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# Right Self-Injective Semigroups are Absolutely Closed

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Hinkle [3] has shown that the direct product of column monomial matrix semigroups over groups is right self-injective. The author [12] has shown that the full transformation semigroup on a non-empty set (written on the left) is right self-injective and so every semigroup is embedded in a right self-injective regular semigroup. While absolutely closed semigroups has been first studied in Isbell [7]. In Howie and Isbell [5] and Scheiblich and Moore [8] it has been shown that inverse semigroups, totally division-ordered semigroups, right [left] simple semigroups, finite cyclic semigroups and full transformation semigroups are absolutely closed. In § 1 we show that every right [left] self-injective semigroup is absolutely closed. This gives alternative proofs that right [left] semigroups, finite cyclic semigroups and full transformation semigroups and full transformation semigroups are absolutely closed. By using a result of [5] we show that the class of right [left] self-injective [regular] semigroup has the special amalgamation property. In § 2 we show that a commutative separative semigroup is absolutely closed if and only if it is a semilattice of abelian groups. By using a characterization of self-injective inverse semigroups [9] we give a structure theorem for self-injective commutative semigroups.

### §1. Right self-injective semigroups

Throughout this paper we freely use the terms "right S-system", "S-homomorphism", "right self-injective" and so on, which are referred to [12].

Let A, B be semigroups such that A is a subsemigroup of B. Then by Isbell [7] the set  $\{b \in B \mid f(b) = g(b) \text{ for all semigroups } C \text{ and for all homomorphisms } f, g: B \to C$ such that  $f \mid A = g \mid A\}$  is called the *dominion* of A in B and is denoted by  $\text{Dom}_B(A)$ . A semigroup S is called *absolutely closed* if  $\text{Dom}_T(S) = S$  for all semigroups T containing S as a subsemigroup.

The following result is due to J. R. Isbell [7].

THEOREM 1. ([4, Isbell's zigzag theorem]) Let T be a semigroup and S a subsemigroup of T. Then for each  $d \in T$ ,  $d \in \text{Dom}_T(S)$  if and only if  $d \in S$  or there exist  $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{2m} \in S$  and  $x_1, \ldots, x_m, y_1, \ldots, y_m \in T$  such that  $d = s_0 y_1, s_0 = x_1 s_1, s_{2i-1} y_i =$  $s_{2i} y_{i+1}, x_i s_{2i} = x_{i+1} s_{2i+1}$   $(1 \le i \le m-1), s_{2m-1} y_m = s_{2m}$  and  $x_m s_{2m} = d$ .

By using Isbell's zigzag theorem we prove the following

THEOREM 2. Every right [left] self-injective semigroup is absolutely closed.

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PROOF. Let S be a right self-injective semigroup and T a semigroup containing S as a subsemigroup. Suppose that there is  $d \in \text{Dom}_T(S) \setminus S$ . Then by Isbell's zigzag theorem there exist  $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{2m} \in S$  and  $x_1, \ldots, x_m, y_1, \ldots, y_m \in T$  such that  $d = s_0 y_1$ ,  $s_0 = x_1 s_1, s_{2i-1} y_i = s_{2i} y_{i+1}, x_i s_{2i} = x_{i+1} s_{2i+1}$   $(1 \le i \le m-1), s_{2m-1} y_m = s_{2m}$  and  $x_m s_{2m} = d$ . Consider S, T as right S-systems. Let  $\iota_T, \iota_S$  denote the inclusion mappings  $\iota_T: S \to T$ ,  $\iota_S: S \to S$ , respectively. Since S is right self-injective, there exists an S-homomorphism  $\xi: T \to S$  such that  $\xi \iota_T = \iota_S$ . Hence,  $s_0 = \xi(s_0) = \xi(x_1) s_1, \xi(x_i) s_{2i} = \xi(x_{i+1}) s_{2i+1}$   $(1 \le i \le m-1)$  and hence,  $d = s_0 y_1 = \xi(x_1) s_1 y_1 = \xi(x_1) s_2 y_2 = \xi(x_2) s_3 y_2 = \cdots = \xi(x_{m-1}) s_{2m-2} y_m$  $= \xi(x_m) s_{2m-1} y_m = \xi(x_m) s_{2m} \in S$ . This is a contradiction. Then it follows that  $\text{Dom}_T(S)$ = S. Therefore we have that S is absolutely closed. The theorem holds.

The next result follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1, 2 of [12].

COROLLARY 1. I. ([8, H. Scheiblich and K. Moore]) Full transformation semigroups are absolutely closed.

II. The direct product of column [row] monomial matrix semigroups over groups is absolutely closed.

According to [11] a semigroup S with 1 is called *completely right injective* if every right S-system is injective. It is clear that all the homomorphic images of a completely right injective semigroup are completely right injective, of course, right self-injective. It also follows from [12, Theorem 9] that any direct product of completely right injective semigroups is right self-injective. Thus we have

COROLLARY 2. I. All the homomorphic images of a completely right injective semigroup are absolutely closed.

II. The direct product of completely right injective semigroups is absolutely closed.

REMARK. It easily follows from Isbell's zigzag theorem that a semigroup S is absolutely closed if and only if  $S_0$  [S<sup>1</sup>] is absolutely closed, where  $S_0$  [S<sup>1</sup>] denotes the semigroup obtained from S by adjoining with zero [identity]. If a semigroup S is right simple, then  $S_0^1 (=(S_0)^1)$  is completely right injective. Thus it follows from Corollary 2 that S is absolutely closed. Also, if a semigroup S is finite and cyclic, then we can show that  $S_0^1$  is a self-injective semigroup (see [12]). Then it follows from Theorem 2 that S is absolutely closed. These results have been obtained by Howie and Isbell [5].

Let a be any class of algebras. According to Hall [2], if for some index set I,  $\{S_i: i \in I\}$  is an indexed set of algebras from a having a common subalgebra U also in a, then the list  $(S_i: i \in I: U)$  is called an *amalgam from* a. If there exist an algebra W and monomorphisms  $\phi_i: S_i \rightarrow W(i \in I)$  such that  $\phi_i | U = \phi_j | U$  and  $\phi_i(S_i) \cap \phi_j(S_j)$  $= \phi_i(U)$  for all distinct  $i, j \in I$ , then the amalgam  $(S_i: i \in : U)$  is said to be *strongly embeddable in W*. If an amalgam of the form (S, S; U) from a is strongly embeddable in an algebra from a, then U is said to be *closed in S* (within a). If U is closed in S

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within a for all  $U, S \in a$  with  $U \subseteq S$ , then a is said to have the special amalgamation property. If every amalgam from a is strongly embeddable in an algebra from a, then a is said to have the strong amalgamation property.

The following result is also due to J. R. Isbell.

THEOREM 3. ([4, Theorem 2.3]) Let U, S be semigroups such that U is a subsemigroup of S. Then U is closed in S (within the class of semigroups) if and only if  $\text{Dom}_{S}(U)=U$ .

The following result follows from Theorems 2 and 3 above and Corollary 3 of [12].

THEOREM 4. The class of right [left] self-injective [regular] semigroups has the special amalgamation property.

The following example, which is obtained by modifying an example in Imaoka [6], shows that the class of right [left] self-injective [regular] semigroups does not have the strong amalgamation property.

EXAMPLE. Let  $U = \{0, e, f, g, 1\}$ ,  $V = \{0, e, f, g, h, 1\}$  and  $W = \{0, e, f, g, x, y, z, 1\}$  be semigroups with the following multiplicative tables:

U	0 e f g 1	V	0 e f g h 1	W	0 e f g x y z 1
0	00000	0	000000	0	000000000
е	0 e f g e	е	0 e f g f e	е	0 e f g x y z e
f	0 e f g f	f	0 e f g f f	f	0 e f g x y z f
g	0 e f g g	g	0 <i>e f g g g</i>	g	0 e f g x y z g
1	0 e f g 1	h	0 e f g h h	x	0 x y x x y z x
		1	0 e f g h 1	у	0 x y x x y z y
				Z	0 z z z x y z z
				1	0 e f g x y z 1

By [11] U, V and W are completely right injective, of course, right self-injective and regular. Suppose now that the amalgam (V, W: U) is embedded in a semigroup S. But in S we have xh=(xe)h=x(eh)=xf=y and xh=(xg)h=x(gh)=xg=x. This is a contradiction. Hence the amalgam (V, W: U) can not be embedded in any semigroup.

## §2. Commutative separative semigroups

Let S be a commutative separative semigroup. Then by [1, Theorem 4.18] S is uniquely expressible as a semilattice  $\Lambda$  of archimedean cancellative semigroups  $S_{\alpha}$   $(\alpha \in A)$  and S can be embedded in a semigroup T which is the same semilattice  $\Lambda$  of groups  $G_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ) where  $G_{\alpha}$  is the quotient group of  $S_{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , i.e., every element of  $G_{\alpha}$  can be expressed in the form  $ab^{-1}$  with a and b in  $S_{\alpha}$ .

Let  $\xi$ ,  $\psi$  be homomorphisms of T to any semigroup W such that  $\xi | S = \psi | S$ . Then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $\xi(G_{\alpha})$  and  $\psi(G_{\alpha})$  are contained in a subgroup H of W. Hence  $\xi(a^{-1}) = \psi(a^{-1})$  for all  $a \in S_{\alpha}$ . Because that both  $\xi(a^{-1})$  and  $\psi(a^{-1})$  are inverses of  $\xi(a)$  in the group H. Then it is clear that  $\xi | G_{\alpha} = \psi | G_{\alpha}$ . Therefore we have  $\xi = \psi$ . This implies that  $\text{Dom}_T(S) = T$ . Therefore if a commutative separative semigroup S is absolutely closed, then S is a semilattice of abelian groups. Conversely, by [4, Theorem 2.3], a semilattice of abelian groups is absolutely closed. Thus we have

**THEOREM 5.** Let S be a commutative separative semigroup. Then S is absolutely closed if and only if S is a semilattice of abelian groups

In [10] we studied self-injective non-singular semigroups and showed that every self-injective non-singular semigroup is a semilattice of groups and that every commutative non-singular semigroup is separative. Furthermore, by Theorems 1 and 3 we have

**THEOREM 6.** Every self-injective separative commutative semigroup is a semilattice of abelian groups.

In [9] B. Schein characterized self-injective inverse semigroups as follows:

Let S be an inverse semigroup and  $E_S$  the set of idempotents of S. A subset B of S is compatible if for each  $b \in B$  there is  $e_b \in E_S$  with  $be_b = b$  and  $be_c = ce_b$  for all  $b, c \in B$ . Define an order  $\leq$  on S by  $a \leq b$   $(a, b \in S)$  if and only if  $a \in bE_S$ . Then (1) S is complete if every compatible set B of S has the least upper bount  $\lor B$  relatively to  $\leq$ , (2) S is *infinitely distributive* if  $(\lor B)a = \lor Ba$  for any compatible set B of S and for any  $a \in S$ , and (3) S is  $E_S$ -reflexive if  $st \in E_S$   $(s, t \in S)$  implies  $ts \in E_S$ .

THEOREM 7. ([9, Theorem 2.3]) Let S be an inverse semigroup and  $E_S$  the set of idempotents of S. Then S is self-injective if and only if S is complete, infinitely distributive and  $E_S$ -reflexive.

Here we can obtain the following

THEOREM 8. Let S be a commutative semigroup. Then S is self-injective and separative if and only if S is a semilattice  $\Lambda$  of abelian groups  $G_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ) satisfying the following conditions: (1)  $\Lambda$  ( $\cong E_S$ ) is self-injective, (2) for any set  $\{g_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in X}$  such that  $g_{\alpha}e_{\beta} = g_{\beta}e_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in X, g_{\alpha} \in G_{\alpha}, g_{\beta} \in G_{\beta}, e_{\alpha}, e_{\beta}$  are identities of  $G_{\alpha}, G_{\beta}$ , respectively), there exists a unique  $g \in G_{\gamma}$  such that  $ge_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in X$ , where  $\gamma = \vee X$ .

**PROOF.** The "only if" part: Let S be a self-injective separative commutative semigroup. By Theorem 6, S is a semilattice  $\Lambda$  of abelian groups  $G_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ). Let  $E_S$ 

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be a semilattice of all idempotents of S. Then  $E_S$  is isomorphic to A. On the other hand, it easily follows from Theorem 7 that  $E_S$  is complete, infinitely distributive, equivalently,  $E_S$  is self-injective. Therefore the condition (1) is satisfied. Let  $B = \{g_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in X}$  be as given in the condition (2). It is clear that B is a compatible set. By Theorem 7, there exists  $g \in G_{\gamma}$  such that  $ge_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in X$  ( $\gamma = \lor X$ ). The condition (2) is satisfied. The "if" part: We first show that S is complete. Let A be a compatible set of S. If A is empty, then the least upper bound of A in  $E_S$  is the one of A in S, since  $E_S$  is complete. On the other hand, if A is non-empty, say,  $A = \{g_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in X}$ , then by the condition (2), there exists  $g \in G_{\gamma}$  such that  $ge_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha} (\alpha \in X)$ , where  $\gamma = \lor X$ . It is easy to check that g is the least upper bound of A. Therefore, S is complete. Since  $E_S$  is infinitely distributive, so is S. It is also clear that S is  $E_S$ -reflexive. Then the theorem follows from Theorem 7.

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