

## SEMIGROUPS OF CENTERED UPFAMILIES ON FINITE MONOGENIC SEMIGROUPS

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### Abstract

Given a finite monogenic semigroup  $S$ , we study the minimal ideal, the center, left cancelable, and right cancelable elements of the extension  $N_{<\omega}(S)$  consisting of centered upfamilies on  $S$  and characterize monogenic semigroups whose extensions are commutative.

### 1. Introduction

This paper is devoted to describing the structure of extensions  $N_{<\omega}(S)$  of monogenic semigroups  $S$ . The thorough study of various extensions of semigroups was started in [11] and continued in [1]-[8], [12]-[15]. The largest among these extensions is the semigroup  $\nu(S)$  of all upfamilies on  $S$ . A family  $\mathcal{M}$  of nonempty subsets of a set  $X$  is called an *upfamily* if for each set  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  any subset  $B \supset A$  of  $X$  belongs to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Each family  $\mathcal{B}$  of nonempty subsets of  $X$  generates the upfamily

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$\langle B \subset X : B \in \mathcal{B} \rangle = \{A \subset X : \exists B \in \mathcal{B}(B \subset A)\}$ . An upfamily  $\mathcal{F}$  that is closed under taking 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  $\mathcal{U}$ . The family  $\beta(X)$  of all ultrafilters on a set  $X$  is called the *Stone-Čech compactification* of  $X$  (see [16], [19]). An ultrafilter  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$ , generated by a singleton  $\{x\}$ ,  $x \in X$ , is called *principal*. Identifying each point  $x \in X$  with the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$  we obtain the inclusions  $X \subset \beta(X) \subset v(X)$ . It was shown in [11] that any associative binary operation  $*$  :  $S \times S \rightarrow S$  can be extended to an associative binary operation  $\circ$  :  $v(S) \times v(S) \rightarrow v(S)$  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 upfamilies  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in v(S)$ . In this case, the Stone-Čech compactification  $\beta(S)$  is a subsemigroup of the semigroup  $v(S)$ . The semigroup  $v(S)$  contains many other important extensions of  $S$ . In particular, it contains the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(S)$  of centered upfamilies. An upfamily  $\mathcal{L} \in v(S)$  is called *centered* if  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$  for any finite subfamily  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{L}$ .

Each map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces the map

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

see [10].

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 [16, Theorem 2.8]. A semigroup  $(S, *)$  is said to be a *right zero 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  $S$  onto 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 elements  $x, y \in S$  the equality  $ax = ay$  (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*. By definition, the *center* of a semigroup  $S$  is the set  $C(S) = \{a \in S : \forall s \in S (sa = as)\}$ .

A semigroup  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  generated by a single element  $a$  is called *monogenic* or *cyclic*. If a monogenic semigroup is infinite, then it is isomorphic to the additive semigroup  $\mathbb{N}$ . A finite monogenic semigroup  $S = \langle a \rangle$  also has very simple structure (see [9]). There are positive integer numbers  $r$  and  $m$  called the *index* and the *period* of  $S$  such that

- $S = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{m+r-1}\}$  and  $m + r - 1 = |S|$ ;
- for any  $i, j \in \omega$  the equality  $a^{r+i} = a^{r+j}$  holds if and only if  $i \equiv j \pmod{m}$ ;
- $C_m = \{a^r, a^{r+1}, \dots, a^{m+r-1}\}$  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 monogenic semigroup of index  $r$  and period  $m$ , and maximal subgroup of  $C_{r,m}$  is denoted by  $C_m$ .

## 2. Homomorphisms, Zeros and Minimal Ideals

**Proposition 2.1.** *For any homomorphism  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  between semigroups  $(S, *_1)$  and  $(T, *_2)$  the induced map  $N_{<\omega}\varphi : N_{<\omega}(S) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(T)$  is a homomorphism of the semigroups  $(N_{<\omega}(S), \circ_1)$  and  $(N_{<\omega}(T), \circ_2)$ .*

**Proof.** Given two centered upfamilies  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M} \in N_{<\omega}(S)$  observe that

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

□

Let us note that for a subsemigroup  $T$  of a semigroup  $S$  the homomorphism  $i : N_{<\omega}(T) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(S)$ ,  $i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_S$  is injective, and thus we can identify the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(T)$  with the subsemigroup  $i(N_{<\omega}(T)) \subset N_{<\omega}(S)$ . Therefore, for each family  $\mathcal{B}$  of nonempty subsets of  $T$ , we identify the upfamilies

$$\langle \mathcal{B} \rangle_T = \{A \in T \mid \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (B \subset A)\} \in N_{<\omega}(T),$$

and

$$\langle \mathcal{B} \rangle_S = \{A \in S \mid \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (B \subset A)\} \in N_{<\omega}(S).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . If a map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  is a retraction, then the map  $N_{<\omega}\varphi : N_{<\omega}(S) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(I)$  is a retraction too.*

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

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

**Lemma 2.3.** *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  $y \in C_m$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *For each finite monogenic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ , the centered upfamily  $\langle C_m \rangle$  is the zero of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$  be the retraction from Lemma 2.3. Since  $xF \supset xC_m = \varphi(x)C_m = C_m$  for each  $x \in C_{r,m}$  and  $F \in \langle C_m \rangle$ , then  $xF \in \langle C_m \rangle$  and  $\langle C_m \rangle$  is a right zero according to Proposition 1 from [15].

We shall show that  $\langle C_m \rangle$  is a left zero, that is  $\langle C_m \rangle \circ \mathcal{A} = \langle C_m \rangle$  for each  $\mathcal{A} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ . Since  $C_m \mathcal{A} = C_m \varphi(\mathcal{A}) = C_m$  for  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\langle C_m \rangle \subset \langle C_m \rangle \circ \mathcal{A}$ . If  $M \in \langle C_m \rangle \circ \mathcal{A}$ , then  $M \supset \bigcup_{g \in C_m} g A_g, \{A_g\}_{g \in C_m} \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a centered upfamily and  $C_m$  is finite, then there exists  $a \in \bigcap_{g \in C_m} A_g$ . Therefore,  $M \supset \bigcup_{g \in C_m} g \{a\} = C_m a = C_m \varphi(a) = C_m$  and  $M \in \langle C_m \rangle$ .  $\square$

Since an element  $z$  of a semigroup  $S$  is a zero in  $S$  if and only if the singleton  $\{z\}$  is an ideal in  $S$ , Proposition 2.4 implies the following:

**Proposition 2.5.** *The minimal ideal of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  is singleton, that is  $K(N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})) = \{\langle C_m \rangle\}$ .*

### 3. Commutativity and the Center

**Theorem 3.1.** *A finite monogenic semigroup  $C_{r,m} = \{a, \dots, a^r, \dots, a^{m+r-1} | a^{r+m} = a^r\}$  of order  $m+r-1$  has commutative extension  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  if and only if*

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

**Proof.** It was proved in the paper [15] that the extension  $N_{<\omega}(G)$  of a group  $G$  is commutative if and only if  $|G| \leq 2$ . Since for  $m > 2$ , the extension  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  contains a noncommutative subsemigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_m)$ , then  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  is not commutative. So it is sufficient to consider only finite monogenic semigroups of period  $m \leq 2$ .

If index  $r = 1$ , then  $C_{r,m}$  is a cyclic group of order  $m$ , and thus for  $r = 1$ , the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  is commutative if and only if  $m \leq 2$ .

If  $r = 2$ ,  $m \in \{1, 2\}$ , then the product  $xy$  of any two elements of  $C_{r,m}$  is contained in the maximal subgroup  $xy \in C_m$ , 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 extensions  $N_{<\omega}(G)$  of groups  $G$  of order 1 and 2 are commutative and the map  $N_{<\omega}\varphi : N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m}) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(C_m)$  is a retraction according to Proposition 2.2, then

$$\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} = N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{A}) \circ N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{B}) = N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{B}) \circ N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A},$$

for any  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ . Consequently, the semigroups  $N_{<\omega}(C_{2,1})$  and  $N_{<\omega}(C_{2,2})$  are commutative.

Consider the semigroup  $C_{3,1} = \{a, a^2, a^3 : a^4 = a^3\}$ . The semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{3,1})$  contains 10 elements.

Let us introduce the notation

$$|_y^x = |_x^y = \langle \{x, y\} \rangle, \quad \forall_x = \{F \subset C_{3,1} : |F| \geq 2, x \in F\}.$$

Also the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{e\} \rangle$  and the upfamily  $\{C_{3,1}\}$  are identified with  $e$  and  $C_{3,1}$ , respectively.

The following Cayley table implies the commutativity of  $N_{<\omega}(C_{3,1})$ .

$\circ$	$a$	$a^2$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^2}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$\vee_a$	$\vee_{a^2}$	$\vee_{a^3}$	$C_{3,1}$
$a$	$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$
$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$
$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$
$ _{a^2}^{a^2}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$
$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$
$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$
$\vee_a$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$
$\vee_{a^2}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$
$\vee_{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^3$
$C_{3,1}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$	$a^3$	$a^3$	$ _{a^2}^{a^3}$

Consider the semigroup  $C_{3,2} = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4 : a^5 = a^3\}$  and centered upfamilies  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \{a, a^2\} \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \langle \{a, a^2\}, \{a, a^3\} \rangle$  of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{3,2})$ . Since

$$\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} = \langle \{a^2, a^3\} \rangle \neq \langle \{a^2, a^3, a^4\} \rangle = \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A},$$

then the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{3,2})$  is not commutative.

Let  $r \geq 4$ . Consider centered upfamilies  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \{a, a^2\} \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \langle \{a, a^2\}, \{a^2, a^3\} \rangle$ . We have that  $a^3 \notin a\{a, a^3\} \cup a^2\{a^2, a^3\} \in \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}$ , but  $a^3 \in F$  for any  $F \in \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}$  and for each  $r \geq 4$  a semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  is not commutative.  $\square$



Let us study the center of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ . Since monogenic semigroups are commutative, 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 center  $C(N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m}))$  of a semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  contains all principal ultrafilters. It was shown in [15] that  $C(N_{<\omega}(G)) = \{\langle\{g\}\rangle : g \in G\} \cup \{\langle G \rangle\}$  for a finite Abelian group  $G$ , that is the center  $C(N_{<\omega}(G))$  of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(G)$  is isomorphic to  $G^0$ . Therefore,  $C(N_{<\omega}(C_m)) \cong (C_m)^0$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\varphi : S \rightarrow I$  be a retraction of a semigroup  $S$  on an ideal  $I$ . If  $a \in C(S)$ , then  $\varphi(a) \in C(I)$ .*

**Proof.** Indeed, for any  $x \in I$ , we have

$$\varphi(a)x = \varphi(a)\varphi(x) = \varphi(ax) = \varphi(xa) = \varphi(x)\varphi(a) = x\varphi(a).$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** *For each finite monogenic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ , the center of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  contains centered upfamilies that are neither principal ultrafilters nor the zero of  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ . The center of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{2,m})$  contains  $m + 5$  elements.*

**Proof.** Since by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.2 the maps  $\varphi : C_{r,m} \rightarrow C_m$ ,  $\varphi(x) = ex$  and  $N_{<\omega}\varphi : N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m}) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(C_m)$  are retractions and  $\langle C_m \rangle$  is the zero of  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  and  $N_{<\omega}(C_m)$ , then Lemma 3.2 implies that

$$C(N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})) \subset (N_{<\omega}\varphi)^{-1}(\{\langle\{g\}\rangle : g \in C_m\} \cup \{\langle C_m \rangle\}).$$

Let  $a$  be a generator of a semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ . Consider elements  $a^{r-1}$  and  $\varphi(a^{r-1}) = ea^{r-1} \neq a^{r-1}$ . We claim that centered upfamilies  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \{a^{r-1}, ea^{r-1}\} \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \langle \{a^{r-1}\} \cup C_m \rangle$ , and  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \{a^{r-1}\} \cup C_m \setminus \{ea^{r-1}\} \rangle$  are central elements of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ .

Indeed, since  $a^{r-1}x \in C_m = \{a^r, \dots, a^{r+m-1}\}$  for each  $x \in C_{r,m}$ , then  $a^{r-1}x = \varphi(a^{r-1}x) = \varphi(a^{r-1})\varphi(x)$ . On the other hand, since  $C_m$  is an ideal of  $C_{r,m}$ , then  $\varphi(a^{r-1})x \in C_m$  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  $x \in C_{r,m}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{M} &= \langle \{\varphi(a^{r-1})\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M} \circ \langle \{\varphi(a^{r-1})\} \rangle = \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{A}, \\ \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{M} &= \langle C_m \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M} \circ \langle C_m \rangle = \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{B}, \\ \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{M} &= \langle C_m \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M} \circ \langle C_m \rangle = \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{C}, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\mathcal{M} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  and thus  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \in C(N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m}))$ .

Consider the finite monogenic semigroup  $C_{2,m} = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{m+1} \mid a^{m+2} = a^2\}$ . In this case,  $xy \in C_m$  for any  $x, y \in C_{2,m}$  and thus  $\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B} = N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{A}) \circ N_{<\omega}\varphi(\mathcal{B})$  for any  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{2,m})$ . It is easy to see that  $e = a^m$  is the identity element of the maximal subgroup  $C_m = C_{2,m} \setminus \{a\}$ . Since  $\varphi(a) = ea = a^m a = a^{m+1}$ , then  $a^{m+1}$  is the unique element whose preimage under retraction  $\varphi : C_{2,m} \rightarrow C_m$  is not a singleton. Therefore,

$$C(N_{<\omega}(C_{2,m})) = \{\langle \{a, a^{m+1}\} \rangle, \langle C_m \rangle, \langle C_{2,m} \rangle, \langle C_{2,m} \setminus \{a^{m+1}\} \rangle, \langle \{g\} \rangle : g \in C_{2,m}\}.$$

□

**Problem 3.4.** Given a monogenic semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ ,  $r > 2$ , describe the center of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$ .

#### 4. Right and Left Cancelable Elements

In this section, we shall detect right and left cancelable elements of extensions  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  of finite monogenic semigroups  $C_{r,m}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *The extension  $N_{<\omega}(C_{r,m})$  has (left, right) cancelable elements if and only if the index  $r$  of a monogenic 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  $C_m$ . As we showed in the proof of Theorem 3.3,  $\varphi(a^{r-1})x = a^{r-1}x$  for any  $x \in C_{r,m}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a centered upfamily on a semigroup  $C_{r,m}$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \{a^{r-1}\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} &= \left\langle \bigcup_{a \in \{a^{r-1}\}} a * M_a : \{M_a\}_{a \in \{a^{r-1}\}} \subset \mathcal{M} \right\rangle = \langle a^{r-1}M : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi(a^{r-1})M : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle = \langle \varphi(a^{r-1}) \rangle \circ \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M} \circ \langle \{a^{r-1}\} \rangle = \\ &= \left\langle \bigcup_{a \in M} a * \{a^{r-1}\} : M \in \mathcal{M} \right\rangle = \langle Ma^{r-1} : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle = \langle M\varphi(a^{r-1}) : M \in \mathcal{M} \rangle \\ &= \mathcal{M} \circ \langle \{\varphi(a^{r-1})\} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a^{r-1} \neq \varphi(a^{r-1})$ , the centered upfamily  $\mathcal{M}$  is neither left nor right cancelable.

If  $r = 1$ , then a monogenic 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  $\mathcal{M} \in N_{<\omega}(C_m)$ , and equalities  $\chi \circ \langle \{e\} \rangle = \mathcal{Y} \circ \langle \{e\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{e\} \rangle \circ \chi = \langle \{e\} \rangle \circ \mathcal{Y}$  imply that  $\chi = \mathcal{Y}$ . Consequently, the principal ultrafilter  $\langle \{e\} \rangle$  is a cancelable element of the semigroup  $N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$ .  $\square$

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 centered upfamilies  $\mathcal{L}$  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 4.2.** *For a group  $G$ , the set  $N_{<\omega}(G) \setminus \{\langle\{g\}\rangle : g \in G\}$  is an ideal in  $N_{<\omega}(G)$ .*

**Lemma 4.3.** *A semigroup  $S$  is a left (right) cancellative semigroup if and only if all principal ultrafilters are left (right) cancelable elements in the extension  $N_{<\omega}(S)$ .*

**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 left (right) cancelable in  $N_{<\omega}(S)$ .

Let  $S$  be a left (right) cancellative semigroup,  $a \in S$  and  $\chi, \mathcal{Y} \in N_{<\omega}(S)$ ,  $\chi \neq \mathcal{Y}$ , then without loss of generality we can assume that  $X \in \chi \setminus \mathcal{Y}$  for some  $X \in \chi$ . Therefore,  $(S \setminus X) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$  for any  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ . Since each element of  $S$  is left (right) cancelable, then  $(S \setminus aX) \cap aY \neq \emptyset$  ( $(S \setminus Xa) \cap Ya \neq \emptyset$ ), and thus  $\langle\{a\}\rangle \circ \chi \neq \langle\{a\}\rangle \circ \mathcal{Y}$  ( $\chi \circ \langle\{a\}\rangle \neq \mathcal{Y} \circ \langle\{a\}\rangle$ ). 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 4.4.** *An element  $\mathcal{M} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$  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, then all principal ultrafilters are cancelable in the extension  $N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$  according to Lemma 4.3.

Assume that some centered upfamily  $\mathcal{M} \in N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{\{g\} : g \in C_{1,m}\}$  is left cancelable. This means that the left shift  $l_{\mathcal{M}} : N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m}) \rightarrow N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$ ,  $l_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{A}$ , is injective. According to Proposition 4.2, the set  $N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{\{g\} : g \in C_{1,m}\}$  is an ideal in  $N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$ . Consequently,  $l_{\mathcal{M}}(N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})) = \mathcal{M} \circ N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m}) \subset N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m}) \setminus \{\{g\} : g \in C_{1,m}\}$ . Since  $N_{<\omega}(C_{1,m})$  is finite,  $l_{\mathcal{M}}$  cannot be injective.

For the right cancelable elements the proof is analogous. □

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