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## APPENDIX

Theorem 2.3. Let  $A$  be an ideal of an inverse semigroup  $S$  and  $B$  be an ideal of  $A$ . Then  $B$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

Proof. Let  $b \in B$  and  $s \in S$ . Then  $b \in A$  since  $B \subseteq A$ . Since  $A$  is an ideal of  $S$ ,  $b^{-1}bs$  and  $sbb^{-1}$  belong to  $A$ . Thus  $bs = bb^{-1}bs$  and  $sb = sbb^{-1}b$  belong to  $B$  since  $B$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Thus  $B$  is an ideal of  $S$ . #

Theorem 2.4. Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq S$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are completely prime ideals of  $S$ . Then  $B \setminus A$  is either a completely prime ideal of  $S \setminus A$  or an empty set.

Proof. Assume that  $B \setminus A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in B \setminus A$  and  $y \in S \setminus A$ . Then  $xy, yx \in B$  since  $B$  is an ideal of  $S$ . If  $xy \in A$  or  $yx \in A$  then  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$  since  $A$  is a completely prime ideal of  $S$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $xy, yx \in B \setminus A$ . Hence  $B \setminus A$  is an ideal of  $S \setminus A$ .

To show  $B \setminus A$  is completely prime, let  $x, y \in S \setminus A$  such that  $xy \in B \setminus A$ . Since  $B$  is a completely prime ideal,  $x \in B$  or  $y \in B$ . If  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ , then  $xy \in A$  since  $A$  is an ideal, a contradiction. Thus  $x \in B \setminus A$  or  $y \in B \setminus A$ . Hence  $B \setminus A$  is a completely prime ideal of  $S \setminus A$ . #

Theorem 2.5. For a subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$ ,  $A$  is a filter of  $S$  if and only if  $S \setminus A$  is either a completely prime ideal of  $S$  or an empty set.

Proof. Assume that  $A$  is a filter of  $S$  and  $S \setminus A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in S \setminus A$  and  $y \in S$ . If  $xy \in A$ , then  $x, y \in A$  since  $A$  is a filter of  $S$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $xy \in S \setminus A$ . Similarly, we can show that  $yx \in S \setminus A$ .

Now we let  $x, y \in S$  such that  $xy \in S \setminus A$ . If  $x \in A$  and  $y \in A$  then  $xy \in A$ , since  $A$  is a subsemigroup, which is a contradiction. Thus  $x \in S \setminus A$  or  $y \in S \setminus A$ . Hence  $S \setminus A$  is a completely prime ideal.

Conversely we assume that  $S \setminus A$  is a completely prime ideal of  $S$  or an empty set. If  $S \setminus A = \emptyset$ , then  $A = S$  which is a filter of  $S$ . Assume  $S \setminus A$  is a completely prime ideal of  $S$  and  $x, y \in S$  such that  $xy \in S \setminus A$ . If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $xy \in A$  since  $A$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ , a contradiction. Hence  $x \in S \setminus A$  or  $y \in S \setminus A$ . #

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(S, \circ)$  and  $(S', \circ')$  be disjoint semigroup. Then  $S \cup S'$  with a binary operation  $*$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x * y &= x \circ y && \text{if } x, y \in S \\ x * y &= x \circ' y && \text{if } x, y \in S' \\ x * y &= y * x = x && \text{if } x \in S \text{ and } y \in S' \end{aligned}$$

is a semigroup.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y, z$  belong to  $S \cup S'$ . We shall show that  $(x*y)*z = x*(y*z)$ . This is clearly true for the case  $x, y, z \in S$  or  $x, y, z \in S'$ . Since  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a \in S, b \in S'$ , it remains to show that this holds for the case  $x, y \in S, z \in S'$  and the case  $x \in S, y, z \in S'$ . If  $x, y \in S, z \in S'$ , then

$$(x * y) * z = x * y = x * (y * z).$$

If  $x \in S, y, z \in S'$ , then

$$(x * y) * z = x * z = x,$$

$$x * (y * z) = x,$$

so

$$(x * y) * z = x * (y * z).$$

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Lemma 2.7. Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup,  $F$  be a field of characteristic different from 2 such that  $a^2 \neq -1$  for any  $a$  in  $F$ . Let  $h$  be a homomorphism from  $S$  into  $C(F)^*$ . Then for each  $x$  in  $S$ ,  $\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i}$  and  $\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2}$  belong to  $F$  if and only if  $h(x)$  belongs to  $\Delta(F)$ .

Proof. Let  $\Psi$  be the automorphism of  $C(F)$  fixing all elements of  $F$  and taking  $i$  into  $-i$ .

Assume that  $h : S \rightarrow C(F)^*$  is a homomorphism such that  $\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i}$  and  $\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2}$  belong to  $F$ . Therefore

$$\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2} = \Psi\left(\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2}\right) = \frac{\Psi(h(x)) + \Psi(h(x^{-1}))}{2}$$

Thus

$$(1) \quad h(x) + h(x^{-1}) = \Psi(h(x)) + \Psi(h(x^{-1})).$$

Also,

$$\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i} = \Psi\left(\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i}\right) = \frac{\Psi(h(x)) - \Psi(h(x^{-1}))}{2i}$$

Thus

$$(2) \quad h(x) - h(x^{-1}) = \Psi(h(x^{-1})) - \Psi(h(x)).$$

It follows from (1), (2) that  $2h(x) = 2\Psi(h(x^{-1}))$ . Hence  $h(x)\Psi(h(x)) = 1$ . Therefore  $h(x)$  belongs to  $\Delta(F)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $h$  is a homomorphism from  $S$  into  $\Delta(F)$ .

Hence  $h(x)\Psi(h(x)) = 1$  for all  $x$  in  $S$ . It follows that

$$\Psi(h(x)) = h(x)^{-1} = h(x^{-1}).$$

Let  $h(x) = a + bi$  where  $a, b \in F$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2} = \frac{h(x) + \Psi(h(x))}{2} = \frac{(a+bi) + (a-bi)}{2} = a$$

and

$$\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i} = \frac{h(x) - \Psi(h(x^{-1}))}{2i} = \frac{(a+bi) - (a-bi)}{2i} = b$$

Hence  $\frac{h(x) + h(x^{-1})}{2}$  and  $\frac{h(x) - h(x^{-1})}{2i}$  belong to  $F$ . #

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