

# CHARACTERIZATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIVE SEMIGROUPS BY DISTRIBUTIVE MULTIPLICATIONS

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## § 1. Introduction.

Let  $S_+$  be a semigroup with addition  $+$  defined in a set  $S$ . We introduce another operation "multiplication" into the same set  $S$ , which is symbolized as  $S_\times$ , not necessarily associative, such that

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & x(a+b) = xa + xb \\ (2) \quad & (x+y)a = xa + ya \end{aligned} \quad \text{for every } x, y, a, b \in S.$$

Then we say that  $S_+$  has a multiplication (multiplicative system)  $S_\times$ . In the previous paper [1] we proved the two theorems:

Theorem (A). A right singular or left singular<sup>1)</sup> semigroup  $S_+$  has all arbitrary multiplications.

Theorem (B). Let  $S_+$  be a semigroup defined as  $x+y=0$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .  $S_+$  has a multiplication  $S_\times$  if and only if  $S_\times$  has 0 as the two-sided zero.

In the present note, we shall prove that Theorem (A) characterizes a right or left singular semigroup  $S_+$ , but Theorem (B) does not characterize the semigroup  $S_+$  defined as  $x+y=0$ , and we shall have the following Theorems 1, 2 under weaker conditions. Hereafter, by "a semigroup  $S$  has a multiplication (multiplicative system)  $S_\times$ " we mean "(1) holds i.e. the multiplication  $S_\times$  is distributive to the addition  $S_+$  with respect to the only one-side." Of course we assume that  $S$  is non-trivial, i.e. it contains two elements at least.

**Theorem 1.** *If a semigroup  $S_+$  has all arbitrary multiplications, then  $S_+$  is a right or left singular semigroup.*

**Theorem 2.** *If a semigroup  $S_+$  has all multiplicative systems  $S_\times$  with a right zero 0 and has nothing but such multiplications, then  $S_+$  is either a semigroup with  $x+y=0$  for all  $x, y \in S$  or a group of order 2.*

## § 2. Proof of Theorem 1.

1.  $x_0 \neq y_0$  implies either  $x_0 + y_0 = x_0$  or  $x_0 + y_0 = y_0$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove that  $x_0 \neq y_0$  and  $x_0 + y_0 \neq x_0$  imply  $x_0 + y_0 = y_0$ . Let

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1)  $S$  is called a right singular or left singular if  $S$  is defined as  $x+y=y$  or  $x+y=x$  for any  $x, y$  respectively.

$z_0 = x_0 + y_0 \neq x_0$ , and corresponding to  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$  and  $z_0$ , consider a multiplication which satisfies

$$x_0^2 = x_0, \quad x_0 y_0 = x_0 z_0 = y_0.$$

Then we get  $x_0 + y_0 = x_0^2 + x_0 y_0 = x_0(x_0 + y_0) = x_0 z_0 = y_0$ .

**2.** If  $x_0 \neq y_0$  and  $x_0 + y_0 = y_0$  for some  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , then  $x + y = y$  for all  $x$ ,  $y$ .

*Proof.* Take any  $x$  and  $y$ . Consider a multiplication satisfying

$$x_0^2 = x \text{ and } x_0 y_0 = y,$$

then we get

$$x + y = x_0^2 + x_0 y_0 = x_0(x_0 + y_0) = x_0 y_0 = y.$$

Similarly we obtain

**3.** If  $x_0 \neq y_0$  and  $x_0 + y_0 = x_0$  for some  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , then  $x + y = x$  for all  $x$ ,  $y$ .

Gathering together 1, 2, and 3, it has been proved that non-trivial  $S_+$  is right or left singular.

### § 3. Proof of Theorem 2.

**1.**  $0 + 0 = 0$ .

*Proof.* For a special multiplication  $S_+$  with two-sided zero 0,

$$0 + 0 = 0^2 + 0^2 = 0(0 + 0) = 0.$$

**2.** Either  $0 + x = x$  for all  $x$ , or  $0 + x = 0$  for all  $x$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove that  $0 + x = 0$  for all  $x$  if  $0 + x_0 \neq x_0$  for some  $x_0$ . From  $0 + x_0 \neq x_0$ , we see easily  $x_0 \neq 0$  by **1**. Let  $x$  be any element of  $S$ , let  $u_0 = 0 + x_0$ , and consider a multiplication satisfying

$$x_0^2 = x, \quad x_0 u_0 = 0, \quad x 0 = 0 \text{ for all } x.$$

Then we have  $0 + x = x_0 0 + x_0^2 = x_0(0 + x_0) = x_0 u_0 = 0$ .

Hence  $0 + x_0 \neq x_0$  implies  $0 + x = 0$  for all  $x$ .

Similarly we can prove

**3.** Either  $x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$ , or  $x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ .

**4.** Either  $0 + x = x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$  or  $0 + x = x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ .

*Proof.* Suppose both  $0 + x = x$  for all  $x$  and  $x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ . Then

$$x + y = x + (0 + y) = (x + 0) + y = 0 + y = y$$

for every  $x$ ,  $y$ , which concludes that  $S_+$  is a right singular semigroup. This contradicts the assumption of this theorem because of Theorem 1. Similarly it is false that both  $0 + x = 0$  for all  $x$  and  $x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$ .

From **5** to **7** we assume that  $S$  contains three elements at least.

**5.**  $x_0 \neq 0$ ,  $y_0 \neq 0$ ,  $x_0 \neq y_0$  imply  $x_0 + y_0 \neq x_0$  and  $x_0 + y_0 \neq y_0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $x_0 + y_0 = x_0$ . In case  $0 + x = x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$ , considering a multiplication which satisfies for  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$

$$(3) \quad x_0^2 = 0, \quad x_0 y_0 = x_0, \quad z0 = 0 \text{ for all } z.$$

we get  $0 + x_0 = x_0^2 + x_0 y_0 = x_0(x_0 + y_0) = x_0^2 = 0$ ,

which contradicts the above assumption.

In case  $0 + x = x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ , a multiplication satisfying

$$(4) \quad x_0^2 = x_0, \quad x_0 y_0 = 0, \quad z0 = 0 \text{ for all } z$$

leads to  $x_0 + 0 = x_0^2 + x_0 y_0 = x_0(x_0 + y_0) = x_0^2 = x_0$ ,

contradicting the assumption. Hence it has been proved that  $x_0 + y_0 \neq x_0$ . Similarly we can prove  $x_0 + y_0 \neq y_0$ . Under the supposition of  $x_0 + y_0 = y_0$  we may use (4) in case  $0 + x = x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$ , (3) in case  $0 + x = x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ .

6.  $x_0 \neq 0, y_0 \neq 0, x_0 \neq y_0$  imply  $x_0 + y_0 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $u_0 = x_0 + y_0 \neq 0$ . We can consider a multiplication which fulfils

$$x_0^2 = x_0 y_0 = 0, \quad x_0 u_0 \neq 0, \quad z0 = 0 \text{ for all } z.$$

Possibility of such a multiplication follows from 5, i.e.  $x_0 + y_0 \neq x_0$  and  $x_0 + y_0 \neq y_0$ .

Then  $0 \neq x_0 u_0 = x_0(x_0 + y_0) = x_0^2 + x_0 y_0 = 0 + 0 = 0$ ,

arriving at contradiction. Therefore  $x_0 + y_0 = 0$ .

7. If  $S_+$  contains three elements at least, then  $S_+$  is given as  $x + y = 0$  for all  $x, y$ .

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove only  $0 + x = x + 0 = 0$  for all  $x$ . By the assumption, there are  $x_0, y_0$  such that  $x_0 \neq 0, y_0 \neq 0, x_0 \neq y_0$ . For  $x, x_0, y_0$ , consider a multiplication fulfilling

$$xx_0 = 0, \quad xy_0 = x, \quad z0 = 0 \text{ for all } z.$$

Then  $0 + x = xx_0 + xy_0 = x(x_0 + y_0) = x0 = 0$

$$x + 0 = xy_0 + xx_0 = x(y_0 + x_0) = x0 = 0 \quad \text{by 6.}$$

As consequence of 7, we have

8. If  $0 + x = x + 0 = x$  for all  $x$ , then non-trivial  $S_+$  is of order 2.

Accordingly the type of  $S_+$  is either a group of order 2

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & a \\ a & a & 0 \end{array}$$

or a semilattice

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & a \\ a & a & a \end{array}$$

9. The addition  $S_+$  of order 2 which satisfies the assumption of this theorem is nothing but a group of order 2.

*Proof.* At first, the semilattice  $S_+$  (5) of order 2 has a multiplication  $S_\times$  defined as

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & a \\ 0 & a & a \\ a & a & a \end{array}$$

Because  $x(y+z)=a$ ,  $xy+xz=a+a=a$  whenever  $x, y, z$  are 0 or  $a$ . Hence the required  $S_+$  is a group. Conversely if  $S_+$  is a group of order 2, all the multiplications which  $S_+$  has are proved to be

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & a \end{array}$$

by Theorem 1 of the previous paper [1].

### References

[1] T. Tamura etc.: Distributive multiplications to semigroup operations, Jour. of Gakugei, Tokushima Univ., Vol VIII, 1957, 91-101.