

## PARTIAL HOMOMORPHIC IMAGES OF BRANDT GROUPOIDS<sup>1</sup>

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The main purpose of the present note is to show (Theorem 2) that any regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of any semigroup is a partial homomorphic image of a Brandt groupoid. It follows from this that a semigroup with zero is a partial homomorphic image of a Brandt semigroup if and only if it is regular and 0-bisimple.

In the first section, an alternative formulation is given of the determination by H.-J. Hoehnke [1] of all partial homomorphisms of a Brandt groupoid into an arbitrary semigroup. This is first done (Theorem 1) for any completely 0-simple semigroup. The result is a straightforward generalization of Theorem 3.14 of [2], in which all partial homomorphisms of one completely 0-simple semigroup into another are determined. The present terminology is that of [2]; Hoehnke omits the adjective "partial." Basic definitions given in [2] will not be repeated here; likewise, references to the fundamental work of Brandt, Rees, Green, and Munn can be found in [2].

### 1. Partial homomorphisms of a completely 0-simple semigroup.

Let  $S$  and  $S^*$  be semigroups with zero elements  $0$  and  $0^*$ , respectively. A mapping  $\theta$  of  $S$  into  $S^*$  is called a *partial homomorphism* if (i)  $0\theta = 0^*$ , and (ii)  $(ab)\theta = (a\theta)(b\theta)$  for every pair of elements  $a, b$  of  $S$  such that  $ab \neq 0$ . The restriction of  $\theta$  to  $S \setminus 0$  is then a partial homomorphism of the partial groupoid  $S \setminus 0$  into  $S^*$  as defined in [2, p. 93]. By agreeing to the trivial convention (i), there is no essential distinction between partial homomorphisms of  $S$  into  $S^*$  and of  $S \setminus 0$  into  $S^*$ . Moreover, we need not require that  $S^*$  have a zero element; if it does not, we adjoin a zero element  $0^*$  to it for the application of (i).

The author's interest in partial homomorphisms originated in the fact that they arise naturally in the theory of extensions of semigroups [2, §4.4].

A partial homomorphism  $\theta: S \rightarrow S^*$  evidently preserves regularity [2, p. 26] and Green's relations  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}$ , and  $\mathfrak{H}$  [2, p. 47]. It follows that if  $S$  is regular and 0-bisimple (i.e.,  $S \setminus 0$  is a  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of  $S$  [2, p. 76]), then  $(S \setminus 0)\theta$  is contained in a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class  $D$  of  $S^*$ . This is the case, in particular, if  $S$  is completely 0-simple [2, Theorem

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2.51, p. 79]. Since a Brandt semigroup  $B^0$  is just a completely 0-simple inverse semigroup [2, Theorem 3.9, p. 102], we conclude, finally, that if  $\theta$  is a partial homomorphism of a Brandt groupoid  $B = B^0 \setminus 0$  into a semigroup  $S^*$ , then  $B\theta$  is contained in a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class  $D$  of  $S$ . One might think that these successive particularizations would result in some restriction on  $D$ , particularly if  $\theta$  is onto; the object of this note is to show that this is not the case (Theorem 2 below).

Let  $D$  be a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of  $S^*$ . Let

$$\{R_{i^*}: i^* \in I^*\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{L_{\lambda^*}: \lambda^* \in \Lambda^*\}$$

be the  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes and  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes, respectively, of  $S^*$  contained in  $D$ . Then  $H_{i^*\lambda^*} = R_{i^*} \cap L_{\lambda^*}$  are the  $\mathcal{H}$ -classes of  $S^*$  contained in  $D$ . We know that at least one of these must contain an idempotent, and so be a maximal subgroup of  $S^*$  [2, Theorem 2.16, p. 59]; choose one such and call it  $H^* = H_{1^*1^*}$ ,  $1^*$  being an element of  $I^* \cap \Lambda^*$ . For each  $i^*$  in  $I^*$ , pick  $r_{i^*}$  in  $H_{i^*1^*}$ , and for each  $\lambda^*$  in  $\Lambda^*$  pick  $q_{\lambda^*}$  in  $H_{1^*\lambda^*}$ . Then [2, Theorem 3.4, p. 92], every element of  $D$  is uniquely representable in the form

$$(1) \quad r_{i^*} x q_{\lambda^*} \quad (x \in H^*; i^* \in I^*, \lambda^* \in \Lambda^*).$$

We regard the triple  $(x; i^*, \lambda^*)$  as coordinates of the element (1).

By the Rees Theorem [2, Theorem 3.5, p. 94], a completely 0-simple semigroup can be represented as a regular Rees  $I \times \Lambda$  matrix semigroup  $\mathfrak{M}^0(G; I, \Lambda; P)$  over a group with zero  $G^0$ , and with  $\Lambda \times I$  sandwich matrix  $P = (p_{\lambda i})$ . The elements of  $\mathfrak{M}^0$  can be represented as triples  $(a; i, \lambda)$  multiplying according to

$$(2) \quad (a; i, \lambda)(b; j, \mu) = (ap_{\lambda j}b; i, \mu) \quad (a, b \in G^0; i, j \in I; \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda).$$

In fact, the proof of the Rees Theorem amounts to coordinatizing the  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class  $\mathfrak{M}^0 \setminus 0$ . It should be remarked that, for an arbitrary regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class  $D$ , the elements (1) do not have a simple law of multiplication like (2).

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $S$  be a completely 0-simple semigroup represented as a regular Rees  $I \times \Lambda$  matrix semigroup  $\mathfrak{M}^0(G; I, \Lambda; P)$ . Let  $\theta$  be a partial homomorphism of  $S$  into a semigroup  $S^*$ . Then  $(S \setminus 0)\theta$  is contained in a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class  $D$  of  $S$ . Let  $D$  be coordinatized as in (1). Then*

$$(3) \quad (a; i, \lambda)\theta = r_{i\phi} u_i(a\omega) v_\lambda q_{\lambda\psi} \quad (a \in G; i \in I, \lambda \in \Lambda),$$

where (i)  $\phi: I \rightarrow I^*$  and  $\psi: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda^*$  are mappings such that if  $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$  then  $q_{\lambda\psi} r_{i\phi} \in H^*$ ;

(ii)  $\omega: G \rightarrow H^*$  is a (group) homomorphism;

(iii)  $u: I \rightarrow H^*$  and  $v: \Lambda \rightarrow H^*$  are mappings such that if  $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$  then

$$(4) \quad p_{\lambda i} \omega = v_{\lambda} (q_{\lambda \psi} r_{i \phi}) u_i.$$

The mappings  $\phi, \psi, \omega, u, v$  are uniquely determined by  $\theta$ . Conversely, if mappings  $\phi, \psi, \omega, u, v$  are given satisfying (i), (ii), and (iii), then (3) defines a partial homomorphism  $\theta$  of  $S \setminus 0$  into  $D$ .

PROOF. The proof is so much like that of Theorem 3.14 of [2, p. 109], that we give only the outline. We can assume that the entry  $p_{11}$  of  $P$  is not zero. The mappings  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are determined by

$$R_i \theta \subseteq R_{i \phi}, \quad L_{\lambda} \theta \subseteq L_{\lambda \psi},$$

where  $\{R_i: i \in I\}$  are the  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes, and  $\{L_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  are the  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes, of  $S$ . This implies that

$$(a; i, \lambda) \theta = r_{i \phi} x q_{\lambda \psi}$$

for some  $x$  in  $H^*$ . If  $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$ , then  $(p_{\lambda i}^{-1}; i, \lambda) \theta$  is an idempotent in  $H_{i \phi, \lambda \psi}$ , and it follows that  $q_{\lambda \psi} r_{i \phi} \in H^*$  [2, Theorem 2.17, p. 59]. Defining  $\omega: G \rightarrow H^*$  by

$$(p_{11}^{-1}, a; 1, 1) \theta = r_{1 \phi} h_0^{-1} (a \omega) q_{1 \psi} \quad (h_0 = q_{1 \psi} r_{1 \phi}),$$

a brief calculation, using the uniqueness of the representation (1), shows that  $\omega$  is a homomorphism. For each  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  we define  $u_i$  and  $v_{\lambda}$  in  $H^*$  by

$$(e; i, 1) \theta = r_{i \phi} u_i q_{1 \psi},$$

$$(p_{11}^{-1}, 1, \lambda) \theta = r_{1 \phi} h_0^{-1} v_{\lambda} q_{\lambda \psi}.$$

Applying  $\theta$  to

$$(a; i, \lambda) = (e; i, 1) (p_{11}^{-1} a; 1, 1) (p_{11}^{-1}; 1, \lambda),$$

we obtain (3). Applying  $\theta$  to (2) and using (3), again with the uniqueness of (1), we obtain (4). This last step can be inverted to yield the converse part of the theorem.

From a constructive point of view, Theorem 1 has the drawback that, for given  $\phi, \psi$ , and  $\omega$  satisfying (i) and (ii), there is no assurance that  $u$  and  $v$  can be found so as to satisfy (iii). This drawback disappears, however, when  $S$  is a Brandt semigroup  $B^0$ . Here we can assume  $B^0 = \mathfrak{M}^0(G; I, I; \Delta)$ , where  $\Delta = (\delta_{ij})$  is the  $I \times I$  identity matrix over  $G^0$  [2, Theorem 3.9, p. 102]. The condition (4) now reduces to

$$e^* = v_i q_{i \psi} r_{i \phi} u_i \quad (\text{all } i \in I),$$

where  $e^*$  is the identity element of  $H^*$ ; or, what is equivalent, to

$$(5) \quad v_i = u_i^{-1}(q_{i\psi}r_{i\phi})^{-1}.$$

We note that  $q_{i\psi}r_{i\phi} \in H^*$  by (i). Thus we can always satisfy (iii) by choosing  $u: I \rightarrow H^*$  arbitrarily, and then defining  $v: I \rightarrow H^*$  by (5). Formula (3) becomes

$$(6) \quad (a; i, j)\theta = r_{i\phi}u_i(a\omega)u_j^{-1}(q_{j\psi}r_{j\phi})^{-1}q_{j\psi}.$$

This differs from Hoehnke's formula (16) of [1, Part III, p. 97], chiefly because a definite coordinate system has been chosen for  $D$ , independent of  $\theta$ .

Now let  $D$  itself be a Brandt groupoid, say

$$D = B^* = \mathfrak{M}^0(H^*; I^*, I^*; \Delta^*) \setminus 0.$$

Let us use square brackets to represent the elements  $[x^*; i^*, j^*]$  of  $B^*$ . It is natural to choose  $r_{i^*} = [e^*; i^*, 1^*]$  and  $q_{i^*} = [e^*; 1^*, i^*]$ . We then have  $q_{i^*}r_{i^*} = [e^*; 1^*, 1^*]$ , while  $q_{i^*}r_{j^*} = 0$  in  $B^{*0}$ , or is undefined in  $B^*$ , if  $i^* \neq j^*$ . Hence condition (i) of Theorem 1 requires that  $i\psi = i\phi$  for every  $i$  in  $I$ ; that is,  $\psi = \phi$ . (5) becomes simply  $v_i = u_i^{-1}$ , and (6) becomes

$$(7) \quad (a; i, j)\theta = [u_i(a\omega)u_j^{-1}; i\phi, j\phi].$$

Thus every partial homomorphism  $\theta$  of one Brandt groupoid,  $B$ , into another,  $B^*$ , is given by (7) in terms of (i) an arbitrary mapping  $\phi: I \rightarrow I^*$ , (ii) an arbitrary homomorphism  $\omega: G \rightarrow H^*$ , and (iii) an arbitrary mapping  $u: I \rightarrow H^*$ . (7) is equivalent to Hoehnke's formula (22) in [1, Part I, p. 164]. It can also be obtained by specialization from Theorem 3.14 of [2].

**2. Partial homomorphic images of Brandt groupoids.** We come now to the main result of the present note.

**THEOREM 2.** *Any regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of any semigroup is a partial homomorphic image of some Brandt groupoid.*

**PROOF.** Let  $D$  be a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of a semigroup  $S$ . Let

$$\{R_i: i \in I\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{L_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

be the  $\mathfrak{R}$ -classes and  $\mathfrak{L}$ -classes, respectively, of  $S$  contained in  $D$ . As usual, we may assume that  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  have an element 1 in common such that  $H_{11} = R_1 \cap L_1$  is a group. But now we shall also assume, as we evidently may, that  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  are otherwise disjoint:  $I \cap \Lambda = \{1\}$ .

As usual, choose  $r_i$  in  $H_{i1}$  and  $q_\lambda$  in  $H_{1\lambda}$  in any way, for  $i$  in  $I \setminus 1$  and  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda \setminus 1$ , and choose  $r_1 = q_1 = e_{11}$ , the identity element of  $H_{11}$ . As

in (1), without the stars, every element of  $D$  is uniquely representable in the form

$$(8) \quad r_i a q_\lambda \quad (a \in H_{11}; i \in I, \lambda \in \Lambda).$$

For  $i$  in  $I \setminus 1$  and  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda \setminus 1$ , let  $q_i$  be any inverse of  $r_i$  in  $R_1$ , and let  $r_\lambda$  be any inverse of  $q_\lambda$  in  $L_1$ . Then

$$(9) \quad q_\alpha r_\alpha = e_{11} \quad (\text{all } \alpha \text{ in } I \cup \Lambda).$$

Let  $B = \mathfrak{N}^0(H_{11}; I \cup \Lambda, I \cup \Lambda; \Delta) \setminus 0$ . Denote the elements of  $B$  by triples  $(a; \alpha, \beta)$ . Multiplication in  $B$  is given by

$$(10) \quad (a; \alpha, \beta)(b; \beta, \gamma) = (ab; \alpha, \gamma) \quad (a, b \in H_{11}; \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in I \cup \Lambda).$$

Products  $(a; \alpha, \beta)(b; \beta', \gamma)$  with  $\beta \neq \beta'$  are not defined in  $B$  (and are zero in  $B^0$ ). Define  $\theta: B \rightarrow D$  as follows:

$$(a; \alpha, \beta)\theta = r_\alpha a q_\beta \quad (a \in H_{11}; \alpha, \beta \in I \cup \Lambda).$$

Then, because of (9),

$$\begin{aligned} (a; \alpha, \beta)\theta(b; \beta, \gamma)\theta &= r_\alpha a q_\beta r_\beta b q_\gamma = r_\alpha a b q_\gamma \\ &= (ab; \alpha, \gamma)\theta. \end{aligned}$$

From this and (10), it follows that  $\theta$  is a partial homomorphism of  $B$  into  $D$ . Moreover,  $B\theta = D$ , since  $B\theta$  contains all the elements  $r_i a q_\lambda$  of (8).

As described in §3.3 of [2], if we adjoin a zero element 0 to a Brandt groupoid  $B$ , defining  $ab = 0$  if  $ab$  is undefined in  $B$ , we obtain a Brandt semigroup  $B^0$ , that is, a completely 0-simple inverse semigroup. The following is immediate from Theorem 2 and the first assertion in Theorem 1.

**COROLLARY 1.** *A semigroup with zero is a partial homomorphic image of some Brandt semigroup if and only if it is regular and 0-bisimple.*

As defined in [2, p. 93], a *partial isomorphism* is a partial homomorphism which is one-to-one and onto. Not every regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class is a partial isomorphic image of some Brandt groupoid, and the question of telling which ones are remains unsettled. The next theorem gives a sufficient condition.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $D$  be a regular  $\mathfrak{D}$ -class of a semigroup  $S$  with the property that it is possible to set up a one-to-one correspondence between the  $\mathfrak{R}$ -classes  $R$  of  $D$  and the  $\mathfrak{L}$ -classes  $L$  of  $D$  such that if  $R$  and  $L$  correspond, then  $R \cap L$  contains an idempotent. Then  $D$  is a partial isomorphic image of the Brandt groupoid having the same structure group as  $D$  and the same number of  $\mathfrak{R}$ -classes (and  $\mathfrak{L}$ -classes) as  $D$ .*

PROOF. By hypothesis, we can index the  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes of  $D$  by the same index set  $I$ , such that for each  $i$  in  $I$ ,  $R_i \cap L_i$  contains an idempotent  $e_i$ . The  $\mathcal{H}$ -class  $H_{ii} = R_i \cap L_i$  is then the maximal subgroup  $H_{e_i}$  of  $S$  containing  $e_i$ . Let  $1 \in I$ , and pick  $q_i$  in  $H_{1i}$  in any way for  $i$  in  $I \setminus 1$ , and let  $q_1 = e_1$ . Let  $q'_i$  be the inverse of  $q_i$  in  $H_{i1}$ ; such exists since both  $H_{11}$  and  $H_{ii}$  contain idempotents [2, Theorem 2.18, p. 60]. Take  $B = \mathfrak{N}^0(H_{11}; I, I; \Delta) \setminus 0$  and define  $\theta: B \rightarrow D$  by

$$(11) \quad (a; i, j)\theta = q'_i a q_j \quad (a \in H_{11}; i, j \in I).$$

Since every element of  $D$  is uniquely expressible in the form on the right-hand side of (11), and  $q_i q'_i = e_1$ , we see at once that  $\theta$  is a partial isomorphism of  $B$  onto  $D$ .

$B$  is unique, to within isomorphism, since any Brandt groupoid is completely determined by its structure group and the cardinal number of its  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes (or  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes).

COROLLARY 2. *Every 0-bisimple inverse semigroup  $S$  is a partial isomorphic image of the Brandt semigroup having the same structure group as  $S$  and the same number of idempotents as  $S$ .*

PROOF. The hypothesis of Theorem 3 is satisfied by any inverse semigroup [2, Corollary 2.19, p. 60]. For 0-bisimple inverse semigroups, in particular, for Brandt semigroups, the sets of  $\mathcal{R}$ -classes,  $\mathcal{L}$ -classes, and nonzero idempotents all have the same cardinal.

We conclude with an example to show that a regular 0-bisimple semigroup may be a partial isomorphic image of a Brandt semigroup, but not of one having the same structure group.

Let  $B = \mathfrak{N}^0(E; I, I; \Delta) \setminus 0$ , where  $E = \{e\}$  is a one-element group, and  $I = \{1, 2\}$ . Let  $S \setminus 0 = H \times E$ , where  $H$  is a cyclic group  $\{e, a\}$  of order 2, and  $E$  is a right zero semigroup of order 2. We may represent the elements of  $S$  as pairs  $(x; i)$  with  $x \in H$ ,  $i \in I$ , multiplying as follows:

$$(x; i)(y; j) = (xy; j) \quad (x, y \in H; i, j \in I).$$

Define  $\theta: B^0 \rightarrow S$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (e; 1, 1)\theta &= (e; 1), & (e; 1, 2)\theta &= (a; 2) \\ (e; 2, 1)\theta &= (a; 1), & (e; 2, 2)\theta &= (e; 2) \end{aligned}$$

and  $0\theta = 0$ . Clearly  $\theta$  is one-to-one and onto, and it is easy to verify that it is a partial homomorphism.

On the other hand,  $S$  cannot be a partial isomorphic image of any Brandt semigroup  $B^0$  having structure group of order 2. For  $B$  must then have order twice a square, whereas  $S \setminus 0$  has order 4.

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**EVERY STANDARD CONSTRUCTION IS INDUCED  
BY A PAIR OF ADJOINT FUNCTORS**

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In this note, we prove the converse of the following result of P. Huber [2]. Let  $F: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  and  $G: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be covariant *adjoint functors*, that is, functors such that there exist two (functor) morphisms  $\zeta: I \rightarrow GF$  and  $\eta: FG \rightarrow I$  satisfying the relations

- (1)  $(\eta * F) \circ (F * \zeta) = \iota * F,$
- (2)  $(G * \eta) \circ (\zeta * G) = \iota * G.$

Then, the triple  $(C, k, p)$  given by

$$C = FG, \quad k = \eta \quad \text{and} \quad p = F * \zeta * G$$

is a *standard construction* in  $\mathcal{L}$ , that is,  $C$  is a covariant functor,  $k: C \rightarrow I$  and  $p: C \rightarrow C^2$  are (functor) morphisms, and the following relations hold:

- (3)  $(k * C) \circ p = (C * k) \circ p = \iota * C,$
- (4)  $(p * C) \circ p = (C * p) \circ p.$

This standard construction is said to be *induced by the pair of adjoint functors  $F$  and  $G$* . For further explanation of the notation and terminology, see [2], or the appendix of [1].

**THEOREM.** *Let  $(C, k, p)$  be a standard construction in a category  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then there exists a category  $\mathcal{K}$  and two covariant functors  $F: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  and  $G: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  such that*

- (i)  $F$  is (left) adjoint to  $G$ ,
- (ii)  $(C, k, p)$  is induced by  $F$  and  $G$ .

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