

Some Properties of Semigroups

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ABSTRACT

In his paper, Hall T. R, proved some local properties for semigroups. In this paper we provide alternative proofs for some local properties of semigroups studied by Hall. In addition we introduce some new local properties of semigroups and generalize some of the Hall’s results. Also we give some examples to illustrate the results.

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INTRODUCTION

Definition 1.1 [4] A Local subsemigroup of a semigroup S will be called every subsemigroup of form eSe , where e is an idempotent element of S .

Nambooripad in Decalb’s Conferenca 1979 raised the problem: If S is a regular semigroup such that for every idempotent $e \in S$, idempotents of eSe form a band, then idempotents of eS (or Se) form a band too.

The answer of this question was given in affirmative form Hall [3]. Before continuing with presenting the results of Hall we will explain some concepts. We assume that the reader is familiar with Green’s relations **L**, **R**, **H**, **D** in the form they are defined by Clifford A. H. and Preston G. B. [1].

Definition 1.2. [1] By $\text{Reg}(S)$ we denote the set of all regular elements of semigroup S .

Definition 1.3. By $V(x)$ we denote the set of all inverse elements of x in S .

Definition 1.4. The (p, q, r) -regular element of semigroup S we call an element a of S such that $a \in a^p S a^q S a^r$ (p, q, r are non negative integers).

Definition 1.5. By $(p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(S)$ we denote the set of all (p, q, r) -regular elements of semigroup S .

Definition 1.6. The element a of semigroup S will be called right (left) divisible from element b , if and only if $a = xb$, $x \in S$ ($a = by$, $y \in S$). The element a will be called divisible from element b if it is left and right divisible from b .

Definition 1.7. A semigroup S is called right archimedean if for two elements $a, b \in S$ there is a power of a such that is divided by b and there is a power of b that is divided by a .

Definition 1.8. A semigroup S is called weakly commutative if for $a, b \in S$ hold $(ab)^k = xa = by$ for any $x, y \in S$ and k positive integer number.

Definition 1.9. A semigroup S is called bi-simple if it contains only one D-class.

For other concept we use here the reader may refer the book of Clifford and Preston.

We will use these results:

Proposition 1.1. (Lemma 2.14 [1]) Every element e of a semigroup S is right neutral element for Le , left neutral element for Re and neutral element for He .

Proposition 1.2. (Theorem 2.17 [1]) If a and b are elements of semigroup S then $ab \in R_a \cap L_b \Leftrightarrow R_b \cap L_a$ has idempotent element. In this case $aH_b = H_a b = H_a H_b = H_{ab} = R_a \cap L_b$.

Proposition 1.3. (Lemma 2.13 [1]) If a is a regular element of semigroup S , then $aS^1 = aS$ and $S^1 a = Sa$.

Proposition 1.4. (Theorem 2.16 [1]) If a, b and ab are elements of a H -class H of semigroup S , then H is subgroup of S . In particular, every H -class that contain an idempotent element is a subgroup of S .

Finally, we note that if $x' \in V(x)$, then xLx' and $xRxx'$.

Now we give some alternative proofs of T. E. Hall results.

Theorem 1.5. (i) If $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is a subsemigroup generated by idempotents, then $\text{Ref}(eS)$ is also a subsemigroup generated by idempotents.

(ii) If $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup in which H is congruence, then $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is subsemigroup in which H is congruence.

(iii) If $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is union of groups (non necessarily a subsemigroup), then and $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is union of groups.

(iv) If eSe has at most one idempotent for every L -class, then eS has at most one idempotent for every L -class.

Proof.

(i) If $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then, as it is showed by Hall [3], $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is subsemigroup also. Now, it is clear $\text{Reg}(eS) \subseteq \text{Reg}(eSe)E(eS)$. Since $\text{g}(eSe)$ is generated by idempotents, then $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is generated by idempotents also.

(ii) Since $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then, as is showed by Hall [3], $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is subsemigroup also. Let us prove that H is congruence in $\text{Reg}(eS)$. Let p and q be elements from $\text{Reg}(eS)$ such that $p H q$. Let us show that $\forall c, d \in \text{Reg}(eS)$, $pcHqc$ and $dpHdq$. From $pHq \Rightarrow pLq \wedge pRq$. Since L is right congruence $pcLqc$, so $peLqe$. It is easy to show that from pRq we have $peRqRqe$ (since it is easy to show $peRp$ and $qRqe$). Now it is clear that $peRqe$, which combined with $peLqe$ implies $peHqe$. From conditions we have $pceHqce$ (for $ce \in \text{Reg}(eSe)$). Thus $pceLqce$, $pceRqce$. So $pceRqc$, $qceRqc$ therefore $pcRqc$.

From $pcLqc$ and $pcRqc$ we have $pcHqc$.

Similarly pHq imply pLq and pRq and since R is left congruence we will have $pdRdq$. Let's show now $pdLdq$. We have $\text{Reg}(eSe) = \text{Reg}(eS)e$ so pLq imply $\text{Reg}(eS)p = \text{Reg}(eS)q$ and then $\text{Reg}(eSe)pe = \text{Reg}(eSe)qe$. Now $\text{Reg}(eSe)dpe = \text{Reg}(eSe)dqe$ thus $\text{Reg}(eS)dpe = \text{Reg}(eS)dqe$; So $\text{Reg}(eS)dp = \text{Reg}(eS)dq$ (because $q \in \text{Reg}(eS)$). Finally, $dpLdq$ in $\text{Reg}(eS)$.

From $dpLdq$ and $dpRdq$ results $dpHdq$. Finally we have shown that H is a congruence in $\text{Reg}(eS)$.

(iii) Let us prove that $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is union of groups. Since union of subgroups of $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is subset of $\text{Reg}(eS)$, then it is sufficient to show the inclusion of $\text{Reg}(eS)$ in a union of subgroups of $\text{Reg}(eS)$.

For $a \in \text{Reg}(eS)$ we prove that $H_a = R_{aa'} \cap L_{a'a}$ has an idempotent. From $ae \in \text{Reg}(eSe)$ and conditions we have $H_{ae} = R_{aa'e} \cap L_{a'ae}$ has an idempotent. From **Proposition 1.2**, $a'a^2a'e \in R_{aa'e} \cap L_{a'ae}$. Now we have $a'a^2a'R a'a^2a'e R a'ae R a'a$. From $a'a^2a' L aa'e$ and $a'a^2a' L aa'$. So $a'a^2a' \in R_{aa'} \cap L_{a'a}$. From

Proposition 1.2 $H_a = R_{aa'} \cap L_{a'a}$ has an idempotent and from **Proposition 1.4** we have that H_a is subgroup; so we showed that a is an element of the subgroup H_a .

(iv) Let $f, g \in E(eS)$ such that $f L g$. We must show $f = g$. From $f L g$ it follows that $fe L ge$. Since $fe, ge \in E(eSe)$ we have that $fe = ge$. Now we have $f = ff = fef = gef = gf$. From $f L g$ and **Proposition 1.1** we get $gf = g$ and consequently $f = g$.

Now **Theorem 1** (iv) of [3] states that if $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is semigroup, then $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is subsemigroup or equivalently: If $\langle E(eSe) \rangle$ is regular subsemigroup, then and $\langle E(eS) \rangle$ is a regular semigroup.

In an attempt to generalize this result concerning to (p, q, r) -regularity we introduce this problem:

Problem: If $(p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then is $(p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eS)$ subsemigroup?

Answer to this question is partially positive.

We distinct these cases concerning to triples (p, q, r) :

First case: (1) $(p, q, r) = (0, 0, 0)$.

Second case: $p \geq 1; q, r \geq 0$

(2) $(1, 0, 0)$

(3) $(1, 0, 1)$

(4) $(1, 1, 0)$

(5) $(1, 0, r), r > 1$

(6) $(1, 1, 1)$

(7) $(1, 1, r), r > 1$

(8) $(1, q, 0), q > 1$

(9) $(1, q, 1), q > 1$

(10) $(1, q, r), q, r > 1$

(11) $(p, 0, 0), p > 1$

(12) $(p, 0, 1), p > 1$

(13) $(p, 0, r), p, r > 1$

(14) $(p, 1, 0), p > 1$

(15) $(p, 1, r), p, r > 1$

(16) $(p, q, 0), p, q > 1$

(17) $(p, 1, 1), p > 1$

(12) $(p, q, 1), p, q > 1$

(19) $(p, q, r), p, q, r > 1$

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Third case: $p = 0; q, r \geq 0$

(20) $(0, 0, 1)$

(21) $(0, 0, r), r > 1$

(22) $(0, 1, 0)$

(23) $(0, q, 0), q > 1$

(24) $(0, 1, 1)$

(25) $(0, 1, r), r > 1$

(26) $(0, q, 1), q > 1$

(27) $(0, q, r), q, r > 1$.

Theorem 1.6. If $(0, 0, 0) - \text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then so is $(0, 0, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$.

Proof. Let suppose $a, b \in (0, 0, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$, then $a = x_1x_2$ for $x_1, x_2 \in eS$ and $b = y_1y_2$ for $y_1, y_2 \in eS$. Now $ab = (x_1x_2)(y_1y_2) = (ab)^\circ(x_1x_2)(ab)^\circ(y_1y_2)(ab)^\circ \in (ab)^\circ(eS)(ab)^\circ(eS)(ab)^\circ$.

So $ab \in (0, 0, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$.

Thus for the first case the response of the question is positive.

The response for second case will give this

Theorem 1.7. If $(p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then so is $(p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eS)$ for $p \geq 1$ and $q, r \geq 0$.

Proof. Let $a, b \in (p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eS)$. If $p \geq 1$, then $b \in b(eS)$ and $b = bec$ for any $c \in S$. We will have $ae, be \in (p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eSe)$. So $abe = (ae)(be) \in (p, q, r) - \text{Reg}(eSe)$.

Thus $abe \in Te$, where $T = (ab)^p(eS)(ab)^q(eS)(ab)^r$ and therefore $ab = abec \in Tec \subseteq T$.

Also the response of the question is positive for the second case.

For the third case we will give an example, which shows that the answer is negative for this case.

Example 1.8. Let F be a free monoid over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ and δ the empty word. For $x, y \in F$ will have $xpy \Leftrightarrow u010vy = u1v$ for $u, v \in F$ and $x\sigma y$, if and only if there exists a string $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = y$ ($n \geq 1$), where $x_i p x_{i+1}$ or $x_{i+1} p x_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ($n \geq 2$). It is clear σ is congruence in F .

Let us denote by $T = F/\sigma$ the factor monoid with unity $\Delta = \{\delta\}$. For $X, Y \in T$ we have $XY = \Delta \Rightarrow X = \Delta = Y$. Let us suppose that $B, C \in T$, where $1 \in B$ and $0 \in C$. It is evident that $B = CBC$ and $B^2 = XB^2Y \Rightarrow X = \Delta = Y$.

Let us denote by E the zero right semigroup which contain two elements α, β and consider the semigroup ExT (where the operation is coordinatewise). ExT satisfy the condition:

$$(u, X)(u, Y) = (\alpha, \Delta) \Rightarrow (u, Y) = (\alpha, \Delta).$$

Let us denote by $S = (EXT) \setminus \{(\alpha, \Delta)\}$ and $e = (\beta, \Delta)$, $b = (\alpha, B)$, $c = (\alpha, C)$. We then have $e^2 = e$, $eb = b$ and $ec = c$. It is evident that the semigroup S is generated by e , b , c and $eS = S$, $eSe = Se$. Now, for the element $x \in Se$ we have $x = exe \in SexSe$ and so

$(0, 1, 0) - \text{Reg}(eSe) = Se$ is a semigroup of S . It is clear that $b = cbc$ and so $b \in (0, 1, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$. Let suppose that $b^2 \in (0, 1, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$. Then $b^2 \in Sb^2S$ and $b^2 = xb^2y$ for any $x, y \in S$. Thus we have $(\alpha, B^2) = (u, X) (\alpha, B^2) (v, Y)$, where $x = (u, X)$ and $y = (v, Y)$. So $v = \alpha$ and $B^2 = XB^2Y$ hence $Y = \Delta$ and $y = (\alpha, \Delta) \notin S$.

Consequently $b^2 \notin Sb^2S$ and $b^2 \notin (0, 1, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$. As a result $(0, 1, 0) - \text{Reg}(eS)$ is not a subsemigroup of S .

The following theorems give some other local properties of semigroups.

Theorem 1.8.

(i) **If eSe is a bisimple subsemigroup, then eS is also a bisimple subsemigroup.**

(ii) **If $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is a zero right semigroup, then $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is also a zero right semigroup.**

Proof. (i) Let D_a and D_b be two D-classes of eS , where $a, b \in eS$. We must prove $D_a = D_b$.

Let $p \in D_a$, then $p D a$ or $p L Ra$ and $p L z, z R a$ for any $z \in eS$. We will have $pe L ze$ and $ze R ae$ (since $z R ze$ and $a R ae$); finally we have $pe D ae$. From the assumption we have that $D_{ae} = D_{be}$, so $pe D be$ which shows that $pe L k$ and $k R be$ for any $k \in eSe$. It is clear that $be R b$. From $pe L k$ and $k R b$ it follows that $pe D b$. Further, from $pe R p$ we have that $pe D p$ and then $p D pe D b$, $p D b$, $b \in D_b$. So, we have showed that $D_a \subseteq D_b$. Similarly we prove $D_b \subseteq D_a$ and then $D_a = D_b$.

(ii) Since $\text{Reg}(eSe)$ is subsemigroup, then, as it is shown by Hall [3] **Theorem 1-(iv)**, $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is a subsemigroup. If $p, q \in \text{Reg}(eS)$, then we have

$$pq = pqq'q = pqq'q = qeq'q \text{ (from the assumption)} = qq'q = q.$$

Thus, $pq = q$ for all $p, q \in \text{Reg}(eS)$, which means that $\text{Reg}(eS)$ is zero right semigroup.

Theorem 1.9. In weakly commutative semigroup S , if eSe is a right (left) archimedean subsemigroup, then eS is a right (left) archimedean subsemigroup.

Proof. Let eSe be a right archimedean subsemigroup of semigroup S and let us show that eS is also a right archimedean subsemigroup of S . If $a, b \in S$, then $ae, be \in eSe$. Since eSe is right archimedean, then $(ae)^n = x(be)$ and $(be)^n = y(ae)$ for any n, m positive integers and

$x, y \in eSe$. Since $a^{n+1} = a^n a = (ae)^a a$ (as $a \in eS$) $= x(be)a = xba$, so $a^{n+1} = xba$.

Thus, $a^{(n+1)p} = (xba)^p = u(xb)$ for any $u \in eSe$ and p – positive integer. Similarly, $b^{m+1} = b^m b = (be)^m b = (yae)b = yab$ and $b^{(m+1)q} = (yab)^q = v(ya)$ for any $v \in eSe$ and q – positive integer.

Thus we have proved that eS is right archimedean. In a similar fashion we prove the case for left archimedean semigroups.

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