# Some remarks on generalized inverse \*-semigroups II 1

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#### **Abstract**

By using a concept of representations of generalized inverse \*-semigroups [2], we introduce a new partial product on a generalized inverse \*-semigroup. The purpose of this paper is to give a characterization of prehomomorphisms of generalized inverse \*-semigroups.

### 1 Introduction

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

(i) 
$$(x^*)^* = x$$
; (ii)  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$ ; (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. Define a relation  $\leq$  on S as follows:

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

A regular \*-semigroup S is called a generalized inverse \*-semigroup if E(S) satisfies the identity xyzw = xzyw. In this case, E(S) forms a band.

**Result 1.1.** [1] Let a and b be elements of S. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

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

Moreover, if S is a generalized inverse \*-semigroup, the conditions above are equivalent to the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This paper is an abstract and the details will be published elsewhere.

(5) 
$$a = eb = bf$$
 for some  $e, f \in E(S)$ .

**Result 1.2.** [1] The relation  $\leq$  on a regular \*-semigroup, defined above, is a partial order on S which preserves the unary operation. Moreover, if S is a generalized inverse \*-semigroup,  $\leq$  is compatible.

We call the partial order  $\leq$ , defined above, the natural order on S.

Let S and T be regular \*-semigroups. A mapping  $\phi: S \to T$  is called a *prehomomorphism*, if it satisfies

- (i)  $(ab)\phi \leq (a\phi)(b\phi)$ ,
- (ii)  $(a\phi)^* = a^*\phi$ ,

for all  $a, b \in S$ .

**Result 1.3.** [1] Let  $\phi$  be a prehomomorphism of a regular \*-semigroup S to a regular \*-semigroup T. Then we have the following:

- (1)  $\phi$  maps an idempotent of S to an idempotent of T, and so it maps a projection of S to a projection of T,
- (2)  $\phi$  is isotone, that is,  $a \leq b$  implies  $a\phi \leq b\phi$ ,

As a generalization of the Preston-Vagner representations, we obtain a representation of a generalized inverse \*-semigroup [2]. A non-empty set X with an equivalence relation  $\sigma$  is called a transitive  $\iota$ -set, and denoted by  $(X;\sigma)$ . Let  $(X;\sigma)$  be a transitive  $\iota$ -set. A subset A of X is called an  $\iota$ -single subset of  $(X;\sigma)$  if there exists at most one element of A for each equivalence class induced by  $\sigma$ , that is,  $x\sigma y$   $(x,y\in A)$  implies x=y. Denot the set of all  $\iota$ -single subsets of  $(X;\sigma)$  by T. A mapping  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{I}_X$ , the symmetric inverse semigroup on X, is called a partial one-to-one  $\iota$ -mapping on  $(X;\sigma)$  if  $d(\alpha), r(\alpha)$  are both  $\iota$ -single subsets of  $(X;\sigma)$ , where  $d(\alpha)$  and  $r(\alpha)$  are the domain and the range of  $\alpha$ , respectively. Denote the set of all partial one-to-one  $\iota$ -mappings of  $(X;\sigma)$  by  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$ .

For any  $\iota$ -single subsets A and B of  $(X; \sigma)$ , define  $\theta_{A,B}$  by

$$\theta_{A,B} = \{(a,b) \in A \times B : (a,b) \in \sigma\} = (A \times B) \cap \sigma.$$

Since a subset of an  $\iota$ -single subset is also an  $\iota$ -single subset,  $\theta_{A,B} \in \mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$ . For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$ , define  $\theta_{\alpha,\beta}$  by  $\theta_{\alpha,\beta} = \theta_{r(\alpha),d(\beta)}$ , and let  $\mathcal{M} = \{\theta_{\alpha,\beta} : \alpha,\beta \in \mathcal{LI}_{(X;\sigma)}\}$ , an indexed set of one-to-one partial functions. Now, define a multiplication  $\circ$  and a unary operation \* on  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$  as follows:

$$\alpha \circ \beta = \alpha \theta_{\alpha,\beta} \beta$$
 and  $\alpha^* = \alpha^{-1}$ ,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>It is called a V-prehomomorphism in [4]

where the multiplication of the right side of the first equality is that of  $\mathcal{I}_X$ . Denote  $(\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}, \circ, *)$  by  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}(\mathcal{M})$  or simply by  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$ . In this paper, we use  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$  rather than  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}(\mathcal{M})$ .

Result 1.4. [2] For a transitive  $\iota$ -set  $(X; \sigma)$ , we have the following:

- (1) The \*-groupoid  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$ , defined above, is a generalized inverse \*-semigroup. Moreover, any generalized inverse \*-semigroup can be embedded (up to \*-isomorphism) in  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$  on some transitive  $\iota$ -set  $(X;\sigma)$ .
- (2)  $E(\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}) = \mathcal{M}$  and  $P(\mathcal{LI}_{(X;\sigma)}) = \{1_A : A \text{ is an } \iota\text{-single subset of } (X;\sigma)\}.$
- (3) If  $\sigma$  is the identity relation on X, then  $\mathcal{GI}_{(X;\sigma)}$  is the symmetric inverse semigroup  $\mathcal{I}_X$  on X.

## 2 Characterization of prehomomorphisms

Let S be a generalized inverse \*-semigroup. For any element  $a \in S$ ,  $aa^*$  and  $a^*a$  by d(a) and r(a), respectively. Define a new partial product  $\cdot$  on S as follows:

$$a \cdot b = \left\{egin{array}{ll} ab & ext{if} & r(a) = d(a^*abb^*) ext{ and } d(b) = r(a^*abb^*) \ ext{undefined} & ext{otherwise} \end{array}
ight.$$

The partial product  $\cdot$  is called a restricted product of S.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let a and b be elements of a generalized inverse \*-semigroup S.

- (1)  $a \cdot b$  is defined if and only if  $a^*a = a^*abb^*a^*a$  and  $bb^* = bb^*a^*abb^*$ .
- (2) If  $a \cdot b$  is defined, then  $d(a \cdot b) = d(a)$  and  $r(a \cdot b) = r(b)$ .

The following lemma is a basic property of the restricted product of S.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let S be a generalized inverse \*-semigroup.

- (1) Let x be an element of S and e a projection of S such that  $e \le x^*x$ . Then a = xe is the unique element in S such that  $a \le x$  and  $a^*a = e$ .
- (2) Let x be an element of S and e a projection of S such that  $e \le xx^*$ . Then a = ex is the unique element in S such that  $a \le x$  and  $aa^* = e$ .
- (3) For any elemants  $x, y \in S$ ,  $xy = a \cdot b$  where a = xe, b = fy,  $e = x^*xyy^*x^*x$  and  $f = yy^*x^*xyy^*$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\phi: S \to T$  be a prehomomorphism of a generalized inverse \*-semigroup S to a generalized inverse \*-semigroup T, and a, b elements of S.

(1) 
$$(aa^*)\phi = (a\phi)(a\phi)^*$$
 and  $(a^*a)\phi = (a\phi)^*(a\phi)$ .

- (2) If  $a \cdot b$  is defined, then  $a\phi \cdot b\phi$  is defined and  $((a \cdot b)\phi)^*(a \cdot b)\phi) = (a\phi \cdot b\phi)^*(a\phi \cdot b\phi)$ .
- (3) By the lemma above,  $ab = (ae) \cdot (fb)$  where  $e = a^*abb^*a^*a$  and  $f = bb^*a^*abb^*$ . If  $\phi$  satisfies that  $(gh)\phi = (g\phi)(h\phi)$  for any  $g,h \in E(S)$ , then  $(ae)\phi = (a\phi)(e\phi)$  and  $(fb)\phi = (f\phi)(b\phi)$ .

Now, we have the main theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let S and T be generalized inverse \*-semigroups and  $\phi: S \to T$  a mapping.

- (1)  $\phi$  is a prehomomorphism if and only if it preserves the restricted product and the natural order.
- (2)  $\phi$  is a homomorphism if and only if it is a prehomomorphism which satisfies  $(ef)\phi = (e\phi)(f\phi)$  for all  $e, f \in E(S)$ .

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