

ON CERTAIN BISIMPLE INVERSE SEMIGROUPS¹

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If S is a semigroup, E_S will denote the collection of idempotents of S . A bisimple semigroup S is called I -bisimple if and only if $E_S = \{e_i: i \in I, \text{ the integers}\}$ with $e_i \leq e_j$ if and only if $i \geq j$. We announce the determination of the structure of I -bisimple semigroups mod groups and a determination of several of their properties. We also give a certain generalization of the bicyclic semigroup and indicate an application of this result. We use the notation and terminology of [2].

THEOREM 1. *S is an I -bisimple semigroup if and only if $S \cong GXIXI$ under the multiplication*

$$(1) \quad (g, n, m)(h, p, q) = (g\alpha^{p-r}h\alpha^{m-r}, n + p - r, m + q - r)$$

where $r = \min(m, p)$, α is an endomorphism of G , and α^0 is the identity transformation or equivalently

$$(g, n, m)(h, p, q) = (g\alpha^{s-m-p}h\alpha^{s-a}, n + p, s)$$

where $s = \max(m + p, q)$.

PROOF. [9, Theorem], [1, Main Theorem], [8, Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 2.2] and [5, Theorem 3.3] are important.

REMARK. An I -bisimple semigroup S has no identity and hence its structure may not be obtained by specializing the Clifford structure theorem [1]. S is a union of a chain of bisimple (inverse) semigroups S_i ($i \in I$) with identity such that $E_{S_i} = \{e_i: i \in I^0, \text{ the non-negative integers}\}$ with $e_i \leq e_j$ if and only if $i \geq j$.² The structure of these semigroups was given mod groups by Reilly [6] and Warne [11]. Warne obtained the result by specializing the Clifford structure theorem [1]. Incidentally, the multiplication is given by (1) with I^0 replaced for I .

If S is an I -bisimple semigroup with structure group G and structure endomorphism α , we will write $S = (G, \alpha)$.

Let N denote the natural numbers.

THEOREM 2. *Let $S = (G, \alpha)$ and $S^* = (G^*, \beta)$. Let $\{f_i: i \in I \setminus N\}$ be a*

¹ These structure theorems represent a next stage in the development of bisimple semigroups to the Rees Theorem in that the determination is complete (mod groups).

² The structure of bisimple (inverse) semigroups such that E_S is linearly ordered has been given mod bisimple inverse semigroups with identity by Warne [9].

collection of homomorphisms of G into G^* , $\{X_i: i \in I \setminus N\}$ be a collection of nondecreasing functions of I into I , $a \in I^0$, and $\{z_i: i \in I \setminus N\}$ be a collection of elements of G^* such that (1) if $x C_{z_i} = z_i x z_i^{-1}$ for $x \in G^*$, $f_i \beta^a C_{z_i} = \alpha f_i$, (2) $f_{i+1} C_{z_i} = f_i$, (3) $z_i \beta^a = z_{i+1}$, and (4) $X_{i+1} = X_i + a$. For each element $(g, x, y) \in e_i S e_i (i \in I \setminus N)$ define $(g, x, y)\theta = [z_i^{-1} \beta^{a(x-i)} \dots z_i^{-1} \beta^{a z_i^{-1} g f_i z_i} \dots z_i \beta^{a(y-i-1)}, X_i + a(x-i), X_i + a(y-i)]$ if $x > i$, $y > i$. If $x(y) = i$, the left (right) multiplier of $g f_i$ is e^* , the identity of G^* . The square brackets indicate an element of S^* . Then, θ is a homomorphism of S into S^* and conversely every homomorphism of S into S^* is obtained in this fashion. $S \cong S^*$ if and only if each f_i is an isomorphism of S onto S^* and (1), (2), and (3) are valid with $a = 1$.

PROOF. The proof involves an application of [8, Theorem 2.3, Theorem 1.1, and Theorem 1.2].

Every congruence ρ on an I -bisimple semigroup $S = (G, \alpha)$ is either a group congruence (S/ρ is a group) or an idempotent separating congruence (each ρ -class contains at most one idempotent). The group congruences are uniquely determined by the normal subgroups of the maximal group homomorphic image of S . ρ is idempotent separating if and only if $\rho = \rho^V((g, a, b)\rho^V(h, c, d))$ if and only if $a = c, b = d$, and $Vg = Vh$ where V is a subgroup of G such that $h(g\alpha^n)h^{-1} \in V$ for $h \in G, g \in V$, and $n \in I^0$). Results of [4] are significant here.

THEOREM 3. Let $S = (G, \alpha)$ and let e be the identity of G . If $N = \{g \in G/g\alpha^n = e \text{ for some } n \in I^0\}$, N is a normal subgroup of G . Let $g \rightarrow \bar{g}$ be the natural homomorphism of G onto G/N . If $(xN)\theta = (x\alpha)N, x \in G, \theta$ is an endomorphism of G/N . The maximal group homomorphic image H of S is isomorphic to $G/N \times I$ under the definition of equality, $(\bar{g}, b-a) = (\bar{h}, d-c), \bar{h}, \bar{g} \in G/N, a, b, c, d \in I^0$ if there exist $x, y \in I^0$ such that $x+b = y+d, x+a = y+c$, and $\bar{g}\theta^x = \bar{h}\theta^y$ and the multiplication $(\bar{g}, b-a)(\bar{h}, d-c) = (\bar{g}\theta^b \bar{h}\theta^c, (b+d) - (a+c))$. The homomorphism of S onto H is given by $(g, i+a, i+b)\theta = (\bar{g}, b-a)$ where $i \in I, a, b \in I^0$.

PROOF. We utilize [7, pp. 431-434, especially Theorem 2.1]. q.e.d. If σ is the minimum group congruence on $S = (G, \alpha), S/\mathcal{C} \cap \sigma \cong (G/N, \theta)$ (θ, N are defined in the statement of Theorem 3) and by [3] $S/\mathcal{C} \cup \sigma \cong (I, +)$.

To determine the (ideal) extensions of $S = (G, \alpha)$ by an arbitrary semigroup T , one utilizes the translational hull \bar{S} of S [2, p. 140].

THEOREM 4. Let $S = (G, \alpha)$ and $M = (I, G)$ be the full group of mappings of I into G (pointwise multiplication). $H = \{\beta \in M(I, G)/(i+1)\beta = (i\beta)\alpha \text{ for all } i \in I\}$ is a subgroup of $M(I, G)$. Let $\rho_i (i \in I)$ be the inner

right translation of $(I, +)$ determined by i . Thus, $W = H \times I$ under the multiplication $(\beta, i)(\gamma, j) = (\beta \circ \rho_\gamma, i+j)$ where \circ is the operation in H and juxtaposition denotes iteration of mappings is a group. Then $\bar{S} = W \cup S$ with multiplication $(\beta, a)(g, i, j) = ((i-a)\beta \cdot g, i-a, j)$ and $(g, i, j)(\beta, a) = (g(j\beta), i, j+a)$ ($S \cap W = \square$).

COROLLARY. Every extension of $S = (G, \alpha)$ by $T = M^0(G^*; K, \Lambda; P)$ ($T = M^0(G^*; K, K; \Delta)$) is given by a partial homomorphism [15, p. 522] if T has proper divisors of zero.

THEOREM 5. Let $S = (G, \delta)$ and $T = M^0(G^*; K, \Lambda, P)$. Let the following functions be given: $\psi: K \rightarrow I, \theta: \Lambda \rightarrow I, \alpha: K \rightarrow G, \beta: \Lambda \rightarrow G$, and γ a homomorphism of G^* into G such that $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$ implies $\lambda\theta = i\psi$ and $(\lambda\beta)(i\alpha) = p_{\lambda i}\gamma$. Then ϕ defined on T^* by $*(a; i, \lambda)\phi = ((i\alpha)(a\gamma)(\lambda\beta); i\psi, \lambda\theta)$ is a partial homomorphism of T^* into S and conversely every partial homomorphism of T^* into S is obtained in this fashion. If $T = M^0(G^*; K, K; \Delta)$, $*$ becomes $(a, i, j)\phi = ((i\alpha)(a\gamma)(j\alpha)^{-1}, i\psi, j\psi)$.

In the case $T^* = M(R; K, \Lambda; P)$ is completely simple one may give an explicit determination of the extensions of S by T in terms of a homomorphism of R into $(I, +)$, mappings of $R \rightarrow H$ (see statement of Theorem 4), $K \rightarrow H, K \rightarrow I, \Lambda \rightarrow H$, and $\Lambda \rightarrow I$ or by partial homomorphisms [14].

We next give a certain generalization of the bicyclic semigroup, C . Let $C \circ C$ denote $C \times C$ under the multiplication $((m, n), (k, t))((m', n'), (k', t')) = ((m, n)(m', n'), f(n, m'))$ where $f(n, m') = (k, t), (k, t)(k', t')$, or (k', t') according to whether $n > m', n = m',$ or $n < m'$. (See [10].) E_S is lexicographically ordered if and only if E_S is order isomorphic to $I^0 \times I^0$ under the order $(n, m) < (k, s)$ if $k < n$ or $k = n$ and $m > s$.

THEOREM 6. Let S be a bisimple semigroup. E_S is lexicographically ordered if and only if \mathfrak{C} is a congruence on S and $S/\mathfrak{C} \cong C \circ C$. If S has a trivial group of units $S \cong C \circ C$.

PROOF. [5, Theorem 2.2] and [8, Theorem 1.2] are relevant.

The above definitions and theorems may be generalized to arbitrary finite dimensions. For a class of bisimple semigroups S such that E_S is lexicographically ordered, $S \cong G \times C \circ C$ where G is a certain group under a suitable multiplication [11].

Warne [8], [11] discussed the structure of bisimple inverse semigroups with identity on which \mathfrak{C} is a congruence. This is the case for all semigroups given here. However, let F be the positive part of any ordered field and let $P = (F \setminus 0) \times F$ under the multiplication

$(a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$. If we substitute P in the Clifford construction [1], we obtain a bisimple inverse semigroup with identity on which \mathcal{C} is not a congruence.

The results given here will appear in [11–14].

Added in proof. In [17], we give examples of bisimple inverse semigroups without identity on which \mathcal{C} is not a congruence and the lexicographic case (with and without identity) is developed fully in [16] and [17].

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