

## On Weakly Commutative po-Semigroups \*

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**Abstract** We introduce the concept of weakly commutative po-semigroups. We study the semilattice decompositions of this type of semigroups into their archimedean sub-semigroups and we give a characterization of such semigroups analogous to the corresponding result on semigroups without order. As a consequence, the characterization of po-semigroups and the corresponding characterization on semigroups without order can be obtained.

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A po-semigroup(: ordered semigroup) is an ordered set  $S$  at the same time a semigroup such that for any  $a, b, x \in S$

$$a \leq b \Rightarrow xa \leq xb \text{ and } ax \leq bx.$$

A subset  $I(\neq \emptyset)$  of  $S$  is called an ideal of  $S$  if

- 1)  $SI \subseteq I$  and  $IS \subseteq I$ ;
- 2)  $a \in I, b \in S, b \leq a \Rightarrow b \in I$ .

An ideal  $I$  of  $S$  is called prime if for any  $a, b \in S, ab \in I \Rightarrow a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

A subsemigroup  $F$  of a po-semigroup  $S$  is called a filter of  $S$  if

- 1)  $a, b \in S, ab \in F \Rightarrow a \in F$  and  $b \in F$ ;
- 2)  $a \in F, b \in S, b \geq a \Rightarrow b \in F$ .

We denote by  $N(x)$  the filter of  $S$  generated by  $x(x \in S)$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be an equivalence relation defined by

$$\mathcal{N} := \{(x, y) \in S \times S | N(x) = N(y)\}.$$

**Definition 1** A po-semigroup  $S$  is called weakly commutative if for every  $x, y \in S$  there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $(xy)^n \in (ySx)$ .

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Equivalent Definition

$$(xy)^n \leq yax \text{ for some } a \in S.$$

**Definition 2** Let  $S$  be a po-semigroup and  $T$  be a subsemigroup of  $S$ ,  $T$  will be called archimedean if for every  $a, b \in T$  there exists a natural number  $m$  such that  $a^m \in (TbT)$ .

Equivalent definition

$$a^m \leq xby \text{ for some } x, y \in T.$$

We refer to [1] and [2] for all undefined terms and symbols in algebraic theory and ordered theory of semigroups respectively.

**Lemma 1** Let  $S$  be a weakly commutative po-semigroup. Then for any  $x, y, b \in S$  and positive integers  $n$  there exists some positive integer  $m, k, l$  such that  $(xby)^m \in (Sb^nS)$ ,  $(xby)^k \in (Sb^n)$  and  $(xby)^l \in (b^nS)$ .

**Proof** It is trivial for  $n = 1$ . Now suppose for positive integer  $n$ , there exists  $m$  such that  $(xby)^m \in (Sb^nS)$ , i.e.,  $(xby)^m \leq ub^n v$  for some  $u, v \in S$ . Since  $S$  is weakly commutative, so there exists some positive integer  $k$  such that  $(ub^n v)^k \in (vSub^n) \subseteq (Sb^n)$ , i.e.,  $(ub^n v)^k \leq wb^n$  for some  $w \in S$  and also there exists  $l$  such that  $(xby)^l \leq bz$  for some  $z \in S$ . Therefore we have  $(xby)^{mk+l} \leq (ub^n v)^k (xby)^l \leq wb^n bz = wb^{n+1}z$ , i.e.,  $(xby)^{mk+l} \in (Sb^{n+1}S)$ .

Similarly we can prove the rest parts of lemma 1.

**Lemma 2** Let  $S$  be a weakly commutative po-semigroup. Then for any  $a, b \in S, a \leq b$  there exists  $m, n, i, j, k, l$  such that  $a^m \in (abSab)$  and  $(ab)^n \in (aSa)$ ,  $a^i \in (baSba)$  and  $(ba)^j \in (aSa)$  and  $a^k \in (babSbab)$  and  $(bab)^l \in (aSa)$ .

**Proof** Clearly  $a^5 = aaaaa \leq abaab$ , which implies  $a^5 \in (abSab)$ . Since  $S$  is weakly commutative, hence there exists some  $n$  such that  $(ab)^{n-1} \in (bSa)$ , which implies  $(ab)^{n-1} \leq xa$  for some  $x \in S$ . Thus we have  $(ab)^n = (ab)(ab)^{n-1} \leq abxa$ , so  $(ab)^n \in (aSa)$ .

Similarly we can prove the rest parts of lemma 2.

**Theorem 1** Let  $S$  be a po-semigroup. Then  $S$  is weakly commutative if and only if  $N(x) = \{y \in S | x^n \in (ySy) \text{ for some } n\}$  for every  $x \in S$ .

**Proof** Necessity. For  $x \in S$ , let

$$T = \{y \in S | x^n \in (Sy) \text{ for some } n\}.$$

We show first that  $T$  is a filter of  $S$ . Suppose  $y, z \in T$ , then  $x^m \in (Sy)$  and  $x^n \in (Sz)$  for some  $m, n$ , hence there exist  $a, b \in S$  such that  $x^m \leq ay$  and  $x^n \leq bz$ . Since  $S$  is weakly commutative, we have  $(bz)^r \in (zSb)$  for some  $r$ , i.e.,  $(bz)^r \leq cz$  for some  $c \in S$ . Consequently

$$x^{m+nr} \leq (ay)(bz)^r \leq (ay)(zc) = (ayz)c.$$

Again by weakly commutativity, we have  $((ayz)c)^k \leq d(ayz)$  for some  $d \in S$  and for some  $k$ . Hence

$$x^{(m+nr)k} \leq d(ayz) = (da)(yz),$$

i.e.,  $x^{(m+nr)k} \in (Syz]$  and thus  $yz \in T$ . Now suppose that  $yz \in T$ . Hence  $x^m \in (Syz] \subseteq (Sz]$  for some  $m$  so that  $z \in T$ . Since  $S$  is weakly commutative, we have  $(a(yz))^n = ((ay)z)^n \in (zSay] \subseteq (Sy]$  for some  $n$  and so  $x^{mn} \in (Sy]$ , hence  $y \in T$ . Again suppose that  $y \in T, z \in S, z \geq y$ . Then  $x^m \in (Sy]$  for some  $m$ , i.e.,  $x^m \leq ay$  for some  $a \in S$  and for some  $m$ . By  $y \leq z$ , we have  $x^m \leq az$ , i.e.,  $x^m \in (Sz]$  and hence  $z \in T$ . Therefore  $T$  is a filter of  $S$ . Since  $x \in T$ , by the minimality of  $N(x)$ , we must have  $N(x) \subseteq T$ . On the other hand, for every  $y \in T$ , we have  $x^n \leq ay$  for some  $a \in S$  and for some  $n$ . Since  $x^n \in N(x)$ , by  $x^n \leq ay$ , we have  $ay \in N(x)$  and thus  $y \in N(x)$ , i.e.,  $T \subseteq N(x)$  so that  $T = N(x)$ .

By symmetry we can prove also that

$$N(x) = \{y \in S | x^m \in (yS] \text{ for some } m\},$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} N(x) &= \{y \in S | x^n \in (Sy] \text{ for some } n\} = \{y \in S | x^m \in (yS] \text{ for some } m\} \\ &= \{y \in S | x^k \in (ySy] \text{ for some } k\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Sufficiency.** Let  $x, y \in S$ . Since  $\mathcal{N}$  is a semilattice congruence on  $S$ , hence we have  $yx \in N(xy)$ , which implies  $(xy)^n \in (yxSyx] \subseteq (ySx]$  for some  $n$ . Thus  $S$  is weakly commutative.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $S$  be a weakly commutative po-semigroup. Then the following are true:*

- i)  $S$  is (not uniquely in general (c.f. [4])) the semilattice of archimedean subsemigroups.
- ii)  $\mathcal{N}$  is the greatest semilattice congruence on  $S$  such that congruence class  $N_x$  is archimedean for any  $x \in S$ .
- iii)  $\mathcal{N} = \{(x, y) \in S \times S | x^m \in (SyS] \text{ and } y^n \in (SxS] \text{ for some } m, n\}$ .

**Proof** i) It suffices to show that each  $\mathcal{N}$ -class  $N_x$  is an archimedean subsemigroup. For any  $a, b \in N_x$ , then  $N(a) = N(x) = N(b)$ , which implies  $b \in N(a)$ . Hence there exists some positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n \in (bSb]$ , which implies  $a^n \leq byb$  for some  $y \in S$ . Since  $N(x)$  is a filter, hence  $byb \in N(a) = N(b)$  so that  $by \in N(b)$ . Again,  $b \in N(by)$  and  $b \in N(byb)$ , which implies  $N(by) = N(byb) = N(b) = N(x)$ . Therefore, we have  $by, byb \in N_x$ . It follows that from  $a^{2n} \leq (by)b(byb)N_x$  is an archimedean subsemigroup of  $S$ .

ii) Let  $\sigma$  be a semilattice congruence on  $S$  such that for every  $x \in S$  congruence class  $\sigma_x$  is archimedean. Let  $(a, b) \in \sigma$ . Since  $a \in \sigma_b$  and  $\sigma_b$  archimedean, there exists  $n$  such that  $a^n \leq ubv$  for some  $u, v \in \sigma_b$ . Then  $ubv \in N(a)$  and  $b \in N(a)$  thus  $N(b) \subseteq N(a)$ . From  $b \in \sigma_a$ , by symmetry, we have  $N(a) \subseteq N(b)$ . Hence  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{N}$ .

iii) Let  $M(x) = \{y \in S | x^n \in (SyS] \text{ for some } n\}$  and let

$$\mathcal{M} = \{(x, y) | x^m \in (SyS] \text{ and } y^n \in (SxS] \text{ for some } m, n\}.$$

Clearly  $\mathcal{M} = \{(x, y) | M(x) = M(y)\}$ . Since  $S$  is weakly commutative, thus  $N(x) = \{y \in S | x^n \in (ySy] \text{ for some } n\}$ . Let  $y \in M(x)$ . Then  $x^n \in (SyS]$  for some  $n$ , which implies  $x^n \leq ayb$  for some  $a, b \in S$  and also there exists  $m, k$  such that  $(ayb)^m \leq yu$

and  $(ayb)^k \leq vy$  for some  $u, v \in S$  so that  $x^{n(m+k)} \leq (ayb)^{m+k} = (ayb)^m(ayb)^k \leq yuvy$ , i.e.,  $y \in N(x)$ . Hence  $M(x) \subseteq N(x)$ . Let  $y \in N(x)$ . Then we have  $x^n \leq yay$  for some  $a \in S$  and for some  $n$ , so that  $x^{2n} \leq (yay)(yay) = (ya)y(yay)$ , i.e.,  $y \in M(x)$ . Thus  $M(x) \supseteq N(x)$  so that  $N(x) = M(x)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$ .

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## 关于弱交换 po- 半群

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### 摘 要

在本文中我们引入弱交换 po- 半群的概念, 并研究这类半群到其 Archimedes 子半群的半格分解, 给出了这类半群类似于无序半群相应结果的一个刻画. 作为推论, 我们得到弱交换 poe- 群和无序半群的相应刻画.