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## SUPEREXTENSIONS OF CYCLIC SEMIGROUPS

Given a cyclic semigroup  $S$  we study right and left zeros, singleton left ideals, the minimal ideal, left cancelable and right cancelable elements of superextensions  $\lambda(S)$  and characterize cyclic semigroups whose superextensions are commutative.

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## INTRODUCTION

This paper is devoted to describing the structure of superextensions of cyclic semigroups. The thorough study of algebraic properties of superextensions of semigroups was started in [1, 2, 3, 4, 10], where we focused at describing of superextensions of groups, and continued in [5, 6], where we studied the structure of superextensions of semilattices and inverse semigroups.

A family  $\mathcal{F}$  of nonempty subsets of a set  $X$  that is closed under taking supersets and finite intersections is called a *filter*. A filter  $\mathcal{U}$  is called an *ultrafilter* if  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{F}$  for any filter  $\mathcal{F}$  containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . A family of subsets of a set  $X$  is called a *linked system* if intersection of any two elements is nonempty. A linked system  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be a *maximal linked system* if  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{L}$  for any linked system  $\mathcal{L}$  containing  $\mathcal{M}$ . The family  $\beta(X)$  of all ultrafilters on a set  $X$  is called the *Stone-Čech compactification*, and the family  $\lambda(X)$  of all maximal linked systems is well-known [11, 12] as the *superextension* of a set  $X$ .

Each map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces a map (see [8])

$$\lambda f : \lambda(X) \rightarrow \lambda(Y), \quad \lambda f : \mathcal{M} \mapsto \langle f(M) \subset Y : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle.$$

Here for a family  $\mathcal{B}$  of nonempty subsets of a set  $Y$  by  $\langle B \subset Y : B \in \mathcal{B} \rangle$  we denote the family  $\langle B \subset Y : B \in \mathcal{B} \rangle = \{A \subset Y : \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (B \subset A)\}$ . An ultrafilter  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$ , generated by a singleton  $\{x\}$ ,  $x \in X$ , is called *principal*. We consider  $X \subset \beta(X) \subset \lambda(X)$  if each point  $x \in X$  is identified with the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$  generated by the singleton  $\{x\}$ .

It was shown in [9] that any associative binary operation  $*$  :  $S \times S \rightarrow S$  can be extended to an associative binary operation  $\circ$  :  $\lambda(S) \times \lambda(S) \rightarrow \lambda(S)$  by the formula

$$\mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{M} = \left\langle \bigcup_{a \in L} a * M_a : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{M_a\}_{a \in L} \subset \mathcal{M} \right\rangle$$

for maximal linked systems  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in \lambda(S)$ . In this case the Stone-Čech compactification  $\beta(S)$  is a subsemigroup of the superextension  $\lambda(S)$ .

A nonempty subset  $I$  of a semigroup  $(S, *)$  is called an *ideal* (resp. a *right ideal*, a *left ideal*) if  $I * S \cup S * I \subset I$  (resp.  $I * S \subset I$ ,  $S * I \subset I$ ). An element  $z$  of a semigroup  $(S, *)$  is called a *zero* (resp. a *left zero*, a *right zero*) in  $S$  if  $a * z = z * a = z$  (resp.  $z * a = z$ ,  $a * z = z$ ) for any  $a \in S$ . It is clear that  $z \in S$  is a zero (resp. a left zero, a right zero) in  $S$  if and only if the singleton  $\{z\}$  is an ideal (resp. a right ideal, a left ideal) in  $S$ . An ideal  $I \subset S$  is called *minimal* if any ideal of  $S$  that lies in  $I$  coincides with  $I$ . By analogy we define minimal left and minimal right ideals of  $S$ . The union  $K(S)$  of all minimal left (right) ideals of  $S$  coincides with the minimal ideal of  $S$ , see [11, theorem 2.8]. A semigroup  $(S, *)$  is said to be a *right zeros semigroup* if  $a * b = b$  for any  $a, b \in S$ . A map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  between semigroups  $(S, *)$  and  $(T, \circ)$  is called a *homomorphism* if  $\varphi(a * b) = \varphi(a) \circ \varphi(b)$  for any  $a, b \in S$ . A homomorphism  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  from a semigroup  $S$  into an ideal  $I \subset S$  is called a *retraction* if  $\varphi(a) = a$  for any element  $a \in I$ . An element  $a$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called *left cancelable* (resp. *right cancelable*) if for any points  $x, y \in S$  the equation  $ax = ay$  (resp.  $xa = ya$ ) implies  $x = y$ . This is equivalent to saying that the left (resp. right) shift  $l_a : S \rightarrow S$ ,  $l_a : x \mapsto a * x$ , (resp.  $r_a : S \rightarrow S$ ,  $r_a : x \mapsto x * a$ ) is injective. A semigroup  $S$  is called *left (right) cancellative* if all elements of  $S$  are left (right) cancelable. A semigroup that is both left and right cancellative is said to be *cancellative*.

A semigroup  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  generated by a single element  $a$  is called *cyclic*. If a cyclic semigroup is infinite, then it is isomorphic to the additive semigroup  $\mathbb{N}$ . A finite cyclic semigroup  $S = \langle a \rangle$  also has very simple structure (see [7]). There are positive integer numbers  $r$  and  $m$  called the *index* and the *period* of  $S$  such that: (i)  $S = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{m+r-1}\}$  and  $m + r - 1 = |S|$ ; (ii) for any  $i, j \in \omega$  the equality  $a^{r+i} = a^{r+j}$  holds if and only if  $i \equiv j \pmod{m}$ ; (iii)  $C_m = \{a^r, a^{r+1}, \dots, a^{m+r-1}\}$  is the minimal ideal, a cyclic and maximal subgroup of  $S$  with the neutral element  $e = a^n \in C_m$ , where  $m$  divides  $n$ .

From now on we denote by  $C_{r,m}$  a finite cyclic semigroup of index  $r$  and period  $m$ , and maximal subgroup of  $C_{r,m}$  is denoted by  $C_m$ .

## 1 HOMOMORPHISMS, RIGHT, LEFT ZEROS AND MINIMAL (LEFT) IDEALS

**Proposition 1.1.** *For any homomorphism  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  between semigroups  $(S, *_1)$  and  $(T, *_2)$  the induced map  $\lambda\varphi : \lambda(S) \rightarrow \lambda(T)$  is a homomorphism of the semigroups  $(\lambda(S), \circ_1)$  and  $(\lambda(T), \circ_2)$ .*

*Proof.* Given two maximal linked systems  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in \lambda(S)$  observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{L} \circ_1 \mathcal{M}) &= \lambda\varphi(\langle \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{L}} x *_1 M_x : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{M_x\}_{x \in L} \subset \mathcal{M} \rangle) \\ &= \langle \varphi(\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{L}} x *_1 M_x) : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{M_x\}_{x \in L} \subset \mathcal{M} \rangle \\ &= \langle \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{L}} \varphi(x) *_2 \varphi(M_x) : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{M_x\}_{x \in L} \subset \mathcal{M} \rangle \\ &= \langle \bigcup_{x \in \varphi(L)} x *_2 \varphi(M_x) : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{\varphi(M_x)\}_{x \in \varphi(L)} \subset \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{M}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi(L) : L \in \mathcal{L} \rangle \circ_2 \langle \varphi(M) : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle = \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{L}) \circ_2 \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{M}). \end{aligned}$$

□

Let us note that for a subsemigroup  $T$  of a semigroup  $S$  the homomorphism  $i : \lambda(T) \rightarrow \lambda(S)$ ,  $i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_S$  is injective, and thus we can identify the semigroup  $\lambda(T)$  with the subsemigroup  $i(\lambda(T)) \subset \lambda(S)$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . If a map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  is a retraction, then the map  $\lambda\varphi : \lambda(S) \rightarrow \lambda(I)$  is a retraction too.*

*Proof.* Indeed, let  $\mathcal{A} \in \lambda(I)$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \in \lambda(S)$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{M} = \langle \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a * M_a : A \in \mathcal{A}, A \subset I, \{M_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \subset \mathcal{M} \rangle = \langle \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a * M_a : A \in \mathcal{A}, \{M_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \subset \mathcal{M}, \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a * M_a \subset I \rangle \in \lambda(I)$ . By analogy  $\mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{A} \in \lambda(I)$ , and therefore  $\lambda(I)$  is an ideal of the semigroup  $\lambda(S)$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \in \lambda(I)$ , then  $\lambda\varphi(\mathcal{A}) = \langle \varphi(A) : A \subset I, A \in \mathcal{A} \rangle = \langle A \subset I : A \in \mathcal{A} \rangle = \{A \subset I : A \in \mathcal{A}\} = \mathcal{A}$  and hence  $\lambda\varphi$  is a retraction.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of a semigroup  $S$  and a map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  is a retraction. The semigroup  $S$  has a right (left) zero if and only if the semigroup  $I$  has a right (left) zero, and all right and left zeros of the semigroup  $S$  are contained in  $I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $z$  be a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $S$ , that is  $sz = z$  ( $zs = z$ ) for any  $s \in S$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism,  $\varphi(s)\varphi(z) = \varphi(z)$  ( $\varphi(z)\varphi(s) = \varphi(z)$ ). Specifically for any  $s \in I$  the equality  $\varphi(s) = s$  holds, and then  $s\varphi(z) = \varphi(s)\varphi(z) = \varphi(z)$  ( $\varphi(z)s = \varphi(z)\varphi(s) = \varphi(z)$ ). Consequently,  $\varphi(z)$  is a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $I$ .

Let  $z \in I$  be a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $I$ . Since  $I$  is an ideal, then for any  $s \in S$  we have that  $sz, zs \in I$ , and hence  $sz = \varphi(sz) = \varphi(s)\varphi(z) = \varphi(s)z = z$  ( $zs = \varphi(zs) = \varphi(z)\varphi(s) = z\varphi(s) = z$ ). Consequently,  $z$  is a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $S$ .

If  $z$  is a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $S$ , then  $z = sz \in I$  ( $z = zs \in I$ ), where  $s \in I$ . Therefore, all right (left) zeros of the semigroup  $S$  are contained in  $I$ .  $\square$

Let  $e$  be the neutral element of the maximal subgroup  $C_m$  of a cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** *The map  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$ ,  $\varphi(x) = ex$  is a retraction and  $\varphi(x)y = xy$  for any  $x \in C_{r,m}$  and  $y \in C_m$ .*

*Proof.* Since the semigroup  $C_m$  is an ideal of the semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ ,  $\varphi(x) = ex \in C_m$ . Consequently,  $\varphi(xy) = exy = eexy = exey = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$  for any  $x, y \in C_{r,m}$  and  $\varphi(x) = ex = x$  for  $x \in C_m$ . Hence the map  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$  is a retraction. Further for any  $x \in C_{r,m}$  and  $y \in C_m$  we have that  $xy \in C_m$ , and therefore  $\varphi(xy) = xy$ . On the other hand,  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi(x)y$ , since  $y \in C_m$ .  $\square$

Combining Lemmas 1.1–1.3 we get

**Proposition 1.2.** *The semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  contains a right (left) zero if and only if its subgroup  $\lambda(C_m)$  contains a right (left) zero. Each right (left) zero of  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  belongs to  $\lambda(C_m)$ .*

It was proved in [1] that the semigroup  $\lambda(G)$  possesses a right zero if and only if the group  $G$  is periodic and each element of  $G$  has odd order. Since each element of a finite group  $G$  has odd order if and only if the group  $G$  has odd order, Proposition 1.2 implies the following characterization of superextensions of finite cyclic semigroups that have right zeros.

**Theorem 1.** *The superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  of a finite cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$  has a right zero if and only if the period  $m$  of the cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$  is an odd number.*

**Proposition 1.3.** *The superextension of the infinite cyclic semigroup has neither right nor left zeros.*

*Proof.* Let  $\langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^n \dots\}$  be the infinite cyclic semigroup and  $\mathcal{M} \in \lambda(\langle a \rangle)$ . First observe that if  $\langle a \rangle = A \cup B$  is any partition of the set  $\langle a \rangle$ , then either  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  or  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ . Indeed, if  $A \notin \mathcal{M}$ , then  $M \cap B \neq \emptyset$  for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ , and thus the maximality of  $\mathcal{M}$  implies that  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ . Consider the partition  $\langle a \rangle = A \cup B$ , where  $A = \{a, a^3, \dots, a^{2k-1}, \dots\}$ ,  $B = \{a^2, a^4, \dots, a^{2k}, \dots\}$ . Assume that a maximal linked system  $\mathcal{M}$  is a right (left) zero of the semigroup  $\langle a \rangle$ . Then for any  $x \in \langle a \rangle$  we have  $\langle \{x\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}$  ( $\mathcal{M} \circ \langle \{x\} \rangle = \mathcal{M}$ ), and therefore  $xM \in \mathcal{M}$  ( $Mx \in \mathcal{M}$ ) for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $B = aA = Aa \in \mathcal{M}$ , that is impossible, since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . By analogy, if  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $A \supset aB = Ba \in \mathcal{M}$ . This contradiction implies that the superextension of the infinite cyclic semigroup contains neither right nor left zeros.  $\square$

It was proved in [1] that for the semigroup  $\lambda(G)$  has a (left) zero if and only if a group  $G$  is of order  $|G| \in \{1, 3, 5\}$ .

Consequently, Proposition 1.2 implies the following characterization of superextensions of finite cyclic semigroups that have (left) zeros.

**Theorem 2.** *The superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  of a cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$  has a (left) zero if and only if  $m \in \{1, 3, 5\}$ .*

Now we shall characterize cyclic semigroups whose superextensions have one-point minimal left ideals.

If  $C_{r,m}$  is a finite cyclic semigroup of odd period  $m$  and  $C_m$  is the maximal subgroup of  $C_{r,m}$ , then the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  contains a right zero, in particular the maximal linked system

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle A \subset C_m : |A| > m/2 \rangle$$

is a right zero of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$ . A maximal linked system  $\mathcal{Z} \in \lambda(C_{r,m})$  is a right zero of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  if and only if the one-point set  $\{\mathcal{Z}\}$  is a minimal left ideal of  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$ . Taking into account that all minimal left ideals are isomorphic and the union  $K(\lambda(C_{r,m}))$  of all minimal left ideals in  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  coincides with the minimal ideal of  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  (see [11, Theorem 2.8]), Theorem 1 and Proposition 1.3 imply the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** *A finite cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$  has odd period  $m$  if and only if all minimal left ideals of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  are singletons. In this case the minimal ideal  $K(\lambda(C_{r,m}))$  of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is the subsemigroup of right zeros of  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$ . The infinite cyclic semigroup has no one-point minimal left (right) ideals.*

## 2 COMMUTATIVITY OF SUPEREXTENSIONS OF CYCLIC SEMIGROUPS

**Theorem 4.** *A finite cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m} = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^r, \dots, a^{m+r-1} | a^{r+m} = a^r\}$  of order  $m + r - 1$  has commutative superextension if and only if*

$$(r, m) \in \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1)\}.$$

*The superextension of the infinite cyclic semigroup is not commutative.*

*Proof.* It was proved in the paper [1] that the superextension of a group  $G$  is commutative if and only if  $|G| \leq 4$ . Since for  $m > 4$  the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  contains a noncommutative subsemigroup  $\lambda(C_m)$ ,  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is not commutative. So it is sufficient to consider only cyclic semigroups of period  $m \leq 4$ .

If index  $r = 1$ , then  $C_{r,m}$  is a cyclic group of order  $m$ , and thus for  $r = 1$  the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is commutative if and only if  $m \leq 4$ .

If  $|C_{r,m}| \in \{1, 2\}$ , then the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is isomorphic to the semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ , and  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is commutative. In the case  $|C_{r,m}| = 3$  the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  contains only one maximal linked system, which is not a principal ultrafilter. Since all principal ultrafilters commute with maximal linked systems, the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is commutative.

It follows that for

$$(r, m) \in \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}$$

the superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  is commutative.

If  $r = 2$ ,  $m \in \{3, 4\}$ , then the product  $xy$  of any two elements  $x, y \in C_{r,m}$  is contained in the maximal subgroup  $C_m$ , and thus  $xy = \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$ , where  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$  is the retraction  $\varphi : s \rightarrow es$ . Since superextensions of groups of order 3 and 4 are commutative,

$\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} = \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{A}) \circ \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{B}) = \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{B}) \circ \lambda\varphi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$  for any  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \lambda(C_{r,m})$ . Consequently, the semigroups  $\lambda(C_{2,3})$  and  $\lambda(C_{2,4})$  are commutative.

Let  $r = 3$ . The case  $m = 1$  was considered before.

For the semigroup  $C_{3,2} = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4 | a^5 = a^3\}$  the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{3,2})$  contains 12 elements:

$$\mathcal{U}_k = \langle \{a^k\} \rangle, \quad \Delta_k = \langle A \subset C_{3,2} : |A| = 2, a^k \notin A \rangle$$

and

$$\square_k = \langle C_{3,2} \setminus \{a^k\}, A : A \subset C_{3,2}, |A| = 2, a^k \in A \rangle, \text{ where } k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

The following table implies the commutativity of  $\lambda(C_{3,2})$ :

$\circ$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_3$	$\Delta_4$	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$
$\Delta_2$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$
$\Delta_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$
$\Delta_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$
$\square_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$
$\square_2$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$
$\square_3$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\Delta_1$	$\mathcal{U}_3$
$\square_4$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$	$\mathcal{U}_3$	$\mathcal{U}_4$

If  $m \in \{3, 4\}$ , then  $C_{3,m} = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{m+2} | a^{m+3} = a^3\}$ . Consider maximal linked systems  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^3\}, \{a^2, a^3\} \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \langle \{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^{m+1}\}, \{a^2, a^{m+1}\} \rangle$ . Observe that  $\{a^2, a^3\} = a\{a, a^2\} \cup a^2\{a, a^{m+1}\} \in \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}$ , but  $\{a^2, a^3\} \notin \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$  and the semigroup  $C_{3,m}$  is not commutative.

Let  $r \geq 4$ . First consider the case of the semigroup  $C_{4,1} = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4 | a^5 = a^4\}$ . Each maximal linked system different from the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{a\} \rangle$  contains the set  $\{a^2, a^3, a^4\}$ .

Since  $\{a^2, a^3, a^4\}\{a^2, a^3, a^4\} = \{a^4\}$ , the product of such maximal linked systems is the principal ultrafilter  $\langle\{a^4\}\rangle$ . The fact that the principal ultrafilter  $\langle\{a\}\rangle$  commutes with all maximal linked systems implies the commutativity of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{4,1})$ .

Put  $\mathcal{A} = \langle\{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^3\}, \{a^2, a^3\}\rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \langle\{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^{m+r-2}\}, \{a^2, a^{m+r-2}\}\rangle$ . We have that  $\{a^3, a^4\} = a\{a^2, a^3\} \cup a^2\{a, a^2\} \in \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$ , but  $\{a^3, a^4\} \notin \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}$ , since the equality  $a^{m+r+1} = a^4$  holds only if  $r = 4$  and  $m = 1$ , which we considered before. Consequently,  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$  and a semigroup  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  for  $(r, m) \neq (4, 1)$  is not commutative.

Let  $\langle a \rangle = \{a, \dots, a^n, \dots\}$  be the infinite cyclic semigroup. Put  $\mathcal{A} = \langle\{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^3\}, \{a^2, a^3\}\rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \langle\{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^4\}, \{a^2, a^4\}\rangle$ . Let us observe that  $\{a^3, a^4\} = a\{a^2, a^3\} \cup a^2\{a, a^2\} \in \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$ , but  $\{a^3, a^4\} \notin \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$  and the semigroup  $\lambda(\langle a \rangle)$  is not commutative.  $\square$

### 3 RIGHT (LEFT) CANCELABLE ELEMENTS

In this section we shall detect right (left) cancelable elements of superextensions of cyclic semigroups.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The superextension  $\lambda(C_{r,m})$  has (left, right) cancelable elements if and only if index  $r$  of a cyclic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$  is equal to 1.*

*Proof.* Let  $r > 1$  and  $a$  be the generator of a semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ . Consider the map  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$ ,  $\varphi : x \rightarrow ex$ , where  $e$  is the neutral element of the cyclic group  $C_m$ . According to Lemma 1.3 this map is a retraction. Since  $a^{r-1}x \in C_m = \{a^r, \dots, a^{r+m-1}\}$  for any  $x \in C_{r,m}$ ,  $a^{r-1}x = \varphi(a^{r-1}x) = \varphi(a^{r-1})\varphi(x)$ . On the other hand, since  $C_m$  is an ideal of  $C_{r,m}$ ,  $\varphi(a^{r-1})x \in C_m$  and  $\varphi(a^{r-1})x = \varphi(\varphi(a^{r-1})x) = \varphi(\varphi(a^{r-1}))\varphi(x) = \varphi(a^{r-1})\varphi(x)$ . Consequently,  $\varphi(a^{r-1})x = a^{r-1}x$  for any  $x \in C_{r,m}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a maximal linked system on a semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ . Then we obtain  $\langle\{a^{r-1}\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \langle\bigcup_{a \in \{a^{r-1}\}} a * M_a : \{M_a\}_{a \in L} \subset \mathcal{M}\rangle = \langle a^{r-1}M : M \in \mathcal{M}\rangle = \langle\varphi(a^{r-1})M : M \in \mathcal{M}\rangle = \langle\{\varphi(a^{r-1})\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M} \circ \langle\{a^{r-1}\}\rangle = \langle\bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{M}} a * \{a^{r-1}\} : M \in \mathcal{M}\rangle = \langle Ma^{r-1} : M \in \mathcal{M}\rangle = \langle M\varphi(a^{r-1}) : M \in \mathcal{M}\rangle = \mathcal{M} \circ \langle\{\varphi(a^{r-1})\}\rangle$ . Since  $a^{r-1} \neq \varphi(a^{r-1})$ , the maximal linked system  $\mathcal{M}$  is neither left nor right cancelable.

If  $r = 1$ , then a cyclic semigroup  $C_{1,m} = C_m$  is a group. Let  $e$  be the neutral element of the group  $C_m$ . Then  $\langle\{e\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M} \circ \langle\{e\}\rangle$  for any  $\mathcal{M} \in \lambda(C_m)$ , and equalities  $\mathcal{X} \circ \langle\{e\}\rangle = \mathcal{Y} \circ \langle\{e\}\rangle$ ,  $\langle\{e\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{X} = \langle\{e\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{Y}$  imply that  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y}$ . Consequently, the principal ultrafilter  $\langle\{e\}\rangle$  is a cancelable element of the semigroup  $\lambda(C_{1,m})$ .  $\square$

If  $G$  is a group, then the formula

$$\mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{M} = \left\langle \bigcup_{a \in L} a * M_a : L \in \mathcal{L}, \{M_a\}_{a \in L} \subset \mathcal{M} \right\rangle$$

implies that the product  $\mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{M}$  of any two maximal linked systems  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a principal ultrafilter if and only if both  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  are principal ultrafilters. Therefore, we deduce the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.** *For a group  $G$  the set  $\lambda(G) \setminus \{\langle\{g\}\rangle : g \in G\}$  is an ideal in  $\lambda(G)$ .*

**Lemma 3.1.** *A semigroup  $S$  is a left (right) cancellative semigroup if and only if all principal ultrafilters are left (right) cancelable elements in the superextension  $\lambda(S)$ .*

*Proof.* If an element  $a \in S$  is not left (right) cancelable in the semigroup  $S$ , then it is clear that the principal ultrafilter generated by the element  $a$  is not cancelable in  $\lambda(S)$ .

Let  $S$  be a left (right) cancellative semigroup,  $a \in S$  and  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \lambda(S)$ ,  $\mathcal{X} \neq \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$  for some  $X \in \mathcal{X}, Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ . Since each element of  $S$  is left (right) cancelable, then  $aX \cap aY = \emptyset$  ( $Xa \cap Ya = \emptyset$ ), and thus  $\langle \{a\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{X} \neq \langle \{a\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{Y}$  ( $\mathcal{X} \circ \langle \{a\} \rangle \neq \mathcal{Y} \circ \langle \{a\} \rangle$ ). Consequently, the left  $l_{\langle \{a\} \rangle}$  (right  $r_{\langle \{a\} \rangle}$ ) shift is injective and the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{a\} \rangle$  is left (right) cancelable.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *An element  $\mathcal{M} \in \lambda(C_{1,m})$  is left (right) cancelable if and only if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a principal ultrafilter.*

*Proof.* Since in any group, in particular in the cyclic group  $C_{1,m}$ , all elements are cancelable, according to Lemma 3.1 all principal ultrafilters are right cancelable in the superextension  $\lambda(C_{1,m})$ .

Assume that some maximal linked system  $\mathcal{M} \in \lambda(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{ \langle \{g\} \rangle : g \in C_{1,m} \}$  is left cancelable. This means that the left shift  $l_{\mathcal{M}} : \lambda(C_{1,m}) \rightarrow \lambda(C_{1,m})$ ,  $l_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{A}$ , is injective. According to Proposition 3.2, the set  $\lambda(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{ \langle \{g\} \rangle : g \in C_{1,m} \}$  is an ideal in  $\lambda(C_{1,m})$ . Consequently,  $l_{\mathcal{M}}(\lambda(C_{1,m})) = \mathcal{M} \circ \lambda(C_{1,m}) \subset \lambda(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{ \langle \{g\} \rangle : g \in C_{1,m} \}$ . Since  $\lambda(C_{1,m})$  is finite,  $l_{\mathcal{M}}$  cannot be injective.

For the right cancelable elements the proof is analogous.  $\square$

Since the infinite cyclic semigroup is a cancellative semigroup, then Lemma 3.1 implies the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.4.** *All principal ultrafilters are cancelable elements in the superextension of the infinite cyclic semigroup.*

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $S$  be the infinite cyclic semigroup and  $\mathcal{L} \in \lambda(S)$ . A maximal linked system  $\mathcal{L}$  is right cancelable in  $\lambda(S)$  provided for every  $s \in S$  there is a set  $L_s \in \mathcal{L}$  such that the family  $\{s * L_s : s \in S\}$  is disjoint.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\{L_s\}_{s \in S} \subset \mathcal{L}$  is a family such that  $\{s * L_s : s \in S\}$  is disjoint. To prove that  $\mathcal{L}$  is right cancelable, take two maximal linked systems  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \lambda(S)$  with  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{L}$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$ . Take any set  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and observe that the set  $\bigcup_{a \in A} a * L_a$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{L}$ . Consequently, there is a set  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and a family of sets  $\{M_b\}_{b \in B} \subset \mathcal{L}$  such that

$$\bigcup_{b \in B} b * M_b \subset \bigcup_{a \in A} a * L_a.$$

It follows from  $L_b \in \mathcal{L}$  that  $M_b \cap L_b$  is not empty for every  $b \in B$ .

Since the sets  $a * L_a$  i  $b * L_b$  are disjoint for different  $a, b \in S$ , the inclusion

$$\bigcup_{b \in B} b * (M_b \cap L_b) \subset \bigcup_{b \in B} b * M_b \subset \bigcup_{a \in A} a * L_a$$

implies  $B \subset A$  and hence  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ .  $\square$

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