

BI - AND QUASI-IDEAL SEMIGROUPS WITH n-PROPERTY

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We give a structure description for each semigroup belonging to the classes in the title which we define in a similar way as it was done in /3/ for left-ideal semigroups with n-property.

1. SOME PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Let  $S$  be a semigroup. We shall denote by  $E_S$  the set of idempotents of  $S$ .

THEOREM 1. A semigroup  $S$  is periodic and the mapping  $\varphi: S \rightarrow E_S$ , defined by  $\varphi(x) = e_x$  where  $e_x$  is the idempotent in  $\langle x \rangle$ , is a homomorphism iff for every  $a, b \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ab)^r = (a^n b^n)^r$  and  $E_S^2 = E_S$ .

Proof. Let  $S$  be a periodic semigroup and  $\varphi$  a homomorphism, where  $\varphi$  is defined as above. Then  $\ker \varphi$  is a congruence with the congruence classes

$$K_e = \{x \in S \mid (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}) x^n = e\}, \quad e \in E$$

which are power joined semigroups. Hence, according to Theorem 1 /7/, it follows that for every  $a, b \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ab)^r = (a^n b^n)^r$ . Furthermore since  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism, we have that  $S/\ker \varphi = E_S$  which implies that  $E_S^2 = E_S$ .

Conversely, for every  $a, b \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let there be on  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ab)^r = (a^n b^n)^r$ ; then  $a^{2r} = a^{2nr}$  and  $S$  is periodic. If we put

$$a \rho b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}) a^n = b^n$$

then  $\rho$  will turn out to be a band congruence and the congruence classes mod  $\rho$  will be periodic unipotent power joined semigroups (/7/ Theorem 1), and then the mapping  $\varphi$  defined by  $\varphi(x) = e_x$  will be an epimorphism from  $S$  onto  $E_S$ .

COROLLARY 1. A semigroup  $S$  is periodic,  $E_S$  a rectangular band and  $\varphi: S \rightarrow E_S$  ( $\varphi(x) = e_x$ ) a homomorphism iff for every  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(abc)^r = (ac)^{nr}$ ,  $E_S^2 = E_S$ .

Proof. Follows from (/7/ Theorem 3) and (/7/, Theorem 1).

Let  $S$  be a semigroup with zero 0; we call  $S$  a nil-semigroup iff

for every  $a \in S$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n = 0$ .

LEMMA 1. A semigroup  $S$  is a nil-semigroup iff for every  $a, b \in S$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n = b^{n+1}$ .

Proof. If  $S$  is a nil-semigroup then the statement in the Lemma 1 is obvious.

Conversely, for every  $a, b \in S$  let there be an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n = b^{n+1}$ . Then for  $a=b$  we have that  $a^n = a^{n+1}$  which implies that  $a^n$  is an idempotent; furthermore, from  $a^n = a^{n+1}$  it follows that  $a^n$  is the zero in  $\langle a \rangle$ . Let us show that  $a^n$  is zero in  $S$ ; let  $b \in S$  is an arbitrary element. From the above discussion it follows that for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b^k$  is zero in  $\langle b \rangle$ . Now, there exists an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(a^n)^m = (b^k)^{m+1}$  and, since  $a^n, b^k$  are idempotents we have that  $a^n = b^k$  which means that  $a^n$  is zero for  $b$ . So,  $S$  has a zero and is a nil-semigroup.

THEOREM 2. A semigroup  $S$  is a band of nil-semigroups iff the following properties are satisfied:

1.  $(\forall x \in S)(\exists r \in \mathbb{N}) x^r = x^{r+1}$ ,
2.  $(\forall x, y \in S)(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(\exists r \in \mathbb{N}) (xy)^r = (x^n y^n)^r$ .

Proof. Let  $S$  be a band  $Y$  of nil-semigroups  $S_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ . Then according to Lemma 1 we have that 1 is satisfied. Since every nil-semigroup is a power joined semigroup, it follows that 2 is satisfied too [7, Th.1/].

Conversely, let the conditions 1 and 2 be satisfied. Then  $S$  will be a band  $Y$  of periodic power joined semigroups  $S_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$  [7, Th.1/]. So, for  $a, b \in S_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , we have that  $a^n = b^n$ ,  $b^k = b^{k+1}$  for some  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and,

$$a^{nk} = b^{nk} = b^{nk-k} b^k = b^{nk+1}$$

which, according to Lemma 1, implies that  $S_\alpha$  is a nil-semigroup.

Let  $E$  be a band,  $P$  a partial semigroup,  $E \cap P = \emptyset$ , and  $\varphi: P \rightarrow E$  a partial homomorphism. Let us extend  $\varphi$  to a mapping  $\psi: S = E \cup P \rightarrow E$  by  $\psi(x) = \varphi(x)$  if  $x \in P$  and  $\psi(e) = e$  for all  $e \in E$ . Let us define an operation on  $S$  by

$$xy = \begin{cases} xy \text{ as in } P, & \text{if } x, y \in P \text{ and } xy \text{ is defined in } P \\ \psi(x)\psi(y), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $S$  will become a semigroup with  $E$  an ideal and  $\psi$  an epimorphism. In what follows we shall denote the semigroup  $S$  constructed above by  $S = (E, P, \varphi)$ .

A partial semigroup  $P$  is said to be a power breaking partial semigroup iff for every  $x \in P$  there exists a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^k$  is not defined in  $P$ .

THEOREM 3. The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:

- (i)  $S$  is periodic,  $\varphi: S \rightarrow E_S$  ( $\varphi(x) = e_x$ ) is a homomorphism and  $(\forall x \in S)$   $(\forall e \in E_S) xe, ex \in E_S$ ;

- (ii)  $(\forall a, b \in S)(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(\exists r \in \mathbb{N})(ab)^r = (a^n b^n)^r$  and  $(\forall x \in S)(\forall e \in E) xe, ex \in E_S$ ;  
 (iii)  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where  $P$  is a power breaking partial semigroup.

Proof. From Theorem 1 it follows that (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). If (ii) is true, from the proof of Theorem 1 it follows that  $S$  is periodic and, since  $xe, ex \in E_S$  for every  $x \in S, e \in E_S$ , we have that  $E_S$  is an ideal in  $S$ . So, if we put  $P = S \setminus E_S$ , we will have that  $P$  is a partial power breaking semigroup. According to Theorem 1, the mapping  $\varphi|_P(\varphi(x) = e_x)$  will be a partial homomorphism from  $P$  to  $E_S$  such that  $\varphi(e) = e$  for all  $e \in E_S$ . So, we have that  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  and we have proved that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). It is obvious that (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

## 2. BI-IDEAL SEMIGROUPS WITH n-PROPERTIES

A subsemigroup  $B$  of a semigroup  $S$  is said to be a bi-ideal iff  $B \circ B \subseteq B$ . The principal bi-ideal  $B[a]$  of a semigroup  $S$  generated by  $a \in S$  is  $B[a] = a \cup a^2 \cup aSa$ .

A semigroup  $S$  is said to be a c-bi-ideal semigroup iff every cyclic subsemigroup  $\langle a \rangle$  of  $S$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$ .

THEOREM 4. The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:

- (i)  $S$  is a c-bi-ideal semigroup;  
 (ii)  $(\forall a \in S) aSa \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ ;  
 (iii)  $(\forall a \in S) B[a] = \langle a \rangle$ .

Proof. From  $aSa \subseteq \langle a \rangle \subseteq S \subseteq \langle a \rangle \subseteq \langle a \rangle$  it follows that (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). It is obvious that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Let (iii) be satisfied and let  $\langle b \rangle$  be a cyclic subsemigroup of  $S$ . Then for  $b^i, b^j \in \langle b \rangle$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} b^i S b^j &= b^{i-1} b S b^{j-1} \subseteq b^{i-1} B b^{j-1} = \\ &= b^{i-1} \langle b \rangle b^{j-1} \subseteq \langle b \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and so,  $\langle b \rangle S \langle b \rangle \subseteq \langle b \rangle$  which means that  $S$  is a c-bi-ideal semigroup.

Let us recall that  $S$  is a bi-ideal semigroup iff every subsemigroup of  $S$  is a bi-ideal in  $S$  ([2]) and that the bi-ideal  $B[C]$  generated by the non-empty subset  $C$  of the semigroup  $S$  is  $B[C] = C \cup C^2 \cup CSC$ . In a similar way as in the case of Theorem 4, the following can be proved:

THEOREM 5. The following conditions on a semigroup  $S$  are equivalent:

- (i)  $S$  is a bi-ideal semigroup;  
 (ii)  $CSC \subseteq \langle C \rangle$ , for every non-empty subset  $C$  of  $S$ ;  
 (iii)  $B[C] \subseteq \langle C \rangle$ .

A partial subsemigroup  $R$  of a partial semigroup  $P$  is a bi-ideal in  $P$  iff  $r_1 p r_2$  is defined in  $P, r_1, r_2 \in R, p \in P$  implies  $r_1 p r_2 \in R$ . If every partial subsemigroup of a partial semigroup  $P$  is a bi-ideal in  $P$ , we call  $P$  a partial bi-ideal semigroup.

**THEOREM 6 [2].** A semigroup S is a bi-ideal semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where E is a rectangular band and P a partial power breaking bi-ideal semigroup.

We call partial semigroup P a partial c-bi-ideal semigroup iff whenever  $apa$  is defined in P,  $apa \in \langle a \rangle$  where  $\langle a \rangle$  consists of all powers  $a^n$  which are defined in P. In a similar way as Theorem 6, the following can be proved:

**THEOREM 7.** A semigroup S is a c-bi-ideal semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where E is a rectangular band and P a partial power breaking c-bi-ideal semigroup.

It is obvious that the class of c-bi-ideal semigroups is more general than the class of bi-ideal semigroup.

Let S be a semigroup and Q a subset of S. We call S a

- (i)  $\beta_0^n$  - semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q \rightarrow QSQ \subseteq Q$ ;
- (ii)  $\beta_1^n$  - semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q \rightarrow QS^{n-1}Q \subseteq Q$ ;
- (iii)  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^2 \subseteq Q \rightarrow QS^{n-1}Q \subseteq Q$ .

Observe that for  $n=1$   $\beta_0^n$  -,  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroups are simply biideal semigroups. It is easily seen that:

**LEMMA 2.** Every subsemigroup and every homomorphic image of a  $\beta_0^n$  -,  $\beta_1^n$  - semigroup is also a  $\beta_0^n$  -,  $\beta_1^n$  -,  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup, respectively.

**LEMMA 3.** (i) Every  $\beta_0^n$  - semigroup is a  $\beta$  - semigroup;

(ii) every  $\beta$  - semigroup is a  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup;

(iii) every  $\beta_1^n$  - semigroup is a  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup,

where  $\beta$  - semigroup stands for bi-ideal semigroup.

**LEMMA 4.** Let S be a semigroup. If S is a  $\beta$  -  $\beta_0^n$  - semigroup then  $aSa \subseteq \langle a \rangle$  for every  $a \in S$ ; if S is a  $\beta_1^n$  -,  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup then  $aS^{n-1}a \subseteq \langle a \rangle$  for every  $a \in S$ .

**LEMMA 5.** Let S be a  $\beta_0^n$  -,  $\beta_1^n$  - semigroup. Then:

(i) S is periodic; and for every  $a \in S$  the periodic part  $H_a$  of  $\langle a \rangle$  is a trivial subgroup of S;

(ii) E is a rectangular band which is an ideal in S; for every  $e \in E, x \in S, exe = e$ ;

(iii) if  $xyx = x$  for some  $y \in S$ , then  $x \in E$ .

**LEMMA 6.** (i) If S is a  $\beta$  - semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 5$  for every  $a \in S$ ;

(ii) if S is a  $\beta_0^n$  - semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 3$  for every  $a \in S$ ;

(iii) if S is a  $\beta_1^n$  -,  $\beta_2^n$  - semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq n+3$  for every  $a \in S$ .

**Proof.** Let, for example, S be a  $\beta_1^n$  - semigroup,  $a \in S$  and let  $\langle a \rangle_n = \{a, a^{n+1}, a^{2n+1}, \dots\}$  be the n-subsemigroup of S generated by a. Since

$$a^{n+2} = a \cdot a^{n+1} = a \cdot a^{n-2} \cdot a \in \langle a \rangle_n S^{n-1} \langle a \rangle_n \subseteq \langle a \rangle_n,$$

we have that  $a^{n+2} = a^{kn+1}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , which means that the index  $r_a$  of  $a$  is  $\leq n+2$  and, since the periodic part of  $\langle a \rangle$  consists of one element (Lemma 5 (i)), we have that  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq n+3$ .

Let  $P$  be a partial semigroup. Then  $P$  is said to be a: (i)  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  which possesses the property  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n \in Q$ ,  $q_j \in Q$  whenever  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n$  is defined in  $P$  we have that, if  $q_1^* p q_2^*$  is defined in  $P$ , then  $q_1^* p q_2^* \in Q$ ,  $q_1^*, q_2^* \in Q$ ,  $p \in P$ ; (ii)  $\beta_1^n$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  which possesses the property mentioned in (i),  $q_1^* p_1 p_2 \dots p_{n-1} q_2^*$  defined in  $P$  implies  $q_1^* p_1 p_2 \dots p_{n-1} q_2^* \in Q$ ; (iii)  $\beta_2^n$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  such that whenever  $q_1 q_2$  is defined in  $P$ , if  $q_1 q_2 \in Q$  then the following is true: if  $q_1^* p_1 p_2 \dots p_{n-1} q_2^*$  is defined in  $P$  then  $q_1^* p_1 p_2 \dots p_{n-1} q_2^* \in Q$ ,  $q_1^*, q_2^* \in Q$ ,  $p_j \in P$ .

**THEOREM 8.** A semigroup  $S$  is a  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (P, E, \varphi)$  where  $E$  is a rectangular band and  $P$  a partial power breaking  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup.

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup. From Lemma 5 it follows that  $S = E \cup P$  ( $P = S \setminus E$ ) where  $E$  is a rectangular band and ideal in  $S$ , and  $P$  is a power breaking partial semigroup. Let  $Q \subseteq P$  possess the property  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n \in Q$  whenever  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n$  is defined in  $P$ ,  $q_i \in Q$  and let  $Q^* = Q \cup E$ . Then  $Q^{*n+1} \subseteq Q^*$ ; since  $S$  is a  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup, it follows that  $Q^* S Q^* \subseteq Q^*$ . If  $q_1^*, q_2^* \in Q$ ,  $q_1^* p q_2^* \notin E$ , we conclude that  $q_1^* p q_2^* \in Q$  which proves that  $P$  is a partial  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup. Finally, if we put  $\varphi(x) = e_x$ ,  $e_x$  is the idempotent in  $\langle x \rangle$ , we can easily show that  $\varphi: P \rightarrow E$  is a homomorphism (as in [2] and by Theorem 3 we have that  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$ ).

Conversely, let  $S = (E, P, \varphi) = T$  with  $E, P$  as stated in the Theorem and let  $B \subseteq T$ ,  $B^{n+1} \subseteq B$ . Then  $B^* = B \setminus E$  possesses the property  $b_0 b_1 \dots b_n \in B^*$  whenever  $b_0 b_1 \dots b_n$  is defined in  $P$ , so, if  $b, c \in B^*$ ,  $p \in P$ , then  $b p c \in B^* \subseteq B$ . Let for  $b, c \in B$ ,  $t \in T$ ,  $b t c \in E$ . If  $b c \notin B^*$ , then  $b \cdot c$  is not defined in  $P$  and,

$$b t c = \varphi(b) \varphi(t) \varphi(c) = \varphi(b) \varphi(c) = [\varphi(b)]^n \varphi(c) = \varphi(b^n) \varphi(c) = b^n c \in B.$$

If  $b c \in P$  then  $(b c)^k \in E$  since  $P$  is a power breaking partial semigroup. Let  $(b c)^k = e$ , then

$$b t c = \varphi(b) \varphi(t) \varphi(c) = \varphi(b) \varphi(c) = \varphi(b c) = \varphi[(b c)^k] = e.$$

On the other hand we have that

$$e = \varphi(b) \varphi(c) = \varphi(b^{kn} c) = b^{kn} c \in B^{kn+1} \subseteq B$$

if  $b^{kn} \in E$ . Now, from  $b c \in P$  it follows that  $b \in P$  and there exists an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b^m$  is not defined in  $P$ ; then for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $kn \geq m$  we have that  $b^{kn} \in E$  since  $E$  is an ideal in  $T$ . So, we have proved that  $b t c \in B$  for every  $b, c \in B$ ,  $t \in T$ , which completes the proof.

In a similar way the following can be proved:

**THEOREM 9.** A semigroup S is a  $\beta_1^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where E is a rectangular band, P a partial power breaking  $\beta_1^n$ -semigroup.

**THEOREM 10.** A semigroup S is a  $\beta_2^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where E is a rectangular band and P a partial power breaking  $\beta_2^n$ -semigroup.

### 3. QUASIIDEAL SEMIGROUPS WITH n-PROPERTY

In a similar way as in part 2 we can introduce the following classes of semigroups: We call a semigroup S:

- (i)  $q_0^n$ -semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q \Rightarrow QS \cap SQ \subseteq Q$ ;
- (ii) q-semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^2 \subseteq Q \Rightarrow QS \cap QS \subseteq Q$ ;
- (iii)  $q_1^n$ -semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q \Rightarrow QS^n \cap S^n Q \subseteq Q$ ;
- (iv)  $q_2^n$ -semigroup iff  $Q \subseteq S, Q^2 \subseteq Q \Rightarrow QS^n \cap S^n Q \subseteq Q$

We are not going to reformulate all the results for the semigroups defined above; these results are similar to those in 2. We shall do this only for some of these semigroups, including the theorems which give a structure description for each of these semigroups.

**LEMMA 7.** Let S be a semigroup.

- (i) If S is a q-semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 3$  for every  $a \in S$ ;
- (ii) if S is a  $q_0^n$ -semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 2$  for every  $a \in S$ ;
- (iii) if S is a  $q_1^n, q_2^n$ -semigroup, then  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq n+2$  for every  $a \in S$ .

**THEOREM 11.** A semigroup S is a  $q_0^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where E is a rectangular band, P a nonempty set and  $\varphi: P \rightarrow E$  a mapping.

**Proof.** Since every quasiideal of a semigroup is a bi-ideal too, it follows that a  $q_0^n$ -semigroup is a  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup too. So, we can use all the properties which a  $\beta_0^n$ -semigroup possesses. Let S be a  $q_0^n$ -semigroup,  $x, y \in S$  and let  $Q = \{x, y, e_x, e_y, e_x e_y, e_y e_x\}$ . We shall show that  $Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q$ . For  $n=2$  we have the following possibilities: (i) if in  $q=abc$  all of a, b and c are idempotents, then (E is a rectangular band and  $e_x, e_y \in E$  by Lemma 5)  $q = e_x e_y, e_y e_x, e_x e_y$ ;  $q = ac = e_x e_y$  if  $a = e_x, c = e_y$ . (ii) if one of a, b and c is idempotent, for example if b is idempotent, then ab and bc will be idempotents also and  $q = abc = a.bcb = ab.cbc = abe = abab.e_c = e_a b e_c = e_a e_c$  and again  $q \in Q$ ; (iii) since  $x^2 = e_x, y^2 = e_y$  (Lemma 7 (ii)), the product  $q = abc$  doesn't contain any idempotent in the following two cases:  $q = xyx = e_x$  and  $q = yxy = e_y$  since from  $xyx \in \langle x \rangle$  it follows that  $xyx = x$  (and then x is idempotent) if  $xyx = e_x$  and similar for yxy. So, if  $n=2$  we have proved that  $Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q$ . Now, let  $n > 2$ ; then according to previous considerations, in any product of  $n+1$  elements from Q, the product of any three elements, as we have

shown above, will be equal to an idempotent and, accordingly, in a similar way we can prove that all the product is equal to an idempotent which belongs to  $Q$ . So,  $Q$  will be an  $n$ -subsemigroup of  $S$ , i.e.  $Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q$ . From this it follows that  $Q$  is a quasiideal in  $S$  which implies that  $Q$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ ; we have proved that  $xy \in Q$ . If  $xy=y$  then  $y=xy=x^2y=e_x y=e_x e_y$  which is impossible if we take  $x$  and  $y$  not to be idempotents. Similarly for  $xy=x$ . So,  $xy$  must be an idempotent:

$$xy = xyx \cdot y = e_x y = e_x \cdot y e_x y = e_x e_y$$

Now, if we put  $P = S \setminus E$ , we have that for every  $x, y \in P$ ,  $xy \in E$ . Furthermore, with  $\varphi(x) = e_x$ ,  $x \in P$  and  $e_x$  the idempotent in  $\langle x \rangle$  we can define a mapping from  $P$  to  $E$  which can be considered as a partial homomorphism from  $P$  to  $E$  and Theorem 3 concludes the proof.

Conversely, let  $Q \subseteq T = E \cup P$  where  $E$  is a rectangular band,  $P$  a set such that  $E \cap P = \emptyset$  and let  $\varphi: P \rightarrow E$  be a mapping, and let  $Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q$ . If  $x \in QT \cap TQ$ , i.e.  $x = q_1 x_1 = x_2 q_2$ ,  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in T$ , we have that  $x \in E$  and, according to the definition of operation in  $(E, P, \varphi)$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} x = x^2 = q_2 x_2 x_1 q_1 &= \varphi(q_2) \varphi(x_2) \varphi(x_1) \varphi(q_1) = \varphi(q_2) \varphi(q_1) = \varphi(q_2^n) \varphi(q_1) = \\ &= \varphi(q_2^n q_1) = q_2^n q_1 \in Q \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $Q$  is a quasi-ideal in  $T$ .

Let  $P$  be a partial semigroup. Then  $P$  is said to be a: (i)  $q$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  which possesses the property  $q_1 q_2 \in Q$  whenever  $q_1 q_2$  is defined in  $P$ ,  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ , we have that, if  $pq$  is defined in  $P$ ,  $p \in P$ ,  $q \in Q$  and, for some  $p' \in P$ ,  $q' \in Q$   $pq = q'p' = x$ , then  $x \in Q$ ; (ii)  $q_1^n$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  which possesses the property  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n \in Q$  whenever  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n$  is defined in  $P$ ,  $q_i \in Q$  we have that, if  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n q$  is defined in  $P$  for  $p_i \in P$ ,  $q \in Q$  and for some  $p'_i \in P$ ,  $q' \in Q$ ,  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n q = q' p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_n = x$  then  $x \in Q$ ; (iii)  $q_2^n$ -semigroup iff for every  $Q \subseteq P$  which possesses the property  $q_1 q_2 \in Q$ ,  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ , whenever  $q_1 q_2$  is defined in  $P$  we have that if  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n q$  is defined in  $P$ ,  $p_i \in P$ ,  $q \in Q$  and for some  $p'_i \in P$ ,  $q' \in Q$ ,  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n q = q' p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_n = x$  then  $x \in Q$ .

Using a similar procedure as for Theorem 8, and using also Theorem 9 and 10, the following can be proved:

**THEOREM 12.** A semigroup  $S$  is a  $q$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where  $E$  is a rectangular band and  $P$  a partial power breaking  $q$ -semigroup.

**THEOREM 13.** A semigroup  $S$  is a  $q_1^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where  $E$  is a rectangular band and  $P$  a partial power breaking  $q_1^n$ -semigroup.

THEOREM 14. A semigroup  $S$  is a  $q_2^n$ -semigroup iff  $S \cong (E, P, \varphi)$  where  $E$  is a rectangular band and  $P$  a partial power breaking  $q_2^n$ -semigroup.

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