

Pseudo-Complemented Semigroups

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Abstract: We shall introduce the notion of pseudo – complemented semigroup, which is a natural generalization of the notion of pseudo- complemented semi-lattices, and give certain properties of such semi-groups. We also introduced the notion of Baer- Stone semigroup, which is Pseudo complimented semigroup satisfy certain additional properties.

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1. Introduction

A theory of pseudo-complements in lattices, and particularly in distributive lattices was first developed by V. Glivenko [14], M. H. Stone [8] and Garrett Birkhoff [3]. Later, O. Frink [9] extended the concept of pseudo-complements to semilattices as a generalization of the theory of lattices. A semilattice (L, \wedge) with least element 0 is said to be pseudo- complemented if, for any $a \in L$, there exists an element a^* satisfying the condition that $a \wedge x = 0$ if and only if $x \leq a^*$. Further, it is proved that $L^* = \{a^* : a \in L\}$ becomes a Boolean algebra. Lee [7] proved that any pseudo-complemented semilattice is equationally definable. A semigroup with zero is an algebra of type $(2, 0)$ satisfying $a(bc) = (ab)c$ and $a0 = 0 = 0a$ for all $a, b, c \in S$. Let $E(S)$ denote the central idempotent e in a semigroup S , i.e., $e^2 (= e.e) = e$ and $ex = xe$ for all $x \in S$. Then $E(S)$ is a subsemigroup of S . In this paper, we shall introduce the notion of a pseudo- complemented semigroup $(S, .)$ with 0 and give certain important properties of these. Mainly, we prove that the set of all pseudo-complements of elements of S is a Boolean algebra.

The concept of Baer-Stone semigroup was first introduced by U.M.Swamy [13]. Here, we prove that a Baer-Stone semigroup is a common abstraction of the multiplicative semi group of Baer- ring [13] and the meet semi-lattice structure of a Stone lattice [1]. In this paper we mainly pay attention to pseudo-complemented semigroup.

2. Pseudo-Complemented Semigroup

In this section, we give the definition of a pseudo-complemented semigroup and prove some basic properties of a pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Definition 2.1. Let S be a commutative semigroup with zero. For any $x \in S$ and $X \subseteq S$, define the sets, as given below:

$$xS = \{xa : a \in S\}$$
$$X^* = \{a \in S : ax = 0 \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

X^* is called the annihilator of X in S . If $X = \{x\}$, then simply we write $(x)^*$ for $\{x\}^*$.

Definition 2.2. A commutative semigroup S with zero is said to be a pseudo-complemented semigroup if, for each $x \in S$, there exists an idempotent e in S such that $(x)^* = eS$.

Observe that for any idempotents e and f in S , $eS = fS$ implies $e = f$ (for, $e \in eS = fS \Rightarrow e = fa \Rightarrow fe = f^2a = fa = e$ and similarly $ef = f$). This shows that in a pseudo-complemented semigroup S there can be at most one idempotent, which will be denoted by x^* such that $x^* = x^*S$. In this case, the map $x \rightarrow x^*$ is called a pseudo-complementation on S . Note that these can be at most one pseudo-complementation on any semigroup.

The following are some examples of pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Example 2.3. If $(R, +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain, then

$$(x)^* = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ R & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

and hence (R, \cdot) is a pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Example 2.4. The set \mathbb{N} of non-negative integers together with the usual multiplication is a pseudo-complemented semi-group, in which

$$x^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Example 2.5. Let S be the set of positive divisors of 50 i.e., $S = \{1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50\}$. If we define for any $x, y \in S$, $xy = gcd\{a, b\}$.

Then (S, \cdot) is a pseudo-complemented semigroup with 1 as the zero element, in which

$$1^* = 50, 2^* = 25, 10^* = 0 = 50^* \text{ and } 5^* = 2 = 25^*.$$

In the following lemma we give some properties of a pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Lemma 2.6. Let S be a pseudo-complemented semigroup. Then for any $x, y \in S$, we have the following.

- (1) 0^* is the unity in S .
- (2) $x^*x^* = x^*$
- (3) $xx^* = 0$
- (4) $xy = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^*y = y$
- (5) $x^{**}x = x = xx^{**}$
- (6) $x^{***} = x^*$
- (7) $(xy)^{**} = x^{**}y^{**}$

Proof.

- (1) It follows by the fact that $S = (0)^* = 0 * S$.
- (2) and (3) are direct implications of the definition of pseudo-complemented semigroup.
- (4) $xy = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = x^*s$ for some $s \in S \Leftrightarrow x * y = y$.
- (5) It follows by (3) and (4).
- (6) We have $xy = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^{**}y = 0$. It follows that $x^{***} = x^*$
- (7) Let $x, y \in S$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} xy(xy)^* = 0 &\Rightarrow x^*y(xy)^* = y(xy)^* \text{ (by(4))} \\ &\Rightarrow x^{**}y(xy)^* = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow yx^{**}(xy)^* = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y^*x^{**}(xy)^* = x^{**}(xy)^* \text{ (by(4))} \\ &\Rightarrow y^{**}x^{**}(xy)^* = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (xy)^*x^{**}y^{**} = x^{**}y^{**} \\ \text{and } x^*xy = 0 &\Rightarrow (xy)^*x^* = x^* \\ &\Rightarrow (xy)^{**}x^* = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^{**}(xy)^{**} = (xy)^{**} \\ \text{and similarly } &y^{**}(xy)^{**} = (xy)^{**} \\ \Rightarrow x^{**}y^{**}(xy)^{**} &= x^{**}(xy)^{**} = (xy)^{**}. \end{aligned}$$

From the above two arguments, $(xy)^{**} = x^{**}y^{**}$.

For any idempotent e in a commutative semigroup S , the set $eS = \{ex : x \in S\}$ is a subsemigroup of S , since $(ex)(ey) = exy$.

Theorem 2.7. Let S be a pseudo-complemented semigroup and e an idempotent in S , then eS is a pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Proof. Let $x \rightarrow x^*$ be a pseudo-complementation on S . We have eS is a commutative semigroup with zero. For any ex and $ey \in eS$ with x and $y \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (ex)(ey) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow xey = 0 \text{ (since } e^2 = e) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x^*ey = ey \\ &\Leftrightarrow ex^*ey = ey \end{aligned}$$

and hence $(ex)^* = ex^*$ in eS . Therefore $ex \rightarrow ex^*$ is a pseudo-complementation on eS . Thus eS is pseudo-complemented semigroup.

Definition 2.8. Let S be a pseudo-complemented semigroup. For any subset X of S , define

$$X_* = \{x^*: x \in X\}.$$

For any pseudo-complemented semigroup S , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_* = E(S)_* &= \{e \in E(S): e^{**} = e\} = \{x \in S: x^{**} = x\} \\ &= \{x \in S: x = y^* \text{ for some } y \in S\} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.9. An element x in a pseudo-complemented semigroup S is called closed if $x^{**} = x$; The set of all closed elements in S is called the centre of S and is denoted by $B(S)$.

We observe that $(S) = S_* = E(S)_*$. Now, we prove that $B(S)$ is a Boolean algebra of all closed elements of S .

Theorem 2.10. Let S be a pseudo-complemented semigroup. For any $x, y \in B(S)$, define

$$x \wedge y = xy \text{ and } x \vee y = (x^*y^*)^*.$$

Then $(B(S), \wedge, \vee, *)$ is a Boolean algebra.

Proof. Clearly $(B(S), \wedge)$ is a semilattice and we have a partial order \leq on $B(S)$ defined by $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b = a$ for any $a, b \in B(S)$ and $a \wedge b = glb \{a, b\}$. Let $a, b \in B(S)$. Since $a^*b^*a = 0 = a^*b^*b$, $(a^*b^*)^*a = a$ and $(a^*b^*)^*b = b$, which implies that $a \leq (a^*b^*)^* = a \vee b$ and $b \leq a \vee b$ and hence $a \vee b$ is an upper bound of $\{a, b\}$ in $B(S)$. Now, for any $c \in B(S)$,

$$\begin{aligned} a \leq c \text{ and } b \leq c &\Rightarrow ac = a \text{ and } bc = b \\ &\Rightarrow c^*a = 0 = c^*b \\ &\Rightarrow a^*c^* = c^* = b^*c^* \\ &\Rightarrow a^*b^*c^* = c^* \\ &\Rightarrow (a^*b^*)^*c^* = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (a^*b^*)^*c^{**} = (a^*b^*)^* \\ &\Rightarrow (a \vee b)c = a \vee b \text{ (since } c^{**} = c) \\ &\Rightarrow a \vee b \leq c \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $a \vee b$ is the lub of $\{a, b\}$ in $B(S)$. Now

$$a \wedge (a \vee b) = a(a^*b^*)^* = a \text{ (since } (a^*b^*)a = 0)$$

Also, $a^*(ab) = 0$ and hence $(ab)^*a^* = a^*$ which implies that $a \vee (a \wedge b) = (a^*(ab)^*)^* = a^{**} = a$. Thus $(B(S), \wedge, \vee)$ is a lattice with smallest element 0 and greatest element 1 (= 0^*). Further, for any $a \in B(S)$, $a \wedge a^* = aa^* = 0$ and $a \vee a^* = (a^*a^{**})^* = 0^* = 1$. Thus a^* is a complement of a in $B(S)$. Finally, let $a, b, c \in B(S)$. Put $x = a \wedge (b \vee c)$ and $y = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$. In any lattice, it is true that $y \leq x$. We have $a \wedge b \leq y \Rightarrow y^*ab = 0 \Rightarrow y^*ab^* = y^*a$ and $a \wedge c \leq y \Rightarrow y^*ac = 0 \Rightarrow y^*ac^* = y^*a$.

Therefore $y^*ab^*c^* = y^*a$ which implies that $y^*a(b^*c^*)^* = 0$ and hence $y^{**}x = x$. Since $y^{**} = y$, We have $yx = x$ and hence $x \leq y$, thus $x = y$ and therefore $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$.

Therefore $(B(S), \wedge, \vee)$ is a distributive complemented lattice and hence a Boolean Algebra.

The following is a consequence of above theorem.

Corollary 2.11. Let $B(S)$ be the centre of a pseudo-complemented semigroup. For any x and y in $B(S)$ define

$$x.y = xy \text{ and } x + y = ((xy)^*(x^*y^*))^*.$$

Then $(B(S), +, \cdot)$ is a Boolean ring; that is a ring with unity in which every element is idempotent.

3. Baer-Stone Semigroups

The concept of Baer-Stone semigroup was first introduced by U. M. Swamy [13] in a short note published in the journal 'Semigroup Forum' and mentioned a characterization theorem without proof. In this section, we characterize Baer-Stone semigroups, as a common abstraction of Baer-rings and Stone lattices. First, we start with the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. Let S_1 and S_2 be pseudo-complemented semi groups. Then the product $S_1 \times S_2$ is a pseudo-complemented semigroup under the coordinate-wise operations.

Proof. Since S_1 and S_2 are commutative semigroups with zero, so is $S_1 \times S_2$ and $(0, 0)$ is the zero in $S_1 \times S_2$.

For any (x_1, x_2) and (y_1, y_2) in $S_1 \times S_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2) (y_1, y_2) = (0, 0) &\Leftrightarrow x_1 y_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 y_2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_1 * y_1 = y_1 \text{ and } x_2 * y_2 = y_2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x_1^*, x_2^*) (y_1, y_2) = (y_1, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

and hence (x_1^*, x_2^*) is the pseudo-complement of (x_1, x_2) in $S_1 \times S_2$.

Note that, the converse of above theorem is also true; that is, if $S_1 \times S_2$ is pseudo-complement semigroup then so are S_1 and S_2 . If $(x_1, 0)^* = (a, b)$ then $x_1^* = a$. Also, if $(0, x_2)^* = (s, t)$, then $x_2^* = t$.

The above result can be extended to arbitrary products of pseudo-complemented semigroups.

Theorem 3.2. Let (S, \cdot) be a pseudo-complemented semigroup and $x \in S$. Define

$$d_x : S \rightarrow x^*S \times x^{**}S \text{ by } d_x(y) = (x^*y, x^{**}y).$$

Then d_x is a homomorphism of semigroups and preserves pseudo-complements.

Proof. By theorem 2.7, x^*S and $x^{**}S$ are pseudo-complemented semi groups such that

$$(x^*y)^* = x^*y^* \text{ in } x^*S \text{ and } (x^{**}y)^* = x^{**}y^* \text{ in } x^{**}S.$$

Since x^* is an idempotent and S is commutative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_x(yz) &= (x^*yz, x^{**}yz) = (x^*yx^*z, x^{**}yx^{**}z) \\ &= (x^*y, x^{**}y)(x^*z, x^{**}z) \\ &= d_x(y)d_x(z) \\ \text{and } d_x(y^*) &= (x^*y^*, x^{**}y^*) \\ &= ((x^*y)^*, (x^{**}y)^*) \\ &= (x^*y, x^{**}y)^* = d_x(y)^*, \text{ the p.c of } d_x(y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus d_x is a homomorphism and preserves pseudo-complements.

Definition 3.3. For any pseudo-complemented semigroup S , the map $d_x : S \rightarrow x^*S \times x^{**}S$ defined by $d_x(y) = (x^*y, x^{**}y)$ for all $y \in S$ is called the decomposition map corresponding to $x \in S$.

Definition 3.4. A pseudo-complemented semigroup S is called a Baer-Stone semigroup if for each $x \in S$, the decomposition map d_x is an isomorphism of S onto $x^*S \times x^{**}S$.

Theorem 3.5. Let (S, \cdot) be a Baer-Stone semigroup and e an idempotent in S . Then eS is Baer-Stone semigroup.

Proof. By theorem 2.7, eS is a pseudo-complemented semigroup in which the pseudo-complement of any ex is precisely ex^* . Now, for any $ex \in eS$, consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} f : eS &\rightarrow ex^*S \times ex^{**}S \text{ defined by} \\ f(ex) &= (ex^*ey, ex^{**}ey) = (x^*ey, x^{**}ey). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly f is a homomorphism and an injection, since the decomposition d_x is so. To prove f is surjective, let $(ex^*y, ex^{**}z) \in ex^*S \times ex^{**}S$. Then there exists $s \in S$ such that $d_x(s) = (x^*ey, x^{**}ez)$ and therefore $x^*s = x^*ey$ and $x^{**}s = x^{**}ez$. Which implies that $f(es) = (x^*ey, x^{**}ez)$. Thus f is an isomorphism. Therefore eS is a Baer-Stone semigroup.

Next, we establish a correspondence between the closed elements in a Baer-Stone semigroup S and decompositions of S into products of two semigroups with zero and unity.

Theorem 3.6. Let (S, \cdot) be a Baer-Stone semigroup and $x \in S$. Then $x \in B(S)$ if and only if there exist Baer-Stone semigroups S_1 and S_2 and an isomorphism $f : S \rightarrow S_1 \times S_2$ such that $f(x) = (1, 0)$; in this case $f(x^*) = (0, 1)$.

Proof. Suppose that $x \in B(S)$. Then $x^{**} = x$. Note that both x and x^{**} are idempotents. Put $S_1 = xS$ and $S_2 = x^*S$. Then, by theorem 3.5, S_1 and S_2 are Baer-Stone semigroups in which x and x^* are unities in S_1 and S_2 respectively. Define $f : S \rightarrow S_1 \times S_2$ by $f(y) = (xy, x^*y)$ for all $y \in S$.

Then $f(x) = (x, 0)$ and $f(x^*) = (0, x^*)$. Since S is Baer-Stone semigroup, it can be easily verified that f is an isomorphism. Conversely, suppose that S_1 and S_2 are Baer-Stone semigroups and $f : S \rightarrow S_1 \times S_2$ is an isomorphism such that $f(x) = (1, 0)$. Then $f(x^*) = (0, 1)$ and $f(x^{**}) = (1, 0)$. Since f is an injection, $x^{**} = x$. Thus $x \in B(S)$.

Definition 3.7. [6]. A commutative ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a Baer-ring if, for each $a \in R$, there exists an idempotent e in

R such that the principal ideal generated by e is the annihilator of a in R ; that is, $(a)^* = eR$.

Note that for any element a in a commutative ring R , there can be at most one idempotent e in R such that $(a)^* = eR$; for, $eR = fR$ for any idempotents e and f implies $e = fe$ and $f = ef$ and hence $e = f$. Also, note that every Baer ring R has unity, since $(0)^* (= R) = eR$ for an idempotent e , which becomes the unity in R . We prove that the multiplicative semigroup of a Baer ring is a Baer-Stone semigroup.

Theorem 3.8. If $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a Baer-ring, then (R, \cdot) is a Baer-Stone semigroup.

Proof. Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a Baer-ring. Then, for any $a \in R$, there exists unique idempotent e in R such that $(a)^* = eR$. Define $a^* = e$. Then, for any $x \in R$, $ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in a^*R \Leftrightarrow a^*x = x$.

Therefore, the mapping $a \rightarrow a^*$ is the pseudo-complementation on R . Thus (R, \cdot) is a p.c.semigroup. Next, we observe that, for any $a \in R$, a is an idempotent if and only if $a + a^* = 1$; if a is an idempotent, then $1 - a$ is also an idempotent and, for any $x \in R$, $xa = 0 \Leftrightarrow (1 - a)x = x$ and hence $(a)^* = (1 - a)R$, so that $a^* = 1 - a$.

To prove the decomposition map d_x is an isomorphism, let $y, z \in R$ such that

$$x^*y = x^*z \text{ and } x^{**}y = x^{**}z.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (x^* + x^{**})y = x^*y + x^{**}y \\ &= x^*z + x^{**}z = (x^* + x^{**})z = z \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $d_x : R \rightarrow x^*R \times x^{**}R$ is a monomorphism. Further,

let $(x^*y, x^{**}z) \in x^*R \times x^{**}R$ with $y, z \in R$.

Put $s = (x^*y + x^{**}z)$. Then since $x^*x^{**} = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x^*s &= x^*(x^*y + x^{**}z) = x^*y; \\ x^{**}s &= x^{**}(x^*y + x^{**}z) = x^{**}z. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore d_x is a surjection also. Hence $d_x : R \rightarrow x^*R \times x^{**}R$ is an isomorphism and thus (R, \cdot) is a Baer-Stone semigroup.

Next, we prove that meet-semi lattice of a Stone lattice is a Baer-Stone semigroup. Let us recall from [1, 2, 5] that, a lattice $L = (L, \wedge, \vee)$ with 0 is called a pseudo-complemented lattice if (L, \wedge) is a pseudo-complemented semi lattice that is, there exists a mapping $x \rightarrow x^*$ of L into itself such that, for any x and y in L , $x \wedge y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^* \wedge y = y$; equivalently $(x)^* = \{x^* \wedge y : y \in L\}$, where $(x)^* = \{y \in L : x \wedge y = 0\}$, the annihilator of x . In this case x^* is the largest element in L such that $x \wedge x^* = 0$.

Definition 3.9. [1]. A bounded distributive lattice (L, \wedge, \vee) is called a Stone lattice if it is pseudo-complemented and

$$x^* \vee x^{**} = 1 \text{ for all } x \in L.$$

Now, we prove that the decomposition map on a Stone lattice is an isomorphism.

Lemma 3.10. Let (L, \wedge, \vee) be a Stone lattice. Then, for any $x \in L$, the mapping $d_x : L \rightarrow x^*L \times x^{**}L$ defined by $d_x(y) = (x^* \wedge y, x^{**} \wedge y)$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. By the distributivity in L , it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} d_x(y \wedge z) &= d_x(y) \wedge d_x(z) \\ \text{and } d_x(y \vee z) &= d_x(y) \vee d_x(z) \text{ for all } y, z \in L. \end{aligned}$$

Note that x^* and x^{**} are the greatest elements in x^*L and $x^{**}L$ respectively.

Also, $d_x(0) = (0, 0)$ and $d_x(1) = (x^*, x^{**})$. Further, for any $y, z \in L$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_x(y) = d_x(z) &\Rightarrow x^* \wedge y = x^* \wedge z \text{ and } x^{**} \wedge y = x^{**} \wedge z \\ &\Rightarrow y = (x^* \vee x^{**}) \wedge y = (x^* \wedge y) \vee (x^{**} \wedge y) \\ &= (x^* \wedge z) \vee (x^{**} \wedge z) \\ &= (x^* \vee x^{**}) \wedge z = 1 \wedge z = z. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore f is a monomorphism. Next, for any $(x^* \wedge y, x^{**} \wedge z) \in x^*L \times x^{**}L$, Put $s = (x^* \wedge y) \vee (x^{**} \wedge z)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^* \wedge s &= x^* \wedge y && \text{(since } x^* \wedge x^{**} \wedge z = 0) \\ \text{and } x^{**} \wedge s &= x^{**} \wedge z && \text{(since } x^{**} \wedge x^* \wedge y = 0) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $d_x(s) = (x^* \wedge y, x^{**} \wedge z)$. Therefore d_x is an epimorphism. Thus d_x is an isomorphism of L onto $x^*L \times x^{**}L$.

Theorem 3.11. If (L, \wedge, \vee) is a Stone lattice, then (L, \wedge) is a Baer-Stone semigroup.

Proof. It follows the above lemma.

4. Conclusion

This is the initial work on Pseudo-complement semigroup and the authors are working on more details which will be adding in subsequent publications.

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