

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF SOME CLASSES OF Γ -SEMIGROUPS

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ABSTRACT. The author obtains ideal-theoretical characterizations of the following two classes of Γ -semigroups; (1) regular Γ -semigroups; (2) Γ -semigroups that are both regular and intra-regular.

In 1981, M. K. Sen ([7]) introduced the concept of Γ -semigroup and M. K. Sen and N. K. Saha ([8,9]) obtained some interesting results. S. Lajos ([5,6]) gave some characterizations of regular and/or intra-regular semigroups. In this paper we proved some characterizations of Γ -semigroup by similar methods.

Let M and Γ be non-empty sets. Then M is called a Γ -semigroup if the following conditions hold :

- (1) $a\alpha b \in M$, and $\alpha a\beta \in \Gamma$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in M$;
- (2) $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a(\alpha b\beta)c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ for all $a, b, c \in M$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

For $A, B \subseteq M$, let $A\Gamma B = \{a\gamma b | a \in A, b \in B, \gamma \in \Gamma\}$.

EXAMPLE. Let M be the set of all integers of the form $4n+1$ where n is an integer and let Γ be the set of all integers of the form $4n+3$. If $a\alpha b$ is $a + \alpha + b$ and $\alpha a\beta$ is $\alpha + a + \beta$ (usual sum of the integers) for all $a, b \in M$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$, then M is a Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 1 [8,9]. An element a of a Γ -semigroup M is called *regular* if $a \in a\Gamma M\Gamma a$. A Γ -semigroup M is called *regular* if every element of M is regular .

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DEFINITION 2. A Γ -subsemigroup T is called *intra-regular* if, for all $a \in T$, there exist $x, y \in T$ such that $a \in x\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma y$.

DEFINITION 3 [8,9]. Let M be a Γ -semigroup. A non-empty subset B of M is said to be a Γ -subsemigroup of M if $B\Gamma B \subseteq B$.

DEFINITION 4. Let M be a Γ -semigroup. A nonempty subset I of M is said to be *right(left) ideal* of M if $I\Gamma M \subseteq I$ ($M\Gamma I \subseteq I$).

If I is both a right ideal and a left ideal then we say that I is an ideal of M .

DEFINITION 5. A non-empty subset Q of the Γ -semigroup M is called a *quasi-ideal* of M if $Q\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$.

Every left (resp. right) ideal is a quasi-ideal. Also every ideal is a quasi-ideal.

DEFINITION 6. Let B be a non-empty subset of a Γ -semigroup M . The set B is called a *bi-ideal* of M if $B\Gamma M\Gamma B \subseteq B$.

Every quasi-ideal is a bi-ideal.

First we give a new characterization of regular Γ -semigroups.

THEOREM 7. A Γ -semigroup M is regular if and only if the inclusion

$$(1) \quad B \cap I \cap L \subseteq B\Gamma I\Gamma L$$

holds for every bi-ideal B , every left ideal L , and every two-sided ideal I of M , provided that the intersection $B \cap I \cap L$ is non-empty.

Proof. Let M be a Γ -semigroup and let a be an element of $B \cap I \cap L$, where B is a bi-ideal, L is a left ideal, and I is a two-sided ideal of M . Then there exists an element x in M such that

$$\begin{aligned} a &= a\gamma x\mu a \\ &= a\gamma x\mu(a\gamma x\mu a) \\ &= a\gamma x\mu a\gamma x\mu a\gamma x\mu a \\ &= (a\gamma x\mu a)\gamma(x\mu a)\gamma(x\mu a) \\ &\in B\Gamma I\Gamma L \end{aligned}$$

for some γ, μ in Γ . Hence the condition (1) holds.

Conversely, if M is a Γ -semigroup with property (1), then we get

$$(2) \quad R \cap M \cap L \subseteq R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq R\Gamma L$$

for every left ideal L and every right ideal R of M . Therefore M is regular, indeed.

THEOREM 8. *A Γ -semigroup M is both regular and intra-regular if and only if the inclusion*

$$(3) \quad B \cap L \subseteq B\Gamma L\Gamma B$$

holds for every bi-ideal B and every left ideal L of M with $B \cap L \neq \emptyset$

Proof. Let M be a regular and intra-regular Γ -semigroup. Then for every element a of M there exist elements $x, y, z \in M$ such that

$$(4) \quad a = a\gamma x\mu a = y\delta a\beta a\nu z$$

for some $\gamma, \mu, \delta, \beta$ and $\nu \in \Gamma$.

If $a \in B \cap L$, where B is a bi-ideal, L is a left ideal of M , we have elements x, y, z in M such that

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad a &= (a\gamma x)\mu a = a\gamma x\mu(a\gamma x\mu a) \\ &= a\gamma x\mu(y\delta a\beta a\nu z\gamma x\mu a) \\ &= (a\gamma x\mu a)\gamma(x\mu y\delta a)\beta(a\nu z\gamma x\mu a) \\ &\in B\Gamma L\Gamma B. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if M is a Γ -semigroup with property (3), then (3) implies

$$(6) \quad L \cap R \subseteq R\Gamma L\Gamma R \subseteq L\Gamma R$$

for every left ideal L and every right ideal R of M . By Theorem 2 in [5], M is intra-regular. In this case of $L = M$, the inclusion (3) implies

$$(7) \quad B \subseteq B\Gamma M\Gamma B$$

for every bi-ideal B of M . Hence we get $B = B\Gamma M\Gamma B$, and thus M is a regular Γ -semigroup (cf. [5], Theorem 1).

THEOREM 9. *For a Γ -semigroup M the following conditions are pairwise equivalent:*

- (1) M is regular and intra-regular.
- (2) For every bi-ideal B and every left ideal L of M ,

$$B \cap L \subseteq B\Gamma L\Gamma B.$$

- (3) For every bi-ideal B and every right ideal R of M ,

$$B \cap R \subseteq B\Gamma R\Gamma B.$$

- (4) For every left ideal L and every quasi-ideal Q of M ,

$$L \cap Q \subseteq Q\Gamma L\Gamma Q.$$

- (5) For every right ideal R and every quasi-ideal Q of M ,

$$Q \cap R \subseteq Q\Gamma R\Gamma Q.$$

- (6) For every bi-ideal B and every quasi-ideal Q of M ,

$$B \cap Q \subseteq B\Gamma Q\Gamma B.$$

- (7) For every bi-ideal B and every quasi-ideal Q of M ,

$$B \cap Q \subseteq Q\Gamma B\Gamma Q.$$

The Proof of this result is similar to that of Theorem 8, and we omit it.

REMARK. It is easy to see Theorem 7 remain true with generalized bi-ideal or quasi-ideal instead of bi-ideal.

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