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## POLARS AND X-IDEALS IN SEMIGROUPS

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In the first part of the paper the foundations of the theory of polars are generalized from lattice ordered groups ( $l$ -groups) to  $x$ -ideals in commutative semigroups (see [1]).

In the second part of the paper a characteristic of  $x$ -ideals of a finite character is given.

### 1.

**Definition.** Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a semigroup. A mapping  $x: 2^S \rightarrow 2^S$  that fulfils the conditions

- I.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A \subseteq A_x$ ,
- II.  $A, B \subseteq S, A \subseteq B_x \Rightarrow A_x \subseteq B_x$ ,
- III.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow S \cdot A_x \subseteq A_x$ ,
- IV.  $A, B \subseteq S \Rightarrow A \cdot B_x \subseteq (A \cdot B)_x$ ,

is called an ideal-mapping and a set  $A \subseteq S$  with  $A_x = A$  is called an  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ . A system of all  $x$ -ideals in  $S$ , for the given ideal-mapping  $x$ , is called an  $x$ -system.

**Remark.** 1. From I. and II. it follows  $A_{xx} = A_x$ . 2. If  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup, then for any  $A, B \subseteq S$  we denote  $A : B = \{c \in S : c \cdot B \subseteq A\}$ . With regard to [1], Th. 3 the condition IV. is equivalent to  $(A_x : b)_x = A_x : b$ , for each  $A \subseteq S, b \in S$  if we suppose I. and II.

**Examples.** 1. If  $(G, +)$  is a group,  $a \circ b = -a - b + a + b$ , then  $(G, \circ)$  is a semigroup and a mapping  $x$  such that it maps every subset  $A \subseteq G$  on the normal subgroup  $A_x$  in  $(G, +)$  generated by  $A$  is an ideal-mapping.

2. If  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is a distributive lattice,  $a \cdot b = a \wedge b$ , then  $(L, \circ)$  is a semigroup and a mapping  $x$  such that it maps every subset  $A \subseteq L$  on the lattice-ideal  $A_x$  in  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  generated by  $A$  is an ideal-mapping.

3. If  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring, then a mapping  $x$  such that it maps every subset  $A \subseteq R$  on the ring-ideal  $A_x$  in  $(R, +, \cdot)$  generated by  $A$  is an ideal-mapping.

**1.1.** Let  $G$  be an  $l$ -group,  $A_l$  be a convex  $l$ -subgroup in  $G$  generated by  $A \subseteq G$ , for each  $A \subseteq G$ . Then  $l: 2^G \rightarrow 2^G$  is an ideal-mapping on the semigroup  $(G, \circ)$

where  $a \circ b = |a| \wedge |b|$ , for each  $a, b \in G$ . Further, if  $B$  is an  $x$ -ideal in  $(G, \cdot)$ , that is a subgroup in  $G$ , then  $B$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup in  $G$ .

**Proof.** Evidently  $A \subseteq A_l$  and  $A \subseteq B_l \Rightarrow A_l \subseteq B_l$ . For each  $a \in A, b \in B_l, A, B \subseteq G$  there is  $a \circ b = |a| \wedge |b| \leq |b|$  and thus  $A \cdot B_l \subseteq B_l$ . Now we prove that  $A_l : g$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup in  $G$ , for each  $A \subseteq G, g \in G$ :

If  $a, b \in A_l : g, h \in G, |h| \leq |a|$ , then  $h \circ g = |h| \wedge |g| \leq |a| \wedge |g| = a \circ g \in A_l$  and  $h \circ g \in A_l, h \in A_l : g, |-a| \wedge |g| = |a| \wedge |g| = a \circ g \in A_l$ , i. e.,  $-a \in A_l : g$ . Further,  $(a + b) \circ g = |a + b| \wedge |g| \leq (|a| + |b| + |a|) \wedge |g| \leq (|a| \wedge |g|) \vee (|b| \wedge |g|) + (|a| \wedge |g|) \in A_l, (a + b) \circ g \in A_l, a + b \in A_l : g, (a \vee 0) \circ g = |a \vee 0| \wedge |g| \leq |a| \wedge |g| \in A_l, a^+ \in A_l : g$ . Together  $(A_l : g)_l = A_l : g$  and according to Remark 2. the mapping  $l$  defines an  $x$ -system on  $(G, \cdot)$ .

Now, let  $B$  be an  $x$ -ideal in  $(G, \circ), B$  be a subgroup in  $G$ . If  $b \in B, g \in G, g_l \leq |b|$ , then  $|g| = |b| \wedge |g| = b \circ g \in B, b^+ = |b| \vee 0 = |b| \wedge b \vee 0 = b \circ (b \vee 0) \in B$ .

**Remark.** We shall suppose that in this paper a semigroup is always commutative.

**Definition.** Let  $(S, \cdot, e)$  be a commutative semigroup with a zero element. i. e.,  $s \cdot e = e \cdot s = e$ , for each  $s \in S$ . Then we define relations  $\delta^*, \delta'$  in  $S$ :

$$x\delta^*y \Leftrightarrow x \cdot y = e, \text{ for } x, y \in S$$

$$x\delta'y \Leftrightarrow x \cdot y = e, \text{ for } x, y \in S, x \neq y$$

$$x\delta'x \Leftrightarrow x = e, \text{ for } x \in S.$$

Further,  $K^* = \{s \in S : s\delta^*k, \text{ for each } k \in K\}, K' = \{s \in S : s\delta'k, \text{ for each } k \in K\}, K^{**} = (K^*)^*, K'' = (K')'$ . A set  $K \subseteq S$  with the property  $K^{**} = K(K'' = K)$  is called a  $\delta^*$ -polar (a  $\delta'$ -polar).

**Remark.** 1.  $K \subseteq K^{**}, K \subseteq K''$ . 2. A zero element  $e$  in a semigroup  $S$  is contained in every  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ .

**1.2.** Let  $(S, \cdot, e)$  be a commutative semigroup with a zero  $e$ . Then there holds:

1.  $A \subseteq B \subseteq S \Rightarrow A' \supseteq B', A^* \supseteq B^*$ ,
2.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A''' = A', A^{***} = A^*$ ,
3.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A'$  and  $A^*$  are subsemigroups in  $S$ ,
4.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A' \subseteq A^*$ ,
5.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A^* \cap A^{**} \subseteq \{s \in S : s\delta^*s\}$ ,
6.  $A \subseteq S \Rightarrow A' \cap A'' = A' \cdot A'' = \{e\}$ .

**1.3.** Let  $S$  be a commutative semigroup with a zero  $e$ . For each  $A \subseteq S$  put  $\pi^*A = A^{**}$ . Then  $\pi^*$  is an ideal-mapping.

**Proof.**  $A \subseteq A^{**}$  and  $A \subseteq B^{**} \Rightarrow A^{**} \subseteq B^{****} = B^{**}$ . Further, for each  $s \in S, a \in A^{**}, b \in A^*$  there holds  $(s \cdot a) \cdot b = s \cdot (a \cdot b) = s \cdot e = e, s \cdot a \in A^{**}, S \cdot A^{**} \subseteq A^{**}$ . If  $s \in S, h \in A^*, A \subseteq S$ , then  $A^{**} : s = \{c \in S : c \cdot s \in A^{**}\}$

and  $e - (c \cdot s) \cdot h = c \cdot (s \cdot h)$ , i.e.,  $c \in (s \cdot A^*)^*$ . If  $c \in (s \cdot A^*)^*$ ,  $h \in A^*$ , then  $e - c \cdot (s \cdot h) = (c \cdot s) \cdot h$ , i.e.,  $c \cdot s \in A^{**}$  and  $(A^{**}: s) = (s \cdot A^*)^*$ ,  $(A^{**}: s)^{**} = A^{**}: s$ .

**1.4.** If  $G$  is an  $l$ -group, then for each  $a, b \in G$  the following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $|a| \wedge |b| = 0$ ,
2.  $a\delta'b$ ,
3.  $a\delta^*b$ .

**Definition.** Let  $(S, \cdot, e)$  be a semigroup (commutative) with a zero  $e$ . Then  $\pi^*(S)$  ( $\pi'(S)$ ) is the system of all  $\delta^*$ -polars ( $\delta'$ -polars) in  $S$ .

**Remark.** If  $G$  is an  $l$ -group, then  $\Gamma(G)$  denotes the system of all polars in  $G$  with respect to the relation  $\delta$ :

$$a\delta b \Leftrightarrow |a| \wedge |b| = 0, \quad a, b \in G.$$

**1.5. Corollary.** If  $G$  is an  $l$ -group, then  $\pi^*(G) = \pi'(G) = \Gamma(G)$  with respect to a semigroup operation  $\circ$  ( $a \circ b = |a| \wedge |b|$ ,  $a, b \in G$ ) on  $G$ .

**Remark.** Further, let us denote  $a^* = \{a\}^*$ ,  $a^{**} = \{a\}^{**}$ ,  $a' = \{a\}'$ ,  $a'' = \{a\}''$ .

**1.6.** If  $(S, \cdot, e)$  is a semigroup with a zero  $e$ , then the following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $a\delta^*b \Leftrightarrow a\delta'b$ , for each pair  $a, b \in S$ ,
2.  $a \cdot a = e \Rightarrow a = e$ , for each  $a \in S$ ,
3.  $a\delta^*b \Rightarrow a^{**} \cap b^{**} = \{e\}$ , for each pair  $a, b \in S$ ,
4.  $a^* \cap a^{**} = \{e\}$ , for each  $a \in S$ .

**Definition.** We say that a semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  with a zero  $e$  has the property (E) if  $a \cdot a = e \Rightarrow a = e$ , for each  $a \in S$ .

**Remark.** A semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  has the property (E) if and only if the relations  $\delta^*$  and  $\delta'$  are identical. We shall further suppose in this paper that (E) is valid; a  $\delta^*$ -polar of  $S$  will be called a polar of  $S$ .

**1.7. Theorem.** Let a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  have the property (E),  $x$  be an ideal mapping on  $S$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $\{e\}_x = \{e\}$ ,
2.  $\bigcap \{A_x : A \subseteq S\} = \{e\}$ ,
3. Every polar  $A$  in  $S$  is the greatest  $x$ -ideal  $B_x$  in  $S$  with respect to  $B_x \cap A' = \{e\}$ ,
4. Every polar in  $S$  is an  $x$ -ideal,
5.  $(A_x)'' = (A'')_x = A''$ ,  $A \subseteq S$ ,
6.  $(A_x)' = (A')_x = A'$ ,  $A \subseteq S$ .

**Proof.** 2  $\Rightarrow$  1: From the fact that  $e \in A_x$  for every  $A \subseteq S$  it follows  $\{e\}_x \subseteq \bigcap \{A_x : A \subseteq S\} = \{e\}$ .

1  $\Rightarrow$  3: If  $p \in A_x$ ,  $c \in A'$ , then  $c \cdot p \in A' \cdot A_x \subseteq (A' \cdot A)_x = \{e\}_x = \{e\}$ , i.e.,

$p \in A'' = A$ ,  $A_x \subseteq A$  and  $A$  is an  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ . Further, if  $B_x$  is an  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ ,  $B_x \cap A' = \{e\}$ ,  $b \in B_x$ ,  $a \in A$ , then  $(b \cdot c) \cdot a = b \cdot (c \cdot a) = b \cdot e = e$ ,  $b \cdot c \in A' \cap B_x = \{e\}$ . It means that  $b \in A''$ ,  $B_x \subseteq A$ .

3  $\Rightarrow$  4 evidently. 4  $\Rightarrow$  2:  $\{e\} \subseteq \cap \{A_x : A \subseteq S\} \subseteq A' \cap A'' = \{e\}$ .

4  $\Rightarrow$  5:  $(A'')_x = A''$ ,  $(A_x)'' \supseteq A''$  and  $A_x \subseteq A'' \Rightarrow (A_x)'' \subseteq A''$ . Together  $(A_x)'' = (A'')_x = A''$ .

5  $\Rightarrow$  4, 6  $\Rightarrow$  4 evidently. 4  $\Rightarrow$  6:  $(A')_x = A'$ . Further, from 4 the property 5 follows and thus  $(A_x)' = (A_x)''' = [(A_x)'']' = (A'')' = A''' = A'$ .

**1.8.** If  $A, B, A_\lambda (\lambda \in A)$  are subsets in a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  with the property (E), then  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda)' = \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A'$

Proof.  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda)' \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A'_\lambda$  (see 1.2., 1) and if  $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A'_\lambda$ ,  $y \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda$ , then  $x \cdot y = e$  and thus  $\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A'_\lambda \subseteq (\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda)'$ .

**1.9. Theorem.** The set  $\pi(S)$  of all polars in a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  with the property (E) is a Boolean algebra, where a complement of a polar  $A$  in  $S$  is  $A'$  and the order in  $\pi(S)$  is defined by set-inclusion.

Further,  $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in A} A''_\lambda = \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A''_\lambda$ ,  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in A} A''_\lambda = (\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda)''$ , for each  $A_\lambda \subseteq S$ ,  $\lambda \in A$ ,  $A'' \vee B'' = (A'' \cup B'')'' = (A' \cap B')' = (A \cup B)''$ , for each  $A, B \subseteq S$ ,  $A'' \wedge B'' = A'' \cap B'' = (A' \cup B')' = (A \cdot B)''$ , for each  $A, B \subseteq S$ ,  $A'' \wedge B'' = (A \cap B)''$ , for each  $x$ -ideals  $A, B$  in  $S$ .

Proof.  $S = \{e\}'$  is the greatest element in  $\pi(S)$ ,  $\{e\} = S'$  is the smallest element in  $\pi(S)$ . If  $A_\lambda \in \pi(S)$  for  $\lambda \in A$ , then  $(\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A''_\lambda)'' = [(\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A'_\lambda)']'' = (\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A'_\lambda)' = \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A''_\lambda$  and thus  $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda = \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda$ . Therefore  $\pi(S)$  is a complete lattice and  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda = (\bigcup_{\lambda \in A} A_\lambda)''$  and for each  $A \in \pi(S)$   $A \wedge A' = A \cap A' = \{e\}$ ,  $A \vee A' = (A \cup A')'' = (A' \cap A'')' = \{e\}' = S$ .

Further, for every  $A, B \subseteq S$  there is  $A'' \vee B'' = (A'' \cup B'')'' = (A' \cap B')' = (A \cup B)''$ ,  $A'' \wedge B'' = A'' \cap B'' = (A' \cup B')'$  — see 1.8. If  $c \in A \cdot B$ ,  $d \in A'$  are arbitrary elements, then  $c = a \cdot b$  for suitable elements  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  and  $d \cdot c = d \cdot (a \cdot b) = (d \cdot a) \cdot b = e \cdot b = e$ , i.e.,  $c \in A''$ . From this  $A \cdot B \subseteq A''$  and similarly  $A \cdot B \subseteq B''$ , thus  $A \cdot B \subseteq A'' \cap B''$ ,  $(A \cdot B)'' \subseteq A'' \cap B''$ . For every  $x \in A'' \cap B''$ ,  $y \in (A \cdot B)'$ ,  $c \in A \cdot B$  there is  $(x \cdot y) \cdot c = x \cdot (y \cdot c) = x \cdot e = e$ , i.e.,  $x \cdot y \in (A \cdot B)'$  and for each  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  we have  $e = (x \cdot y) \cdot (a \cdot b) = (x \cdot y \cdot a) \cdot b$ ,  $x \cdot y \cdot a \in B' \cap B'' = \{e\}$ ,  $x \cdot y \in A' \cap A'' = \{e\}$ . Finally,  $A'' \cap B'' \subseteq (A \cdot B)''$  and  $A'' \cap B'' = (A \cdot B)''$ . If  $A, B$  are  $x$ -ideals in  $S$ , then  $(A \cdot B)'' \subseteq (A \cap B)'' \subseteq (A'' \cap B'')'' = A'' \cap B''$ .

Now we prove the distributivity of  $\pi(S)$ : If  $A, B, C \in \pi(S)$ , then  $(A \vee B) \wedge \cup (A \cdot C) \cup (A \cdot B) \cup (B \cdot C) \subseteq [A \cup (B \cap C)]'' = A \vee (B \wedge C)$  — see the following Remark.

Remark. For every  $A \subseteq S, a \in A'', b \in A', s \in S$  there holds that  $b \cdot (a \cdot s) = (b \cdot a) \cdot s = e \cdot s = e$ , i.e.,  $A'' \cdot S \subseteq A''$ . From this  $A'' \cdot B'' \subseteq A'' \cap B''$ .

## 2.

**Definition.** Let  $x$  be an ideal mapping on a semigroup  $S$ . We say that  $x$  defines an  $x$ -system of finite character if  $A_x = \cup \{N_x : N \subseteq A, \text{card } N < \aleph_0\}$  for each  $A \subseteq S$ .

**2.1.** If  $G$  is an  $l$ -group,  $a \cdot b = |a| \wedge |b|$ , for each  $a, b \in G$  and  $C(G)$  is a set of all convex  $l$ -subgroups in  $G$ , then  $C(G)$  is an  $x$ -system of finite character on  $(G, \cdot)$ .

Remark. The set of all  $x$ -ideals on a semigroup forms a complete lattice with respect to set-inclusion (see [1], Prop. 1).

**2.2. Theorem.** If  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup,  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a lattice of  $x$ -ideals, then the following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $\mathfrak{S}$  is an  $x$ -system of finite character.
2.  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the lattice of all subalgebras of an algebra.
3. The join of every upper directed set of  $x$ -ideals is an  $x$ -ideal.

Proof. 1  $\Rightarrow$  2: We consider an algebra  $(S, \Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is the set of all  $n$ -ary operations fulfilling the condition:  $\omega \in \Omega, n$ -ary,  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in S \Rightarrow a_1 \dots a_n \omega = b \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}_x$ . Hence an  $x$ -ideal  $A_x$  in  $S$  is an algebra in  $(S, \Omega)$  because for every  $\omega \in \Omega, n$ -ary,  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A_x$  there holds  $a_1 \dots a_n \omega \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}_x \subseteq A_x$ . Conversely every subalgebra  $P$  in  $(S, \Omega)$  is an  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ . In fact for every finite set  $N \subseteq P$  we have  $N_x \subseteq P$  and thus  $P_x = \cup \{N_x : N \subseteq P, N \text{ finite}\} \subseteq P, P_x = P$ .

2  $\Rightarrow$  3: It follows from [2], Satz 1.

3  $\Rightarrow$  1: If  $A \subseteq S$ , then  $A_x \supseteq \cup \{N_x : N \subseteq A, N \text{ finite}\}$  and the set  $\{N_x : N \subseteq A, N \text{ finite}\}$  is upper directed, i.e.,  $A_x = \cup \{N_x : N \subseteq A, N \text{ finite}\}$ .

**Definition.** Let  $A_x$  be an  $x$ -ideal in a semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$ . The set  $\sqrt{A_x} = \{a \in S : \text{there exists a positive integer } n, a^n \in A_x\}$  is called a radical of  $A_x$ . If  $A_x = \sqrt{A_x}$ , then  $A_x$  is called an  $x$ -semiprimeideal. If every  $x$ -ideal is an  $x$ -semiprimeideal then an  $x$ -system is called an  $x$ -semiprimesystem.

**2.3.** If a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  has the property (E), then the set  $\pi(S)$  of all polars in  $S$  is an  $x$ -semiprimesystem.

Proof.  $\pi(S)$  is an  $x$ -system (see 1.3) and according to [1], Prop. 11 it is sufficient for every  $A \subseteq S$  to prove:  $a^2 \in A'' \Rightarrow a \in A''$ . If  $a^2 \in A''$  for some  $a \in S$  and some  $A \subseteq S$ , then for each  $b \in A'$  we have  $a^2 \cdot b = e$  and  $(a \cdot b)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2 = (a^2 \cdot b) \cdot b = e \cdot b = e$ . From the property (E) it follows  $a \cdot b = e, a \in A''$ .

**Definition.** Let  $P_x$  be an  $x$ -ideal in a semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$ . Then  $P_x$  is called:  
an irreducible  $x$ -ideal, if  $P_x = R_x \cap Q_x$ ,  $R, Q \subseteq S$  implies  $P_x = R_x$  or  $P_x = Q_x$ ;  
a primary  $x$ -ideal, if  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \cdot b \in P_x$ ,  $a \notin P_x$  implies the existence of a positive integer  $n$  such that  $b^n \in P_x$ ;

a prime  $x$ -ideal, if  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \cdot b \in P_x$ ,  $a \notin P_x$  implies  $b \in P_x$ ;

a simple  $x$ -ideal, if  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \cdot b = e$ ,  $a \notin P_x$  implies  $b \in P_x$ , where  $e$  is a zero in  $S$ .

Remark. The definition of prime, irreducible and primary  $x$ -ideals is taken over [1].

**2.4.** If  $(S, \cdot, e)$  is a commutative semigroup with the property (E), then every simple  $x$ -ideal is a prime  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ .

Proof. Let  $P_x$  be a simple  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ . If  $P_x = S$ , then clearly  $P_x$  is a prime  $x$ -ideal. If  $P_x \neq S$ ,  $a \notin P_x$ ,  $b \notin P_x$ ,  $a \in S$ ,  $b \in S$ ,  $a \cdot b \in P_x$ , then  $a' \subseteq P_x$ ,  $b' \subseteq P_x$  and for each  $c \in (P_x)'$  there holds  $e = (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) = b \cdot (a \cdot c)$ ,  $b \cdot c \in a' \subseteq P_x$ ,  $c \cdot a \in b' \subseteq P_x$ . It implies that  $b \cdot c, c \cdot a \in (P_x)' \cap P_x = \{e\}$ ,  $c \in (a' \cap b') \cap (P_x)' \subseteq (P_x)' \cap P_x = \{e\}$ , i. e.,  $(P_x)' = \{e\}$ ,  $P_x = S$ , which is a contradiction.

**2.5. Corollary.** For a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot, e)$  with the property (E) and an  $x$ -semiprimesystem  $L$  in  $S$ ,  $P_x \in L$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $P_x$  is a prime  $x$ -ideal,
2.  $P_x$  is an irreducible  $x$ -ideal,
3.  $P_x$  is a primary  $x$ -ideal,
4.  $P_x$  is a simple  $x$ -ideal.

Proof.  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$ : see [1], Prop. 14,  $1 \Rightarrow 3$  is clear,  $4 \Rightarrow 1$ : see 2.4,  $3 \Rightarrow 4$ : For  $a, b \in S$ ,  $c \cdot b = e$ ,  $a \notin P_x$  there exists a positive integer  $n$  with the property  $b^n \in P_x$ . If  $n = 1$ , then  $b \in P_x$ . Suppose that  $n > 1$ . Let  $k$  be the minimal positive integer with the property  $b^k \in P_x$ . If  $k > 2$ , then there exists a positive integer  $m$ ,  $m < k$ ,  $2m > k$ . It implies  $b^k \cdot b^{2m-k} \in P_x$ , because  $P_x$  is an  $x$ -ideal in  $S$ , i. e.,  $b^{2m} \in P_x$ ,  $(b^m)^2 \in P_x$ . From [1], Prop. 11 there follows  $b^m \in P_x$ . From this contradiction  $k = 2$ ,  $b^2 \in P_x$  follows and  $b \in P_x$  again according to [1], Prop. 11.

**2.6.** The Krull–Stone Theorem ([1], Th. 12). If  $(S, \cdot)$  is a commutative semigroup with an  $x$ -system, then for every  $A \subseteq S$  there holds that  $\bigcap A_x = \bigcap \{P_x : P_x \text{ is a prime } x\text{-ideal in } S, P_x \supseteq A_x\}$ .

Corollaries of the Krull–Stone Theorem:

**2.7.** Let  $G$  be an  $l$ -group. Then there holds:

1. The set of all convex  $l$ -subgroups in  $G$  is an  $x$ -semiprimesystem and every convex  $l$ -subgroup  $A_l$  generated by a set  $A$  in  $G$  is an intersection of simple  $l$ -subgroups in  $G$  containing  $A$ .

2. ([3], 2.3, 9) Every polar  $A'$  in  $G$  is an intersection of all minimal simple  $l$ -subgroups in  $G$  not containing  $A$ .

3. There exists an  $l$ -group  $G$  such that the set of all  $l$ -ideals in  $G$  forms no  $x$ -system in  $G$ .

Proof. 1. It follows from 1.1, 2.5 and the definition of the  $x$ -semiprime-system.

2. According to 2.3 for every polar  $A'$  in  $G$  there is  $\bigvee A' = A'$  and the rest follows from 2.5 and 2.6.

3. We suppose that the set of all  $l$ -ideals in  $G$  is an  $x$ -system in  $G$ . Then it is clearly an  $x$ -semiprimesystem and  $\{0\}$  is an intersection of simple  $l$ -ideals in  $G$ . In case that  $G$  has no realization, it is impossible.

**2.8.** If  $(S, \cdot, e)$  is a commutative semigroup with the property (E), then every polar in  $S$  is an intersection of maximal polars in  $G$ .

Proof.  $\pi(S)$  is an  $x$ -semiprimesystem (see 2.3). Every polar in  $S$  is an intersection of simple polars in  $S$  (see 2.6). Now we prove that a polar  $P$  being a simple  $x$ -ideal in  $S$  is a maximal polar in  $S$  (i. e., a dual atom in  $\pi(S)$ ). Namely, if  $Q \in \pi(S)$ ,  $Q \supset P$ ,  $S \neq Q \neq P$ , then  $Q' \subset P \subset Q$  and  $Q' = \{0\}$ ,  $Q = G$ , which is a contradiction.

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