

# ON CERTAIN BISIMPLE INVERSE SEMIGROUPS<sup>1</sup>

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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  $r = \min(m, p)$ ,  $\alpha$  is an endomorphism of  $G$ , and  $\alpha^0$  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  $i \geq j$ .<sup>2</sup> 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  $\alpha$ , 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*

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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  $(g, x, y)\theta = [z_i^{-1} \beta^{a(x-i)} \cdots z_i^{-1} \beta^{a z_i^{-1} g f_i z_i \cdots z_i \beta^{a(y-i-1)}, X_i + a(x-i), X_i + a(y-i)]$  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,  $\theta$  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  $\rho$  on an  $I$ -bisimple semigroup  $S = (G, \alpha)$  is either a group congruence ( $S/\rho$  is a group) or an idempotent separating congruence (each  $\rho$ -class contains at most one idempotent). The group congruences are uniquely determined by the normal subgroups of the maximal group homomorphic image of  $S$ .  $\rho$  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  $\sigma$  is the minimum group congruence on  $S = (G, \alpha), S/\mathcal{C} \cap \sigma \cong (G/N, \theta)$  ( $\theta, N$  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  $\gamma$  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  $\phi$  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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