

# Regular Semigroups with Inverse Transversals

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## Abstract

In this paper, a structure theorem is obtained by a permissible double  $(R, \Lambda)$  which is about regular semigroup with inverse transversals. It improves a structure theorem which is obtained by McAlister and McFadden about regular semigroup with inverse transversals. Furthermore, we give some properties of regular semigroups with inverse transversals.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

In 1982, Blyth and McFadden introduced regular semigroups with inverse transversals in [4], this type of semigroup has attracted much attention. An inverse subsemigroup  $S^0$  of a regular semigroup  $S$  is an *inverse transversal* if  $|V(x) \cap S^0| = 1$  for any  $x \in S$ , where  $V(x)$  denotes the set of inverses of  $x$ . In this case, the unique element of  $V(x) \cap S^0$  is denoted by  $x^0$  and  $(x^0)^0$  is denoted by  $x^{00}$ . An inverse transversal  $S^0$  of a regular semigroup  $S$  is a *Q-inverse transversal* if  $S^0 S S^0 \subseteq S^0$ . Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , and let

$$R(S) = \{x \in S \mid x^0 x = x^0 x^{00}\}, L(S) = \{a \in S \mid a a^0 = a^{00} a^0\},$$

$$I(S) = \{e \in E(S) \mid e e^0 = e\}, \Lambda(S) = \{f \in E(S) \mid f^0 f = f\},$$

where  $E(S) = \{x \in S \mid x^2 = x\}$  which is the idempotents of  $S$ . A band  $B$  is *left [right] regular* if  $efe = ef$  [ $efe = fe$ ] for any  $e, f \in B$ . A *left [right] inverse semigroup* is an orthodox semigroup whose band of idempotents is left [right] regular. An inverse subsemigroup  $S^0$  of a regular semigroup  $S$  is called a *S-inverse transversal* if  $I(S)$  and  $\Lambda(S)$  are subsemigroups of  $S$ . In [1] Tatsuhiko

Saito first show that  $R(S)$  [ $L(S)$ ] is a subsemigroup of  $S$  if and only if  $I(S)$  [ $\Lambda(S)$ ] is subsemigroup of  $S$ . In [5], Tang Xilin shows that  $I(S)$  [ $\Lambda(S)$ ] is left [right] regular band with an inverse transversal  $E(S^0)$ . This means that, in the terminology of [2], every inverse transversal of  $S$  is a  $S$ -inverse transversal.

For convenience,  $R(S)$  is denoted by  $R$  and  $L(S)$  is denoted by  $L$ , and  $I(S)$  is denoted by  $I$  and  $\Lambda(S)$  is denoted by  $\Lambda$ , and the semilattice  $E(S^0)$  is denoted by  $E^0$ . We list several known results which will be frequently used in this paper without special reference.

Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ . In [6], we know that

$$L \cap R = S^0, \quad E(R) = I, \quad E(L) = \Lambda, \quad I \cap \Lambda = E^0.$$

If  $S$  is a left [right] inverse semigroup, then

$$R = S [L = S], \quad I = E(S) [\Lambda = E(S)].$$

If  $g^0 \in E^0$ , then  $g^0 e = g^0 e^0$  for each  $e \in I$  and  $f g^0 = f^0 g^0$  for each  $f \in \Lambda$ . The regular subsemigroup  $\langle E(S) \rangle$  generated by the idempotents of  $S$  is denoted by  $C$ , and we denote that  $\langle\langle e \rangle\rangle = \langle E(eCe) \rangle$  for any  $e$  in  $E(S)$ . Clearly,  $eCe$  is regular, so is  $\langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$ . By [6], we know that  $C^0 = C \cap S^0$  is an inverse transversal of  $C$  and

$$\begin{aligned} E^0 &= E(C^0), \quad E(C) = E(S), \\ I_C &= \{e \in C \mid ee^0 = e\} = \{e \in E(S) \mid ee^0 = e\} = I, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Lambda_C = \{f \in C \mid f^0 f = f\} = \{f \in E(S) \mid f^0 f = f\} = \Lambda.$$

Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , for any  $a \in S$ , define  $\lambda_a \in \mathcal{P}_S$  (the semigroup of partial mappings of  $S$ ) as follows:

$$\lambda_a : \langle\langle aa^0 \rangle\rangle \rightarrow \langle\langle a^0 a \rangle\rangle, \quad x \mapsto a^0 x a.$$

The composition of  $\lambda_a$  and  $\lambda_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_S$  is denoted by  $\lambda_a \lambda_b$  for any  $a, b \in S$ .

**Lemma 1.1**<sup>[6]</sup> Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal  $S^0$ , then  $R$  and  $L$  are orthodox semigroups.

**Lemma 1.2**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , and  $e = aa^0$ ,  $f = a^0 a$  for each  $a \in S$ . Then  $\lambda_a$  is an isomorphism, its inverse is  $\lambda_a^{-1} : \langle\langle f \rangle\rangle \rightarrow \langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$ ,  $y \mapsto a y a^0$ .

In a regular semigroup  $S$  with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , the subsets  $I, \Lambda, R, L$  play important roles in studying the nature of this sort of semigroup. In this paper, a structure theorem is obtained by a permissible double  $(R, \Lambda)$  which is about regular semigroup with inverse transversals. It improves a structure theorem which is obtained by McAlister and McFadden about regular semigroup

with inverse transversals. Furthermore, we give some properties of regular semigroups with inverse transversals.

## 2 The main results

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $R$  and  $L$  be orthodox semigroups with a common  $Q$ -inverse transversal  $S^0$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a right regular band with an inverse transversal  $E^0$ . Let  $\Lambda \times R \rightarrow S^0$  described by  $(e, x) \mapsto e * x$  such that, for any  $x, y \in R$  and for any  $e, f \in \Lambda$ ,

- (1)  $(e * x)y = e * xy$  and  $f(e * x) = fe * x$ ;
- (2)  $e * x = ex$  if  $x \in E^0$  or  $e \in E^0$ .

Define a multiplication on the set  $R| \times |\Lambda = \{(x, e) \in R \times \Lambda \mid x^0x = e^0\}$  by  $(x, e)(y, f) = (x(e * y), [(e * y)^0(e * y)]f)$ . Then  $R| \times |\Lambda$  is a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal which is isomorphic to  $S^0$ .

Conversely, every regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal can be constructed in this way.

**Proof.** We give an outline of the proof.

By using (1) and (2), we can calculate: for any  $(x, e), (y, f), (z, g) \in R| \times |\Lambda$ ,

$$[x(e * y)]^0x(e * y) = (e * y)^0(e * y) = \{[(e * y)^0(e * y)]f\}^0,$$

$$[(x, e)(y, f)](z, g) = (x(e * y)(f * z), \{[(e * y)(f * z)]^0(e * y)(f * z)\}g) = (x, e)[(y, f)(z, g)]$$

and if  $r, s \in S^0$ , then  $(r, r^0r)(s, s^0s) = (rs, (rs)^0rs)$ .

Let  $(x, e) \in R| \times |\Lambda$ , then we have

$$x(e * x^0)x = x(e * x^0x) = x(e * e^0) = x(ee^0) = xe^0 = xx^0x = x$$

and

$$(e * x^0)x(e * x^0) = (e * x^0x)(e * x^0) = (ex^0x)(e * x^0) = ee^0(e * x^0) = e^0(e * x^0) = e^0e * x^0 = e * x^0.$$

Thus  $e * x^0 = x^0$ . By using this fact, we can prove that  $(x^0, x^{00}x^0)$  is an inverse in the set  $S^0| \times |E^0 = \{(r, r^0r) \mid r \in S^0\}$  of  $(x, e)$ .

Thus  $R| \times |\Lambda$  is a regular semigroup containing an inverse subsemigroup  $S^0| \times |E^0$  which is isomorphic to  $S^0$ , and each element of  $R| \times |\Lambda$  has an inverse in  $S^0| \times |E^0$ .

Let  $(r, r^0r)$  be an inverse in  $S^0| \times |E^0$  of  $(x, e) \in R| \times |\Lambda$ . Then we have

$$(x, e) = (x, e)(r, r^0r)(x, e) = (x(e * r)x, \{[(e * r)x]^0(e * r)x\}e)$$

and

$$(r, r^0r) = (r, r^0r)(x, e)(r, r^0r) = (rx(e * r), [x(e * r)]^0rx(e * r)).$$

Thus we have  $x = x(e * r)x$  and  $r = rx(e * r)$ .

Since

$$e * r = e * rx(e * r) = (e * r)x(e * r),$$

thus  $e * r = x^0$ .

Since

$$x^0r^0 = (e * r)r^0 = e * rr^0 = e(rr^0),$$

thus  $x^0r^0$  is an idempotent in  $S^0$ , and so

$$rx = (rx)^{00} = (x^0r^0)^0 = x^0r^0.$$

Thus we have

$$x^0 = e * r = (e * r)r^0r = x^0r^0r = rxr = rxrx(e * r) = rx(e * r) = r.$$

Thus  $S^0 | \times | E^0$  is a  $Q$ -inverse transversal of  $R | \times | \Lambda$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $S$  is a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal  $S^0$ . Let  $\Lambda \times R \rightarrow S^0$  be a mapping given by  $(e, x) \mapsto e * x = ex$ . Then the mapping satisfied (1) and (2), and we can construct a regular semigroup  $R | \times | \Lambda = \{(x, e) \in R \times \Lambda \mid x^0x = e^0\}$  under a multiplication  $(x, e)(y, f) = (xey, (ey)^0eyf)$ . By defining a mapping  $R | \times | \Lambda \rightarrow S$  given by  $(x, e) \mapsto xe$ , we can prove that  $R | \times | \Lambda \simeq S$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , then  $\lambda_{a^0} = \lambda_a^{-1}$  for any  $a \in S^0$ .

**Proof.** For each  $a \in S$ , by Lemma 1.2, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{a^0} : \langle\langle a^0a^{00} \rangle\rangle &\rightarrow \langle\langle a^{00}a^0 \rangle\rangle, \quad x \mapsto a^{00}xa^0. \\ \lambda_a^{-1} : \langle\langle a^0a \rangle\rangle &\rightarrow \langle\langle aa^0 \rangle\rangle, \quad y \mapsto aya^0. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$R(S) = \{x \in S \mid x^0x = x^0x^{00}\}, \quad L(S) = \{a \in S \mid aa^0 = a^{00}a^0\}, \quad L(S) \cap R(S) = S^0,$$

thus  $aa^0 = a^{00}a^0, a^0a = a^0a^{00}$  for any  $a \in S^0$ .

It is obvious that  $\text{dom}\lambda_{a^0} = \langle\langle a^0a^{00} \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle a^0a \rangle\rangle = \text{dom}\lambda_a^{-1}$ ,  $\text{ran}\lambda_{a^0} = \langle\langle a^{00}a^0 \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle aa^0 \rangle\rangle = \text{ran}\lambda_a^{-1}$ .

Suppose that  $x \in \langle\langle a^0a^{00} \rangle\rangle$ , then we have  $x = x_1 \cdots x_n$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E(a^0a^{00}Ca^0a^{00})$ , and  $x_i = a^0a^{00}x_i a^0a^{00}$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x\lambda_{a^0} &= a^{00}a^0a^{00}x_1a^0a^{00} \cdots a^0a^{00}x_na^0a^{00}a^0 \\ &= aa^0a^{00}x_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0 \\ &= aa^0ax_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0aa^0 \\ &= ax_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0, \end{aligned}$$

then  $x = a^0ax_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0a$ , thus  $x \in \langle\langle a^0a \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle a^0a^{00} \rangle\rangle$ , and  $x_i = a^0a^{00}x_ia^0a^{00} = a^0ax_ia^0a$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E(a^0aCa^0a)$ ,

$$x\lambda_a^{-1} = aa^0ax_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0aa^0 = ax_1a^0a \cdots a^0ax_na^0,$$

thus  $x\lambda_{a^0} = x\lambda_a^{-1}$  for any  $a \in S^0$ .

Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , and let  $T = \bigcup_{a \in S} \lambda_a$ ,  $e = aa^0$ ,  $f = a^0a$ ,  $g = bb^0$ ,  $h = b^0b$  for any  $a, b \in S$ . As the same way in [3], we can define a multiplication on the set  $T$  by  $\lambda_a \circ \lambda_b = \lambda_{ab}$ , and  $\lambda_{ab}$  is an isomorphism from  $\langle\langle ab(ab)^0 \rangle\rangle$  onto  $\langle\langle (ab)^0ab \rangle\rangle$ , then we have the following result:

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , then  $T$  is a regular semigroup with a multiplication by  $\lambda_a \circ \lambda_b = \lambda_{ab}$ .

**Proof.** The operation is well-defined:

For any  $\lambda_a, \lambda_b \in T$ , it is obvious that  $\lambda_{ab} \in T$ , and  $x\lambda_{ab} = (ab)^0x(ab)$ .

The operation is associative:

$$(\lambda_a \circ \lambda_b) \circ \lambda_c = \lambda_{ab} \circ \lambda_c = \lambda_{abc} = \lambda_a \circ (\lambda_b \circ \lambda_c),$$

we show that  $T$  is a semigroup.

For any  $\lambda_a \in T$ , there exists  $\lambda_{a^0} \in T$  satisfied:

$$\lambda_a \circ \lambda_{a^0} \circ \lambda_a = \lambda_{aa^0} \circ \lambda_a = \lambda_{aa^0a} = \lambda_a.$$

Thus we show that  $T$  is a regular semigroup.

Then we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^0$ , and  $e = aa^0$ ,  $f = a^0a$  for each  $a \in S$ . Then

- (1)  $(e\Lambda e^0)\lambda_a = \Lambda f$ ,  $(f^0If)\lambda_a^{-1} = eI$ ;
- (2)  $(eI)\lambda_a = f^0If$ ,  $(\Lambda f)\lambda_a^{-1} = e\Lambda e^0$ .

**Proof.** (1) For any  $m, n \in e\Lambda e^0$ , there exist  $s, t \in \Lambda$ , such that  $m = ese^0, n = ete^0$ .

Then

$$m^2 = ese^0ese^0 = ese^0se^0 = ese^0 = m, mn = ese^0ete^0 = ese^0te^0 = este^0 \in e\Lambda e^0.$$

Thus  $e\Lambda e^0$  is a band.

Since  $e\Lambda e^0 = e\Lambda e^0e \subseteq E(eCe) \subseteq \langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$ , thus  $e\Lambda e^0$  is a subband of  $\langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$ .

Similarly,  $f^0If$  is a subband of  $\langle\langle f \rangle\rangle$ .

For any  $x \in \Lambda$ ,

$$(exe^0)\lambda_a = (aa^0xa^{00}a^0)\lambda_a = a^0xa^{00}a^0a = a^0xa^{00}f,$$

and

$$(a^0 x a^{00})^0 a^0 x a^{00} = a^0 x^0 a^{00} a^0 x a^{00} = a^0 x^0 x a^{00} = a^0 x a^{00} \in \Lambda,$$

then we have  $(e x e^0) \lambda_a \in \Lambda f$ , thus  $(e \Lambda e^0) \lambda_a \subseteq \Lambda f$ .

Conversely, for any  $y \in \Lambda$ , we know that

$$y f = y a^0 a = a^0 a^{00} y a^0 a = a^0 e a^{00} y a^0 e^0 a,$$

and

$$(a^{00} y a^0)^0 a^{00} y a^0 = a^{00} y^0 a^0 a^{00} y a^0 = a^{00} y^0 y a^0 = a^{00} y a^0 \in \Lambda,$$

then we have  $y f = (e a^{00} y a^0 e^0) \lambda_a \in (e \Lambda e^0) \lambda_a$ , thus  $\Lambda f \subseteq (e \Lambda e^0) \lambda_a$ .

We obtain that  $(e \Lambda e^0) \lambda_a = \Lambda f$ . Similarly, we can show that  $(f^0 I f) \lambda_a^{-1} = e I$ .

(2) For any  $g \in I$ , we have

$$(e g) \lambda_a = a^0 e g a = a^0 g a = a^0 a^{00} a^0 g a = a^0 a^{00} a^0 g a^{00} a^0 a = f^0 a^0 g a^{00} f,$$

and

$$a^0 g a^{00} (a^0 g a^{00})^0 = a^0 g a^{00} a^0 g^0 a^{00} = a^0 g g^0 a^{00} = a^0 g a^{00} \in I.$$

Thus we obtain that  $(e I) \lambda_a \subseteq f^0 I f$ .

Conversely, for any  $h \in I$ , we have

$$f^0 h f = a^0 a^{00} h a^0 a = a^0 e a^{00} h a^0 a,$$

and

$$a^{00} h a^0 (a^{00} h a^0)^0 = a^{00} h a^0 a^{00} h^0 a^0 = a^{00} h h^0 a^0 = a^{00} h a^0 \in I,$$

so  $f^0 h f = (e a^{00} h a^0) \lambda_a \in (e I) \lambda_a$ , we obtain that  $f^0 I f \subseteq (e I) \lambda_a$ .

Thus  $(e I) \lambda_a = f^0 I f$ . Similarly, we can show that  $(\Lambda f) \lambda_a^{-1} = e \Lambda e^0$ .

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