

# SEMILATTICES OF ARCHIMEDEAN SEMIGROUPS

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# “Semilattices of Archimedean Semigroups”

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Presents some **results** of investigations concerning  
certain types of **subsets** and **subsemigroups**  
of a given semigroup in order to describe its structure.

## Semigroup $(S, \cdot)$

set  $S$  together with an associative binary operation  $\cdot$

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z), \quad \text{for any } x, y, z \in S$$

- Where nature of the multiplications is clear from the context, it is written  $S$  rather than  $(S, \cdot)$
- Frequently,  $xy$  is written rather than  $x \cdot y$

- In the history of mathematics, the algebraic theory of semigroups is a relative new-comer, with the theory proper developing only **in the second half of the twentieth century**.
- Historically, it can be viewed as an algebraic abstraction of the properties of the composition of transformations on a set.
- Late sources include an abstraction of certain ideas arising in connection with topological or linear spaces, differential geometry,
- ... But, there is no doubt about it, the main sources came from **group theory and ring theory** - much groundwork was laid by researchers arriving at the study of semigroups from the directions of both group and ring theory.

*Of all generalizations of the group and ring concepts the semigroup is the one that has attracted the most interest by far.*

C. Hollings: *The early development of the algebraic theory of semigroups*,  
 Archive for History of Exact Science, 63(5) (2009), 497-536.

1160 distinct of order 5  
15 793 distinct of order 6  
836 021 distinct of order 7  
1 843 120 128 distinct of order 8  
⋮

(neither isomorphic nor anti-isomorphic)

- Green's relations, the fundamental tools in the structure theory of semigroups, **do not have nontrivial analogues** in groups, rings, quasigroups, lattices, universal algebras, fields.

Semigroups

- DO NOT much resemble groups and rings
- DO NOT much resemble any other algebraic structures

- Ring  $(R, +, \cdot) \longrightarrow (R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup

OPEN QUESTION: conditions for a semigroup to be the multiplicative semigroup of a ring

- Congruences
  - groups: uniquely determined by its normal subgroups
  - rings: there is a bijection between the congruences and the ideals of a ring
  - **semigroups**: no such device is available - one must study congruences as such.

**Semigroup theory** has developed special methods and new semigroup classes have come into the center of interest.

## TO CONCLUDE

- their unique character
- their diversity
- often complex structure

MAKE SEMIGROUPS INTERESTING

Describing semigroup and its structure is a formidable task.

Various approaches have been developed over the years to construct

**frameworks**

for understanding the structure of semigroups.

Introductory and basic study of semigroups (of any kind) includes a description of

- special subsets
- special elements
- ideals
- Green's relations
- homomorphisms
- congruences



## Special elements and subsets

- **Regular subsets of  $S$ :**

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

(set of all idempotents of  $S$ )

$$\mathbf{Reg}(S) = \{ a \in S \mid (\exists x \in S) axa = a \} - \text{the regular part of } S$$

(set of all regular elements of  $S$ )

$$\mathbf{Gr}(S) = \{ a \in S \mid (\exists x \in S) axa = a \ \& \ ax = xa \} - \text{the group part of } S$$

(set of all completely regular or group element of  $S$ )

## **i**

$S$  is band:  $S = E(S)$

$S$  is regular:  $S = \mathbf{Reg}(S)$

$S$  is completely regular:  $S = \mathbf{Gr}(S)$

$S$  is  $\pi$ -regular:  $(\forall a \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) a^k \in \mathbf{Reg}(S)$

$S$  is completely  $\pi$ -regular:  $(\forall a \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) a^k \in \mathbf{Gr}(S)$

$S$  is periodic:  $(\forall a \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) a^k \in E(S)$

## **ii**

In general

$$E(S) \subseteq \text{Reg}(S) \subseteq \text{Gr}(S)$$

### **Theorem 0.1 Shevrin-Veronesi**

*A semigroup  $S$  is uniformly  $\pi$ -regular (a semilattice of completely archimedean semigroups) if and only if  $S$  is  $\pi$ -regular and  $\text{Reg}(S) = \text{Gr}(S)$ .*

- **Regular parts of subsemigroup  $T$  of  $S$ :**

$$\mathbf{Reg}(T) = \{ a \in T \mid (\exists x \in T) axa = a \}$$

*regular part of  $T$ ;*

$$\mathbf{reg}(T) = \{ a \in T \mid (\exists x \in S) axa = a \}$$

*s-regular part of  $T$ .*

In general

$$\mathbf{Reg}(T) \subseteq \mathbf{reg}(T) = T \cap \mathbf{Reg}(S).$$

**Problem:** Semigroup  $S$  with

$$\mathbf{Reg}(T) = \mathbf{reg}(T)$$

for every subsemigroup  $T$  of  $S$ .

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– Equality (known up to the date):

$T$  is two-sided ideal of  $S$

**Theorem 0.2 Shevrin**

*Let  $S$  be a completely  $\pi$ -regular and let  $T$  be its subsemigroup which is itself completely  $\pi$ -regular, then*

$$Gr(T) = gr(T).$$

- **Ideals** (left, right, two-sided, quasi-, bi-, principal).

— Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a nonempty subset of  $S$

$A$  is a *left (right) ideal* of  $S$ :  $\mathbf{SA} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$  ( $\mathbf{AS} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$ )

$A$  is a *(two-sided) ideal* of  $S$ :  $\mathbf{SA} \cup \mathbf{AS} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$

$A$  is a *bi-ideal* of  $S$ :  $\mathbf{ASA} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$

— Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be an element of a semigroup  $S$

$\mathbf{J(a)} = a \cup aS \cup Sa \cup SaS$  - *principal ideal* of  $S$  generated by element  $a$

$\mathbf{L(a)} = a \cup Sa$                        $\mathbf{L(e)} = \mathbf{Se}$

$\mathbf{B(a)} = a \cup aSa$                      $\mathbf{B(e)} = \mathbf{eSe}$

$\mathbf{eSe}$  - *local submonoid* or *local monoid* of  $S$

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Possible solution: relationship between regular parts of ideals

Solution can be reached starting from

## divisibility

- In ordinary arithmetics we often interested whether one number divides another
- Divisibility in semigroups can be considered similarly
- In general, multiplication in semigroup is not commutative
- There are three different kinds of divisibility

$$a \mid b \Leftrightarrow b \in J(a), \quad a \underset{l}{\mid} b \Leftrightarrow b \in L(a), \quad a \underset{r}{\mid} b \Leftrightarrow b \in R(a),$$

$$a \underset{t}{\mid} b \Leftrightarrow a \underset{l}{\mid} b \ \& \ a \underset{r}{\mid} b$$

Divisibility relations are among the most important quasi-orderings defined on semigroup S

- Green's equivalences:

$$a \mathcal{J} b \Leftrightarrow J(a) = J(b) \Leftrightarrow a | b \ \& \ b | a$$

$$a \mathcal{L} b \Leftrightarrow L(a) = L(b) \Leftrightarrow a \underset{l}{|} b \ \& \ b \underset{l}{|} a$$

$$a \mathcal{R} b \Leftrightarrow R(a) = R(b) \Leftrightarrow a \underset{r}{|} b \ \& \ b \underset{r}{|} a$$

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

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



- Green's subsets of  $S$ :

$\mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{T}}(S)$  - union of all  $\mathcal{T}$ -classes of  $S$  which are subsemigroups

$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}^S(S)$  - union of all  $\mathcal{T}$ -classes of  $S$  which are left simple semigroups

$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(S)$  - union of all  $\mathcal{T}$ -classes of  $S$  which are left groups

$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(S)$  - union of all  $\mathcal{T}$ -classes of  $S$  which are groups

$\mathcal{T}$  is one of Green's relations

We consider **relations** between:

- different (generalized) regular subsets of a semigroup  $S$ ;
- (generalized) regular and Green's subsets of  $S$ ;
- (generalized) regular parts of principal ideals of  $S$  generated by idempotents;
- (generalized) regular parts of subsemigroups of  $S$ .

As results we obtained **connections** with:

- *semilattice decompositions* of semigroups;
- *local properties* of semigroups;
- *hereditary properties* of semigroups.

- **Chapter 1**

consists of a preliminary material needed for reading the main parts of the book.

- **Chapter 2**

properties of semigroups with the non-empty set of idempotents based on connections between the **group** and **two regular parts of principal ideals** of these semigroups, generated by idempotents.

- **Chapter 3**

connections of

*semilattice decompositions*

of semigroups with certain equalities between **generalized regular** and **Green's subsets**

- **Chapter 4**

results concerning connections of equalities between different (generalized) regular subsets of semigroups with their

*local properties.*

- **Chapter 5**

equalities of (generalized) regular subsets of semigroups and their connections with

*hereditary properties*

of semigroups.

## Chapter 2

### Regular subsets of a semigroup

Semigroups with

$$\text{Reg}(T) = \text{reg}(T)$$

$T$  runs over one of the following families of subsemigroups

- $\{Se \mid e \in E(S)\}$
- $\{eS \mid e \in E(S)\}$
- $\{eSf \mid e, f \in E(S)\}$

**Theorem 0.3** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$ ,  $E(S) \neq \emptyset$ , are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(\forall e \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(Se) = \text{Gr}(Se)$
- (ii)  $(\forall e \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(Se) = \text{Reg}(Se)$
- (iii)  $(\forall e \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(Se) \subseteq \text{LReg}(Se)$
- (iv)  $\text{Reg}(S) \subseteq \text{LReg}(S)$
- (v)  $\text{Reg}(S) = \text{Gr}(S)$

**Corollary 0.1** *Each of the following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  is equivalent to the above conditions (i)–(v):*

- (vi)  $(\forall e, f \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(eSf) = \text{Gr}(eSf);$
- (vii)  $(\forall e, f \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(eSf) = \text{Reg}(eSf);$
- (viii)  $(\forall e, f \in E(S)) \text{ reg}(eSf) \subseteq \text{LReg}(eSf).$

## Chapter 3

### Decomposition of (quasi-) $\pi$ -semisimple semigroups

- Connections between:
  - **semilattice decomposition** of of semigroup into **archimedean components**
  - **equalities** between  
(generalized) regular subsets and  
Green's subsets

- **Method of decompositions of semigroups** - based on partition of the semigroup, describing the structure of each components and establishing the connections between them.

- **Band decompositions** -  $S/\varrho$  is a band and each  $\varrho$ -class is a subsemigroup of  $S$ .

- A. H. Clifford, 1941, 1954.

- **Semilattice decompositions** of semigroups

- introduced by A. H. Clifford (1941),

- special contributions: T. Tamura, N. Kimura and J. Shafer

- the series of their papers began in 1954, where semilattice decompositions of commutative semigroups were considered

- of great importance: T. Tamura (1956, 1964)

- — ***Any semigroup is a semilattice of semilattice-indecomposable semigroups.***

- M. Petrich , M. S. Putcha, R. Šulka, M. Ćirić, S. Bogdanović, M. Mitrović

• **Archimedean semigroups:** semigroups in which for any two elements one of them divides some power of the other

$$(\forall a, b \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) \quad a^k \in SbS$$

– introduced independently by T. Tamura and N. Kimura in 1954 (from their studying the semilattice decompositions of commutative semigroups) and G. Thierrin (1954)

**Proposition 0.1** *T. Tamura (1972)*

*An archimedean semigroup is a semilattice-indecomposable.*



• **Semilattice of archimedean semigroups or Putcha's semigroups**

– T. Tamura (1954): any commutative semigroup is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups (commutativity means that components are  $t$ -archimedean)

– J. L. Chrislook (1969): result was extended to the class of medial semigroups

– T. Tamura, J. Shafer (1972): the class of exponential semigroups

◆ M. S. Putcha (1973): first complete description

### 3.2. Semilattices of Nil-exstensions of Simple Regular Semigroups

$S$  is  $\pi$ -regular:  $(\forall a \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) a^k \in \mathbf{Reg}(S)$

- Concept of  $\pi$ -regularity appeared first in ring theory - McCoy [1939]
- ~ In semigroup theory, attracted great attention both as
  - a generalization of regularity
  - a generalization of finiteness and periodicity
- ~ Was studied under different names:
  - quasi-regularity (M. Putcha, J. L. Galbiati, M. L. Veronesi)
  - power-regularity and  $\pi$ -regularity (S. Milić, S. Bogdanović, M. Ćirić, M. Mitrović)
  - eventual regularity (D. Easdown, R. Edwards, P. Higgins)

**Lemma 0.1** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$S$  is regular and simple*
- (ii)  *$S$  is simple and  $\pi$ -regular*
- (iii)  $(\forall a, b \in S) \quad a \in aSbSa$

**Theorem 0.4** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$S$  is a semilattice of nil-extensions of simple regular semigroups;*
- (ii)  $\forall a, b \in S (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}) (ab)^n \in (ab)^n Sa^2 S(ab)^n$ ;
- (iii)  *$S$  is  $\pi$ -regular and*
- (iv)  *$S$  is  $\pi$ -regular and  $\mathbf{Reg}(S) = \mathbf{Intra}(S) = \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{J}}(S)$ .*

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M. Mitrović, S. Bogdanović, M. Ćirić (1997)

### 3.5. Semilattices of Completely Archimedean Semigroups (uniformly $\pi$ -regular semigroups)

$S$  is completely  $\pi$ -regular:  $(\forall a \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) \mathbf{a}^k \in Gr(S)$

- **pseudoinverse** of an element, essential for completely  $\pi$ -regular semigroups - Drazin [1958]

- the first investigations of such semigroups - W. D. Munn [1968]

- different names through literature:

- *pseudo-invertible* - W. D. Munn

- quasi-completely regular - M. S. Putcha

- completely quasi-regular - J. L. Galbiati, M. L. Veronesi

- groupbound - B. L. Madison, T. K. Mukherjee, M. K. Sen, P. M.

Higgins

- epigroups - L. N. Shevrin

- **completely archimedean**: archimedean and completely  $\pi$ -regular - the most popular subclass of the class of archimedean semigroups

**Theorem 0.5** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$S$  is a semilattice of completely archimedean semigroups (uniformly  $\pi$ -regular)*
- (ii)  *$S$  is  $\pi$ -regular and  $\text{Reg}(S) = \text{Gr}(S)$*
- (iii)  *$S$  is completely  $\pi$ -regular and  $\mathbf{Gr}(S) = \mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{J}}(S) = \mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{L}}(S)$*

## Chapter 5

### Hereditary Properties of Semilattices of Archimedean Semigroups

- $S$  is a hereditary  $\mathcal{K}$ -semigroup if each its subsemigroup belongs to  $\mathcal{K}$  ( $\mathcal{K}$  - a class or property of semigroups)
- **main intention:** to give an interesting bridge between:
  - equalities of regular parts of subsemigroups
  - hereditary properties of semigroup
- T. Tamura (1975): the class of archimedean and the class of semilattices of archimedean semigroups **are not** subsemigroup closed

S. Bogdanović, M. Cirić, M. Mitrović (1995)

Hereditary archimedean semigroup: every its subsemigroup is archimedean

**Theorem 0.6** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is archimedean and periodic
- (ii)  $S$  is hereditary archimedean and contains a primitive idempotent
- (iii)  $(\forall a, b \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) a^k = (a^k b^k a^k)^k$

• **The greatest subsemigroup closed subclass** of the class of semilattices of archimedean semigroups

**Theorem 0.7** *A semigroup  $S$  is a hereditary semilattice of archimedean semigroups if and only if for all  $a, b \in S$  there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$(ab)^k \in \langle a, b \rangle a^2 \langle a, b \rangle.$$

Completely hereditary archimedean: hereditary archimedean and completely  $\pi$ -regular

**Theorem 0.8** *The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is a semilattice of completely hereditary archimedean semigroups
- (ii)  $(\forall a, b \in S)(\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) (ab)^k = (ab)^k((ba)^k(ab)^k)^k$
- (iii)  $S$  is periodic and  $\text{Reg}(S) = \text{Gr}(S)$
- (iv)  $S$  is **hereditary uniformly  $\pi$ -regular**

**Theorem 0.9** *A semigroup  $S$  is hereditary uniformly  $\pi$ -regular if and only if*

$$\mathbf{reg}(T) = \mathbf{Reg}(T) \neq \emptyset,$$

*for each subsemigroup  $T$  of  $S$ .*



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