on a curve in either X or Y is defined to be the angle of the tangent to the point. Let g be a  $\Phi$ descriptive mapping of X into Y. Then g(a) = b in Fig. 2, provided  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$ , i.e., provided points  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  have the same gradient orientation. **Theorem 2.1** Let  $(X, \delta_{\Phi})$ ,  $(Y, \delta_{\Phi})$  be descriptive EF-proximity spaces with  $A, A' \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ . If  $g: A \to B$  is a  $\Phi$ -descriptive mapping which is defined by g(a) = b such that  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$  for each  $a \in A$  and some  $b \in B$ , then  $(A \cup A') \delta_{\Phi} g(A \cup A')$ .

**Proof.** We can always find some  $b \in B$  such that g(a) = b and  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$ . Consequently,  $Q(g(A)) \subseteq Q(B)$  and we have  $A \bigcap_{\Phi} B \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore we get that  $A \delta_{\Phi} g(A)$ . Let  $A \cup A' \subseteq X$  for  $A, A' \subseteq X$  and so  $Q(g(A \cup A')) \subseteq Q(B)$  since  $Q(g(A)) \subseteq Q(B)$ . Hence we obtain that  $(A \cup A') \delta_{\Phi} g(A \cup A')$ .

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $(X, \delta_{\Phi})$ ,  $(Y, \delta_{\Phi})$  be descriptive EF-proximity spaces with  $A, A' \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ . If  $g: A \to B$  is a  $\Phi$ -descriptive mapping which defined by g(a) = b such that  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$  for each  $a \in A$  and some  $b \in B$ , then  $A \delta_{\Phi} g(A \cup A')$  or  $A' \delta_{\Phi} g(A \cup A')$ .

**Corollary 2.2** Let  $(X, \delta_{\Phi}), (Y, \delta_{\Phi})$  be descriptive EF-proximity spaces with  $A_1, \dots, A_n \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ . If  $g: A \to B$  is a  $\Phi$ -descriptive mapping which defined by g(a) = b such that  $\Phi(a) = \Phi(b)$  for each  $a \in A$  and some  $b \in B$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \delta_{\Phi} g\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$ .

A binary operation on a set S is a mapping of  $S \times S$  into S, where  $S \times S$  is the set of all ordered pairs of elements of S. A groupoid is a system S(\*) consisting of a nonempty set S together with a binary operation "\*" on S. A proximal groupoid is a groupoid in proximity space.

Let S(\*) and  $S'(\cdot)$  be groupoids. A mapping h of S into S' is called a *homomorphism* if  $h(a*b) = h(a) \cdot h(b)$  for all  $a, b \in S$ . A one-to-one homomorphism h of S onto S' is called an *isomorphism* of S to S' [12, §1.3].

Consider groupoids  $\mathcal{Q}(A)(*_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}(B)(*_2)$ , where  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ . A mapping

$$h_{\Phi}: \mathcal{Q}(B) \to \mathcal{Q}(A)$$

is called a descriptive homomorphism, provided

$$h_{\Phi}(\Phi_{B}(b_{1})*_{2}\Phi_{B}(b_{2})) = h_{\Phi}(\Phi_{B}(b_{1}))*_{1}h_{\Phi}(\Phi_{B}(b_{2}))$$

for all  $\Phi_B(b_1), \Phi_B(b_2) \in \mathcal{Q}(B)$  [13].

Let  $A(\cdot_1)$  and  $B(\cdot_2)$  be groupoids,  $h: B \to A$  be a homomorphism and  $\Phi_A: A \to Q(A), a \mapsto \Phi(a)$  be an object description. The object description  $\Phi_A$  of A into Q(A) is an object description homomorphism if  $\Phi_A(a_1 \cdot a_2) = \Phi_A(a_1) *_1 \Phi_A(a_2)$  for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ .

Lemma 2.1 [13]  $h_{\Phi} \circ \Phi_B = \Phi_A \circ h$ .

#### **3. Proximal Groupoids**

Let X be a nonempty set endowed with an EF-proximity relation and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Let us consider the groupoids  $A_{\Phi}(*), B_{\Phi}(*)$  (denoted by  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$ ) such that A, B are subsets of EF-proximity space  $(X, \delta)$ .  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$  are called proximal groupoids. Notice that proximal groupoids  $A_{\Phi}$  and  $B_{\Phi}$  are near proximal groupoids, provided  $A_{\Phi}$  and  $B_{\Phi}$  have an element in common. Thus the intersection of  $A_{\Phi}$  and  $B_{\Phi}$  is not empty. Notice, for disjoint sets X, Ywith  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ , the proximal groupoids  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$  are not near proximal groupoids, since X and Y have no elements in common. Proximal groupoids  $A_{\Phi}$  and  $B_{\Phi}$  are descriptively near proximal groupoids, provided  $Q(A_{\Phi})$  and  $Q(B_{\Phi})$  have an element in common, i.e.,  $Q(A_{\Phi}) \cap Q(B_{\Phi}) \neq \emptyset$ .



Figure 3.  $A_{\Phi}(+)\delta_{\Phi}B_{\Phi}(+)$ 

**Example 3.1** Let  $\langle , \rangle : \mathbb{R}_2^4 \times \mathbb{R}_2^4 \to \mathbb{R}$  be a semi-Euclidean metric and let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be differentiable manifolds endowed with descriptive proximity relation  $\delta_{\Phi}$ , where  $\Phi$  contain a probe function that represents the norms of vectors in  $M_1 = \mathbb{R}_2^4$  and  $M_2 = \mathbb{R}_2^4$ . Let  $T_p(M_1)$ ,  $T_q(M_2)$  be tangent spaces of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , respectively (in Fig. 3). Assume that

$$A = Tp\{(1,0,0,0), (0,1,0,0)\}$$

and

$$B = Tp\{(0,0,1,0), (0,0,0,1)\}.$$

Let  $A_{\Phi}(+)$  and  $B_{\Phi}(+)$  be groupoids, where

$$+: A \times A \to A, \left(X'_{p}, X''_{p}\right) \mapsto X'_{p} + X''_{p}$$

and

$$+: B \times B \to B, \left(Y'_{q}, Y''_{q}\right) \mapsto Y'_{q} + Y''_{q}.$$

We can find  $X_p \in A$  and  $Y_q \in B$  such that norm of  $X_p$  matches the norm of  $Y_q$ , i.e.,  $\Phi(X_p) = \Phi(Y_q)$ . Hence  $A_{\Phi}(+) \delta_{\Phi} B_{\Phi}(+)$ .

A descriptive proximal groupoid (denoted by  $\mathcal{Q}(A)(*_{\Phi})$  or shortly denoted by  $A(*_{\Phi})$ ) ) is defined relative to a binary operation  $*_{\Phi} : \mathcal{Q}(A) \times \mathcal{Q}(A) \to \mathcal{Q}(A)$  on a set of objects S with descriptions, where A is a subset of proximity space X endowed with an EF-proximity relation. A descriptive proximal groupoid is obtained by considering a binary operation " $*_{\Phi}$ " on  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  that maps each pair of descriptions of objects in  $\mathcal{Q}(A) \times \mathcal{Q}(A)$  to a description in  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$ .

Let  $A(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $B(*_{\Phi})$  be a pair of descriptive proximal groupoids in X. For simplicity, we assume that each groupoid is defined in terms of the same binary operation. In general, this is not necessary.

To obtain a pair of proximal semigroups, assume "\*" is associative and to obtain a pair of proximal monoids, assume  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$  each has an identity element. To obtain a pair of

proximal groups, assume  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$  each has an identity element and assume that each member of  $A_{\Phi}, B_{\Phi}$  has an inverse. Similarly, we can obtain descriptive proximal semigroups, descriptive proximal monoids and descriptive proximal groups.

**Example 3.2** From Example 3.1, if we consider the binary operations " $+_{\Phi_A}$ " and " $+_{\Phi_B}$ ", where

$$+_{\Phi_{A}}:\mathcal{Q}(A)\times\mathcal{Q}(A)\to\mathcal{Q}(A),\left(\Phi(X'_{p}),\Phi(X''_{p})\right)\mapsto\Phi(X'_{p})+_{\Phi_{A}}\Phi(X''_{p})$$

and

$$+_{\Phi_{B}}: \mathcal{Q}(B) \times \mathcal{Q}(B) \to \mathcal{Q}(B), \left(\Phi(Y_{q}^{'}), \Phi(Y_{q}^{''})\right) \mapsto \Phi(Y_{q}^{'}) +_{\Phi_{B}} \Phi(Y_{q}^{''}),$$

then  $A(+_{\Phi_A})$  and  $B(+_{\Phi_B})$  are descriptive proximal groups on descriptive proximity differentiable manifolds  $(M_1, \delta_{\Phi})$  and  $(M_2, \delta_{\Phi})$ , respectively.

### 4. Exactness of Descriptive Homomorphisms

Let  $A_{\Phi}(*), B_{\Phi}(*), C_{\Phi}(*)$  be proximal monoids and  $h: B_{\Phi} \to A_{\Phi}, h': C_{\Phi} \to B_{\Phi}$  be homomorphisms. A pair of homomorphisms

$$C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi}$$

is said to be exact at  $B_{\phi}$  in case Imh' = Kerh. In general, a sequence of homomorphisms

$$\dots \xrightarrow{h_{n-1}} (A_{\Phi})_{n-1} \xrightarrow{h_n} (A_{\Phi})_n \xrightarrow{h_{n+1}} (A_{\Phi})_{n+1} \to \dots$$

is exact in case each sequential pair  $h_n, h_{n+1}$  are exact at each  $(A_{\Phi})_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi}$$

$$\downarrow \Phi_{C} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \Phi_{B} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \Phi_{A}$$

$$\mathcal{Q}(C) \xrightarrow{h'_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(B) \xrightarrow{h_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(A)$$

Figure 4.

**Lemma 4.1** Let  $h: B_{\Phi} \to A_{\Phi}$  be a homomorphism,  $\Phi_A, \Phi_B$  be object descriptive homomorphisms and  $h_{\Phi}: \mathcal{Q}(B) \to \mathcal{Q}(A)$  be a descriptive homomorphism represented in Fig. 4. If *h* is a monomorphism and  $\Phi_A$  is object descriptive monomorphism, then  $\Phi_B$  is object descriptive monomorphism.

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $A_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $B_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $C_{\Phi}(*)$  be proximal monoids,  $A(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $B(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $C(*_{\Phi})$  be descriptive proximal monoids and  $C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi}$  be exact, as represented in Fig. 4. If  $\Phi_A, \Phi_B$  are object descriptive monomorphisms, then  $Q(C) \xrightarrow{h'_{\Phi}} Q(B) \xrightarrow{h_{\Phi}} Q(A)$  is exact.

**Proof.** Since  $\Phi_A, \Phi_B$  are object descriptive monomorphisms,

$$Im h'_{\Phi} = \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : \Phi_B(x) = h'_{\Phi}(\Phi_C(c)), \Phi_C(c) \in \mathcal{Q}(C) \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : \Phi_B(x) = \Phi_B(h'(c)), c \in C \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : x = h'(c), c \in C \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : x \in Imh' \right\}$$

and

$$Kerh_{\Phi} = \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : h_{\Phi}(\Phi_B(x)) = e_{Q(A)} \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : \Phi_A(h(x)) = \Phi_A(e_A) \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : h(x) = e_A \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \Phi_B(x) : x \in Kerh = Imh' \right\}.$$

Consequently,  $Imh'_{\Phi} = Kerh_{\Phi}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{Q}(C) \xrightarrow{h'_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(B) \xrightarrow{h_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(A)$  is exact.

**Theorem 4.2** In Fig. 4, let  $A_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $B_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $C_{\Phi}(*)$  be proximal monoids and  $A(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $B(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $C(*_{\Phi})$  be descriptive proximal monoids. Then

(*i*) If  $\Phi_A, \Phi_C$  are object descriptive monomorphisms,  $h'_{\Phi}$  is a descriptive monomorphism and  $C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi}$  is exact, then  $\Phi_B$  is an object descriptive monomorphism.

(*ii*) If  $\Phi_B$  is an object descriptive epimorphism,  $\Phi_A$  is an object descriptive monomorphism and  $h'_{\Phi}$  is a descriptive monomorphism, then  $\Phi_C$  is an object descriptive epimorphism.

**Proof.** (*i*) Let  $b \in Ker\Phi_{B}$ . Since the diagrams commute by Lemma 2.1,

$$(h_{\Phi} \circ \Phi_B)(b) = (\Phi_A \circ h)(b) = \Phi_A(h(b))$$

for all  $b \in B$ . Then  $(h_{\Phi} \circ \Phi_B)(b) = h_{\Phi}(\Phi_B(b)) = h_{\Phi}(e_{Q(B)}) = e_{Q(A)} = \Phi_A(e_A)$ . Hence  $\Phi_A(h(b)) = \Phi_A(e_A)$  and since  $\Phi_A$  is an object descriptive monomorphism,  $h(b) = e_A$ . Thus  $b \in Kerh = Imh'$ , so there exists  $c \in C$  such that b = h'(c). Since the diagrams commute,

$$(h'_{\Phi} \circ \Phi_{C})(c) = (\Phi_{B} \circ h')(c)$$

for all  $c \in C$ . Then we obtain  $(\Phi_B \circ h')(c) = \Phi_B(h'(c)) = \Phi_B(b) = e_{Q(B)} = h'_{\Phi}(e_{Q(C)})$ . Hence  $h'_{\Phi}(\Phi_C(c)) = h'_{\Phi}(e_{Q(C)})$  and since  $h'_{\Phi}$  is a descriptive monomorphism,  $\Phi_C(c) = e_{Q(C)} = \Phi_C(e_C)$ . Thus, since  $\Phi_C$  is an object descriptive monomorphism,  $c = e_C$ . Consequently,  $b = h'(c) = h'(e_C) = e_B$ . Hence  $Ker\Phi_B = \{e_B\}$ .

#### (ii) Straightforward.

**Corollary 4.1** In Fig. 4, let  $A_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $B_{\Phi}(*)$ ,  $C_{\Phi}(*)$  be proximal monoids and  $A(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $B(*_{\Phi})$ ,  $C(*_{\Phi})$  be descriptive proximal monoids. Then

(*i*) If  $\Phi_A, \Phi_C$  are object descriptive monomorphisms,  $h'_{\Phi}$  is a descriptive monomorphism and  $C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi}$  is exact, then  $\mathcal{Q}(C) \xrightarrow{h'_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(B) \xrightarrow{h_{\Phi}} \mathcal{Q}(A)$  is exact.

(*ii*) If  $\Phi_A, \Phi_C$  are object descriptive monomorphisms and  $e \to C_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h'} B_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{h} A_{\Phi} \to e$  is short exact sequence, then  $e_{\Phi} \to Q(C) \xrightarrow{h'_{\Phi}} Q(B) \xrightarrow{h_{\Phi}} Q(A) \to e_{\Phi}$  is a short exact sequence.

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