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# ON RIGHT INVERSE ORDERED SEMIGROUPS

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#### Abstract

A regular ordered semigroup S is called right inverse if every principal left ideal of S is generated by an  $\mathcal{R}$ -unique positive element of it. We prove that a regular ordered semigroup is right inverse if and only if any two inverses of an element  $a \in S$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ -related. Furthermore the class of right Clifford ordered semigroups have been characterized by the class of right inverse ordered semigroups.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Following Bailes [2], a right inverse semigroup is a regular semigroup with the property that each element has a unique left unit. Due to Bailes the class of right inverse semigroups are strictly between the class of orthodox semigroups and the class of inverse semigroups. Venkatesan [8] studied these semigroups under the name of right unipotent semigroups. He showed that a semigroup is right inverse if and only if every principal left ideal has a unique idempotent generator.

Bhuniya and Hansda [1] have deal with ordered semigroups in which any two inverses of an element are  $\mathcal{H}$ -related. These ordered semigroups are analogue to inverse semigroups. So it is a logical step to study ordered semigroups with the property that any two inverses of an element of it are  $\mathcal{R}$ -related. So the purpose of this paper is to characterise such ordered semigroups which we call right inverse ordered semigroups. We give a detailed exposition on the characterization of these ordered semigroups. Here we generalize such ordered semigroups into right inverse ordered semigroups. This paper is inspired by the works done by Venkatesan [8] and Bailes [2].

The presentation of this article is as follows: This section is followed by preliminaries. Definitions and basic properties of ordered semigroups are described in section 2. Section 3 is devoted to the right inverse ordered semigroups and its different characterizations.

## 2. Preliminaries

An ordered semigroup is a partiality ordered set  $(S, \leq)$ , and at the same time a semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  such that for all  $a, b, x \in S$ ,  $a \leq b$  implies  $xa \leq xb$  and  $ax \leq bx$ . It is denoted by  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$ . For an ordered semigroup S and  $H \subseteq S$ , denote the download closure by

$$(H] := \{t \in S : t \le h, \text{ for some } h \in H\}.$$

Let *I* be a non-empty subset of *S*. Then *I* is called a left(right) ideal [4] of *S*, if  $SI \subseteq I(IS \subseteq I)$  and  $(I] \subseteq I$ . If *I* is both left and right ideal, then it is called an ideal of *S*. We call *S* a (left, right) simple ordered semigroup if it does not contain any proper (left, right) ideal. For  $a \in S$ , the smallest (left, right) ideal of *S* that contains *a* is denoted by (L(a), R(a))I(a).

Following Kehayopulu [4] an ordered semigroup S is said to be regular (respectively, completely regular, right regular) if for every  $a \in S$ ,  $a \in (aSa]$  $(a \in (a^2Sa^2], a \in (a^2S])$ . Due to Kehayopulu [4] Green's relations on a regular ordered semigroup given as follows:

 $a\mathcal{L}b$  if L(a) = L(b),  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if R(a) = R(b),  $a\mathcal{J}b$  if I(a) = I(b),  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}$ . These four relations  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{J}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}$  are equivalence relations.

An equivalence relation  $\rho$  is called left (right) congruence if for  $a, b, c \in S \ a\rho b$ implies  $ca\rho cb$  ( $ac\rho bc$ ). By a congruence we mean both left and right congruence. A congruence  $\rho$  is called semilattice congruence if for all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a\rho a^2$  and  $ab\rho \ ba$ . By a complete semilattice congruence we mean a semilattice congruence  $\sigma$  such that for  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \leq b$  implies that  $a\sigma ab$ . An ordered semigroup S is called complete semilattice of subsemigroups of type  $\tau$  if there exists a complete semilattice congruence  $\rho$  such that  $(x)_{\rho}$  is a type  $\tau$  subsemigroup of S.

A regular ordered semigroup S is said to be group-like (respectively, left group-like) [1] ordered semigroup if for every  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \in (Sb]$  and  $b \in (aS]$  (respectively,  $a \in (Sb]$ ). Right group-like ordered semigroup can be defined dually. A regular ordered semigroup S is called a right (left) Clifford [1] if for all  $a \in S$ ,  $(Sa] \subseteq (aS]$ ,  $((aS] \subseteq (Sa])$ . Every right (left) group-like ordered semigroup is a right (left) Clifford ordered semigroup. An element  $b \in S$  is said to be an inverse of  $a \in S$  if  $a \leq aba$  and  $b \leq bab$ . We denote the set of all inverses of an element a by  $V_{\leq}(a)$ . In an ordered semigroup S, an element [7]  $e \in S$  is said to be positive element if  $e \leq e^2$ . The set of all positive elements of S denoted by  $E_{\leq}(S)$ .

Following results are useful for the sake of this paper.

**Theorem 1** [1]. Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) S is right Clifford ordered semigroup;
- (2) for all  $e \in E_{\leq}(S), (Se] \subseteq (eS];$
- (3) for all  $a \in S$ , and  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$ , there is  $x \in S$  such that  $ea \leq ax$ ;
- (4) for all  $a, b \in S$ , there is  $x \in S$  such that  $ba \leq ax$ ;
- (5)  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$  on S.

**Lemma 2** [1]. Let S be a right Clifford ordered semigroup. Then the following conditions hold in S.

(1)  $a \in (a^2Sa]$ , for every  $a \in S$ ;

(2)  $ef \in (feSef]$ , for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ .

**Theorem 3** [1]. Let S be an ordered semigroup. Then S is right (left) Clifford ordered semigroup if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{L})$  is the least complete semilattice congruence on S.

**Theorem 4** [1]. Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then S is right (left) Clifford ordered semigroup if and only if it is a complete semilattice of right (left) group-like ordered semigroups.

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Let S be an ordered semigroup and  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on S. By the notion  $\rho$ -unique in S we mean the uniqueness in respect to the relation  $\rho$ .

**Lemma 5.** Every principal left ideal in a regular ordered semigroup is generated by a positive element.

**Proof.** Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Consider a principal left ideal J = (Sa] of S for  $a \in S$ . Since S is regular there is  $x \in S$  such that  $a \leq axa$ . Then  $xa \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Say e = xa. Clearly  $a\mathcal{L}e$ . Take  $y \in J$ . Then  $y \leq za$  for some  $z \in S$ , so that  $y \leq zaxa = zae$ . Therefore  $y \in (Se]$ . Hence J = (Se].

**Lemma 6.** Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then S is a left group-like ordered semigroup if and only if any two positive elements of S are  $\mathcal{L}$ -related.

**Proof.** Suppose that S is a left group-like ordered semigroup. Choose  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Then  $e\mathcal{L}f$ .

Conversely, assume that the given condition holds in S. Let  $a, b \in S$ . Since S is regular, there exists  $s, t \in S$  such that  $a \leq asa$  and  $b \leq btb$ . Clearly  $as, sa, bt, tb \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Then by given condition,  $sa \leq vtb$  for some  $v \in S$ . Then  $a \leq asa \leq avtb$ . Hence S is left group-like ordered semigroup.

Right group-like ordered semigroup can be characterized dually.

Let S be a regular ordered semigroup and  $a \in S$ . Then there is  $x \in S$  such that  $a \leq axa \leq a(xax)a$ . Also  $xax \leq xaxaxax$ . So there is  $a' \in V_{\leq}(a)$  such that  $a \leq aa'a$ . Now we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 7.** Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then any two inverses of an element of S are  $\mathcal{L}$ -related if and only if for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S), ef \in (eSfSe]$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that the given condition holds in S. Let  $a \in S$  and  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a)$ . Now  $a' \leq a'aa' \leq a'aa''aa'$ . Clearly aa' and  $aa'' \in E_{\leq}(S)$  so that by the given condition we have  $aa''aa' \leq aa''raa'taa''$  for some  $r, t \in S$ . Therefore  $a \leq a'aa''raa'taa''$ , that is,  $a' \leq ma''$ , where m = a'aa''raa'ta. Similarly  $a'' \leq na'$  for some  $n \in S$ . Hence  $a'\mathcal{L}a''$ .

Conversely, let  $a \in S$  and a',  $a'' \in V_{\leq}(a)$  such that  $a'\mathcal{L}a''$ . Let  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Since S is regular,  $V_{\leq}(ef) \neq \phi$ . Let  $x \in V_{\leq}(ef)$ . Then  $x \leq xefx$  and  $ef \leq efxef$ . Now  $fxe \leq f(xefx)e \leq fxe(ef)fxe$  and  $ef \leq ef(fxe)ef$ . Then  $ef \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ . Also  $fxe \in E_{\leq}(S)$ , and so  $fxe \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ . This yields that  $ef \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ , so  $ef\mathcal{L}fxe$  by the given condition. Hence  $ef \leq ufxe$  for some  $u \in S$ . Hence from above  $ef \leq ef^2xeufxe$ . Thus  $ef \in (eSfSe]$ .

**Definition.** A regular ordered semigroup S is called right inverse if every principal left ideal is generated by an  $\mathcal{R}$ -unique positive element of S.

**Example 3.1.** The ordered semigroup  $S = \{a, e, f\}$  defined by multiplication and order below.

•	a	e	f
a	a	e	f
e	a	e	f
f	a	e	f

$$' \leq ' := \{(a, a), (a, e), (a, f), (e, e), (f, f)\}.$$

 $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  is a right inverse ordered semigroup.

The following lemma is obvious so we omit its proof.

**Lemma 8.** A regular ordered semigroup S is a right inverse if and only if for any two positive elements  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ ,  $e\mathcal{L}f$  implies  $e\mathcal{H}f$ . Left group-like ordered semigroups are generalizations of group-like ordered semigroups. Every right inverse and left group-like ordered semigroups are group-like ordered semigroups.

**Lemma 9.** Every right inverse left group-like ordered semigroup is a group-like ordered semigroup.

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 6 and Lemma 8.

The characterization of right inverse ordered semigroups by the inverses of their elements has been given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 10.** The following conditions are equivalent on a regular ordered semigroup S.

(1) S is right inverse;

(2) for every  $a \in S$  and  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a), a'\mathcal{R}a'';$ 

(3) for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S), ef \in (fSeSf];$ 

(4) for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S), (eS] \cap (fS] = (efS];$ 

(5) for  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$  and  $x \in (Se]$  implies  $x' \in (eS]$ , where  $x \in S$  and  $x' \in V_{\leq}(x)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let S be a right inverse semigroup and  $a \in S$ . Consider  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a)$ . Then  $a'a, a''a \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Say L = (Sa] and let  $x \in (Sa]$ . Then there is  $s \in S$  such that  $x \leq sa$ . Thus  $x \leq saa'a$ , which implies that  $x \in (Sa'a]$  and so  $(Sa] \subseteq (Sa'a]$ . Also  $(Sa'a] \subseteq (Sa'a]$ . And thus (Sa] = (Sa'a]. Similarly (Sa] = (Sa''a]. Since S is right inverse, we have  $a'a\mathcal{R}a''a$ . Now  $a'' \leq a''aa'' \leq a'az_1a''$  for some  $z_1 \in S$ . Hence  $a'' \leq a't_1$ , where  $t_1 = az_1a''$ . Also  $a' \leq a'aa'' \leq a''az_2a'$  for some  $z_2 \in S$ . Hence  $a' \leq a''t_2$ , where  $t_2 = az_2a'$ . Hence  $a''\mathcal{R}a''$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Suppose that for every  $a \in S$  and  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a)$ , we have  $a'\mathcal{R}a''$ . Since S is regular,  $V_{\leq}(ef) \neq \phi$ . Let  $x \in V_{\leq}(ef)$ . Then  $x \leq xefx$  and  $ef \leq efxef$ and so  $fxe \leq fxefxe \leq fxe(ef)fxe$  and  $ef \leq ef^2xe^2f$ . Thus

(1) 
$$ef \le ef(fxe)ef$$

and thus  $ef \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ . Also  $fxe \leq (fxe)^2$ , so that is  $fxe \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ . Hence  $ef, fxe \in V_{\leq}(fxe)$ . Then by the condition (2), we have  $ef\mathcal{R}fxe$ , so  $ef \leq fxeu$  for some  $u \in S$ . Also  $ef \leq fxeufxe^2f$  from inequality (1). Hence  $ef \in (fSeSf]$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Let  $x \in (eS] \cap (fS]$ . Then there are  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that  $x \leq es_1$  and  $x \leq fs_2$ . Since S is regular there is  $z \in V_{\leq}(x)$  such that  $x \leq xzx$ , so  $x \leq es_1zfs_2$ . Also  $es_1z \leq es_1zxz \leq es_1zes_1z$ , thus  $es_1z \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Now by condition (3)  $es_1zf \in (fSes_1zSf]$ , and thus  $es_1zf \leq fs_3es_1zs_4f$  for some  $s_3, s_4 \in S$ . Therefore  $es_1zf \leq fm$ , where  $m = s_3es_1zs_4f$ . Finally  $x \leq es_1zfs_2 \leq e(es_1zf)s_2 \leq efms_2$ . Thus  $x \in (efS]$  and hence  $(eS] \cap (fS] \subseteq (efS]$ .

Next let  $y \in (efS]$  then  $y \in (eS]$ . Also  $ef \in (fSeSf]$ , by given condition. Now  $y \in (efS]$  implies that  $y \leq efq$  for some  $q \in S$ . Then there are  $s_6, s_7 \in S$ such that  $y \leq fs_6es_7fq$ . Thus  $y \in (fS]$ , and so  $y \in (eS] \cap (fS]$ . Therefore  $(efS] \subseteq (eS] \cap (fS]$  and hence  $(eS] \cap (fS] = (efS]$ .

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ : Given  $x \in (Se]$ . Then there is  $s \in S$  such that  $x \leq se$ . Also  $x \leq xx'x$  and  $x' \leq x'xx'$  for some  $x' \in V_{\leq}(x)$ . Now  $x'se \leq x'sex'se$ , so  $x'se \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Then for x'se,  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$  we have that  $(x'seeS] = (eS] \cap (x'seS]$ , by condition (4). Also from  $x' \leq x'xx'$  we have  $x' \leq x'sex'$ . Therefore  $x' \in (x'SeeS]$  and hence  $x' \in (eS]$ .

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Since S is regular, by Lemma 5 we have that every principal left ideal is generated by a positive element. Let  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$  such that (Se] = (Sf]. Also  $e \leq ee$ , so  $e \in (Se] = (Sf]$ . Now  $e \in V_{\leq}(e)$ . So from the given condition  $e \in (fS]$ . Similarly  $f \in (eS]$  and thus  $e\mathcal{R}f$ . Hence S is a right inverse ordered semigroup.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let S be a right inverse ordered semigroup. Then any two positive elements  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$  are  $\mathcal{H}$ -commutative if and only if  $(Se] \cap (Sf] = (Sef]$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 10 and ([1], Theorem 3.10).

Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. For  $A \subseteq S$ , denote  $A' = \{x \in S : x \in V_{\leq}(y) \text{ where } y \in A\}$ , the set of all ordered inverses of the elements of A.

In the following lemma we characterize these subsets A' in an ordered semigroup.

**Lemma 11.** Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then following are true in S. (1) For any subset R of S,  $(R')' \subseteq R$ .

(2) For any subset A, B of  $S, A \subseteq B$  implies  $A' \subseteq B'$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $x \in (R')'$ . So there  $x' \in R'$  such that  $x \in V_{\leq}(x')$ . Also  $x' \in V_{\leq}(x)$  which implies that  $x \in R$ . So  $(R')' \subseteq R$ .

(2) Let  $x \in A'$ . So there exists  $y \in A$  such that  $x \in V_{\leq}(y)$ . Now  $y \in A$  implies  $y \in B$ . So  $x \in B'$ . So  $A' \subseteq B'$ .

In the following theorem we characterize a right inverse ordered semigroup S by the set of all inverses of elements of  $\mathcal{R}$ -class of a positive element of S.

**Theorem 12.** Let S be a regular ordered semigroup. Then S is a right inverse ordered semigroup if and only if  $L_e \subseteq (R_e)'$  for any  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Say  $R = R_e$  and  $L = L_e$ . Suppose that S is a right inverse ordered semigroup. Let  $x \in L_e$  and  $x' \in V_{\leq}(x)$ . Then  $x' \in (L_e)'$  and  $x'x \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Now  $x'x \leq (x'xx')x$  and  $x \leq x(x'x)$ , which gives that  $x\mathcal{L}x'x$ .

Hence x'x is a positive element in  $L_e$ . Therefore L = (Se] = (Sx'x]. Since S is a right inverse ordered semigroup, so  $e\mathcal{R}x'x$ , by definition. Also  $x'\mathcal{R}x'x$ , then  $x' \in R_e$  which implies that  $x \in (R_e)'$  and hence  $L \subseteq R'$ .

Conversely assume that the given condition holds in S. Since S is regular, by Lemma 5 we have every principal left ideal is generated by a positive element. Let  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$  such that (Se] = (Sf]. Clearly  $e, f \in L_e$ . Also  $L_e \subseteq (R_e)'$ implies  $(L_e)' \subseteq ((R_e)')' \subseteq R_e$  by Lemma 11. Now  $e, f \in L_e$  implies  $e, f \in (L_e)'$ . So  $e, f \in R_e$ . Hence S is right inverse ordered semigroup.

**Theorem 13.** An ordered semigroup S is right Clifford if and only if S is right inverse and for every  $a \in S$ ,  $a \in (a^2Sa]$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that S is a right inverse ordered semigroup and for every  $a \in S$ ,  $a \in (a^2Sa]$ . Then  $a \leq a^2xa$  for some  $x \in S$ . So we have  $a^2x \leq a^2xa^2x$ , which implies that  $a^2x \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Let  $e \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Since S is right inverse, there are  $x_1, x_2 \in S$  such that  $ea^2x \leq a^2xx_1ex_2a^2x$  by Theorem 2. Now  $ea \leq ea^2xa \leq a^2xx_1ex_2a^2xa = a(axx_1ex_2a^2xa) = ax_3$ , where  $x_3 = axx_1ex_2a^2xa$ . Thus  $ea \in (aS]$ . So S is a right Clifford ordered semigroup.

Conversely, assume that S is a right Clifford ordered semigroup. Then from Lemma 2,  $a \in (a^2Sa]$  and  $ef \in (feSef]$ . So there is  $x_4 \in S$  such that  $ef \leq fex_4ef \leq f(e)e(x_4e)f = f(e)e(x_5)f$ , where  $x_5 = x_4e$  and thus  $ef \in (fSeSf]$ . Hence S is right inverse ordered semigroup, by Theorem 10.

Bhuniya and Hansda [1] showed that every Clifford ordered semigroup is a union of group-like ordered semigroups. Here we have shown that a left Clifford ordered semigroup is a union of group-like ordered semigroups in right inverse ordered semigroup.

**Theorem 14.** Let S be a right inverse ordered semigroup. If S is left Clifford then S is a union of group-like ordered semigroups.

**Proof.** Suppose that S is a left Clifford ordered semigroup. Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a semilattice congruence on S by Theorem 4. Let  $a \in S$  and  $a' \in V_{\leq}(a)$ . Then  $a \leq aa'a$ and  $a' \leq a'aa'$ . Let us denote aa' = e and a'a = f. Clearly  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Also  $a \leq aa'a$  and  $a'a \leq a'aa'a$ , which implies that  $a\mathcal{L}f$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is a congruence on S,  $ea\mathcal{L}ef$ . Also  $a \leq aa'a = ea \leq eea$  and  $ea \leq eea$ , so  $a\mathcal{L}ea$ . Thus  $a\mathcal{L}ef$ implies that  $f\mathcal{L}ef$ . Similarly it can be shown that  $a'\mathcal{L}e$  and  $e\mathcal{L}fe$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is a semilattice congrence, so  $ef\mathcal{L}fe$ . Hence  $ef\mathcal{L}fe\mathcal{L}a\mathcal{L}a'\mathcal{L}f\mathcal{L}e$ .

Also  $a\mathcal{R}e$  and  $a'\mathcal{R}f$ . Hence  $a\mathcal{H}e$  and  $a'\mathcal{H}f$ . Now let  $x \in (Se]$ . Hence there are  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that  $x \leq s_1e \leq s_1s_2f$ , since  $e\mathcal{L}f$ .

So  $x \in (Sf]$ . Hence  $(Se] \subseteq (Sf]$ . Similarly it can be shown that  $(Sf] \subseteq (Se]$ . Hence (Se] = (Sf]. Since S is right inverse ordered semigroup, we have  $e\mathcal{R}f$ . Hence  $e\mathcal{H}f$ . So  $a\mathcal{H}f\mathcal{H}e\mathcal{H}a'$ . Since  $a\mathcal{H}f$  and  $a\mathcal{H}a'$ , so there is  $x_1, x_2 \in S$  such that  $a \leq aa'a \leq aa'aa'a = afa'a \leq aax_1x_2aa = a^2x_1x_2a^2$ .

So,  $a \in (a^2 S a^2]$ . Thus S is a completely regular ordered semigroup and hence S is a union of group-like ordered semigroups by Theorem 4.8 of [1].

In the following we show that in a right inverse ordered semigroup  $\mathcal{R}$  is a congruence if and only if  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}$ .

**Theorem 15.** Let S be a right inverse ordered semigroup. Then following conditions are equivalent.

(1)  $\mathcal{R}$  is a congruence on S;

(2)  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H};$ 

(3) S is a complete semilattice of right group-like ordered semigroups.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a congruence on S. Since S is right inverse, S is regular. So for every  $a \in S$  there is  $a' \in V_{\leq}(a)$ . Now  $a \leq aa'a$  and  $a' \leq a'aa'$ . Denote aa' = e and a'a = f. Therefore  $a\mathcal{R}e$  and  $a'\mathcal{R}f$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is a congruence on S,  $aa'\mathcal{R}ef$ . That is  $e\mathcal{R}ef$ .

Again  $a' \leq (a'e)e$  and  $a'e \leq a'(ee)$ . Therefore  $a'\mathcal{R}a'e$  which implies that  $a'\mathcal{R}fe$ . Thus  $f\mathcal{R}fe$ . So there is  $z \in S$  such that  $f \leq fez$ . Since S is right inverse, there are  $x, y \in S$  such that  $ef \leq fxeyf \leq fezxeyf$ . Hence  $ef \leq fet_1$ , where  $t_1 = zxeyf$ . Similarly  $fe \leq eft_2$ , for some  $t_2 \in S$ . Therefore  $ef\mathcal{R}fe$ . Hence  $a\mathcal{R}e\mathcal{R}ef\mathcal{R}f\mathcal{R}a'$ . Now  $a \leq aa'a \leq aawa$ , for some  $w \in S$ . Hence  $a \in (a^2Sa]$ . So S is a right clifford ordered semigroup. Hence  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  and  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . These implications follows from Theorem 4 and Theorem 3.

Our paper ends up with the following corollary which follows from Theorem 15 and Theorem 14. This gives a condition for a right inverse ordered semigroup to become a completely regular ordered semigroup.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let S be a right inverse and left regular ordered semigroup. Then following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}$  is a congruence on S;
- (2)  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H};$
- (3) S is a complete semilattice of right group-like ordered semigroups;
- (4) S is completely regular.

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