

## ON LEFT(RIGHT) SEMI-REGULAR AND $g$ -REGULAR $po$ -SEMIGROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give some properties of left(right) semi-regular and  $g$ -regular  $po$ -semigroups.

### 1. Introduction

Lee introduced the concepts of the left(right) semi-regularity([8]) and the  $g$ -regularity ([9]) in a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  which are the generalized regularities. The author investigates some characterizations of the left(right) semi-regularity in terms of some types of ideals([8], [10], [11]).

In this paper, we give some properties of left(right) semi-regular and  $g$ -regular  $po$ -semigroups.

A  $po$ -semigroup(ordered semigroup) is an ordered set  $(S, \leq)$  at the same time a semigroup such that  $a \leq b \implies ca \leq cb$  and  $ac \leq bc$  for all  $c \in S$ .

An element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is *regular* if  $a \leq axa$  for some  $x \in S$  and  $S$  is *regular* if every element of  $S$  is regular. An element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is *left*(resp. *right*) *regular* if  $a \leq xa^2$ (resp.  $a \leq a^2x$ ) for some  $x \in S$  and  $S$  is *left*(resp. *right*) *regular* if every element of  $S$  is left(resp. right) regular([3], [4]). An element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is *left*(resp. *right*) *semi-regular* if  $a \leq xaya$ (resp.  $a \leq ax'ay'$ ) for some  $x, y, x', y' \in S$  and  $S$  is *left*(resp. *right*) *semi-regular* if every element of  $S$  is left(resp. right) semi-regular([8]). An element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is  *$g$ -regular* if  $a \leq xay$  for some  $x, y \in S$  and  $S$  is  *$g$ -regular* if every element of  $S$  is  $g$ -regular([9]).

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REMARK. (1) A regular(left regular)  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is left semi-regular.

(2) A regular(right regular)  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is right semi-regular.

(3) A left(right) semi-regular  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is  $g$ -regular.

The converses of (1), (2) and (3) are not true, in general(cf. Example 1, 2).

We denote  $(H] := \{t \in S \mid t \leq h \text{ for some } h \in H\}$  for a subset  $H$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$ .

A non-empty subset  $A$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is called a *left*(resp. *right*) *ideal* of  $S$  if (1)  $SA \subseteq A$  (resp.  $AS \subseteq A$ ), (2)  $a \in A$ ,  $b \leq a$  for  $b \in S$  imply  $b \in A$ . A non-empty subset  $A$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is an *ideal* of  $S$  if it is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ ([5]).

We note that the left, right ideal and the ideal of  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  generated by  $a \in S$  are respectively:

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

For a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$ , the Green's relations  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}$  are defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{R} := \{(x, y) \mid R(x) = R(y)\}, \quad \mathcal{L} := \{(x, y) \mid L(x) = L(y)\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are equivalence relations of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$ .

## 2. Main Theorems

THEOREM 1. *If an element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is left(resp. right) semi-regular and  $b\mathcal{L}a$ (resp.  $b\mathcal{R}a$ ), ( $b \in S$ ), then  $b$  is left(resp. right) semi-regular.*

*Proof.* If  $b\mathcal{L}a$ , then  $(b \cup Sb] = (a \cup Sa]$ . Thus  $(b \leq a \text{ or } b \leq ua)$  and  $(a \leq b \text{ or } a \leq vb)$  for some  $u, v \in S$ . Thus we have four cases: (1)  $b = a$ , (2)  $b \leq a$ ,  $a \leq vb$ , (3)  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq b$  or (4)  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq vb$  for some  $u, v \in S$ .

Case (1) If  $b = a$ , then  $b = a \leq xaya = xbyb$  for some  $x, y \in S$ .

Case (2) If  $b \leq a$ , and  $a \leq vb$ , then  $b \leq a \leq xaya \leq x(vb)y(vb) = (xv)b(yv)b$  for some  $x, y, v \in S$ .

Case (3) If  $b \leq ua$ , and  $a \leq b$ , then  $b \leq ua \leq uxaya \leq (ux)byb$  for some  $x, y, u \in S$ .

Case (4) If  $b \leq ua$ , and  $a \leq vb$ , then  $b \leq ua \leq uxaya \leq ux(vb)y(vb) = (uxv)by(vb)$  for some  $x, y, u, v \in S$ .

For any cases,  $b \in (SbSb]$ . Therefore  $b$  is left semi-regular.

If  $b\mathcal{R}a$ , then we can show that  $b$  is right semi-regular by the similar method.  $\square$

By the Example 2 in the next section, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.** *If an element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is left (resp. right) semi-regular, then  $L(a)$  (resp.  $R(a)$ ) need not be left (resp. right) semi-regular.*

**THEOREM 3.** *If an element  $a$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is  $g$ -regular and  $b\mathcal{L}a(b\mathcal{R}a)(b \in S)$ , then  $b$  is  $g$ -regular.*

*Proof.* If  $b\mathcal{L}a$ , then  $(b \cup Sb] = (a \cup Sa]$ . Thus  $(b \leq a$  or  $b \leq ua)$  and  $(a \leq b$  or  $a \leq vb)$  for some  $u, v \in S$ . Thus we have four cases: (1)  $b = a$ , (2)  $b \leq a$ ,  $a \leq vb$ , (3)  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq b$  or (4)  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq vb$  for some  $u, v \in S$ .

Case (1) If  $b = a$ , then  $b = a \leq xay = xby$  for some  $x, y \in S$ .

Case (2) If  $b \leq a$ ,  $a \leq vb$  :  $b \leq a \leq xay \leq x(vb)y = (xv)by$  for some  $x, y, v \in S$ .

Case (3) If  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq b$  :  $b \leq ua \leq uxay \leq (ux)by$  for some  $x, y, u \in S$ .

Case (4) If  $b \leq ua$ ,  $a \leq vb$  :  $b \leq ua \leq uxay \leq ux(vb)y = (uxv)by$  for some  $x, y, u, v \in S$ .

For any cases,  $b \in (SbS]$ . Therefore  $b$  is  $g$ -regular.

If  $b\mathcal{R}a$ , then we can show that  $b$  is  $g$ -regular by the similar method.  $\square$

By the Example 3 in the next section, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *If an element  $x$  of a  $po$ -semigroup  $S$  is regular and  $y\mathcal{L}x(y\mathcal{R}x)(y \in S)$ , then  $y$  need not to be a regular element.*

### 3. Examples

EXAMPLE 1([1]). Let  $S := \{a, b, c, d, f, g\}$  be a  $po$ -semigroup with Cayley table (Table 1) and Hasse diagram (Figure 1) as follows:

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$	$g$
$a$	$b$	$b$	$a$	$d$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$d$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$c$	$c$
$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$
$f$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$c$	$c$
$g$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$	$g$

Table 1

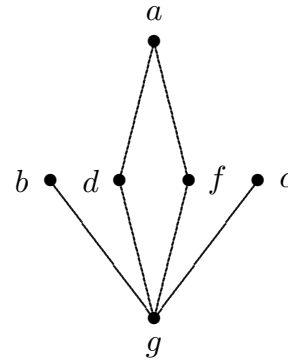


Figure 1

$S$  is  $g$ -regular. Indeed:  $cac = ac = a \geq a$  and  $afc = ac = a \geq f$ . And for other elements, it is trivial.

$S$  is not left(right) semi-regular. Indeed:  $(aSaS] = (SaSa] = \{b, d, g\}$  for  $a \in S$ . Thus there does not exist  $x, y \in S$  such that  $a \leq axay$  and  $a \leq xay$  for  $a \in S$ .

Hence the  $g$ -regularity is a generalised concept than the left(right) semi-regularity in  $po$ -semigroups.

EXAMPLE 2([2]). Let  $S := \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  be a  $po$ -semigroup with Cayley table (Table 2) and Hasse diagram (Figure 2) as follows:

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$a$	$a$	$c$	$a$	$c$
$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$
$e$	$d$	$d$	$e$	$d$	$e$

Table 2

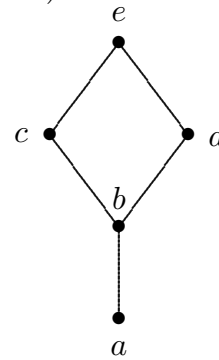


Figure 2

$S$  is left semi-regular but not right semi-regular. Indeed: If  $x \in S$  is idempotent, then  $x = x^2 = x^4 \in SxSx \subseteq (SxSx]$  and  $x = x^2 = x^4 \in SxSx \subseteq (xSxS]$ . Thus  $x$  is left(right) semi-regular. Since all elements of  $S$  except  $b$  are idempotent, it is sufficient to show that  $b$  is left semi-

regular. Since  $(SbSb] = (\{a, d\}Sb] = (\{a, d\}b] = (\{a, d\}] = \{a, b, d\}$ ,  $b \in (SbSb]$ . Thus  $b \leq xbyb$  for some  $x, y \in S$ , and so  $S$  is left semi-regular.

But, since  $(bSbS] = (\{a\}bS] = (aS] = (a] = \{a\}$ ,  $b \notin (bSbS]$ . Thus  $b$  is not right semi-regular, and so  $S$  is not right semi-regular. Also  $S$  is not regular.

Left ideals generated by an element of  $S$  are  $L(a) = L(b) = L(d) = \{a, b, d\}$  and  $L(c) = L(e) = S$ . Right ideals generated by an element of  $S$  are  $R(a) = \{a\}$ ,  $R(b) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $R(c) = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $R(d) = \{a, b, d\}$  and  $R(e) = S$ .

Moreover  $d$  is right semi-regular. But  $R(d)$  is not right semiregular because  $R(d)$  contains  $b$  which is not right semi-regular.

EXAMPLE 3([6]). Let  $S := \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  be a  $po$ -semigroup with Cayley table (Table 3) and Hasse diagram (Figure 3) as follows:

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$
$d$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$d$	$d$
$e$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$d$	$e$

Table 3

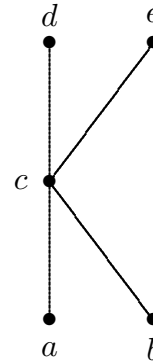


Figure 3

Left ideals generated by an element of  $S$  are  $L(a) = L(b) = L(c) = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $L(d) = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $L(e) = S$ . Right ideals generated by an element of  $S$  are  $R(a) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $R(b) = \{b\}$ ,  $R(c) = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $R(d) = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R(e) = S$ .

Since  $(aS a] = (b] = \{b\}$ ,  $a \notin (aS a]$ . Thus  $a$  is not a regular element. But  $b, c, d, e$  are regular elements. Since  $L(a) = \{a, b, c\} = L(b)$ ,  $a \mathcal{L} b$ .  $b$  is a regular element of  $S$ , but  $a$  is not a regular element.

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