

n-SUBSEMIGROUPS OF SEMIGROUPS WITH NEUTRAL PROPERTIES

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In the paper [1] (this volume), G.Čupona give a sufficient condition the class of n-subsemigroups of semigroups belonging to a semigroup variety to be also a variety of n-semigroups. Here we consider some varieties of semigroups which do not satisfy the mentioned condition, but the class of their n-subsemigroups are varieties of n-semigroups as well.

1. THE VARIETY OF SEMIGROUPS $O_{k,i}$. The variety of semigroups $O_{k,i}$ is defined by the semigroup identity

$$(1.1) \quad x_0 \dots x_k = x_0 \dots x_{i-1} y x_i \dots x_k,$$

where x_i and y are variables, k and i are integers such that $k \geq 0$, $0 \leq i \leq k+1$.

1.1. The semigroup equality

$$(1.2) \quad x_0 \dots x_s = y_0 \dots y_r$$

is a nontrivial identity in $O_{k,i}$ iff $s, r \geq k$, $x_0 = y_0, \dots, x_{i-1} = y_{i-1}$, $x_{s-k+i} = y_{r-k+i}, \dots, x_s = y_r$.

It follows an easy description of the free semigroup $F_A = (F_A, \cdot)$ in $O_{k,i}$ generated by the set A . Namely, F_A consists of all nonempty sequences of elements of the set A with lengths not greater than $k+1$, and with an operation defined by

$$a_0 \dots a_r \cdot a_{r+1} \dots a_s = \begin{cases} a_0 \dots a_s, & \text{if } s \leq k \\ a_0 \dots a_{i-1} a_{s-k+i} \dots a_s, & \text{if } s > k. \end{cases}$$

If C is a class of semigroups, then by $C(n)$ we denote the class of n-semigroups which are n-subsemigroups of semigroups in C . (See [1].) Here we show that the class of n-semigroups $O_{k,i}(n)$ is a variety, which is finitely axiomatizable. We denote by $[..]$ the n-ary operation of the n-semigroups, and x 's and y 's are variables.

1.2. The class of n+1-semigroups $O_{k,i}(n+1)$ is a variety defined by the identity

$$(1.3) \quad [x_0 \dots x_{i-1} y_1 \dots y_{np-k} x_i \dots x_k] = [x_0 \dots x_{i-1} z_1 \dots \dots z_{nq-k} x_i \dots x_k]$$

where p, q are the least positive integers such that $np-k \geq 0$, $nq-k > 0$.

Proof: As a consequence of 1.1 we have that (1.3) is satisfied in any $n+1$ -subsemigroup of a semigroup in $O_{k,i}$ and, furthermore,

$$(1.4) \quad [x_0 \dots x_{sn}] = [y_0 \dots y_{rn}]$$

is a nontrivial identity in the variety of n -semigroups defined by (1.3) iff $x_0=y_0, \dots, x_{i-1}=y_{i-1}, x_{ns-k+i}=y_{nr-k+i}, \dots, x_{ns}=y_{nr}$.

Now, let $\underline{A} = (A, [\dots])$ be a given $n+1$ -semigroup which satisfy the identity (1.3). We will construct a semigroup $\hat{\underline{A}} \in O_{k,i}$ such that \underline{A} will be an $n+1$ -subsemigroup of $\hat{\underline{A}}$.

Let $F_{\underline{A}}$ be the free semigroup in $O_{k,i}$ generated by the set A . Define a relation \vdash in $F_{\underline{A}}$ by $u = a_0 \dots a_{mn} \vdash a_0 \dots a_{mn} = v$ ($u, v \in F_{\underline{A}}$), where $a = [a_0 \dots a_{mn}]$ in \underline{A} , and let $\vdash = \vdash \cup \vdash^{-1}$. Then, the transitive extension \approx of \vdash is a congruence on $F_{\underline{A}}$ (see [1]). It is enough to show that \approx separates the elements of the set A , i.e. $a, b \in A \Rightarrow (a \approx b \Rightarrow a=b)$, because in that case we can take $\hat{\underline{A}} = F_{\underline{A}}/\approx$.

An element $u \in F_{\underline{A}}$ is said to be irreducible (reducible) if its length is less than $k+1$ (bigger than k). Using (1.4) we define a partial mapping $[]$ of $F_{\underline{A}}$ into A as follows: $[u] = a$ if $u = a_0 \dots a_{mn}$ in $F_{\underline{A}}$ and $[a_0 \dots a_{mn}] = a$ in \underline{A} . Note that all reducible elements of $F_{\underline{A}}$ are in the domain of $[]$.

Let $u, v, w \in F_{\underline{A}}$. It is easy to check this properties:

- (i) $u \vdash v, u$ is in the domain of $[] \Rightarrow [u] = [v]$.
- (ii) $u \vdash w_1 \vdash w_2 \vdash \dots \vdash w_s \vdash v, u$ and v are reducible, w_1, \dots, w_s are irreducible $\Rightarrow [u] = [v]$.

We will prove only the last implication. Namely, as w_1, \dots, w_s are irreducible, we have that $|w_1| \equiv \dots \equiv |w_s| \pmod{n}$, and so there exist $w \in F_{\underline{A}}$ such that $2|w_1| + |w| \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, i.e. $w_1 w w_1$ is in the domain of $[]$, for $i=1, 2, \dots, s$. Thus we have:

$$u \vdash w_1 \vdash \dots \vdash w_s \vdash v \Rightarrow u = u w w_1 \vdash w_1 w w_1 \vdash w_1 w w_1 \vdash \dots \vdash w_s w w_s \vdash v w w_s \vdash v w v = v \Rightarrow [u] = [u w w_1] = [w_1 w w_1] = \dots = [w_s w w_s] = [v w v] = [v].$$

Now, let $a, b \in A$ and $a \approx b$. Then there exist $u_1, \dots, u_r \in F_A$ such that $a \vdash u_1 \vdash u_2 \dots \vdash u_r \vdash b$, and (i) and (ii) implies that $a = b$.

2. VARIETY OF SEMIGROUPS $O_{k,i,j}$. The variety of semigroups $O_{k,i,j}$ is defined by the identity

$$x_0 \dots x_k = x_0 \dots x_{i-1} y_i \dots y_{j-1} x_j \dots x_k,$$

where $k \geq 0$, $0 \leq i < j \leq k+1$.

2.1. The semigroup equality

$$x_0 \dots x_s = y_0 \dots y_r$$

is an identity in the variety $O_{k,i,j}$ iff it is trivial or $s \geq k$, $r \geq k$ and $x_0 = y_0, \dots, x_{i-1} = y_{i-1}, x_{s-k+j} = y_{r-k+j}, \dots, x_s = y_r$.

As a consequence of 1.1 and 2.1 we obtain:

$$2.2. \quad i < j \Rightarrow O_{k,i} \cap O_{k,j} = O_{k,i,j}.$$

In the same manner as in 1.2 one can prove that $O_{k,i,j}^{(n)}$ is a variety, i.e. we have:

2.3. The class of $n+1$ -semigroups $O_{k,i,j}^{(n+1)}$ is a variety defined by the identity

$$\begin{aligned} [x_0 \dots x_{i-1} y_i \dots y_{pn-k+j-1} x_j \dots x_k] = \\ = [x_0 \dots x_{i-1} z_i \dots z_{qn-k+j-1} x_j \dots x_k] \end{aligned}$$

where p, q are the least integers ($p, q \geq 0$) such that $pn-k+j-1 \geq 0$, $qn-k+j-1 > 0$.

3. REMARKS.

1) We note that the condition (a) of [1] is not satisfied in either of the varieties $O_{k,i}$ and $O_{k,i,j}$. In fact, the condition (a) can be made a little more complicated such that the above varieties are in its scope, but that will not give the best possible generalization.

2) One can investigate varieties of semigroups similar to $O_{k,i}$ and $O_{k,i,j}$. Namely, let p be a permutation of the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$, x 's and y 's are variables, and consider the semigroup identities

$$(3.1) \quad x_0 \dots x_k = x_{p(0)} \dots x_{p(i-1)} y_{p(i)} \dots x_{p(k)},$$

$$(3.2) \quad x_0 \cdots x_k = x_{p(0)} \cdots x_{p(i_1-1)} y_{i_1} x_{p(i_1+1)} \cdots \\ \cdots x_{p(i_r-1)} y_{i_r} x_{p(i_r+1)} \cdots x_{p(k)}$$

Then one can prove that either of the varieties of semigroups defined by (3.1) or (3.2) is equal to the variety $\mathcal{O}_{k,m,M}$ for some m and M . (We assume that $p(s) \neq s$ for some s in (3.1).) Namely, let q be the least integer such that $p(q) \neq q$, and t be the biggest integer with the property $p(t) \neq t$. Then we have $m = \min\{i, s\}$ and $M = \max\{i, t+1\}$ for (3.1), and $m = \min\{q, i_1\}$, $M = \max\{i_r+1, t+1\}$ for (3.2).

3) The results of this paper are generalizations of the results obtained in [2].

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