

# CONSTRUCTION OF REGULAR SEMIGROUPS WITH INVERSE TRANSVERSALS

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## 1. Preliminaries

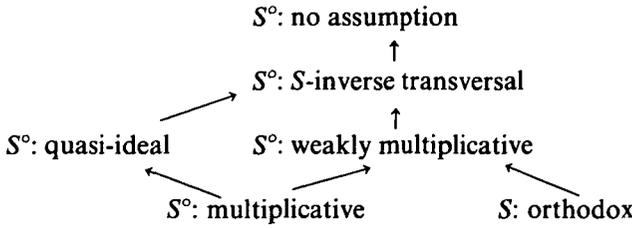
Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup. An inverse subsemigroup  $S^\circ$  of  $S$  is an *inverse transversal* if  $|V(x) \cap S^\circ| = 1$  for each  $x \in S$ , where  $V(x)$  denotes the set of inverses of  $x$ . In this case, the unique element of  $V(x) \cap S^\circ$  is denoted by  $x^\circ$ , and  $x^{\circ\circ}$  denotes  $(x^\circ)^{-1}$ . Throughout this paper  $S$  denotes a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^\circ$ , and  $E(S^\circ) = E^\circ$  denotes the semilattice of idempotents of  $S^\circ$ . The sets  $\{e \in S: ee^\circ = e\}$  and  $\{f \in S: f^\circ f = f\}$  are denoted by  $I_S$  and  $\Lambda_S$ , respectively, or simply  $I$  and  $\Lambda$ . Though each element of these sets is idempotent, they are not necessarily sub-bands of  $S$ . When both  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  are sub-bands of  $S$ ,  $S^\circ$  is called an *S-inverse transversal*. An inverse transversal  $S^\circ$  is *multiplicative* if  $x^\circ x y y^\circ \in E^\circ$ , and  $S^\circ$  is *weakly multiplicative* if  $(x^\circ x y y^\circ)^\circ \in E^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ . A band  $B$  is *left [resp. right] regular* if  $efe = ef$  [resp.  $efe = fe$ ], and  $B$  is *left [resp. right] normal* if  $efg = egf$  [resp.  $efg = feg$ ] for every  $e, f, g \in B$ . A subset  $Q$  of  $S$  is a *quasi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $QSQ \subseteq S$ .

We list already obtained results in [3, 4, 5, 6], which will be used in this paper:

- (1.1)  $(xy)^\circ = (x^\circ xy)^\circ x^\circ = y^\circ (xyy^\circ)^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ .
- (1.2) If  $S^\circ$  is a quasi-ideal of  $S$ , then  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] is a left [resp. right] normal band with an inverse transversal  $E^\circ$ .
- (1.3) If  $S^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal, then  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] is a left [resp. right] regular band with an inverse transversal  $E^\circ$ .
- (1.4)  $S^\circ$  is weakly multiplicative if and only if  $I\Lambda = \{ef: e \in I, f \in \Lambda\}$  is the idempotent-generated subsemigroup of  $S$  with inverse transversal  $E^\circ$ .
- (1.5)  $S^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal of  $S$  if and only if  $(x^\circ y)^\circ = y^\circ x^{\circ\circ}$  and  $(xy^\circ)^\circ = y^{\circ\circ} x^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ .
- (1.6)  $S$  is isomorphic to the set  $\{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda: e^\circ = xx^{-1}, f^\circ = x^{-1}x\}$  under the multiplication

$$(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (exfgyxfgy)^\circ, x(fg)^\circ y, (xfgy)^\circ x fgyh).$$

(1.7) The following diagram is obtained:



**Proposition 1.8.** *S is orthodox if and only if  $(xy)^\circ = y^\circ x^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ .*

**Proof.** If  $S$  is orthodox, then  $y^\circ x^\circ \in V(xy) \cap S^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ , so that  $(xy)^\circ = y^\circ x^\circ$ . Conversely, if  $(xy)^\circ = y^\circ x^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ , then  $e \in E(S)$  if and only if  $e^\circ \in E^\circ$ . Because,  $e \in E(S)$  implies  $e^\circ = (ee)^\circ = e^\circ e^\circ$  and  $e^\circ \in E^\circ$  implies  $e = ee^\circ e = e(e^\circ)^2 e = e(e^2)^\circ e = e(e^2)^\circ e^2 (e^2)^\circ e = ee^\circ eee^\circ e = ee$ . Let  $e, f \in E(S)$ . Then  $(ef)^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ \in E^\circ$ , so that  $ef \in E(S)$ . Thus  $S$  is orthodox.

The above result has been obtained, when  $S^\circ$  is multiplicative, by T.S. Blyth and R. McFadden (cf. [1]).

**2. Main theorem**

To achieve our aim, we need several lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For each  $a \in E^\circ$ , let  $L_a = \{e \in I: e^\circ = a\}$  and  $R_a = \{f \in \Lambda: f^\circ = a\}$ . Then:*

- (1)  $L_a$  [resp.  $R_a$ ] is a left [resp. right] zero-semigroup,
- (2) if  $e \in L_a, g \in L_b$  with  $b \leq a$ , then  $eg \in L_b$ , and if  $f \in R_a, h \in R_b$  with  $b \leq a$ , then  $hf \in R_b$ , and
- (3)  $I = \Sigma\{L_a: a \in E^\circ\}$  and  $\Lambda = \Sigma\{R_a: a \in E^\circ\}$ , where  $\Sigma$  denotes disjoint union.

**Proof.** (1) For  $e, g \in L_a$ , we have  $eg = ee^\circ g = eg^\circ g = eg^\circ = ee^\circ = e$ .  
 (2) Let  $e \in L_a$  and  $g \in L_b$ . Then  $egb = egg^\circ = eg$ . If  $b \leq a$ , then  $beg = baeg = g^\circ e^\circ eg = g^\circ e^\circ g = g^\circ g = g^\circ = b$ . Thus  $eg \in L_b$ .  
 (3) This is clear.

Let  $Y$  be a semilattice, and  $T_\alpha$  a semigroup for each  $\alpha \in Y$ . Let  $T = \Sigma\{T_\alpha: \alpha \in Y\}$ . If a partial binary operation  $\circ$  is defined in  $T$  such that

- (1) for  $x, y, z \in T, x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$  if  $x \circ y, (x \circ y) \circ z, y \circ z$  and  $x \circ (y \circ z)$  are defined in  $T$ ,
- (2)  $x \circ y = xy$  if  $x, y \in T_\alpha$ , where  $xy$  is the product of  $x$  and  $y$  in  $T_\alpha$ , and
- (3) for  $x \in T_\alpha$  and  $y \in T_\beta$  with  $\beta \leq \alpha, x \circ y$  [resp.  $y \circ x$ ] is defined and  $x \circ y$  [resp.  $y \circ x$ ]  $\in T_\beta$ ,

then the resulting system  $T(\circ)$  is called a *lower* [resp. *upper*] *partial chain* of  $\{T_\alpha: \alpha \in Y\}$ . In particular, if each  $T_\alpha$  contains  $\bar{\alpha}$ , and  $\{\bar{\alpha}: \alpha \in Y\}$  forms a semilattice isomorphic to  $Y$  under the binary operation  $\circ$ , then  $\{\bar{\alpha}: \alpha \in Y\}$  is called a *semilattice transversal* of  $T(\circ)$ .

By Lemma 2.1,  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] is a lower [resp. upper] partial chain of left [resp. right] zero semigroups  $\{L_a: a \in E^\circ\}$  [resp.  $\{R_a: a \in E^\circ\}$ ], and  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  have a common semilattice transversal  $E^\circ$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $S^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal of  $S$ , then  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] is a semilattice of left [resp. right] zero semigroups  $\{L_a: a \in E^\circ\}$  [resp.  $\{R_a: a \in E^\circ\}$ ].*

**Proof.** Let  $e \in L_a$  and  $g \in L_b$ . Then, by (1.1) and (1.5), we have  $(eg)^\circ = (e^\circ e g)^\circ e^\circ = (e^\circ g)^\circ e^\circ = g^\circ e^\circ e^\circ = g^\circ e^\circ = ab$ . Since  $eg \in I$ ,  $eg \in L_{ab}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $e \in I$  and  $f \in \Lambda$ . Then:*

- (1)  $f^\circ (fe)^\circ e^\circ = (fe)^\circ e^\circ$ ,
- (2)  $(f^\circ e^\circ)^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ$ ,
- (3)  $(ff^\circ)^\circ = f^\circ$  and  $(e^\circ e)^\circ = e^\circ$ ,
- (4) if  $f^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ$  [resp.  $e^\circ = (f^\circ e)^\circ (f^\circ e)^\circ$ ], then  $f^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ$  [resp.  $e^\circ = (f^\circ e)^\circ$ ],
- (5) if  $S^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal of  $S$ , then  $(f^\circ e)^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ$ ,
- (6) if  $S^\circ$  is weakly multiplicative, then  $(fe)^\circ \in E^\circ$ .
- (7) if  $S^\circ$  is a quasi-ideal of  $S$ , then  $(fe)^\circ = fe$ , and
- (8) if  $S$  is orthodox, then  $(fe)^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ$ .

**Proof.** (1) By (1.1) we have  $(fe)^\circ = e^\circ (f^\circ f e e^\circ)^\circ f^\circ = e^\circ (fe)^\circ f^\circ$ , so that  $(fe)^\circ = f^\circ (fe)^\circ e^\circ$ . (2) and (3) are clear. (4) Let  $f^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ$ . Then we have  $fe^\circ = f^\circ f e^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ f e^\circ$ , so that  $fe^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ f e^\circ = f^\circ$ . Thus we have  $f (fe^\circ)^\circ f = fe^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ f = f^\circ f = f$  and  $(fe^\circ)^\circ f (fe^\circ)^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ f e^\circ (fe^\circ)^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ$ , so that  $f^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ$ . Thus  $f^\circ = (fe^\circ)^\circ$ . (5) By (1.5), this is clear. (6) Since  $(fe)^\circ = (f^\circ f e e^\circ)^\circ \in E^\circ$ ,  $(fe)^\circ \in E^\circ$ . (7) Since  $fe = f^\circ f e e^\circ \in S^\circ S S^\circ \subseteq S^\circ$ ,  $(fe)^\circ = fe$ . (8) By Proposition 1.8, this is clear.

**Lemma 2.4.** *For each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , let  $\alpha_{(x,y)}: R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}} \rightarrow I$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)}: R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}} \rightarrow \Lambda$  be mappings defined by  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} = x f e y (x f e y)^\circ$  and  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} = (x f e y)^\circ x f e y$ , respectively. Then:*

- (1)  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} \in L_{x(f e)^\circ y (x(f e)^\circ y)^{-1}}$  and  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} \in R_{(x(f e)^\circ y)^{-1} x (f e)^\circ y}$ ,
- (2) if  $f \in R_{x^{-1}x}$ ,  $g \in L_{yy^{-1}}$ ,  $h \in R_{y^{-1}y}$  and  $k \in L_{zz^{-1}}$ , then

$$(f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\alpha_{(x(fg)^\circ y, z)} = (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\alpha_{(x, y(hk)^\circ z)}$$

$$(f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\beta_{(x, y(hk)^\circ z)}(h, k)\beta_{(y, z)} = ((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\beta_{(x(fg)^\circ y, z)}$$

and

$$(fg)^{\circ\circ}y((f,g)\beta_{(x,y)}hk)^{\circ\circ} = (fg(h,k)\alpha_{(y,z)})^{\circ\circ}y(hk)^{\circ\circ},$$

(3)  $(x^{-1}x, yy^{-1})\alpha_{(x,y)} = xy(xy)^{-1}$  and  $(x^{-1}x, yy^{-1})\beta_{(x,y)} = (xy)^{-1}xy$ , and

(4) if  $S^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal of  $S$ , then  $(f^\circ, e)\alpha_{(f^\circ, e^\circ)} = f^\circ e$  and  $(f, e^\circ)\beta_{(f^\circ, e^\circ)} = f e^\circ$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $(f, e) \in R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ . Then, by (1.1), we have

$$(xfey)^\circ = y^{-1}(x^{-1}xfeyy^{-1})^\circ x^{-1} = y^{-1}(f^\circ f e e^\circ) x^{-1} = y^{-1}(f e)^\circ x^{-1} = (x(f e)^\circ y)^{-1},$$

so that

$$((f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)})^\circ = (xfey(xfey)^\circ)^\circ = (efey)^\circ\circ(xfey)^\circ = x(fe)^\circ\circ y(x(fe)^\circ\circ y)^{-1}.$$

(2) By using (1.1), we can tediously but easily show that

$$\begin{aligned} & (f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\alpha_{(x(fg)^{\circ\circ}y, z)} \\ &= xfgyhkz(xfgyhkz)^\circ = (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\alpha_{(x, y(hk)^{\circ\circ}z)}, (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\beta_{(x, y(hk)^{\circ\circ}z)}(h, k)\beta_{(y, z)} \\ &= (xfgyhkz)^\circ xfgyhkz = ((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\beta_{(x(fg)^{\circ\circ}y, z)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(fg)^{\circ\circ}y((f,g)\beta_{(x,y)}hk)^{\circ\circ} = (fgyhk)^{\circ\circ} = (fg(h,k)\alpha_{(y,z)})^{\circ\circ}y(hk)^{\circ\circ}.$$

(3) By the definition, this can be easily proved.

(4) By using (1.5), this can be easily proved.

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two sets. A *partial mapping* from  $M$  to  $N$  is a mapping from a subset  $C$  of  $M$  into  $N$ . The set of all partial mappings from  $M$  to  $N$  is denoted by  $PT(M, N)$ . Then, by Lemma 2.4,  $\alpha_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$  with  $\text{dom}(\alpha_{(x,y)}) = \text{dom}(\beta_{(x,y)}) = R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $S^\circ$  be an inverse semigroup with the semilattice  $E^\circ$  of idempotents, and let  $I$  be a lower partial chain of left zero semigroups  $\{L_a; a \in E^\circ\}$  and  $\Lambda$  an upper partial chain of right zero semigroups  $\{R_a; a \in E^\circ\}$ . Suppose that  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  have a common semilattice transversal  $E^\circ$ . Let  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow S^\circ, (f, e) \rightarrow f * e$  be a mapping satisfying:

(1\*)  $f^\circ(f * e)e^\circ = f * e,$

(2\*)  $f^\circ * e^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ,$

(3\*)  $f * f^\circ = f^\circ$  and  $e^\circ * e = e^\circ$  and

(4\*) if  $f^\circ = (f * e^\circ)(f * e^\circ)^{-1}$ , then  $f^\circ = f * e^\circ$ , and if  $e^\circ = (f^\circ * e)^{-1}(f^\circ * e)$ , then  $e^\circ = f^\circ * e$ .

Suppose that, for each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , there exist  $\alpha_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$  satisfying:

(a\*)  $\text{dom}(\alpha_{(x,y)}) = \text{dom}(\beta_{(x,y)}) = R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ ,  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} \in L_{x(f * e)y(x(f * e)y)^{-1}}$  and  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} \in R_{(x(f * e)y)^{-1}x(f * e)y}$ ,

(b\*) if  $f \in R_{x^{-1}x}$ ,  $g \in L_{yy^{-1}}$ ,  $h \in R_{y^{-1}y}$  and  $k \in L_{zz^{-1}}$ , then

$$(f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\alpha_{(x(f * g)y, z)} = (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\alpha_{(x, y(h * k)z)},$$

$$(f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})\beta_{(x, y(h * k)z)}(h, k)\beta_{(y, z)} = ((f, g)\beta_{(x, y)}h, k)\beta_{(x(f * g)y, z)}$$

and

$$(f * g)y((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h * k) = (f * g(h, k)\alpha_{(y, z)})y(h * k), \text{ and}$$

(c\*)  $(x^{-1}x, yy^{-1})\alpha_{(x,y)} = xy(xy)^{-1}$  and  $(x^{-1}x, yy^{-1})\beta_{(x,y)} = (xy)^{-1}xy$ .

Define a multiplication on the set  $W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$  by  $(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (e(f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}, x(f * g)y, (f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h)$ . Then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ .

Conversely, every regular semigroup with an inverse transversal can be constructed in this way.

**Proof.** We can easily show, by using (a\*) and (b\*), that  $W$  is a semigroup. Let  $W^\circ = \{(e, x, f) \in W : e, f \in E^\circ\}$ . Then  $(e, x, f) \in W^\circ$  if and only if  $e = xx^{-1}$  and  $f = x^{-1}x$ . By (2\*) and (c\*), we obtain  $(xx^{-1}, x, x^{-1}x)(yy^{-1}, y, y^{-1}y) = (xy(xy)^{-1}, xy, (xy)^{-1}xy)$ , which shows  $W^\circ \simeq S^\circ$ , so that  $W^\circ$  is an inverse subsemigroup of  $W$ .

For  $(e, x, f) \in W$ , by (3\*), we have  $x(f * f^\circ)x^{-1} = x f^\circ x^{-1} = xx^{-1} = e^\circ$ , so that  $(f, f^\circ)\alpha_{(x, x^{-1})} \in L_{e^\circ}$  and  $(f, f^\circ)\beta_{(x, x^{-1})} \in R_{e^\circ}$ . Thus we have  $(e, x, f)(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ) = (e(f, f^\circ)\alpha_{(x, x^{-1})}, e^\circ, (f, f^\circ)\beta_{(x, x^{-1})}e^\circ) = (e, e^\circ, e^\circ)$ . Again by (3\*),  $e^\circ(e^\circ * e)x = x$ , so that  $(e^\circ, e)\alpha_{(e^\circ, x)} \in L_{e^\circ}$  and  $(e^\circ, e)\beta_{(e^\circ, x)} \in R_{f^\circ}$ . Thus we have  $(e, x, f)(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)(e, x, f) = (e, e^\circ, e^\circ)(e, x, f) = (e(e^\circ, e)\alpha_{(e^\circ, x)}, x, (e^\circ, e)\beta_{(e^\circ, x)}f) = (e, x, f)$ . Similarly we obtain  $(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)(e, x, f)(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ) = (f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)$ . Consequently  $(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)$  is an inverse of  $(e, x, f)$  in  $W^\circ$ .

Let  $(g^\circ, y, h^\circ) \in W^\circ$  be an inverse of  $(e, x, f) \in W$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (e, x, f) &= (e, x, f)(g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, x, f) = (\dots, x(f * g^\circ)y, (f, g^\circ)\beta_{(x,y)}h^\circ)(e, x, f) \\ &= (\dots, x(f * g^\circ)y((f, g^\circ)\beta_{(x,y)}h^\circ * e)x, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$xx^{-1} \geq x(f * g^\circ)y(x(f * g^\circ)y)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq x(f * g^\circ)y((f, g^\circ)\beta_{(x,y)}h^\circ * e)x(x(f * g^\circ)y((f, g^\circ)\beta_{(x,y)}h^\circ * e)x)^{-1} \\ &= xx^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $xx^{-1} = x(f * g^\circ)y(x(f * g^\circ)y)^{-1}$ . By (1\*)

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-1}x &= x^{-1}xx^{-1}x = x^{-1}x(f * g^\circ)yy^{-1}(f * g^\circ)^{-1}x^{-1}x \\ &= f^\circ(f * g^\circ)g^\circ(f * g^\circ)^{-1}f^\circ = (f * g^\circ)(f * g^\circ)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By (4\*), we obtain  $f^\circ = f * g^\circ$ , and similarly  $e^\circ = h^\circ * e$ . Since

$$e^\circ = xx^{-1} = x(f * g^\circ)y(x(f * g^\circ)y)^{-1},$$

$(f, g^\circ)\alpha_{(x,y)} \in L_{e^\circ}$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g^\circ, y, h^\circ) &= (g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, x, f)(g^\circ, y, h^\circ) = (g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, f, g^\circ)\alpha_{(x,y)}, x(f * g^\circ)y, \dots) \\ &= (g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, x f^\circ y, \dots) = (g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, xy, \dots) = (\dots, y(h^\circ * e)xy, \dots) \\ &= (\dots, ye^\circ xy, \dots) = (\dots, yxy, \dots), \end{aligned}$$

so that  $y = yxy$ . Since  $y^{-1}y \geq (xy)^{-1}xy \geq (yxy)^{-1}yxy = y^{-1}y, y^{-1}y = (xy)^{-1}xy$  and  $(f, g^\circ)\beta_{(x,y)} \in R_{h^\circ}$ . Thus we have  $(e, x, f) = (e, x, f)(g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, x, f) = (e, xy, h^\circ)(e, x, f) = (\dots, xyx, \dots)$ , so that  $x = xyx$ . Consequently  $y = x^{-1}$ . Thus each element  $(e, x, f) \in W$  has the unique inverse  $(f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)$  in  $W^\circ$ .

Conversely, let  $S$  be a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^\circ$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $I_S$  and  $\Lambda_S$  are a lower partial chain of left zero semigroups  $\{L_a: a \in E^\circ\}$  and an upper partial chain of right zero semigroups  $\{R_a: a \in E^\circ\}$ , respectively. For  $(f, e) \in \Lambda_S \times I_S$ , put  $f * e = (fe)^\circ$ . Then, by Lemma 2.3,  $*$  is a mapping from  $\Lambda_S \times I_S$  into  $S^\circ$  satisfying the conditions (1\*)–(4\*). For each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$  and for every  $(f, e) \in R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ , put  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} = x f e y (x f e y)^\circ$  and  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} = (x f e y)^\circ x f e y$ . Then,  $\alpha_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$ , and by Lemma 2.4, they satisfy the conditions (a\*)–(c\*). Thus we can construct a semigroup  $W = \{(e, x, f) \in I_S \times S^\circ \times \Lambda_S: e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$  under the multiplication  $(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (ex f g y (x f g y)^\circ, x(f g)^\circ y, (x f g y)^\circ x f g y h)$ . Then, by (1.6),  $W \simeq S$ . The proof is complete.

### 3. Application to special cases

#### (I) $S$ -inverse transversals

**Lemma 3.1.** *In Theorem 2.5, if the mapping  $*$  satisfies the condition (1\*), and (2°)  $f * e^\circ = f^\circ * e = f^\circ e^\circ$  instead of the conditions (2\*), (3\*) and (4\*), then  $W$  is a regular*

semigroup with an  $S$ -inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can also be so constructed.

Furthermore, if a binary operation  $\circ$  is defined on  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] by  $e \circ g = e(e^\circ, g)\alpha_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}$  for  $e, g \in I$  [resp.  $h \circ g = (f, h^\circ)\beta_{(f^\circ, h^\circ)}$  for  $f, h \in \Lambda$ ], then  $I(\circ) \simeq I_W$  [resp.  $\Lambda(\circ) \simeq \Lambda_W$ ].

**Proof.** It is clear that (2°) implies (2\*), (3\*) and (4\*). Thus, it is enough to show that  $W^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal of  $W$ . Let  $(e, x, f), (g, y, h) \in W$ . Then, by (2°), we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((e, x, f)^\circ(g, y, h))^\circ &= ((f^\circ, x^{-1}, e^\circ)(g, y, h))^\circ \\ &= (\dots, x^{-1}(e^\circ * g)y, \dots)^\circ \\ &= (\dots, x^{-1}e^\circ g^\circ y, \dots)^\circ = (\dots, x^{-1}y, \dots)^\circ \\ &= ((x^{-1}y)^{-1}x^{-1}y, (x^{-1}y)^{-1}, x^{-1}y(x^{-1}y)^{-1}) \\ &= (y^{-1}x(y^{-1}x)^{-1}, y^{-1}x, (y^{-1}x)^{-1}y^{-1}x) \\ &= (y^{-1}y, y^{-1}, yy^{-1})(xx^{-1}, x, x^{-1}x) \\ &= (g, y, h)^\circ(e, x, f)^\circ, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly  $((e, x, f)(g, y, h)^\circ)^\circ = (g, y, h)^\circ(e, x, h)^\circ$ , so that, by (1.5),  $W^\circ$  is an  $S$ -inverse transversal. By (5) of Lemma 2.3, the converse assertion is clear.

For the last assertion, by a part of the proof of Theorem 2.5,  $(e, x, f)(e, x, f)^\circ = (e, e^\circ, e^\circ)$ , which shows that  $(e, x, f) \in I_W$  if and only if  $x = f = e^\circ$ . Let  $(e, e^\circ, e^\circ), (g, g^\circ, g^\circ) \in I_W$ . Then, by (1\*) and (2°),  $e^\circ(e^\circ * g)g^\circ = e^\circ * g = e^\circ g^\circ$ , so that  $(e, e^\circ, e^\circ)(g, g^\circ, g^\circ) = (e(e^\circ, g)\alpha_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}, e^\circ g^\circ, (e^\circ, g)\beta_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}g^\circ)$ . Since  $I_W$  is a sub-band of  $W$ ,  $(e(e^\circ, g)\alpha_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}, e^\circ g^\circ, (e^\circ, g)\beta_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}g^\circ) \in I_W$ , so that  $(e^\circ, g)\beta_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)}g^\circ = e^\circ g^\circ$ . Consequently  $(e, e^\circ, e^\circ)(g, g^\circ, g^\circ) = (e \circ g, e^\circ g^\circ, e^\circ g^\circ)$ , which shows that  $I_W \simeq I(\circ)$ .

By Lemmas 2.2 and 3.1, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $S^\circ$  be an inverse semigroup with the semilattice  $E^\circ$  of idempotents, and let  $I$  be a semilattice of left zero semigroups  $\{L_a: a \in E^\circ\}$  and  $\Lambda$  a semilattice of right zero semigroups  $\{R_a: a \in E^\circ\}$ . Suppose that  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  have a common semilattice transversal  $E$ . Let  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow S^\circ, (f, e) \rightarrow f * e$  be a mapping satisfying:

$$(1^*) f^\circ(f * e)e^\circ = f * e \text{ and } (2^\circ) f^\circ * e = f * e^\circ = f^\circ e^\circ.$$

Suppose that, for each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , there exist  $\alpha_{(x, y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x, y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$  satisfying the conditions (a\*), (b\*), and (c\*) in Theorem 2.5, and (d\*)  $(f^\circ, e)\alpha_{(f^\circ, e^\circ)} = f^\circ e$  and  $(f, e^\circ)\beta_{(f^\circ, e^\circ)} = f e^\circ$ . Define a multiplication on the set  $W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda: e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$  as in Theorem 2.5. Then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with an  $S$ -inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.

**Proof.** It is enough to show that  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Let  $e, g \in I$ . Then, by (d\*),  $e(e^\circ, g)\alpha_{(e^\circ, g^\circ)} = ee^\circ g = eg$ , so that the binary operation  $\circ$  in Lemma 3.1 coincides with the product in  $I$ . Thus  $I_W \simeq I$ , and similarly  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ .

(2) *Weakly multiplicative inverse transversals*

**Lemma 3.3.** *In Theorem 2.5, if the mapping  $*$  is  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow E^\circ$  instead of  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow S^\circ$ , then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with a weakly multiplicative inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.*

**Proof.** It is enough to show that  $W^\circ$  is weakly multiplicative. Let  $(e, x, f), (g, y, h) \in W$ . Then, since  $f * g \in E^\circ$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((e, x, f)^\circ(e, x, f)(g, y, h)(g, y, h)^\circ)^\circ &= ((f^\circ, f^\circ, f)(g, g^\circ, g^\circ))^\circ = (\dots, f^\circ(f * g)g^\circ, \dots)^\circ \\ &= (\dots, f * g, \dots)^\circ = (f * g, f * g, f * g) \in E(W^\circ), \end{aligned}$$

so that  $W^\circ$  is weakly multiplicative. By (6) of Lemma 2.3, the converse assertion is clear.

By Theorem 3.2 and Lemma 3.3, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S^\circ, E^\circ, I$  and  $\Lambda$  be as in Theorem 3.2, Let  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow E^\circ, (f, e) \rightarrow f * g$  be a mapping satisfying the condition (1\*) and (2°). Suppose that, for each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , there exist  $\alpha_{(x, y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x, y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$  satisfying the conditions (a\*)–(d\*). Define a multiplication on the set  $W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$  as in Theorem 2.5. Then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with a weakly multiplicative inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.*

(3) *Orthodox semigroups*

**Lemma 3.5.** *In Theorem 2.5, if the mapping  $*$  satisfies (1°)  $f * e = f^\circ e^\circ$  instead of (1\*)–(4\*), then  $W$  is an orthodox semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.*

**Proof.** It is clear that (1°) implies (1\*)–(4\*). Thus, it is enough to show that  $W$  is orthodox. Let  $(e, x, f), (g, y, h) \in W$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((e, x, f)(g, y, h))^\circ &= (\dots, x(f * g)y, \dots)^\circ = (\dots, xf^\circ g^\circ y, \dots) = (\dots, xy, \dots)^\circ \\ &= ((xy)^{-1}xy, (xy)^{-1}, xy(xy)^{-1}) \\ &= (y^{-1}x^{-1}(y^{-1}x^{-1})^{-1}, y^{-1}x^{-1}, (y^{-1}x^{-1})^{-1}y^{-1}x^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$=(y^{-1}y, y^{-1}, yy^{-1})(x^{-1}x, x^{-1}, xx^{-1})=(g, y, h)^\circ(e, x, f)^\circ.$$

By Proposition 1.8,  $W$  is orthodox. By (8) of Lemma 2.3, the converse assertion is clear.

If the mapping  $*$  in Theorem 2.5 satisfies the condition (1 $^\circ$ ), then  $x(f * e)y = xy$  for  $(f, e) \in R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ , so that we can omit the mapping  $*$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.2 and Lemma 3.5, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $S^\circ, E^\circ, I$  and  $\Lambda$  be as in Theorem 3.2. Suppose that, for each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , there exist  $\alpha_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, I)$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)} \in PT(\Lambda \times I, \Lambda)$  satisfying:*

(a $^\circ$ )  $\text{dom}(\alpha_{(x,y)}) = \text{dom}(\beta_{(x,y)}) = R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}, \text{ran}(\alpha_{(x,y)}) \subseteq L_{xy(xy)^{-1}}$  and  $\text{ran}(\beta_{(x,y)}) \subseteq R_{(xy)^{-1}xy}$ ,

(b $^\circ$ ) if  $f \in R_{x^{-1}x}, g \in L_{yy^{-1}}, h \in R_{y^{-1}y}$  and  $k \in L_{zz^{-1}}$ , then

$$(f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\alpha_{(xy,z)} = (f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y,z)})\alpha_{(x,yz)},$$

$$(f, g(h, k)\alpha_{(y,z)})\beta_{(x,yz)}(h, k)\beta_{(y,z)} = ((f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h, k)\beta_{(xy,z)},$$

and (c $^*$ ) and (d $^*$ ) in Theorem 3.2. Define a multiplication on the set

$$W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$$

by  $(e, x, f)(g, y, h) = (e(f, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}, xy, (f, g)\beta_{(x,y)}h)$ . Then  $W$  is an orthodox semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.

A left [resp. right] inverse semigroup is an orthodox semigroup whose band of idempotents is left [resp. right] regular.

**Lemma 3.7.** *In Theorem 3.2, if each right zero semigroup  $R_a, a \in E^\circ$ , is trivial, that is,  $\Lambda = E^\circ$ , then  $W$  is a left inverse semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.*

**Proof.** Let  $(e, x, f) \in W$ . Since  $f \in E^\circ, f = x^{-1}x$ . Let  $(e, x, x^{-1}x) \in W$  be an idempotent. Then  $(e, x, x^{-1}x) = (e, x, x^{-1}x)(e, x, x^{-1}x) = (\dots, x(x^{-1}x * e)x, \dots) = (\dots, xx^{-1}xe^\circ x, \dots) = (\dots x^2, \dots)$ , so that  $x = x^2 \in E^\circ$ . Thus,  $(e, x, x^{-1}x) = (e, e^\circ, e^\circ)$ , which shows  $E(W) = I_W$ . Consequently, the set  $E(W)$  of idempotents of  $W$  is left regular, so that  $W$  is a left inverse semigroup.

In Lemma 3.7, for  $g \in L_{yy^{-1}}$ , we have  $x(x^{-1}x * g)y = xx^{-1}xg^\circ y = xy$ , so that the mapping  $*$  can be omitted.

**Corollary 3.8** ([8, Theorem 1]). *Let  $S^\circ$  and  $I$  be as in Theorem 3.2. Let  $\sigma$  be an anti-homomorphism  $S^\circ$  into  $\text{End}(I), x \rightarrow \sigma(x)$  satisfying (1)  $L_{yy^{-1}}\sigma(x) \subseteq L_{xy(xy)^{-1}}$ , (2)  $(yy^{-1})\sigma(x) = xy(xy)^{-1}$  and (3)  $e\sigma(f) = ef^\circ$ .*

Define a multiplication on the set  $W = \{(e, x) \in I \times S^\circ : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}\}$  by  $(e, x)(g, y) = (e(g\sigma(x)), xy)$ . Then  $W$  is a left inverse semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.

**Proof.** For each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$  and for every  $e \in L_{yy^{-1}}$ , we take  $(x^{-1}x, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} = e\sigma(x)$  and  $(x^{-1}x, e)\beta_{(x,y)} = (xy)^{-1}xy$ . Then we can show that  $\alpha_{(x,y)}$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)}$  satisfy the condition (a\*)–(d\*) in Theorem 3.2. Thus, by Lemma 3.7, we can construct a left inverse semigroup  $W' = \{(e, x, x^{-1}x) \in I \times S^\circ \times E^\circ : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}\}$  under the multiplication

$$(e, x, x^{-1}x)(g, y, y^{-1}y) = (e(x^{-1}x, g)\alpha_{(x,y)}, xy, (x^{-1}x, g)\beta_{(x,y)}y^{-1}y) = (e(g\sigma(x)), xy, (xy)^{-1}xy).$$

Let  $W' \rightarrow W$  be a mapping given by  $(e, x, x^{-1}x) \rightarrow (e, x)$ . Then the mapping is clearly an isomorphism. Thus  $W$  is a left inverse semigroup with an inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$ . The proof of the converse is the same as in [8].

(4) Quasi-ideal inverse transversals

**Corollary 3.9.** ([3, Theorem 4.2]). Let  $S^\circ, I$  and  $\Lambda$  be as in Theorem 3.2., and let  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow S^\circ, (f, e) \rightarrow f * e$  be a mapping satisfying the conditions (1\*) and (2°) in Theorem 3.2. Suppose that, for each  $(x, y) \in S^\circ \times S^\circ$ , there exist  $\alpha_{(x,y)}$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)}$  in  $PT(\Lambda \times I, E^\circ)$  satisfying the condition (a\*) in Theorem 3.2. Define a multiplication on the set  $W = \{(e, x, f) \in I \times S^\circ \times \Lambda : e \in L_{xx^{-1}}, f \in R_{x^{-1}x}\}$  as in Theorem 3.2. Then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with a quasi-ideal inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.

**Proof.** For  $(f, e) \in R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ , since  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} \in E^\circ, (f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} = x(f * e)y(x(f * e)y)^{-1}$  and similarly  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} = (x(f * e)y)^{-1}x(f * e)y$ . Then we can easily show that  $\alpha_{(x,y)}$  and  $\beta_{(x,y)}$  satisfy the conditions (b\*)–(d\*) in Theorem 3.2. Thus  $W$  is a regular semigroup with an  $S$ -inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . For  $(e, x, f) \in W$  and for  $(g^\circ, y, h^\circ), (k^\circ, z, m^\circ) \in W^\circ$ , we can show that  $(g^\circ, y, h^\circ)(e, x, f)(k^\circ, z, m^\circ) = (yxz(yxz)^{-1}, yxz, (yxz)^{-1}yxz) \in W^\circ$ , so that  $W^\circ$  is a quasi-ideal of  $W$ . By (7) of Lemma 2.3, the converse assertion is clear.

**Corollary 3.10** ([9, Theorem 2]). In Corollary 3.9, if the mapping  $*$  is  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow E^\circ$  instead of  $\Lambda \times I \rightarrow S^\circ$ , then  $W$  is a regular semigroup with a multiplicative inverse transversal isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ , and  $I_W \simeq I$  and  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ . Conversely, every such semigroup can be so constructed.

**Proof.** For  $(f, e) \in R_{x^{-1}x} \times L_{yy^{-1}}$ , since  $f * e \in E^\circ$ , we have  $(f, e)\alpha_{(x,y)} = x(f * e)x^{-1}$  and  $(f, e)\beta_{(x,y)} = y^{-1}(f * e)y$ . From this fact, we have  $(e, x, f)^\circ(e, x, f)(g, y, h)(g, y, h)^\circ = (f^\circ f^\circ, f)(g, g^\circ, g^\circ) = (f * g, f * g, f * g) \in E(W^\circ)$ , so that  $W^\circ$  is multiplicative.

By (1.2),  $I_W$  [resp.  $\Lambda_W$ ] in Corollaries 3.9 and 3.10 is a left [resp. right] normal band. Since  $I_W \simeq I$  [resp.  $\Lambda_W \simeq \Lambda$ ],  $I$  [resp.  $\Lambda$ ] is necessarily a left [resp. right] normal band.

Though the condition (1)  $g^\circ(f * e) = g^\circ f * e$  and  $(f * e)h^\circ = f * eh^\circ$  has been used instead of (1\*)  $f^\circ(f * e)e^\circ = f * e$  in [3] and [9], Corollaries 3.9 and 3.10 can be obtained under the condition (1\*) which is weaker than (1).

Moreover, we can obtain construction theorems on idempotent-generated regular semigroups with inverse transversals and bands with inverse transversals, by taking  $S^\circ = E^\circ$  in Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.6, respectively.

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