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GREEN'S RELATIONS ON A COMPACT SEMIGROUP

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Let S be a semigroup. Then ${}^{\circ}\mathbf{K}$ will denote the equivalence on S : for $a, b \in S$, $a {}^{\circ}\mathbf{K} b$ if and only if there exist positive integers m, n such that $a^m = b^n$. In [1] J. T. Sedlock studies necessary and sufficient conditions on a periodic semigroup S in order that ${}^{\circ}\mathbf{K}$ coincide with any one of the Green relations [2]. In our paper [3] we considered an arbitrary semigroup having similar properties.

The fact that any element x of a compact semigroup S belongs to some idempotent (see [4]) leads us to define an equivalence ${}^{\circ}\mathbf{K}_{\tau}$ on S by: for $a, b \in S$, $a {}^{\circ}\mathbf{K}_{\tau} b$ if and only if the elements a, b belong to the same idempotent. The purpose of this article is to investigate the structure of compact semigroups such that ${}^{\circ}\mathbf{K}_{\tau}$ coincides with any one of the Green relations.

Let $\mathcal{C}(S)$ denote the set of all \mathcal{C} -closure operations for a non-empty set S , i.e.

$$(0) \quad \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{C}(S) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{U} : \exp S \rightarrow \exp S$$

and

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{U}(\emptyset) = \emptyset,$$

$$(2) \quad A \subset B \subset S \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}(A) \subset \mathbf{U}(B),$$

$$(3) \quad A \subset \mathbf{U}(A) \text{ for each } A \subset S,$$

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}(A)) = \mathbf{U}(A) \text{ for each } A \subset S$$

hold.

A subset A of S will be called \mathbf{U} -closed if $\mathbf{U}(A) = A$. The set of all \mathbf{U} -closed subsets of S will be denoted by $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U})$.

Let $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$. Then we define

$$\mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}(A) \subset \mathbf{V}(A) \text{ for each } A \subset S.$$

We have

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U} \vee \mathbf{V}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U}) \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}),$$

$$(6) \quad \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{V}) \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{U}).$$

We shall denote by $\mathcal{Q}(S)$ the set of all \mathcal{Q} -closure operations for a set S , i.e. $\mathcal{Q}(S) \subset \mathcal{C}(S)$ and for every $\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{Q}(S)$ and for every $A \subset S$

$$(7) \quad \mathbf{U}(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} \mathbf{U}(x)$$

holds. If $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{Q}(S)$ then

$$(8) \quad \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}(x) \subset \mathbf{V}(x) \quad \text{for each } x \in S.$$

Let $\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$. We define $\mathbf{U}^* \in \mathcal{Q}(S)$. If $A \subset S$ then $x \in \mathbf{U}^*(A)$ if and only if $\mathbf{U}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. For $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$ we have

$$9) \quad \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}^* \leq \mathbf{V}^*,$$

$$(10) \quad \mathbf{U}(x) = \mathbf{U}^{**}(x) \quad \text{for every } x \in S,$$

$$(11) \quad \mathbf{U}^* = \mathbf{U}^{***} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{U}^{**} \leq \mathbf{U}.$$

See [5].

Let $\mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$. We shall introduce the equivalence ${}^\circ\mathbf{U}$ on S by: for $x, y \in S$, $x {}^\circ\mathbf{U} y$ if and only if $\mathbf{U}(x) = \mathbf{U}(y)$. For any element x of S , let \mathbf{U}_x denote the ${}^\circ\mathbf{U}$ -class of S containing x . If $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$ then we have

$$(12) \quad \mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow {}^\circ\mathbf{U} \subset {}^\circ\mathbf{V},$$

$$(13) \quad {}^\circ(\mathbf{U} \wedge \mathbf{V}) = {}^\circ\mathbf{U} \cap {}^\circ\mathbf{V},$$

$$(14) \quad x {}^\circ\mathbf{U} y \Leftrightarrow x \in \mathbf{U}(y) \quad \text{and} \quad y \in \mathbf{U}(x).$$

See [3].

Let S be an arbitrary semigroup. For any $A \subset S$, $A \neq \emptyset$, let us put $\mathbf{L}(A) = SA \cup A$ and $\mathbf{R}(A) = AS \cup A$. Finally, $\mathbf{L}(\emptyset) = \emptyset = \mathbf{R}(\emptyset)$. Clearly $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{R} \in \mathcal{Q}(S)$. Put $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L} \vee \mathbf{R}$, $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{L} \wedge \mathbf{R}$. $F(\mathbf{L})$ [$F(\mathbf{R})$, $F(\mathbf{M})$, $F(\mathbf{H})$] is the set of all left [right, two-sided, quasi] ideals of S (including \emptyset). It is known that

$$(15) \quad H_e \text{ is the maximal subgroup of } S \text{ belonging to the idempotent } e.$$

Put $\mathbf{P}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. If $A \subset S$, $A \neq \emptyset$, then by $\mathbf{P}(A)$ we denote the subsemigroup generated by all elements of A . Evidently $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$, $\mathbf{P} \leq \mathbf{H}$ and $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P})$ is the set of all subsemigroups of S (including \emptyset). See [5].

Let $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{P}^* \vee \mathbf{P}^{**}$. Then $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}^*$ and $x {}^\circ\mathbf{K} y$ if and only if there exist positive integers n, m such that $x^n = y^m$. See [3].

Let now S be a compact (Hausdorff) semigroup. If $A \subset S$, then by $\mathbf{T}(A)$ we denote the closure of A . It is known that $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{C}(S)$ and

$$(16) \quad \mathbf{T}(A \cup B) = \mathbf{T}(A) \cup \mathbf{T}(B) \quad \text{for } A \subset S \quad \text{and } B \subset S,$$

$$(17) \quad \mathbf{T}(x) = \{x\} \quad \text{for each } x \in S.$$

We shall prove that

$$(18) \quad \mathbf{T}(AB) = \mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B) \quad \text{for } \emptyset \neq A \subset S \quad \text{and for } \emptyset \neq B \subset S.$$

Actually, it follows from 2.1.3 [6] that $\mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B) \subset \mathbf{T}(AB)$. Since $\mathbf{T}(A), \mathbf{T}(B)$ are compact, it follows from 2.1.5 [6] that $\mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B)$ is also compact and thus we have $\mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{T})$. By (3), we obtain that $A \subset \mathbf{T}(A), B \subset \mathbf{T}(B)$. Hence $AB \subset \mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B)$. Using (2), we have $\mathbf{T}(AB) \subset \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B)) = \mathbf{T}(A) \mathbf{T}(B)$. This means that (18) holds.

Put $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{P} \vee \mathbf{T}$. It follows from (5) that $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}})$ is the set of all closed subsemigroups of S (including \emptyset). It is known from [4] that for $x \in S$

$$(19) \quad \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{P}(x)) \text{ is the commutative subsemigroup having a unique idempotent.}$$

Lemma 1. *Let $A \subset S$. Then $A \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*)$ if and only if*

$$(20) \quad \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in A$$

for every $x \in S$.

Proof. Let $A \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*)$. If $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for some $x \in S$, then there exists y such that $y \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x)$ and $y \in A$. It follows from (2) that $x \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(y) \subset \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A) = A$.

Let (20) hold for every $x \in S$. Evidently $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^* \in \mathcal{Q}(S)$. If $A \neq \emptyset$, then by (7) we have $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} \mathbf{P}^*(x)$. If $y \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A)$, then $y \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(x)$ for some $x \in A$. Since $x \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(y)$, it follows by (20) that $y \in A$. Therefore, $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A) \subset A$. It follows from (3) that $A = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*)$.

Remark. Let $A \subset S, A \neq \emptyset$. Then $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A)$ is the set of all almost nilpotent elements (in *topological sense*) with respect to A . (See [7].)

Proof. If $x \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A)$, then there exists $y \in A \cap \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) = A \cap \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{P}(x))$. If O is an arbitrary neighbourhood of A , then O is also a neighbourhood of y and thus $x^n \in O$ for some positive integer n . Therefore, the element x is almost nilpotent with respect to A .

If x is an almost nilpotent element with respect to A , then in every neighbourhood of A there exists at least one element of $\mathbf{P}(x)$. Suppose that $x \notin \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A)$. This implies that $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) \cap A = \emptyset$. Evidently $O = S - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}(x) = S - \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{P}(x))$ is a neighbourhood of A and $A \cap \mathbf{P}(x) = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $x \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}^*(A)$.

Definition. $K_T = P_T^* \vee P_T^{**}$.

Lemma 2. $K_T = K_T^*$.

Proof. (9) implies that $P_T^{**} \leq K_T^*$ and $P_T^{***} \leq K_T^*$. It follows from (11) that $K_T = P_T^* \vee P_T^{**} \leq K_T^*$. According to (9) and (11), we have $K_T^* \leq K_T^{**} \leq K_T$. Hence $K_T = K_T^*$.

Lemma 3. Let $x, e \in S$ and let $e^2 = e$. If $e \in P_T(x)$, then $x^\circ K_T e$.

Proof. If $e \in P_T(x)$, then $x \in P_T^*(e) \subset K_T(e)$. It follows from (10) that $e \in P_T(x) = P_T^{**}(x) \subset K_T(x)$. (14) implies that $x^\circ K_T e$.

Lemma 4. Let $e, f \in S$ and let $e^2 = e, f^2 = f$. If $e^\circ K_T f$, then $e = f$.

Proof. Using (14) we obtain $e \in K_T(f)$. Let $A = \{u \in S \mid f \in P_T(u)\}$. We shall show that $A \in \mathcal{F}(K_T) = \mathcal{F}(P_T^* \vee P_T^{**}) = \mathcal{F}(P_T^*) \cap \mathcal{F}(P_T^{**})$ (see (5)). If $P_T(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for some $x \in S$, then there exists u such that $u \in A$ and $u \in P_T(x)$. This implies that $f \in P_T(u) \subset P_T(x)$ and thus we have $x \in A$. By Lemma 1, $A \in \mathcal{F}(P_T^*)$. If $x \in P_T^{**}(A)$, then by (7) and (10) we have $x \in P_T^{**}(u) = P_T(u)$ for some $u \in A$. This implies that $P_T(x) \subset P_T(u)$. Since $f \in P_T(u)$, hence, by (19), $f \in P_T(x)$ and thus $x \in A$. This means that $P_T^{**}(A) \subset A$ and according to (3) we obtain $A = P_T^{**}(A) \in \mathcal{F}(P_T^{**})$. Therefore, $A \in \mathcal{F}(K_T)$. Since $f \in A$, (2) and (4) imply $e \in K_T(f) \subset A$ and thus we have $f \in P_T(e) = \{e\}$ (see (17)). Therefore, $e = f$.

Theorem 1. Let $x, y \in S$. Then $x^\circ K_T y$ if and only if there exists an idempotent e of S such that

$$(21) \quad e \in P_T(x) \cap P_T(y).$$

Proof. Let $x^\circ K_T y$. By (19) there exist e, f of S such that $e = e^2 \in P_T(x)$ and $f = f^2 \in P_T(y)$. Lemma 3 implies that $e^\circ K_T f$. According to Lemma 4, we have $f = e$ and $e \in P_T(x) \cap P_T(y)$.

Let (21) hold. Then according to Lemma 3, we have $x^\circ K_T e$ and $y^\circ K_T e$. This implies that $x^\circ K_T y$.

Lemma 5. $K \leq K_T$ and ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ K_T$.

Proof. Evidently $P \leq P \vee T = P_T$ and (9) implies that $P^* \leq P_T^*$ and $P^{**} \leq P_T^{**}$. Therefore, $K \leq K_T$. By (12), we have ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ K_T$. 3

Lemma 6. If e is an idempotent of S , then $eK_{Te} = K_{Te}e = H_e$.

Proof. See Theorem 8 in [4].

Put $L_T = L \vee T$, $R_T = R \vee T$ and $M_T = M \vee T$. Note that $M_T = L_T \vee R_T$. It follows from (5) that $\mathcal{F}(L_T) [\mathcal{F}(R_T), \mathcal{F}(M_T)]$ is the set of all closed left [right, two-sided] 'deals of S (including \emptyset).

Lemma 7. *We have*

1. ${}^\circ L = {}^\circ L_T$ and $L = L_T^{**}$,
2. ${}^\circ R = {}^\circ R_T$ and $R = R_T^{**}$,
3. ${}^\circ M = {}^\circ M_T$ and $M = M_T^{**}$.

Proof. Let $x \in S$. It follows from (16), (17), (18) and (5) that $L(x) \in \mathcal{F}(L_T)$. This implies that $L(x) = L_T(x)$. By (14), we have ${}^\circ L = {}^\circ L_T$. Further, by (10), we obtain that $L(x) = L_T^{**}(x)$. According to (8), we have $L = L_T^{**}$.

Analogously we can prove the statements 2 and 3.

Lemma 8. $L \leq R$ if and only if $L_T \leq R_T$.

Proof. If $L \leq R$, then $L_T = L \vee T \leq R \vee T = R_T$. Let $L_T \leq R_T$. Then $L_T(x) \subset R_T(x)$ for every $x \in S$. According to the proof of Lemma 7, we have $L(x) \subset R(x)$. It follows from (8) that $L \leq R$.

Lemma 9. *If $A \subset S$, $A \neq \emptyset$, then*

$$(22) \quad \bigcap_{x \in A} xS = \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} xS$$

holds.

Proof. Let $z \in \bigcap_{x \in A} xS$. Suppose that $z \notin \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} xS$. It follows that $z \notin uS$ for some $u \in T(A)$. By (17) and (18), uS is a closed subset of the compact semigroup S and there exists a neighbourhood O of uS such that $z \notin O$. Evidently $ua \in O$ for every $a \in S$. It follows from the continuity of multiplication that there exist neighbourhoods $O_a(u)$ of u and $O(a)$ of a such that $O_a(u) O(a) \subset O$. It is clear that $S = \bigcup_{a \in S} O(a)$.

Since S is a compact semigroup, there exists a finite system $O(a_1), O(a_2), \dots, O(a_n)$ which also covers S . If we put $O_0(u) = O_{a_1}(u) \cap O_{a_2}(u) \cap \dots \cap O_{a_n}(u)$, then $O_0(u) S \subset O$. Since $O_0(u)$ is a neighbourhood of u , there exists $x \in A \cap O_0(u)$. Evidently $z \in xS$. If $z = xb$ for some $b \in S$, then $z \in O_0(u) S \subset O$ which is a contradiction. Hence $z \in \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} xS$. According to (3), we have $A \subset T(A)$ so that $\bigcap_{x \in T(A)} xS \subset \bigcap_{x \in A} xS$. Hence (22) holds.

Lemma 10. *If $A \subset S$, $A \neq \emptyset$, then*

$$(23) \quad \bigcap_{x \in A} SxS = \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} SxS$$

holds.

Proof. Let $z \in \bigcap_{x \in A} SxS$. Suppose that $z \notin \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} SxS$. It follows that $z \notin SuS$ for some $u \in T(A)$. By (17) and (18), SuS is a closed subset of the compact semigroup S and there exists a neighbourhood O of SuS such that $z \notin O$. Evidently $aub \in O$ for every $a, b \in S$. It follows from the proof of Lemma 9 that there exist neighbourhoods $O'_a(au)$ of au such that $O'_a(au)S \subset O$ for every $a \in S$. The continuity of multiplication implies that there exist neighbourhoods $O(a)$ of a and $O_a(u)$ of u such that $O(a)O_a(u) \subset O'_a(au)$. Evidently $S = \bigcup_{a \in S} O(a)$. Since S is a compact semigroup, there exists a finite system $O(a_1), O(a_2), \dots, O(a_n)$ which also covers S . If we put $O_0(u) = O_{a_1}(u) \cap O_{a_2}(u) \cap \dots \cap O_{a_n}(u)$, then $SO_0(u)S \subset (\bigcap_{i=1}^n O'_i(a_iu))S \subset O$. Since $O_0(u)$ is a neighbourhood of u , there exists $x \in A \cap O_0(u)$. Evidently $z \in SxS$. If $z = axb$ for some $a, b \in S$, then $z \in SO_0(u)S \subset O$ which is a contradiction. Hence $z \in \bigcap_{x \in T(A)} SxS$. The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Lemma 9.

Theorem 2. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is right regular;
2. $P_T^* \leq R_T$;
3. $K_T \leq R_T$;
4. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ R$.

Proof. 1 \Rightarrow 2. Let S be a right regular semigroup. Let A be a closed right ideal of S , i.e. $A \in \mathcal{F}(R_T)$. If $u \in P_T(x) \cap A$ ($x \in S$), then by (2) we have $R_T(u) \subset A$. Since S is right regular, $x \in x^n S$ for every positive integer n . It follows from Lemma 9 that $x \in \bigcap_{v \in P_T(x)} vS = \bigcap_{v \in P_T(x)} vS$. This implies that $x \in uS \subset R_T(u) \subset A$. By Lemma 1 we have $A \in \mathcal{F}(P_T^*)$. It follows from (6) that $P_T^* \leq R_T$.

2 \Rightarrow 3. Suppose $P_T^* \leq R_T$. Since $P \leq R$, it holds $P_T \leq R_T$. According to (9) and Lemma 7, we have $P_T^{**} \leq R_T^{**} = R \leq R_T$. Thus $K_T = P_T^* \vee P_T^{**} \leq R_T$.

3 \Rightarrow 4. This follows from (12) and from Lemma 7.

4 \Rightarrow 1. If ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ R$, then by Lemma 5 we have ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ R$. It follows from Theorem 6 in [3] that S is right regular.

The dual statement reads as follows:

Theorem 3. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is left regular;
2. $P_T^* \leq L_T$;
3. $K_T \leq L_T$;
4. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ L$.

Theorem 4. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is a union of groups;
2. $P_T^* \leq R_T \wedge L_T$;
3. $K_T \leq R_T \wedge L_T$;
4. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ H$.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 3$. This follows from Theorem 2 and Theorem 3.

$3 \Rightarrow 4$. It follows from (12), Lemma 7 and (13) that ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ(R_T \wedge L_T) = {}^\circ R_T \cap {}^\circ L_T = {}^\circ R \cap {}^\circ L = {}^\circ(R \wedge L) = {}^\circ H$.

$4 \Rightarrow 1$. If ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ H$, then by Lemma 5 we have ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ H$. It follows from Theorem 8 in [3] that S is a union of groups.

Theorem 5. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is intraregular;
2. $P_T^* \leq M_T$;
3. $K_T \leq M_T$;
4. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ M$.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2$. Let S be an intraregular semigroup. Let A be a closed two-sided ideal of S , i.e. $A \in \mathcal{F}(M_T)$. If $u \in P_T(x) \cap A$ ($x \in S$), then by (2) we have $M_T(u) \subset A$. For every positive integer n , we have $x^{n+2} \in Sx^nS$. It follows from Theorem 9 of [3] and (6) that $Sx^nS \in \mathcal{F}(M) \subset \mathcal{F}(P^*)$. Lemma 2 in [3] implies that $x \in Sx^nS$. It follows from Lemma 10 that $x \in \bigcap_{v \in P(x)} SvS = \bigcap_{v \in P_T(x)} SvS$. This implies that $x \in SuS \subset M_T(u) \subset A$. It follows from Lemma 1 that $A \in \mathcal{F}(P_T^*)$. By (6) we have $P_T^* \leq M_T$.

$2 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4$. The proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 2.

$4 \Rightarrow 1$. If ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ M$, then by Lemma 5 we have ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ M$. It follows from Theorem 9 of [3] that S is intraregular.

Theorem 6. *The conditions of Theorems 2, 3, 4 and 5 and the following condition on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

$${}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ H.$$

Proof. 2 of Theorem 2 \Rightarrow 2 of Theorem 5. If $P_T^* \leq R_T$, then $P_T^* \leq R_T \leq M_T$.

2 of Theorem 5 \Rightarrow 1 of Theorem 4. Let $x \in S$. It follows from (19) that $e \in P_T(x)$ where $e^2 = e$. By Theorem 1 and Lemma 6 we have $ex \in H_e$. (15) and (6) imply that $e \in SexS \in \mathcal{F}(M_T) \subset \mathcal{F}(P_T^*)$. According to Lemma 1, we obtain that $x \in SexS$. Then there exist $a, b \in S$ such that $x = aexb$. If we put $c = ae$, then $x = cexb$ and $c = ce$. This implies that $x = c^n exb^n$ and $c^n = c^n e$ for any positive integer n . Let

$f \in \mathbf{P}_T(c)$ where $f^2 = f$ (see (19)). Then by Lemma 9 we have $x \in \bigcap_{v \in \mathbf{P}(c)} vS = \bigcap_{v \in \mathbf{P}_T(c)} vS$ so that $x \in fS$. Since $\mathbf{P}(c) = \mathbf{P}(c)e$, we obtain by (18) and (17) that $\mathbf{P}_T(c) = \mathbf{P}_T(c)e$. Since $f \in \mathbf{P}_T(c)$, it holds $f = ue$ for some $u \in \mathbf{P}_T(c)$. Therefore $f = ue = ue^2 = fe$. Since $x \in fS$, $x = fz$ holds for some $z \in S$. This implies that $x = fz = f^2z = fx = fex$. According to (19), we have $ex = xe$ and thus $\mathbf{R}(xe) \subset \mathbf{R}(x) = \mathbf{R}(fex) = \mathbf{R}(fxe) = \mathbf{R}(xe)$. Therefore $\mathbf{R}(x) = \mathbf{R}(xe) = \mathbf{R}(ex) = e\mathbf{R}(x)$. Since $x \in e\mathbf{R}(x)$, it is $x = ew$ for some $w \in \mathbf{R}(x)$. This implies that $x = ew = e^2w = ex \in \mathbf{H}_e$. Hence S is a union of groups.

4 of Theorem 4 $\Rightarrow \circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{H}$. Suppose $\circ\mathbf{K}_T \subset \circ\mathbf{H}$. If $\circ\mathbf{K}_T \neq \circ\mathbf{H}$, then there exist $x, y \in S$ such that $\mathbf{K}_{Tx} \neq \mathbf{K}_{Ty}$ and $\mathbf{K}_{Tx} \subset \mathbf{H}_x = \mathbf{H}_y \supset \mathbf{K}_{Ty}$. Let $e \in \mathbf{P}_T(x)$ ($e^2 = e$) and let $f \in \mathbf{P}_T(y)$ ($f^2 = f$). Lemma 3 implies that $e \in \mathbf{K}_{Tx}$ and $f \in \mathbf{K}_{Ty}$ and thus we obtain that $e, f \in \mathbf{H}_x$. According to (15), we have $e = f$ so that $\mathbf{K}_{Tx} = \mathbf{K}_{Te} = \mathbf{K}_{Ty}$ which is a contradiction. Hence $\circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{H}$.

$\circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{H} \Rightarrow$ 4 of Theorem 3. This follows from $\circ\mathbf{H} \subset \circ\mathbf{L}$ (see (12)).

2 of Theorem 3 \Rightarrow 1 of Theorem 2. Let $x \in S$. It follows from (19) that $e \in \mathbf{P}_T(x)$ where $e^2 = e$. Since $e \in Se \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{L}_T) \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_T^*)$ (see (6)), hence $\mathbf{P}_T(x) \cap Se \neq \emptyset$. By Lemma 1 we have that $x \in Se$. Therefore $x = ue$ for some $u \in S$ and so $x = ue = ue^2 = xe$. According to Lemma 6 and Lemma 3, we have $x \in \mathbf{H}_e$. This implies that S is a union of groups and therefore, S is right regular.

Theorem 7. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is a semilattice of right groups;
2. S is a union of groups and $\mathbf{L}_T \leq \mathbf{R}_T$;
3. $\mathbf{P}_T^* \leq \mathbf{L}_T \leq \mathbf{R}_T$;
4. $\mathbf{K}_T \leq \mathbf{L}_T \leq \mathbf{R}_T$;
5. $\circ\mathbf{K}_T \subset \circ\mathbf{L} \subset \circ\mathbf{R}$;
6. $\circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{L}$.

Proof. 1 \Rightarrow 2. It follows from Theorem 10 of [3] that S is a union of groups and $\mathbf{L} \leq \mathbf{R}$. By Lemma 8 we have $\mathbf{L}_T \leq \mathbf{R}_T$.

2 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 5. This follows from Theorem 3, Theorem 4 and from (12).

5 \Rightarrow 6. If $\circ\mathbf{L} \subset \circ\mathbf{R}$, then by Theorem 6 and (13) we have $\circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{H} = \circ\mathbf{L}$.

6 \Rightarrow 1. If $\circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{L}$, then by Theorem 6 and Lemma 5 we have $\circ\mathbf{K} \subset \circ\mathbf{K}_T = \circ\mathbf{L} = \circ\mathbf{H} \subset \circ\mathbf{R}$. Theorem 10 in [3] implies that S is a semilattice of right groups.

We have:

Theorem 8. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is a semilattice of left groups;
2. S is a union of groups and $\mathbf{R}_T \leq \mathbf{L}_T$;

3. $P_T^* \leq R_T \leq L_T$;
4. $K_T \leq R_T \leq L_T$;
5. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ R \subset {}^\circ L$;
6. ${}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ R$.

Theorem 9. *The following conditions on a semigroup S are equivalent:*

1. S is a semilattice of groups;
2. S is a union of groups and $L_T = R_T$;
3. $P_T^* \leq L_T = R_T$;
4. $K_T \leq L_T = R_T$;
5. ${}^\circ K_T \subset {}^\circ L = {}^\circ R$;
6. ${}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ L = {}^\circ R$;
7. ${}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ M$.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2$. It follows from Theorem 12 of [3] that S is a union of groups and $L = R$. Thus we have $L_T = R_T$.

$2 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 5 \Rightarrow 6$. This follows from Theorem 7 and Theorem 8.

$6 \Rightarrow 7$. It follows from Theorems 7 and 8 that $L_T = R_T$. According to Lemma 8 and its dual, we have $L = R = M$ so that ${}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ L = {}^\circ M$.

$7 \Rightarrow 1$. Theorem 6 implies that ${}^\circ H = {}^\circ K_T = {}^\circ M = {}^\circ L = {}^\circ R$. According to Lemma 5, we have ${}^\circ K \subset {}^\circ L = {}^\circ R$. It follows from Theorem 12 in [3] that S is a semilattice of groups.

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