

# ON FINITE SEMIGROUPS FOR WHICH THE INVERSE MONOID OF LOCAL AUTOMORPHISMS IS A CONGRUENCE-PERMUTABLE SEMIGROUP

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## Анотація

В даній доповіді ми подаємо короткий огляд результатів щодо класифікації скінченних напівгруп, для яких інверсний моноїд локальних автоморфізмів є конгруенц-переставним.

**Ключові слова:** інверсна напівгрупа, інверсний моноїд локальних автоморфізмів, конгруенц-переставна напівгрупа.

## Abstract

In the current report, we present a brief review of results about of the classification of a finite semigroups for which the inverse monoid of local automorphisms is a congruence-permutable semigroup.

**Keywords:** inverse semigroup, inverse monoid of local automorphisms, congruence-permutable semigroup.

## 1 Definitions and Terminology

Let  $S$  be an arbitrary semigroup. An element  $e \in S$  is *idempotent* if  $e^2 = e$ . A semigroup every element of which is an idempotent is called a *band*. A commutative band is called a *semilattice*. A nontrivial semilattice is called *primitive* if each its nonzero element is an atom.

If there exists an element  $1$  of  $S$  such that for any  $x$   $x1 = 1x = x$ , we say that  $1$  is an *identity* element of  $S$  and that  $S$  is *monoid*. We write  $S^1 = S$  if  $S$  is a monoid; otherwise  $S^1$  is the monoid obtained from  $S$  by adjoining an identity element to  $S$ . We define  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $aS^1 = bS^1$ ,  $(a, b) \in L$  if  $S^1a = S^1b$  and  $(a, b) \in J$  if  $S^1aS^1 = S^1bS^1$ . Further,  $H = R \cap L$ ,  $D = R \circ L$ . It is well known that  $D = R \circ L = L \circ R$ .

A semigroup  $S$  is called *inverse* if, for any element  $x \in S$ , there exists a unique element  $x^{-1}$  such that  $xx^{-1}x = x$  and  $x^{-1}xx^{-1} = x^{-1}$ . It is known (see [1]) that a semigroup is inverse if and only if it is regular and any two of its idempotents are commuting. Consider an arbitrary mathematical structure  $C$ . A local automorphism of the structure  $C$  is defined as an isomorphism between its substructures. The set of all local automorphisms with respect to ordinary operations of composition of binary relations forms an *inverse monoid of local automorphisms* of the mathematical structure  $C$ . We denote this monoid by  $L\text{Aut}(C)$ . The most natural example of inverse monoid is the monoid of all local automorphisms of a certain mathematical structure. For example, if  $C$  is a finite semigroup of right zeros, then  $L\text{Aut}(C)$  is a *symmetric inverse semigroup*. It is known that the inverse monoid  $L\text{Aut}(C)$  gives more information about the structure of  $C$  than the group of automorphisms of this structure.

The relation  $\leq$  defined on any inverse semigroup  $S$  by  $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a = be$  for some  $e \in E_S$  is the *natural partial order* on  $S$ . If  $a \leq b$  and  $c \in S$ , then  $ac \leq bc$ ,  $ca \leq cb$  and  $a^{-1} \leq b^{-1}$ .

Let  $S$  be a semigroup. An equivalence relation  $\theta$  on  $S$  is left (respectively right) congruence on  $S$  if for any  $a, b \in S$ ,  $(a, b) \in \theta$  implies  $(ca, cb) \in \theta$  (respectively  $(ac, bc) \in \theta$ );  $\theta$  is a *congruence* on  $S$  if it is both a left and a right congruence on  $S$ .

Let  $X$  be a partially ordered set. If the greatest lower bound (respectively least upper bound) of two elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $X$  exists, we denote it by  $a \wedge b$  (respectively  $a \vee b$ ) and call this element the

meet (respectively join) of  $a$  and  $b$ . If any two elements of  $X$  have a meet and a join, then  $X$  is a *lattice*. The set  $Cong(S)$  of all congruences of a semigroup  $S$  forms a lattice under inclusion. A lattice  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is *modular* if, for all elements  $a, b, c$  of  $L$ , the following identity holds  $(a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c) = [(a \wedge c) \vee b] \wedge c$ .

A semigroup is called *congruence-permutable* if, for any two of its congruences  $\omega$  and  $\sigma$ , the equality  $\omega \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \omega$ , where  $\circ$  denotes the composition of binary relations, is true. A group is a classical example of congruence-permutable semigroup. Moreover, finite symmetric inverse semigroups, inverse monoids of local automorphisms of finite-dimensional vector spaces, inverse monoids of local automorphisms of finite linearly ordered semilattices, Brandt semigroups, and other semigroups are also congruence-permutable semigroups.

Let  $S$  be an arbitrary semigroup. By  $Sub(S)$  we denote the lattice of all its subsemigroups. If the semigroup  $S$  contains the least nonempty subsemigroup (e.g., the identity subgroup of the group), then just this subsemigroup is regarded as the least element of  $Sub(S)$ . If the least nonempty subsemigroup in  $S$  does not exist, then we define the empty set as the least element of  $Sub(S)$ . In this case, the empty transformation is the null element of the inverse monoid  $LAut(S)$ . If  $A \in Sub(S)$ , then by  $\Delta A$  we denote the relation of equality on the subsemigroup  $A$ . It is clear that  $\Delta A$  is an idempotent of the monoid  $LAut(S)$ . Each idempotent of the semigroup  $LAut(S)$  has the indicated form. If  $A \in Sub(S)$ , then by  $h(A)$  we denote the height of the subsemigroup  $A$  in the lattice  $Sub(S)$ .

A semigroup  $S$  containing zero is called a *nilsemigroup* if, for any  $x \in S$ , there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $x^n = 0$ .

For a prime number  $p$ , by  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  denote the corresponding field. The set of all upper triangular matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are arbitrary elements of the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , forms a group with respect to the ordinary operation of multiplication, which is called a *Heisenberg group* over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and denoted by  $Heis(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

In the present report we consider only finite semigroups.

## 2 Background. Formulation of the Required Results

The next two classical results is well known.

**Theorem (Birkhoff).** *If  $A$  is congruence-permutable algebra, then  $A$  is congruence-modular.*

**Theorem** (see e.g. [2]). *Every left congruence  $\eta \subseteq R$  commutes with every right congruence  $\theta \subseteq L$ .*

**Corollary.** *Let  $\Theta$  and  $\Omega$  be congruences on a semigroup  $S$ . If  $\Theta \subseteq H$  and  $\Omega \subseteq H$  (where  $H$  is the Green's relation), then  $\Theta \circ \Omega = \Omega \circ \Theta$ .*

The following theorem yields important property about a congruence-permutable semigroup.

**Theorem 1** (see [6], Theorem 4). *Let  $S$  be a congruence-permutable semigroup. Then the set of its ideals is linearly ordered with respect to the inclusion.*

The next theorem is a generalization of the two previous ones.

**Theorem 2** (see [3], Theorem 1). *Suppose that  $S$  is an inverse semigroup with zero  $0$  whose semilattice of idempotents is of finite length. Any two congruences of the semigroup  $S$  are permutable if and only if its ideals are linearly ordered, and every congruence  $\Theta$  has the form  $\Theta = I \times I \cup \Omega$ , where  $I$  is an ideal of the semigroup  $S$ ,  $\Omega \subseteq H$  and  $H$  is the Green relation.*

The following theorem provides the characterization of congruence-permutable inverse semigroups.

**Theorem 3** (see [4], Theorem 2). *Let  $S$  be an inverse semigroup with zero whose semilattice  $E$  of idempotents has finite length. In this case,  $S$  is congruence-permutable if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) *for any  $a$  and  $b \in E$ , if  $rank(a) = rank(b)$ , then  $SaS = SbS$ ;*
- (ii) *for any  $e \in E$  ( $rank(e) \geq 2$ ), there exist idempotents  $f$  and  $w$  such that  $f \neq w$ ,  $f < e$ ,  $w < e$ , and  $rank(f) = rank(w) = rank(e) - 1$ .*

**Remark 1** (see [4], Theorem 1). *If the rank of an arbitrary element of the nontrivial inverse semigroup  $S$  with zero does not exceed 1, then the semigroup  $S$  is congruence-permutable if and only if it is a Brandt semigroup.*

**Remark 2** (see [4], Theorem 2). *Note that condition (i) of Theorem 3 is equivalent to the linear ordering (with respect to inclusion) of the set of ideals of the semigroup  $S$ .*

The next theorem provides a criterion in order that the set of ideals of the inverse monoid  $L\text{Aut}(S)$  forms a chain under inclusion.

**Theorem 4** (see [7], Theorem 1). *Let  $S$  be a finite semigroup. The ideals of the semigroup  $L\text{Aut}(S)$  are linearly ordered if and only if the nonisomorphic subsemigroups in the lattice  $\text{Sub}(S)$  have different heights.*

### 3 The main classification theorems

**Theorem 5** (see [5], Proposition 3). *Suppose that  $S$  is a finite semigroup. If the inverse monoid of local automorphisms  $L\text{Aut}(S)$  is congruence-permutable, then the semigroup  $S$  is either a group or a nilsemigroup, or a band.*

The next two theorems yields full list of finite bands and groups (respectively) for which the inverse monoid of local automorphisms is a congruence-permutable monoid.

**Theorem 6** (see [7], Theorem 3). *Suppose that  $S$  is a finite band. An inverse monoid  $L\text{Aut}(S)$  is congruence-permutable only in the following case:*

- (1) *the band  $S$  is a linearly ordered semilattice;*
- (2) *the band  $S$  is a primitive semilattice;*
- (3) *the band  $S$  is a semigroup of right zeros;*
- (4) *the band  $S$  is a semigroup of left zeros.*

**Theorem 7** (see [5], Theorem 2). *Suppose that  $G$  is a finite group. An inverse monoid  $L\text{Aut}(G)$  is congruence-permutable if and only if  $G$  is:*

- (1) *either an elementary Abelian  $p$ -group, where  $p$  is any prime number;*
- (2) *or a Heisenberg group over the finite field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $p$  is an arbitrary odd prime number.*

We now give the description of finite nilsemigroups for which the inverse monoid of local automorphisms is a congruence-permutable monoid (see [8]). Among these semigroups, an especially important role is played by two nilsemigroups given by Tables 1 and 2 and denoted by  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively.

$\star$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{a}$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{y}$
$\mathbf{0}$	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{a}$	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}$	0	0	0	a
$\mathbf{y}$	0	0	0	0

Table 1

$\star$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{a}$	$\mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{y}$
$\mathbf{0}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{a}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{b}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}$	0	0	0	0	a
$\mathbf{y}$	0	0	0	b	0

Table 2

We also especially mention the other two nilsemigroups given by Tables 3 and 4 and denoted by  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , respectively.

$\star$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{a}$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{y}$	$\mathbf{z}$
$\mathbf{0}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{a}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}$	0	0	0	a	0
$\mathbf{y}$	0	0	0	0	a
$\mathbf{z}$	0	0	a	0	0

Table 3

$\star$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{a}$	$\mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{y}$	$\mathbf{z}$
$\mathbf{0}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{a}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{b}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}$	0	0	0	0	a	b
$\mathbf{y}$	0	0	0	b	0	a
$\mathbf{z}$	0	0	0	a	b	0

Table 4

We also present three constructions of nilsemigroups for which the inverse monoid of local automorphisms is a congruence-permutable monoid (see [8]).

### Construction 0

We fix a two-element set  $\{0, a\}$ . Let a finite set  $X$  be such that  $\{0, a\} \cap X = \emptyset$  and  $|X| \geq 2$ . We defined a binary operation  $*$  on the set  $\{0, a\} \cup X$  as follows:

- $0 * y = y * 0 = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a\} \cup X$
- $a * y = y * a = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a\} \cup X$ ,
- if  $x_k, x_m \in X$  and  $x_k \neq x_m$ , then  $x_k * x_m = a$ ,
- $z^2 = 0$  for any  $z \in \{0, a\} \cup X$ .

### Construction 1

We fix a two-element set  $\{0, a\}$ . Assume that a finite set  $X$  is such that  $\{0, a\} \cap X = \emptyset$  and  $|X| \geq 3$ . In  $X$ , we introduce a strict linear ordering  $<$  and define a binary operation on the set  $\{0, a\} \cup X$  as follows:

- $0 * y = y * 0 = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a\} \cup X$ ,
- $a * y = y * a = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a\} \cup X$ ,
- if  $x_k, x_m \in X$  and  $x_k < x_m$ , then  $x_k * x_m = 0$  and  $x_m * x_k = a$ ,
- $z^2 = 0$  for any  $z \in \{0, a\} \cup X$ .

### Construction 2

We fix a three-element set  $\{0, a, b\}$ . Assume that a finite set  $X$  is such that  $\{0, a, b\} \cap X = \emptyset$  and  $|X| \geq 3$ . We introduce a strict linear ordering  $<$  on  $X$  and define a binary operation  $*$  on the set  $\{0, a, b\} \cup X$  as follows:

- $0 * y = y * 0 = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a, b\} \cup X$ ,
- $a * y = y * a = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a, b\} \cup X$ ,
- $b * y = y * b = 0$  for any  $y \in \{0, a, b\} \cup X$ ,
- if  $x_k, x_m \in X$  and  $x_k < x_m$ , then  $x_k * x_m = a$  and  $x_m * x_k = b$ ,
- $z^2 = 0$  for any  $z \in \{0, a, b\} \cup X$ .

The following theorem is complete classification of a finite nilsemigroups for which the inverse monoid of local automorphisms is a congruence-permutable semigroup.

**Theorem 8** (see [8], Theorem 5). *Let  $S$  be a finite nilsemigroup. The inverse monoid  $L\text{Aut}(S)$  is congruence-permutable only in the following cases:*

- (1) the nilsemigroup  $S$  is a semigroup with zero multiplication;
- (2) the nilsemigroup  $S$  is isomorphic to  $K_1$  (see table 1);
- (3) the nilsemigroup  $S$  is isomorphic to  $K_2$  (see table 2);
- (4) the nilsemigroup  $S$  is isomorphic to  $B_1$  (see table 3);

- (5) the nilsemigroup  $S$  is isomorphic to  $B_2$  (see table 4);
- (6) the nilsemigroup  $S$  has the structure described in Construction 0;
- (7) the nilsemigroup  $S$  has the structure described in Construction 1;
- (8) the nilsemigroup  $S$  has the structure described in Construction 2;

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