

## Right regular triples of semigroups

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{M}(S; \Lambda; P)$  denote a Rees  $I \times \Lambda$  matrix semigroup without zero over a semigroup  $S$ , where  $I$  is a singleton. If  $\theta_S$  denotes the kernel of the right regular representation of a semigroup  $S$ , then a triple  $A, B, C$  of semigroups is said to be right regular, if there are mappings  $A \xleftarrow{P} B$  and  $B \xrightarrow{P'} C$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ . In this paper we examine right regular triples of semigroups.

### 1. Introduction and motivation

The notion of right regular triples of semigroups is defined in [19], where a special type of Rees matrix semigroups without zero over semigroups are examined. A triple  $A, B, C$  of semigroups is said to be right regular, if there are mappings

$$A \xleftarrow{P} B \xrightarrow{P'} C$$

such that the factor semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)}$  is isomorphic to the semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ , where  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)}$  is the kernel of the right regular representation of the semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$ . In [19] it is proved that if  $A, B, C$  are semigroups such that  $A/\theta_A \cong B$  and  $B/\theta_B \cong C$ , then the triple  $A, B, C$  is right regular. There is also an example given for a right regular triple  $A, B, C$  of semigroups such that none of the conditions  $A/\theta_A \cong B$  and  $B/\theta_B \cong C$  are fulfilled. These results motivate us to investigate right regular triples of semigroups. In this paper we examine the connection between the structure of semigroups belonging to a right regular triples of semigroups, and present quite a few examples of right regular triples of semigroups.

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## 2. Préliminaires

By a semigroup we mean a multiplicative semigroup, that is, a nonempty set endowed with an associative multiplication.

A nonempty subset  $L$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a *left ideal* of  $S$  if  $SL \subseteq L$ . The concept of a right ideal of a semigroup is defined analogously. A semigroup  $S$  is said to be *left (resp., right) simple* if  $S$  itself is the only left (resp., right) ideal of  $S$ . A semigroup  $S$  is left (resp., right) simple if and only if  $Sa = S$  (resp.,  $aS = S$ ) for every  $a \in S$ .

A semigroup  $S$  is called *left cancellative* if  $xa = xb$  implies  $a = b$  for every  $x, a, b \in S$ . A left cancellative and right simple semigroup is called a right group. A semigroup satisfying the identity  $ab = b$  is called a *right zero semigroup*. By [2, Theorem 1.27.], a semigroup is a right group if and only if it is a direct product of a group and a right zero semigroup.

In [6, Theorem 1], it is shown that a semigroup  $S$  is embedded in an idempotent-free left simple semigroup if and only if  $S$  is idempotent-free and satisfies the condition: for all  $a, b, x, y \in S$ ,  $xa = xb$  implies  $ya = yb$ . Using the terminology of [16], a semigroup  $S$  satisfying this last condition is called a *left equalizer simple semigroup*. In other words, a semigroup  $S$  is left equalizer simple if, for arbitrary elements  $a, b \in S$ , the assumption that  $xa = xb$  is satisfied for some  $x \in S$  implies that  $ya = yb$  is satisfied for all  $y \in S$ . By [16, Theorem 2.1], a semigroup  $S$  is left equalizer simple if and only if the factor semigroup  $S/\theta_S$  is left cancellative.

A nonempty subset  $I$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an *ideal* of  $S$  if  $I$  is a left ideal and a right ideal of  $S$ . A semigroup  $S$  is called *simple* if  $S$  itself is the only ideal of  $S$ . By [2, Lemma 2.28], a semigroup  $S$  is simple if and only if  $SaS = S$  for every  $a \in S$ .

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $I$  be an ideal of  $S$ . We say that the homomorphism  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  is a *retract homomorphism* [13, Definition 1.44], if it leaves the elements of  $I$  fixed. In this case,  $I$  is called a *retract ideal* of  $S$ , and  $S$  is a *retract extension* of  $I$  by the Rees factor semigroup  $S/I$ .

A transformation  $\varrho$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a *right translation* of  $S$  if  $(xy)\varrho = x(y\varrho)$  is satisfied for every  $x, y \in S$ . For an arbitrary element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$ ,  $\varrho_a : x \mapsto xa$  ( $x \in S$ ) is a right translation of  $S$  which is called an *inner right translation* of  $S$  corresponding to the element  $a$ . For an arbitrary semigroup  $S$ , the mapping  $\Phi_S : a \mapsto \varrho_a$  is a homomorphism of  $S$  into the semigroup of all right translations of  $S$ . The homomorphism  $\Phi_S$  is called the *right regular representation* of  $S$ . For an arbitrary semigroup

$S$ , let  $\theta_S$  denote the kernel of  $\Phi_S$ . It is clear that  $(a, b) \in \theta_S$  for elements  $a, b \in S$  if and only if  $xa = xb$  for all  $x \in S$ . A semigroup  $S$  is called *left reductive* if  $\theta_S$  is the identity relation on  $S$ . Thus  $\theta_S$  is faithful if and only if  $S$  is left reductive. The congruence  $\theta_S$  plays an important role in the investigation of the structure of the semigroup  $S$ . In [4], the author characterizes semigroups  $S$  for which the factor semigroup  $S/\theta_S$  is a group. In [5], semigroups  $S$  are characterized for which the factor semigroup  $S/\theta_S$  is a right group. In [15, Theorem 2], a construction is given which shows that every semigroup  $S$  can be obtained from the factor semigroup  $S/\theta_S$  by using this construction. In [18], the authors study the probability that two elements which are selected at random with replacement from a finite semigroup have the same right matrix.

If  $S$  is a semigroup,  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  are nonempty sets, and  $P$  is a  $\Lambda \times I$  matrix with entries  $P(\lambda, i)$ , then the set  $\mathcal{M}(S; I, \Lambda; P)$  of all triples  $(i, s, \lambda) \in I \times S \times \Lambda$  is a semigroup under the multiplication  $(i, s, \lambda)(j, t, \mu) = (i, sP(\lambda, j)t, \mu)$ . According to the terminology in [2, §3.1], this semigroup is called a *Rees  $I \times \Lambda$  matrix semigroup without zero over the semigroup  $S$  with  $\Lambda \times I$  sandwich matrix  $P$* . In [19], Rees matrix semigroups  $\mathcal{M}(S; I, \Lambda; P)$  without zero over semigroups  $S$  satisfying  $|I| = 1$  are in the focus. In our present paper we also use such type of Rees matrix semigroups, which will be denoted by  $\mathcal{M}(S; \Lambda; P)$ . In this case the matrix  $P$  can be considered as a mapping of  $\Lambda$  into  $S$ , and so the entries of  $P$  will be denoted by  $P(\lambda)$ . If the element of  $I$  is denoted by 1, then the element  $(1, s, \lambda)$  of  $\mathcal{M}(S; \Lambda; P)$  can be considered in the form  $(s, \lambda)$ ; the operation on  $\mathcal{M}(S; \Lambda; P)$  is  $(s, \lambda)(t, \mu) = (sP(\lambda)t, \mu)$ .

For notations and notions not defined but used in this paper, we refer the reader to books [2], [9], and [13].

### 3. Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $A$  is right simple, then  $C$  is also right simple.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups. Then there are mappings  $P : B \mapsto A$  and  $P' : B \mapsto C$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P').$$

Assume that  $A$  is right simple. Let  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in \mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  be arbitrary elements. Since  $A$  is right simple, we have  $aP(b_1)A = A$ , and so there

is an element  $\xi \in A$  such that  $a_1P(b_1)\xi = a_2$  and  $(a_1, b_1)(\xi, b_2) = (a_2, b_2)$ . Hence the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is right simple. As every homomorphic image of a right simple semigroup is right simple, the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is right simple. Let  $c, \eta \in C$  be an arbitrary elements. Then, for any  $b \in B$ ,  $(c, b)\mathcal{M}(C; B; P') = \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ , and so

$$(c, b)(u, v) = (\eta, b)$$

for some  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ . Hence  $cP'(b)u = \eta$ . Thus  $cC = C$  for every  $c \in C$ . Then  $C$  is right simple.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $A$  is a right group, then  $C$  is also a right group.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups. Then there are mappings  $P : B \mapsto A$  and  $P' : B \mapsto C$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P').$$

Assume that  $A$  is a right group, that is, right simple and left cancellative. By the proof of Theorem 3.1, the semigroups  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  and  $C$  are right simple. Let  $(a, b), (a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in \mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  be arbitrary elements with

$$(a, b)(a_1, b_1) = (a, b)(a_2, b_2).$$

Then

$$(aP(b)a_1, b_1) = (aP(b)a_2, b_2),$$

that is,

$$aP(b)a_1 = aP(b)a_2 \quad \text{and} \quad b_1 = b_2.$$

As  $A$  is left cancellative, we get  $a_1 = a_2$ , and so

$$(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2).$$

Hence the semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is left cancellative. As  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is also right simple, it is a right group. From the left cancellativity of  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  it follows that  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} = \iota_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)}$ . Thus the semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left cancellative. Assume  $xc_1 = xc_2$  for elements  $x, c_1, c_2 \in C$ . Let  $b \in B$  be arbitrary. As  $C$  is right simple, there are elements  $u, v \in C$  such that  $P(b)u = c_1$  and  $P(b)v = c_2$ . Thus

$$xP(b)u = xP(b)v.$$

Then, for an arbitrary  $b' \in B$ ,

$$(x, b)(u, b') = (x, b)(v, b')$$

is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P)$ . As  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P)$  is left cancellative, we get  $u = v$ , from which it follows that  $c_1 = c_2$ . Hence  $C$  is left cancellative. By the above,  $C$  is right simple. Consequently  $C$  is a right group.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $A$  is simple, then  $C$  is also simple.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups. Then there are mappings  $P : B \mapsto A$  and  $P' : B \mapsto C$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P').$$

Assume that  $A$  is simple. Let  $(a, b), (u, v) \in \mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  and  $z \in B$  be an arbitrary elements. Then  $AP(z)aP(b)A = A$  implies that there are elements  $\xi, \eta \in A$  such that  $\xi P(z)aP(b)\eta = u$  and so  $(\xi, z)(a, b)(\eta, v) = (u, v)$ . Hence the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is simple. As every homomorphic image of a simple semigroup is simple, the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is simple.

Let  $c_1, c_2 \in C$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in B$  be arbitrary elements. Then

$$\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')(c_1, b_1)\mathcal{M}(C; B; P') = \mathcal{M}(C; B; P'),$$

and so there are elements  $(x, \xi), (y, \eta) \in \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  such that

$$(xP(\xi)c_1P(b_1)y, \eta) = (x, \xi)(c_1, b_1)(y, \eta) = (c_2, b_2).$$

Hence

$$xP(\xi)c_1P(b_1)y = c_2.$$

Thus

$$Cc_1C = C$$

for every  $c_1 \in C$ . Then  $C$  is simple.  $\square$

The next proposition is used in the proof of Theorem 3.5.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a semigroup,  $\Lambda$  be an arbitrary nonempty set and  $P : \Lambda \mapsto A$  is an arbitrary mapping. If  $A$  is left equalizer simple, then the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A; \Lambda; P)$  is also left equalizer simple.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is a left equalizer simple semigroup,  $\Lambda$  is a nonempty set and  $P : \Lambda \mapsto A$  is a mapping. Take  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a, b) \in \mathcal{M}(A; \Lambda; P)$ . Suppose that

$$(a, b)(a_1, b_1) = (a, b)(a_2, b_2).$$

This means that

$$(aP(b)a_1, b_1) = (aP(b)a_2, b_2) \iff aP(b)a_1 = aP(b)a_2 \text{ and } b_1 = b_2.$$

Since  $A$  is left equalizer simple we have that, for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in \Lambda$  :

$$xP(y)a_1 = xP(y)a_2,$$

hence,

$$(x, y)(a_1, b_1) = (x, y)(a_2, b_2).$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{M}(A; \Lambda; P)$  is a left equalizer simple semigroup.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $A, B, C$  be a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $P' : B \mapsto C$  is surjective. If  $A$  is left equalizer simple, then  $C$  is left cancellative.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups. Then there are mappings  $P : B \mapsto A$  and  $P' : B \mapsto C$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P').$$

From Proposition 3.4, we have that  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is a left equalizer simple semigroup, and hence  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left cancellative by [16, Theorem 2.1]. Now, take  $x, c_1, c_2 \in C$  such that  $xc_1 = xc_2$ . Since  $P'$  is surjective, there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $P'(b) = x$ . Then  $P'(b)c_1 = P'(b)c_2$ . Let  $c \in C$  be arbitrary, then

$$(c, b)(c_1, b) = (cP'(b)c_1, b) = (cP'(b)c_2, b) = (c, b)(c_2, b).$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left cancellative,  $(c_1, b) = (c_2, b)$ , hence  $c_1 = c_2$ . Thus  $C$  is left cancellative.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $A, B, C$  be a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $C$  is left commutative. If  $A$  is left equalizer simple, then  $C$  is left cancellative.*

*Proof.* From the proof of Theorem 3.5, we know that  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left cancellative. Again, take  $x, c_1, c_2 \in C$  such that  $xc_1 = xc_2$ . Then for arbitrary  $b \in B$ ,

$$P'(b)xc_1 = P'(b)xc_2.$$

Since  $C$  is left commutative,

$$xP'(b)c_1 = xP'(b)c_2,$$

and then

$$(x, b)(c_1, b) = (x, b)(c_2, b).$$

$\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left cancellative, thus we get  $c_1 = c_2$ , and that  $C$  is left cancellative.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $A, B, C$  be a right regular triple of semigroups such that  $P : B \mapsto A$  is surjective. If  $A$  is left reductive, then  $C$  is also left reductive.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A, B, C$  is a right regular triple of semigroups. Then there are mappings  $P : B \mapsto A$  and  $P' : B \mapsto C$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P').$$

Assume, that  $A$  is a left reductive semigroup,  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in \mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  are elements such that

$$\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{M}(A; B; P) : (x, y)(a_1, b_1) = (x, y)(a_2, b_2).$$

This means that

$$xP(y)a_1 = xP(y)a_2 \quad \text{and} \quad b_1 = b_2.$$

Since  $A$  is left reductive, we get that

$$\forall y \in B : P(y)a_1 = P(y)a_2.$$

In this case,  $P$  is a surjective mapping, hence using again that  $A$  is left reductive, we have  $a_1 = a_2$ . We conclude that  $(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2)$ , and thus  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  is left reductive.

We know, that if  $S$  is a left reductive semigroup, then  $\theta_S = \iota_S$ . This means, that  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P) \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ , hence  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is also left reductive.

Now suppose that  $c_1, c_2 \in C$  are such elements, that

$$\forall c \in C : cc_1 = cc_2.$$

Take two elements,  $(c_1, b), (c_2, b)$  from  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ . For arbitrary  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  we have:

$$(x, y)(c_1, b) = (xP'(y)c_1, b) = (xP'(y)c_2, b) = (x, y)(c_2, b).$$

In the second equality, we used the assumption that  $\forall c \in C : cc_1 = cc_2$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$  is left reductive, we have  $(c_1, b) = (c_2, b)$ , and thus  $c_1 = c_2$ . We conclude that  $C$  is left reductive.  $\square$

Let  $A$  be a semigroup and  $B$  be a nonempty set. For a mapping  $P$  of  $B$  into  $A$ , let  $\alpha_P$  denote the following relation on  $A$ :

$$\alpha_P = \{(a_1, a_2) \in A \times A : (\forall a \in A)(\forall b \in B) aP(b)a_1 = aP(b)a_2\}.$$

It is clear that  $\alpha_P$  is a right congruence on  $A$ .

**Remark 3.8.** It is clear that if  $P$  is a mapping of a semigroup  $B$  into a semigroup  $A$  such that  $\alpha_P$  is the identity relation on  $A$ , then  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)}$  is the identity relation on  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$ , and hence the triple  $A, B, A$  is right regular.

Let  $A, B, C$  be semigroups and  $P : B \rightarrow A, P' : B \rightarrow C$  be arbitrary mappings. We shall say that the triple  $A, B, C$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P, P')$  if  $\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)/\theta_{\mathcal{M}(A; B; P)} \cong \mathcal{M}(C; B; P')$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary semigroups, and  $P$  be a mapping of  $B$  into  $A$  such that  $\alpha_P$  is a congruence on  $A$ . Then the triple  $A, B, A/\alpha_P$  is right regular with respect to  $(P, P')$ , where  $P'$  is defined by  $P' : b \mapsto [P(b)]_{\alpha_P}$  for every  $b \in B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi$  be the mapping of the Rees matrix semigroup  $M = \mathcal{M}(A; B; P)$  onto the Rees matrix semigroup  $\mathcal{M}(A/\alpha_P; B; P')$  defined by

$$\Phi : (a, b) \mapsto ([a]_{\alpha_P}, b).$$

For arbitrary elements  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)$  of  $M$ , we have

$$\Phi((a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2)) = \Phi((a_1P(b_1)a_2, b_2)) = ([a_1P(b_1)a_2]_{\alpha_P}, b_2) =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= ([a_1]_{\alpha_P} [P(b_1)]_{\alpha_P} [a_2]_{\alpha_P}, b_2) = ([a_1]_{\alpha_P} P'(b_1) [a_2]_{\alpha_P}, b_2) = \\
&= ([a_1]_{\alpha_P}, b_1) ([a_2]_{\alpha_P}, b_2) = \Phi((a_1, b_1)) \Phi((a_2, b_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\Phi$  is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $\Phi$  is surjective. We show that the kernel  $\ker \Phi$  of  $\Phi$  is the kernel of the right regular representation of  $M$ . For elements  $(a_1, b_1)$  and  $(a_2, b_2)$  of  $M$ , the equation

$$(a, b)(a_1, b_1) = (a, b)(a_2, b_2)$$

is satisfied for every  $a \in A$  and every  $b \in B$  if and only if

$$(aP(b)a_1, b_1) = (aP(b)a_2, b_2),$$

that is

$$\Phi((a_1, b_1)) = \Phi((a_2, b_2)).$$

Thus,  $\ker \Phi = \theta_M$  which proves our theorem.  $\square$

A semigroup satisfying the identity  $axyb = ayxb$  is called a medial semigroup. It is easy to see that if  $A$  is a medial semigroup, then, for an arbitrary semigroup  $B$  and an arbitrary mapping of  $B$  into  $A$ , the right congruence  $\alpha_P$  is a congruence on  $A$ . Thus we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $A$  be a medial semigroup. Then, for an arbitrary semigroup  $B$  and an arbitrary mapping  $P$  of  $B$  into  $A$ , the triple  $A, B, A/\alpha_P$  is right regular, where  $P'$  is defined in Theorem 3.9.*

If  $\varrho$  is an arbitrary congruence on a semigroup  $S$ , then  $\varrho^* = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (\forall s \in S)(sa, sb) \in \varrho\}$  (defined in [16]) is also a congruence on  $S$  which is called the *right colon congruence of  $\varrho$* .

**Remark 3.11.** If  $P$  is a mapping of a nonempty set  $B$  onto a semigroup  $A$ , then  $\alpha_P \supseteq \theta_A^*$ . If  $P$  is surjective, then  $\alpha_P = \theta_A^*$ .

Remark 3.11 and Theorem 3.9 imply the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.12.** *Let  $A$  be an ideal of a semigroup  $B$  such that there is a surjective homomorphism  $P$  of  $B$  onto  $A$ . Let  $P'$  denote the mapping of  $B$  onto  $A/\theta_A^*$  defined in the following way:  $P' : b \mapsto [P(b)]_{\theta_A^*}$  for every  $b \in B$ . Then the triple  $A, B, A/\theta_A^*$  is right regular with respect to  $(P, P')$ .*

Since the projective homomorphism  $P_A : (a, b) \mapsto a$  of the direct product  $A \times B$  of semigroups  $A$  and  $B$  is surjective, Remark 3.11 and Theorem 3.9 imply the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.13.** *For arbitrary semigroups  $A$  and  $B$ , the triple  $A, A \times B, A/\theta_A^*$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P_A, P')$ , where  $P_A$  denotes the projection homomorphism  $P_A : (a, b) \mapsto a$  and  $P' : A \times B \rightarrow A/\theta_A^*$  is defined by  $P' : (a, b) \mapsto [a]_{\theta_A^*}$ .*

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary semigroups, and  $\varphi$  be a mapping of  $A$  into  $B$  such that  $\alpha_\varphi$  is a congruence on  $B$ . Then the triple  $A \times B, A, A/\theta_A^* \times B/\alpha_\varphi$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P_A, P')$ , where  $P_A$  is defined by  $P_A : a \mapsto (a, \varphi(a))$  and  $P'$  is defined by  $P' : a \mapsto ([a]_{\theta_A^*}, [\varphi(a)]_{\alpha_\varphi})$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $((a_1, b_1), a_2), ((a_3, b_3), a_4) \in \theta_M$ , where  $M = \mathcal{M}(A \times B; A; P_A)$ . This means that, for every  $x, x' \in A$  and  $y \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ((x, y), x')((a_1, b_1), a_2) &= ((x, y), x')((a_3, b_3), a_4) \iff \\ \iff ((xx'a_1, y\varphi(x')b_1), a_2) &= ((xx'a_3, y\varphi(x')b_3), a_4). \end{aligned}$$

The equality holds if and only if

$$xx'a_1 = xx'a_3, \quad y\varphi(x')b_1 = y\varphi(x')b_3, \quad a_2 = a_4,$$

that is

$$(a_1, a_3) \in \theta_A^*, \quad (b_1, b_3) \in \alpha_\varphi, \quad a_2 = a_4 \quad (1)$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the mapping of  $\mathcal{M}(A \times B; A; P_A)$  into  $\mathcal{M}(A/\theta_A^* \times B/\alpha_\varphi; P')$  defined by  $\Phi : ((a, b), a') \mapsto ([a]_{\theta_A^*}, [b]_{\alpha_\varphi}, a')$  for every  $a, a' \in A$  and every  $b \in B$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(((a_1, b_1), a_2)((a_3, b_3), a_4)) &= \Phi((a_1a_2a_3, b_1\varphi(a_2)b_3), a_4) = \\ = ([a_1a_2a_3]_{\theta_A^*}, [b_1\varphi(a_2)b_3]_{\alpha_\varphi}, a_4) &= ([a_1]_{\theta_A^*}, [b_1]_{\alpha_\varphi}, a_2)(([a_3]_{\theta_A^*}, [b_3]_{\alpha_\varphi}), a_4) = \\ &= \Phi(((a_1, b_1), a_2))\Phi(((a_3, b_3), a_4)) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in A$  and  $b_1, b_3 \in B$ ,  $\Phi$  is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $\Phi$  is a surjective.

Since  $((a_1, b_1), a_2), ((a_3, b_3), a_4) \in \ker\Phi$  if and only if all three conditions in (1) are satisfied, we have  $\ker\Phi = \theta_M$  and this proves our theorem.  $\square$

If  $\varphi : A \mapsto B$  defined in Theorem 3.14 is surjective, then  $\alpha_\varphi = \theta_B^*$  by Remark 3.11, and thus we have the following corollaries:

**Corollary 3.15.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be semigroups, and  $\varphi$  be a surjective mapping of  $A$  onto  $B$ . Then the triple  $A \times B, A, A/\theta_A^* \times B/\theta_B^*$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P_A, P')$ , where  $P_A$  is defined by  $P_A : a \mapsto (a, \varphi(a))$  and  $P'$  is defined by  $P' : a \mapsto ([a]_{\theta_A^*}, [\varphi(a)]_{\theta_B^*})$ .*

**Corollary 3.16.** *Let  $A$  be a semigroup, and  $B$  be a retract ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a retract homomorphism of  $A$  onto  $B$ . Then the triple  $A \times B, A, A/\theta_A^* \times B/\theta_B^*$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P_A, P')$ , where  $P_A$  is defined by  $P_A : a \mapsto (a, \varphi(a))$  and  $P'$  is defined by  $P' : a \mapsto ([a]_{\theta_A^*}, [\varphi(a)]_{\theta_B^*})$ .*

If  $B$  is an ideal of a semigroup  $A$  such that  $B$  is a group, then  $\varphi_B : A \rightarrow B$  defined by  $\varphi_B(a) = ae$  ( $a \in A$ ) is a retract homomorphism of  $A$  onto  $B$ , where  $e$  denotes the identity element of the group  $B$ .

**Corollary 3.17.** *Let  $A$  be a semigroup and  $B$  be an ideal of  $A$  such that  $B$  is a group. Then the triple  $A \times B, A, A/\theta_A^* \times B$  is right regular with respect to the couple  $(P_A, P')$ , where  $P_A$  is defined by  $P_A : a \mapsto (a, \varphi_B(a))$  and  $P'$  is defined by  $P' : a \mapsto ([a]_{\theta_A^*}, \varphi_B(a))$ ; here  $\varphi_B$  denotes the above surjective homomorphism of  $A$  onto  $B$ .*

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