



## STUDY ABOUT GRADED RINGS BY COMPLETELY REGULAR SEMIGROUP AND COMPLETELY SIMPLE SEMIGROUP

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### Abstract

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  be an  $S$ -graded ring with an identity element. We study some properties of the components of the identity element of  $R$  and the support of  $R$  when  $S$  is a completely regular semigroup and when  $S$  is a completely regular semigroup with a neutral element. We also study some of these properties when  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $S$  is a completely simple semigroup, and when  $R$  is a non-commutative ring and  $S$  is a completely regular semigroup and the component  $R_s$  ( $\forall s \in S$ ) is an ideal in  $R$ .

### 1. Preface

**Remark 1.1.** Throughout this paper the word “semigroup” refers to multiplicative semigroup if not mentioned otherwise.

**Definition 1.2** [2, 10]. Let  $R$  be a ring, and  $S$  be a semigroup. Then we say that  $R$  is a graded ring by the semigroup  $S$ , or  $R$  is an  $S$ -graded ring if and only if there

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exist additive subgroups  $\{R_s\}_{s \in S}$  of  $R$  satisfying the following:

- (1)  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$ ;
- (2)  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}, \quad \forall g, h \in S$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a semigroup.

- (1) [3, 11] Let  $o$  be a binary operation on  $R$ , defined as:

$$aob = a + b - ab, \quad \forall a, b \in R.$$

Then  $o$  is an associative operation on  $R$ , so  $(R, o)$  is a monoid with the zero of  $R$  as the identity element, we say that  $(R, o)$  is the monoid induced of  $R$ .

An element  $a \in R$  is called *left (right) quasi-regular* if  $a$  has a left (right) inverse in the monoid  $(R, o)$  with identity, i.e., if there exists an element  $b$  of  $R$  such that

$$boa = 0 \quad (aob = 0).$$

- If  $R$  has an identity 1, then an element  $a$  of  $R$  is *left (right) quasi-regular* if  $1 - a$  has a left (right) inverse with respect to ring multiplication.

- If  $a$  is both left and right quasi-regular, then we say that  $a$  is *quasi-regular*.

- (2) [3, 11] Let  $I$  be a non-empty set of  $R$ . Then we say that  $I$  is *(left, right) quasi-regular* if every element of  $I$  is (left, right) quasi-regular.

- (3) [4] Let  $e$  be an idempotent of a semigroup  $S$ . Then we say that  $e$  is a *primitive idempotent* if  $e$  is minimal in the set of non-zero idempotent. Thus, a primitive idempotent  $e$  has the following property:

$$ef = fe = f \neq 0 \Rightarrow e = f,$$

where  $f$  is an idempotent of  $S$ .

4. [4] Let  $S$  be a semigroup without zero. Then we say that  $S$  is *simple* if it has no proper ideals.

5. [4] Let  $S$  be a semigroup without zero. Then we say that  $S$  is *completely simple* if it is simple and if it contains a primitive idempotent.

6. [4] A semigroup  $S$  will be called *completely regular* if there exists a unary

operation  $a \rightarrow a^{-1}$  on  $S$  with the properties:

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = a \quad \text{and} \quad aa^{-1}a = a \quad \text{and} \quad aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a.$$

- An equivalent definition:

Let  $S$  be a semigroup without zero. Then we say that  $S$  is *completely regular* if every element of  $S$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ .

**Lemma 1.4** [4]. *Let  $S$  be a semigroup without zero. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(1)  $S$  is completely simple.

(2)  $S$  is regular, and has “weak cancellation” property:

For all  $a, b, c$  in  $S$ ,

$$ca = cb \quad \text{and} \quad ac = bc \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = b.$$

(3)  $S$  is regular, and for all  $a$  in  $S$ ,

$$aba = a \Rightarrow bab = b.$$

(4)  $S$  is regular and every idempotent is primitive.

## 2. Results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a completely regular semigroup. Suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  is a graduation of  $R$  by  $S$ . Then let  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  be the family of all the maximal subgroups of  $S$ . So:*

(1)  $R_{G_i}$  ( $i \in I$ ) is a subring of  $R$ , and  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$ .

(2) If  $R_{G_i}$  ( $\forall i \in I$ ) is an ideal in  $R$  and right quasi-regular in itself, then  $R$  is a right quasi-regular ring.

**Proof.** (1)  $R_{G_i}$  ( $i \in I$ ) is a subring of  $R$  because on the one hand  $R_{G_i}$  ( $i \in I$ ) is additive subgroup of  $R$  and on the other hand:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall g, h \in R_{G_i} &\Rightarrow g = \sum_{t \in G_i} r_t \quad \text{and} \quad h = \sum_{t \in G_i} r'_t; \\ r_t, r'_t \in R_t &\Rightarrow gh = \left( \sum_{t \in G_i} r_t \right) \left( \sum_{t \in G_i} r'_t \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $G_i$  is a subgroup of  $S$ , thus

$$t_1 \cdot t_2 \in G_i, \quad \forall t_1, t_2 \in G_i.$$

It follows that

$$gh = \left( \sum_{t \in G_i} r_t \right) \left( \sum_{t \in G_i} r'_t \right) \in R_{G_i}.$$

Since  $S$  is a completely regular semigroup, so  $S$  is a union of groups, i.e.,

$$S = \bigcup_{\substack{H \text{ subgroup} \\ \text{of } S}} H.$$

Moreover, since every subring of  $S$  is contained in a maximal subgroup of  $S$ , so for every subgroup  $H$  of  $S$ , there exists a maximal subgroup  $G$  of  $S$  such that  $H \subseteq G$ .

Thus

$$S = \bigcup_{\substack{G \text{ maximal} \\ \text{subgroup of } S}} G.$$

Since  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the family of all the maximal subgroup of  $S$ , so

$$G_{i_1} \cap G_{i_2} = \emptyset, \quad \forall i_1, i_2 \in I, \quad i_1 \neq i_2 \quad \text{and} \quad S = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i.$$

Remark that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$ , we deduce

$$R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}.$$

(2) Suppose that  $R_{G_i} (i \in I)$  is an ideal in  $R$  and right quasi-regular in itself. As  $R_{G_i} (i \in I)$  is an ideal in  $R$  and right quasi-regular in itself and  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$ , then  $R$  is a right quasi-regular ring (see the proof of the Propositions (2-6) in [1]).

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an identity element 1 such that  $R$  does not have any divisor of zero, and let  $S$  be a completely regular semigroup. Suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  is a graduation of  $R$  by  $S$ . Also suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$  such that*

$\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the family of all the maximal subgroups of  $S$ . If  $1$  is a homogenous element in  $R$ , then  $\text{supp}(R, S)$  is a submonoid of  $S$ , and  $1 \in R_e$  such that  $e$  is neutral element in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $1$  is a homogenous element in  $R$ . Since  $R$  does not have any divisor of zero, so  $\text{supp}(R, S)$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ .

As  $1$  is a homogenous element in  $R$ , so there exists an element  $s$  of  $S$  such that  $1 \in R_s$ . Since  $S = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ , so there exists  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $S \in G_\alpha$ . Thus

$$1 \in R_s \subseteq R_{G_\alpha}.$$

Since  $R_{G_\alpha}$  is a ring and  $R_{G_\alpha} = \bigoplus_{g_\alpha \in G_\alpha} R_{g_\alpha}$ , so  $R_{G_\alpha}$  is a graded ring by the group  $G_\alpha$ , and since  $1 \in R_{G_\alpha}$ ,  $1 \in R_e$  such that  $e$  is the neutral element in  $G_\alpha$ . Since  $1 \in R_e$ , so  $R_e \neq \{0\}$ , thus  $e \in \text{supp}(R, S)$ . Furthermore, if  $s_1$  is an element of  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ , and  $a$  is an element of  $R_{s_1} - \{0\}$ , then

$$0 \neq a = 1 \cdot a \in R_e R_{s_1} \subseteq R_{es_1}$$

and

$$a = 1 \cdot a \in R_{s_1} \Rightarrow R_{es_1} = R_{s_1} \Rightarrow es_1 = s_1.$$

Similarly, with observation that  $a \cdot 1 = a$ , we find that

$$s_1 e = s_1, \quad \forall s_1 \in \text{supp}(R, S).$$

So

$$es_1 = s_1 e = s_1, \quad \forall s_1 \in \text{supp}(R, S).$$

Thus  $e$  is neutral element in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ . Therefore,  $\text{supp}(R, S)$  is a submonoid of  $S$  with a neutral element  $e$ , and  $1 \in R_e$ .

\* - In the special case when  $S = \text{supp}(R, S)$ ,  $S$  is monoid and  $1 \in R_e$  such that  $e$  is the neutral element in  $S$  whether  $R$  has divisors of zero or not.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a ring with an identity element  $1$  and let  $S$  be a completely regular semigroup with a neutral element  $e$ . Suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  is

a graduation of  $R$  by  $S$ , and also  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$  such that  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the family of all the maximal subgroups of  $S$ . Since  $1 \in R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$ , so 1 can be written with an only way, by the form

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{s_i}; \quad a_{s_i} \in R_{s_i} - \{0\},$$

such that  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  are distinct elements of  $S$ . If  $R_e \neq \{0\}$ , then  $e \in \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ , and if we suppose, for example, that  $e = s_1$  and  $G_\beta$  ( $\beta \in I$ ) is the maximal subgroup of  $S$  which  $e$  belongs to, then  $a_{s_1} = a_e$  is the identity element of the ring  $R_{G_\beta}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R_e \neq \{0\}$ ,  $e \in \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$  because if it is not and if  $b$  is an element of  $R_e \neq \{0\}$ , then

$$b = b \cdot 1 = b \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{s_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n b a_{s_i}.$$

Since

$$e \notin \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\} \text{ and } b a_{s_i} \in R_{es_i} = R_{s_i}, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } b \in R_e,$$

so

$$b = 0,$$

which is a contradiction.

Suppose, for example, that  $e = s_1$ . Then

$$a_e = a_e \cdot 1 = a_e(a_e + a_{s_2} + \dots + a_{s_n}) = a_e a_e + a_e a_{s_2} + \dots + a_e a_{s_n}.$$

Since  $a_e a_{s_i} \in R_{es_i} = R_{s_i}$ ,  $\forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n$  and  $e, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n$  are distinct elements of  $S$ , so

$$a_e a_{s_i} = 0, \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

If we suppose, for instance, that  $G_\beta$  ( $\beta \in I$ ) is the maximal subgroup of  $S$  which  $e$

belongs to, then

$$s_i \notin G_\beta, \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n,$$

because, if any element of the set  $\{s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$ , for example,  $s_2$  belongs to  $G_\beta$ , then

$$a_{s_2} = 1 \cdot a_{s_2} = a_e a_{s_2} + a_{s_2} a_{s_2} + \dots + a_{s_n} a_{s_2},$$

so if  $j$  is an element of the set  $\{3, 4, \dots, n\}$ , such that  $a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \neq 0$ , then  $a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \notin R_{s_2}$ , because if  $a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \in R_{s_2}$  it follows that

$$a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \in R_{s_2} \text{ and}$$

$$a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \in R_{s_j s_2} \Rightarrow 0 \neq a_{s_j} a_{s_2} \in R_{s_2} \cap R_{s_j s_2} \Rightarrow s_2 = s_j s_2 \Rightarrow s_2 s_2^{-1} = s_j s_2 s_2^{-1};$$

$$s_2^{-1} \text{ is the inverse of } s_2 \text{ in } G_\beta \Rightarrow e = s_j e \Rightarrow s_j = e,$$

and this contradicts  $s_j \neq e$ . Since  $a_e a_{s_2} = 0$ , so

$$a_{s_2} = a_{s_2} a_{s_2}.$$

Thus

$$0 \neq a_{s_2} \in R_{s_2} \cap R_{s_2 s_2}.$$

Hence

$$s_2 = s_2 s_2.$$

But  $s_2 \in G_\beta$  and  $G_\beta$  is a group in which its identity is the only idempotent, so  $e = s_2$ , and this contradicts  $e \neq s_2$ . Since

$$s_i \notin G_\beta, \quad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots, n, \quad (*)$$

so  $a_e$  is the identity element in  $R_{G_\beta}$ , because on the one hand  $a_e$  belongs to  $R_{G_\beta}$ , and on the other hand

$$\forall b \in R_{G_\beta} \Rightarrow b = \sum_{g \in G_\beta} b_g;$$

$$b_g \in R_g \Rightarrow b = b1 = \left( \sum_{g \in G_\beta} b_g \right) (a_e + a_{s_2} + \dots + a_{s_n})$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \sum_{g \in G_\beta} b_g a_e + \sum_{i=2}^n \left( \sum_{g \in G_\beta} b_g a_{s_i} \right).$$

Let  $t$  be an element of the set  $\{2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $y$  be an element of  $G_\beta$  such that  $b_y a_{s_t} \neq 0$ . Then  $b_y a_{s_t} \notin R_{G_\beta}$  because if it is not so, we have

$$0 \neq b_y a_{s_t} \in R_{ys_t}$$

and

$$0 \neq b_y a_{s_t} \in R_{G_\beta} \Rightarrow g' \in G_\beta; \quad ys_t = g'.$$

Suppose that  $y^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $y$  in  $G_\beta$ , it follows that

$$ys_t = g' \Rightarrow y^{-1}ys_t = y^{-1}g' \Rightarrow s_t = y^{-1}g'.$$

Since  $G_\beta$  is a group and  $y^{-1}$ ,  $g'$  are two elements of  $G_\beta$ , we have

$$s_t \in G_\beta,$$

and this contradicts (\*).

Thus

$$b = \sum_{g \in G_\beta} b_g a_e = ba_e.$$

In the same way, we can prove that

$$b = a_e b.$$

So

$$b = a_e b = ba_e, \quad \forall b \in R_{G_\beta}.$$

Thus  $a_{s_1} = a_e$  is the identity element in  $R_{G_\beta}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with an identity element 1, and  $S$  be a completely simple semigroup ( $S$  without zero). Suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  is a graduation of  $R$  by  $S$ , and also  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$  such that  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the family of all the maximal subgroups of  $S$ . So we can write 1 in the form*

$$1 = \sum_{t=1}^m (a_{s_{t0}} + a_{s_{t1}} + \dots + a_{s_{m_t}}); \quad a_{s_{ij}} \in R_{s_{ij}} - \{0\}, \quad \forall j = 0, 1, \dots, n_t; \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}^+,$$

*such that  $s_{t0}, s_{t1}, \dots, s_{m_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are distinct elements of  $G_{r_t}$  ( $r_t \in I$ ), then  $G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m}$  are the all maximal subgroups of  $S$ , where*

$$R_{G_{r_1}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R_{G_{r_2}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } R_{G_{r_m}} \neq \{0\},$$

*and if we suppose that  $e_t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the neutral of  $G_{r_t}$ , then  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\} \subseteq \{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mm_m}\}$  and  $a_{e_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the identity element of the subring  $R_{G_{r_t}}$  and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are the all idempotents in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $1 \in R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$ , so we can write 1 in only way in the form

$$1 = \sum_{t=1}^m b_{G_{r_t}}; \quad [b_{G_{r_t}} \in R_{G_{r_t}} - \{0\} \text{ and } r_t \in I, \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m].$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} b_{G_{r_t}} &\in R_{G_{r_t}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ \Rightarrow b_{G_{r_t}} &= a_{s_{t0}} + \dots + a_{s_{m_t}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m, \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$a_{s_{ij}} \in R_{s_{ij}} - \{0\}, \quad \forall j = 0, 1, \dots, n_t, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

and

$s_{t0}, s_{t1}, \dots, s_{m_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are different elements of  $G_{r_t}$ .

It follows that

$$1 = \sum_{t=1}^m (a_{s_{t0}} + a_{s_{t1}} + \dots + a_{s_{m_t}}).$$

Since

$$a_{s_{t0}} \in R_{s_{t0}} - \{0\}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad s_{t0} \in G_{r_t}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

so

$$0 \neq a_{s_{t0}} \in R_{G_{r_t}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Thus

$$R_{G_{r_t}} \neq \{0\}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

If  $k$  is an element of  $I$  such that  $R_{G_{r_k}} \neq \{0\}$ , then there exists in  $G_k$  an element  $y$  such that  $R_y \neq \{0\}$ , so if  $b_y$  is an element of  $R_y - \{0\}$  and  $e$  is the neutral of  $G_k$ , we have

$$b_y = b_y \cdot 1 = \sum_{t=1}^m (b_y a_{s_{t0}} + b_y a_{s_{t1}} + \dots + b_y a_{s_{m_t}}).$$

Let  $s_\beta$  be an element of the set

$$\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \setminus G_k$$

such that  $b_y a_{s_\beta} \neq 0$ . Then  $b_y a_{s_\beta} \notin R_y$ , because if  $b_y a_{s_\beta} \in R_y$ , then

$$0 \neq b_y a_{s_\beta} = a_{s_\beta} b_y \in R_y \Rightarrow y s_\beta = y \quad \text{and} \quad s_\beta y = y$$

$$(y^{-1} \text{ is the inverse of } y \text{ in } G_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow e s_\beta = e \text{ and } s_\beta e = e.$$

If we suppose that  $f$  is the neutral element of the maximal subgroup which  $s_\beta$

belongs to, then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} ef = (es_{\beta})f = e(s_{\beta}f) = es_{\beta} = e \\ \text{and} \\ fe = f(s_{\beta}e) = (fs_{\beta})e = s_{\beta}e = e \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow ef = fe = e. \quad (*)$$

Since  $S$  is completely simple semigroup, so by Lemma 1.4, we find that

$$e = f,$$

and this is a contradiction.

Since  $b_y \neq \{0\}$ , so there exists an element  $s_{\alpha}$  in  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  such that  $b_y a_{s_{\alpha}} \in R_y - \{0\}$ . Hence  $ys_{\alpha} = y$ . Thus

$$ys_{\alpha} = y \Rightarrow y^{-1}ys_{\alpha} = y^{-1}y \Rightarrow es_{\alpha} = e \Rightarrow s_{\alpha} = e.$$

It follows that the neutral element of  $G_k$  is an element of the set

$$\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k.$$

Thus  $G_k$  is one of the maximal subgroups

$$G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m},$$

so  $G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m}$  are the all maximal subgroups of  $S$ , where

$$R_{G_{r_1}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R_{G_{r_2}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } R_{G_{r_m}} \neq \{0\}.$$

We also deduce that if  $s_{\delta}$  is an element of  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  such that  $b_y a_{s_{\delta}} \in R_y - \{0\}$ , then  $s_{\delta} = e$ , and since the elements of the set  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  are all different, so

$$b_y = b_y a_e. \quad (**)$$

Let us refer to the neutral element in  $G_{r_t}$  as  $e_t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ).

We see that  $a_{e_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the identity of  $R_{G_{r_t}}$ , because on the one

hand  $a_{e_t}$  is an element of  $R_{G_{r_t}}$  and on the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \forall b \in R_{G_{r_t}} &\Rightarrow b = \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} b_g \Rightarrow b = \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} b_g a_{e_t} \quad (\text{that is from } (**)) \\ &\Rightarrow b = \left( \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} b_g \right) a_{e_t} = b a_{e_t}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e_t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the neutral element in  $G_{r_t}$ , so  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\} \subseteq \{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\}$ , and since  $S$  is a completely regular semigroup so any idempotent of  $S$  is the neutral of a maximal subgroup of  $S$ , thus if  $e$  is an idempotent of  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ , then  $R_G \neq \{0\}$  such that  $G$  is the maximal subgroup that  $e$  belongs to, hence  $e \in \{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\}$ , and since  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are all the idempotents in the set  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\}$  as well as also each one of them belongs to  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ , so  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are the all idempotents in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an identity element 1, and  $S$  be a completely regular semigroup. Suppose that  $R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s$  is a graduation of  $R$  by  $S$ , and also  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$  such that  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the family of all the maximal subgroups of  $S$ . If  $R_{G_i}$  ( $i \in I$ ) is an ideal in  $R$ , then we can find a subset  $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m\}$  of  $I$  ( $m$  is a positive integer) such that  $G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m}$  are the all maximal subgroups of  $S$ , where*

$$R_{G_{r_1}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R_{G_{r_2}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } R_{G_{r_m}} \neq \{0\},$$

and then we can write 1 in the form

$$1 = \sum_{t=1}^m a_{e_t}; \quad a_{e_t} \in R_{e_t} - \{0\}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

such that  $e_t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the neutral of  $G_{r_t}$ . We also find that  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are the all idempotents in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$  and  $a_{e_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the identity element of the subring  $R_{G_{r_t}}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $1 \in R = \bigoplus_{s \in S} R_s = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i}$ , so we can write 1 in only way in the form

$$1 = \sum_{t=1}^m (a_{s_{t0}} + a_{s_{t1}} + \dots + a_{s_{tm_t}}); \quad a_{s_{tj}} \in R_{s_{tj}} - \{0\}, \quad \forall j = 0, 1, \dots, n_t$$

such that  $s_{t0}, s_{t1}, \dots, s_{tm_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are different elements of  $G_{r_t}$  ( $r_t \in I$ ) (see the proof of the last proposition).

Since

$$a_{s_{t0}} \in R_{s_{t0}} - \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad s_{t0} \in G_{r_t}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

so

$$0 \neq a_{s_{t0}} \in R_{G_{r_t}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Hence

$$R_{G_{r_t}} \neq \{0\}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

If  $k$  is an element of  $I$  such that  $R_{G_{r_k}} \neq \{0\}$ , then there exists in  $G_k$  an element  $y$  such that  $R_y \neq \{0\}$ , so if  $b_y$  is an element of  $R_y - \{0\}$  and  $e$  is the neutral of  $G_k$ , then

$$b_y = b_y \cdot 1 = \sum_{t=1}^m (b_y a_{s_{t0}} + b_y a_{s_{t1}} + \dots + b_y a_{s_{tm_t}}).$$

Since

$$R = \bigoplus_{i \in I} R_{G_i} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{G_i} \quad (\forall i \in I) \quad \text{is an ideal in } R,$$

therefore

$$R_{G_{i_1}} R_{G_{i_2}} = \{0\}, \quad \forall i_1, i_2 \in I, \quad i_1 \neq i_2.$$

Hence

$$b_y a_{s_\beta} = 0, \quad \forall s_\beta \in \{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \setminus G_k.$$

Since  $b_y \neq \{0\}$ , so there exists an element  $s_\alpha$  in  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  such that  $b_y a_{s_\alpha} \in R_y - \{0\}$ . Hence  $ys_\alpha = y$ , thus  $s_\alpha = e$ , so the neutral element of  $G_k$  is an element of the set

$$\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k.$$

It follows that  $G_k$  is one of the maximal subgroups

$$G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m},$$

so  $G_{r_1}, G_{r_2}, \dots, G_{r_m}$  are the all maximal subgroups of  $S$ , where

$$R_{G_{r_1}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } R_{G_{r_2}} \neq \{0\} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } R_{G_{r_m}} \neq \{0\}.$$

Also if  $s_\delta$  is an element of  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  such that  $b_y a_{s_\delta} \in R_y - \{0\}$ , then  $s_\delta = e$ , and since the elements of the set  $\{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\} \cap G_k$  are all different, so  $b_y = b_y a_e$ .

By a similar argument, since  $b_y = 1.b_y$ , we can prove that

$$b_y = a_e b_y.$$

It follows that

$$b_y = a_e b_y = b_y a_e. \quad (*)$$

Denote the neutral element in  $G_{r_t}$  by  $e_t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ). Then

$$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\} \subseteq \{s_{10}, \dots, s_{1n_1}, s_{20}, \dots, s_{2n_2}, \dots, s_{m0}, \dots, s_{mn_m}\}.$$

Suppose, for example, that

$$e_t = s_{td_t}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad d_t \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_t\}.$$

Then

$$a_{e_t} = a_{e_t} \cdot 1 = a_{e_t} a_{s_{10}} + \dots + a_{e_t} a_{s_{1n_1}} + \dots + a_{e_t} a_{s_{m0}} + \dots + a_{e_t} a_{s_{mn_m}}$$

for all  $t$  in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

Since  $R_{G_{i_1}} R_{G_{i_2}} = \{0\}$ ,  $\forall i_1, i_2 \in I$ ,  $i_1 \neq i_2$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} a_{e_t} &= a_{e_t} a_{s_{t0}} + a_{e_t} a_{s_{t1}} + \cdots + a_{e_t} a_{s_{m_t}} = \sum_{r=0}^{n_t} a_{e_t} a_{s_{tr}} \\ &= a_{e_t} a_{s_{td_t}} + \sum_{\substack{r=0 \\ r \neq d_t}}^{n_t} a_{e_t} a_{s_{tr}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

And since

$$a_{e_t} a_{s_{tr}} \in R_{e_t} R_{s_{tr}} \subseteq R_{e_t s_{tr}} = R_{s_{tr}}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad \forall r = 0, 1, \dots, n_t$$

and

$$s_{t0}, s_{t1}, \dots, s_{m_t} \quad (t = 1, 2, \dots, m) \text{ are different elements of } G_{r_t},$$

we deduce that

$$a_{e_t} a_{s_{tr}} = 0, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \forall r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_t\} \setminus \{d_t\}.$$

Thus by (\*) we find that

$$a_{s_{tr}} = 0, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \forall r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_t\} \setminus \{d_t\}.$$

It follows that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{t=1}^m (a_{s_{t0}} + a_{s_{t1}} + \cdots + a_{s_{m_t}}), \\ a_{s_{tr}} &= 0, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \forall r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_t\} \setminus \{d_t\}, \\ e_t &= s_{td_t}, \quad \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{t=1}^m a_{e_t}.$$

The proof that  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are all the idempotents in  $\text{supp}(R, S)$  is similar to the proof that in the last proposition.

$a_{e_t}$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the identity of  $R_{G_{r_t}}$ , because on the one hand  $a_{e_t}$  is an element of  $R_{G_{r_t}}$  and on the other hand

$$\forall b \in R_{G_{r_t}} \Rightarrow b = \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} b_g \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} b_g a_{e_t} = b a_{e_t}, \\ b = \sum_{g \in G_{r_t}} a_{e_t} b_g = a_{e_t} b. \end{cases}$$

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