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**Introduction.** In the abstract theory of semigroups, the Begriff of regular element was first introduced by Thierrin [11] as a generalization in the semigroup theory of the Begriff of inverse element in the group theory. And this Begriff of regular element has been effectively used in the ideal theory of semigroups, for example, in Miller and Clifford [5]. But the structure of regular semigroups, that is, semigroups in which all the elements are regular, is complicated and until now very little was known about it. Inverse semigroup is an important sort of regular semigroups, whose structure was completely determined (Preston [7], [8]).

Ordered semigroups have been studied by several authors, for example, Alimov [1] and Clifford [2]. However, as far as we know, none discussed systematically ordered semigroups in our general sense (cf. § 1). In the previous paper [10], we characterized ordered idempotent semigroups, that is, ordered semigroups in which all the elements are idempotent. In the continuation of our investigation of ordered semigroups, in this note, we concern essentially with ordered regular semigroups.

Main purpose of this note is to give a catalog of all possible types of subsemigroups generated by regular pairs of ordered semigroups. The subsemigroups of an ordered semigroup  $S$  generated by regular pairs are the analogs of the cyclic subgroups of a group, in fact reduce to exactly these when  $S$  is a group. It therefore should be useful in the study of ordered regular semigroups to have catalog of them available. A list of 39 ordered semigroups, each generated by a (non-idempotent) regular pair, is given in this note, and it is shown that every such ordered semigroup is (order-and-product) isomorphic with one of these. Theorems 3, 4 and 5 serve as an index to this catalog.

Moreover, this note contains the following by-products which seem to be interesting:

- (a) the set of idempotents of an ordered semigroup  $S$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$  (Corollary of Lemma 1);
- (b) any regular conjugate of an idempotent of an ordered semigroup  $S$  is idempotent (Theorem 1);
- (c) the set of regular elements of an ordered semigroup  $S$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$  (Corollary 2 of Lemma 5);
- (d) a regular element of finite order of an ordered semigroup  $S$

can have order only 1 or 2 Theorem 2.

Finally we remark that, even though the subsemigroup of a semigroup  $S$  generated by a regular pair need not be regular in general, it is regular if  $S$  is ordered.

In §1, we give some definitions and some elementary results in preparation of the following discussion. In §§ 2–5, we discuss the case when a regular pair is of finite order, while in §§ 6–9, we discuss the case when it is of infinite order. In the final § 10, we remark some applications in special ordered semigroups.

1. Preliminaries. We denote by  $S$  an *ordered semigroup*, that is, a semigroup  $S$  with a simple order  $<$  which satisfies the following condition:

$$(1) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in S, x < y \text{ implies } xz \leq yz \text{ and } zx \leq zy.$$

If two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $S$  generate the same principal left ideal, then we write  $x \equiv y(L)$ , while if  $x$  and  $y$  generate the same principal right ideal, then we write  $x \equiv y(R)$ . We write  $x \equiv y(D)$  if there exists an element  $z$  of  $S$  such that  $x \equiv z(L)$  and  $z \equiv y(R)$ . As is well-known, these relations are equivalence relation (Green [3]). An element  $x$  of  $S$  is called *regular* if there exists an element  $y$  of  $S$  such that

$$(2) \quad xyx = x \quad \text{and} \quad yxy = y$$

(Miller and Clifford [5]). When a pair  $(x, y)$  of elements of  $S$  satisfy (2),  $(x, y)$  is called a *regular pair* and  $y$  is called a *regular conjugate* of  $x$ . As is easily seen by (2), for every regular pair  $(x, y)$ , both  $xy$  and  $yx$  are idempotents. An element  $x$  of  $S$  is called *positive* if  $x^2 > x$ , while  $x$  is called *negative* if  $x^2 < x$ . For an element  $x$  of  $S$ , the number of distinct natural powers of  $x$  is called the *order* of  $x$  (Clifford [2]). If  $x$  is an element of finite order  $n$ , then  $n$  is the minimal natural number such that  $x^n = x^{n+1}$ . Evidently  $x$  is of order 1 if and only if  $x$  is idempotent. The set of all idempotents of  $S$  is denoted by  $E$ . For an ordered semigroup  $S$ , we call the *multiplicative dual* or, simply, *dual* of  $S$  the ordered semigroup constructed from  $S$  by interchanging the order of multiplication but by preserving the order of  $S$ . An element  $z$  of  $S$  is said to *lie between*  $x$  and  $y$ , if either  $x \leq z \leq y$  or  $y \leq z \leq x$ , while  $z$  is said to *lie between*  $x$  and  $y$  in the *strict sense*, if either  $x < z < y$  or  $y < z < x$ .

LEMMA 1. *If  $x$  and  $y$  are nonnegative, then,  $xy$  is nonnegative. If  $x$  and  $y$  are non-positive, then  $xy$  is non-positive.*

*Proof.* For nonnegative  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x \leq y$ , then  $xy \leq x^3y \leq (xy)^2$ ,

and, if  $y \leq x$ , then  $xy \leq xy^3 \leq (xy)^2$ . The second assertion can be proved similarly.

**COROLLARY.** *The set  $E$  of all idempotents of  $S$ , if it is nonvoid, is a subsemigroup of  $S$ .*

**LEMMA 2.** *If  $x$  is nonnegative,  $y$  is non-positive and  $x \leq y$ , then both  $xy$  and  $yx$  are idempotents which lie between  $x$  and  $y$ .*

*Proof.*

$$xy \leq x^3y \leq (xy)^2 \leq xy^3 \leq xy,$$

and so  $xy$  is idempotent. Moreover

$$x \leq x^2 \leq xy \leq y^2 \leq y.$$

With respect to the order in  $S$ , the subsemigroup  $E$  is clearly an ordered semigroup, which plays an important role in the following discussion. As is easily seen, for  $g, h \in E$ ,

$$(3) \quad g \equiv h(L) \text{ in } S \text{ if and only if } gh = g \text{ and } hg = h,$$

$$(4) \quad g \equiv h(R) \text{ in } S \text{ if and only if } gh = h \text{ and } hg = g.$$

Hence

$$(5) \quad g \equiv h(L) \text{ and } g \equiv h(R) \text{ in } S \text{ if and only if } g = h.$$

By (3) and (4), for elements of  $E$ ,  $L$ -equivalence and  $R$ -equivalence in  $E$  coincide with  $L$ -equivalence and  $R$ -equivalence in  $S$ , respectively. However, for  $D$ -equivalence, such a situation does not occur. Of course, for  $g, h \in E$ ,  $g \equiv h(D)$  in  $E$  implies  $g \equiv h(D)$  in  $S$ , but the converse is not always true. (The semigroup  $J$  in § 8 will offer a counter-example.) The  $D$ -equivalence in  $E$  is denoted by  $D_{\mathcal{E}}$ -equivalence.

**LEMMA 3.** *If  $g, h \in E$  and  $g \leq h$ , then the following conditions are equivalent to each other:*

$$(a) \ gh \leq hg, \quad (b) \ ghg = gh, \quad (c) \ hgh = hg, \quad (d) \ gh \equiv hg(L).$$

*Proof.* (a) implies (b), for

$$gh = g(gh) \leq ghg \leq (gh)h = gh.$$

(b) implies (c), for  $hg = (hg)(hg) = hgh$ . Similarly (c) implies (b). Hence if (c) holds, then both (b) and (c) hold, and so we obtain (d). Finally (d) implies (a), for, by (3),  $gh = (gh)(hg) = ghg$ , and so by

Lemma 2,  $g \leq gh = ghg \leq hg \leq h$ .

LEMMA 3'. If  $g, h \in E$  and  $g \leq h$ , then the following conditions are equivalent to each other:

- (a)  $hg \leq gh$ , (b)  $hgh = gh$ , (c)  $ghg = hg$ , (d)  $gh \equiv hg(R)$ .

COROLLARY.  $gh \equiv hg(D_E)$  for every  $g, h \in E$ .

Ordered idempotent semigroups are studied in our previous paper [10], from which we mention one more lemma without proof.

LEMMA 4. Each  $D_E$ -equivalence class in  $E$  consists of either only one  $L$ -equivalence class in  $E$  or only one  $R$ -equivalence class in  $E$ .

A  $D_E$ -equivalence class, if it consists of only one  $L$ -equivalence class in  $E$ , is called  $L$ -typed, while, if it consists of only one  $R$ -equivalence class, it is called  $R$ -typed. A regular pair  $(x, y)$  of  $S$  is called  $L$ -typed, if the  $D_E$ -equivalence class which contains  $(xy)(yx)$  is  $L$ -typed. By Corollary of Lemma 3, a regular pair  $(x, y)$  is  $L$ -typed if and only if the  $D_E$ -equivalence class which contains  $(yx)(xy)$  is  $L$ -typed. An  $R$ -typed regular pair is defined similarly. A regular pair  $(x, y)$  is said to be of order  $n$ , if both  $x$  and  $y$  are elements of order  $n$ . A regular pair of order 1 is also called an idempotent regular pair.

2. Idempotent regular pair. In this section, we give a theorem which characterizes idempotent regular pairs.

THEOREM 1. (a) For a regular pair  $(x, y)$  of  $S$ ,  $x$  is idempotent if and only if  $y$  is idempotent.

(b) For  $g, h \in E$ ,  $(g, h)$  is a regular pair if and only if  $g \equiv h(D_E)$ .

*Proof.* (a) Suppose that  $(x, y)$  is a regular pair and that  $x$  is an idempotent. Then  $y = yxy = (yx)(xy)$  is an idempotent, by Corollary of Lemma 1. (b) First suppose that  $(g, h)$  is an idempotent regular pair and that  $g \leq h$ . By (2),

$$g \equiv hg(L), \quad h \equiv gh(L), \quad g \equiv gh(R), \quad h \equiv hg(R).$$

If  $gh \leq hg$ , then, by Lemma 3,  $hg \equiv gh(L)$ , and so  $g \equiv h(L)$ . If  $hg \leq gh$ , then we obtain  $g \equiv h(R)$  similarly. Next suppose that  $g \equiv h(D_E)$ . Then, by Lemma 4, either  $g \equiv h(L)$  or  $g \equiv h(R)$ . If  $g \equiv h(L)$ , then

$$ghg = (gh)g = g^2 = g, \quad hgh = (hg)h = h^2 = h,$$

and so  $(g, h)$  is a regular pair. In the case when  $g \equiv h(R)$ , we obtain the same result by a similar way.

**3. Regular pair of finite order.** In this section, we study regular pairs of finite order. But, first of all, we give some lemmas about general regular pairs which are necessary also for coming sections.

**LEMMA 5.** *For two regular pairs  $(x, y)$  and  $(z, w)$ ,  $(xz, wy)$  is a regular pair.*

*Proof.* By Corollary of Lemma 1, both  $yaxz$  and  $zwyx$  are idempotent. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (xz)(wy)(xz) &= (xyx)zwyx(zwz) = x(yxz)z = xz, \\ (wy)(xz)(wy) &= (wzw)yxzw(yxy) = w(zwyx)y = wy. \end{aligned}$$

**COROLLARY 1.** *If  $(x, y)$  is a regular pair, then, for every natural number  $n$ ,  $(x^n, y^n)$  is a regular pair.*

**COROLLARY 2.** *The set of all regular elements of  $S$ , if it is nonvoid, is a subsemigroup of  $S$ .*

**LEMMA 6.** *If  $(p, q)$  is a regular pair such that  $q \leq p$ , then  $q$  is non-positive and  $p$  is nonnegative.*

*Proof.*  $q^3 \leq qpq = q$  and  $p = pqp \leq p^3$ , from which the lemma follows immediately.

**LEMMA 7.** *Let  $(p, q)$  be a regular pair such that  $q \leq p$  and  $qp \leq pq$ . Then the following six conditions are equivalent to each other:*

- (a)  $pq^2 = pq^2p$ ,      (b)  $q^2p = q^2$ ,      (c)  $q^2 = q^3$ ,
- (d)  $qp^2 = qp^2q$ ,      (e)  $p^2q = p^2$ ,      (f)  $p^2 = p^3$ .

Moreover, these conditions imply

$$(g) \quad (qp)(pq) \equiv q^2 \equiv p^2 \equiv (pq)(qp)(L).$$

*Proof.* (a) implies (b), for  $q^2p = qpq^2p = qpq^2 = q^2$ . (b) implies (c), for  $q^2p^2 = q^2p = q^2$  and so  $q^2$  is an idempotent, by Corollary 1 of Lemma 5. (c) implies (a), for

$$pq^2 = pq^3 \leqq pq^2p = pq^2(qp) \leqq pq^2(pq) = pq^2 .$$

Similarly the conditions (d), (e) and (f) are equivalent to each other. Now (c) implies (f), for, by Theorem 1 and Corollary 1 of Lemma 5,  $(p^2, q^2)$  is an idempotent regular pair. Similarly (f) implies (c). This proves the first half of the lemma. Next suppose that these conditions hold. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (qp^2q)q^2 &= ((qp^2q)q)q = qp^2q , & q^2(qp^2q) &= ((q^2p)p)q = q^2 , \\ q^2p^2 &= (q^2p)p = q^2 , & p^2q^2 &= (p^2q)q = p^2 , \\ p^2(pq^2p) &= ((p^2q)q)p = p^2 , & (pq^2p)p^2 &= ((pq^2p)p)p = pq^2p . \end{aligned}$$

Hence (g) holds.

LEMMA 7'. *Let  $(p, q)$  be a regular pair such that  $q \leqq p$  and  $pq \leqq qp$ . Then the following six conditions are equivalent to each other:*

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(a)} & q^2p = pq^2p , & \text{(b)} \quad pq^2 = q^2 , & \text{(c)} \quad q^2 = q^3 , \\ \text{(d)} & p^2q = qp^2q , & \text{(e)} \quad qp^2 = p^2 , & \text{(f)} \quad p^2 = p^3 . \end{array}$$

Moreover, these conditions imply

$$\text{(g)} \quad (qp)(pq) \equiv q^2 \equiv p^2 \equiv (pq)(qp)(R).$$

COROLLARY. *For a regular pair  $(x, y)$ ,  $x$  is an element of order 2 if and only if  $y$  is of order 2.*

THEOREM 2. *If  $(x, y)$  is a regular pair such that either  $x$  or  $y$  is an element of finite order, then  $(x, y)$  is a regular pair of order either 2 or 1.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1 and Corollary of Lemma 7, it suffices to show that if  $x$  is an element of finite order, then  $x$  is of order at most 2. Here we prove this assertion only in the case when  $x \leqq y$  and  $xy \leqq yx$ . Then, by Lemma 6,  $x$  is non-positive. Now suppose it were true that  $x^{n-1} > x^n = x^{n+1}$  for a natural number  $n \geqq 3$ . Then  $xx^{n-2} = x^{n-1} > x^n = xyx^n$  and so  $x^{n-2} > yx^n$ . Hence  $x^{n-1} \geqq yx^{n+1}$ . On the other hand,

$$x^{n-1} = xyx^{n-1} \leqq (yx)x^{n-1} = yx^n = yx^{n+1} .$$

Hence  $x^{n-1} = yx^{n+1}$ . Then we would have

$$x^n = x^{n-1}x = yx^{n+2} = yx^{n+1} = x^{n-1} ,$$

which is a contradiction.

4. **Ordered  $T$ -semigroups.** In this section, we give some examples of ordered semigroups each of which has a regular element of order 2.

EXAMPLE 1. We denote by  $T_{1L}$  the system consisting of eight elements ordered by

$$s < q < e < t < v < f < p < u$$

and with the following multiplication table:

(6)

	$s$	$q$	$e$	$t$	$v$	$f$	$p$	$u$
$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$
$q$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$s$	$q$	$e$	$t$
$e$	$s$	$q$	$e$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$
$f$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$f$	$p$	$u$
$p$	$v$	$f$	$p$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$
$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$	$u$

It can be verified that this system  $T_{1L}$  is an ordered semigroup.

EXAMPLE 2. We denote by  $T_{2L}$  the system arising from  $T_{1L}$  by identifying  $t$  and  $v$ . Clearly this identification is possible, and the constructed system  $T_{2L}$  is an ordered semigroup.

EXAMPLE 3. We denote by  $T_{1R}$  the ordered semigroup which is multiplicative dual to  $T_{1L}$ . Thus the multiplication table of  $T_{1R}$  is symmetric in the main diagonal to the table (6).

EXAMPLE 4. We denote by  $T_{2R}$  the ordered semigroup which is dual to  $T_{2L}$ .

In each of these four ordered semigroups,  $(p, q)$  is a regular pair of order 2 with negative  $q$  and positive  $p$ . In  $T_{1L}$  and  $T_{2L}$ ,  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed, while, in  $T_{1R}$  and  $T_{2R}$ , it is  $R$ -typed. The ordered semigroups  $T_{1L}$ ,  $T_{2L}$ ,  $T_{1R}$  and  $T_{2R}$  are called *ordered  $T$ -semigroups*. Ordered  $T$ -semigroups  $T_{1L}$  and  $T_{2L}$  are called  *$L$ -typed*, while  $T_{1R}$  and  $T_{2R}$  are called  *$R$ -typed*.

5. **Regular pair of order 2.** In this section, we characterize the subsemigroup generated by a regular pair of order 2.



LEMMA 8. *If  $(x, y)$  is a non-idempotent regular pair, then both  $xy$  and  $yx$  lie between  $x$  and  $y$  in the strict sense.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \leq y$ . Then, by Lemma 6 and Theorem 1,  $x$  is negative and  $y$  is positive. Now we suppose that  $x \geq xy$  were true. Then, by Lemma 2,  $x = (xy)x$  would be an idempotent, which is a contradiction. Hence  $x < xy$ . The remaining assertions can be proved similarly.

In the rest of this section, we assume that  $(p, q)$  is a regular pair of order 2 such that  $q \leq p$ , and set

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} s &= q^2, & u &= p^2, & e &= \min \{pq, qp\}, \\ f &= \max \{pq, qp\}, & t &= \min \{ef, fe\}, & v &= \max \{ef, fe\}. \end{aligned}$$

First we suppose that  $qp \leq pq$ . Then, by Lemma 7,  $(qp)(pq) = (pq)(qp)(L)$ , and so, by Lemma 3,  $(qp)(pq) \leq (pq)(qp)$ . Hence

$$(7') \quad e = qp, \quad f = pq, \quad t = ef, \quad v = fe.$$

By Lemma 8,  $s = q^2 < q < e$  and  $f < p < p^2 = u$ . Moreover, by Lemma 7,  $pt = p^2q = p^2 > p = pe$  and  $qv = q^2p = q^2 < q = qf$ , and so  $t > e$  and  $v < f$ . Thus

$$(8) \quad s < q < e < t \leq v < f < p < u.$$

Now we denote by  $T^*$  the set consisting of elements  $s, q, e, t, v, f, p$  and  $u$ . By Lemma 7, we can verify that the elements of  $T^*$  are multiplied together just as in the table (6) of the ordered semigroup  $T_{1L}$  in Example 1 in § 4. Especially  $T^*$  is a subsemigroup, which is clearly the subsemigroup generated by  $(p, q)$ . If  $t \neq v$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to  $T_{1L}$ , while, if  $t = v$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to  $T_{2L}$ .

Similarly, in the case when  $pq \leq qp$ , we can show that, if  $t \neq v$ , then the subsemigroup  $T^*$  generated by  $(p, q)$  is isomorphic to  $T_{1R}$  and, if  $t = v$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to  $T_{2R}$ .

THEOREM 3. *Let  $(p, q)$  be a regular pair of order 2 such that  $q \leq p$ , and let  $T^*$  be the subsemigroup of  $S$  generated by  $(p, q)$ .*

(a) *If  $qp \leq pq$  and  $qp^2q \neq pq^2p$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to the  $L$ -typed ordered  $T$ -semigroup  $T_{1L}$ ;*

(b) *if  $qp \leq pq$  and  $qp^2q = pq^2p$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to the  $L$ -typed ordered  $T$ -semigroup  $T_{2L}$ ;*

(c) *if  $pq \leq qp$  and  $qp^2q \neq pq^2q$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to the  $R$ -typed ordered  $T$ -semigroup  $T_{1R}$ ;*

(d) *if  $pq \leq qp$  and  $qp^2q = pq^2p$ , then  $T^*$  is isomorphic to the  $R$ -typed ordered  $T$ -semigroup  $T_{2R}$ .*

6. **Ordered  $I$ -semigroups.** In this section, we give some examples of ordered semigroups each of which has a regular pair of infinite order.

EXAMPLE 1. The set of all integers forms an ordered semigroup with respect to the usual order and the usual addition. We denote this ordered semigroup by  $I_0$ .  $I_0$  is even an ordered group.

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $U$  be an ordered semigroup consisting of two elements  $-1$  and  $1$ , with the usual order and the left singular multiplication:

$$ab = a \text{ for every } a, b \in U .$$

We consider the lexicographically ordered direct product of  $I_0$  and  $U$ , that is, the system  $I_{1L}$  consisting of pairs  $(i, a)$  with  $i \in I_0, a \in U$ , in which the order and the multiplication are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (i, a) < (j, b) & \text{ if } i < j \text{ or } i = j, a < b ; \\ (i, a)(j, b) & = (i + j, ab) = (i + j, a) . \end{aligned}$$

It can easily be verified that this system  $I_{1L}$  is an ordered semigroup. (Here we remark that lexicographically ordered direct product of two ordered semigroups is not always an ordered semigroup.) In  $I_{1L}$ , the subsemigroup, consisting of elements with the second component  $1$ , is isomorphic to the ordered semigroup  $I_0$ .

EXAMPLE 3. Let  $V$  be a system consisting of six elements with the order

$$e_2 < e_1 < t < v < f_1 < f_2$$

and with the multiplication table:

(9)

	$e_2$	$e_1$	$t$	$v$	$f_1$	$f_2$
$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$
$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$
$f_1$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$f_1$	$f_2$
$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$

It can be verified that  $V$  is an ordered idempotent semigroup. Now we define two mappings  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $V$  into itself:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(e_2) &= \varphi(e_1) = \varphi(t) = \varphi(v) = e_2, & \varphi(f_1) &= e_1, & \varphi(f_2) &= t; \\ \psi(e_2) &= v, & \psi(e_1) &= f_1, & \psi(t) &= \psi(v) = \psi(f_1) = \psi(f_2) = f_2.\end{aligned}$$

As is easily seen, these mappings have the following properties:

(a) both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are monotone:

$$g \leq h \text{ implies } \varphi(g) \leq \varphi(h), \quad \psi(g) \leq \psi(h);$$

(b) both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are semigroup-homomorphisms:

$$\varphi(gh) = \varphi(g)\varphi(h), \quad \psi(gh) = \psi(g)\psi(h) \text{ for every } g, h \in V;$$

(c)  $\varphi(\varphi(g)) = e_2, \psi(\psi(g)) = f_2$  for every  $g \in V$ ;

(d)  $\varphi(g)e_1 = e_1\varphi(g) = \varphi(g), \psi(g)f_1 = f_1\psi(g) = \psi(g)$  for every  $g \in V$ ;

(e)  $\varphi(\psi(g)) = e_1g, \psi(\varphi(g)) = f_1g$  for every  $g \in V$ .

We consider the system  $K$ , consisting of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0, g \in V$ , in which the order is defined lexicographically and the multiplication is defined by

$$(10) \quad (i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, ge_2) & \text{if } i \leq -2, \\ (i + j, g\varphi(h)) & \text{if } i = -1, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\psi(h)) & \text{if } i = 1, \\ (i + j, gf_2) & \text{if } i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Using the properties (a)–(e) of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , we can prove that  $K$  is an ordered semigroup. Finally we consider the subset  $I_{2L}$  of  $K$ , consisting of elements with

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} & i \leq -2, \quad g \neq e_1, f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = -1, \quad g \neq f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = 0, \quad g \text{ arbitrary, or} \\ & i = 1, \quad g \neq e_1 \text{ or} \\ & i \geq 2, \quad g \neq e_1, f_1. \end{aligned}$$

It can also be proved that  $I_{2L}$  is closed with respect to the multiplication, and so forms an ordered semigroup. In  $I_{2L}$ , the subsemigroup consisting of elements with the second component  $e_2$  or  $f_2$ , is isomorphic to  $I_{1L}$ , and the subsemigroup consisting of elements with the second component  $e_2$  is isomorphic to  $I_0$ .

**EXAMPLE 4.** Let  $V, \varphi$  and  $\psi$  be the same as in the preceding Example 3. We consider the system  $K'$ , consisting of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0, g \in V$ , in which the order is defined lexicographically and the multiplication is defined by

$$(10') \quad (i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, gf_2) & \text{if } i \leq -2, \\ (i + j, g\psi(h)) & \text{if } i = -1, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\varphi(h)) & \text{if } i = 1, \\ (i + j, ge_2) & \text{if } i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

In a similar way as in Example 3, we can prove that  $K'$  is an ordered semigroup, in which the subset  $I_{3L}$ , consisting of elements  $(i, g)$  with

$$(11') \quad \begin{aligned} & i \leq -2, g \neq e_1, f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = -1, g \neq e_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = 0, g \text{ arbitrary, or} \\ & i = 1, g \neq f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i \geq 2, g = e_1, f_1, \end{aligned}$$

forms an ordered semigroup. In  $I_{3L}$ , the subsemigroup consisting of elements with the second component  $e_2$  or  $f_2$ , is isomorphic to  $I_{1L}$ , and the subsemigroup consisting of elements with the second component  $e_2$  is isomorphic to  $I_0$ .

EXAMPLE 5. We denote by  $I_{4L}$  the ordered semigroup constructed from  $I_{2L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for every  $i \in I_0$ . It can be seen that this identification is possible.

EXAMPLE 6. The ordered semigroup  $I_{5L}$  constructed from  $I_{3L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for every  $i \in I_0$ .

EXAMPLE 7. The ordered semigroup  $I_{1R}$  which is dual to  $I_{1L}$ .

EXAMPLE 8. The ordered semigroup  $I_{2R}$  which is dual to  $I_{2L}$ .

EXAMPLE 9. The ordered semigroup  $I_{3R}$  which is dual to  $I_{3L}$ .

EXAMPLE 10. The ordered semigroup  $I_{4R}$  which is dual to  $I_{4L}$ .

EXAMPLE 11. The ordered semigroup  $I_{5R}$  which is dual to  $I_{5L}$ .

These eleven ordered semigroups  $I_0, I_{1L}, I_{2L}, \dots, I_{5R}$  are called *ordered I-semigroups*, in which  $I_0$  is called the *fundamental ordered I-semigroup*. Every ordered *I-semigroup* contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to the fundamental ordered *I-semigroup*  $I_0$ .

7. **Regular pair of infinite order (1).** In this section, we characterize the subsemigroup generated by a regular pair of infinite order

under some conditions. For brevity, in this section, always we denote by  $(p, q)$  a regular pair of infinite order such that  $q \leq p$  and set

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} e_n &= \min \{q^n p^n, p^n q^n\}, & f_n &= \max \{q^n p^n, p^n q^n\} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \\ t &= \min \{e_1 f_1, f_1 e_1\}, & v &= \max \{e_1 f_1, f_1 e_1\}. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 9.  $\dots < q^3 < q^2 < q < \dots \leq e_3 \leq e_2 \leq e_1 \leq t \leq v \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \leq \dots < p < p^2 < p^3 < \dots$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 2,  $e_1 \leq t \leq v \leq f_1$ . By Lemma 6,  $q$  is negative and  $p$  is positive, and so  $q^{n+1} < q^n, p^n < p^{n+1}$  for every natural number  $n$ . First we suppose that  $qp \leq pq$ . Then

$$q^{n+1} p^{n+1} = q^n (qp) p^n \leq q^n (pq) p^n = q^n p^n,$$

and similarly  $p^{n+1} q^{n+1} \geq p^n q^n$ . Hence we obtain, for every natural number  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n+1} &= q^{n+1} p^{n+1} \leq e_n = q^n p^n \leq e_1 = qp \leq f_1 = pq \\ &\leq f_n = p^n q^n \leq f_{n+1} = p^{n+1} q^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by Corollary 1 of Lemma 5,

$$qq^n = q^{n+1} < q^n = q^n p^n q^n = e_n q^n, \quad f_n p^n = p^n q^n p^n = p^n < p^{n+1} = pp^n$$

and so  $q < e_n, f_n < p$ . In the case when  $pq \leq qp$ , we can prove this theorem in a similar way.

COROLLARY. For every natural number  $n$ , both  $e_n$  and  $f_n$  are idempotent. If  $qp \leq pq$ , then  $e_n = q^n p^n, f_n = p^n q^n$ . If  $pq \leq qp$ , then  $e_n = p^n q^n, f_n = q^n p^n$ .

LEMMA 10. For two natural numbers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $m < n$ ,

$$e_m e_n = e_n e_m = e_n, \quad f_m f_n = f_n f_m = f_n.$$

*Proof.* We prove only the first assertion in the case when  $qp \leq pq$ . By the preceding Corollary and Corollary 1 of Lemma 5,

$$\begin{aligned} e_m e_n &= q^m p^m q^n p^n = (q^m p^m q^m) q^{n-m} p^n = q^m q^{n-m} p^n = e_n, \\ e_n e_m &= q^n p^n q^m p^m = q^n p^{n-m} (p^m q^m p^m) = q^n p^{n-m} p^m = e_n. \end{aligned}$$

Now we remark that two relations

$$(A) \quad e_2 f_1 \geq e_1, \quad e_2 f_1 = e_1 f_1$$

are equivalent to each other. In fact, if  $e_2 f_1 \geq e_1$ , then

$$e_2 f_1 = (e_2 f_1) f_1 \geq e_1 f_1 \geq e_2 f_1,$$

and so  $e_2f_1 = e_1f_1$ . If  $e_2f_1 = e_1f_1$ , then  $e_2f_1 = e_1f_1 \geq e_1^2 = e_1$ .

Similarly we can prove that each of the following sets of relations consists of equivalent relations:

- (B)  $f_2e_1 \leq f_1, \quad f_2e_1 = f_1e_1;$
- (A')  $f_1e_2 \geq e_1, \quad f_1e_2 = f_1e_1,$
- (B')  $e_1f_2 \leq f_1, \quad e_1f_2 = e_1f_1.$

Also the three relations

- (C)  $f_2e_1 \geq f_1, \quad f_2e_1 = f_2, \quad f_2e_2 = f_2$

are equivalent to each other. In fact, if  $f_2e_1 \geq f_1$ , then

$$f_2 \geq f_2e_1 = f_2(f_2e_1) \geq f_2f_1 = f_2,$$

and so  $f_2e_1 = f_2$ . If  $f_2e_1 = f_2$ , then, without loss of generality by assuming that  $qp \leq pq$ , we have  $q^2 = q^2f_2 = q^2f_2e_1 = q^3p$ , and so  $q^2 = q^4p^2$ . Therefore  $f_2 = p^2q^2 = p^2q^4p^2 = f_2e_2$ . Finally, if  $f_2e_2 = f_2$ , then  $f_2e_1 \geq f_2e_2 = f_2 \geq f_1$ .

Similarly we can prove that each of the following sets of relations consists of equivalent relations:

- (D)  $e_2f_1 \leq e_1, \quad e_2f_1 = e_2, \quad e_2f_2 = e_2;$
- (C')  $e_1f_2 \geq f_1, \quad e_1f_2 = f_2, \quad e_2f_2 = f_2;$
- (D')  $f_1e_2 \leq e_1, \quad f_1e_2 = e_2, \quad f_2e_2 = e_2.$

In what follows, we refer to the above-mentioned sets of equivalent relations as (A), (B), ..., (D'), as shown at the left end of each line.

LEMMA 11. *If either (C) or (C') holds, then  $e_2 = e_3 = \dots$ . If either (D) or (D') holds, then  $f_2 = f_3 = \dots$ .*

*Proof.* We prove only that (C) implies  $e_2 = e_3 = \dots$  in the case when  $qp \leq pq$ . In this case, as is shown in the proof of equivalence of relations in (C), we have  $q^2 = q^3p$ , and so

$$e_2 = q^2p^2 = e_3 = q^3p^3 = e_4 = q^4p^4 = \dots$$

LEMMA 12. *If  $(p, q)$  is L-typed, then*

- (a) (C) is equivalent to (A'), and (D) is equivalent to (B');
- (b) (A) implies (A'), and (B) implies (B').

*Proof.* (a) We prove only that (C) is equivalent to (A') in the

case when  $qp \leqq pq$ . If (C) holds, then, as is shown in the proof of equivalence of relations in (C), we have  $q^2 = q^3p$ , and so

$$f_1e_2 = pq^3p^2 = pq^2p = f_1e_1 .$$

Thus (A') holds. If (A') holds, then, by Lemma 3,  $f_1e_1f_1 = f_1e_1$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= p^2q^2 = pf_1e_1q = pf_1e_2q = p^2q^3p^2q = f_2e_1f_1 \\ &= (f_2f_1)e_1f_1 = f_2(f_1e_1) = f_2e_1 . \end{aligned}$$

Thus (C) holds. (b) We prove only (A) implies (A'). By Lemma 3 and (A),

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1e_1)(f_1e_2) &= (f_1e_1f_1)e_2 = f_1e_1e_2 = f_1e_2 , \\ (f_1e_2)(f_1e_1) &= f_1(e_2f_1)e_1 = f_1e_1f_1e_1 = f_1e_1 . \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_1e_1 \equiv f_1e_2(R)$ . Therefore, by the assumption of being  $L$ -typed of  $(p, q)$ , we obtain  $f_1e_1 = f_1e_2$ .

LEMMA 12'. *If  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed, then*

- (a) *(C') is equivalent to (A), and (D') is equivalent to (B);*
- (b) *(A') implies (A), and (B') implies (B).*

We divide the investigation of a regular pair of infinite order into two cases:

*Case 1. the case when  $e_2 \equiv e_1f_1(D_E)$ ;*

*Case 2. the case when  $e_2 \not\equiv e_1f_1(D_E)$ .*

In the rest of this section we study *Case 1*, and *Case 2* will be studied in § 9.

*Case 1* is divided into two subcases:

*Case 1L. the subcase of Case 1 when  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed;*

*Case 1R. the subcase of Case 1 when  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed.*

Now we consider *Case 1L*, that is, suppose that  $(p, q)$  is an  $L$ -typed regular pair of infinite order such that  $q \leqq p$  and  $e_2 \equiv e_1f_1(D_E)$ . Then  $e_2 \equiv e_1f_1 \equiv f_1e_1(L)$ , and so  $e_2 = e_2(e_1f_1) = e_2f_1$ ,  $f_1e_1 = (f_1e_1)e_2 = f_1e_2$ . Hence (D) and (A') hold. Then, by Lemma 12, also (B') and (C) hold. Moreover, by Lemma 11, we have

$$(13) \quad e_2 = e_3 = \dots , \quad f_2 = f_3 = \dots .$$

Furthermore, by Lemma 3,

$$(14) \quad t = e_1 f_1 = e_1 f_1 e_1, \quad v = f_1 e_1 = f_1 e_1 f_1.$$

We denote by  $E$  the set consisting of  $e_2, e_1, t, v, f_1$  and  $f_2$ . Then, by (A'), (B'), (C), (D), (13) and (14), we can verify that elements of  $E$  are multiplied together just as in the table (9) in Example 3 in § 6.

We divide *Case 1L* into two subcases:

*Case 1L1.* the subcase of *Case 1L* when  $qp \leq pq$ ;

*Case 1L2.* the subcase of *Case 1L* when  $pq \leq qp$ .

First we consider *Case 1L1*. In this case, by Corollary of Lemma 9, we have  $e_n = q^n p^n$  and  $f_n = p^n q^n$ . Therefore, by  $f_2 e_1 = f_2$  and  $e_2 f_1 = e_2$ , we obtain

$$(15) \quad p^2 = p^3 q, \quad q^2 = q^3 p,$$

and, by  $e_1 f_1 = e_1 f_1 e_1$  and  $f_1 e_1 = f_1 e_1 f_1$ ,

$$(16) \quad p^2 q = p^2 q^2 p, \quad q^2 p = q^2 p^2 q.$$

Now we consider the mappings  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $E$  into itself which have been defined in Example 3 in § 6, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(e_2) = \varphi(e_1) = \varphi(t) = \varphi(v) = e_2, \quad \varphi(f_1) = e_1, \quad \varphi(f_2) = t; \\ \psi(e_2) = v, \quad \psi(e_1) = f_1, \quad \psi(t) = \psi(v) = \psi(f_1) = \psi(f_2) = f_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (15) and (16), it is easily verified that

$$(17) \quad qg = \varphi(g)q, \quad pg = \psi(g)p \text{ for every } g \in E.$$

Especially we have  $qe_2 = e_2q, pf_2 = f_2p$ , and so

$$(18) \quad q^n e_2 = e_2 q^n, \quad p^n f_2 = f_2 p^n \text{ for every natural number } n.$$

Moreover by (17)

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 g &= q\varphi(g)q = \varphi(\varphi(g))q^2 = e_2 q^2 = q^2, \\ p^2 g &= p\psi(g)p = \psi(\psi(g))p^2 = f_2 p^2 = p^2, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$(19) \quad q^n g = e_2 q^n = q^n, \quad p^n g = f_2 p^n = p^n \text{ for every } g \in E, n \geq 2.$$

By (18)  $e_2 q^{m+1} p^{n+1} = e_2 q^m e_1 p^n = q^m e_2 e_1 p^n = q^m e_2 p^n = e_2 q^m p^n$  and  $f_2 p^{m+1} q^{n+1} = f_2 p^m q^n$  in a similar way. Hence

$$(20) \quad e_2 q^m p^n = \begin{cases} e_2 q^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ e_2 & \text{if } m = n, \\ e_2 p^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n, \end{cases}$$



$$(21) \quad f_2 p^m q^n = \begin{cases} f_2 p^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ f_2 & \text{if } m = n, \\ f_2 q^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n. \end{cases}$$

By (19) and (20),

$$(22) \quad \text{if } m \geq 2, \begin{cases} gq^m h q^n = g e_2 q^{m+n}, \\ gq^m h = g e_2 q^m, \\ gq^m h p^n = \begin{cases} g e_2 q^{m-n} & \text{when } m > n, \\ g e_2 & \text{when } m = n, \\ g e_2 p^{n-m} & \text{when } m < n. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Similarly by (19) and (21),

$$(23) \quad \text{if } m \geq 2, \begin{cases} g p^m h p^n = g f_2 p^{m+n}, \\ g p^m h = g f_2 p^m, \\ g p^m h q^n = \begin{cases} g f_2 p^{m-n} & \text{when } m > n, \\ g f_2 & \text{when } m = n, \\ g f_2 q^{n-m} & \text{when } m < n. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

We have mentioned in § 6 that  $\varphi(g)e_1 = \varphi(g)$  and  $\psi(g)f_1 = \psi(g)$ . Hence by (17),

$$(24) \quad \begin{cases} gqhq^n = g\varphi(h)q^{n+1}, \\ gqh = g\varphi(h)q, \\ gqh p = g\varphi(h), \\ gqh p^n = g\varphi(h)p^{n-1} \quad \text{if } n \geq 2; \end{cases}$$

$$(25) \quad \begin{cases} gph p^n = g\psi(h)p^{n+1}, \\ gph = g\psi(h)p, \\ gph q = g\psi(h), \\ gph q^n = g\psi(h)q^{n-1} \quad \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

We denote by  $I^*$  the set consisting of elements of the forms  $gq^n$  or  $gp^n$  or  $g$  with  $g \in E$  and natural number  $n$ . By (22)–(25), we see that  $I^*$  is a subsemigroup, which is then clearly the subsemigroup generated by the regular pair  $(p, q)$ .

Since  $q = e_1 q$  and  $p = f_1 p$ , we have

$$(26) \quad vq = f_1 q, \quad e_1 p = tp.$$

By (26) and relations  $e_2 q^2 = q^2 = e_1 q^2$ ,  $f_2 p^2 = p^2 = f_1 p^2$ ,

$$(27) \quad e_3 q^n = e_1 q^n, \quad vq^n = f_1 q^n, \quad e_1 p^n = tp^n, \quad f_1 p^n = f_2 p^n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

By (18),  $q^2(f_2q^{n+1}) = q^{n+3} < q^{n+2} = e_2q^{n+2} = q^2(e_2q^n)$  and  $q^2(f_2q) = q^3 < q^2 = e_2q^2 = q^2e_2$ , and so

$$(28) \quad f_2q^{n+1} < e_2q^n, \quad f_2q < e_2.$$

Similarly

$$(29) \quad f_2 < e_2p, \quad f_2p^n < e_2p^{n+1}.$$

Thus the elements of  $I^*$  are ordered by

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} \dots &< e_2q^2 \leq tq^2 \leq vq^2 \leq f_2q^2 < e_2q \leq e_1q \leq tq \leq vq \leq f_2q \\ &< e_2 \leq e_1 \leq t \leq v \leq f_1 \leq f_2 < e_2p \leq tp \leq vp \leq f_1p \leq f_2p \\ &< e_2p^2 \leq tp^2 \leq vp^2 \leq f_2p^2 < \dots \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 13. *In this Case 1L1, all the following relations are equivalent to each other:*

$$\begin{aligned} \dots, e_2q^2 = tq^2, vq^2 = f_2q^2, e_2q = e_1q, e_1q = tq, vq = f_2q, \\ e_2 = e_1, e_1 = t, v = f_1, f_1 = f_2, e_2p = tp, vp = f_1p, \\ f_1p = f_2p, e_2p^2 = tp^2, vp^2 = f_2p^2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* First we prove that the four relations  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $e_1 = t$ ,  $v = f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$  are equivalent to each other. In fact, if  $e_2 = e_1$ , then

$$e_1 = e_2 = e_2f_1 = e_1f_1 = t.$$

If  $e_1 = t$ , then

$$f_1 = pe_1q = ptq = f_2.$$

It can similarly be proved that  $f_1 = f_2$  implies  $v = f_1$  and that  $v = f_1$  implies  $e_2 = e_1$ . Next we prove that  $vq^n = f_2q^n$  are equivalent to  $v = f_1$ . In fact, if  $vq^n = f_2q^n$ , then, by taking account of the table (9),  $v = vq^n p^n = f_2q^n p^n = f_2$ , and so  $v = f_1$ . If  $v = f_1$ , then, by the result proved above,  $v = f_1 = f_2$ , and so  $vq^n = f_2q^n$ . Similarly we can prove that each of the remaining relations is equivalent to one of the relations  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $e_1 = t$ ,  $v = f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ .

In a similar way, we can prove the following

LEMMA 14. *In this Case 1L1, all the following relations are equivalent to each other:*

$$\dots, tq^2 = vq^2, tq = vq, t = v, tp = vp, tp^2 = vp^2, \dots$$

Now we study Case 1L1 by dividing into subcases.

1°. *Subcase of Case 1L1 when  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ .*

In this subcase, by Lemmas 13 and 14, all the elements of  $I^*$  written in (30) are different from each other. We consider a mapping of  $I_{2L}$  of Example 3 in § 6 into  $I^*$ :

$$(31) \quad (i, g) \rightarrow \begin{cases} gp^i & \text{if } i > 0, \\ g & \text{if } i = 0 \\ gq^{-i} & \text{if } i < 0. \end{cases}$$

By (11) in § 6, this mapping is one-to-one and onto. Moreover, it is order-preserving. Furthermore, comparing (10) in § 6 and (22)–(25), we see that this mapping is an isomorphism. Thus  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{2L}$ . We remark, by the above isomorphism,  $(-1, e_1)$  and  $(1, f_1)$  are mapped into  $q$  and  $p$ , respectively.

2°. *Subcase of Case 1L1 when  $e_2 \neq e_1, t = v$ .*

In this subcase, by Lemmas 13 and 14 and the consideration of 1°,  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{4L}$ .

3°. *Subcase of Case 1L1 when  $e_2 = e_1, t \neq v$ .*

By Lemmas 13 and 14,  $I^*$  consists of elements

$$\begin{aligned} \dots < e_2q^2 = q^2 < f_2q^2 < e_2q = q < f_2q < e_2 \\ < f_2 < e_2p < f_2p = p < e_2p^2 < f_2p^2 = p^2 < \dots, \end{aligned}$$

and, by (22)–(25), we have

$$(32) \quad \begin{cases} gq^mhq^n = gq^{m+n}, \\ gq^mh = gq^m, \\ gq^mhq^n = \begin{cases} gq^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ g & \text{if } m = n, \\ gp^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n, \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$(32') \quad \begin{cases} gp^mhq^n = gp^{m+n}, \\ gp^mh = gp^m, \\ gp^mhq^n = \begin{cases} gp^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ g & \text{if } m = n, \\ gq^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Also we have

$$(32'') \quad ghq^n = gq^n, \quad gh = g, \quad ghp^n = gp^n.$$

Thus, in this subcase, the mapping

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} (i, -1) &\rightarrow \begin{cases} e_2 p^i & \text{if } i > 0, \\ e_2 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ e_2 q^{-i} & \text{if } i < 0, \end{cases} \\ (i, 1) &\rightarrow \begin{cases} f_2 p^i & \text{if } i > 0, \\ f_2 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ f_2 q^{-i} & \text{if } i < 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism of  $I_{1L}$  onto  $I^*$ . We remark, in this isomorphism,  $(-1, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$  are mapped into  $q$  and  $p$ , respectively.

4°. *Subcase of Case 1L1 when  $e_2 = e_1, t = v$ .*

In this subcase, by Lemmas 13 and 14,  $I^*$  consists of elements

$$\dots < q^3 < q^2 < q < e_2 = e_1 = t = v = f_1 = f_2 < p < p^2 < p^3 < \dots,$$

and, by (22)–(25),

$$q^m p^n = p^n q^m = \begin{cases} q^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ e_1 & \text{if } m = n, \\ p^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n, \end{cases}$$

$$e_1 q^m = q^m e_1 = q^m, \quad e_1 p^m = p^m e_1 = p^m.$$

Thus the mapping

$$i \rightarrow \begin{cases} p^i & \text{if } i > 0, \\ e_1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ q^{-i} & \text{if } i < 0, \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism of  $I_0$  onto  $I^*$ .

Next we consider *Case 1L2*.

1°. *Subcase of Case 1L2 when  $e_2 \neq e_1, t \neq v$ .*

We can prove, in a similar way as in the corresponding subcase of *Case 1L1*, that the subsemigroup  $I^*$  generated by  $(p, q)$  consists of elements

$$\begin{aligned} \dots < e_2 q^3 < t q^2 < v q^2 < f_2 q^2 < e_2 q < t q < v q < f_1 q = q < f_2 q < e_2 \\ < e_1 < t < v < f_1 < f_2 < e_2 p < e_1 p = p < t p < v p < f_2 p < e_2 p^2 \\ < t p^2 < v p^2 < f_2 p^2 < \dots, \end{aligned}$$

and that the mapping given by the same formula (31) as in *Case 1L1* is an isomorphism of  $I_{3L}$  onto  $I^*$ . In particular,  $(-1, f_1)$  and  $(1, e_1)$  are mapped into  $q$  and  $p$ , respectively.

2°. Subcase of Case 1L2 when  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t = v$ .

The subsemigroup  $I^*$  generated by  $(p, q)$  is isomorphic to  $I_{5L}$ .

3°. Subcase of Case 1L2 when  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ .

The subsemigroup  $I^*$  generated by  $(p, q)$  consists of elements

$$\begin{aligned} \dots < e_2q^2 < f_2q^2 = q^2 < e_2q < f_2q = q < e_2 \\ < f_2 < e_2p = p < f_2p < e_2p^2 = p^2 < f_2p^2 < \dots, \end{aligned}$$

and so consists of the same elements as in the corresponding subcase in Case 1L1. Also the multiplication in  $I^*$  is given by the same formula (32)–(32'') as in Case 1L1. Hence the mapping (33) is an isomorphism of  $I_{1L}$  onto  $I^*$ . However, in this subcase,  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(1, -1)$  are mapped into  $q$  and  $p$ , respectively.

4°. Subcase of Case 1L2 when  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t = v$ .

The subsemigroup  $I^*$  generated by  $(p, q)$  is the same, in all respects, as that in the corresponding subcase in Case 1L1.

In Case 1R, we can argue in a similar way.

**THEOREM 4.** Using the notations given in (12), let  $(p, q)$  be a regular pair of infinite order such that  $q \leq p$  and  $e_2 \equiv e_1 f_1(D_E)$ , let  $I^*$  be the subsemigroup generated by  $(p, q)$ , and let  $I_0 - I_{5R}$  be the ordered  $I$ -semigroups given in § 6.

(a) If  $e_2 = e_1$  and  $t = v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_0$ ;

(b) if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $e_2 = e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{1L}$ ;

(c) if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{2L}$ ;

(d) if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{3L}$ ;

(e) if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t = v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{4L}$ ;

(f) if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t = v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{5L}$ ;

(g) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $e_2 = e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{1R}$ ;

(h) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{2R}$ ;

(i) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t \neq v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{3R}$ ;

(j) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leqq qp$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t = v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{AR}$ ;

(k) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leqq pq$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$  and  $t = v$ , then  $I^*$  is isomorphic to  $I_{BR}$ .

**COROLLARY.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 4,  $I^*$  contains subsemigroup isomorphic to the ordered additive group  $I_0$  of integers.

**8. Ordered  $J$ -semigroups.** In § 6, we gave examples of ordered semigroups each of which has a regular pair of infinite order. In this section, we give examples of another kind of such semigroups.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $J$  be the set of pairs  $(m, n)$  of nonnegative integers with the multiplication

$$(k, l)(m, n) = \begin{cases} (k + m - l, n) & \text{if } l \leqq m, \\ (k, n + l - m) & \text{if } m \leqq l. \end{cases}$$

As is well known,  $J$  is an abstract semigroup (Lyapin [4] or Saitô [9]). It can be verified that the semigroup  $J$  turns out to be an ordered semigroup when we define the order in  $J$  by

$$(k, l) < (m, n) \quad \text{if } k + n < m + l \quad \text{or } k + n = m + l, k < m.$$

This ordered semigroup is denoted by  $J_{01}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.** It can be verified that the semigroup  $J$  in Example 1 turns out to be an ordered semigroup when we define the order in  $J$  by

$$(k, l) < (m, n) \quad \text{if } k + n > m + l \quad \text{or } k + n = m + l, k < m.$$

This ordered semigroup is denoted by  $J_{02}$ .

**EXAMPLE 3.** The ordered semigroup  $J_{03}$ , which is the semigroup  $J$  with the order

$$(k, l) < (m, n) \quad \text{if } k + n < m + l \quad \text{or } k + n = m + l, k > m.$$

**EXAMPLE 4.** The ordered semigroup  $J_{04}$ , which is the semigroup  $J$  with the order

$$(k, l) < (m, n) \quad \text{if } k + n > m + l \quad \text{or } k + n = m + l, k > m.$$

In each of the ordered semigroups  $J_{01}$ - $J_{04}$ ,  $((0, 1), (1, 0))$  is a regular pair of infinite order, which generates the corresponding ordered semigroup. In  $J_{01}$  and  $J_{03}$ ,  $(0, 1)$  is negative and  $(1, 0)$  is positive, while in  $J_{02}$  and  $J_{04}$ ,  $(0, 1)$  is positive and  $(1, 0)$  is negative.

EXAMPLE 5. Let  $W$  be a system consisting of infinite elements ordered by

$$e_2 < e_1 < t < v < f_1 < f_2 < \dots,$$

and with the following multiplication table:

(34)

	$e_2$	$e_1$	$t$	$v$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$e_2$	$e_2$	$e_2$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$f_1$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$v$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_3$	$\dots$
$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$

It can be verified that  $W$  is an ordered idempotent semigroup. We define two mappings  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $W$  into itself by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(e_2) = \varphi(e_1) = \varphi(t) = \varphi(v) = e_2, \quad \varphi(f_1) = e_1, \\ \varphi(f_2) = t, \quad \varphi(f_3) = f_2, \quad \dots; \\ \psi(e_2) = v, \quad \psi(e_1) = f_1, \quad \psi(t) = \psi(v) = \psi(f_1) = f_2, \\ \psi(f_2) = f_3, \quad \psi(f_3) = f_4, \quad \dots. \end{aligned}$$

As is easily seen, these mappings have the following properties:

- (a) both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are monotone;
- (b) both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are semigroup-homomorphisms;
- (c)  $\varphi(g)e_1 = e_1\varphi(g) = \varphi(g)$ ,  $\psi(g)f_1 = f_1\psi(g) = \psi(g)$  for every  $g \in W$ ;
- (d)  $\varphi(\psi(g)) = e_1g$ ,  $\psi(\varphi(g)) = f_1g$  for every  $g \in W$ .

For brevity, we use notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^1(g) = \varphi(g), \quad \varphi^2(g) = \varphi(\varphi(g)), \quad \varphi^3(g) = \varphi(\varphi(\varphi(g))), \quad \dots; \\ \psi^1(g) = \psi(g), \quad \psi^2(g) = \psi(\psi(g)), \quad \psi^3(g) = \psi(\psi(\psi(g))), \quad \dots. \end{aligned}$$

Now we consider the system  $H$ , consisting of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0$  and  $g \in W$ , where  $I_0$  is the ordered additive group of integers as is defined in § 6. In  $H$ , we define the order lexicographically and define the multiplication by

(35)

$$(i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, g\varphi^{-i}(h)) & \text{if } i < 0, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\psi^i(h)) & \text{if } i > 0. \end{cases}$$

Using the properties (a)-(d) of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , we can prove that  $H$  is an ordered semigroup. Finally, we consider the subset  $J_{11L}$  of  $H$  consisting of elements with

$$(36) \quad \begin{aligned} & i \leq -2, g \neq e_1, f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = -1, g \neq f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i = 0, g \text{ arbitrary, or} \\ & i = 1, g \geq t, \text{ or} \\ & i \geq 2, g \geq f_i. \end{aligned}$$

It can be verified that  $J_{11L}$  is closed with respect to the multiplication, and so forms an ordered semigroup. Here we remark that the ordered semigroup  $J_{11L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{01}$ . In fact, we can verify that the following mapping of  $J_{01}$  into  $J_{11L}$  is an isomorphism into  $J_{11L}$ :

$$(m, n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (m - n, e_2) & \text{if } m = 0, \\ (m - n, t) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ (m - n, f_m) & \text{if } m \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

EXAMPLE 6. Let  $W$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be the same as in the preceding Example 5. We can verify that the system  $J_{12L}$ , consisting of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0$ ,  $g \in W$  which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & i \leq -2, g \geq f_i, \text{ or} \\ & i = -1, g \geq t, \text{ or} \\ & i = 0, g \text{ arbitrary, or} \\ & i = 1, g \neq f_1, \text{ or} \\ & i \geq 2, g \neq e_1, f_1, \end{aligned}$$

forms an ordered semigroup, when we define the order lexicographically and define the multiplication by

$$(i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, g\psi^{-i}(h)) & \text{if } i < 0, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\varphi^i(h)) & \text{if } i > 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover we can verify that the mapping of  $J_{02}$  into  $J_{12L}$  defined by

$$(m, n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (n - m, e_2) & \text{if } m = 0, \\ (n - m, t) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ (n - m, f_m) & \text{if } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism into  $J_{12L}$ , and so  $J_{12L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{02}$ .



EXAMPLE 7. Let  $W'$  be the system consisting of infinite elements ordered by

$$\dots < e_3 < e_2 < e_1 < t < v < f_1 < f_2 ,$$

and with the multiplication table arising from the table (34) by means of replacing  $e_2, e_1, t, v, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  by  $f_2, f_1, v, t, e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots$  respectively. It can be verified that  $W'$  is an ordered idempotent semigroup. We define two mappings  $\chi$  and  $\omega$  of  $W'$  into itself by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(f_2) = \chi(f_1) = \chi(v) = \chi(t) = f_2, \quad \chi(e_1) = f_1, \\ \chi(e_2) = v, \quad \chi(e_3) = e_2, \quad \dots ; \\ \omega(f_2) = t, \quad \omega(f_1) = e_1, \quad \omega(v) = \omega(t) = \omega(e_1) = e_2, \\ \omega(e_2) = e_3, \quad \omega(e_3) = e_4, \quad \dots . \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way as in Example 5, the system  $J_{13L}$ , consisting of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0, g \in W'$  which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} i \leq -2, \quad g \neq e_1, f_1, \text{ or} \\ i = -1, \quad g \neq e_1, \text{ or} \\ i = 0, \quad g \text{ arbitrary, or} \\ i = 1, \quad g \leq v, \text{ or} \\ i \geq 2, \quad g \leq e_i \end{aligned}$$

forms an ordered semigroup, when we order it lexicographically and define the multiplication by

$$(i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, g\chi^{-i}(h)) & \text{if } i < 0, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\omega^i(h)) & \text{if } i > 0. \end{cases}$$

The mapping of  $J_{03}$  into  $J_{13L}$  defined by

$$(m, n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (m - n, f_2) & \text{if } m = 0, \\ (m - n, v) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ (m - n, e_m) & \text{if } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism into  $J_{13L}$ , and so  $J_{13L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{03}$ .

EXAMPLE 8. The ordered semigroup  $J_{14L}$  consists of pairs  $(i, g)$  with  $i \in I_0, g \in W'$  which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} i \leq -2, \quad g \leq e_i, \text{ or} \\ i = -1, \quad g \leq v, \text{ or} \\ i = 0, \quad g \text{ arbitrary, or} \end{aligned}$$

$$i = 1, g \neq e_1, \text{ or}$$

$$i \geq 2, g \neq e_1, f_1.$$

It is ordered lexicographically and has the multiplication

$$(i, g)(j, h) = \begin{cases} (i + j, g\omega^{-i}(h)) & \text{if } i < 0, \\ (i + j, gh) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i + j, g\chi^i(h)) & \text{if } i > 0. \end{cases}$$

The mapping of  $J_{04}$  into  $J_{14L}$  defined by

$$(m, n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (n - m, f_2) & \text{if } m = 0, \\ (n - m, v) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ (n - m, e_m) & \text{if } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism into  $J_{14L}$ .

EXAMPLE 9. The ordered semigroup  $J_{21L}$  is constructed from  $J_{11L}$  by identifying elements contained in each of the following four pairs:

$$(-1, e_2), (-1, e_1); (0, e_2), (0, e_1); (0, v), (0, f_1); (1, v), (1, f_1).$$

$J_{21L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{01}$ .

EXAMPLE 10. The ordered semigroup  $J_{22L}$  is constructed from  $J_{12L}$  by identifying elements contained in each of the following four pairs:

$$(-1, v), (-1, f_1); (0, e_2), (0, e_1); (0, v), (0, f_1); (1, e_2), (1, e_1).$$

$J_{22L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{02}$ .

EXAMPLE 11. The ordered semigroup  $J_{23L}$  is constructed from  $J_{13L}$  by identifying elements contained in each of the following four pairs:

$$(-1, f_1), (-1, f_2); (0, e_1), (0, t); (0, f_1), (0, f_2); (1, e_1), (1, t).$$

$J_{23L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{03}$ .

EXAMPLE 12. The ordered semigroup  $J_{24L}$  is constructed from  $J_{14L}$  by identifying elements contained in each of the following four pairs:

$$(-1, e_1), (-1, t); (0, e_1), (0, t); (0, f_1), (0, f_2); (1, f_1), (1, f_2).$$

$J_{24L}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{04}$ .

EXAMPLE 13. The ordered semigroup  $J_{31}$  is constructed from  $J_{11L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for each  $i \leq 1$ .  $J_{31}$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{01}$ .

EXAMPLE 14. The ordered semigroup  $J_{32}$  is constructed from  $J_{12L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for each  $i \geq -1$ .  $J_{32}$  contains a sub-semigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{02}$ . Here we remark that the ordered semigroup  $J_{32}$  is isomorphic to the dual of ordered semigroup  $J_{31}$ . In fact, we can verify that the mapping of the dual of ordered semigroup  $J_{31}$  into  $J_{32}$  defined by

$$(i, g) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (i, \psi^{-i}(g)) & \text{if } i < 0, \\ (i, g) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (i, \varphi^i(g)) & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism onto  $J_{32}$ .

EXAMPLE 15. The ordered semigroup  $J_{33}$  is constructed from  $J_{13L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for each  $i \leq 1$ .  $J_{33}$  contains a sub-semigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{03}$ .

EXAMPLE 16. The ordered semigroup  $J_{34}$  is constructed from  $J_{14L}$  by identifying  $(i, t)$  and  $(i, v)$  for each  $i \geq -1$ .  $J_{34}$  contains a sub-semigroup which is isomorphic to  $J_{04}$ . We remark that  $J_{34}$  is isomorphic to the dual of ordered semigroup  $J_{33}$ .

EXAMPLES 17-24. The ordered semigroups  $J_{11R}, \dots, J_{24R}$  are multiplicative dual to  $J_{11L}, \dots, J_{24L}$ , respectively.

These 24 ordered semigroups given above are called *ordered J-semigroups*. Ordered  $J$ -semigroups  $J_{01}, J_{02}, J_{03}$  and  $J_{04}$  are called *fundamental ordered J-semigroups*.

9. **Regular pair of infinite order (2).** In this section, the notations of elements  $e_n, f_n, t, v$  and the notations of conditions (A)-(D') are used just as is defined in § 7. In § 7, we divided the investigation of a regular pair of infinite order into two cases, and *Case 1* was studied in that section. Now we study *Case 2*. Thus, in this section, we suppose that  $(p, q)$  is a regular pair of infinite order such that  $q \leq p$  and  $e_2 \neq e_{1f_1}(D_E)$ .

*Case 2* is divided into two subclasses:

*Case 2L:* the subcase of *Case 2* when  $(p, q)$  is *L-typed*;

*Case 2R:* the subcase of *Case 2* when  $(p, q)$  is *R-typed*,  
and moreover *Case 2L* is divided into two subclasses:

*Case 2L1:* the subcase of *Case 2L* when the condition (C) holds;

*Case 2L2: the subcase of Case 2L when (C) does not hold.*

Now we consider *Case 2L1*. Thus we assume that  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed and satisfies (C). Then, by Lemma 12, the condition (A') holds. Hence  $(e_1 f_1) e_2 = e_1 (f_1 e_1) = e_1 f_1$ , and so, since  $e_2 \not\equiv e_1 f_1 (D_E)$ , we obtain  $e_2 f_1 = e_2 (e_1 f_1) \neq e_2$ . Hence (D) does not hold, and so, by Lemma 12, (B') does not hold. Hence (A) and (C') hold. Moreover, by Lemma 11,

$$(37) \quad e_2 = e_3 = e_4 = \dots .$$

Since  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed, we have, by Lemma 3,

$$t = e_1 f_1, \quad v = f_1 e_1, \quad e_1 f_1 e_1 = e_1 f_1, \quad f_1 e_1 f_1 = f_1 e_1 .$$

Now we denote by  $E$  the set consisting of elements  $e_2, e_1, t, v, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$ .

We have  $e_1 < t$ . In fact, otherwise, we would have  $e_1 = e_1 f_1$  and so, by Lemma 10,  $e_2 = e_2 f_1$ , which is a relation in (D). We have  $f_1 < f_2$ . In fact, otherwise, we would have  $f_1 = f_2$  and so  $e_1 f_1 = e_1 f_2$ , which is a relation in (B'). We have  $f_n < f_{n+1}$  for every  $n \geq 2$ . In fact, otherwise, we would have  $f_n = f_{n+1}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $qp \leq pq$ . Then, by Corollary of Lemma 9,  $e_n = q^n p^n$  and  $f_n = p^n q^n$ . Hence, by (37), (A) and (A'), we would have

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 = e_n &= q^n p^n q^n p^n = q^n f_n p^n = q^n f_{n+1} p^n = e_n f_1 e_n \\ &= e_2 f_1 e_2 = (e_2 f_1)(f_1 e_2) = (e_1 f_1)(f_1 e_1) = e_1 f_1 = t , \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts that  $e_2 \leq e_1 < t$ . Thus the elements of  $E$  are ordered by

$$(38) \quad e_2 \leq e_1 < t \leq v \leq f_1 < f_2 < f_3 < \dots .$$

Using Lemma 10 and conditions (A), (A'), (C), (C'), we can verify that the elements of  $E$  are multiplied together just as in the table (34) in Example 5 in § 8.

*Case 2L1* is divided into two subcases:

*Case 2L11: the subcase of Case 2L1 when  $qp \leq pq$ ;*

*Case 2L12: the subcase of Case 2L1 when  $pq \leq qp$ .*

Now we consider *Case 2L11*. Then  $e_n = q^n p^n$ ,  $f_n = p^n q^n$ , and so, by (C) and (C'),

$$(39) \quad qp^3 = p^2, \quad q^3 p = q^2 .$$

Moreover, by  $e_1 f_1 = e_1 f_1 e_1$  and  $f_1 e_1 = f_1 e_1 f_1$ , we obtain

$$(40) \quad p^2 q = p^2 q^2 p, \quad q^2 p = q^2 p^2 q .$$

Now we consider the mappings  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $E$  into itself which have been defined in § 8, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(e_2) = \varphi(e_1) = \varphi(t) = \varphi(v) = e_2, \quad \varphi(f_1) = e_1, \\ \varphi(f_2) = t, \quad \varphi(f_3) = f_2, \quad \dots; \\ \psi(e_2) = v, \quad \psi(e_1) = f_1, \quad \psi(t) = \psi(v) = \psi(f_1) = f_2, \\ \psi(f_2) = f_3, \quad \psi(f_3) = f_4, \quad \dots. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (39) and (40), we can verify that

$$(41) \quad qg = \varphi(g)q, \quad pg = \psi(g)p \text{ for every } g \in E.$$

Moreover, as is shown in § 8,  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  satisfy the conditions: (a)–(d) given there. Hence, if  $l \geq m + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^l(g)q^{m+1}p^{n+1} &= \varphi^l(g)q^m e_1 p^n = \varphi^l(g)\varphi^m(e_1)q^m p^n \\ &= \varphi^m(\varphi^{l-m}(g)e_1)q^m p^n = \varphi^m(\varphi^{l-m}(g))q^m p^n = \varphi^l(g)q^m p^n. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $l \geq m + 1$ , then we have

$$\psi^l(g)p^{m+1}q^{n+1} = \psi^l(g)p^m q^n.$$

Using these relations, we can verify that

$$(42) \quad \begin{cases} gq^m h q^n = g\varphi^m(h)q^{m+n}, \\ gq^m h = g\varphi^m(h)q^m, \\ gq^m h p^n = \begin{cases} g\varphi^m(h)q^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ g\varphi^m(h) & \text{if } m = n, \\ g\varphi^m(h)p^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$(43) \quad \begin{cases} gp^m h p^n = g\psi^m(h)p^{m+n}, \\ gp^m h = g\psi^m(h)p^m, \\ gp^m h q^n = \begin{cases} g\psi^m(h)p^{m-n} & \text{if } m > n, \\ g\psi^m(h) & \text{if } m = n, \\ g\psi^m(h)q^{n-m} & \text{if } m < n. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Now we denote by  $J^*$  the set consisting of elements of the forms  $gq^n$ ,  $gp^n$  or  $g$  with  $g \in E$  and natural number  $n$ . By (42) and (43), we see that  $J^*$  is a subsemigroup, which is then clearly the subsemigroup generated by regular pair  $(p, q)$ .

Since  $q = e_1 q$ , we have

$$(44) \quad vq = f_1 q.$$

By (44) and  $e_2 q^2 = q^2 = e_1 q^2$ , we have

$$(45) \quad e_2 q^n = e_1 q^n, \quad vq^n = f_1 q^n \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

Since  $tp = qp^2qp = qp^2 = q^2p^3 = e_2p \leq e_1p \leq tp$ , we have

$$(46) \quad e_2p = e_1p = tp .$$

If  $n \geq 2$ , then  $f_n p^n = p^n q^n p^n = p^n = qp^{n+1} = q^2 p^{n+2} = e_2 p^n$ , and so,

$$(47) \quad e_2 p^n = e_1 p^n = t p^n = v p^n = f_1 p^n = \dots = f_n p^n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 .$$

We have  $f_n q^{m+1} < e_2 q^m$ , for, otherwise, we would have

$$q^{m+n+1} = q^n f_n q^{m+1} \geq q^n e_2 q^m = \varphi^n(e_2) q^{m+n} = q^{m+n} ,$$

which contradicts Lemma 9. Therefore we also have  $f_n q < e_2$ . We have  $e_1 q^n < t q^n$ , for, otherwise, we would have

$$e_n = e_1 q^n p^n \geq t q^n p^n = t e_n = t ,$$

which contradicts (38). Similarly we obtain  $f_n q^m < f_{n+1} q^m$ . We have  $f_n p^m < e_2 p^{m+1}$ , for, otherwise, we would have

$$f_n f_m q = f_n p^m q^{m+1} \geq e_2 p^{m+1} q^{m+1} = e_2 f_{m+1} \geq e_2 ,$$

which contradicts  $f_i q < e_2$ . If  $m \geq n$ , then we have  $f_m p^n < f_{m+1} p^n$ , for, otherwise, we would have

$$f_m = f_m p^n q^n \geq f_{m+1} p^n q^n = f_{m+1} ,$$

which contradicts (38). Thus the elements of  $J^*$  are ordered by

$$(48) \quad \begin{aligned} & \dots < e_2 q^2 < t q^2 \leq v q^2 < f_2 q^2 < f_3 q^2 < \dots < e_2 q \leq e_1 q < t q \\ & \leq v q < f_2 q < f_3 q < \dots < e_2 \leq e_1 < t \leq v \leq f_1 < f_2 < f_3 < \dots \\ & < t p \leq v p \leq f_1 p < f_2 p < f_3 p < \dots < f_2 p^2 < f_3 p^2 < \dots . \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 15. *In this Case 2L11, the following four conditions are equivalent to each other:*

$$vq = f_1 p, \quad v = f_1, \quad e_2 = e_1, \quad e_2 q = e_1 q .$$

*Proof.* If  $vp = f_1 p$ , then  $v = vpq = f_1 pq = f_1$ . If  $v = f_1$ , then  $e_2 = qvp = qf_1 p = e_1$ . If  $e_2 = e_1$ , then clearly  $e_2 q = e_1 q$ . If  $e_2 q = e_1 q$ , then  $vp = pe_2 qp = pe_1 qp = p = f_1 p$ .

LEMMA 16. *In this Case 2L11, all the following conditions are equivalent to each other:*

$$\dots, \quad t q^3 = v q^3, \quad t q^2 = v q^2, \quad t q = v q, \quad t = v, \quad t p = v p .$$

*Proof.* If  $t = v$ , then clearly  $t q^n = v q^n$  and  $tp = vp$ . If  $tp = vp$ , then  $t = tpq = vpq = v$ . Similarly, if  $t q^n = v q^n$  for some  $n$ , then  $t = v$ .

Now we investigate Case 2L11 by dividing into several subcases.

1°. Subcase of Case 2L11 when  $e_2 \neq e_1, t \neq v$ .

By Lemmas 15 and 16, all the elements of  $J^*$  written in (48) are different. We consider mapping of  $J_{11L}$  of Example 5 in § 8 into  $I^*$ :

$$(49) \quad (n, g) \rightarrow \begin{cases} gp^n & \text{if } n > 0, \\ g & \text{if } n = 0, \\ gq^{-n} & \text{if } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

By (36) in § 8, this mapping is one-to-one and onto. Moreover it is order-preserving. Furthermore, comparing (35) in § 8 to (42) and (43), we see that this mapping is an isomorphism. Thus  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{11L}$ . We remark, by the above isomorphism,  $(-1, e_1)$  and  $(1, f_1)$  are mapped into  $q$  and  $p$ , respectively.

2°. Subcase of Case 2L11 when  $e_2 = e_1, t \neq v$ .

By Lemmas 15 and 16,  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{21L}$  of Example 9 in § 8.

3°. Subcase of Case 2L11 when  $e_2 \neq e_1, t = v$ .

By Lemmas 15 and 16,  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{31}$  of Example 13 in § 8.

4°. Subcase of Case 2L11 when  $e_2 = e_1, t = v$ .

By Lemmas 15 and 16,  $J^*$  consists of elements

$$\begin{aligned} \dots < e_2q^2 < tq^2 < f_2q^2 < f_3q^2 < \dots < e_2q < tq < f_2q < f_3q < \dots \\ \dots < e_2 < t < f_2 < f_3 < \dots < tp < f_2p < f_3p < \dots < f_2p^2 \\ & \hspace{15em} < f_3p^2 < \dots \end{aligned}$$

We can verify that the mapping of  $J_{01}$  into  $J^*$  defined by

$$(m, n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} e_2q^n & \text{if } m = 0, n > 0, \\ e_2 & \text{if } m = n = 0, \\ tq^{n-1} & \text{if } m = 1, n > 1, \\ t & \text{if } m = n = 1, \\ tp & \text{if } m = 1, n = 0, \\ f_mq^{n-m} & \text{if } m \geq 2, m < n, \\ f_m & \text{if } m \geq 2, m = n, \\ f_mp^{m-n} & \text{if } m \geq 2, m > n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism onto  $J^*$ .

Similarly we can discuss *Case 2L12*.

Now we consider *Case 2L2*. In this case, (C) does not hold, and so, by Lemma 12, also (A') does not hold. Hence (B) and (D') hold, and so, by Lemma 12, also (B') and (D) hold. Thus we can argue in a similar way as in *Case 2L1*.

We can discuss *Case 2R* in a similar way.

**THEOREM 5.** *Using the notations given in (12), let  $(p, q)$  be a regular pair of infinite order such that  $q \leq p$  and  $e_2 \not\equiv e_1 f_1(D_E)$ , let  $J^*$  be the subsemigroups generated by  $(p, q)$ , and let  $J_{01} - J_{24R}$  be the ordered  $J$ -semigroups given in § 8.*

- (a) *If  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t = v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{01}$ ;*
- (b) *if  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t = v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{02}$ ;*
- (c) *if  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t = v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{03}$ ;*
- (d) *if  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t = v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{04}$ ;*
- (e) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{11L}$ ;*
- (f) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{12L}$ ;*
- (g) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{13L}$ ;*
- (h) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{14L}$ ;*
- (i) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{21L}$ ;*
- (j) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{22L}$ ;*
- (k) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{23L}$ ;*
- (l) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{24L}$ ;*
- (m) *if  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t = v$ , either  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed and  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$  or  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed and  $f_1 \leq e_1 f_2$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{31}$ ;*
- (n) *if  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t = v$ , either  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed and  $f_1 \leq f_2 e_1$  or  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed and  $f_1 \leq e_1 f_2$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{32}$ ;*
- (o) *if  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t = v$ , either  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed and  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$  or  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed and  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{33}$ ;*
- (p) *if  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t = v$ , either  $(p, q)$  is  $L$ -typed and  $f_2 e_1 < f_1$  or  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed and  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{34}$ ;*
- (q) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leq qp$ ,  $f_1 \leq e_1 f_2$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{11R}$ ;*
- (r) *if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leq pq$ ,  $f_1 \leq e_1 f_2$ ,  $e_2 \neq e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{12R}$ ;*



(s) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leqq pq$ ,  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{13R}$ ;

(t) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leqq qp$ ,  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 \neq f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{14R}$ ;

(u) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leqq qp$ ,  $f_1 \leqq e_1 f_2$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{21R}$ ;

(v) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leqq pq$ ,  $f_1 \leqq e_1 f_2$ ,  $e_2 = e_1$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{22R}$ ;

(w) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $qp \leqq pq$ ,  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{23R}$ ;

(x) if  $(p, q)$  is  $R$ -typed,  $pq \leqq qp$ ,  $e_1 f_2 < f_1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2$ ,  $t \neq v$ , then  $J^*$  is isomorphic to  $J_{24R}$ .

**COROLLARY.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 5,  $J^*$  contains a subsemigroup which is isomorphic to one of the fundamental ordered  $J$ -semigroups.

§ 10. **Applications.** A semigroup  $S$  is called an *inverse semigroup* if every element of  $S$  is regular and each pair of idempotents of  $S$  commute (Munn and Penrose [6]). It can be seen that every subsemigroup of an inverse semigroup  $S$  in which every element is regular is an inverse subsemigroup. Hence, by Corollary 2 of Lemma 5, for a regular pair  $(p, q)$  of  $S$ , the subsemigroup generated by  $(p, q)$  is an inverse subsemigroup. Now we see that, except  $I_0, J_{01}, J_{02}, J_{03}$  and  $J_{04}$ , all ordered semigroups given in examples in §§ 4, 6 and 8 are not inverse semigroups. Hence we have

**THEOREM 6.** Let  $(p, q)$  be a non-idempotent regular pair of an ordered inverse semigroup. Then the subsemigroup generated by  $(p, q)$  is isomorphic to either the additive ordered group  $I_0$  of integers or one of the fundamental ordered  $J$ -semigroups.

Evidently fundamental ordered  $J$ -semigroups are not commutative. Hence we have

**THEOREM 7.** Let  $(p, q)$  be a non-idempotent regular pair of an ordered commutative semigroup. Then the subsemigroup generated by  $(p, q)$  is isomorphic to the additive ordered group  $I_0$  of integers.

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