# Prefix monoids of groups and right units of special inverse monoids 

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- NB. There is an older approach (Magnus' original) using amalgamated free products.


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Conclusion: There are non-finitely RC-presented RU-monoids out there!

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