

## Completions of generalized inverse $*$ -semigroups<sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

It is well known that every inverse semigroup can be embedded both in a (join) complete inverse semigroup and a meet complete inverse semigroup (see [8]). The purpose of this paper is to obtain its generalization for generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups. We succeed the former, that is, each generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup  $S$  is embedded in a  $*$ -complete, infinitely distributive generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. Unfortunately, we can not answer for the later. However, we have that  $S$  is embedded in  $K(S)$  consisting of all cosets of  $S$ .

## 1 Preliminaries

A semigroup  $S$  with a unary operation  $*$  :  $S \rightarrow S$  is called a *regular  $*$ -semigroup* if it satisfies

$$(i) (x^*)^* = x; \quad (ii) (xy)^* = y^*x^*; \quad (iii) xx^*x = x.$$

Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. An idempotent  $e$  in  $S$  is called a *projection* if  $e^* = e$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $S$ , denote the sets of idempotents and projections of  $A$  by  $E(A)$  and  $P(A)$ , respectively.

Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. If  $E(S) = P(S)$ ,  $S$  is called an *inverse semigroup*. If  $eSe$  is an inverse subsemigroup of  $S$  for any  $e \in E(S)$ , it is called a *locally inverse  $*$ -semigroup*. If  $E(S)$  forms a subsemigroup of  $S$ , it is called an *orthodox  $*$ -semigroup*. If  $S$  is orthodox and locally inverse, it is called a *generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup*. It is well known that  $S$  is a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup if and only if  $E(S)$  satisfies the identity  $xyzw = xzyw$ .

**Result 1.1.** [4] *Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. Then we have*

- (1)  $E(S) = P(S)^2$ .
- (2) For any  $a \in S$  and  $e \in P(S)$ ,  $a^*ea \in P(S)$ .

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(3) Each  $\mathcal{L}$ -class and  $\mathcal{R}$ -class contains one and only one projection.

Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $S$  as follows:

$$a \leq b \iff a = eb = bf \text{ for some } e, f \in P(S).$$

**Result 1.2.** [5] *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a regular  $*$ -semigroup  $S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $a \leq b$ ,
- (2)  $aa^* = ba^*$  and  $a^*a = b^*a$ ,
- (3)  $aa^* = ab^*$  and  $a^*a = a^*b$ ,
- (4)  $a = aa^*b = ba^*a$ .

The relation  $\leq$ , defined above, is a partial order on  $S$  which preserves the  $*$ -operation. We call  $\leq$  the natural order on  $S$ . It is well known that  $S$  is a locally inverse  $*$ -semigroup if and only if  $\leq$  is compatible.

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. Then  $S$  is a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup if and only if  $xey \leq xy$  for any  $x, y \in S$  and  $e \in P(S)$*

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a partial order set. A subset  $Q$  of  $P$  is said to be an order ideal if  $x \leq y \in Q$  implies  $x \in Q$ . For  $x \in P$ ,  $[x] = \{y \in P : y \leq x\}$  is the smallest order ideal of  $P$  containing  $x$ , which is called the principal order ideal of  $P$  containing  $x$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. Then  $P(S)$  is an order ideal of  $S$ . Moreover, if  $S$  is orthodox, then  $E(S)$  is an order ideal.*

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be regular  $*$ -semigroups. A mapping  $\theta : S \rightarrow T$  is called a  $*$ -homomorphism if, for any  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$\theta(ab) = \theta(a)\theta(b) \text{ and } \theta(a^*) = \theta(a)^*.$$

The following properties are well known.

**Result 1.5.** *Let  $\theta : S \rightarrow T$  be a  $*$ -homomorphism between regular  $*$ -semigroups.*

- (1) *If  $e \in E(S)$ , then  $\theta(e) \in E(T)$ .*
- (2) *If  $e \in P(S)$ , then  $\theta(e) \in P(T)$ .*
- (3) *If  $U$  is a regular  $*$ -subsemigroup of  $S$ , then  $\theta(U)$  is a regular  $*$ -subsemigroup of  $T$ .*
- (4) *If  $V$  is a regular  $*$ -subsemigroup of  $T$ , then  $\theta^{-1}(V)$  is a regular  $*$ -subsemigroup of  $S$ .*
- (5) *The mapping  $\theta$  is order-preserving.*

The notation and terminology are those of [7] and [8], unless otherwise stated.

## 2 \*-Compatibility relations and infinitely distributive semigroups

Let  $S$  be a regular \*-semigroup. For any  $s, t \in S$ , the left \*-compatibility relation is defined by

$$s \sim_l^* t \Leftrightarrow st^* \in P(S),$$

the right \*-compatibility relation is defined by

$$s \sim_r^* t \Leftrightarrow s^*t \in P(S),$$

and the compatibility relation is defined by

$$s \sim^* t \Leftrightarrow s^*t, st^* \in P(S).$$

A subset  $A$  of  $S$  is said to be \*-compatible if  $a \sim^* b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $S$  be a regular \*-semigroup and let  $s, t \in S$ . Then  $s \sim^* t$  if and only if the greatest lower bound  $s \wedge t$  of  $s$  and  $t$  exists and*

$$s \wedge t = st^*t = ts^*t = ts^*s = st^*s = ss^*t = tt^*s.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $S$  be a locally inverse \*-semigroup, and let  $s, t, u, v \in S$ . Then*

- (1)  $s \leq t, u \leq v$  and  $t \sim^* v$  implies that  $s \sim^* u$ .
- (2)  $[s]$  is a \*-compatible order ideal of  $S$ .

If  $S$  is a generalized inverse \*-semigroup, then

- (3)  $s \sim^* t$  and  $u \sim^* v$  implies that  $su \sim^* tv$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $S$  be a locally inverse \*-semigroup and let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty subsets of projections and idempotents, respectively. Then we have the following:*

- (1) If  $\bigwedge A$  exists, then it is a projection.
- (2) If  $\bigvee A$  exists, it is a projection.

Moreover, let  $S$  be a generalized inverse \*-semigroup. Then

- (3) If  $\bigwedge B$  exists, it is an idempotent.
- (4) If  $\bigvee B$  exists, it is an idempotent.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be a locally inverse \*-semigroup and let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$  such that  $\bigvee A$  exists. Then any two elements of  $A$  are \*-compatible.*

A regular \*-semigroup is said to be *left infinitely distributive* if, whenever  $A$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  for which  $\bigvee A$  exists, then  $\bigvee sA$  exists for any element  $s \in S$  and  $s(\bigvee A) = \bigvee sA$ . *Right infinitely distributive* is defined analogously. Also a semigroup which is both left and right infinitely distributive is called *infinitely distributive*. We say that a regular \*-semigroup is \*-complete if every its non-empty \*-compatible subset has a join.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $S$  be a locally inverse  $*$ -semigroup and  $A = \{a_i : i \in I\}$  a non-empty subset of  $S$ .

(1) If  $\bigvee a_i$  exists then  $\bigvee a_i^* a_i$  exists and  $(\bigvee a_i)^* (\bigvee a_i) = \bigvee a_i^* a_i$ .

(2) If  $\bigvee a_i$  exists then  $\bigvee a_i a_i^*$  exists and  $(\bigvee a_i) (\bigvee a_i)^* = \bigvee a_i a_i^*$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $S$  be a infinitely distributive locally inverse  $*$ -semigroup. If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty subsets of  $S$  such that  $\bigvee A$ ,  $\bigvee B$  and  $\bigvee AB$  exist, then  $\bigvee AB = (\bigvee A)(\bigvee B)$ .

### 3 Join completions

Let  $A$  be a subset of a regular  $*$ -semigroup  $S$ . It is said to be  $*$ -permissible if it is a  $*$ -compatible order ideal of  $S$ . The set of all  $*$ -permissible subsets of  $S$  is denoted by  $C^*(S)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup and  $A$  its  $*$ -permissible subset. Then

$$A^*A = \{a^*a : a \in A\} \quad \text{and} \quad AA^* = \{aa^* : a \in A\}$$

are both order ideals.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup. If  $A$  is a  $*$ -permissible subset of  $S$  which satisfies  $AA = A$ , then it is a subset of  $E(S)$ . Moreover,  $A$  satisfies  $A^* = A$ , it is a subset of  $P(S)$ .

Now, we have the main theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. Then  $C^*(S)$  is a  $*$ -complete, infinitely distributive generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. And the mapping  $\iota : S \rightarrow C^*(S)$  ( $s \mapsto [s]$ ) is an injective  $*$ -homomorphism. Moreover, every element of  $C^*(S)$  is a join of non-empty subset of  $\iota(S)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $\theta : S \rightarrow T$  be a  $*$ -homomorphism to a  $*$ -complete, infinitely distributive generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup, then there exists a unique join-preserving  $*$ -homomorphism  $\phi : C^*(S) \rightarrow T$  such that  $\phi \iota = \theta$ .

Now we can obtain that the category of  $*$ -complete, infinitely distributive generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups together with join-preserving  $*$ -homomorphisms is a reflective subcategory of the category of generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups and  $*$ -homomorphism.

**Theorem 3.5.** The function  $S \mapsto C^*(S)$  is the object part of a functor from the category of generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups and  $*$ -homomorphisms to the category of  $*$ -complete, infinitely distributive generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups and join-preserving  $*$ -homomorphisms.

## 4 Cosets of generalized inverse $*$ -semigroups

Let  $S$  be a regular  $*$ -semigroup and  $X$  its subset. We call

$$[X]^\dagger = \{s \in S : x \leq s \text{ for some } x \in X\}$$

the closure of  $X$  in  $S$ . If  $X = \{x\}$  consists a single element, we denote it by  $[x]^\dagger$ , which is called the principal closure containing  $x$ . A subset is said to be closed if it is equal to its closure.

Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. A non-empty subset  $H$  of  $S$  is called a coset if  $HH^*H$ , and the set of all cosets of  $S$  is denoted by  $K(S)$ . We first remark to justify the use of the term coset.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a group  $G$ . Then  $A = AA^*A$  ( $= aa^{-1}A$ ) if and only if  $A$  is a coset of a subgroup of  $G$ .*

A further justification for the term coset comes from the theory of representation of generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroups.

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $\theta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{GI}(X;\Omega)$  be a representation of a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup  $S$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  and put  $H_{x,y} = \{s \in S : \theta(s)(x) = y\}$ . Then if  $H_{x,y}$  is non-empty, it is a coset.*

We give another characterization of cosets in the sense of Dubreil [1]. For non-empty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a semigroup  $S$ , define

$$A \cdot B = \{s \in S : Bs \subseteq A\} \text{ and } A \cdot .B = \{s \in S : sB \subseteq A\}.$$

If  $B = \{b\}$ , we denote each by  $A \cdot B$  and  $A \cdot .B$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. If  $A$  is a coset and  $A \cdot B$  [ $A \cdot .B$ ] is a non-empty subset of  $S$ , then  $A \cdot B$  [ $A \cdot .B$ ] is a coset.*

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $H$  be a non-empty subset of a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup  $S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $H$  is a coset,
- (2)  $H \cdot .s \cap H \cdot .t \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow H \cdot .s = H \cdot .t$  for any  $s, t \in S^1$ ,
- (3)  $H \cdot .s \cap H \cdot .t \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow H \cdot .s = H \cdot .t$  for any  $s, t \in S^1$ ,
- (4)  $xu, vu, vy \in H \Rightarrow xy \in H$  for any  $x, y \in S$  and  $u, v \in S^1$ .

Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. We now introduce a new binary operation on  $K(S)$  and it becomes a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup with respect to the operation. It is clear that the intersection of any non-empty set of cosets is either empty or a coset. For a non-empty subset  $X$  of  $S$ , we define  $j(X)$  to be the intersection of all cosets containing  $X$ , that is, the smallest coset containing  $X$ . Define a binary operation  $\otimes$  and a unary operation  $*$  on  $S$  as follows:

$$A \otimes B = j(AB) \text{ and } (A)^* = A^*.$$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. Then  $K(S)(\otimes, *)$  is a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup.*

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup and  $s \in S$ . Then  $[s]^\uparrow$  is a coset.*

**Proposition 4.7.** *Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. Then, for any  $A, B \in K(S)$ ,*

$$A \leq B \Rightarrow A \supseteq B.$$

Now, we can immediately obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $S$  be a generalized inverse  $*$ -semigroup. Then the mapping  $\iota : S \rightarrow K(S)$  ( $s \mapsto [s]^\uparrow$ ) is an injective  $*$ -homomorphism, and each element of  $K(S)$  is the union of a non-empty subset of  $\iota(S)$ .*

**Remark.** We showed that, for  $A, B \in K(S)$ ,  $A \leq B$  implies  $A \supseteq B$  in Proposition 4.7. However, we do not know where the converse is true or not. If it is true, we can change "the union" to "the meet" in Theorem 4.8.

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