# On The Properties Shared By a Simple Semigroup with an Identity $\zeta(S)$ and Any Semigroup with an Identity $S^1$

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**ABSTRACT:** *R. H. Bruck's theorem* [1] *established the fact that any semigroup S can be embedded in a Simple Semigroup which posses an identity element*  $\zeta(S)$ *. In this paper, we discuss some of the properties which*  $\zeta(S)$  *shares with any semigroup which posses an identity element*  $S^1$ *. Thus we establish the following results* 

- *i.* Any regular (inverse) semigroup can be embedded in a Simple regular (Inverse) semigroup with an identity element
- ii. There exist simple inverse (and hence, regular) semigroups with an identity element which have an arbitrary cardinal number of D classes.

These results are new extensions arising from [1].

**KEYWORDS:** *Green's Relations; L, R, D, H and J, Simple Semigroups, Regular Semigroups, Inverse Semigroups.* 

## I. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

The elements of a Semigroup S, are said to be L - (R -) equivalent if and only if they generate the same principal left (right) ideal of S. We write  $H = L \cap R$  and  $D = L^{\circ}R = R^{\circ}L$ . Thus L, R, D, H and J are equivalence relations on S, such that  $H \subseteq L \subseteq D$  and  $H \subseteq R \subseteq D$ . We denote for each  $a \in S$ , L-class, R-class, H-class, D-class of a by La, Ra, Ha and Da respectively.

For any  $a, b \in S$ , aJb if  $SaS \cup Sa \cup aS \cup \{a\} = SbS \cup Sb \cup bS \cup \{b\}$ . (See [2] and [7])

- a. S is a Simple Semigroup  $\Leftrightarrow$  S consists of a single J-class.
- b. S is left [right] simple  $\Leftrightarrow$  S consists of a single L-[D-] class.
- c. S is a Regular Semigroup if for each  $a \in S \Rightarrow a \in aSa$ .
- d. S is an Inverse Semigroup if for each  $a \in S$  there exists a unique element  $x \in S$  such that xax = x and axa = a. Thus an inverse semigroup is a regular semigroup in which each element has a regular conjugate.

## Comments

Every semigroup consists of a collection of mutually disjoint D-classes. Each D-class can be broken down in the following way called the egg-box picture. Imagine the elements of a D-class, arranged in a rectangular pattern so that the rows correspond to R-classes and the columns to L-classes contained in D. Each cell of the egg-box correspond to an H-class. A typical D-class looks like:

H <sub>11</sub>	H <sub>12</sub>	H <sub>13</sub>	H <sub>14</sub>	
				R <sub>2</sub>
				R <sub>3</sub>
L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	$L_3$	L <sub>4</sub>	

Figure 1: A typical D-class

Then a typical semigroup can be broken down as follows:

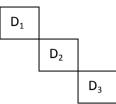


Figure 2: A typical semigroup

## Remarks

- a. S is simple [right simple]  $\stackrel{\Rightarrow}{\underset{\leftarrow}{\Rightarrow}}$  S is bisimple  $\stackrel{\Rightarrow}{\underset{\leftarrow}{\Rightarrow}}$  S is simple
- b. The following conditions on a semigroup are equivalent
  - i. S is regular and any two idempotents of S commute.
  - ii. Every L-[R-] class of S contains a unique idempotent.
  - iii. S is an inverse semigroup. (See [8] for proof)
- c. For a semigroup S, we write;  $S = \begin{cases} s, if \ s \ has \ an \ identity \ element \\ s \cup 1, otherwise \end{cases}$ d. Every semigroup consists of a collection of mutually disjoint D-classes. In a D-class each H-class is equally full of elements. Any two H-classes in the same D-class, have the same cardinal number.
- In an inverse semigroup of idempotents, each D-class consists of a single idempotent (See [6]) e.

## $S^1$ can be embedded in $\zeta(S)$

**Proof:** Let  $\zeta(S)$  be the semigroup generated by  $S \cup \{a, b\}$  where  $a, b \in S$ , such that ab = 1, as = a, sb = s for every  $s \in S^1$ . Let  $a^0 = 1, b^0 = 1$ . Then the element of  $\zeta(S)$  are of the form  $b^i s a^j (s \in S, i \text{ and } j \text{ are nonnegative numbers}).$ 

Hence  $b^i s a^j = b^m t a^n \Leftrightarrow i = m, s = t$  and j = n. Now, let  $\alpha = b^i s a^j, \beta = b^m t a^n$ , be any two elements of  $\zeta(S)$ , then  $\alpha = b^i s a^{m-1}$ ,  $\beta = b^{n-1} t a^j$ .

Thus,  $\zeta(S)$  is simple. Also 1 is an identity for  $\zeta(S)$ . Hence  $S^1$  can be embedded in  $\zeta(S)$ . (See also, [1])

#### The L-, R- and D- classes of $\zeta(S)$ in terms of those of $S^1$

Let A and B be subsemigroups of  $\zeta(S)$  such that  $A = \{a^i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$  $B = \{b^i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$ 

Then

Conjecture1: (See also, [3] and [4])

If  $\{L_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  are the L-classes of  $S^1$ , then  $\{BL_{\lambda}a^n: \lambda \in \Lambda, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$  are the L-classes of  $\zeta(S)$ .

**Proof:** The elements  $b^i s a^j$  and  $b^m t a^n$  are L-equivalent in  $\zeta(S) \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $b^p x a^q$  and  $b^u v a^v$  in  $\zeta(S)$  such that:

- a.  $b^p x a^q b^i s a^j = b^m t a^n$ b.  $b^u v a^v b^m t a^n = b^i s a^j$

Thus, we have the following possibilities:

 $b^{p}xa^{q}b^{i}sa^{j} = \begin{cases} b^{p}xa^{j+q-1}, if q > i\\ b^{p}xsa^{j}, if q = i\\ b^{p+1-q}sa^{j}, if q < i \end{cases}$ 

and

$$b^{u}ya^{v}b^{m}ta^{n} = \begin{cases} b^{u}ya^{n+v-m}, if \ v > m\\ b^{u}yta^{n}, if \ v = m\\ b^{u+m-v}ta^{n}, if \ v < m \end{cases}$$

Suppose that q > i. Then from (a) we have that j + (q - i) = n and (b)  $n \le j$ . This is impossible! Hence  $q \le i$ , and similarly  $v \le m$ . Furthermore, each of them implies that j = n.

Since  $q \le i$ , from (a), we have either p = m and xs = t or p + (i - q) = m and s = t. Since  $v \le m$ , from (b) we either u = i and yt = s or u + (m - v) = i and t = s. For any non-negative integers i, m, we can find non-negative integers p, q, u, v satisfying these conditions. Hence we have shown that  $b^i s a^j$  and  $b^m t a^n$  are L-equivalent in  $\zeta(S)$  if and only if n = j and sLt in  $S^1$ .

### **Conjecture 2**

If { $Ri: i \in I$ } are the R-classes of  $S^1$  then { $b^m RiA: i \in I, m = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...$ } are the R-classes of  $\zeta(S)$ .

**Proof:** This is the left – right dual of Conjecture1.

#### **Conjecture 3**

If  $\{D_{\delta}: \delta \in \Delta\}$  are the D-classes of  $S^1$  then  $\{BD_{\delta}A: \delta \in \Delta\}$  are the D-classes of  $\zeta(S)$ .

#### Proof:

The elements  $b^i sa^j$  and  $b^m ta^n$  are D-equivalent in  $\zeta(S)$  if and only if there exists  $b^p xa^q$  such that  $b^i sa^j L b^p xa^q R b^m ta^n$ . By Conjectures 1 and 2 above, this obtains if and only if j = q, p = m and sLxRt in  $S^1$ . Hence  $b^i sa^j D b^m ta^n$  in  $\zeta(S)$  if and only if sDt in  $S^1$ .

#### Theorem

 $\zeta(S)$  is a regular [inverse] semigroup if and only if  $S^1$  is a regular [inverse] semigroup.[9]

#### **Proof:**

Let  $b^i s a^j$  and  $b^m t a^n$  be any two elements in  $\zeta(S)$  with  $s, t \in S^1$ . Then we assert that

$$(b^{i}sa^{j})(b^{m}ta^{n})(b^{i}sa^{j}) = \begin{cases} b^{i}s^{2}a^{j}, if j > m, n + (j - m) = i\\ b^{i}stsa^{j}, if j = m, n = i \end{cases}$$

We also assert that these are the only cases for which the product on the left is equal to  $b^i x a^j$  for any  $x \in S^1$ . Thus the inverse of  $b^i s a^j$  in  $\zeta(S)$  are the elements  $b^j t a^i$  where t is an inverse of s in  $S^1$ . So  $b^i s a^j$  has a unique inverse in  $\zeta(S)$  if and only if s has a unique inverse in  $S^1$ . Hence the theorem is proved.

## **Extensions/Conclusion**

a. Any regular [inverse] semigroup can be embedded in a simple regular [inverse] semigroup with identity.

#### **Proof:**

In view of the above theorem and the fact  $S^1$  is a regular [inverse] semigroup if and only if S is a regular [inverse] semigroup, this extension is tenable.

b. There exist simple inverse [and hence, regular] semigroups with an identity, which contain an arbitrary number of D-classes.

#### **Proof:**

In view of the theorem above as well as Conjecture 3, it suffices to observe that in an inverse semigroup of idempotents, each D-class consists of a single idempotent. We also refer to Green's Theorem [7].

**Green's Theorem:** Let *a* and *c* be the D-equivalent elements of a semigroup S. Then there exists  $\in S$  such that *aRb* and *bLc* and hence  $as = b, bs^i = a, tb = c$ , for some  $s, s^i, t, t^i \in S^1$ .

The functions  $f: Ha \to Hc$  and  $g: Hc \to Ha$  defined by f(x) = txs and  $g(y) = t^1ys^1$  are 1-1, onto, and mutually inverse. Hence, any two H-classes in the same D-class have the same cardinal number (See [5] and [10]). Thus this extension is tenable.

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