

On presentations of Brauer-type monoids

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Abstract

We obtain presentations for the Brauer monoid, the partial analogue of the Brauer monoid, and for the greatest factorizable inverse submonoid of the dual symmetric inverse monoid. In all three cases we apply the same approach, based on the realization of all these monoids as Brauer-type monoids.

1 Introduction and preliminaries

The classical Coxeter presentation of the symmetric group S_n plays an important role in many branches of modern mathematics and physics. In the semigroup theory there are several “natural” analogues of the symmetric group. For example the symmetric inverse semigroup \mathcal{IS}_n or the full transformation semigroup \mathcal{T}_n . Perhaps a “less natural” generalization of S_n is the so-called Brauer semigroup \mathfrak{B}_n , which appeared in the context of centralizer algebras in representation theory in [Br]. The basis of this algebra can be described in a nice combinatorial way using special *diagrams* (see Section 2). This combinatorial description motivated a generalization of the Brauer algebra, the so-called *partition algebra*, which has its origins in physics, see [Mar1]. This algebra leads to another finite semigroup, the *partition semigroup*, usually denoted by \mathfrak{C}_n . Many classical semigroups, in particular, S_n , \mathcal{IS}_n , \mathfrak{B}_n and some others (again see Section 2) are subsemigroups in \mathfrak{C}_n .

In the present paper we address the question of finding a presentation for some subsemigroups of \mathfrak{C}_n . As we have already mentioned, for S_n this is a famous and very important result, where the major role is played by the so-called *braid relations*. Because of the “geometric” nature of the generators of the semigroups we consider, our initial motivation was that the additional relations for our semigroups would be some kind of “singular deformations” of the braid relations (analogous to the case of the singular braid monoid, see [Ba, Bi]). In particular, we wanted to get a complete list of “deformations” of the braid relations, which can appear in our cases. Surprisingly enough,

in some cases it turned out that the variations of the braid relations are not enough. For example, already for the Brauer semigroup \mathfrak{B}_n there appears the “ghost relation” (3.5), which we can not interpret as any kind of deformation of the braid relations. Analogous effect also happens for $\mathcal{P}\mathfrak{B}_n$.

As the main results of the paper we obtain a presentation for the semigroup \mathfrak{B}_n (see Section 3), its partial analogue $\mathcal{P}\mathfrak{B}_n$ (which can be also called the *rook Brauer monoid*, see Section 5, and is a kind of mixture of \mathfrak{B}_n and \mathcal{IS}_n), and a special inverse subsemigroup \mathcal{IT}_n of \mathfrak{C}_n , which is isomorphic to the greatest factorizable inverse submonoid of the dual symmetric inverse monoid (see Section 4). The technical details in all cases are quite different, however, the general approach is the same. We first “guess” the relations and in the standard way obtain an epimorphism from the semigroup T , given by the corresponding presentation, onto the semigroup we are dealing with. The only problem is to show that this epimorphism is in fact a bijection. For this we have to compare the cardinalities of the semigroups. In all our cases the symmetric group S_n is the group of units in T . The product $S_n \times S_n$ thus acts on T via multiplication from the left and from the right. The idea is to show that each orbit of this action contains a very special element, for which, using the relations, one can estimate the cardinality of the stabilizer. The necessary statement then follows by comparing the cardinalities.

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2 Brauer type semigroups

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we denote by S_n the *symmetric group* of all permutations on the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. We will consider the natural *right* action of S_n on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and the induced action on the Boolean of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. For a semigroup, S , we denote by $E(S)$ the set of all idempotents of S .

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $M = M_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, $M' = \{1', 2', \dots, n'\}$. We will consider $' : M \rightarrow M$ as a bijection, whose inverse we will also denote by $'$.

Consider the set \mathfrak{C}_n of all decompositions of $M \cup M'$ into disjoint unions of subsets. Given $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{C}_n$, $\alpha = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_k$ and $\beta = Y_1 \cup \dots \cup Y_l$, we define their product $\gamma = \alpha\beta$ as the unique element of \mathfrak{C}_n satisfying the following conditions:

- (P1) For $i, j \in M$ the elements i and j belong to the same block of the decomposition γ if and only if they belong to the same block of the decomposition α or there exists a sequence, s_1, \dots, s_m , where m is even, of elements from M such that i and s'_1 belong to the same block of α ; s_1 and s_2 belong to the same block of β ; s'_2 and s'_3 belong to the same block of α and so on; s_{m-1} and s_m belong to the same block of β ; s'_m and j belong to the same block of α .
- (P2) For $i, j \in M$ the elements i' and j' belong to the same block of the decomposition γ if and only if they belong to the same block of the decomposition β or there exists a sequence, s_1, \dots, s_m , where m is even, of elements from M such that i' and s_1 belong to the same block of β ; s'_1 and s'_2 belong to the same block of α ; s_2 and s_3 belong to the same block of β and so on; s'_{m-1} and s'_m belong to the same block of α ; s_m and j' belong to the same block of β .
- (P3) For $i, j \in M$ the elements i and j' belong to the same block of the decomposition γ if and only if there exists a sequence, s_1, \dots, s_m , where m is odd, of elements from M such that i and s'_1 belong to the same block of α ; s_1 and s_2 belong to the same block of β ; s'_2 and s'_3 belong to the same block of α and so on; s'_{m-1} and s'_m belong to the same block of α ; s_m and j' belong to the same block of β .

One can think about the elements of \mathfrak{C}_n as “microchips” or “generalized microchips” with n pins on the left hand side (corresponding to the elements of M) and n pins on the right hand side (corresponding to the elements of M'). For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ we connect two pins of the corresponding chip if and only if they belong to the same set of the partition α . The operation described above can then be viewed as a “composition” of such chips: having $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ we identify (connect) the right pins of α with the corresponding left pins of β , which uniquely defines a connection of the remaining pins (which are the left pins of α and the right pins of β). An example of multiplication of two chips from \mathfrak{C}_n is given on Figure 1. Note that, performing the operation we can obtain some “dead circles” formed by some identified pins from α and β . These circles should be disregarded (however they play an important role in representation theory as they allow to deform the multiplication in the semigroup algebra). From this interpretation it is fairly obvious that the composition of elements from \mathfrak{C}_n defined above is associative. On the level of associative algebra, the partition algebra was defined in [Mar1] and then studied by several authors especially in recent years, see for example [Bl, Mar2, MarEl, MarWo, Pa, Xi]. Purely as a semigroup it seems that \mathfrak{C}_n appeared in [Maz2].

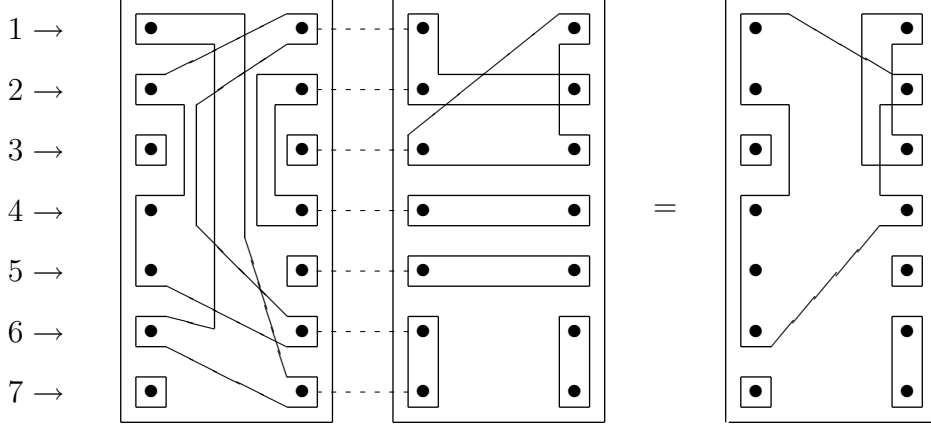


Figure 1: Multiplication of elements of \mathfrak{C}_n .

Let $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ and X be a block of α . The block X will be called

- a *line* provided that $|X| = 2$ and X intersects with both M and M' ;
- a *generalized line* provided that X intersects with both M and M' ;
- a *bracket* if $|X| = 2$ and either $X \subset M$ or $X \subset M'$;
- a *generalized bracket* if $|X| \geq 2$ and either $X \subset M$ or $X \subset M'$;
- a *point* if $|X| = 1$.

By a *Brauer-type semigroup* we will mean a “natural” subsemigroup of the semigroup \mathfrak{C}_n . Here are some examples:

- (E1) The subsemigroup, consisting of all elements $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block of α is a line. This subsemigroup is canonically identified with S_n and is the group of units of \mathfrak{C}_n .
- (E2) The subsemigroup, consisting of all elements $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block of α is either a line or a point. This subsemigroup is canonically identified with the *symmetric inverse semigroup* \mathcal{IS}_n .
- (E3) The subsemigroup \mathfrak{B}_n , consisting of all elements $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block of α is either a line or a bracket. This is the classical *Brauer semigroup*, see [Ke, Maz1].

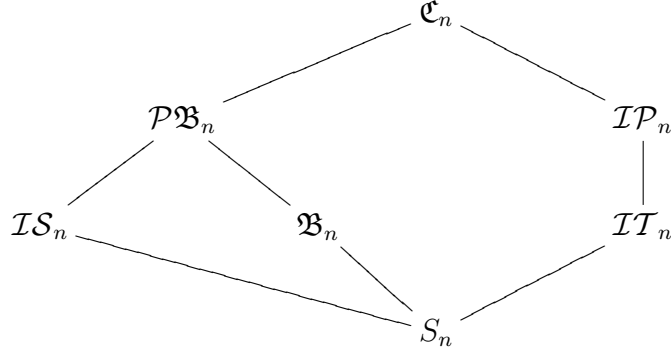


Figure 2: Inclusions for classical Brauer-type semigroups

- (E4) The subsemigroup \mathcal{PB}_n , consisting of all elements $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block of α is either a line or a bracket or a point. This is the *partial analogue of the Brauer semigroup*, see [Maz1].
- (E5) The subsemigroup \mathcal{IP}_n , consisting of all $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block of α is a generalized line. In this form the semigroup \mathcal{IP}_n appeared in [Mal2, Mal3]. It is easy to see that the semigroup \mathcal{IP}_n is isomorphic to the *dual symmetric inverse monoid* \mathcal{I}_M^* from [FL].
- (E6) The subsemigroup \mathcal{IT}_n , consisting of all $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ such that each block X of α is a generalized line and $|X \cap M| = |X \cap M'|$. In this form the semigroup \mathcal{IT}_n appeared in [Mal3]. The semigroup \mathcal{IT}_n is isomorphic to the *greatest factorizable inverse submonoid* \mathcal{F}_M^* of \mathcal{I}_M^* from [FL].

All the semigroups described above are regular. S_n is a group. The semigroups \mathcal{IS}_n , \mathcal{IP}_n and \mathcal{IT}_n are inverse, while \mathfrak{C}_n , \mathfrak{B}_n and \mathcal{PB}_n are not. The partially ordered set consisting of these semigroups, with the partial order given by inclusions, is illustrated on Figure 2.

In what follows we will need some easy combinatorial results for Brauer-type semigroups. For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ we define the *rank* $\text{rk}(\alpha)$ of α as the number of generalized lines in α , that is the number of blocks in α intersecting with both M and M' . Note that for the semigroups S_n , \mathcal{IS}_n , \mathfrak{B}_n , \mathcal{PB}_n and \mathfrak{C}_n ranks of the elements classify the \mathcal{D} -classes (this is obvious for S_n , for \mathcal{IS}_n this is an easy exercise, for \mathfrak{B}_n and \mathcal{PB}_n this can be found in [Maz1], and for \mathfrak{C}_n it can be obtained by arguments similar to those from [Maz1] for \mathfrak{B}_n).

For the semigroup \mathcal{IT}_n we will need a different notion. Let X be a set and $X = \cup_{i=1}^k X_k$ be a decomposition of X into a union of pairwise disjoint subsets. For each i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, let m_i denote the number of subsets of

this decomposition, whose cardinality equals i . The tuple $(m_1, \dots, m_{|X|})$ will be called the *type* of the decomposition. Consider an element, $\alpha \in \mathcal{IT}_n$. By definition α is a decomposition of $M \cup M'$ into a disjoint union of subsets, whose intersections with M and M' have the same cardinality. Let (m_1, \dots, m_{2n}) be the type of this decompositions (note that $m_i \neq 0$ only if i is even). The element α induces a decomposition of M into disjoint subsets, whose blocks are intersections of the blocks of α with M . By the *type* of α we will mean the type of this decomposition of M , which is obviously equal to $(m_2, m_4, \dots, m_{2n})$. The types of elements from \mathcal{IT}_n correspond bijectively to partitions of n (a *partition*, $\lambda \vdash n$, of n is a tuple, $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$, of positive integers such that $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k$ and $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k = n$). The types of the elements classify the \mathcal{D} -classes in \mathcal{IT}_n , see [FL, Section 3].

For the semigroup \mathcal{PB}_n we will need a more complicated technical tool. Although \mathcal{D} -classes are classified by ranks we will need to distinguish elements of a given rank, so we introduce the notion of a type. For $\alpha \in \mathcal{PB}_n$ let r denote the number of lines in α ; b_1 the number of brackets in α , contained in M ; b_2 the number of brackets in α , contained in M' ; p_1 the number of points in α , contained in M ; p_2 the number of points in α , contained in M' . Obviously $n = r + 2b_1 + p_1 = r + 2b_2 + p_2$. Define the *type* of α as follows:

$$\text{type}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} (b_2, b_1 - b_2, 0, p_1), & b_1 \geq b_2; \\ (b_1, 0, b_2 - b_1, p_2), & b_2 > b_1. \end{cases}$$

We will need the following explicit combinatorial formulae for the number of elements of a given rank or type.

Proposition 1. (a) For $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ the number of elements of rank k in \mathcal{IS}_n equals $\binom{n}{k}^2 k!$.

(b) For $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the number of elements of rank k in \mathcal{B}_n equals 0 if $n - k$ is odd and $\frac{\binom{n}{2l}^2}{2^{2l}(l!)^2 k!}$ if $n - k = 2l$ is even.

(c) The number of elements of \mathcal{IT}_n of type (m_1, \dots, m_n) equals

$$\frac{\binom{n}{n}^2}{\prod_{i=1}^n (m_i! (i!)^{2m_i})}.$$

(d) For all non-negative integers k, m, t such that $2k + 2m + t \leq n$ the number of elements of the type $(k, m, 0, t)$ in \mathcal{PB}_n is equal to the number of elements of the type $(k, 0, m, t)$ in \mathcal{PB}_n and equals

$$\frac{\binom{n}{n}^2}{k! 2^k (t + 2m)! (k + m)! 2^{k+mt} (n - 2k - 2m - t)!}.$$

Proof. This is a straightforward combinatorial calculation. \square

Remark 2. The semigroup \mathfrak{C}_n can be also connected to some other semigroups of binary relations. As we have already mentioned, the subsemigroup \mathcal{IP}_n of \mathfrak{C}_n is isomorphic to the dual symmetric inverse monoid \mathcal{I}_M^* from [FL], which is the semigroup of all difunctional binary relations under the operation of taking the smallest difunctional binary relations, containing the product of two given relations. The semigroup \mathcal{IT}_n is isomorphic to the greatest factorizable inverse submonoid of \mathcal{I}_M^* , that is to the semigroup $E(\mathcal{I}_M^*)S_n$. One can also deform the multiplication in \mathfrak{C}_n in the following way: given $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{C}_n$ define $\gamma = \alpha \star \beta$ as follows: all blocks of γ are either points or generalized lines, and for $i, j \in M$ the elements i and j' belong to the same block of γ if and only if i belongs to some block X of α and j' belongs to some block Y of β such that $X \cap M' = (Y \cap M)'$. It is straightforward that this deformed multiplication is associative and hence we get a new semigroup, $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n$. This semigroup is an inflation of Vernitsky's inverse semigroup (D_X, \diamond) , see [Ve], which is a subsemigroup of $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n$ in the natural way. An isomorphic object can be obtained if instead of points one requires that γ contains at most one generalized bracket, which is a subset of M , and at most one generalized bracket, which is a subset of M' .

3 Presentation for \mathfrak{B}_n

For $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ we denote by s_i the elementary transposition $(i, i+1) \in S_n$, and by π_i the element $\{i, i+1\} \cup \{i', (i+1)'\} \cup \bigcup_{j \neq i, i+1} \{j, j'\}$ of \mathfrak{B}_n (the elementary *atom* from [Maz1]). It is easy to see (and can be derived from the results of [Maz1] and [Mal1]) that \mathfrak{B}_n is generated by $\{s_i\} \cup \{\pi_i\}$ as a monoid. Moreover, \mathfrak{B}_n is even generated by $\{s_i\}$ and, for example, π_1 . However, we think that the set $\{s_i\} \cup \{\pi_i\}$ is more natural as a system of generators for \mathfrak{B}_n , for example because of the connection between Brauer and Temperley-Lieb algebras (and analogy with the singular braid monoid, see [Ba, Bi]). In this section we obtain a presentation for \mathfrak{B}_n with respect to this system of generators.

Let T denote the monoid with the identity element e , generated by the elements $\sigma_i, \theta_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, subject to the following relations (where

$i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$):

$$\sigma_i^2 = e; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i, \quad |i-j| > 1; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_i = \sigma_j \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad |i-j| = 1; \quad (3.1)$$

$$\theta_i^2 = \theta_i; \quad \theta_i \theta_j = \theta_j \theta_i, \quad |i-j| > 1; \quad \theta_i \theta_j \theta_i = \theta_i, \quad |i-j| = 1; \quad (3.2)$$

$$\theta_i \sigma_i = \sigma_i \theta_i = \theta_i, \quad \theta_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \theta_i, \quad |i-j| > 1; \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sigma_i \theta_j \sigma_i = \sigma_j \theta_i \sigma_j, \quad \theta_i \sigma_j \theta_i = \theta_i, \quad |i-j| = 1; \quad (3.4)$$

$$\text{and } \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \theta_i \theta_{i+2} = \sigma_{i+2} \sigma_{i+1} \theta_i \theta_{i+2}. \quad (3.5)$$

Theorem 3. *The map $\sigma_i \mapsto s_i$ and $\theta_i \mapsto \pi_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, extends to an isomorphism, $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_n$.*

The rest of the section will be devoted to the proof of Theorem 3.

It is a direct calculation to verify that the generators s_i and π_i of \mathfrak{B}_n satisfy the relations, corresponding to (3.1)–(3.5). Thus the map $\sigma_i \mapsto s_i$ and $\theta_i \mapsto \pi_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, extends to an epimorphism, $\varphi : T \twoheadrightarrow \mathfrak{B}_n$. Hence, to prove Theorem 3 we have only to show that $|T| = |\mathfrak{B}_n|$. To do this we will have to study the structure of the semigroup T in details.

Let W denote the free monoid, generated by σ_i, θ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and $\psi : W \rightarrow T$ denote the canonical projection. Let \sim be the corresponding congruence on W , that is $v \sim w$ provided that $\psi(v) = \psi(w)$. We start with the following description of units in T :

Lemma 4. *The elements σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, generate the group G of units in T , which is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_n .*

Proof. Let $v, w \in W$ be such that $v \sim w$. Assume further that v contains some θ_i . Since θ 's allways occur on both sides in the relations (3.2)–(3.5) and do not occur in the relations (3.1), it follows that w must contain some θ_j . In particular, the submonoid, generated in W by σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, is a union of equivalence classes with respect to \sim . Using the well-known Coxeter presentation of the symmetric group we obtain that σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, generate in T a copy of the symmetric group. All elements of this group are obviously units in T . On the other hand, if $v, w \in W$ and v contains some θ_i , then vw contains θ_i as well. By the above arguments, vw can not be equivalent to the empty word. Hence v is not invertable in T . The claim of the lemma follows. \square

In what follows we will identify the group G of units in T with S_n via the isomorphism, which sends $\sigma_i \in G$ to s_i . There is a natural action of S_n on T by inner automorphisms of T via conjugation: $x^g = g^{-1}xg$ for each $x \in T$, $g \in S_n$.

Lemma 5. *The S_n -stabilizer of θ_1 is the subgroup H of S_n , consisting of all permutations, which preserve the set $\{1, 2\}$. This subgroup is isomorphic to $S_2 \times S_{n-2}$.*

Proof. We have $\sigma_j \theta_1 \sigma_j = \theta_j$, $j \neq 2$, by (3.3). Since σ_j , $j \neq 2$, generate H , we obtain that all elements of H stabilize θ_1 . In particular, the S_n -orbit of θ_1 consists of at most $|S_n|/|H| = \binom{n}{2}$ elements. At the same time, it is easy to see that the S_n -orbit of $\varphi(\theta_1)$ consists of exactly $\binom{n}{2}$ different elements and hence H must coincide with the S_n -stabilizer of θ_1 . \square

Since S_n acts on T via automorphisms and θ_1 is an idempotent, all elements in the S_n -orbit of θ_1 are idempotents. From Lemma 5 it follows that the elements of the S_n -orbit of θ_1 are in the natural bijection with the cosets $H \backslash S_n$. By the definition of H , two elements, $x, y \in S_n$, are contained in the same coset if and only if $x(\{1, 2\}) = y(\{1, 2\})$.

Lemma 6. *The S_n -orbit of θ_1 contains all θ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. Moreover, for $w \in S_n$ we have $w^{-1} \theta_1 w = \theta_i$ if and only if $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, i+1\}$.*

Proof. We use induction on i with the case $i = 1$ being trivial. Let $i > 1$ and assume that θ_{i-1} is contained in our orbit. Then $\theta_i = \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \theta_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1}$ and hence θ_i is contained in our orbit as well. Hence all θ_i indeed belong to the S_n -orbit of θ_1 . The second claim follows from

$$\sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-2} \sigma_{i-1} \cdots \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (\{1, 2\}) = \{i, i+1\}, \quad (3.6)$$

which is obtained by a direct calculation. This completes the proof. \square

For $w \in S_n$ such that $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, j\}$, where $i < j$, we set $\epsilon_{i,j} = w^{-1} \theta_1 w$, which is well defined by Lemma 5.

Lemma 7. *Suppose $\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\} = \emptyset$. Then $\epsilon_{i,j} \epsilon_{p,q} = \epsilon_{p,q} \epsilon_{i,j}$.*

Proof. Since all elements $\epsilon_{i,j}$ are obtained from θ_1 via automorphisms, it is enough to show that θ_1 commutes with all elements $\epsilon_{i,j}$ such that $\{i, j\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$. Take any $v \in S_n$ such that $v(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2\}$ and $v(\{i, j\}) = \{3, 4\}$. Such v obviously exists. Then θ_1 commutes with $\epsilon_{i,j}$ if and only if $v^{-1} \theta_1 v = \theta_1$ commutes with $v^{-1} \epsilon_{i,j} v = \theta_3$. The statement now follows from (3.2). \square

Lemma 8. *Suppose $\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\} \neq \emptyset$. Then $\epsilon_{i,j} \epsilon_{p,q} = u \theta_1 v$ for certain $u, v \in S_n$.*

Proof. If $\{i, j\} = \{p, q\}$ the statement is obvious as $\epsilon_{i,j}$ is an idempotent. Assume $|\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\}| = 1$. Since all elements $\epsilon_{i,j}$ are obtained from θ_1 via automorphisms, it is enough to consider the case when $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$, $p = 2$ and $q > 2$. Consider $v \in S_n$ such that $v(1) = 1, v(2) = 2$ and $v(q) = 3$. Then, using (3.3) and (3.4) we have

$$v^{-1}\theta_1\epsilon_{p,q}v = \theta_1\theta_2 = \theta_1\sigma_1\sigma_2\theta_1\sigma_2\sigma_1 = \theta_1\sigma_2\theta_1\sigma_2\sigma_1 = \theta_1\sigma_2\sigma_1.$$

The statement follows. \square

For each k , $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, set $\delta_k = \theta_1\theta_3 \dots \theta_{2k-1}$. Set also $\delta_0 = e$. The elements δ_i , $0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, will be called *canonical*. The group $S_n \times S_n$ acts naturally on T via $(g, h)(x) = g^{-1}xh$ for $x \in T$ and $(g, h) \in S_n \times S_n$.

Lemma 9. *Every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains a canonical element.*

Proof. Let $x \in T$. If $x \in S_n$ the statement is obvious. Assume that $x \notin S_n$. By Lemma 6 we can write $x = w\theta_1g_1\theta_1g_2 \dots \theta_1g_k$ for some $k \geq 1$ and $w, g_1, \dots, g_k \in S_n$. Moreover, we may assume that x can not be written as a product of θ_1 's and elements of S_n , which contains less than k occurrences of θ_1 . We have

$$\begin{aligned} x &= w(g_1 \dots g_k)(g_1 \dots g_k)^{-1}\theta_1(g_1 \dots g_k) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (g_2 \dots g_k)^{-1}\theta_1(g_2 \dots g_k) \dots (g_{k-1}g_k)^{-1}\theta_1(g_{k-1}g_k)g_k^{-1}\theta_1g_k, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

and hence we can write

$$x = u\epsilon_{i_1, j_1} \dots \epsilon_{i_k, j_k}, \quad (3.8)$$

where $u = wg_1 \dots g_k$ and $\{i_t, j_t\} = \{(g_t \dots g_k)(1), (g_t \dots g_k)(2)\}$, $1 \leq t \leq k$. Since x is chosen such that it can not be reduced to an element of T which contains less than k entries of θ_1 , from Lemma 7 and Lemma 8 it follows that $\{i_t, j_t\} \cap \{i_s, j_s\} = \emptyset$ for any two factors $\epsilon_{i_t, j_t}, \epsilon_{i_s, j_s}$ in (3.8). This implies that the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of x contains $\epsilon_{i_1, j_1} \dots \epsilon_{i_k, j_k}$ with $\{i_t, j_t\} \cap \{i_s, j_s\} = \emptyset$ for all $s \neq t$.

Now consider some $v \in S_n$ such that $v(i_1) = 1, v(j_1) = 2, v(i_2) = 3$ and so on, $v(j_k) = 2k$. Then the element $v^{-1}\epsilon_{i_1, j_1} \dots \epsilon_{i_k, j_k}v$ is canonical by definition. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 10. From the proof of Lemma 9 it follows that each $x \in T$ can be written in the form $x = w\theta_1g_1\theta_1g_2 \dots \theta_1g_k$, where $k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$.

Lemma 11. *The $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of the canonical element δ_k , $0 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, contains at most*

$$\frac{(n!)^2}{2^{2k}(k!)^2(n-2k)!}$$

elements.

Proof. It is enough to show that the stabilizer of δ_k under the $S_n \times S_n$ -action contains at least $(k!)^2 2^{2k} (n - 2k)!$ elements. Set

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_i^0 &= \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i-1} \sigma_{2i+1} \sigma_{2i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k-1; \\ \Sigma_i^1 &= \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i-1} \sigma_{2i+1} \sigma_{2i} \sigma_{2i-1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k-1.\end{aligned}$$

Then both Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 swap the sets $\{2i-1, 2i\}$ and $\{2i+1, 2i+2\}$. It follows that the group H , generated by all Σ_i^0 , consists of all permutations of the set $\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \dots, \{2k-1, 2k\}$ and is therefore isomorphic to the group S_k . It is further easy to see that the group \tilde{H} , generated by all Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 , is isomorphic to the wreath product $H \wr S_2$. From (3.5) and (3.3) it follows that the left multiplication with both Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 stabilizes δ_k . Therefore for each element of \tilde{H} the left multiplication with this element stabilizes δ_k as well. Similarly one proves that the right multiplication with each element from \tilde{H} stabilizes δ_k . Apart from this, from (3.3) we have that the conjugation by any element from the group $H' = \langle \sigma_{2k+1}, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \rangle \simeq S_{n-2k}$ stabilizes δ_k .

Observe that the group, generated by the left copy of \tilde{H} , the right copy of \tilde{H} , and the H' is a direct product of these three components. Using the product rule we derive that the cardinality of the stabilizer of δ_k is at least

$$(|H \wr S_2|)^2 |S_{n-2k}| = (k!)^2 2^{2k} (n - 2k)!,$$

and the proof is complete. \square

Corollary 12.

$$|T| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(n!)^2}{2^{2k} (k!)^2 (n - 2k)!}.$$

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 11 and Remark 10 by a direct calculation. \square

Proof of Theorem 3. Comparing Corollary 12 and Proposition 1(b) we have $|T| \leq |\mathfrak{B}_n|$. Since $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_n$ is surjective we have $|T| \geq |\mathfrak{B}_n|$. Hence $|T| = |\mathfrak{B}_n|$ and φ is an isomorphism. \square

4 Presentation for \mathcal{IT}_n

For $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ let ϱ_i denote the element $\{i, i+1, i', (i+1)'\} \cup \bigcup_{j \neq i, i+1} \{j, j'\} \in \mathcal{IT}_n$. By [Mal3, Proposition 9], the elements $\{\sigma_i\}$ and $\{\varrho_i\}$ generate \mathcal{IT}_n (and even $\{\sigma_i\}$ and, say ϱ_1 , do).

Let T denote the monoid with the identity element e , generated by the elements $\sigma_i, \tau_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, subject to the following relations (where $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$):

$$\sigma_i^2 = e; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i, \quad |i-j| > 1; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_i = \sigma_j \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad |i-j| = 1; \quad (4.1)$$

$$\tau_i^2 = \tau_i; \quad \tau_i \tau_j = \tau_j \tau_i, \quad i \neq j; \quad (4.2)$$

$$\tau_i \sigma_i = \sigma_i \tau_i = \tau_i; \quad \tau_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \tau_i, \quad |i-j| > 1; \quad (4.3)$$

$$\sigma_i \tau_j \sigma_i = \sigma_j \tau_i \sigma_j \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_i \sigma_j \tau_i = \tau_i \tau_j, \quad |i-j| = 1. \quad (4.4)$$

Theorem 13. *The map $\sigma_i \mapsto s_i$ and $\tau_i \mapsto \varrho_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, extends to an isomorphism, $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathcal{IT}_n$.*

The rest of the section will be devoted to the proof of Theorem 13.

It is a direct calculation to verify that the generators s_i and ϱ_i of \mathcal{IT}_n satisfy the relations, corresponding to (4.1)–(4.4). Thus the map $\sigma_i \mapsto s_i$ and $\tau_i \mapsto \varrho_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, extends to an epimorphism, $\varphi : T \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{IT}_n$. Hence, to prove Theorem 13 we have only to show that $|T| = |\mathcal{IT}_n|$. As in the previous section, to do this we will study the structure of T in details. Let W denote the free monoid, generated by $\sigma_i, \tau_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, $\psi : W \twoheadrightarrow T$ denote the canonical projection, and \sim be the corresponding congruence on W . The first part of our arguments is very similar to that from the previous Section.

Lemma 14. *The elements $\sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, n-1$, generate the group G of units in T , which is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_n (and will be identified with S_n in the sequel).*

Proof. Analogous to that of Lemma 4. □

There are two natural actions on T :

- (I) The group S_n acts on T by inner automorphisms via conjugation.
- (II) The group $S_n \times S_n$ acts on T via $(g, h)(x) = g^{-1}xh$ for $x \in T$ and $(g, h) \in S_n \times S_n$.

Lemma 15. *The S_n -stabilizer of τ_1 is the subgroup H of S_n , consisting of all permutations, which preserve the set $\{1, 2\}$. This subgroup is isomorphic to $S_2 \times S_{n-2}$.*

Proof. Analogous to that of Lemma 5. □

Since S_n acts on T via automorphisms and τ_1 is an idempotent, all elements in the S_n -orbit of τ_1 are idempotents. From Lemma 15 it follows that the elements of the S_n -orbit of τ_1 are in the natural bijection with the cosets $H \backslash S_n$. By the definition of H , two elements, $x, y \in S_n$, are contained in the same coset if and only if $x(\{1, 2\}) = y(\{1, 2\})$.

Lemma 16. *The S_n -orbit of τ_1 contains all τ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$. Moreover, for $w \in S_n$ we have $w^{-1}\tau_1w = \tau_i$ if and only if $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, i + 1\}$.*

Proof. Analogous to that of Lemma 6. □

Lemma 17. *All elements in the S_n -orbit of τ_1 commute.*

Proof. Since all elements in the S_n -orbit of τ_1 are obtained from τ_1 via automorphisms, it is enough to show that τ_1 commutes with all elements in this orbit. Let $w \in S_n$ be such that $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, j\}$. If $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ then $w^{-1}\tau_1w = \tau_1$ by Lemma 16 and hence we may assume $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, 2\}$.

Take any $v \in S_n$ such that

- $v(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2\}$ and $v(\{i, j\}) = \{3, 4\}$ if $\{i, j\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$;
- $v(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2\}$ and $v(\{i, j\}) = \{2, 3\}$ if $\{i, j\} \cap \{1, 2\} \neq \emptyset$.

Such v obviously exists. Then τ_1 commutes with $w^{-1}\tau_1w$ if and only if $v^{-1}\tau_1v$ commutes with $v^{-1}w^{-1}\tau_1wv$. Using our choice of v and Lemma 16 we have $v^{-1}\tau_1v = \tau_1$ and $v^{-1}w^{-1}\tau_1wv = \tau_j$, where $j = 3$ if $\{i, j\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$, and $j = 2$ otherwise. The statement now follows from (4.2). □

For $w \in S_n$ such that $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, j\}$, where $i < j$, we set $\varepsilon_{i,j} = w^{-1}\tau_1w$, which is well defined by Lemma 15.

Lemma 18. *Let $\{i, j, k\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $i < j < k$. Then*

$$\varepsilon_{i,j}\varepsilon_{j,k} = \varepsilon_{i,k}\varepsilon_{j,k} = \varepsilon_{i,j}\varepsilon_{i,k}.$$

Proof. We prove that $\varepsilon_{i,j}\varepsilon_{j,k} = \varepsilon_{i,k}\varepsilon_{j,k}$ and the second equality is proved by analogous arguments. Let $w \in S_n$ be such that $w(i) = 1, w(j) = 2, w(k) = 3$. Conjugating by w we reduce our equality to the equality $\tau_1\tau_2 = \sigma_2\tau_1\sigma_2\tau_2$. Using (4.3) and (4.4) we have

$$\sigma_2\tau_1\sigma_2\tau_2 = \sigma_1\tau_2\sigma_1\tau_2 = \sigma_1\tau_1\tau_2 = \tau_1\tau_2.$$

The claim follows. □

For $i, j \in M$ set $\varepsilon_{i,i} = e$ and $\varepsilon_{i,j} = \varepsilon_{j,i}$ if $j < i$. For a non-empty binary relation, ρ , on M set

$$\varepsilon_\rho = \prod_{i\rho j} \varepsilon_{i,j}.$$

Corollary 19. *Let ρ be non-empty binary relation on M and ρ^* be the reflexive-symmetric-transitive closure of ρ . Then $\varepsilon_\rho = \varepsilon_{\rho^*}$*

Proof. Follows easily from Lemma 17, Lemma 18 and the fact that all $\varepsilon_{i,j}$'s are idempotents. \square

Let $\lambda : \{1, \dots, n\} = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_k$ be a decomposition of M into an unordered union of pairwise disjoint sets. With this decomposition we associate the equivalence relation ρ_λ on M , whose equivalence classes coincide with X_i 's.

Corollary 20. *Let λ and μ be two decompositions of M as above. Assume that the types of λ and μ coincide. Then $\varepsilon_{\rho_\lambda}$ and ε_{ρ_μ} are conjugate in T .*

Proof. Let $v \in S_n$ be an element, which maps λ to μ (such element exists since the types of λ and μ are the same). One easily sees that $v^{-1}\varepsilon_{\rho_\lambda}v = \varepsilon_{\rho_\mu}$. The statement follows. \square

A decomposition, $\lambda : \{1, \dots, n\} = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_k$, is called *canonical* provided that (up to a permutation of the blocks) we have $|X_1| \geq |X_2| \geq \dots \geq |X_k|$, $X_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, l_1\}$, $X_2 = \{l_1 + 1, l_1 + 2, \dots, l_1 + l_2\}$ and so on. Note that in this case λ can also be viewed as a *partition* of n . The element $\varepsilon_{\rho_\lambda}$ will be called *canonical* provided that λ is canonical.

Lemma 21. *Every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains a canonical element.*

Proof. Because of Corollary 20 it is enough to show that every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains $\varepsilon_{\rho_\lambda}$ for some decomposition λ . Let $x \in T$. If $x \in S_n$, then the statement is obvious. Let $x \in T \setminus S_n$. From Lemma 16 we have that the semigroup T is generated by S_n and τ_1 . Hence we have $x = w\tau_1g_1\tau_1g_2 \dots \tau_1g_k$ for some $w, g_1, \dots, g_k \in S_n$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x &= w(g_1 \dots g_k)(g_1 \dots g_k)^{-1}\tau_1(g_1 \dots g_k) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (g_2 \dots g_k)^{-1}\tau_1(g_2 \dots g_k) \dots (g_{k-1}g_k)^{-1}\tau_1(g_{k-1}g_k)g_k^{-1}\tau_1g_k, \end{aligned}$$

and hence we can write $x = u\varepsilon_{i_1, j_1} \dots \varepsilon_{i_k, j_k}$, where $u = wg_1 \dots g_k$ and

$$\{i_t, j_t\} = \{(g_t \dots g_k)(1), (g_t \dots g_k)(2)\}, \quad 1 \leq t \leq k.$$

Define the equivalence relation ρ as the reflexive-symmetric-transitive closure of the relation $\{(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_k, j_k)\}$ and λ be the corresponding decomposition of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. From Corollary 19 we get that the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of x contains $\varepsilon_\rho = \varepsilon_{\rho_\lambda}$. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 22. *Let λ be a canonical decomposition of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. For $i = 1, \dots, n$ set $\lambda^{(i)} = |\{j : |X_j| = i\}|$. Then the $S_n \times S_n$ -stabilizer of ε_λ contains at least*

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda^{(i)}! (i!)^{2\lambda^{(i)}})$$

elements.

Proof. Fix $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Let X_a, X_{a+1}, \dots, X_b be all blocks of λ of cardinality i . Then for any non-maximal element j of any of X_a, X_{a+1}, \dots, X_b , using Lemma 17, the definition of ε_λ , and (4.3) we have $\sigma_j \varepsilon_\lambda = \varepsilon_\lambda \sigma_j = \varepsilon_\lambda$. Moreover, for any $w \in S_n$, which stabilizes all elements outside $X_a \cup X_{a+1} \cup \dots \cup X_b$ and maps each X_s to some X_t , we have $w(\lambda) = \lambda$ and hence $w^{-1} \varepsilon_\lambda w = \varepsilon_\lambda$. This gives us exactly $\lambda^{(i)}! (i!)^{2\lambda^{(i)}}$ elements of the $S_n \times S_n$ -stabilizer. The statement of the lemma now follows by applying the product rule since for different i the elements above act on pairwise disjoint subsets of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. \square

Corollary 23.

$$|T| \leq \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \frac{(n!)^2}{\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda^{(i)}! (i!)^{2\lambda^{(i)}})}$$

Proof. Canonical elements of T are in bijection with partitions $\lambda \vdash n$ by construction. By Lemma 21, every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains a canonical element. We have $|S_n \times S_n| = (n!)^2$. By Lemma 22, the stabilizer of a canonical element, corresponding to λ , contains at least $\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda^{(i)}! (i!)^{2\lambda^{(i)}})$ elements. The statement now follows by applying the sum rule. \square

Proof of Theorem 13. Comparing Corollary 23 and Proposition 1(c) we have $|T| \leq |\mathcal{IT}_n|$. Since $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathcal{IT}_n$ is surjective we have $|T| \geq |\mathcal{IT}_n|$. Hence $|T| = |\mathcal{IT}_n|$ and φ is an isomorphism. \square

Remark 24. From the above arguments it follows that the inequality obtained in Lemma 22 is in fact an equality. From the proof of Lemma 22 one easily derives that the $S_n \times S_n$ -stabilizer of ε_λ is isomorphic to the direct product of wreath products $S_{\lambda^{(i)}} \wr (S_i \times S_i)$.

Remark 25. Following the arguments of the proof of Theorem 13 one easily proves the following presentation for the symmetric inverse semigroup \mathcal{IS}_n : \mathcal{IS}_n is generated, as a monoid, by $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, \vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n$ subject to the following relations:

$$\sigma_i^2 = e; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i, \quad |i - j| > 1; \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_i = \sigma_j \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad |i - j| = 1; \quad (4.5)$$

$$\vartheta_i^2 = \vartheta_i; \quad \vartheta_i \vartheta_j = \vartheta_j \vartheta_i \quad i \neq j; \quad (4.6)$$

$$\sigma_i \vartheta_i = \vartheta_{i+1} \sigma_i; \quad \sigma_i \vartheta_j = \vartheta_j \sigma_i, \quad j \neq i, i + 1; \quad \vartheta_i \sigma_i \vartheta_i = \vartheta_i \vartheta_{i+1}. \quad (4.7)$$

The classical presentation for \mathcal{IS}_n usually involves only one additional generator (namely ϑ_1) and can be found for example in [Li, Chapter 9].

5 Presentation for \mathcal{PB}_n

For $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ let ς_i denote the element $\{i\} \cup \{i'\} \cup \bigcup_{j \neq i} \{j, j'\}$. Using [Maz1], it is easy to see that \mathcal{PB}_n is generated by $\{\sigma_i\} \cup \{\pi_i\} \cup \{\varsigma_i\}$ (and even by $\{\sigma_i\}$, π_1 and ς_1).

Let T denote the monoid with the identity element e , generated by the elements $\sigma_i, \theta_i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, and $\vartheta_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, subject to the relations (3.1)–(3.5), the relations from Remark 25, and the following relations (for all appropriate i and j):

$$\theta_i \vartheta_j = \theta_i \vartheta_j, \quad j \neq i, i + 1; \quad (5.1)$$

$$\theta_i \vartheta_i = \theta_i \vartheta_{i+1} = \theta_i \vartheta_i \vartheta_{i+1}, \quad \vartheta_i \theta_i = \vartheta_{i+1} \theta_i = \vartheta_i \vartheta_{i+1} \theta_i; \quad (5.2)$$

$$\theta_i \vartheta_i \theta_i = \theta_i, \quad \vartheta_i \theta_i \vartheta_i = \vartheta_i \vartheta_{i+1}; \quad (5.3)$$

$$\sigma_{i+2} \sigma_{i+1} \theta_i \vartheta_{i+2} \vartheta_{i+3} = \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \vartheta_i \theta_i \vartheta_{i+2} \vartheta_{i+2} \quad (5.4)$$

Theorem 26. *The map $\sigma_i \mapsto s_i$, $\theta_i \mapsto \pi_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, and $\vartheta_i \mapsto \varsigma_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, extends to an isomorphism, $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathcal{PB}_n$.*

As in the previous section, one easily checks that this map extends to an epimorphism and hence to complete the proof one has to compare the cardinalities of T and \mathcal{PB}_n .

Similarly to what was done in Section 4, using the presentation of \mathcal{IS}_n given in Remark 25, one proves that elements $\sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, generate the symmetric group S_n , and that the elements $\sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$; $\vartheta_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, generate the semigroup, which is isomorphic to \mathcal{IS}_n (and which will be identified with it). As in Section 4 we consider the natural action of S_n on T by inner automorphisms of T via conjugation: $x^g = g^{-1} x g$ for each $x \in T, g \in S_n$. Set $\xi_i = \theta_i \vartheta_i, \eta_i = \vartheta_i \theta_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

Lemma 27. *The S_n -stabilizer of each of θ_1, ξ_1, η_1 is the subgroup H of S_n , consisting of all permutations, which preserve the set $\{1, 2\}$. This subgroup is isomorphic to $S_2 \times S_{n-2}$.*

Proof. For θ_1 this follows from Lemma 5. For each $j \geq 2$ we have that σ_j commutes with both ξ_1 and η_1 by (3.3) and (4.7) respectively, and hence $\sigma_j \xi_1 \sigma_j = \xi_1$ and $\sigma_j \eta_1 \sigma_j = \eta_1$. Let $j = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 \xi_1 \sigma_1 &= \sigma_1 \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \sigma_1 = \sigma_1 \theta_1 \sigma_1 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_1 = \xi_1; \\ \sigma_1 \eta_1 \sigma_1 &= \sigma_1 \vartheta_1 \theta_1 \sigma_1 = \vartheta_2 \sigma_1 \theta_1 \sigma_1 = \vartheta_2 \theta_1 = \vartheta_1 \theta_1 = \eta_1\end{aligned}$$

by (4.7) and (3.3). Hence σ_1 also stabilizes ξ_1 and η_1 . Since $\sigma_j, j \neq 2$, generate H , we obtain that all elements of H stabilize ξ_1 and η_1 . In particular, the S_n -orbits of ξ_1 and of η_1 consist of at most $|S_n|/|H| = \binom{n}{2}$ elements each. At the same time, the S_n -orbits of $\varphi(\xi_1)$ and $\varphi(\eta_1)$ consist of exactly $\binom{n}{2}$ different elements and hence H must coincide with the S_n -stabilizer of both ξ_1 and η_1 . \square

Since S_n acts on T via automorphisms and θ_1, ξ_1, η_1 are idempotents, all elements in the S_n -orbits of θ_1, ξ_1, η_1 are idempotents as well. From Lemma 27 it follows that the elements of the S_n -orbits of θ_1, ξ_1, η_1 are in the natural bijections with the cosets $H \backslash S_n$. By the definition of H , two elements, $x, y \in S_n$, are contained in the same coset if and only if $x(\{1, 2\}) = y(\{1, 2\})$.

Lemma 28. *The S_n -orbits of θ_1, ξ_1, η_1 contain all elements θ_i, ξ_i and η_i , $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, respectively. Moreover, for $w \in S_n$ we have $w^{-1} \theta_1 w = \theta_i$ if and only if $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, i+1\}$ and analogously for ξ_1 and η_1 .*

Proof. The proof for the S_n -orbit of θ_1 is analogous to that of Lemma 6. We prove the statement for the S_n -orbit of ξ_1 . For the S_n -orbit of η_1 the arguments are analogous. We use induction on i with the case $i = 1$ being trivial. Let $i > 1$ and assume that ξ_{i-1} is contained in our orbit. Then, using (4.7), we compute

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_i &= \theta_i \vartheta_i = \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \theta_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1} \vartheta_i = \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \theta_{i-1} \sigma_i \vartheta_{i-1} \sigma_{i-1} = \\ &\quad \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \theta_{i-1} \vartheta_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1} = \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \xi_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1},\end{aligned}$$

and hence ξ_i is contained in our orbit as well. The second claim follows from (3.6). This completes the proof. \square

For $w \in S_n$ such that $w(\{1, 2\}) = \{i, j\}$, where $i < j$, we set $\epsilon_{i,j} = w^{-1} \theta_1 w$, $\mu_{i,j} = w^{-1} \xi_1 w$, $\nu_{i,j} = w^{-1} \eta_1 w$. All these elements are well defined by Lemma 27.

Lemma 29. (a) $\vartheta_i \epsilon_{i,j} = \vartheta_j \epsilon_{i,j} = \vartheta_i \vartheta_j \epsilon_{i,j} = \nu_{i,j}$; $\vartheta_k \epsilon_{i,j} = \epsilon_{i,j} \vartheta_k$, $k \notin \{i, j\}$.

(b) $\vartheta_i \mu_{i,j} = \vartheta_j \mu_{i,j} = \vartheta_i \vartheta_j \mu_{i,j} = \vartheta_i \vartheta_j$; $\vartheta_k \mu_{i,j} = \mu_{i,j} \vartheta_k$, $k \notin \{i, j\}$.

Proof. First we prove (a). Because of Lemma 28 it is enough to check that $\vartheta_1 \epsilon_{1,2} = \vartheta_2 \epsilon_{1,2} = \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2 \epsilon_{1,2} = \nu_{1,2}$ and that $\vartheta_3 \epsilon_{1,2} = \epsilon_{1,2} \vartheta_3$. The latter equalities follow from (5.2) and (5.1).

Now we prove (b). Again, because of Lemma 28 it is enough to check that $\vartheta_1 \mu_{1,2} = \vartheta_2 \mu_{1,2} = \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2 \mu_{1,2} = \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2$ and that $\vartheta_3 \mu_{1,2} = \mu_{1,2} \vartheta_3$. Using (5.3), (5.2) and (5.1) we have

$$\vartheta_1 \mu_{1,2} = \vartheta_1 \theta_1 \vartheta_1 = \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2; \quad \vartheta_1 \mu_{2,3} = \vartheta_1 \theta_2 \vartheta_2 = \theta_2 \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2 = \theta_2 \vartheta_2 \vartheta_1 = \mu_{2,3} \vartheta_1,$$

as required. \square

Lemma 30. Suppose $\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\} = \emptyset$. Then $\epsilon_{i,j} \epsilon_{p,q} = \epsilon_{p,q} \epsilon_{i,j}$, $\mu_{i,j} \mu_{p,q} = \mu_{p,q} \mu_{i,j}$ and $\epsilon_{i,j} \mu_{p,q} = \mu_{p,q} \epsilon_{i,j}$.

Proof. Following the arguments from the proof of Lemma 7 it is enough to show that $\mu_{1,2} \mu_{3,4} = \mu_{3,4} \mu_{1,2}$ and $\mu_{1,2} \epsilon_{3,4} = \epsilon_{3,4} \mu_{1,2}$, that is that $\xi_1 \xi_3 = \xi_3 \xi_1$ and $\xi_1 \theta_3 = \theta_3 \xi_1$. Using (5.1), (4.6) and (3.2) we have

$$\xi_1 \xi_3 = \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \theta_3 \vartheta_3 = \theta_1 \theta_3 \vartheta_1 \vartheta_3 = \theta_3 \theta_1 \vartheta_3 \vartheta_1 = \theta_3 \vartheta_3 \theta_1 \vartheta_1 = \xi_3 \xi_1,$$

and using (5.1) and (3.2) we also obtain $\xi_1 \theta_3 = \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \theta_3 = \theta_1 \theta_3 \vartheta_1 = \theta_3 \xi_1$, as required. \square

Lemma 31. Suppose $\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\} \neq \emptyset$. Then each of the elements $\epsilon_{i,j} \epsilon_{p,q}$, $\mu_{i,j} \mu_{p,q}$, $\epsilon_{i,j} \mu_{p,q}$, $\mu_{i,j} \epsilon_{p,q}$ equals to the element of the form $u \theta_1 v$ for some $u, v \in \mathcal{IS}_n$.

Proof. Using the argument from the proof of Lemma 8 it is enough to prove the statement only for the elements $\mu_{1,2} \mu_{2,3}$, $\mu_{1,2} \epsilon_{2,3}$, $\epsilon_{1,2} \mu_{2,3}$. We have

$$\mu_{1,2} \mu_{2,3} = \xi_1 \xi_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \theta_2 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_2 \theta_2 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_2 \vartheta_3 = \xi_1 \vartheta_3$$

by (5.2) and (5.3); and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1,2} \epsilon_{2,3} &= \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \theta_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \theta_1 \sigma_1 \vartheta_2 \sigma_2 \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \\ &= \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \vartheta_3 \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \theta_1 \vartheta_3 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \theta_1 \sigma_2 \theta_1 \vartheta_3 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \theta_1 \vartheta_3 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \end{aligned}$$

by (3.1), (3.4), (3.3), (4.7). Finally,

$$\epsilon_{1,2} \mu_{2,3} = \theta_1 \theta_2 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \theta_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \vartheta_2 = \theta_1 \sigma_2 \vartheta_1 \sigma_1.$$

using (3.1), (3.3) and (3.4). The statement follows. \square

For each subset $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ set $\vartheta(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}) = \vartheta_{i_1} \dots \vartheta_{i_k}$. Obviously, $\vartheta(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\})$ is an idempotent and each idempotent of \mathcal{IS}_n has such a form. In the sequel we will use the obvious fact that each element of \mathcal{IS}_n can be written in the form uv , where u is an idempotent, and $v \in S_n$.

As in the previous sections we consider the $S_n \times S_n$ -action on T given by $(g, h)(x) = g^{-1}xh$ for $x \in T$ and $(g, h) \in S_n \times S_n$.

Lemma 32. *Every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains either e or an element of the form $\vartheta(A)\gamma_{i_1, j_1} \dots \gamma_{i_s, j_s}$, where $A \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, the sets $\{i_l, j_l\}$ are pairwise disjoint, and each γ_{i_l, j_l} equals either ϵ_{i_l, j_l} or μ_{i_l, j_l} .*

Proof. The idea of the proof is analogous to that of Lemma 9. Let $x \in T$. If $x \in S_n$ the statement is obvious. Assume that $x \notin S_n$. Since T is generated by \mathcal{IS}_n and θ_1 we can write

$$x = wu\theta_1 u_1 g_1 \theta_1 u_2 g_2 \cdots \theta_1 u_k g_k \quad (5.5)$$

for some $k \geq 1$, $w, g_1, \dots, g_k \in S_n$ and $u, u_1, \dots, u_k \in E(\mathcal{IS}_n)$. Moreover, we may assume that x can not be written as a product of θ_1 's and elements of \mathcal{IS}_n , which contains less than k occurrences of θ_1 . We claim that x can be written as

$$x = wu'\gamma_1^1 g_1' \gamma_1^2 g_2' \cdots \gamma_1^k g_k', \quad (5.6)$$

where, $w, g_1', \dots, g_k' \in S_n$, $u' \in E(\mathcal{IS}_n)$, and each γ_1^i is equal to either θ_1 or ξ_1 . Let us prove this by induction on k . Let $k = 1$ and $x = wu\theta_1 u_1 g_1$. We know that $u_1 = \vartheta(B)$ for some $B \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$. Let $A = B \setminus \{1, 2\}$. Using (5.1) and (5.2) we obtain that

$$x = \begin{cases} wu u_1 \theta_1 g_1, & \text{if } B \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset; \\ wu \vartheta(A) \xi_1 g_1, & \text{if } B \cap \{1, 2\} \neq \emptyset, \end{cases}$$

as required. Let now $k \geq 2$. Applying the basis of the induction to $\theta_1 u_k g_k$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x &= wu\theta_1 u_1 g_1 \theta_1 u_2 g_2 \cdots \theta_1 u_{k-1} g_{k-1} \theta_1 u_k g_k = \\ & wu\theta_1 u_1 g_1 \theta_1 u_2 g_2 \cdots \theta_1 u_{k-1} g_{k-1} u_k' \gamma_1^k g_k, \end{aligned}$$

where u_k' is an idempotent of \mathcal{IS}_n and γ_1^k is either ξ_1 or θ_1 . Now, since $u_{k-1} g_{k-1} u_k' \in \mathcal{IS}_n$, we can write $u_{k-1} g_{k-1} u_k' = u_{k-1}' g_{k-1}'$ for some $g_{k-1}' \in S_n$ and $u_{k-1}' \in E(\mathcal{IS}_n)$. Now (5.6) follows by applying the inductive assumption to $wu\theta_1 u_1 g_1 \theta_1 u_2 g_2 \cdots u_{k-2} g_{k-2} \theta_1 u_{k-1}' g_{k-1}'$.

Similarly to (3.7) we can rewrite (5.6) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= wu'(g_1' \cdots g_k')(g_1' \cdots g_k')^{-1} \gamma_1^1 (g_1' \cdots g_k') \cdot \\ & \cdot (g_2' \cdots g_k')^{-1} \gamma_1^2 (g_2' \cdots g_k') \cdots (g_{k-1}' g_k')^{-1} \gamma_1^{k-1} (g_{k-1}' g_k') g_k'^{-1} \gamma_1^k g_k', \end{aligned}$$

and therefore we can write

$$x = vu' \gamma_{i_1, j_1} \cdots \gamma_{i_k, j_k}, \quad (5.7)$$

where $v = wg'_1 \cdots g'_k$, $\{i_t, j_t\} = \{(g'_t \cdots g'_k)(1), (g'_t \cdots g'_k)(2)\}$, $1 \leq t \leq k$, and each γ_{i_t, j_t} is equal to either ϵ_{i_t, j_t} or μ_{i_t, j_t} . Since x is initially chosen such that it can not be reduced to an element of T , which contains less than k entries of θ_1 , from Lemma 31 it follows that $\{i_t, j_t\} \cap \{i_l, j_l\} = \emptyset$ for any two factors γ_{i_t, j_t} , γ_{i_l, j_l} in (5.7). This implies that the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of x contains $u' \gamma_{i_1, j_1} \cdots \gamma_{i_s, j_s}$ such that $\{i_t, j_t\} \cap \{i_l, j_l\} = \emptyset$ for all $l \neq t$. The statement follows. \square

Corollary 33. *Any $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains either e or an element of the form $\vartheta(A) \gamma_{i_1, j_1} \cdots \gamma_{i_s, j_s}$, such that*

- (i) the sets $\{i_l, j_l\}$ are pairwise disjoint;
- (ii) each γ_{i_l, j_l} equals to either ϵ_{i_l, j_l} or μ_{i_l, j_l} or ν_{i_l, j_l} ;
- (iii) $A \cap \{i_1, j_1, \dots, i_s, j_s\} = \emptyset$.

Proof. This follows from Lemma 32 and Lemma 29. \square

Now we introduce the notion of a canonical element. Let k, l, m, t be some non-negative integers satisfying $2k + 2l + 2m + t \leq n$. Set $\delta(0, 0, 0, 0) = e$ and if at least one of k, l, m, t is not zero, set

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(k, l, m, t) = & \theta_1 \theta_3 \cdots \theta_{2k-1} \xi_{2k+1} \xi_{2k+3} \cdots \xi_{2k+2l-1} \cdot \nu_{2k+2l+1} \nu_{2k+2l+3} \cdots \\ & \cdot \nu_{2k+2l+2m-1} \vartheta_{2k+2l+2m+1} \vartheta_{2k+2l+2m+2} \cdots \vartheta_{2k+2l+2m+t}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

The element $\delta(k, l, m, t)$ such that $l = 0$ or $m = 0$ will be called a *canonical element* of type (k, l, m, n) .

Corollary 34. *Every $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit contains a canonical element.*

Proof. Because of Corollary 33 we have to prove that, the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of the element $\vartheta(A) \gamma_{i_1, j_1} \cdots \gamma_{i_s, j_s}$, satisfying the conditions of Corollary 33, contains a canonical element. Using conjugation, we can always reduce $\vartheta(A) \gamma_{i_1, j_1} \cdots \gamma_{i_s, j_s}$ to some $\delta(k, l, m, t)$. However, it might happen that both m and l will be non-zero. Without loss of generality we may assume $m \geq l \geq 1$. Using (5.4) and conjugation we get that the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of the element $\mu_{i, j} \nu_{p, q}$ contains $\theta_{i, j} \vartheta_p \vartheta_q$ provided that $\{i, j\} \cap \{p, q\} = \emptyset$. Hence the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of our $\delta(k, l, m, t)$ contains $\delta(k+1, l-1, m-1, t+2)$. Proceeding by induction we get that the $S_n \times S_n$ -orbit of our $\delta(k, l, m, t)$ contains $\delta(k+l, 0, m-l, t+2l)$, which is canonical. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 35. *The $S_n \times S_n$ -orbits of the canonical element $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ and $\delta(k, 0, l, t)$ contain at most*

$$\frac{(n!)^2}{(k+l)!2^{k+l}t!k!2^k(2l+t)!(n-2k-2l-t)!}$$

elements.

Proof. We will prove the statement for the element $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$. For $\delta(k, 0, l, t)$ the proof is analogous. We use the arguments similar to those from the proof of Lemma 11. It is enough to show that the stabilizer of $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ under the $S_n \times S_n$ -action contains at least $(k+l)!2^{k+l}t!k!2^k(2l+t)!(n-2k-2l-t)!$ elements. Set

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_i^0 &= \sigma_{2i}\sigma_{2i-1}\sigma_{2i+1}\sigma_{2i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k+l-1; \\ \Sigma_i^1 &= \sigma_{2i}\sigma_{2i-1}\sigma_{2i+1}\sigma_{2i}\sigma_{2i-1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k+l-1.\end{aligned}$$

Then both Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 swap the sets $\{2i-1, 2i\}$ and $\{2i+1, 2i+2\}$. It follows that the group H , generated by all Σ_i^0 , consists of all permutations of the set $\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \dots, \{2k+2l-1, 2k+2l\}$ and is therefore isomorphic to the group S_{k+l} . It is further easy to see that the group \tilde{H} , generated by all Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 , is isomorphic to the wreath product $H \wr S_2$. From (3.5) and (3.3) it follows that the left multiplications with Σ_i^0 and Σ_i^1 stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$. Therefore the left multiplication with each element of \tilde{H} stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ as well. Now, from (4.7) and (5.2) it follows that

$$\sigma_i\eta_i = \sigma_i\vartheta_i\vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i = \vartheta_{i+1}\sigma_i\vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i = \vartheta_i\sigma_i\vartheta_i\theta_i = \vartheta_i\vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i = \eta_i.$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{i+1}\eta_i\eta_{i+2} &= \sigma_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_{i+2} = \sigma_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_i\theta_{i+2} = \\ &= \vartheta_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_i\theta_{i+2} = \vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_{i+2} = \eta_i\eta_{i+2}\end{aligned}$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n-3$ by (5.1) and (4.7) and

$$\sigma_{i+1}\eta_i\vartheta_{i+2} = \sigma_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+1}\theta_i\vartheta_{i+2} = \sigma_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_i = \vartheta_{i+1}\vartheta_{i+2}\theta_i = \eta_i\vartheta_{i+2}$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ again by (5.1) and (4.7). Using this and the fact that η_i commutes with each of θ_j, η_j, ξ_j whenever $|i-j| > 1$ we see that each of the elements $\sigma_i, 2k+2l-1 \leq i \leq 2k+2l+t$, stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ under the left multiplication. All these elements generate the group $H_0 \simeq S_t$, which stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ and has trivial intersection with \tilde{H} . Let $H_1 = H_0 \times \tilde{H}$.

Analogously one shows that there is a group, H_2 , isomorphic to the wreath product $(S_k \wr S_2) \times S_{2l+t}$, such that each element of this group stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ with respect to the right multiplication. Apart from this, from (3.3) we have that conjugation by any element from the group $H_3 = \langle \sigma_{2k+2l+t+1}, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \rangle \simeq S_{n-2k-2l-t}$ stabilizes $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$. Observe that the group, generated by H_1 , H_2 and H_3 , is a direct product of H_1 , H_2 and H_3 . Hence, using the product rule we derive that the cardinality of the stabilizer of $\delta(k, l, 0, t)$ is at least

$$(k+l)!2^{k+l}t!k!2^k(2l+t)!(n-2k-2l-t)!,$$

and the proof is complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 26. Comparing Lemma 35 and Proposition 1(d) we have $|T| \leq |\mathfrak{B}_n|$. Since $\varphi : T \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_n$ is surjective we have $|T| \geq |\mathfrak{B}_n|$. Hence $|T| = |\mathfrak{B}_n|$ and φ is an isomorphism. \square

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