

## ON CHARACTERIZATIONS OF RIGHT(LEFT) SEMIREGULAR $po$ -SEMIGROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give the characterizations of right(left) semiregular  $po$ -semigroups using the notions of some type ideals.

### 1. Introduction

Recently S. K. Lee and Y. I. Kwon ([1]) introduced the right(left) semiregularity in a  $po$ -semigroup. In this paper, we give the characterizations of right(left) semiregular ordered semigroups.

Kehayopulu considered the ordered semigroups. A  $po$ -semigroup(: ordered semigroup) is an ordered set  $(S, \leq)$  at the same time a semigroup such that

$$a \leq b \implies ca \leq cb \text{ and } ac \leq bc$$

for all  $c \in S$ .

The following definitions are well known from references.

DEFINITION 1. Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$ .  $A$  is called a *left*(resp. *right*) *ideal* of  $S$  if

- 1)  $SA \subseteq A$ (resp.  $AS \subseteq A$ ).
- 2)  $a \in A$  and  $b \leq a$  for  $b \in S \implies b \in A$ .

$A$  is called an *ideal* of  $S$  if  $A$  is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ .

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DEFINITION 2 ([2], [3]). Let  $B$  be a non-empty subset of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$ .  $B$  is called a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if

$$1) BSB \subseteq B.$$

$$2) a \in B \text{ and } b \leq a \text{ for } b \in S \implies b \in B.$$

Every ideal and right(left) ideal is a bi-ideal.

DEFINITION 3 ([1]). An element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is a *right* (resp. *left*) *semiregular element* if  $a \leq axay$  (resp.  $a \leq x'ay'a$ ) for some  $x, y, x', y' \in S$ .

A subsemigroup  $T$  of  $S$  is *right* (resp. *left*) *semiregular* if all elements of  $T$  are right(left) semiregular (cf. also [2]).

NOTATION. For  $H \subseteq S$ ,  $(H) = \{t \in S : t \leq h \text{ for some } h \in H\}$ .

We denote by  $L(a)$  (resp.  $R(a), B(a)$ ) the left (resp. right, bi-) ideal and  $I(a)$  the ideal of  $S$  generated by  $a$ .

One can easily prove that

$$L(a) = (a \cup Sa], \quad R(a) = (a \cup aS],$$

$$B(a) = (a \cup aSa] \text{ and } I(a) = (a \cup aS \cup Sa]$$

(cf. also [7]).

## 2. Main Results

LEMMA. Let  $S$  be a  $po$ -semigroup. We have the following:

$$1) A \subseteq (A] \text{ for any } A \subseteq S.$$

$$2) \text{ If } A \subseteq B \subseteq S, \text{ then } (A] \subseteq (B].$$

$$3) \text{ If } A \text{ is some types of ideal, then } A = (A].$$

$$4) (A](B] \subseteq (AB] \text{ for all } A \text{ and } B \subseteq S.$$

$$5) \text{ For } A, B \subseteq S, (A \cap B] \neq (A] \cap (B], \text{ in general. In particular, if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are some types of ideals of } S, \text{ then } (A \cap B] = (A] \cap (B].$$

PROOF. For 1) - 4), we refer to [6, 7]. If  $A$  and  $B$  are some types of ideals of  $S$ , then

$$(A \cap B] \subseteq (A] \cap (B] = A \cap B \subseteq (A \cap B].$$

We prove the rest of condition 5), by the following example. □

EXAMPLE. We consider the ordered semigroup of the Example 2 in [8], defined by the following multiplication “ $\cdot$ ” and with the order

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (f, f), (a, b), (d, b), (d, c), (f, c)\}$$

|         |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|
| $\cdot$ | a | b | c | d | f |
| a       | b | b | d | d | d |
| b       | b | b | d | d | d |
| c       | d | d | c | d | c |
| d       | d | d | d | d | d |
| f       | d | d | c | d | c |

For an easy way to check that this is an ordered semigroup, we refer to [7]. We consider the sets  $A := \{b, c\}, B := \{b, f\}$ . Then

$$(A] \cap (B] = (b, c] \cap (b, f] = \{a, b, c, d, f\} \cap \{a, b, d, f\} = \{a, b, d, f\},$$

but

$$(A \cap B] = (b] = \{a, b, d\}.$$

THEOREM 1. A  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is right semiregular if and only if for every bi-ideal  $B$  and every ideal  $I$  we have

$$(1) \quad B \cap I \subseteq (BI].$$

PROOF. If  $S$  is right semiregular, then for any  $a \in B \cap I$  there exist  $x, y \in S$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} a &\leq axay \leq (axay)xy \\ &\in (BSB)(SIS) \subseteq BI. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a \in (BI]$ .

Conversely, suppose that

$$B \cap I \subseteq (BI]$$

for every bi-ideal  $B$  and every ideal  $I$  of  $S$ . Let  $a \in S$ . We consider the bi-ideal  $B(a)$  of  $S$  generated by  $a$  and the ideal  $I(a)$  of  $S$  generated by  $a$ . From Lemma and (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \in B(a) \cap I(a) &\subseteq (B(a)I(a)) \\ &\subseteq ((a \cup aSa)(a \cup aS \cup Sa \cup SaS)) \\ &\subseteq ((a^2 \cup a^2S \cup aSa \cup aSaS)). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a \leq t$  for some  $t \in a^2 \cup a^2S \cup aSa \cup aSaS$ .

If  $t = a^2$ , then  $a \leq a^2 = aa \leq a^2a^2 = aaaa$ . Thus  $a \in (aSaS)$ .

If  $t = a^2x \in a^2S$  for some  $x \in S$ , then  $a \leq a^2x \leq a^2xax$ . Thus  $a \in (aSaS)$ .

If  $t = axa \in aSa$  for some  $x \in S$ , then  $a \leq axa \leq axaxa$ . Thus  $a \in (aSaS)$ .

If  $t = axay \in aSaS$  for some  $x, y \in S$ , then  $a \in (aSaS)$ .

In any case, we have  $a \in (aSaS)$ . Hence  $S$  is right semiregular. □

Using the method of the proof of Theorem 1, we can get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.** *A po-semigroup  $S$  is right semiregular if and only if for every right ideals  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , we have*

$$(2) \quad R_1 \cap R_2 \subseteq (R_1R_2).$$

**PROOF.** Assume that  $S$  is right semiregular. Then for any  $a \in R_1 \cap R_2$  there exist  $x, y \in S$  such that

$$a \leq axay \in R_1SR_2S \subseteq R_1R_2.$$

Thus  $R_1 \cap R_2 \subseteq (R_1R_2)$ .

Conversely, suppose that

$$R_1 \cap R_2 \subseteq (R_1R_2)$$

for all right ideals  $R_1, R_2$  of  $S$ . We consider the right ideal  $R(a)$  of  $S$  generated by  $a$ . From Lemma and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} a \in R(a) \cap R(a) &\subseteq (R(a)R(a)) \\ &\subseteq ((a \cup aS)(a \cup aS)) \\ &\subseteq (a^2 \cup a^2S \cup aSa \cup aSaS). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, as the proof of Theorem 1,  $S$  is right semiregular.  $\square$

Using the method of the proof of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we can get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $S$  be a  $po$ -semigroup. The following are equivalent:*

- 1)  $S$  is left semiregular.
- 2) For every ideal  $I$  and every bi-ideal  $B$ ,  $B \cap I \subseteq (IB)$ .
- 3) For every left ideals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ ,  $L_1 \cap L_2 \subseteq (L_1L_2)$ .

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