

### 33. On Semigroups whose Ideals are All Globally Idempotent

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A left (right, two-sided) ideal  $X$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called globally idempotent if  $X^2 = X$  (according to S. Lajos). As is well-known, a commutative semigroup is regular if and only if every ideal is globally idempotent ([3]), and a normal semigroup is regular if and only if every left ideal is globally idempotent ([5]). J. Calais characterized semigroups whose right ideals or left ideals are all globally idempotent ([2]). Recently R. C. Courter [2] has given an interesting characterisation of rings whose ideals are all globally idempotent. In this note we give a characterisation for a semigroup which is similar to Theorem 1.2 of R. C. Courter [2]. For another properties of semigroups whose ideals are all globally idempotent see [4] and [6].

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be subsets of a semigroup  $S$ . Then we put

$$(Y : X) = \{s \in S : xs \in Y \quad \text{for all } x \in X\}$$

$$(Y : X)^* = \{s \in S : sx \in Y \quad \text{for all } x \in X\}.$$

**Theorem 1.** *The following statements on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X^2 = X$  for every ideal  $X$  of  $S$ .
- (2)  $X \cap Y = XY$  for every ideals  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $S$ .
- (3)  $(Y : X) \cap X = X \cap Y$  for every ideals  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $S$ .
- (4)  $(Y : X)^* \cap X = X \cap Y$  for every ideals  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $S$ .
- (5)  $(Y : X) \cap Z = Y \cap Z$  for every ideals  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  of  $S$  such that  $Z \subseteq X$ .
- (6)  $(Y : X)^* \cap Z = Y \cap Z$  for every ideals  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  of  $S$  such that  $Z \subseteq X$ .
- (7)  $R \cap X \subseteq XR$  for every right ideal  $R$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$ .
- (8)  $L \cap X \subseteq LX$  for every left ideal  $L$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$ .
- (9)  $R \subseteq XR$  for every right ideal  $R$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$  such that  $R \subseteq X$ .
- (10)  $L \subseteq LX$  for every left ideal  $L$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$  such that  $L \subseteq X$ .
- (11)  $(R : X) \cap X \subseteq X \cap R$  for every right ideal  $R$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$ .
- (12)  $(L : X)^* \cap X \subseteq L \cap X$  for every left ideal  $L$  and every ideal  $X$  of  $S$ .