

## ON THE LEFT REGULAR $po$ - $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUPS

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ABSTRACT. We consider the ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in which  $x\gamma x$  ( $x \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ) are left elements. We show that this  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup is left regular if and only if  $M$  is a union of left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .

The concept of left regular  $po$ e-semigroups has been introduced in [2] and extends the concept of left regular  $po$ -semigroups not having the greatest element “e” in [1]. In [5], Lee and Jung showed that a  $po$ e-semigroup  $S$  in which every  $x^2$  ( $x \in S$ ) is a left ideal element is left regular if and only if there exists a family  $\{S_\alpha | \alpha \in Y\}$  of left simple subsemigroups of  $S$  such that  $S = \cup\{S_\alpha | \alpha \in Y\}$ . Recently, Kwon ([3]) showed that a  $po$ e- $\Gamma$ -semigroup is left regular if and only if  $M$  is a union of left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .

Now we consider a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroups which does not necessarily have a greatest element “e”. In this paper we prove that a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  in which every  $x\gamma x$  ( $x \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ) is a left ideal element is left regular if and only if  $M$  is a union of left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .

M. K. Sen ([6]) introduced  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in 1981. M. K. Sen and N. K. Saha ([7],[8]) introduced  $\Gamma$ -semigroups different from the first definition of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in the sense of Sen (1981). From Sen ([6]) we recall the following definition of  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be any two non-empty sets.  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if

- (1)  $M\Gamma M \subseteq M, \Gamma M\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma$ .
- (2)  $(a\gamma b)\mu c = a(\gamma b\mu)c = a\gamma(b\mu c)$

for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ .

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EXAMPLE 1. Let  $M$  be the set of all integers of the form  $4n + 1$  where  $n$  is an integer and  $\Gamma$  denote the set of all integers of the form  $4n + 3$ . If  $a\gamma b$  is  $a + \gamma + b$ ,  $\gamma a\mu$  is  $\gamma + a + \mu$  (usual sum of the integers) for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ , then  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

A  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup(: partially ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup)([5]) is an ordered set  $M$  at the same time a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup such that:

$$a \leq b \implies a\gamma c \leq b\gamma c \text{ and } c\mu a \leq c\mu b$$

$\forall a, b, c \in M$  and  $\forall \gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ .

**Notation.** For subsets  $A, B$  of  $M$ , let

$$A\Gamma B := \{a\gamma b | a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } \gamma \in \Gamma\}.$$

DEFINITION 1. Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $A$  a nonempty subset of  $M$ .  $A$  is called a *left ideal* of  $M$  if

- (1)  $M\Gamma A \subseteq A$ .
- (2)  $a \in A, b \leq a(b \in M) \implies b \in A$ .

DEFINITION 2. A  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is called *left(right) regular* if for every  $a \in M$  there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $a \leq x\gamma(a\mu a)$ (resp.  $a \leq (a\gamma a)\mu x$ ) for some  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ .

DEFINITION 3. Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $T$  a nonempty subset of  $M$ .  $T$  is called *semiprime* if  $a \in M, a\gamma a \in T(\gamma \in \Gamma) \implies a \in T$ .

DEFINITION 4. Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup. An element  $t$  of  $M$  is called *semiprime* if  $a \in M, a\gamma a \leq t(\gamma \in \Gamma)$  implies  $a \leq t$ .

DEFINITION 5. Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  of  $M$  is called *left simple* if for every left ideal  $L$  of  $T$  we have  $L = T$ .

DEFINITION 6. An element  $t$  of  $M$  is called a *left ideal element* if  $x\gamma x \leq t$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Notation.** Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For  $H \subseteq M$ ,

$$(H) = \{t \in M | t \leq h \text{ for some } h \in H\}.$$

We denote by  $L(x)$  the left ideal of  $M$  generated by  $x(x \in M)$ . For a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  we can easily prove that :

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= \{t \in M \mid t \leq x \text{ or } t \leq a\gamma x \text{ for some } a \in M \text{ and } \gamma \in \Gamma\} \\ &= (x \cup M\Gamma x], \forall x \in M. \end{aligned}$$

We define a relation " $\mathcal{L}$ " on  $M$  as follows:

$$a\mathcal{L}b \iff L(a) = L(b).$$

Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a right congruence on  $M$  i.e. it is an equivalence relation on  $M$  such that

$$a\mathcal{L}b \implies (a\gamma c)\mathcal{L}(b\gamma c), \forall c \in M, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

Indeed: Let  $a\mathcal{L}b$ . If  $t \in L(a\gamma c)$ , then  $t \leq a\gamma c$  or  $t \leq x\mu(a\gamma c)$  for some  $x \in M$  and  $\mu \in \Gamma$ . Since  $a \in L(a) = L(b)$ , we have  $a \leq b$  or  $a \leq y\delta b$  for some  $y \in M$  and  $\delta \in \Gamma$ . If  $a \leq b$ , then  $t \leq b\gamma c$  or  $t \leq x\mu(b\gamma c)$  i.e.  $t \in L(b\gamma c)$ . If  $a \leq y\delta b$  ( $y \in M, \delta \in \Gamma$ ), then  $t \leq (y\delta b)\gamma c = y\delta(b\gamma c)$  or  $t \leq (x\mu y)\delta(b\gamma c)$  i.e.  $t \in L(b\gamma c)$ . Thus we have  $L(a\gamma c) \subseteq L(b\gamma c)$ . By symmetry,  $L(b\gamma c) \subseteq L(a\gamma c)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is left regular.
- (2)  $L(a) \subseteq L(a\gamma a), \forall a \in M, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- (3)  $a\mathcal{L}(a\gamma a), \forall a \in M, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2). Let  $M$  be left regular. If  $t \in L(a)$ , then

$$t \leq a \text{ or } t \leq x\gamma a$$

for some  $x \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is left regular,  $a \leq y\mu(a\gamma a)$  for some  $y \in M$  and  $\mu, \gamma \in \Gamma$ .

If  $t \leq a$ , then  $t \leq a \leq y\mu(a\gamma a)$  ( $y \in M, \mu, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ).

If  $t \leq x\gamma a$ , then  $t \leq x\gamma a \leq x\gamma(y\mu a\gamma a) = (x\gamma y)\mu(a\gamma a)$ .

In any case,  $t \leq z\mu(a\gamma a)$  for some  $z \in M$ . Hence  $t \in L(a\gamma a)$ , and so  $L(a) \subseteq L(a\gamma a)$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3). Let  $a \in M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} t \in L(a\gamma a) &\implies t \leq a\gamma a (\forall \gamma \in \Gamma) \text{ or } t \leq x\mu(a\gamma a) (x \in M, \mu \in \Gamma) \\ &\implies t \leq z\gamma a \text{ for some } z \in M. \\ &\implies t \in L(a). \end{aligned}$$

By (2),  $L(a) = L(a\gamma a)$ . Thus we have  $a\mathcal{L}(a\gamma a) (\forall a \in M, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma)$ . (3)  $\implies$  (1). Let  $a \in M$ . Since  $a\mathcal{L}(a\gamma a) (\forall \gamma \in \Gamma)$ , we have

$$a \in L(a) = L(a\gamma a) \implies a \leq a\gamma a \text{ or } a \leq x\mu(a\gamma a) (\mu \in \Gamma, x \in M).$$

If  $a \leq a\gamma a (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ , then  $a\gamma a \leq a\gamma(a\gamma a)$  and so  $a \leq a\gamma(a\gamma a)$ . In any case  $a$  is left regular, and so  $M$  is left regular.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup in which every  $x\gamma x (x \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma)$  is a left ideal element. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is left regular.
- (2) Every left ideal element of  $M$  is semiprime.
- (3) Every left ideal of  $M$  is semiprime.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2). Let  $t$  be a left ideal element of  $M$ ,  $a \in M$  and  $a\gamma a \leq t (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ . Since  $M$  is left regular,  $a \leq x\mu(a\gamma a) \leq x\mu t \leq t (x \in M, \mu \in \Gamma)$ . Thus  $t$  is semiprime.

(2)  $\implies$  (3). Let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $M$ ,  $a \in M$  and  $a\gamma a \in L (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ . Since  $a\gamma a \leq a\gamma a$ , and  $a\gamma a$  is a left ideal element and so it is semiprime, we have  $a \leq a\gamma a (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ . And since  $L$  is a left ideal,  $a \in L$ . Hence  $L$  is semiprime.

(3)  $\implies$  (1). Let  $a \in M$ . Since a left ideal  $L(a\gamma a) (\gamma \in \Gamma)$  is semiprime and  $a\gamma a \in L(a\gamma a)$ , we have  $a \in L(a\gamma a)$ . Thus  $L(a) \subseteq L(a\gamma a) (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ . By Theorem 1,  $M$  is left regular.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup in which every  $a\gamma a (a \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma)$  is a left ideal element. Then we have that  $M$  is left regular if and only if there exists a family  $\{M_\alpha | \alpha \in Y\}$  of left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$  such that  $M = \cup\{M_\alpha | \alpha \in Y\}$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $M$  is left regular. We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  the  $\mathcal{L}$ -class of  $M$  containing  $x(x \in M)$ .

Then  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  is a left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M, \forall x \in M$ .

In fact, since  $x \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  is nonempty.

Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ . Then  $a\mathcal{L}x$  and  $x\mathcal{L}b$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is a right congruence on  $M$ , we have  $(a\gamma b)\mathcal{L}(x\gamma b)$  and  $(x\gamma b)\mathcal{L}(b\gamma b) \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is left regular, by Theorem 1,  $(b\gamma b)\mathcal{L}b$ . Hence we have  $(a\gamma b)\mathcal{L}b$  and so  $a\gamma b \in \mathcal{L}(b) = \mathcal{L}(x)(\forall \gamma \in \Gamma)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  is sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .

Let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  and  $z \in L$ . If  $y \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ , then  $z \in L \subseteq \mathcal{L}(x) = \mathcal{L}(y)$ . Since  $M$  is left regular, by Theorem 1, we have  $y \in L(y) = L(z) = L(z\gamma z)(\forall \gamma \in \Gamma)$ . Then  $y \leq z\gamma z$  or  $y \leq t\mu(z\gamma z)(t \in M, \gamma, \mu \in \Gamma)$ .

If  $y \leq z\gamma z$  then, since  $L$  is a left ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(x)$ , we have  $y \leq z\gamma z \in \mathcal{L}(x)\Gamma L \subseteq L$ , and  $y \in L$ . And if  $y \leq t\mu(z\gamma z)$ , then  $y \leq z\gamma z$  since every  $z\gamma z(z \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma)$  is a left ideal element. In any case,  $y \in L$  and so  $L = \mathcal{L}(x)$ . Hence every  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  is a left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ . Now  $M = \cup\{\mathcal{L}(x)|x \in M\}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $M = \cup\{M_\alpha|\alpha \in Y\}$  where  $M_\alpha$  is a left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M, \forall \alpha \in Y$ . Let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $M, a \in M$  and  $a\gamma a \in L(\gamma \in \Gamma)$ . Then  $a \in M_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in Y$  and  $L \cap M_\alpha$  is a left ideal of  $M_\alpha$ .

Indeed: Since  $a\gamma a \in L$  and  $a\gamma a \in M_\alpha$ ,  $L \cap M_\alpha$  is nonempty and  $L \cap M_\alpha \subseteq M_\alpha$ . Furthermore

$$M_\alpha\Gamma(L \cap M_\alpha) \subseteq M_\alpha\Gamma L \cap M_\alpha\Gamma M_\alpha \subseteq M\Gamma L \cap M_\alpha \subseteq L \cap M_\alpha.$$

Let  $x \in L \cap M_\alpha$  and  $y \leq x(y \in M_\alpha)$ . Since  $x \in L$  and  $y \leq x$ ,  $y \in L$ . Thus  $y \in L \cap M_\alpha$ . Hence  $L \cap M_\alpha$  is a left ideal of  $M_\alpha$ . Since  $M_\alpha$  is left simple, we have  $L \cap M_\alpha = M_\alpha$ , and  $a \in L$ . Hence  $L$  is semiprime. By Theorem 2,  $M$  is left regular.  $\square$

REMARK. If  $\mathcal{L}(x)$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M, \forall x \in M$ , then  $M$  is left regular.

In fact: Since  $x\gamma x \in \mathcal{L}(x)(\gamma \in \Gamma)$ , we have  $(x\gamma x)\mathcal{L}x, \forall x \in M$ . By Lemma,  $M$  is left regular.

**THEOREM 4.** *For a  $po$ - $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is left regular.
- (2) Every  $\mathcal{L}$ -class of  $M$  is a left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .
- (3) Every  $\mathcal{L}$ -class of  $M$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .
- (4)  $M$  is a union of disjoint left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .
- (5)  $M$  is a union of left simple sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .

*Proof.* From the proof of the Theorem 3, we have (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). On the other hand, (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is obvious and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) by the Remark.  $\square$

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