NOTES ON FINITE SEMIGROUPS AND DETERMINATION⁽¹⁾ OF SEMIGROUPS OF ORDER 4

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In the present paper we shall give some remarks about finite semigroups and shall determine all types of semigroups of order 4. The computation is performed by use of the elementary method [1]¹⁾, the results of semigroups of order 2, 3 [2], and our developed theories of semigroups. A general method of determination of finite semigroups (of an arbitrary order) is not yet found out.

§ 1. Unipotent semigroups.

1 Unipotent semigroups. In the previous paper [3] we argued some properties of finite unipotent semigroups. Furthermore we argued them from more general standpoint in another article [4] by Clifford and Miller's theory [5].

We mean by a zero-semigroup a unipotent semigroup whose idempotent is a two-sided zero 0. Apart from zero-semigroups of order n, unipotent semigroups of order n are determined in such a way as following, if zero-semigroups of order m < n are all given.

A group G of order g, g < n, a zero-semigroup Z of order m where m = n - g + 1, and a homomorphism f of $M = G \cup Z'$ onto G determine uniquely a unipotent semigroup of order n, greatest group of which is G [4].

 Z^\prime symbols the set of all elements of Z except a zero, and M is the union of G and Z^\prime .

All unipotent semigroups of order 4 other than zero-semigroups are $u-11\sim u-19^{2}$, in which I. (2)³⁾ is the class of types g=2, I. (3) types g=3, and I. (4) groups.

2 Zero-semigroups. Let a be an element of a semigroup S. If there exists $x \in S$ such that ax = a, a is called an left-invariant (or l-invariant)

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¹⁾ The number in the bracket [] shows the number of References appearing at the end.

²⁾ It is an individual number of a type in the table at the end.

^{3.} It is a number of a class of types in the same table.

element. Right-invariant (r-invariant) element is likewise defined. Here we denote by Z a finite zero-semigroup.

Lemma 1. Z contains no l-invariant (r-invariant) element except 0.

Proof. Suppose that there is an I-invariant element a different from 0. Set $X = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z}, ax = a\}$. It is seen that X is a subsemigroup of \mathbb{Z} and does not contain 0; whence no idempotent lies in X because \mathbb{Z} is a zero-semigroup. This conflicts with the fact that a finite semigroup contains at least one idempotent.

We introduce two orderings into Z: left ordering and right ordering. $a \gtrsim b$ means that either a = b or a = bx for some $x \in Z$, and $a \gtrsim b$ means that either a = b or a = yb for some $y \in Z$.

Lemma 2. The two orderings are all partial orderings.

Proof. Reflexivity and transitivity are clear. We shall prove antisymmetry. If a = bx and b = ay for some x and y, then a = a(yx). But, from Lemma 1, it follows that a = 0 and so a = b = 0. Similar as to right ordering.

Due to each of the two ordering, Z is a partly ordered set having 0 as greatest element. Now an element a is called an l-minimal element if $a \gtrsim b$ for no $b \neq a$. Likewise an r-minimal element is defined. Since Z is finite, minimal elements exist. Specially when a is least, a is called l-least (r-least) element.

Lemma 3. If a is an l-minimal element, then a is also r-minimal, and vice versa.

Proof. If a is not l-minimal, then a = bx for some b, $x \in Z$; so $a \gtrsim x$, that is, a is not r-minimal. The proof of the converse is similar. We notice that a may be supposed to be distinct from 0, because the case of a trivial zero-semigroup $Z = \{0\}$ is out of consideration.

Lemma 4 Let Z be a finite zero-semigroup. The following conditions are all equivalent.

- (i) Z has an l-least element.
- (ii) Z has an r-least element.
- (iii) Z forms a chain with respect to the l-ordering.
- (iv) Z forms a chain with respect to the r-ordering.
- (v) Z is a power semigroup.

Proof.

$$(ii) \rightleftharpoons (i) \rightarrow (v) \stackrel{(iii)}{\sim} (ii) \rightarrow (i)$$
 $(iv) \rightarrow (ii)$.

(i) \rightleftharpoons (ii): obvious by Lemma 3. (i) \rightarrow (v). Let a be the l-least element. Every $x \neq a$ is written x = ay, that is, the v-order is n-1 where n is the d-order of Z. According to [6], Z is a power semigroup. (v) \rightarrow (iii) and (v) \rightarrow (iv) are easily proved. (iii) \rightarrow (i) and (iv) \rightarrow (ii) are clear.

We denote by [a] the power subsemigroup generated by a:

$$[a] = \{a^i; i = 1, 2, ...\}.$$

Now we define the third ordering in Z: $a \ge b$ means that $[a] \subset [b]$. This is called the power-ordering (p-ordering).

Lemma 5. $a \ge b$ if and only if $a = b^n$ for some positive integer n. (see [7])

Lemma 6. The ordering \geq is a partial ordering.

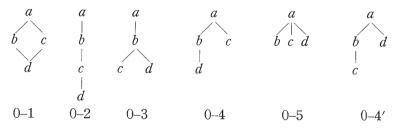
Proof. We shall show anti-symmetry. If $a \ge b$ and $b \ge a$ i. e., $b = a^n$ and $a = b^m$, then $a = a^{mn}$ which leads to a = 0 by Lemma 1, and hence a = b = 0.

Lemma 7. $a \ge b$ implies $a \gtrsim b$ and $a \gtrsim b$.

Proof. By Lemma 5, $a = b^n = bb^{n-1} = b^{n-1}b$.

We shall construct, as an example, all types of zero-semigroups Z of order 4 by the aid of the above lemmas.

All types of partly ordered set of order 4, which has a greatest element, are shown as following.



These become naturally semilattices.

Under consideration of Lemmas 3, 4 and 7, the following table designates all possible triple combinations chosen among them as l-, r- and p-orderings in Z and all types of Z deduced from the combinations. By Lemma 4, 0-1 cannot be taken as l-ordering (r-ordering).

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| l-ordering | 0-5 | 0-2 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-3 | | 0-3 | | 0-4 | 0-4' |
|------------|-------------|----------|-----|-----|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| r-ordering | 0-5 | 0–2 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-4 | | 0-3 | | 0-4' | 0-4 |
| p-ordering | 0-5 | 0-1 0-2 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-4' | 0–5 | 0-5 | 0-5 |
| type of Z | <i>u</i> -1 | и-2 попе | и-3 | и-4 | <i>u</i> –4′ | u-5 u-7 u-7' u-8 | <i>u</i> -6 | <i>u</i> -9 | <i>u</i> -10 | <i>u</i> -10′ |

where u-4', u-10' are dually isomorphic with u-4, u-10 respectively.

§ 2. Commutative semigroups.

According to [8], a finite commutative semigroup S is decomposed into the class sum of mutually disjoint unipotent subsemigroups and the quotient set forms a semilattice. Let L be a semilattice obtained in greatest decomposition of S by which $S = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} S_i$.

By the types of L and S_i , all types of a non-unipotent commutative semigroup S of order 4 is classified into the following. Below, \mathfrak{T} symbols a unipotent commutative semigroup of order i (i = 1, 2, 3)

(1) Semilattice,





(3) 2-2 type



(4) 3–1 type

On the other hand, the types of 2 and 3 are

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \textcircled{2} & \begin{array}{c} A & B \\ B & A \\ \hline U_2 - 1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} A & A \\ A & A \\ \hline U_2 - 2 \end{array},$$

Computating all types of S by elementary operations in each ease, we have

- (1) Semilattice: VI. (1), i. e., $c-1 \sim c-5$,
- (2) 2-1-1 type: VI. (2),

| (2) | <i>l</i> –1 | <i>l</i> –2 | <i>l</i> –3 | <i>l</i> –4 | <i>l</i> –5 |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| U ₂ -1 | <i>c</i> -6 | c-10 | c-14 | c-15 | c-18 |
| U ₂ -2 | c-7 c-8 c-9 | c-11 c-12 | c-13 | c-16 c-17 | c-19 |

| (3) | 2-2 | type: | VI. | (3), |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|
|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|

| upper lower | ${ m U_2-1}$ | U ₂ -2 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| U ₂ -1 | c-20 c-21 | c-23 c-24 |
| U_2 -2 | c-22 | c-25 c-26 |

(4) 3-1 type: VI. (4),

| ③ <i>L</i> | U ₃ -1 | U ₃ –2 | U ₃ -3 | U ₃ –4 | U ₃ –5 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>l</i> –7 | c-27 | c-28 c-29 | c-30 c-31 | c-32 c-33 | c-34 c-35 c-36 c-37 |
| <i>l</i> -8 | c-38 | c-39 | c-40 | c-42 | c-41 |

§ 3 Non-commutative semigroups.

Generally a semigroup S is able to be decomposable to a commutative semigroup, i. e.,

$$S = igcup_{lpha=1}^k S_lpha, \quad S_lpha \cap S_eta = \phi \quad (lpha + eta)$$
 ,

and for α and β there is γ such that $S_{\alpha}S_{\beta} \subset S_{\gamma}$ and $S_{\beta}S_{\alpha} \subset S_{\gamma}$. It is proved that there exists a greatest decomposition of S to a commutative semigroup [9]. The meaning of greatest decomposition is due to [8].

Let C be a commutative semigroup obtained in greatest commutativity decomposition of S. We classify types of S into various classes according as the type of C.

1. Commutativity-indecomposable semigroup.

When C is composed of only one element, S is called commutativity-indecomposable (c-indecomposable).

Lemm 8. If S is c-indecomposable, then SS = S.

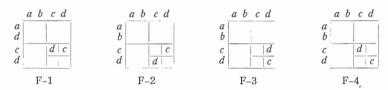
Proof. Suppose that $SS \subseteq S$. Let A = SS and B = S - SS, then $S = A \cup B$; this is a commutativity-decomposition.

Lemma 9. If S is c-indecomposable semigroup of order 4, then S has no tow-sided ideal of order 2, 3.

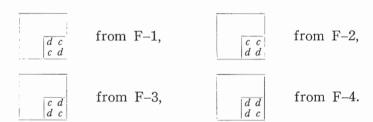
Proof. (i) The proof of having no ideal of order 3. Suppose that S has an ideal A of order 3 and let $S = A \cup \{x\}$. Since $AS \subset A$ and $SA \subset A$, we have $x^2 = x$ by Lemma 8; whence the decomposition of S, $S = A \cup \{x\}$, gives commutativity.

(ii) The proof of having no ideal of order 2.

Let $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Suppose that S has an ideal $\{a, b\}$. Since SS = S and S has no ideal of order 3, the four cases are considered.



But, by an elementary theory, we have



This shows that S is c-decomposable such that $S = \{a, b\} \cup \{c, d\}$, contradicting with the assumption. Hence S has no ideal of order 2. Consequently we get

Theorem. A c-indecomposable semigroup S of order 4 is completely simple [10].

Proof. By Lemma 9, S has no ideal of order ≥ 2 . Since a finite semigroup is simple, S is proved to be completely simple.

The theorem makes it possible to establish types of commutativity-indecomposable semigroup as II, i-1, i-2.

2. c-decomposable semigroups. The types of C are as follows.

| $\begin{array}{c c} A & B \\ A & A \\ B & A & B \end{array}$ | $ \begin{array}{c c} A & B \\ A & A & B \\ B & A \end{array} $ | $ \begin{array}{c c} A & B \\ A & A \\ B & A & A \end{array} $ | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| D_2 –1 | D_22 | D_2 -3 | | | |
| A B C B C A C A B | A B B B A A B A A | A B A B A B A B A B A | A A A A A A A A A B D ₃ -4 | $\begin{bmatrix} A & A & A \\ A & A & A \\ A & A & A \end{bmatrix}$ D_3-5 | A A A A A B C A C B D ₃ -6 |
| A A A A B C A C A | ABABABABC | A A A A B B A B C | A A A A B A A A C | A A A A A A A A C | A A A A A B B A B B |
| D_3 -7 | D_3-8 | D_3-9 | D_3-10 | D_3-11 | D_{3} -12 |

After complicated computations we have the following result.

D₂-1 D₂-2 D₂-3

2-2 type: III,

(1) $2 \cdot 2 - 1 \sim 2 \cdot 2 - 7$

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3-1 type: IV,

| D ₂ -2 | D ₂ -3 | A | a a a a a a a a a | $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & a \\ a & b & a \\ a & b & a \end{bmatrix}$ |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| (2) 2•2-8 | none | | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | | S | $3 \cdot 1 - 1 \\ 3 \cdot 1 - 2$ | 3.1-3~3.1-8 | 3.1-9~3.1-13 |

There is no type of S in other cases than above 3 types of A.

2-1-1 type: V,

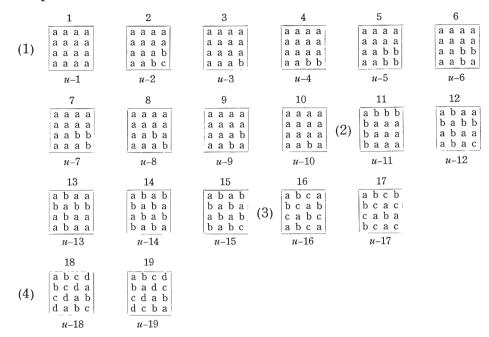
| C D ₃ -1 | D ₃ -2 | D ₃ -3 | D ₃ -4 | D ₃ -5 | D ₃ -6 | D ₃ -7 | D ₃ -8 | D ₃ -9 | D ₃ -10 | D ₃ -11 | D ₃ -12 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| S none | none | none | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |

We notice that dually isomorphic non-commutative semigroups are omitted in the table at the end. Thus we have obtained 194 types of semigroups of order 4.

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Semigroups of order 4.

I. Unipotent



II. Commutativity-indecomposable

III. Decomposable, 2-2 type

IV. Decomposable, 3-1 type

(1)
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ a & a & a & b \\ a & a & a & c \\ a & a & a & d \\ a & a & c & d \\ a & b & c & a \\ a & a & b & c & d \\ a & b & c & a \\ a & b & c & a \\ a & b & c & a \\ a & b & c & d \\ a$$

| 36 a b c a a b c a a b c a a b c a a b c a 3·1-7 | 37 a b c a a b c a a b c b a b c a 3·1-3 | 38 a b a a a b a a a b a c a b a c a b a d 3·1-9 | 39 a b a a a b a b a b a c a b a d 3·1-10 | 40 a b a a a b a b a b a a a b c d 3·1-11 | 41 a b a a a b a a a b a a a b c d 3·1-12 |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 42 a b a b a b a b a b a b a b a c d 3-1-13 | | | | | |

V. Decomposable, 2-1-1 type

| | 43 | | 44 | | 45 | | 46 | 47 | 48 | |
|-----|---|-----|--|-----|--|-----|--|--|---|--------|
| (1) | abaa abaa abaa abac | (2) | a b a a a b a a a b a a a b a a | | a b a b a b a b a b a b a b a b | (3) | a b a a a a b b b b a b c d a b d c | a b a b a b b a a b c d a b d c | a b b a b b a b c a b d | b d |
| | 2 • 1 • 1 – 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| | 49 a a a a a a a a a a b c d a b d c | (4) | 50 a b a a a b b a a b c d a b d a | | 51 a b b b b a b b d a b c d a b d b | | 52 a a a a a b c d a b c d a d d a 10 | 53 a a a a a a a a b a a a c d a a d a | 54 a a a a b c a c a a d a | c a |
| (5) | 55 a a c a a a c a c c a c a b c d | | 56 a b a a b a a b a b c d a b c d 14 | | 57 a b b a b a a b b a a b a a b a a b a a b a a b a b a a b a b c d | (6) | 58 a b a a a b b b a b c c a b c d | 59 a b b a a b b b a b c c a b c d | 60 a b b a b b a b c a b c | b c |
| | 61 a a a a a a a a a b b a a c c c a a c d | | 62 a a a a a a a a a b b a a c c c a b c d 20 | | 63 a a a a a a a a a a a c c c a b c d 21 | | 64 a a a a a a a b c b a b c c a b c d | 65 a a a a a a a b c c c a b c d 23 | 66 a a a a a b b a b b a b c 24 | b b |
| | 67 a a a a a a a b b b b a b c d a b c d 25 | (7) | 68 a b a a a b b a a b c a a b a d 26 | | 69 a b b a a b b a a b c a a b b d 27 | | 70 a b b b a b b b a b c b a b b d 28 | 71 a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a | 72 a a a a a b a a c a b a 30 | a a |
| | 73 a a a a a a a a a a b a a a c a a b b d 31 | | 74 a a a a a a a b b a a c c a a a a d 32 | (8) | 75 a b a a a a b a a a b a a a b a d a 33 | | 76 a b a b a b a b a b a b a b a d 34 | 77 a b a a a b a b a b a a a b a a a b a a a b a d | 78 a a a a a a a a a a b a | a a |
| | 79 a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a | | 80 a a a a a a a a a a a c d a a c d | (9) | 81 a b b b a b b b a b c c a b c c | | 82 a b a a a a b b b b a b c c c a b c c | 83 a a a a a a a a a b b a a a c c a a c c 41 | 84 a a a a a b c a b c a b c a b c | b b |

VI. Commutative, non-unipotent

(1) Semilattice

| 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| a a a a a a b b b | a a a a a b b b | a a a a a b a b | a a a a a b a b | a a a a a |
| a b c c | a b c b | aaca | aacc | aaca |
| a b c d | a b b d | a b a d | a b c d | aaad |
| c–1 | c-2 | c–3 | c-4 | c-5 |

(2) Semilattice-decomposable 2-1-1 type

| 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| a b a a b a b b a b c c a b c d | a a a a a a a a a b b b a b c c a b c d c-7 | a a a a a a a a a a a a b a a c c a b c d | a a a a a a a a a a c c a a c d | a a a a a a a b c b a c b c a b c d | a a a a a a a b b b b a b b c a b c d |
| 96 a a a a a a b b b b a b b b d c-12 | 97 a a a a a a a b b b a b c c a b c c c-13 | 98 a a a a a a a b b b b a b c d a b d c c-14 | 99 a b a a b a a b a b c a a b a d d c-15 | 100 a a a a a a b a a b c a a a a d c-16 | 101 a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a |
| 102 a a a a a b c a a c b a a a a d | 103 a a a a a b b a a b b a a b a a a a d | | | | |
| c-18 | c-19 | | | | |

(3) Semilattice-decomposable 2-2 type

| 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| a b a a b a b b | a b a b | a b a a | aaaa | aaaa | a a a a a a a b b |
| a b c d | baba abcd | babb abcc | a a b b a b c d | a a a a a a c d | a b c c |
| a b d c | b a d c | a b c c | a b d c | a a d c | a b c c |
| c-20 | c-21 | c–22 | c-23 | c-24 | c–25 |
| 110 | | | | | |
| a a a a | | | | | |
| aaaa | | | | | |
| a a c c | | | | | |
| aacc | | | | | |
| c–26 | | | | | |

(4) Semilattice-decomposable 3-1 type

| 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a b c a b c a b | a b b a b a b a b | a b b a b a a b | a b a a b a b b | a b a a b a b b | a a a a a a |
| cabc | baab | baac | a b a c | a b a a | aabc |
| a b c d | a b b d | a b c d | a b c d | a b a d | a b c d |
| c-27 | c-28 | c-29 | c-30 | c-31 | c-32 |
| | | | | | |
| 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 122 |
| 117 a a a a | 118 a a a a | 119 a a a a | a a a a | a a a a | aaaa |
| a a a a a | - | | a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a | a a a a a a a b | a a a a a a b c d |
| a a a a a a a a a a b a | a a a a a a a a a a a a | a a a a a a a a a a a c | a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a b | a a a a a a a b a a a c | a a a a a a a b c d a c d b |
| a a a a a | a a a a a a a a | a a a a a a a a | a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a | a a a a a a a b | a a a a a a b c d |

| 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a a a a a b c c a c b b a c b b | a a a a a b c b a c b c a b c b | a a a a a a a b b b b a b b b a b b b | a a a a a a a b b b b a b b c |
| c-39 | c-40 | 41 | c-42 |

Addendum

Although all types of semigroups of order 4 were already found out by Mr. M. Yamamura & the writer in 1953, we have computed them once more by utilizing the new theories. We have heard from Prof. E. Hewitt, University of Washington, that Prof. G. E. Forsythe, Unviversity of California, is computing them by a very large electronic computer.

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