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CONSTRUCTION OF MEDIAL SEMIGROUPS
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Abstract: Every medial semigroup, satisfying a certain condition, is a subsemigroup of a medial semigroup, which is constructed by means of commutative semigroups and their commuting and idempotent endomorphisms.

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Let $(H,+)$ be a commutative semigroup and φ, ψ its idempotent permutable endomorphisms, $\varphi^2 = \varphi, \psi^2 = \psi, \varphi\psi = \psi\varphi$. By the definition

$$(1) \quad ab = \varphi(a) + \psi(b)$$

we obtain a medial semigroup (H, \cdot) , that is, a semigroup satisfying the identity $uvxy = uxvy$. Moreover (H, \cdot) is satisfying the implication

$$(\star) \quad ab = cd \implies axb = cxd \text{ for all } a, b, c, d, x \in H \text{ (see [4]).}$$

It is easy to see that not every medial semigroup with (\star) can be constructed in this way ([4]). In the case of groupoids there are several theorems giving conditions for a medial groupoid to be constructable from commutative groupoids by the definition (1) ([1],[2],[3],[5]). We prove in this note that every medial semigroup, satisfying (\star) , is a subsemigroup of a medial semigroup (H, \cdot) , obtained from a commutative semigroup $(H,+)$

by its idempotent permutable endomorphisms φ and ψ , where the multiplication is defined by (1).

1. The lemmas. Let $(\{x_i\}, i \in I; \cdot)$ be a medial semigroup satisfying $(*)$. Let \sim_1, \sim_r, \sim_t be the following relations

$$x_j \sim_1 x_k \iff \begin{cases} x_j = x_k \text{ or there are } y_1, \dots, y_n \in X, n > 1, \text{ and a} \\ \text{permutation } \pi \text{ of the numbers } 2, 3, \dots, n \text{ with} \\ x_j = y_1, \dots, y_n \text{ and } x_k = y_1 y_{\pi(2)} \dots y_{\pi(n)}. \end{cases}$$

$$x_j \sim_r x_k \iff \begin{cases} x_j = x_k \text{ or there are } y_1, \dots, y_n \in X, n > 1, \text{ and a} \\ \text{permutation } \pi \text{ of the numbers } 1, \dots, n-1 \text{ with} \\ x_j = y_1, \dots, y_n, x_k = y_{\pi(1)} \dots y_{\pi(n-1)} y_n. \end{cases}$$

$$x_j \sim_t x_k \iff \begin{cases} \text{There are } y_1, \dots, y_n \in X, n \geq 1, \text{ and a permutation} \\ \pi \text{ of the numbers } 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ with} \\ x_j = y_1, \dots, y_n, x_k = y_{\pi(1)} \dots y_{\pi(n)}. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 1. a) The relations \sim_1, \sim_r, \sim_t are reflexive, symmetric and stable with respect to the multiplication.

b) $\sim_r \subseteq \sim_t$ and $\sim_1 \subseteq \sim_t$.

c) $x_j \sim_1 x_k \implies x_j y = x_k y$ for all $y \in X$,

$x_j \sim_r x_k \implies y x_j = y x_k$ for all $y \in X$,

$x_j \sim_t x_k \implies x_j y \sim_r x_k y$ and $y x_j \sim_1 y x_k$ for all $y \in X$.

The transitive closures of \sim_1, \sim_r, \sim_t are congruences and we denote the congruence classes containing y by $[y]_1, [y]_r$ and $[y]_t$ respectively.

Lemma 2. From $[y_1]_1 = [y_2]_1$ and $[x_1]_t = [x_2]_t$ it follows: $[y_1 x_1]_1 = [y_2 x_2]_1$. From $[y_1]_r = [y_2]_r$ and $[x_1]_t = [x_2]_t$ it follows $[x_1 y_1]_r = [x_2 y_2]_r$. From $[y_1]_1 = [y_2]_1$ and $[x_1]_r = [x_2]_r$ it follows $y_1 x_1 = y_2 x_2$.

For a given medial semigroup $(X, \cdot) = (\{x_i\}, i \in I, \cdot)$ let $F = (F, +) = F(a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i), i \in I$, be the free commutative semigroup with the free system of generators $\{a_i\} \cup \{b_i\} \cup \{c_i\} \cup \{d_i\}$, $i \in I$ ($F \cap X = \emptyset$). We denote the elements R, S of F by formal infinite sums

$$R = \sum \alpha_i a_i + \beta_i b_i + \gamma_i c_i + \sigma_i d_i, \quad \sum \alpha_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i + \sigma_i \geq 1.$$

Let \sim be the following relation on F

- (1) $R \sim S \iff R = S$ or
- (2) $R = \sum \sigma'_i d_i$ and $S = \sum \sigma''_i d_i$ with $[\prod x_i^{\sigma'_i}]_t = [\prod x_i^{\sigma''_i}]_t$ or
- (3) $R = b_h + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i, S = b_j + \sum^* \sigma''_i d_i$ with $[\prod x_i^{\sigma'_i}]_1 = [\prod x_i^{\sigma''_i}]_1$ or
- (4) $R = c_h + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i, S = c_j + \sum^* \sigma''_i d_i$ with $[(\prod x_i^{\sigma'_i})_{x_h}]_r = [(\prod x_i^{\sigma''_i})_{x_j}]_r$ or
- (5) $R = b_h + c_k + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i, S = b_j + c_m + \sum^* \sigma''_i d_i$ with $x_h \prod x_i^{\sigma'_i} x_k = x_j \prod x_i^{\sigma''_i} x_m$.

By the starlet at the sums or products we denote the possibility of being empty.

Lemma 3. Let $\sum \mu_i d_i \sim \sum \mu'_i d_i$.

- a) If $R \sim S$ according to (2), then $\sum (\sigma'_i + \mu_i) d_i \sim \sum (\sigma''_i + \mu'_i) d_i$.
- b) If $R \sim S$ according to (3), then $b_h + \sum^* (\sigma'_i + \mu_i) d_i \sim b_j + \sum^* (\sigma''_i + \mu'_i) d_i$.
- c) If $R \sim S$ according to (4), then $c_h + \sum^* (\sigma'_i + \mu_i) d_i \sim c_j + \sum^* (\sigma''_i + \mu'_i) d_i$.
- d) If $R \sim S$ according to (5), then $b_h + c_k + \sum^* (\sigma'_i + \mu_i) d_i \sim b_j + c_m + \sum^* (\sigma''_i + \mu'_i) d_i$.

Proof. We know $[\prod x_i^{\mu_i}]_t = [\prod x_i^{\mu_i}]_t$.

a) We have $[\prod x_i^{\sigma_i}]_t = [\prod x_i^{\sigma_i}]_t$ and therefore
 $[\prod x_i^{\sigma_i}]_t [\prod x_i^{\mu_i}]_t = [\prod x_i^{\sigma_i}]_t [\prod x_i^{\mu_i}]_t = [\prod x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i}]_t =$
 $[\prod x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i}]_t$.

b) Using Lemma 2 from $[x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i}]_1 = [x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i}]_1$ we have
 $[x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i}]_1 = [x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i}]_1$.

c) analogous to b)

d) We have $x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} x_k = x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} x_m$. With respect to the condition (*) it follows $x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} \prod^* x_i^{\mu_i} x_k =$
 $= x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} \prod^* x_i^{\mu_i} x_m$. This is by Lemma 1 equal to
 $x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} \prod^* x_i^{\mu_i} x_m$ and because of the mediality of X we have
 $x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i} x_k = x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i + \mu_i} x_m$. Using the relation
 \sim we define a relation \triangle on $(F,+)$:

$R = \sum \alpha_i a_i + \beta_i b_i + \gamma_i c_i + \sigma_i d_i \triangle S = \sum \alpha'_i a_i + \beta'_i b_i +$
 $+ \gamma'_i c_i + \sigma'_i d_i$ iff there exist $A_1, \dots, A_n, A'_1, \dots, A'_n \in (F,+)$
with $R = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$, $S = \sum_{i=1}^n A'_i$ and $A_i \sim A'_i$.

The relation \triangle is reflexive, symmetric and stable with respect to addition. The transitive closure \equiv is a congruence on $(F,+)$. By $[R] = [\sum \alpha_i a_i + \beta_i b_i + \gamma_i c_i + \sigma_i d_i]$ we denote the class containing $R = \sum \alpha_i a_i + \beta_i b_i + \gamma_i c_i + \sigma_i d_i$.

Lemma 4. a) $[a] = \{a\}$.

b) If $a = b_m + c_n + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i$ and $A \equiv B$, then $A \sim B$ follows.

Proof. a) Since a is an element of the free system of

generators of F , from $a \triangle R$ it follows $a \sim R$ and therefore $a = R$.

b) Let $A \triangle B$; then there exist $A_1, \dots, A_n, A'_1, \dots, A'_n$ with $A = \sum A_j, B = \sum A'_j$ and $A_j \sim A'_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$. b_m and c_n are elements of the free system of generators and therefore only the following two cases are possible.

1) One of the elements A_j , say A_1 , is of the form $A_1 = b_m + c_n + \sum^* \mu'_i d_i$. It follows $A'_1 = b_k + c_n + \sum^* \mu'_i d_i$ and all other elements A_i are of the form $\sum \lambda_i d_i$. In view of Lemma 3 we can write $A = A_1 + A_2, B = A'_1 + A'_2$, where $A_2 = \sum \alpha_i d_i, A'_2 = \sum \alpha'_i d_i$ and $A_2 \sim A'_2$. Again in view of Lemma 3 we get $A \sim B$.

2) One of the elements A_j , say A_1 , is of the form $A_1 = b_m + \sum^* \mu'_i d_i$, another, say A_2 , of the form $A_2 = c_n + \sum^* \alpha'_i d_i$. Then $A'_1 = b_k + \sum^* \mu'_i d_i$ and $A'_2 = c_n + \sum^* \alpha'_i d_i$. In view of Lemma 3 we may write $A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3, B = A'_1 + A'_2 + A'_3$, where $A_3 = \sum^* \lambda_i d_i, A'_3 = \sum^* \lambda'_i d_i$ and $A_3 \sim A'_3$. We have

$$[x_m \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i}]_1 = [x_k \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i}]_1, [\prod^* x_i^{\alpha'_i} x_n]_r = [\prod^* x_i^{\alpha'_i} x_n]_r$$

and $[\prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i}]_t = [\prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i}]_t$. Lemma 1 gives $[x_m \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i}]_1 = [x_k \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i}]_1$ and Lemma 2 the equality

$$x_m \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\alpha'_i} x_n = x_k \prod^* x_i^{\mu'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\lambda'_i} \prod^* x_i^{\alpha'_i} x_n,$$

therefore we have $A \sim B$.

The relation \sim is transitive, therefore from $A \equiv B$ it follows $A \sim B$.

2. The theorems. We define homomorphisms φ_0 and ψ_0 from $(F, +)$ into $(F, +)$ by

- (6) $\varphi_0(a_1) = b_1, \varphi_0(b_1) = b_1, \varphi_0(c_1) = d_1, \varphi_0(d_1) = d_1$
 (7) $\psi_0(a_1) = c_1, \psi_0(b_1) = d_1, \psi_0(c_1) = c_1, \psi_0(d_1) = d_1.$

Lemma 5. a) The endomorphisms φ_0 and ψ_0 are idempotent and permutable, $\varphi_0^2 = \varphi_0, \psi_0^2 = \psi_0$ and $\varphi_0\psi_0 = \psi_0\varphi_0.$

b) $R \equiv S$ implies $\varphi_0(R) \equiv \varphi_0(S)$ and $\psi_0(R) \equiv \psi_0(S).$

Proof. a) Easy, since the conditions are satisfied for the system of free generators.

b) It suffices to prove that $R \sim S$ implies $\varphi_0(R) \sim \varphi_0(S)$ and $\psi_0(R) \sim \psi_0(S).$ This is clear for the cases 1) $R = S$ and 2) $R = \sum \sigma'_i d_i, S = \sum \sigma''_i d_i.$ Let $R \sim S$ according to (3). Then we have $\varphi_0(R) = R, \varphi_0(S) = S, \psi_0(R) = d_h + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i,$

$\psi_0(S) = d_j + \sum^* \sigma''_i d_i.$ In view of Lemma 1 we have $\sim \subseteq \sim$ and thus $\psi_0(R) \sim \psi_0(S).$ Analogously we prove the case 4), $R \sim S$ according to (4). Case 5, let $R \sim S$ according to (5), hence

$x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma'_i} x_k = x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma''_i} x_m.$ We have $\varphi_0(R) = b_h + d_k + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i, \varphi_0(S) = b_j + d_m + \sum^* \sigma''_i d_i.$ The relation

$\varphi_0(R) \sim \varphi_0(S)$ follows from $[x_h x_k \prod^* x_i^{\sigma'_i}]_1 = [x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma'_i} x_k]_1 = [x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma''_i} x_m]_1 = [x_j x_m \prod^* x_i^{\sigma''_i}]_1.$ $\psi_0(R) \sim \psi_0(S)$ follows analogously.

We know by Lemma 5b) that the endomorphisms φ_0 and ψ_0 induce endomorphisms φ and ψ of F/\equiv , satisfying again the condition (6) and (7). From this we have by an easy calculation:

Theorem 1 (see [4]). F/\equiv is a medial semigroup with respect to the multiplication $[R][S] = [\varphi(R)] + [\psi(S)].$

If $x_h \prod^* x_i^{\sigma'_i} x_k = x_n,$ then we denote the class $[b_h + c_k + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i]$ by $T_n.$ By the lemmas 4 and 5, this notation

does not depend on the choice of the representatives.

Theorem 2. a) The set

$$T = \{[a_j] : x_j \notin X^2\} \cup (\cup T_n)$$

is a medial subsemigroup of $(F/\equiv, \cdot)$

b) The mapping φ

$$\varphi(x_j) = \begin{cases} [a_j] & \text{if } x_j \notin X^2 \\ T_j & \text{if } x_j \in X^2 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism from X onto $T \subseteq F/\equiv$

Proof. a) Let x_j and $x_k \notin X^2$. We have $[a_j][a_k] = \varphi(a_j) + \psi(a_k) = b_j + c_k$ and thus this expression is of the form (5). Let $x_j \notin X^2$, $T_n = [b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i]$. We have $[a_j]T_n = \varphi(a_j) + \psi(b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i) = b_j + d_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i$ and thus this expression is of the form (5). We have $T_n[a_j] = \varphi(b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i) + \psi(a_j) = b_1 + d_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i + c_j$ and thus this expression is of the form (5). Further we have $[b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i][b_j + c_m + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i] = b_1 + d_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i + d_j + c_m + \sum^* \sigma'_i d_i$ and this expression is of the form (5). T is a subsemigroup of F/\equiv .

b) φ is a bijection. Let $x_r x_s = x_t$.

b1) Let $x_r, x_s \notin X^2$. We have $\varphi(x_r) = [a_r]$, $\varphi(x_s) = [a_s]$, $[a_r][a_s] = [\varphi(a_r) + \psi(a_s)] = [b_r + c_s] = T_t$.

b2) Let $x_r \notin X^2$, $x_s \in X^2$. We have $\varphi(x_r) = [a_r]$ and $\varphi(x_s) = T_s = [b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i]$, with $x_1 \prod^* \sigma_i^1 x_k = x_s$. It holds $\varphi(x_r)\varphi(x_s) = [a_j]T_s = [b_r] + [\psi(T_s)] = [b_r + d_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i] = T_t$, because of $x_r x_1 \prod^* \sigma_i^1 x_k = x_r x_s = x_t$.

b3) Let $x_r \in X^2$, $x_s \notin X^2$. We have $\varphi(x_r) = T_r = [b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i]$, where $x_1 \prod^* \sigma_i^1 x_k = x_r$. It holds $\varphi(x_r)\varphi(x_s) = T_r[a_s] = [b_1 + d_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i] + c_s = T_t = \varphi(x_r x_s)$, because

of $x_1 x_k \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} x_s = x_r x_s = x_t$.

b4) Let $x_r, x_j \in X^2$. We have $\wp(x_r) = T_r = [b_1 + c_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i]$, $\wp(x_s) = T_s = [b_j + c_m + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i]$ with $x_1 \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} x_k = x_r$, $x_j \prod^* x_i^{\sigma_i} x_m = x_s$. Hence, $\wp(x_r)\wp(x_s) = T_r T_s = \wp(T_r) + \wp(T_s) = [b_1 + d_k + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i + d_j + c_m + \sum^* \sigma_i d_i] = T_t = \wp(x_r x_s)$.

Theorem 3. Let $X = \{x_i, i \in I\}$ be a medial and archimedean semigroup. Then $(F/\cong, \cdot)$ is archimedean, too.

Proof. Let $A = \sum \alpha_i a_i + \beta_i b_i + \gamma_i c_i + \sigma_i d_i$ and $B = \sum \kappa_i a_i + \lambda_i b_i + \mu_i c_i + \nu_i d_i$. Since X is archimedean, there exist a natural number $n \geq 1$ and elements x_r and x_s with $x_r \prod x_i^{\alpha_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i + \sigma_i} x_s = (\prod x_i^{\kappa_i + \lambda_i + \mu_i + \nu_i})^n$. Therefore we have $\wp_0 \psi_0(d_r A d_s) = d_r + \sum (\alpha_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i + \sigma_i) d_i + d_s \sim n \sum (\kappa_i + \lambda_i + \mu_i + \nu_i) d_i = \wp_0 \psi_0(B^n)$. From this $B d_r A d_s B = B^{n+2}$ and consequently $(F/\cong, \cdot)$ is an archimedean semigroup.

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