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**CONGRUENCES ON REGULAR SEMIGROUPS  
WITH  $Q$ -INVERSE TRANSVERSALS \***

**КОНГРУЕНЦІЇ НА РЕГУЛЯРНИХ НАПІВГРУПАХ  
З  $Q$ -ОБЕРНЕНИМИ ТРАНСВЕРСАЛЯМИ**

We give congruences on a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal  $S^\circ$  by the congruence pair (abstractly), which consists of congruences on the structural component parts  $R$  and  $\Lambda$ . We prove that the set of all congruences for this kind of semigroups is a complete lattice.

Наведено конгруенції на регулярних напівгрупах з  $Q$ -оберненою трансверсаллю  $S^\circ$  щодо пари конгруенцій (абстрактно), сформованої з конгруенцій на частинах структурних компонент  $R$  і  $\Lambda$ . Доведено, що множина всіх конгруенцій для такого типу напівгруп є повною ґраткою.

**1. Introduction and preliminaries.** The multiplicative inverse transversals of a regular semigroup were first introduced by Blyth and McFadden in 1982 [1]. An inverse subsemigroup  $S^\circ$  of a regular semigroup  $S$  is an *inverse transversal* if  $|V(x) \cap S^\circ| = 1$  for any  $x \in S$ , where  $V(x)$  denoted the set of inverses of  $x$ . In this case, the unique element of  $V(x) \cap S^\circ$  is denoted by  $x^\circ$  and  $(x^\circ)^\circ$  is denoted by  $x^{\circ\circ}$ . Throughout this paper  $S$  denotes a regular semigroup with an inverse transversal  $S^\circ$  and  $E(S^\circ) = E^\circ$  denotes the semilattice of idempotents of  $S^\circ$ . An inverse transversal  $S^\circ$  is a *multiplicative inverse transversal* if  $x^\circ x y y^\circ \in E^\circ$ , and  $S^\circ$  is a  *$Q$ -inverse transversal* if  $S^\circ S S^\circ \subseteq S^\circ$ .

Let  $S^\circ$  be a  $Q$ -inverse transversal, and let

$$R = \{x \in S \mid x^\circ x = x^\circ x^{\circ\circ}\}, \quad L = \{a \in S \mid a a^\circ = a^{\circ\circ} a^\circ\},$$

and

$$I = \{e \in E(S) \mid e e^\circ = e\}, \quad \Lambda = \{f \in E(S) \mid f^\circ f = f\},$$

where  $E(S) = \{x \in S \mid x^2 = x\}$  which is the set of idempotents of  $S$ . It was shown in [6] that  $R$  and  $L$  are orthodox subsemigroups of  $S$  with transversal  $S^\circ$  which is a right ideal of  $R$  and a left ideal of  $L$  and that  $E(R) = I$ ,  $E(L) = \Lambda$ . Moreover,  $E^\circ$  is a multiplicative inverse transversal of  $I$  and  $\Lambda$ . In [3], McAlister and McFadden show that  $I$  and  $\Lambda$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ -unipotent and  $\mathcal{L}$ -unipotent subbands respectively of  $S$ . Saito gave the structure theory of a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal in [6]. The congruences on regular semigroups with inverse transversals were studied using the congruence triple by Wang and Tang (see [5, 9, 10]). In this paper, we give the congruences on regular semigroups with  $Q$ -inverse transversals by the congruence pair and prove that the set of all congruences on this kind of semigroups is a complete lattice.

We list already obtained results in [3–6], which will be used in this paper.

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**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $S^\circ$  be a  $Q$ -inverse transversal. Then, for  $e \in E^\circ$ ,  $f \in I$  [resp.  $g \in \Lambda$ ],  $e^\circ f = e^\circ f^\circ$  [resp.  $ge^\circ = g^\circ e^\circ$ ].

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $S^\circ$  be a  $Q$ -inverse transversal. Then  $(xy)^\circ = (x^\circ xy)^\circ x^\circ = y^\circ (xyy^\circ)^\circ$  for every  $x, y \in S$ .

**Lemma 1.3.**  $S^\circ$  is a  $Q$ -inverse transversal if and only if for any  $s, t \in S^\circ$ ,  $x \in S$ ,  $(sxt)^\circ = t^\circ x^\circ s^\circ$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $S$  be a band with an inverse transversal  $S^\circ$ . If  $S^\circ$  is a left ideal of  $S$ , then  $e^\circ e = e$  for every  $e \in S$ . In this case,  $S$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -unipotent band.

For a regular semigroup  $S$ ,  $\text{Con}(S)$  denotes the complete lattice of congruences on  $S$ . For  $\rho \in \text{Con}(S)$ , let  $\rho^\circ = \rho|_{S^\circ}$ ,  $\rho_I = \rho|_I$ ,  $\rho_\Lambda = \rho|_\Lambda$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $S^\circ$  be a  $Q$ -inverse transversal. For any  $\rho \in \text{Con}(S)$  and for  $x, y \in S$ ,  $x\rho y$  implies  $x^\circ \rho^\circ y^\circ$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $R$  be a regular semigroup with a right ideal inverse transversal  $S^\circ$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a band with a left ideal inverse transversal  $E^\circ$ . Let  $\Lambda \times R \rightarrow S^\circ$  described by  $(\lambda, x) \rightarrow \lambda * x$  be a mapping, such that for any  $x, y \in R$  and for any  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ :

(Q<sub>1</sub>)  $(\lambda * x)y = \lambda * (xy)$  and  $\mu(\lambda * x) = (\mu\lambda) * x$ ;

(Q<sub>2</sub>) if  $x \in E^\circ$  or  $\lambda \in E^\circ$ , then  $\lambda * x = \lambda x$ .

Define a multiplication on the set

$$\Gamma \equiv R| \times |\Lambda = \{(x, \lambda) \in R \times \Lambda : x^\circ x = \lambda^\circ\}$$

by

$$(x, \lambda)(y, \mu) = (x(\lambda * y), (\lambda * y)^\circ(\lambda * y)\mu).$$

Then  $\Gamma$  is a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal which is isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ .

Conversely, every regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal can be constructed in this way.

**2. Main results.** In this section, we first establish a characterization of congruences abstractly by congruence pair. We describe a congruence pair of the form  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  with  $\rho^R \in \text{Con}(R)$  and  $\rho^\Lambda \in \text{Con}(\Lambda)$  satisfying some conditions in order that they produce a congruence on  $S$  naturally.

Let  $S^\circ$  be a  $Q$ -inverse transversal. For  $\rho \in \text{Con}(S)$ , let  $\rho_R = \rho|_R$ . The following lemma shows that  $\rho_R$  is determined uniquely by its restrictions to  $S^\circ$  and  $I$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For  $\rho, \sigma \in \text{Con}(S)$ ,  $\rho_R \subseteq \sigma_R \Leftrightarrow \rho^\circ \subseteq \sigma^\circ$ ,  $\rho_I \subseteq \sigma_I$ . Therefore,

$$\rho_R = \sigma_R \Leftrightarrow \rho^\circ = \sigma^\circ, \rho_I = \sigma_I.$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\rho^\circ \subseteq \sigma^\circ$ ,  $\rho_I \subseteq \sigma_I$ . Then for any  $x, y \in S$ , by Lemma 1.5,

$$\begin{aligned} x\rho_R y &\implies x^\circ \rho^\circ y^\circ, x, y \in R \implies \\ &\implies x^{\circ\circ} \rho^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ}, x^\circ x^{\circ\circ} \rho^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ}, x x^\circ \rho_I y y^\circ, x, y \in R \implies \\ &\implies x^{\circ\circ} \rho^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ}, x^\circ x \rho^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ} y, x x^\circ \rho_I y y^\circ, x, y \in R \implies \\ &\implies x^{\circ\circ} \sigma^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ}, x^\circ x \sigma^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ} y, x x^\circ \sigma_I y y^\circ, x, y \in R \implies \\ &\implies x = x x^\circ x^{\circ\circ} x^{\circ\circ} x \sigma y y^{\circ\circ} y^{\circ\circ} y^\circ y = y, x, y \in R \implies x \sigma_R y. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\rho_R \subseteq \sigma_R$ . The reverse implication is obvious.

Lemma 2.1 is proved.

Suppose  $\rho^R$  and  $\rho^\Lambda$  are congruences on  $R$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively. Then  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  is called a congruence pair for  $\Gamma$  if the following conditions hold:

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $\rho^R|_{E^\circ} = \rho^\Lambda|_{E^\circ}$ ;
  - (C<sub>2</sub>)  $(\forall z \in R)(\forall \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda) \lambda \rho^\Lambda \mu \Rightarrow (\lambda * z) \rho^R (\mu * z)$ ;
  - (C<sub>3</sub>)  $(\forall \nu \in \Lambda)(\forall x, y \in R) x \rho^R y \Rightarrow (\nu * x) \rho^R (\nu * y)$ .
- Define  $\rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)}$  on  $\Gamma$  by

$$(x, \lambda) \rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)} (y, \mu) \Leftrightarrow x \rho^R y, \lambda \rho^\Lambda \mu.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a regular semigroup having a  $Q$ -inverse transversal as in Lemma 1.6, and  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  be a congruence pair on  $\Gamma$ . Then  $\rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)}$  is a congruence on  $\Gamma$ .*

*Conversely, every congruence on  $\Gamma$  can be constructed in the above manner.*

**Proof.** Let  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  be a congruence pair on  $\Gamma$ . Obviously,  $\rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)}$  is an equivalence on  $\Gamma$ . For  $(x, \lambda), (y, \mu) \in \Gamma$ , with  $(x, \lambda) \rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)} (y, \mu)$ , we have  $x \rho^R y, \lambda \rho^\Lambda \mu$ . Let  $z \in R$  and  $\nu \in \Lambda$  be such that  $(z, \nu) \in \Gamma$ . By Lemmas 1.2, 1.3 and condition (C<sub>2</sub>), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x(\lambda * z))^\circ &= (x^\circ x(\lambda * z))^\circ x^\circ = \\ &= (\lambda * z)^\circ (x^\circ x(\lambda * z)(\lambda * z)^\circ)^\circ x^\circ \rho^\circ (\mu * z)^\circ (y^\circ y(\mu * z)(\mu * z)^\circ)^\circ y^\circ = \\ &= (y(\mu * z))^\circ \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(x(\lambda * z))(x(\lambda * z))^\circ \rho^I (y(\mu * z))(y(\mu * z))^\circ.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.1,

$$x(\lambda * z) \rho^R y(\mu * z).$$

From condition (C<sub>2</sub>), we have  $(\lambda * z) \rho (\mu * z)$  and so  $(\lambda * z)^\circ \rho^\circ (\mu * z)^\circ$ . It follows that

$$(\lambda * z)^\circ (\lambda * z) \rho^\Lambda (\mu * z)^\circ (\mu * z).$$

Hence

$$(\lambda * z)^\circ (\lambda * z) \nu \rho^\Lambda (\mu * z)^\circ (\mu * z) \nu.$$

Thus

$$(x, \lambda)(z, \nu) \rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)} (y, \mu)(z, \nu).$$

Next, by  $x \rho^R y$  and condition (C<sub>3</sub>), we have

$$(\nu * x) \rho^R (\nu * y).$$

It follows that

$$z(\nu * x) \rho^R z(\nu * y)$$

and

$$(\nu * x)^\circ (\nu * x) \lambda \rho^\Lambda (\nu * y)^\circ (\nu * y) \mu.$$

Hence

$$(z(\nu * x), (\nu * x)^\circ (\nu * x) \lambda) \rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)} (z(\nu * y), (\nu * y)^\circ (\nu * y) \mu).$$

That is,

$$(z, \nu)(x, \lambda) \rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)} (z, \nu)(y, \mu).$$

Therefore  $\rho^{(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)}$  is a congruence on  $\Gamma$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\rho$  is a congruence on  $\Gamma$ . We define the following equivalences on  $R$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall x, y \in R) \quad x \rho_R y &\Leftrightarrow (x, x^\circ x) \rho(y, y^\circ y), \\ (\forall \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda) \quad \lambda \rho_\Lambda \mu &\Leftrightarrow (x^\circ x, \lambda) \rho(y^\circ y, \mu). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\rho$  is a congruence on  $\Gamma$ , we have  $\rho_R$  and  $\rho_\Lambda$  are equivalences on  $R$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively. Let  $(x, \lambda), (y, \mu), (x_1, \lambda_1), (y_1, \mu_1) \in \Gamma$ . If  $x \rho_R y$  and  $x_1 \rho_R y_1$ , then

$$(x, x^\circ x) \rho(y, y^\circ y) \text{ and } (x_1, x_1^\circ x_1) \rho(y_1, y_1^\circ y_1).$$

Now we immediately get

$$(x, x^\circ x)(x_1, x_1^\circ x_1) \rho(y, y^\circ y)(y_1, y_1^\circ y_1).$$

And this implies that

$$(x(x^\circ x * x_1), (x^\circ x * x_1)^\circ(x^\circ x * x_1)x_1^\circ x_1) \rho(y(y^\circ y * y_1), (y^\circ y * y_1)^\circ(y^\circ y * y_1)y_1^\circ y_1).$$

Then, by Lemma 1.2,

$$(xx_1, (xx_1)^\circ xx_1) \rho(yy_1, (yy_1)^\circ yy_1).$$

So we have proved that  $xx_1 \rho_R yy_1$ .

Suppose that  $\lambda \rho_\Lambda \mu$  and  $\lambda_1 \rho_\Lambda \mu_1$ , then we obtain

$$(x^\circ x, \lambda) \rho(y^\circ y, \mu) \text{ and } (x_1^\circ x_1, \lambda_1) \rho(y_1^\circ y_1, \mu_1).$$

Hence

$$(x^\circ x, \lambda)(x_1^\circ x_1, \lambda_1) \rho(y^\circ y, \mu)(y_1^\circ y_1, \mu_1).$$

That is,

$$(x^\circ x(\lambda * x_1^\circ x_1), (\lambda * x_1^\circ x_1)^\circ(\lambda * x_1^\circ x_1)\lambda_1) \rho(y^\circ y(\mu * y_1^\circ y_1), (\mu * y_1^\circ y_1)^\circ(\mu * y_1^\circ y_1)\mu_1).$$

By Lemma 1.4, we have

$$(\lambda \lambda_1^\circ, \lambda \lambda_1) \rho(\mu \mu_1^\circ, \mu \mu_1).$$

Thus, by Lemma 1.1,

$$(\lambda_1^\circ \lambda^\circ, \lambda \lambda_1) \rho(\mu_1^\circ \mu^\circ, \mu \mu_1).$$

So we have proved  $\lambda \lambda_1 \rho_\Lambda \mu \mu_1$ .

And we have the following cases:

- (1)  $\rho_R|_{E^\circ} = \rho_\Lambda|_{E^\circ}$  is obvious. So condition  $(C_1)$  holds.
- (2) Let  $x, y \in R$  and  $x \rho_R y$ . Then

$$(x, x^\circ x) \rho(y, y^\circ y).$$

Hence

$$(z^\circ z, \nu)(x, x^\circ x) \rho(z^\circ z, \nu)(y, y^\circ y).$$

That is,

$$(z^\circ z(\nu * x), (\nu * x)^\circ(\nu * x)x^\circ x) \rho(z^\circ z(\nu * y), (\nu * y)^\circ(\nu * y)y^\circ y).$$

It follows that

$$z^\circ z(\nu * x)\rho_R z^\circ z(\nu * y).$$

By condition  $(Q_1)$  and  $z^\circ z = \nu^\circ$ , we get

$$(\nu * x)\rho_R(\nu * y).$$

Now condition  $(C_3)$  holds.

(3) Let  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$  and  $\lambda\rho_\Lambda\mu$ . Then

$$(x^\circ x, \lambda)\rho(y^\circ y, \mu).$$

Hence

$$(x^\circ x, \lambda)(z, \nu^\circ)\rho(y^\circ y, \mu)(z, \nu^\circ).$$

It follows that

$$(x^\circ x(\lambda * z), (\lambda * z)^\circ(\lambda * z)\nu^\circ)\rho(y^\circ y(\mu * z), (\mu * z)^\circ(\mu * z)\nu^\circ).$$

Thus

$$x^\circ x(\lambda * z)\rho_R y^\circ y(\mu * z).$$

By condition  $(Q_1)$  and Lemma 1.4, we have

$$(\lambda * z)\rho_R(\mu * z).$$

Now condition  $(C_2)$  holds.

Now from the above proof,  $(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)$  is a congruence pair on  $\Gamma$ .

By the direct part,  $\rho^{(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)}$  is a congruence. If  $(x, \lambda)\rho^{(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)}(y, \mu)$ , then we have

$$x\rho_R y, \lambda\rho_\Lambda\mu.$$

Thus

$$(x, x^\circ x)\rho(y, y^\circ y), (x^\circ x, \lambda)\rho(y^\circ y, \mu).$$

Hence

$$(x(x^\circ x * x^\circ x), (x^\circ x * x^\circ x)^\circ(x^\circ x * x^\circ x)\lambda)\rho(y(y^\circ y * y^\circ y), (y^\circ y * y^\circ y)^\circ(y^\circ y * y^\circ y)\mu).$$

By Lemma 1.4,

$$(x, \lambda)\rho(y, \mu).$$

Thus,  $\rho^{(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)} \subseteq \rho$ . Since  $\rho \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)}$  is obvious,  $\rho^{(\rho_R, \rho_\Lambda)} = \rho$ .

Theorem 2.1 is proved.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $R = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\Lambda = \{e, f, g\}$  be semigroups whose multiplication tables given respectively by

.	a	b	c
a	a	b	a
b	b	b	b
c	c	b	c

.	e	f	g
e	e	f	g
f	f	f	f
g	e	f	g

It is clear that  $R$  is a regular semigroup with a right ideal inverse transversal  $S^\circ = \{b, c\}$ . The equivalence  $\rho^R$  on  $R$  with class  $\{a, c\}, \{b\}$  is a nontrivial congruence.  $\Lambda$  is a band with a left ideal inverse transversal  $\Lambda^\circ = \{f, g\}$ . The equivalence  $\rho^\Lambda$  on  $\Lambda$  with class  $\{e, g\}, \{f\}$  is a nontrivial congruence. Moreover,  $S^\circ = E(S^\circ) \cong \Lambda^\circ$ .

By Lemma 1.6, we have  $\Gamma = \{(a, e), (a, g), (b, f), (c, e), (c, g)\}$  is a regular semigroup with a  $Q$ -inverse transversal which is isomorphic to  $S^\circ$ . It is easy to see that  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  satisfies the conditions  $(C_1)$ ,  $(C_2)$  and  $(C_3)$ , thus  $(\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  is a congruence pair. Using Theorem 2.1, we have the equivalence  $\rho$  on  $\Gamma$  with class  $\{(a, e), (a, g), (c, e), (c, g)\}, \{(b, f)\}$  is a nontrivial congruence.

We denote the set of all congruences on  $\Gamma$  and the set of all congruence pairs on  $\Gamma$  constructed as in Theorem 2.1 by  $C(\Gamma)$  and  $CT(\Gamma)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $(\rho_1^R, \rho_1^\Lambda), (\rho_2^R, \rho_2^\Lambda) \in CT(\Gamma)$ , then*

$$\rho^{(\rho_1^R, \rho_1^\Lambda)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^R, \rho_2^\Lambda)} \Leftrightarrow \rho_1^R \subseteq \rho_2^R, \rho_1^\Lambda \subseteq \rho_2^\Lambda.$$

**Proof.** Suppose  $\rho^{(\rho_1^R, \rho_1^\Lambda)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^R, \rho_2^\Lambda)}$ . Let  $x\rho_1^R y$ . By the proof of Theorem 2.1,

$$((x, x^\circ x), (y, y^\circ y)) \in \rho^{(\rho_1^R, \rho_1^\Lambda)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^R, \rho_2^\Lambda)}.$$

Hence  $x\rho_2^R y$ , and immediately we get  $\rho_1^R \subseteq \rho_2^R$ . Similarly, we have  $\rho_1^\Lambda \subseteq \rho_2^\Lambda$ .

The reverse implication is obvious.

Lemma 2.2 is proved.

Define  $\leq$  on  $CT(\Gamma)$  by

$$(\rho_1^R, \rho_1^\Lambda) \leq (\rho_2^R, \rho_2^\Lambda) \Leftrightarrow \rho_1^R \subseteq \rho_2^R, \rho_1^\Lambda \subseteq \rho_2^\Lambda.$$

Then  $CT(\Gamma)$  is a partial ordered set with respect to  $\leq$ . By Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we can easily see that  $C(\Gamma)$  and  $CT(\Gamma)$  are isomorphic as partial ordered set.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\Omega \subseteq C(\Gamma)$  and  $T_\rho = (\rho^R, \rho^\Lambda)$  where  $\rho \in \Omega$ . Then*

$$T_{(\bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)} = \left( \bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^R, \bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^\Lambda \right)$$

and

$$T_{(\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)} = \left( \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^R, \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^\Lambda \right).$$

**Proof.** The first equality is obvious, we only need to prove the second equality. Let  $x, y \in R$  be such that  $x(\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^R y$ . Then

$$i = (x, x^\circ x) \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho(y, y^\circ y) = j.$$

Hence, there exist  $\rho_i \in \Omega$  and  $a_i = (x_i, x_i^\circ x_i) \in \Gamma$  such that

$$i\rho_1 a_1 \rho_2 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} \rho_n j.$$

This implies that

$$x\rho_1^R x_1\rho_2^R x_2 \dots x_{n-1}\rho_n^R y.$$

We have proved that

$$\left( \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho \right)^R \subseteq \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^R.$$

$\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^R \subseteq (\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^R$  is obvious. The dually equality can be proved similarly.

Proposition 2.1 is proved.

Now, by summing up the above results, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be constructed in Lemma 1.6. Then  $CT(\Gamma)$  forms a complete lattice with respect to  $\leq$  and  $C(\Gamma)$  is isomorphic to  $CT(\Gamma)$  as a complete lattice.*

For a semigroup  $S$ , the equality relations on  $S$  are denoted by  $\epsilon_S$ . The following theorem describes the idempotent-separating congruences.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\pi$  be an idempotent-separating congruence on  $R$ . Then  $\rho^{(\pi, \epsilon_\Lambda)}$  is an idempotent-separating congruence on  $\Gamma$ , and every such congruence may be obtained in this way.*

**Proof.** Since  $\pi$  is an idempotent-separating congruence,  $\pi|E^\circ = \epsilon_{E^\circ}$ . It is easy to see that  $(\pi, \epsilon_\Lambda)$  is a congruence pair. For any  $(x, \lambda), (y, \mu) \in E(\Gamma)$  with  $(x, \lambda)\rho^{(\pi, \epsilon_\Lambda)}(y, \mu)$ , we have  $\lambda = \mu$ ,  $xx^\circ = yy^\circ$ ,  $x^\circ x = y^\circ y$ . So  $x^\circ = x^\circ x(\lambda * x)x^\circ = y^\circ y(\mu * y)y^\circ = y^\circ$ . Hence  $x = xx^\circ x^\circ x^\circ x = yy^\circ y^\circ y^\circ y = y$ . Therefore  $\rho^{(\pi, \epsilon_\Lambda)}$  is an idempotent-separating congruence. It is easy to show the reverse implication.

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