

# A STUDY OF ARCHEMEDEAN SEMIGROUPS

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## Abstract

In this paper the terms, Archimedean semigroups, Strongly Archimedean semigroups are introduced. It is proved that if  $S$  is a semipseudo symmetric Archimedean semigroup then it is proved that an ideal  $M$  is maximal iff  $M$  is trivial and  $S$  has no maximal ideals if  $S = S^2$ . It is also proved that in a semipseudo symmetric semigroup  $S$  containing maximal ideals if  $S$  has no semisimple elements or  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup then  $S \neq S^2$  and  $S^2 = M^*$  where  $M^*$  is the intersection all maximal ideals of  $S$ . It is also proved that if  $S$  is a pseudo integral semigroup then it is proved that  $S$  is strongly Archimedean,  $S$  is Archimedean,  $S$  has no proper completely prime ideals,  $S$  has no proper semiprime ideals are equivalent.

## 1. Introduction

The algebraic theory of semigroups was widely studied by CLIFFOD [2], [3], PETRICH [4] and LJAPIN [5]. The ideal theory in general semigroups was developed by ANJANEYULU [1]. In this paper we introduce the notions of Archimedean semigroups and Strongly Archimedean semigroups. We obtained some characterizations of Archimedean semigroups and Strongly Archimedean semigroups.

## 2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 : A system  $S = (S, .)$ , where  $S$  is a nonempty set and  $.$  is an associative binary operation on  $S$ , is called a semigroup.

Definition 2.2 : A semigroup  $S$  is said to be commutative provided  $ab = ba$  for all  $a, b \in S$ .

Definition 2.3: A semigroup  $S$  is said to be normal provided  $aS = Sa$  for all  $a \in S$ .

Definition 2.4: An element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a two sided identity or an identity provided  $as = sa = s$  for all  $s \in S$ .

Definition 2.5: An element  $a$  of semigroup  $S$  is said to be two sided zero or zero of  $S$  provided  $sa = as = a$  for all  $s \in S$ .

Definition 2.6: A nonempty subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a left ideal (right ideal) of  $S$  provided it is both a left ideal and a right ideal of  $S$ .

Definition 2.8: An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a proper ideal of  $S$  provided  $A \neq S$ .

Definition 2.9: An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a trivial ideal of  $S$  provided  $S \setminus A$  is singleton.

Theorem 2.10: The nonempty intersection of any family of ideals of a semigroup  $S$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

Theorem 2.11: The union of any family of ideals of a semigroup  $S$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

Definition 2.12 : Let  $S$  be a semigroup. The intersection of all ideals of  $S$  containing a nonempty set  $A$  is called the ideal generated by  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\langle A \rangle$ .

Definition 2.13 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a principal ideal provided  $A$  is an ideal generated by single element set. If an ideal  $A$  is generated by  $a$ , then  $A$  is denoted as  $\langle a \rangle$  or  $J[a]$ .

Definition 2.14 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a maximal ideal provided  $A$  is a proper ideal of  $S$  and is not properly contained in any proper ideal of  $S$ .

Definition 2.15 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a minimal ideal provided  $A$  does not contain any ideal of  $S$  properly.

Definition 2.16 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a completely prime ideal provided  $x, y \in S$ ,  $xy \in A$ , implies either  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ .

Definition 2.17: An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be prime ideal provide  $X, Y$  are ideals of  $S$ ,  $XY \subseteq A$  implies either  $X \subseteq A$  or  $Y \subseteq A$ .

Theorem 2.18: Every completely prime ideal of a semigroup is prime.

Definition 2.19 : If  $A$  is an ideal of a semigroup  $S$ , then the intersection of all prime ideals containing  $A$  is called prime radical or simply radical of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $\sqrt{A}$  or  $\text{rad } A$ .

Definition 2.20 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be completely semiprime provided  $x \in S$ ,  $x^n \in A$  for some natural number  $n$  implies  $x \in A$ .

Theorem 2.21: The nonempty intersection of any family of completely prime ideals of a semigroup is completely semiprime.

Theorem 2.22: If  $S$  is a globally idempotent semigroup then every maximal ideal  $M$  of  $S$  is a prime ideal of  $S$ .

Definition 2.23 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be semiprime provided  $X$  is an ideal of  $S$ ,  $X^n \subseteq A$  for some natural number  $n$  implies  $X \subseteq A$ .

Theorem 2.24 : An ideal  $Q$  of a semigroup  $S$  is a semiprime ideal of  $S$  iff  $\sqrt{Q} = Q$ .

Definition 2.25 : An ideal  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be pseudo symmetric provided  $x, y \in S$ ,  $xy \in A$  implies  $xsy \in A$  for all  $s \in S$ .

Theorem 2.26: Let  $A$  be an ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is completely prime iff  $A$  is prime and pseudo symmetric.

Definition 2.27 : A semigroup  $S$  is said to be pseudo symmetric provided every ideal in  $S$  is a pseudo symmetric ideal.

Definition 2.28 : An ideal  $A$  in a semigroup  $S$  is said to be semipseudo symmetric provided for any natural number  $n$ ,  $x \in S$ ,  $x^n \in A$ ,  $\Rightarrow \langle x^n \rangle \subseteq A$ .

Theorem 2.29 : Every pseudo symmetric ideal of a semigroup is a semipseudo symmetric ideal.

Theorem 2.30 : If  $A$  is an ideal of a semigroup  $S$ , then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $A$  is completely prime
- (2)  $A$  is prime and pseudo symmetric
- (3)  $A$  is prime and semipseudo symmetric.

Theorem 2.31 : Let  $A$  be a semipseudo symmetric ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- 1)  $A_1 =$  The intersection of all completely prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$ .
- 2)  $A_1^1 =$  The intersection of all minimal completely prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$ .
- 3)  $A_1^{11} =$  The minimal completely semiprime ideal of  $S$  relative to containing  $A$ .
- 4)  $A_2 = \{x \in S : x^n \in A \text{ for some natural number } n\}$
- 5)  $A_3 =$  The intersection of all prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$ .
- 6)  $A_2^1 =$  The intersection of all minimal prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$ .
- 7)  $A_1^{11} =$  The minimal semiprime ideal of  $S$  relative to containing  $A$ .
- 8)  $A_4 = \{x \in S : \langle x \rangle^n \subseteq A \text{ for some natural number } n\}$

Corollary 2.32 : An ideal  $Q$  of a semigroup  $S$  is a semiprime ideal iff  $Q$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $S$  contains  $Q$ .

### 3. Archimedean Semigroup

Definition 3.1 : A semigroup  $S$  is said to be an archimedean semigroup provided for any  $a, b \in S$  there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $a^n \in SbS$ .

Definition 3.2 : A semigroup  $S$  is said to be a strongly archimedean semigroup provided for any  $a, b \in S$ , there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $\langle a \rangle^n \subseteq \langle b \rangle$ .

Theorem 3.3: Every strongly Archimedean semigroup is an Archimedean semigroup.

Proof: Suppose that  $S$  is strongly Archimedean semigroup. Let  $a, b \in S$ . Since  $S$  is strongly Archimedean semigroup, there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $\langle a \rangle^n \subseteq \langle b \rangle$ .

Now  $a^n \in \langle a \rangle^n \subseteq \langle b \rangle \subseteq SbS$ . Therefore,  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup.

Theorem 3.4 : If  $S$  is a semipseudo symmetric semigroup, then the following are true.

- 1)  $T = \{a \in S : \sqrt{\langle a \rangle} \neq S\}$  is either empty or a completely prime ideal.
- 2)  $S \setminus T$  is either empty or an Archimedean subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Proof : (1) If  $T$  is an empty set, then there is nothing to prove. If  $T$  is nonempty, then clearly  $T$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Let  $a, b \in S$  and  $ab \in T$ . Suppose if possible  $a \notin T, b \notin T$ . Then  $\sqrt{\langle a \rangle} = S$  and  $\sqrt{\langle b \rangle} = S$ .

Since  $ab \in T$ , then  $\sqrt{\langle ab \rangle} \neq S$ . Now  $S = \sqrt{\langle a \rangle} \cap \sqrt{\langle b \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle ab \rangle} \neq S$ .

It is a contradiction. Thus  $a \in T$  or  $b \in T$ .  $\therefore T$  is a completely prime ideal.

(2) Since  $T$  is a completely prime ideal,  $S \setminus T$  is either empty or a subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Let  $a, b \in S \setminus T$ . Then  $\sqrt{\langle a \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle b \rangle} = S$ . Now  $b \in \sqrt{\langle a \rangle}$ , by the theorem 2.31.

$b^n \in \langle a \rangle$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $b^{n-2} \in SaS \Rightarrow b^{n-2} = s$  at for some  $s, t \in S$ .

If either  $s$  or  $t \in T$ , then  $b^{n-2} \in T$  and hence  $b \in T$ . It is a contradiction. Hence  $s, t \in S \setminus T$ .

Now  $b^{n+2} = s$  at  $\in (S \setminus T)a(S \setminus T)$ . Hence  $S \setminus T$  is an Archimedean subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Theorem 3.5 : If  $S$  is a semipseudo symmetric semigroup, then the following are equivalent.

- 1)  $S$  is a strongly Archimedean semigroup.
- 2)  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup.
- 3)  $S$  has no proper completely prime ideals.
- 4)  $S$  has no proper completely semiprime ideals.
- 5)  $S$  has no proper prime ideals.
- 6)  $S$  has no proper semi prime ideals.

Proof : (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Suppose that  $S$  is a strongly Archimedean semigroup. By theorem 3.3,  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose that  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup. Let  $P$  be any completely prime ideal of  $S$ .

Let  $a \in S, b \in P$ . Since  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup, there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $a^n \in SbS \subseteq P \Rightarrow a^n \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$ .

$\therefore S \subseteq P$  Clearly  $P \subseteq S$ . Thus  $P = S$ .

$\therefore S$  has no proper completely prime ideals.

By theorem 2.21, corollary 2.26, and theorem 2.30 ; (3), (4), (5) and (6) are equivalent.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) :  $S$  has no proper prime ideals. Let  $a, b \in S$ . Since  $S$  has no proper prime ideals,  $\sqrt{\langle b \rangle} = S$ . Now  $a \in S = \sqrt{\langle b \rangle} \Rightarrow a^n \in \langle b \rangle$  for some natural number  $n$ . Since  $S$  is a semipseudo symmetric semigroup,  $\langle b \rangle$  is a semipseudo symmetric ideal and hence  $a^n \in \langle b \rangle \Rightarrow \langle b \rangle^n \subseteq \langle b \rangle$ . Thus  $S$  is a strongly Archimedean semigroup. Hence the given conditions are equivalent.

Corollary 3.6 : A commutative semigroup  $S$  is Archimedean iff  $S$  has no proper prime ideals.

Proof : Since  $S$  is a commutative semigroup,  $S$  is a semipseudo symmetric semigroup. By theorem 3.5,  $S$  is Archimedean iff  $S$  has no proper prime ideals.

Theorem 3.7: If  $M$  is a nontrivial maximal ideal of a semipseudo symmetric semigroup  $S$  then  $M$  is prime.

Proof: Suppose if possible  $M$  is not prime. Then there exists  $a, b \in S \setminus M$  such that  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq M$ . Now for any  $x \in S \setminus M$ , we have  $S = M \cup \langle b \rangle = M \cup \langle x \rangle$ . Since  $b, x \in S \setminus M$ , we have  $b \in \langle x \rangle$  and  $x \in \langle b \rangle$ . So  $\langle b \rangle = \langle x \rangle$ . Therefore,  $\langle b \rangle^2 \subseteq M$ . If  $a \neq b$ , then  $a = sbt$  for some  $s, t \in S^1$  and one of them is not an empty symbol. So  $a \in \langle s \rangle \langle b \rangle \langle t \rangle$ . If either  $s \in M$  or  $t \in M$  then  $a \in M$ . It is a contradiction.

If  $s \notin M$  and  $t \notin M$ , then  $\langle s \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq \langle b \rangle^2 \subseteq M$ .

$\therefore a \in \langle s \rangle \langle b \rangle \langle t \rangle \subseteq M$ .  $\therefore a \in M$ . It is a contraction. Thus  $a = b$  and hence  $M$  is trivial, which is not true. So  $M$  is prime.

Definition 3.8 : An element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be semisimple provided

$$a \in \langle a \rangle^2, \text{ that is } \langle a \rangle^2 = \langle a \rangle$$

Theorem 3.9 : If  $S$  is a semipseudosymmetric semigroup and contains a nontrivial maximal ideal then  $S$  contains semisimple elements.

Proof: Let  $M$  be a nontrivial maximal ideal of  $S$ . By theorem 3.7,  $M$  is prime.

Let  $a \in S \setminus M$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \not\subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is maximal,  $M \cup \langle a \rangle = S$ .

If  $\langle a \rangle^2 \subseteq M$  then  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq M$  which is not true. So  $\langle a \rangle^2 \not\subseteq M$ .

Since  $M$  is maximal,  $M \cup \langle a \rangle^2 = S$ . Now  $M \cup \langle a \rangle = M \cup \langle a \rangle^2$ .

Therefore,  $a \in \langle a \rangle^2$  and hence  $a$  is semisimple.

Theorem 3.10 : Let  $S$  be a semipseudo symmetric Archimedean semigroup. Then an ideal  $M$  is maximal iff it is trivial, and  $S$  has no maximal ideals if  $S = S^2$ .

Proof: If  $M$  is trivial, then clearly  $M$  is maximal ideal. Conversely suppose that  $M$  is maximal. Suppose if possible  $M$  is nontrivial. By theorem 3.7,  $M$  is prime. Since  $S$  is an Archimedean Semigroup, by theorem 3.5,  $S$  has no prime ideals. It is a contradiction. So  $M$  is trivial. If  $S = S^2$ , then by theorem 2.22 every maximal ideal is prime and hence  $S$  has no maximal ideals.

Theorem 3.11 : Let  $S$  be a semipseudo symmetric semigroup containing maximal ideals. If either  $S$  has no semisimple elements or  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup, then  $S \neq S^2$  and  $S^2 = M^*$  where  $M^*$  denotes the intersection of all maximal ideals.

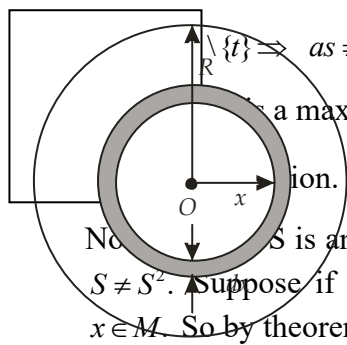
Proof: Suppose that  $S$  has no semisimple elements. Then by corollary 3.9, every maximal ideal is trivial. So if  $M$  is maximal, then  $S = M \cup \{a\}, a \notin M$ . Suppose  $a \in S^2$ .

Then  $a \in S^2 \Rightarrow a = bc$  for some  $b, c \in S$ .

If  $b \neq a$  then  $b \in M$  and hence  $bc \in M$  (Since  $M$  is Maximal)  $\Rightarrow a \in M$ . It is a contradiction.

$\therefore b = a$ . Similarly we can prove  $c = a$ .  $\therefore a = bc = a^2$ .  $\therefore a$  is semisimple.

It is a contradiction.  $\therefore a \notin S^2, \therefore S \neq S^2$  and  $S^2 \subseteq M$ . Let  $t \in M^*$  and  $t \notin S^2$ .



$\{t\} \Rightarrow as \neq 1, sa \neq t$  for all  $s \in S \Rightarrow as, sa \in S \setminus \{t\} \Rightarrow S \setminus \{t\}$  is an ideal.

$M$  is a maximal ideal. Hence  $t \in S \setminus \{t\}$ .

ion. Therefore,  $M^* \subseteq S^2$ . Hence  $S^2 = M^*$ .

No  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup. Since  $S$  has maximal ideals, by theorem 3.10,  $S \neq S^2$ . Suppose if possible  $x \in S^2 \setminus M^*$ . Then there exists a maximal ideal  $M$ , such that  $x \in M$ . So by theorem 3.10,  $M = S \setminus \{x\}$ .

Since  $x \in S^2, x = yz$  for some  $y, z \in S$ . If either  $y$  or  $z \in M$ , then  $x \in M$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore,  $y = z = x$  and hence  $x = x^2$ . Let  $a, b \in S, a, b \in M$ . Suppose if possible.

$a \notin M, b \notin M$ . Then  $a = x, b = x$ . Therefore,  $ab = xx = x \notin M$ . It is a contradiction. Thus  $M$  is prime by theorem 3.5,  $S$  has no proper prime ideals. It is a contradiction.

Thus  $S^2 \subseteq M^*$ . As above, we can show that  $M^* \subseteq S^2$ . Therefore,  $S^2 = M^*$ .

Corollary 3.12 : Let  $S$  be a commutative semigroup containing maximal ideals. If either  $S$  has no idempotents or  $S$  is an Archimedean semigroup, then  $S \neq S^2$  and  $S^2 = M^*$ .

Proof : Suppose that  $S$  has no idempotents. If  $S$  contains a semisimple element  $a$  then  $a$  is regular.

Hence there exists an element  $x \in S$  such that  $axa = a$ . Now  $ax$  is an idempotent in  $S$ . It is a contradiction. So  $S$  has no semisimple elements. Then by theorem 3.11, we have  $S \neq S^2$  and  $S^2 = M^*$ .

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