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CONSTRUCTION OF UNIT REGULAR MONOIDS

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ABSTRACT

Let G be the group of units of a monoid S . A unit regular semigroup S should satisfy the condition that corresponding to each $x \in S$ there should exist an element $u \in G$ such that $x = xux$. Consider $S_0 = S \setminus G$ as the set of non units of S . Then evidently S_0 is a regular sub semigroup of S . Then $S = S_0 \cup G$ and $S_0 \cap G = \emptyset$. Conversely starting from a regular semigroup S_0 and a group G we have constructed a unit regular semigroup with S with G as group of units of S and S_0 as semigroup of non-units of S .

1. PRELIMINARIES

For this construction we have introduced the notion of translational hulls. A right translation of a semigroup S is a transformation ρ satisfying the condition that $x(y\rho) = (xy)\rho$ for all x, y in S . A left translation of a semigroup S is a transformation λ satisfying the condition that $(x\lambda)y = (xy)\lambda$ for all x, y in S . If $x(y\lambda) = (x\rho)y$ for all x, y in S , then we say that a right translation ρ and a left translation λ are linked. Corresponding to each element of the semigroup S we can introduce a transformation $\rho_a(\lambda_a)$ of S given by $x\rho_a = xa$ [$x\lambda_a = ax$] for all x in S . If we consider $T(S)$ as the full transformation semigroup on the set S then evidently these transformations are elements of $T(S)$. For any element $a \in S$ the inner translations ρ_a and λ_a are linked. Also the set of left (right) translations can be seen to be a sub semigroup of $T(S)$.

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$$(\lambda_1, \rho_1) (\lambda_2, \rho_2) = (\lambda_2 \lambda_1, \rho_1 \rho_2)$$

Associative property is true and so $\Omega(S)$ is a semigroup. Let $\Omega_0(S) = \{(\lambda_a, \rho_a); a \in S\}$. Then

$\Omega_0(S) \subseteq \Omega(S)$ since ρ_a and λ_a are linked. For any a and b in S , we have

$$(\lambda_a, \rho_a) (\lambda_b, \rho_b) = (\lambda_b \lambda_a, \rho_a \rho_b) = (\lambda_{ab}, \rho_{ab}).$$

Starting from a regular semigroup S_0 and a group G , the method of constructing a unit regular semigroup is illustrated in the following theorem. With respect to the translational hull S_0 we give the conditions required for this construction .

2. A CONSTRUCTION

Given a regular semigroup and a group, we give the conditions required for the construction of unit regular semigroups .

THEOREM 2.1. Let G be a group and S_0 a regular semigroup. Let the translational hull of the semigroup S_0 be $\Omega(S_0)$ and consider Ψ to be a homomorphism from G to $\Omega(S_0)$ defined by $\psi(u) = (\psi_1(u), \psi_2(u))$. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied by Ψ

$\psi_1(1)$ and $\psi_2(1)$ will act as identity permutations on S_0 .

- (i) For every $x \in S_0$, there exists some $u \in G$ such that $(x)\psi_1(u) \in E(S_0)$ (or $(x)\psi_2(u) \in E(S_0)$), considering $E(S_0)$ as the set of idempotents of the regular semigroup S_0
- (ii) $\psi_1(u_1)\psi_2(u_2) = \psi_2(u_2)\psi_1(u_1)$ for any two elements $u_1, u_2 \in G$.

Define S to be the disjoint union of S_0 and G . That is $S = S_0 \cup G$. The binary operation on S can be defined as follows. $ux = (x)\psi_1(u)$ and $xu = (x)\psi_2(u)$ for $x \in S_0$ and $u \in G$. If u and x are elements of G or if they are elements of S_0 , then the product will be same as that in G or S_0 . Then $S = S_0 \cup G$ will be a unit regular semigroup with semigroup of non units as S_0 and group of units as G .

Proof : We will first show that the associative property holds in S . That is we have to prove that

- (i) $u(xy) = (ux)y$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$
- (ii) $(xy)u = x(yu)$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$
- (iii) $x(uy) = (xu)y$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$
- (iv) $(u_1 u_2)x = u_1(u_2 x)$ for $u_1, u_2 \in G$ and $x \in S_0$
- (v) $x(u_1 u_2) = (x u_1)u_2$ for $u_1, u_2 \in G$ and $x \in S_0$
- (vi) $(u_1 x)u_2 = u_1(x u_2)$, for $u_1, u_2 \in G$ and $x \in S_0$

Now since $\psi_1(u)$ is a left translation, $(x\psi_1(u))y = (xy)\psi_1(u)$. So $u(xy) = (ux)y$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$. Now since $\psi_2(u)$ is a right translation $x(y\psi_2(u)) = (xy)\psi_2(u)$. Therefore $(xy)u = x(yu)$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$. Because Ψ is a homomorphism we get $\psi(u_1u_2) = (\psi_1(u_1u_2), \psi_2(u_1u_2))$. Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(u_1)\psi(u_2) &= (\psi_1(u_1), \psi_2(u_1)) (\psi_1(u_2), \psi_2(u_2)) \\ &= (\psi_1(u_2)\psi_1(u_1), \psi_2(u_1)\psi_2(u_2)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\psi_1(u_1u_2) = \psi_1(u_2)\psi_1(u_1)$ and $\psi_2(u_1u_2) = \psi_2(u_1)\psi_2(u_2)$. So $(x)\psi_1(u_1u_2) = (x)[\psi_1(u_2)\psi_1(u_1)]$.

Therefore $(u_1u_2)x = [(x)\psi_1(u_2)]\psi_1(u_1) = u_1(u_2x)$.

In a similar way since $\psi_2(u_1u_2) = \psi_2(u_1)\psi_2(u_2)$ we get that $x(u_1u_2) = (xu_1)u_2$ for $u_1, u_2 \in G, x \in S_0$. Because $\psi_1(u)$ and $\psi_2(u)$ are linked, we get $x(y\psi_1(u)) = (x\psi_2(u))y$. So $x(uy) = (xu)y$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$. By condition (iii) we have $(x)[\psi_1(u_1)\psi_2(u_2)] = (x)[\psi_2(u_2)\psi_1(u_1)]$ for $u_1, u_2 \in G$ and $x \in S_0$. Therefore $[(x)\psi_1(u_1)]\psi_2(u_2) = [(x)\psi_2(u_2)]\psi_1(u_1)$. Hence $(u_1x)u_2 = u_1(xu_2)$. So S is a semigroup. Now since $(x)\psi_1(1) = x$ and $(x)\psi_2(1) = x$ for any $x \in S_0$ we get that $x1 = x$ and $1x = x$ for every $x \in S_0$. Therefore the identity element of G will be same as the identity element of S . Hence S is a monoid.

Now we show that S is unit regular. For $x \in S_0$, let $(x)\psi_1(u) \in E(S_0)$ for some element $u \in G$. Hence, $ux \in E(S_0)$. So $(ux)(ux) = ux$. So $u(xux) = ux$. Therefore $xux = x$. Hence S will be a unit regular semigroup with group of units as G . \square

Next we will show that if S is any unit regular semigroup with G as group of units and S_0 as semigroup of non-units then all the requirements of the above theorem are satisfied.

THEOREM 2.2. Consider S to be a unit regular semigroup. Then there exists a subgroup G of S and a regular sub semigroup S_0 of S such that the mapping Ψ from G to $\Omega(S_0)$ given by $\psi(u) = (\psi_1(u), \psi_2(u))$ is a homomorphism such that

- (i) $\psi_1(1)$ and $\psi_2(1)$ act as the identity permutations on S_0
- (ii) $(x)\psi_1(u)$ [or $(x)\psi_2(u)$] $\in E(S_0)$
- (ii) $\psi_1(u_1)\psi_2(u_2) = \psi_2(u_2)\psi_1(u_1)$ for any $u_1, u_2 \in G$.

Proof : Consider G to be the group of units of S and S_0 to be the set of all non units of S . If $u \in G$ and $x \in S_0$, then ux and $xu \in S_0$. So we can define two functions such as $\psi_1(u)$ and $\psi_2(u)$ defined by

$$x\psi_1(u) = ux \text{ and } x\psi_2(u) = xu, \text{ for } x \in S_0.$$

Hence $\psi_1(u)$ and $\psi_2(u)$ are respectively the left and right translations of S_0 . Also $\psi_1(u)$ and $\psi_2(u)$ are linked since $x(uy) = (xu)y$ for $u \in G$ and $x, y \in S_0$. Hence $(\psi_1(u), \psi_2(u)) \in \Omega(S_0)$. Now define a function Ψ from G to $\Omega(S_0)$ as $\psi(u) = (\psi_1(u), \psi_2(u))$. Then clearly Ψ is a homomorphism. Since S is unit regular, for any $x \in S$ there is some $u \in G$ such that $xux = x$. Hence ux and xu belong to $E(S_0)$. Therefore $(x)\psi_1(u)$ [or $(x)\psi_2(u)$] $\in E(S_0)$ for some $u \in G$.

Clearly $\psi_1(1)$ and $\psi_2(1)$ act as the identity permutations on S_0 . Now for $u_1, u_2 \in G$ and $x \in S_0$ $(u_1x)u_2 = u_1(xu_2)$. Therefore

$$[(x)\psi_1(u_1)] \psi_2(u_2) = [(x)\psi_2(u_2)] \psi_1(u_1) . \text{ So, } (x) [\psi_1(u_1) \psi_2(u_2)] = (x) [\psi_2(u_2) \psi_1(u_1)] \text{ for all } x \in S_0. \text{ Therefore } \psi_1(u_1) \psi_2(u_2) = \psi_2(u_2) \psi_1(u_1) ,$$

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