

**$\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUPS WITH LOCAL UNITS AND  
MORITA EQUIVALENCE OF SEMIGROUPS  
WITH LOCAL UNITS**

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**Abstract:** In this paper we define local units for  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and show that two semigroups  $L$  and  $R$  with local units are Morita equivalent if and only if there exists a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  with local units whose operator semigroups are isomorphic to  $L$  and  $R$ . We apply this result to study some interplays between operator semigroups of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups with local units by using Morita theories for semigroups.

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## 1. Introduction

If  $A$  and  $\Gamma$  are two non-empty sets then  $A$  is said to be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if there exist mappings  $A \times \Gamma \times A \rightarrow A$ , denoted by  $(a, \gamma, b) \mapsto a\gamma b$ , and  $\Gamma \times A \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$ , denoted by  $(\alpha, a, \beta) \mapsto \alpha a \beta$ , satisfying  $(aab)\beta c = a(\alpha b\beta)c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . This notion was introduced by M.K. Sen in 1981 as a generalization of semigroup. In this paper we extend the results of [7] in the sense that unities have been replaced by local units. For related notions of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups reader is referred to [2]. We refer to [8] for the notions of  $S$ -act, biact, act morphism, tensor product, Morita equivalence, Morita context and the notations of  $US$ -Act and  $FS$ -Act. For the notions of semigroups we refer

to [1, 3, 4, 5]. Throughout this paper *mappings act from right*.

### 2. Main Results

**Definition 1.** Let  $A$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then  $A$  is said to have right local units if for each  $x \in A$  there exists an idempotent element  $[\gamma, f]$  in the right operator semigroup  $R$  of  $A$  such that  $x\gamma f = x$ . Dually we define left local units of  $A$  and the local units of  $\Gamma$ . A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  is defined to have local units if both  $A$  and  $\Gamma$  have right and left local units. Clearly a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  with unities[2] is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with local units.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with local units and its left and right operator semigroups be respectively  $L$  and  $R$ . Then:

- (1)  $L$  and  $R$  are semigroups with local units;
- (2)  ${}_L A_R$  and  ${}_R \Gamma_L$  are unitary biacts;
- (3)  ${}_L A \in FL\text{-Act}$  and  ${}_R \Gamma \in FR\text{-Act}$ .

*Proof.* (1) The proof is evident from Definition 1.

(2) Let us define the maps  $L \times A \rightarrow A$  and  $A \times R \rightarrow A$  by  $[a, \alpha]b := a\alpha b$  and  $a[\beta, b] := a\beta b$  respectively. Then, for all  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have  $a([\alpha, b][\beta, c]) = a[\alpha, b\beta c] = a\alpha(b\beta c) = (a\alpha b)\beta c = (a[\alpha, b])[\beta, c]$ . So  $A$  is a right  $R$ -act. Again, since  $A$  has local units, for every  $a \in A$ , there exist an idempotent element  $[\gamma, f] \in R$ , depending on  $a$ , such that  $a[\gamma, f] = a$ . Hence  $A \in \text{Act-}UR$ . Similarly we can show that  $A \in UL\text{-Act}$ .

Now consider  $a \in A$ ,  $[c, \alpha] \in L$  and  $[\beta, b] \in R$ . Then, from the generalized associative property of the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$ , we have  $[c, \alpha](a[\beta, b]) = [c, \alpha](a\beta b) = c\alpha(a\beta b) = (c\alpha a)\beta b = ([c, \alpha]a)[\beta, b]$ . Hence  ${}_L A_R$  is a unitary biact. Similar series of arguments lead us to that  ${}_R \Gamma_L$  is a unitary biact.

(3) According to the Lemma 8.2 of [8], the  $UL$ -act  ${}_L A$  is in  $FL\text{-Act}$  if and only if  $L \otimes A \cong A$  as biacts. Again, by the Proposition 3.2 of [8], the map  $\kappa : L \otimes A \rightarrow A$  defined by  $[b, \beta] \otimes a \mapsto [b, \beta]a$  is a surjective  $L$ -morphism. So it is sufficient to prove the injectivity of  $\kappa$  to complete our theorem.

Let  $[a, \alpha], [b, \beta] \in L$  and  $c, d \in A$  such that  $[a, \alpha]c = [b, \beta]d$ , i.e.,  $a\alpha c = b\beta d$ . Then there exist idempotents  $[e, \delta] \in L$  and  $[\gamma, f] \in R$  such that  $e\delta b = b$  and

$c\gamma f = c$  respectively. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} [a, \alpha] \otimes c &= [a, \alpha] \otimes c\gamma f &= [a, \alpha][c, \gamma] \otimes f &= [a\alpha c, \gamma] \otimes f \\ &= [b\beta d, \gamma] \otimes f &= [e\delta b\beta d, \gamma] \otimes f &= [e, \delta][b\beta d, \gamma] \otimes f \\ &= [e, \delta] \otimes b\beta d\gamma f &= [e, \delta] \otimes a\alpha c\gamma f &= [e, \delta] \otimes a\alpha c \\ &= [e, \delta] \otimes b\beta d &= [e, \delta][b, \beta] \otimes d &= [b, \beta] \otimes d. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\kappa$  is injective and hence the theorem. □

**Theorem 3.** *With the same notation as in the above theorem the following hold:*

- (1)  $L$  and  $R$  are Morita equivalent;
- (2)  ${}_L A$  and  ${}_R \Gamma$  are respectively generators for  $FL$ -Act and  $FR$ -Act;
- (3)  $L \cong L \otimes \text{End}_R(\Gamma)$  and  $R \cong R \otimes \text{End}_L(A)$  as semigroups;
- (4)  ${}_L A_R \cong L \otimes \text{Hom}_R(\Gamma, R)$  and  ${}_R \Gamma_L \cong R \otimes \text{Hom}_L(A, L)$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2, (1)  $L$  and  $R$  are semigroups with local units; (2)  ${}_L A_R$  and  ${}_R \Gamma_L$  are unitary biacts; (3)  ${}_L A \in FL$ -Act and  ${}_R \Gamma \in FR$ -Act. Now let us define the maps  $\tau : A \otimes \Gamma \rightarrow L$  and  $\mu : \Gamma \otimes A \rightarrow R$  as  $(a \otimes \alpha)\tau = [a, \alpha]$  and  $(\alpha \otimes a)\mu = [\alpha, a]$  respectively. The fact that these maps are well-defined, can be proved by routine verification. Also it is clear that these mappings are surjective. Now we see that  $(a \otimes \alpha)\tau b = [a, \alpha]b = a\alpha b = a[\alpha, b] = a(\alpha \otimes b)\mu$  and  $\alpha(a \otimes \beta)\tau = \alpha[a, \beta] = \alpha a\beta = [\alpha, a]\beta = (\alpha \otimes a)\mu\beta$ .

Thus  $\langle L, R, {}_L A_R, {}_R \Gamma_L, \tau, \mu \rangle$  is a unitary Morita context with  $\tau$  and  $\mu$  surjective. Hence the theorem follows from Theorem 8.3 of [8]. □

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $L$  and  $R$  be two Morita equivalent semigroups with local units. Then there exists a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  with local units whose left and right operator semigroups are respectively isomorphic to  $L$  and  $R$ .*

*Proof.* As  $L$  and  $R$  are Morita equivalent, the categories  $FL$ -Act and  $FR$ -Act are equivalent categories via functors, say  $F : FL$ -Act  $\rightarrow FR$ -Act and  $G : FR$ -Act  $\rightarrow FL$ -Act. Now let  $A = G(R)$  and  $\Gamma = F(L)$ . Then, according to the Theorem 7.3 of [8], we can define  $\langle \rangle : A \otimes_R \Gamma \rightarrow L$  and  $[\ ] : \Gamma \otimes_L A \rightarrow R$ , such that the sextuple  $\langle L, R, {}_L A_R, {}_R \Gamma_L, \langle \rangle, [\ ] \rangle$  defines a Morita context. Furthermore  $A \otimes_R \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma \otimes_L A$  become semigroups if we put respectively  $(a \otimes \alpha)(b \otimes \beta) = a \otimes [\alpha, b]\beta$  and  $(\alpha \otimes a)(\beta \otimes b) = \alpha \otimes \langle a, \beta \rangle b$ . Also  $\langle \rangle$  and  $[\ ]$  are surjective semigroup morphisms.

Now we define  $A \times \Gamma \times A \rightarrow A$  and  $\Gamma \times A \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  respectively as  $(a, \gamma, b) \mapsto a\gamma b := a[\gamma, b]$  and  $(\alpha, x, \beta) \mapsto \alpha x \beta := \alpha < x, \beta >$ . Then we deduce the following equalities:

$$(a\alpha b)\beta c = (a[\alpha, b])[\beta, c] = a([\alpha, b][\beta, c]) = a[\alpha, < b, \beta > c].$$

$$a\alpha(b\beta c) = a[\alpha, b[\beta, c]] = a[\alpha, < b, \beta > c].$$

$$a(\alpha b\beta)c = a[\alpha < b, \beta >, c] = a[\alpha, < b, \beta > c].$$

Hence  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let its left and right operator semigroups be  $L'$  and  $R'$ . In order to prove that these are isomorphic to  $L$  and  $R$  we first define  $\phi : L' \rightarrow L$  by  $([a, \alpha])\phi = < a, \alpha >$ . By routine verification we see that  $\phi$  is well-defined. Now  $< a, \alpha > = < b, \beta >$  implies  $\gamma a \alpha = \gamma b \beta$  and  $a \alpha x = b \beta x$  for all  $x \in A, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . So  $[a, \alpha] = [b, \beta]$ . Hence  $\phi$  is injective. Again, the map  $\phi$  is surjective semigroup morphism since  $< >$  is also so.

Hence  $L$  and  $L'$  are isomorphic as semigroups. Analogously,  $R'$  is isomorphic to  $R$ .

Again, from the construction, we see that  ${}_L A_{R'}$  and  ${}_{R'} \Gamma_{L'}$  are unitary bi-acts. Then for each  $a \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  there exist idempotents  $[e_a, \delta_a], [e_\alpha, \delta_\alpha] \in L'$  and  $[\gamma_a, f_a], [\gamma_\alpha, f_\alpha] \in R'$  such that  $e_a \delta_a a = a, a \gamma_a f_a = a; \gamma_\alpha f_\alpha \alpha = \alpha, \alpha e_\alpha \delta_\alpha = \alpha$ .

So  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  has local units. This completes the proof. □

Now we combine two preceding results into one.

**Theorem 5.** *Two semigroups  $L$  and  $R$  with local units are Morita equivalent if and only if there exists a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $A$  with both  $A$  and  $\Gamma$  having local units whose operator semigroups are isomorphic to  $L$  and  $R$ .*

As applications of Theorem 5 we use recent works of Lawson in [5] and of Laan and Marki in [4] to find out some interplays between the operator semigroups of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with local units. In what follows  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with local units with  $L$  and  $R$  as its left and right operator semigroups respectively.

**Corollary 6.** (1)  *$L$  is periodic if and only if  $R$  is periodic.*

(2)  *$L$  is regular if and only if  $R$  is regular.*

(3) *Greatest commutative images of  $L$  and  $R$  are isomorphic semigroups, if  $L$  and  $R$  have common two-sided local units.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 5,  $L$  and  $R$  are Morita equivalent semigroups with local units. Also recall that Morita equivalence coincides with strong Morita equivalence for the case of semigroups with local units (see [8]). Consequently, the proof of (1), (2) and (3) from Proposition 1, Proposition 2 and Theorem 4 of [4] respectively.  $\square$

By a similar argument, we obtain the following theorem, using Theorem 3 and Theorem 6 of [4] respectively.

**Corollary 7.** (1) *There is an isomorphism  $\Phi : Id(L) \rightarrow Id(R)$  between the lattices of ideals of  $L$  and  $R$ . Moreover, this isomorphism preserves finitely generated ideals and principal ideals.*

(2) *If  $L$  and  $R$  have common joint local units, then there exists an isomorphism  $\Pi : Con(L) \rightarrow Con(R)$  between the congruence lattices of  $L$  and  $R$  such that if  $\rho \in Con(L)$  then the semigroups  $L/\rho$  and  $R/\Pi(\rho)$  are Morita equivalent. Moreover, it preserves Rees congruence, finitely generated congruence and principal congruence.*

**Corollary 8.** (1) *Each local submonoid of  $L$  is isomorphic to a local submonoid of  $R$  and vice-versa.*

(2) *Cardinalities of the set of regular  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes in  $L$  and  $R$  are same.*

(3) *If  $L$  is a monoid, then there is an idempotent  $r \in R$  such that  $R = RrR$  and  $rRr \cong L$ . Thus  $R$  is an enlargement of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $L$  and  $R$  are Morita equivalent semigroups with local units, by Theorem 5, we get these results from Theorem 5.1 and 5.2 of [5].  $\square$

The following result is a consequence of Theorem 5.5 of [5] in view of our Theorem 5.

**Corollary 9.** (1)  *$L$  is a group if and only if  $R$  is completely simple.* (2)  *$L$  is an inverse semigroup if and only if  $R$  is regular and locally inverse.* (3)  *$L$  is a semilattice if and only if  $R$  is regular, locally a semilattice and  $R/\mathcal{J}$  is a meet semilattice under subset inclusion.* (4)  *$L$  is an orthodox semigroup if and only if  $R$  is regular and locally orthodox.* (5)  *$L$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -unipotent semigroup if and only if  $R$  is regular and locally  $\mathcal{L}$ -unipotent.* (6)  *$L$  is an  $E$ -solid semigroup if and only if  $R$  is regular and locally  $E$ -solid.* (7)  *$L$  is a union of groups if and only if  $R$  is regular locally a union of groups and  $R/\mathcal{J}$  is a meet semilattice under subset inclusion.*

Combining Theorem 5 with Lawson's Theorem 1.1 of [5] we obtain the following characterization.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $L$  and  $R$  are semigroups with local units. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $L$  and  $R$  are Morita equivalent.
- (2) Cauchy completion categories  $C(L)$  and  $C(R)$  are equivalent.
- (3)  $L$  and  $R$  have a joint enlargement.
- (5) There is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with local units whose left and right operator semigroups are isomorphic to  $L$  and  $R$  respectively.

**Concluding Remark:** Theorem 6 of [7] becomes a special case of Theorem 5 of this paper. But a remarkable difference in the proof of these two theorems is that a direct constructive approach had been taken in [7] while we have accomplished the proof here via Morita context to avoid complexity due to the restriction in  $S$ -Act category.

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