

## A NOTE ON $\mathcal{H}$ RELATION ON AN INVERSE SEMIGROUP

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**ABSTRACT.**  $\mathcal{H}$  relation is studied on an inverse semigroup and it is established that an inverse semigroup is cryptic if and only if it is group closed.

$\mathcal{H}$  relation on an inverse semigroup  $S$  is not in general a congruence relation. If  $S$  is a group bound inverse semigroup, then also  $\mathcal{H}$  relation may not be a congruence relation. In this short note we want to show that an inverse semigroup is cryptic [1] (ie,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation) if and only if it is group closed (i.e,  $G_r(S)$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ ).

**Definition 1. [2]** A semigroup  $S$  is said to be group bound if some power of each element of  $S$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ . An element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a group element if  $a$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ . We give an example of an inverse semigroup which is group bound but not cryptic.

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$ , and  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  be the symmetric inverse semigroup on  $X$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is finite,  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is group bound. Since

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is subgroup of  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a group element. But

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in the same  $\mathcal{H}$  class as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Consequently  $\mathcal{H}$  is not a congruence relation on  $S$ .

Next we give an example of group bound inverse semigroup which is not a Clifford semigroup but  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation.

**Example 3.** Let  $S = \{ a, b, c, d, o \}$ . Define a binary operation on  $S$  by the following table :

	a	b	c	d	o
a	o	d	a	o	o
b	c	o	o	b	o
c	o	b	c	o	o
d	a	o	o	d	o
o	o	o	o	o	o

It can be checked easily that  $(S, \cdot)$  is a group bound inverse semigroup on which  $\mathcal{H}$  relation is a congruence relation but not a Clifford semigroup.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup. The following conditions are equivalent on  $S$  :

- (i)  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation on  $S$ .
- (ii)  $G_r(S)$  (the set of all group elements of  $S$ ) is a Clifford subsemigroup of  $S$ .
- (iii)  $(\forall e \in E(S), \forall a \in G_r(S) \text{ } ea, ae \in G_r(S))$ .
- (iv)  $(\forall e \in E(S), \forall a \in G_r(S) \text{ } ea = ae, \text{ i.e., } E(S) \subseteq C(G_r(S)))$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let  $a, b \in G_r(S)$ . There exist idempotents  $e, f$  of  $S$  such that  $a \in H_e$  and  $b \in H_f$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation,  $ab \in H_{ef}$ . So,  $G_r(S)$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ . Let  $e \in E(S)$ ,  $a \in G_r(S)$ . We show that  $ea = ae$ . Assume that  $a \in H_f$  for some  $f \in E(S)$ . Then  $ea \mathcal{H} ef$  and  $ae \mathcal{H} fe$ . Hence  $ea \mathcal{H} ae$  which implies that  $ea a^{-1} \mathcal{H} aea^{-1}$ , where  $a^{-1}$  is the group inverse of  $a$ . Now  $ea a^{-1}, aea^{-1} \in E(S)$ . Consequently,  $ea a^{-1} = aea^{-1}$  and this shows that  $ea = (ea a^{-1})a = (aea^{-1})a = aa^{-1}ae = ae$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). It is obvious.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv). Suppose that  $ea \in H_f$  and  $ae \in H_g$ , where  $f, g \in E(S)$ . There exists  $x \in H_f$  such that  $eax = f$ . Then  $fe = ef = e(eax) = eax = f$ . Similarly,  $eg = ge = g$ . Now  $eae = (ea)e = f(ea)e = f(ae)$ ,  $eae = e(ae) = eg(ae) = g(ae)$ . Let  $(ae)^{-1}$  be the group inverse of  $ae$ . Then  $f(ae)(ae)^{-1} = g(ae)(ae)^{-1}$ , i.e.,  $fg = g$ . Similarly we can show that  $fg = f$ . Hence  $f = g$ . Now,  $ea = (ea)f = (eae)f = e(ae)f = eae$ , and  $ae = f(ae) = f(eae) = f(ea)e = eae$ . Hence  $ea = ae$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Assume that  $a \mathcal{H} b$ . There exist  $x, y \in H_{a^{-1}a}$ ,  $u, v \in H_{aa^{-1}}$  such that  $a = bx$ ,  $b = ay$ ,  $a = ub$  and  $b = va$ . Now,  $ca = cub = cc^{-1}cub = cuc^{-1}cb$ . This implies that  $ca \in \text{Scb}$ . Again,  $cb = cc^{-1}cb = c(c^{-1}c)va = cvc^{-1}ca$ , which shows that  $cb \in \text{Sca}$ . Hence  $ca \mathcal{L} cb$ . Obviously,  $ca \mathcal{R} cb$ . Thus it follows that  $ca \mathcal{H} cb$ . Similarly we can show that  $ac \mathcal{H} bc$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation.

**Definition 5.** A semigroup  $S$  is said to be quasisemilattice if it is inverse, periodic and  $\mathcal{H} = 1_s$ .

**Theorem 6.** An inverse semigroup  $S$  is cryptic and group bound if and only if it is a quasi semilattice of groups (i.e, there exists a congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  such that  $S/\rho$  is a quasisemilattice and each  $e\rho$  is a group for every  $e \in E(s)$ ).

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) This follows immediately.

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Suppose that there exists a congruence  $\rho$  such that  $S/\rho$  is a quasi semilattice and each  $e\rho$  is a group for every  $e \in E(S)$ . Let  $a \in S$ . By the hypothesis, there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $(a\rho)^n$  is an idempotent. By Lallement's Lemma, we have that  $a^n\rho = e\rho$  for some  $e \in E(S)$ . Since  $e\rho$  is a group,  $a^n$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ . So  $S$  is group bound. Obviously  $\rho$  is idempotent separating, and hence  $\rho \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ . Let  $(a,b) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then  $a\rho \mathcal{H} b\rho$ . Since  $S/\rho$  is a quasisemilattice, the relation  $\mathcal{H}$  is the identity relation on  $S/\rho$ . Hence  $a\rho = b\rho$ , showing that  $(a,b) \in \rho$ . Thus it follows that  $\mathcal{H} = \rho$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence relation on  $S$ .

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