

**$n$ -SEMIGROUPS WITH IDEMPOTENTS IN WHICH  
ALL  $n$ -SUBSEMIGROUPS ARE LEFT IDEALS**

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**Introduction.** An  $n$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be  $\lambda$ - $n$ -semigroup if and only if all  $n$ -subsemigroups of  $S$  are left ideals of  $S$ . In [3] we have established some general properties of  $\lambda$ - $n$ -semigroups. In this article we shall give a description of the structure of  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroups, i.e.  $\lambda$ - $n$ -semigroups with idempotents.

**1. The structure of unipotent  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroups.** Let  $S$  be a unipotent  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup with  $e$  as its idempotent and let  $[\emptyset]$  denotes the operation in  $S$ . If we put  $A = \{x \in S \mid x^{n+1} \neq e\}$ ,  $B = \{x \in S \mid x \neq e, x = y^{n+1}, y \in S\}$ ,  $T = \{x \in S \mid x \neq e, x^{n+1} = e, x = y^{n+1} \text{ for no } y \in S\}$  and  $R = T \cup \{e\}$ , then  $S$  will be equal to the union of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $R$ . So, taking into account Theorem 2, (i), of [3], we have the following.

**Lemma 1.**  $S = A \cup B \cup R$  where the union is disjoint and  $R$  is a left ideal in  $S$ . ■

As in [3], we call  $R$  the reduced unipotent  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -subsemigroup of  $S$ .

If we put  $g(x) = x^{n+1}$ ,  $x \in A$ , then by the definitions of  $A$  and  $B$  given above we obtain that.

$$(1) \quad g: A \rightarrow B \text{ is a surjection.}$$

Let  $Q = A \cup T$  and let us put  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 1$  when  $[x_0 x_1 \dots x_n] \neq e$  and  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  when  $[x_0 x_1 \dots x_n] = e$ ,  $x_j \in Q$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $x_n \in A$ . Then  $f$  will be a well-defined mapping from  $Q^n \times A$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  such that

$$(2) \quad f(a, a, \dots, a) = 1, \quad a \in A.$$

Let  $f$  be defined on  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and let for some  $x_j$ ,  $x_j = [y_1 \dots y_n x_j]$  where  $y_i \in R \setminus \{e\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ; by Lemma 7 of [3]  $x_j \in R \setminus \{e\}$ , so  $j \neq n$  since  $x_n \in A$ . For the same reason, there is no product of the form  $[\dots x_n]$  which is equal to  $x_n$ . So, by Lemma 5 of [3], there are

two possibilities for  $p = [y_{n-j+1} \cdots x_j \cdots x_n]$ :  $p = e$  or  $x_n^{n+1}$ . If  $p = e$ , then  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = [x_0 \cdots x_{j-1} y_1 \cdots y_{n-j} p] = e$  ([3] (1) and so  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . If  $p = x_n^{n+1}$ , then  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = [[x_0 \cdots x_{j-1} y_1 \cdots y_{n-j} x_n \cdots x_n] = [e x_n \cdots x_n]$  or  $[(x_n^{n+1}) x_n \cdots x_n]$  and in both cases  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e$  ([3], Theorem 2 (iii)). This proves the following property of  $f$ :

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \text{ if } f \text{ is defined on } (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \text{and if } x_j &= [y_1 \cdots y_n x_j] \text{ for some } j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \text{ where} \\ y_i &\in R \setminus \{e\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

From the definitions of  $f$  and  $g$  it follows that  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = g(x_n)$  if  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$  and  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e$  if  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . Let us suppose that  $f$  is not defined on  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and that at least one  $x_j$  is not in  $R$ . If  $x_k = e$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , then by Theorem 2 of [3] it follows that  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e$ . If all  $x_j$  are different from  $e$ , then we have the following two subclasses to consider: (i)  $x_n \notin A$ , or (ii)  $x_i \in B$  for some  $i < n$ . Since not all  $x_j$  are in  $R$ ,  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] \neq x_n$  and if (i) is true, the  $x_n^{n+1} = e$  which implies that  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e$ . If (ii) is true, then  $x_i = y^{n+1}$  where  $y \notin R$  since on the contrary we would have that  $y^{n+1} = e = x_i$  which contradicts the choice of  $x_i$  as an element of  $B$ . Now,

$$[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = [x_0 \cdots x_{i-1} y \cdots y [y \cdots y x_{i+1} \cdots x_n]].$$

Since  $y \notin R$ ,  $[y \cdots y x_{i+1} \cdots x_n] \neq x_n$ ; if  $[y \cdots y x_{i+1} \cdots x_n] = e$  then

$$[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e, \text{ and if } [y \cdots y x_{i+1} \cdots x_n] = x_n^{n+1} \text{ then}$$

$$[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = [[x_0 \cdots x_{i-1} y \cdots y x_n] x_n \cdots x_n].$$

Again,  $y \notin R$  implies  $[x_0 \cdots x_{i-1} y \cdots y x_n] \neq x_n$  and in both cases,  $[x_0 \cdots x_{i-1} y \cdots y x_n] = e$  or  $x_n^{n+1}$  it follows that  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e$ . In summary we obtain,

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} [x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] &= g(x_n), \text{ if } f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1, [x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e \\ \text{in all other cases when } x_j &\notin R \setminus \{e\} \text{ for at least one } 0 \leq j \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $A, B$  and  $R$  be pairwise disjoint sets and let  $R$  be a reduced unipotent  $\bar{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup with  $e$  as its idempotent. Let  $f: Q^n \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  and  $g: A \rightarrow B$  be two mappings such that (1)–(3) hold, where  $Q = A \cup (R \setminus \{e\})$  and  $[\cdots]$  denotes the operation in  $R$ . If we define in  $S = A \cup B \cup R$  an  $(n+1)$ -ary operation  $(\cdots)$  by

$$(x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n) = \begin{cases} g(x_n) & \text{if } f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1 \\ [x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] & \text{if all } x_j \in R \\ e & \text{in all other cases,} \end{cases}$$

then  $S((\dots))$  becomes a unipotent  $\bar{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup. The proof of this statement follows from the following considerations.

Let  $x_j \in S$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2n$ . If all  $x_j \in R$ , then the associativity of  $(\dots)$  follows from the associativity of  $[\dots]$ . Let, for example,  $x_s \notin R$  and let us consider the „product“

$$p = (x_0 \cdots x_{i-1} (x_i \cdots x_{i+n}) x_{i+n+1} \cdots x_{2n})$$

where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  is arbitrary chosen. If  $i \leq s \leq i+n$ , then  $(x_i \cdots x_{i+n}) = g(x_{i+n}) \in B$  or  $(x_i \cdots x_{i+n}) = e$ , and in both cases  $f$  is not defined on  $(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, (x_i \cdots x_{i+n}), x_{i+n+1}, \dots, x_{2n})$ , so  $p = e$ . Let  $i > s$  or  $i+n < s$  and let us put  $(x_i \cdots x_{i+n}) = y$ . According to the previous, we have to consider only the case  $y = x_{i+n} \neq e$ ; we take that all  $x_{i+k}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$  belong to  $R \setminus \{e\}$ , since on the contrary we will have the case already considered. But now, by (3), we have that  $f(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, y, x_{i+n+1}, \dots, x_{2n}) = 0$  and again  $p = e$ . This proves that  $S((\dots))$  is an  $n$ -semigroup.

The idempotent of  $R$  is an idempotent in  $S$ , too. If  $x \in S$  is an idempotent, and if  $x \in R$ , then  $x = e$  since  $R$  is unipotent; if  $x \notin R$ , then  $x = (x \cdots x) x \cdots x = e$ , as we saw above, and  $S$  is unipotent.

Let  $U$  be an  $n$ -subsemigroup of  $S$  and let  $x_j \in S$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$   $y \in U$ . Then  $z = (x_1 \cdots x_n y) = e$ ,  $y$  or  $g(y)$ . In the first two cases it is obvious that  $z \in \langle y \rangle \subseteq U$ . In the last one  $y \in A$ , so that  $f(y, y, \dots, y) = 1$ , and, by the definition of  $(\dots)$ , it follows that  $g(y) = (yy \cdots y)$  and again  $z \in \langle y \rangle$ . So,  $(S \cdots S U) \subseteq U$  which means that  $S$  is a  $\bar{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup. We shall call the  $n$ -semigroup  $S((\dots))$  an  $(A, B, R, f, g)$   $n$ -semigroup,  $S = (A, B, R, f, g)$ .

If we summarize the previous discussion, we obtain the following

**Theorem 1.** An  $n$ -semigroup  $S$  is a unipotent  $\bar{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup if and only if  $A = (S, B, R, f, g)$ . ■

Let us prove, now, the following

**Theorem 2.** Let  $h: S \rightarrow S'$  be a mapping, where  $S = (A, B, R, f, g)$  and  $S' = (A', B', R', f', g')$  are unipotent  $\bar{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroups. Then  $h$  is a homomorphism if and only if:

- (1)  $h|_R$  is a homomorphism from  $R$  to  $S'$ ;
- (2)  $h(R) \subseteq R' \cup B'$ ;
- (3)  $h(B) \subseteq B' \cup \{e'\}$ ;
- (4)  $h(g(x)) = g'(h(x))$  for all  $x \in h^{-1}(A')$
- (5)  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = f'(h(x_0), h(x_1), \dots, h(x_n))$  if  $x_n \in h^{-1}(A)$  and  $x_j \in h^{-1}(A' \cup (R' \setminus \{e'\}))$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ;

(6)  $f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  if  $x_n \in h^{-1}(A')$ ,  $x_j \in A \cup (R \setminus \{e\})$  for every  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and  $x_k \notin h^{-1}(A' \cup (R \setminus \{e'\}))$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ;

(7) if  $h(x) \notin A'$ , then  $h(x^{n+1}) = e'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $h$  be a homomorphism. (1) is obviously true. If  $h(e) = u$ , then  $u = h(e^{n+1}) = [h(e)]^{n+1} = u^{n+1}$ , so  $u \in S'$  is an idempotent. Since  $S'$  is unipotent,  $u = e'$ . Let  $z \in R$  and let  $h(z) = v$ ; then  $z^{n+1} = e$  implies  $v^{n+1} = e'$ , so  $v \notin A'$  which proves (2). If  $x \in B$ ,  $x = y^{n+1}$ , then  $h(x) = [h(y)]^{n+1} \subseteq B' \cup \{e'\}$ , so (3) is true. From (2) and (3) it follows that  $h^{-1}(A') \subseteq A$ . Now, it is easily seen that (4) is satisfied. By the presumptions in (5),  $f'$  is defined on  $(h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n))$ . We have seen that  $h^{-1}(A') \subseteq A$ ; similarly, taking into account that  $h(e) = e'$ , we have that  $h^{-1}(T') \subseteq A \cup T$ , where  $T = R \setminus \{e\}$ ,  $T' = R' \setminus \{e'\}$ . This implies that  $f$  is defined on  $(x_0, \dots, x_n)$ . If  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$ , then  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = e$  which implies that  $[h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n)] = e'$  and therefore,  $f'(h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n)) = 0$ . Now, let  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 1$ ; then  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = g(x_n)$  and according to (4), we have that  $[h(x_0) \cdots h(x_n)] = g'(h(x_n))$ , i.e.  $f'(h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n)) = 1$  which proves (5). If for some  $k$ ,  $x_k$  does not belong to  $h^{-1}(A' \cup T')$ , then  $f'$  will not be defined on  $(h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n))$ , so  $[h(x_0) \cdots h(x_n)] = e'$ . From the other presumptions in (6) it follows that  $f$  is defined on  $(x_0, \dots, x_n)$ . If  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 1$  then by (4) we would have that  $[h(x_0) \cdots h(x_n)] = g'(h(x_n)) \in B'$  which is impossible, and so it must be  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$  which means that (6) is true. Finally, if  $h(x) \notin A'$ , then  $f'$  will not be defined on  $(h(x), \dots, h(x))$ , so,  $[h(x) \cdots h(x)] = e'$ , i.e.  $h(x^{n+1}) = e'$ .

Conversely, let for the mapping  $h: S \rightarrow S'$  be satisfied the statements (1) — (7). Since  $S'$  is unipotent, from (1) it follows that  $h(e) = e'$ . So, taking into account this and (1), all we have to prove is that  $h([x_0 \cdots x_n]) = [h(x_0) \cdots h(x_n)]$  when  $x_j \neq e$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $x_k \notin R$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Let us put  $u = h([x_0 \cdots x_n])$ ,  $v = [h(x_0) \cdots h(x_n)]$ ,  $X = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  and  $h(X) = (h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n))$ . If  $x_n \notin A$ , then  $f$  is not defined on  $X$  and so,  $u = e'$ ; but  $x_n \notin A$  implies, by (2) and (3), that  $h(x_n) \notin A'$  which implies that  $f'$  is not defined on  $h(X)$  and so,  $v = e'$ . Let  $x_n \in A$ ; we shall consider separately the following two cases:  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = e$  and  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = g(x_n)$ .

Let  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = e$ ; we have the following two subcases to consider: (a)  $f$  is not defined on  $X$ , (b)  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . Let (a) be true. If  $h(x_n) \notin A'$ , then  $f'$  is not defined on  $h(X)$ , so that  $v = e' = h(e) = u$ . If  $h(x_n) \in A'$ , then, since  $f$  is not defined on  $X$ , there must be some  $x_i \in B$  and, according to (3),  $h(x_i) \notin A' \cup T'$  which means that  $f'$  is not defined on  $h(X)$ , and again we have that  $u = v$ . Now, let (b) be true. Let us suppose that  $x_n \in h^{-1}(A')$  and  $x_j \in h^{-1}(A' \cup T')$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , since on the contrary, as in (a),  $f'$  will not be defined on  $h(X)$  and we shall come to the needed conclusion. Now, by (5), we have that  $f'(h(X)) = 0 = f(X)$ , so that  $v = e' = u$ .

Let, finally,  $[x_0 \cdots x_n] = g(x_n) = x_n^{n+1}$ ; then  $f(X) = 1$ . If  $x_n \notin h^{-1}(A)$ , then  $f'(h(X)) = 0$ , so that, by (7),  $v = e' = h(x_n^{n+1}) = u$ . If  $x_n \in h^{-1}(A)$ ,

then by (6)  $x_j \in h^{-1}(A' \cup T')$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and, by (5), we have that  $f'(h(x_n)) = 1$ . Now, by (4), it follows that  $v = g'(h(x_n)) = h(g(x_n)) = u$ . ■

**Theorem 3.** Let  $S = (A, B, R, f, g)$  and  $S' = (A', B', R', f', g')$  be two  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroups, and  $\xi: R \rightarrow R'$ ,  $\eta: A \rightarrow A'$ ,  $\zeta: B \rightarrow B'$  three bijections. Let  $h: S \rightarrow S'$  be an extension of  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$ . Then  $h$  is an isomorphism if and only if the following statements are satisfied:

(1)  $\xi$  is an isomorphism,

(2)  $hg = g'h$

(3) if  $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in Q^n \times A$ , then  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = f'(h(x_0), \dots, h(x_n))$  where  $Q = A \cup (R \setminus \{e\})$

and every isomorphism from  $S$  into  $S'$  is obtained in that way.

**Proof.** If  $h$  is an isomorphism, then by Theorem 2, (1), (2) and (3) of this Theorem are satisfied. Conversely, if  $h: S \rightarrow S'$  is an extension of  $\xi, \eta$  and  $\zeta$  such that (1), (2) and (3) are satisfied, then the statements (1)–(7) of Theorem 2 are satisfied; the statement (6) of Theorem 2 is vacuously true, since the presumptions in that statement can not be realized. Now, by Theorem 2,  $h$  is a homomorphism and as a bijection,  $h$  is an isomorphism.

Let  $\varphi: S \rightarrow S'$  be an isomorphism. In the proof of Theorem 2 we have seen that  $\varphi^{-1}(A') \subseteq A$  and by symmetry, since  $\varphi^{-1}: S' \rightarrow S$  is an isomorphism, it follows that  $\varphi(A) \subseteq A'$ ; from  $\varphi^{-1}(A') \subseteq A$  it follows that  $A' \subseteq \varphi(A)$  which together with  $\varphi(A) \subseteq A'$  imply that  $\varphi(A) = A'$ . So, if we put  $\eta = \varphi|_A$  then  $\eta$  becomes a bijection if we consider  $\eta$  as a mapping from  $A$  into  $A'$ . It can be shown, similarly, that  $\varphi(e) = e'$  and (3) of Theorem 2 imply  $\varphi(B) = B'$  and then that, from  $\varphi(B) = B'$  and (2) of Theorem 2 it follows that  $\varphi(R) = R'$ . In the same way as above,  $\zeta = \varphi|_B$  and  $\xi = \varphi|_R$  can be considered as bijections, and  $\varphi$  will be an extension of  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$ . ■

**The structure of arbitrary  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroups.** Let  $S$  be a  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup. To describe the structure of  $S$ , according to Theorem 2 of [3], we must see how the product  $[x_0 x_1 \dots x_n]$  is determined, when not all  $x_j$  belong to the same unipotent  $n$ -subsemigroup  $S(e)$ .

Let  $J$  be a set equivalent to the set  $E$  of all the idempotents of  $S$  and let us take  $J$  as an index set for  $E$ , i.e.  $E = \{e_j \in S | e_j^{n+1} = e_j, j \in J\}$ . If  $S(e_j) = (R_j, A_j, B_j, f_j, g_j)$  is the unipotent  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -subsemigroup of  $S$  which corresponds to the idempotent  $e_j$ , then  $R = \bigcup_j R_j$  will be the reduced  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -subsemigroups of  $S$  ([3], Theorem 2), where the union is disjoint; we

also have that  $R = T \cup E$ , where  $T = \{x \in S \mid x^{n+1} \neq x, x^{n+1} = e_j \text{ for some } j \in J, x = z^{n+1} \text{ for no } z \in S\}$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $x_n \in S(e_j)$  and at least one of  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  does not belong to  $R$ . Then:

(1)  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e_j$  if  $x_n \notin A_j$  or  $x_k \in B_i \cup \{e_i\}$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ;

(2)  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = e_j$  or  $x_n^{n+1}$  if  $x_n \in A_j$  and, if  $x_k \in S(e_i)$  then  $x_k \in Q_i = A_i \cup (R_i \setminus \{e_i\})$  for every  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

**Proof.** The assertion (2) follows from the fact that the product  $[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n]$  could take one of the values  $e_j, x_n^{n+1}$  and  $x_n$  and, because of  $x_n \in A_j$ , the last one is not to be taken into account ([3], Lema 7). Let  $p = [x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n]$ . Then  $p \neq x_n$  since not all  $x_j$  belong to  $R$  ([3], Lema 7). If  $x_n \notin A_j$ , then  $x_n^{n+1} = e_j$ , so, by Lemma 5 of [3],  $p = e_j$ . If  $x_k = e_i, k < n$ , then  $p = [x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} e_i \cdots e_i q]$  where  $q = [e_i \cdots e_i x_{k+1} \cdots x_n]$ . If  $q = e_j$ , then by (1) of [3] we have that  $p = e_j$ , and if  $q = x_n$ , then  $x_n = e_j$  ([3], Lemma 6) and previous applies. Let  $q = x_n^{n+1}$ ; then  $p = [[x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} e_i \cdots e_i x_n] x_n \cdots x_n]$ . As above, the product  $[x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} e_i \cdots e_i x_n]$  can take one of the values  $e_j$  and  $x_n^{n+1}$ , and in both cases we have that  $p = e_j$ . Let us suppose that none  $x_k$  is an idempotent and that  $x_k \in B_i$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ . Then  $x_k = y_i^{n+1}, y_i \in S(e_i)$ ; here  $y_i$  does not belong to  $R$  since, on the contrary,  $x_k = e_i$  will be an idempotent, and this is a contradiction. Now,  $p = [x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} y_i \cdots y_i r]$  where  $r = [y_i \cdots y_i x_{k+1} \cdots x_n]$ . Here  $r \neq x_n$ , since  $y_i \notin R$ . If  $r = e_j$ , then  $p = e_j$ , and if  $r = x_n^{n+1}$ , then  $p = [[x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} y_i \cdots y_i x_n] x_n \cdots x_n]$  and for every of the two possible values  $e_j$  and  $x_n^{n+1}$  for  $[x_0 \cdots x_{k-1} y_i \cdots y_i x_n]$  we have again that  $p = e_j$ . ■

Before giving a description of the structure of an arbitrary  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroup, we shall construct a  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroup which we shall denote by  $(R, A, B, F, G)$ . Let  $\{(A_j, B_j, R_j, f_j, g_j) \mid j \in J\}$  be a family of pairwise disjoint unipotent  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroups and let us put  $A = \bigcup_j A_j, B = \bigcup_j B_j$  and  $R = \bigcup_j R_j$ .

Let  $R$  be a reduced  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroup and let  $[\cdots]$  denotes the operation in  $R$ . Further, let  $w \in J^n$  and for each pair  $(w, j)$  let  $f_{wj}$  be a mapping from  $Q_w \times A_j$  into  $\{0, 1\}$ , where  $Q_w = Q_{i_1} \times Q_{i_2} \times \cdots \times Q_{i_n}$  if  $w = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n)$ ; if  $w = (i, i, \dots, i)$ , then we write  $Q_i$  instead of  $Q_w$ . If the mappings  $f_{wj}$  have the properties  $f_{jj}(x, x, \dots, x) = 1$  for every  $x \in A$  and  $f_{wj}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$  if for some  $x_i, i < n$ , there exist  $y_k \in R, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $x_i = [y_1 \cdots y_n x_i]$ , and if  $g_j: A_j \rightarrow B_j$  are surjections for every  $j \in J$ , then in a similar way as in the case of unipotent  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroups, it can be shown that  $S = A \cup B \cup R$  becomes a  $\overline{\lambda-n}$ -semigroup with respect to the operation  $(\cdots)$  defined as follows:

$$[x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] = \begin{cases} g_j(x_n) & \text{if } f_{wj}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1 \\ [x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n] & \text{if all } x_k \in R \\ e_j & \text{in all other cases,} \end{cases}$$

where:  $x_n \in S(e_j)$ ;  $x_{r-1} \in Q_{I_r}$ ,  $Q_{I_r} = A_{I_r} \cup (R_{I_r} \setminus \{e_{I_r}\})$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $w = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n)$ .

Conversely, if  $S$  is a  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup, then by help of the lemma it can be shown that  $S$  can be obtained in the way described above. So, in summary, we can obtain the following description of the structure of a  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 4.** A semigroup  $S$  is a  $\overline{\lambda}$ - $n$ -semigroup if and only if  $S = (R, A, B, F, G)$ . ■

**Note.** The notion of  $\lambda$ - $n$ -semigroup can be dualised as in [2] and all properties of [3] and this article about  $\lambda$ - $n$ -semigroups dually restated.

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#### $n$ -ПОЛУГРУПИ СО ИДЕМПОТЕНТИ ВО КОИ СИТЕ $n$ -ПОТПОЛУГРУПИ СЕ ЛЕВИ ИДЕАЛИ

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Во трудов се дава структурен опис за  $n$ -полугрупите што содржат идемпотенти и во кои сите  $n$ -потполугрупи се леви идеали. Најнапред се опишува структурата на унипотентните  $n$ -полугрупи со изнесената особина (Теорема 1), а потоа се опишуваат хомоморфизмите (Теорема 2) и изоморфизмите (Теорема 3) меѓу унипотентните  $n$ -полугрупи со особината од насловот. На крајот се дава опис на структурата и на произволните  $n$ -полугрупи со изнесената особина (Теорема 4).