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#### ABSTRACT

In this thesis, various properties of regular-\* semigroups and \*-regular semigroups are compared. The main purpose of this thesis is to show that for any set X, the partial transformation semigroup, the full transformation semigroup, the semigroup of almost identical partial transformations or the semigroup of almost identical full transformations on the set X is regular-\* or \*-regular if and only if the cardinality of X is less than or equal to one. Moreover, we introduce well-known congruences which preserve \* on some \*-semigroups. The following are shown: The minimum semilattice congruence on any \*-semigroup, the maximum idempotent-separating congruence on an orthodox semigroup which is a \*-semigroup, the minimum group congruence on an inverse semigroup which is a \*-semigroup which is a \*-semigroup and the maximum congruence contained in the Green's relation \*\* of a regular semigroup which is a \*-semigroup are all \*-congruences.

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# INTRODUCTION



Let S be a semigroup. An element a of S is called an <u>idem-</u> potent of S if  $a^2 = a$ . For a semigroup S, let E(S) denote the set of all idempotents of S, that is,

$$E(S) = \{a \in S \mid a^2 = a\}.$$

A semigroup S is a <u>semilattice</u> if  $a^2 = a$  and ab = ba for all elements a, b of S.

An element z of a semigroup S is called a <u>zero</u> of S if xz = zx = z for all  $x \in S$ . An element e of a semigroup S is called an <u>identity</u> of S if ex = xe = x for all  $x \in S$ . A zero and an identity of a semigroup are unique, if exist, and they are usually denoted by 0 and 1, respectively.

A semigroup S with zero 0 is called a zero semigroup if ab = 0 for all  $a, b \in S$ .

Let S be a semigroup, and let 1 be a symbol not representing any element of S. The notation  $S \cup I$  denotes the semigroup obtained by extending the binary operation on S to 1 by defining 1.1 = 1 and 1.a = a.1 = a for all  $a \in S$ . For a semigroup S, the notation  $S^1$  denotes the following semigroup:

$$S^{1} = \begin{cases} S & \text{if S has an identity,} \\ S \cup 1 & \text{if S has no identity.} \end{cases}$$

Then for any element a of a semigroup S,  $S^1a = Sa \cup \{a\}$ ,  $aS^1 = aS \cup \{a\}$  and  $S^1aS^1 = SaS \cup Sa \cup aS \cup \{a\}$ .

A nonempty subset G of a semigroup S is a <u>subgroup</u> of S if it is a group under the same operation of S.

Let S be a semigroup with identity 1. An element a of S is called a <u>unit</u> of S if there exists  $a' \in S$  such that aa' = a'a = 1. Let G be the set of all units of S, that is,

 $G = \{a \in S \mid aa' = a'a = 1 \text{ for some } a' \in S\}.$ Then G is the greatest subgroup of S having 1 as its identity, and it is called the group of units or the unit group of the semigroup S.

An element a of a semigroup S is regular if a = axa for some x & S. A semigroup S is regular if every element of S is regular.

In any semigroup S, if a,  $x \in S$  such that a = axa, then ax and xa are idempotents of S. Hence, if S is a regular semigroup, then  $E(S) \neq \phi$ .

Let a be an element of a semigroup S. An element x of S is called an inverse of a if a = axa and x = xax. If a is a regular element of a semigroup S, then a = axa for some  $x \in S$ , and hence xax is an inverse of a. Therefore a semigroup S is regular if and only if every element of S has an inverse. A semigroup S is called an inverse semigroup if every element of S has a unique inverse, and the unique inverse of the element a of S is denoted by  $a^{-1}$ . A semigroup S is an inverse semigroup if and only if S is regular and any two idempotents of S commute [2, Theorem 1.17]. Hence, if S is an inverse semigroup, then E(S) is a semilattice. If S is an inverse

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semigroup, then for a, b  $\in$  S, and e  $\in$  E(S),

$$e^{-1} = e$$
,  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$  and  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ 

[2, Lemma 1.18].

Every group is an inverse semigroup and the identity of a group is its only idempotent.

An  $\underline{\text{orthodox}}$   $\underline{\text{semigroup}}$  is a regular semigroup S such that E(S) is a subsemigroup of S. Then every inverse semigroup is an orthodox semigroup.

A nonempty subset A of a semigroup S is called a <u>left ideal</u> of S if SA  $\subseteq$  A. A right ideal of a semigroup S is defined dually.

An <u>ideal</u> of a semigroup S is both a left ideal and a right ideal of S.

Let S be a semigroup. An arbitrary intersection of left ideals [right ideals] of S if nonempty, is a left ideal [right ideal] of S. An arbitrary intersection of ideals of S if nonempty, is an ideal of S.

Let A be a nonempty subset of a semigroup S. The <u>left ideal</u> of S <u>generated by A</u> is the intersection of all left ideals of S containing A. The right ideal of S generated by A is defined dually. The <u>ideal of S generated by A</u> is the intersection of all ideals of S containing A. A <u>principal left ideal</u> of S is the left ideal of S generated by a set of one element of S. A principal right ideal and a principal ideal of S are defined similarly. Then a left ideal [right ideal, ideal] A of S is principal if and only if A = S<sup>1</sup>a

[A =  $as^1$ , A =  $s^1as^1$ ] for some  $a \in S$ , and we call A the <u>principal left</u> ideal [principal right ideal, principal ideal] of S generated by a. If a is a regular element of S, then  $s^1a = sa$ ,  $as^1 = as$  and  $s^1as^1 = sa$ . If a, x are elements of S such that a = axa, then sa = sa, as = axs and sas = sas = sas. Hence, every principal left ideal, every principal right ideal and every principal ideal of a regular semigroup has an idempotent generator.

Let S be a semigroup. Define the relations  $\mathscr{L}$  ,  $\mathscr{R}$  ,  $\mathscr{X}$  ,  $\mathscr{D}$  and  $\mathscr{J}$  on S as follows :

$$a \mathcal{L} b \iff S^{1} a = S^{1} b.$$

$$a \mathcal{R} b \iff a S^{1} = b S^{1}.$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}.$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{R},$$

that is,  $\mathscr{D} = \{(a, b) \in S \times S \mid (a, c) \in \mathscr{L} \text{ and } (c, b) \in \mathscr{R} \text{ for some } c \in S\}.$   $a \mathscr{J}b \iff S^1 a S^1 = S^1 b S^1.$ 

The relations  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  are called <u>Green's</u> relations on S. By [2, Lemma 2.1],  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{L}$ . All the Green's relations of S are equivalence relations on S,  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ . Equivalent definitions of the Green's relations  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  on a semigroup S are given as follow:

 $a \not x b \iff a = xb, b = ya \text{ for some } x, y \in S^1.$   $a \not x b \iff a = bx, b = ay \text{ for some } x, y \in S^1.$   $a \not x b \iff a = xby, b = ras \text{ for some } x, y, r, s \in S^1.$ 

If S is a regular semigroup and a, b  $\in$  S, then

 $a \& b \iff a = xb$ , b = ya for some  $x, y \in S$ ,  $a \& b \iff a = bx$ , b = ay for some  $x, y \in S$ ,

and  $a \& b \iff a = xby$  and b = ras for some  $x, y, r, s \in S$ .

For a semigroup S,  $a, x \in S$  such that a = axa, we have that a & xa and a & xa.

For a semigroup S and for a  $\in$  S, let  $L_a$  denote the  $\mathscr{L}$ -class of S containing a, and let  $R_a$ ,  $H_a$ ,  $D_a$  and  $J_a$  denote similarly.

In a semigroup S, any %-class of S contains at most one idempotent [2, Lemma 2.15], an %-class of S containing an idempotent e of S is a subgroup of S [2, Theorem 2.16], and it is the greatest subgroup of S having e as its identity. Hence, every subgroup of a semigroup S is contained in H<sub>e</sub> for some idempotent e of S. If a semigroup S has an identity 1, then H<sub>1</sub> is the unit group of S.

Let X be a set. A partial transformation of X is a map which its domain and its range are subsets of X. If  $\alpha$  is a partial transformation of X, let  $\Delta\alpha$  and  $\nabla\alpha$  denote the domain and the range of  $\alpha$ , respectively. The empty transformation of X is referred as a map with empty domain, and it is denoted by 0. Let  $T_X$  denote the set of all partial transformations of X including the empty transformation 0. For  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta \in T_X$ , define the product  $\alpha\beta$  as follows:

If  $\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta = \phi$ , let  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . If  $\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta \neq \phi$ , let  $\alpha\beta$  be the composition map of  $\alpha \mid_{(\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta)\alpha^{-1}}$  ( $\alpha$  restricted to  $(\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta)\alpha^{-1}$ ) and  $\beta \mid_{(\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta)}$ . Then for  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta \in T_X$ ,  $\Delta\alpha\beta = (\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta)\alpha^{-1} \subseteq \Delta\alpha$  and  $\nabla\alpha\beta = (\nabla\alpha \cap \Delta\beta)\beta \subseteq \nabla\beta$ . Thus  $T_X$  is a semigroup and it is called the

partial transformation semigroup on the set X. Hence the empty transformation of X, 0, is the zero of  $T_X$  and the identity map on X which is denoted by 1 is the identity of the semigroup  $T_X$ . For any set X, the semigroup  $T_X$  is a regular semigroup. For  $\alpha \in T_X$ ,  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of  $T_X$  if and only if  $\nabla \alpha \subseteq \Delta \alpha$  and  $x\alpha = x$  for all  $x \in \nabla \alpha$ . Hence  $E(T_X) = \{\alpha \in T_X \mid \nabla \alpha \subseteq \Delta \alpha \text{ and } x\alpha = x \text{ for all } x \in \nabla \alpha\}$ .

An element  $\alpha \in T_X$  is called a <u>1-1 partial transformation</u> of X if  $\alpha$  is a one-to-one map. Let  $I_X$  denote the set of all 1-1 partial transformations of X, that is,

$$I_{X} = \{\alpha \in T_{X} \mid \alpha \text{ is one-to-one}\}.$$

Then  $I_X$  is an inverse subsemigroup of  $I_X$  with identity 1 and zero 0, and it is called the <u>symmetric inverse semigroup</u> on the set X and for  $\alpha \in I_X$ , the inverse map  $\alpha^{-1}$ , is the inverse of  $\alpha$  in  $I_X$ , so  $\Delta \alpha^{-1} = \nabla \alpha$ ,  $\nabla \alpha^{-1} = \Delta \alpha$ . For  $\alpha \in I_X$ ,  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of  $I_X$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is the identity map on  $\Delta \alpha$ . Then

 $E(I_{\mathbf{Y}}) = \{\alpha \in I_{\mathbf{Y}} \mid \alpha \text{ is the identity map on } \Delta\alpha\}.$ 

An element  $\alpha \in T_X$  is called a <u>full transformation</u> of X if  $\Delta \alpha = X.$  Let  $\mathcal{T}_X$  denote the set of all full transformations of X; that is,

$$\mathcal{J}_{X} = \{\alpha \in T_{X} \mid \Delta \alpha = X\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{J}_X$  is a regular subsemigroup of  $T_X$  with identity 1 and it is called the <u>full transformation semigroup</u> on the set X. Therefore,

$$E(\mathcal{T}_X) = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_X \mid a\alpha = a \text{ for all } a \in \nabla\alpha\}.$$

For any set A, let |A| denote the cardinality of A.

Let X be a set. A partial transformation  $\alpha$  of X is said to be <u>almost identical</u> if there exists at most a finite number of elements x in the domain of  $\alpha$  such that  $x\alpha \neq x$ . Therefore, a partial transformation  $\alpha$  of X is almost identical if and only if the set  $\{x \in \Delta\alpha \mid x\alpha \neq x\}$  is finite. Let

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{X}} &=& \{\alpha \in \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{X}} \mid \alpha \text{ is almost identical}\}, \\ \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{X}} &=& \{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{X}} \mid \alpha \text{ is almost identical}\}, \\ \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{X}} &=& \{\alpha \in \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{X}} \mid \alpha \text{ is almost identical}\}. \end{array}$ 

and

It has been proved in [6, Proposition 1.1, Proposition 1.5] that  $U_X$  is a regular subsemigroup of  $T_X$ ,  $V_X$  is a regular subsemigroup of  $T_X$  and  $T_X$  and  $T_X$  is an inverse subsemigroup of  $T_X$ . The semigroups  $T_X$ ,  $T_X$  and  $T_X$  are called the <u>semigroup of almost identical partial transformations</u> on  $T_X$ , the <u>semigroup of almost identical full transformations</u> on  $T_X$  and the <u>semigroup of almost identical full transformations</u> on  $T_X$ ; respectively.

Let S and T be semigroups and  $\psi$  a map from S into T. The map  $\psi$  is a homomorphism from S into T if

$$(ab)\psi = (a\psi)(b\psi)$$

for all a, b  $\in$  S. A semigroup T is a <u>homomorphic image</u> of a semigroup S if there exists a homomorphism from S onto T.

Let S be a semigroup. A relation  $\rho$  on S is called <u>left compatible</u> if for a, b, c  $\in$  S, apb implies capcb. A <u>right compatibility</u> is defined dually. An equivalence relation  $\rho$  on S is called a

congruence on S if it is both left compatible and right compatible. An arbitrary intersection of congruences on a semigroup S is a congruence on S. If  $\rho$  is a congruence on a semigroup S, then the set

$$S/\rho = \{a\rho \mid a \in S\}$$

with the operation defined by

$$(a\rho)(b\rho) = (ab)\rho \qquad (a, b \in S)$$

is a semigroup, and it is called the quotient semigroup relative to the congruence  $\rho$ .

Let S be a semigroup and A an ideal of S. Then the relation  $\rho_{\text{A}}$  defined by

 $a\rho_A b$  if and only if a, b  $\in$  A or a = b (a, b  $\in$  S) is a congruence on S and it is called the Rees congruence on S induced by A and S/ $\rho_A$  is the Rees quotient semigroup induced by A and it is denoted by S/A. Hence

$$a\rho_{A} = \begin{cases} \{a\} & \text{if } a \notin A, \\ A & \text{if } a \in A. \end{cases}$$

A congruence  $\rho$  on a semigroup S is called (i) a <u>semilattice</u> congruence on S if S/ $\rho$  is a semilattice, (ii) an <u>inverse congruence</u> on S if S/ $\rho$  is an inverse semigroup and (iii) a <u>group congruence</u> on S if S/ $\rho$  is a group.

A congruence  $\rho$  on a semigroup S is a semilattice congruence if and only if a $\rho a^2$  and abpba for all a, b  $\in$  S. Then an arbitrary intersection of semilattice congruences on a semigroup S is a semilattice congruence on S, and hence the intersection of all semilatice

congruences on a semigroup S is the minimum semilattice congruence on S.

A congruence  $\rho$  on a semigroup S is an idempotent-separating congruence on S if each  $\rho$ -class of S contains at most one idempotent. Howie has proved in [6] that the maximum idempotent-separating congruence on any inverse semigroup exists. Generally, it has been shown by Meakin in [8] that the maximum idempotent-separating congruence on any orthodox semigroup exists.

Hall has shown in [4] that the minimum inverse congruence on an orthodox semigroup exists, and it has been proved by Munn in [9] that any inverse semigroup has a minimum group congruence.

An involution on a semigroup S is a map  $a \longmapsto a^*$  of S into S such that

$$(a*)* = a, (ab)* = b*a*$$

for all a, b  $\in$  S. A \*-semigroup is a semigroup with an involution.

An idempotent e of a \*-semigroup is a projection if e\* = e.

A \*-semigroup S is a regular-\* semigroup if a = aa\*a for all a  $\in$  S.

The involution \* of a \*-semigroup S is said to be <u>proper</u> if for all a, b  $\in$  S, a\*a = a\*b = b\*a = b\*b implies a = b; or equivalently, for all a, b  $\in$  S, aa\* = ab\* = ba\* = bb\* implies a = b. A <u>proper</u> \*-semigroup is a \*-semigroup with a proper involution. A \*-semigroup S is a \*-regular semigroup if S is proper and for each a  $\in$  S, there exists x  $\in$  S such that a = axa, x = xax, (ax)\* = ax, (xa)\* = xa.

A congruence  $\rho$  on a \*-semigroup S is a \*-congruence on S if for a, b  $\in$  S, a $\rho$ b implies a\* $\rho$ b\*.

Nordahl and Scheiblich have studied regular - \* semigroups in [10], and \*-regular semigroups have been studied by Drazin in [3]. In the first chapter, general properties of \*-semigroups are studied. In particular, properties of regular-\* semigroups and \*-regular semigroups are compared. Many examples are given.

We characterize well-known transformation semigroups which are regular-\* or \*-regular in Chapter II. It is shown in this chapter that the partial transformation semigroup, the full transformation semigroup, the semigroup of almost identical partial transformations or the semigroup of almost identical full transformations on a set X is regular-\* or \*-regular if and only if the cardinality of X is less than or equal to 1.

In the last chapter, \*-congruences on \*-semigroups are studies. We characterize a Rees congruence which is a \*-congruence on a \*-semigroup. It is proved that for any ideal A of a \*-semigroup S, the Rees congruence  $\rho_A$  of S is a \*-congruence if and only if A\* is contained in A. The following are proved in this chapter. The minimum semilattice congruence on any \*-semigroup, the maximum idempotent-separating congruence on an orthodox semigroup which is a \*-semigroup, the minimum group congruence on an inverse semigroup which is a \*-semigroup which is a \*-semigroup and the maximum congruence contained in the

Green's relation  $\mathcal X$  of a regular semigroup which is a \*-semigroup are all \*-congruences.

