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A NOTE ON INTRA REGULARITY ON SEMIGROUPS OF PARTIAL TRANSFORMATIONS WITH INVARIANT SET

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Abstract

Let X be any non-empty set and P(X) denote the semigroup (under the composition of functions) of partial transformations on a set X. Let Y be a fixed non-empty subset of X and

$$\overline{PT}(X,Y) = \{ \alpha \in P(X) : (\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y) \alpha \subseteq Y \}.$$

Then $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ is a semigroup consisting of all mappings in P(X) that leave $Y\subseteq X$ invariant. In this paper, we present criteria for checking the intra-regularity of elements in $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ and apply these results to quantify intra-regular elements in $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$, when X is finite.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let S be a semigroup. An element a of S is said to be *intra-regular* if there exist $x, y \in S$, such that $a = xa^2y$. The notion of intra regularity was introduced in Croisot's theory of decompositions [2, Section 4.1].

Let X be a non-empty set and T(X) denote the semigroup (under the composition of mappings) of all transformations from X into itself. It is known as full transformation semigroup. The study of algebraic properties on semigroups in such types was started by Doss [4] in 1955. The author completely described its Green's relations. Particularly, a characterization of \mathcal{J} -relation can be directly

used to identify intra regularity, because $\alpha \in T(X)$ is intra-regular if and only if $\alpha \mathcal{J} \alpha^2$. Several other properties of T(X) have been researched extensively by the fact that any semigroup can be embedded in T(X) for some an appropriate set X.

Let Y be a non-empty subset of X. In 1966, Magill [7] introduced a subsemigroup of T(X), defined by

$$\overline{T}(X,Y) = \{ \alpha \in T(X) \mid Y\alpha \subseteq Y \}.$$

In addition, $\overline{T}(X,Y)$ is a generalization of T(X), since $\overline{T}(X,X) = T(X)$. This fact inspired Homyam and Sanwong [5] to give a complete description of Green's relations on $\overline{T}(X,Y)$. Later in 2013, Choomanee *et al.* [1] used these results to provide characterization and number of intra-regular elements on $\overline{T}(X,Y)$.

For any non-empty set X, the super semigroup of all transformation semigroups on X is a partial transformation semigroup, which is defined by

$$P(X) = \{\alpha : A \to X \mid A \subseteq X\}.$$

Its Green's relations was shown in [6]. Similarly, the characterization of intraregular was explored immediately.

For a fixed non-empty subset Y of X, in analogy with $\overline{T}(X,Y)$, consider

$$\overline{PT}(X,Y) = \{ \alpha \in P(X) \mid (\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y) \alpha \subseteq Y \},\$$

where dom α and $Y\alpha$ denote the domain of α and $(\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y)\alpha$, respectively. Since $\overline{PT}(X,X) = P(X)$, we may regard $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ as a generalization of P(X). Note that id_X , the identity map on X, belongs to $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$.

We now provide important preliminaries for this paper. Some basic mathematical terminologies and relevant notations used in what follows on semigroups are prescribed. Further, we refer to [2, 3, 6] for more information. Indeed, throughout this paper, the functions are written on the right, i.e., in the composition $\alpha\beta$, α is applied first. For any $\alpha \in P(X)$, the notations dom α and im α denote the *domain* of α and the *range* of α , respectively. Additionally, for any $x \in \text{im } \alpha$, $x\alpha^{-1}$ denotes the set of inverse images of x under α , i.e., $x\alpha^{-1} = \{z \in \text{dom } \alpha : z\alpha = x\}$. In addition, the following notation is applied

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ a_i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here, the script i belongs to some (unmentioned) index set I, the abbreviation $\{a_i\}$ denotes $\{a_i:i\in I\}$ and that $\operatorname{im}\alpha=\{a_i\}$ and $a_i\alpha^{-1}=X_i\subseteq\operatorname{dom}\alpha$ where $\bigcup_{i\in I}X_i=\operatorname{dom}\alpha$. More specifically, when $\alpha\in\overline{PT}(X,Y)$, we have $Y\alpha\subseteq Y$. Thus, the domain of α can be divided into three parts as follows

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} A_i & B_j & C_k \\ a_i & b_j & c_k \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A_i \cap Y \neq \emptyset$, $B_j, C_k \subseteq X \setminus Y$; $a_i, b_j \in Y$ and $c_k \in X \setminus Y$. Here, I, J and K can be empty.

In this paper, we describe the necessary and sufficient conditions for elements of $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ to be intra-regular. The results recapture the known results on P(X) when we focus on Y=X. Moreover, they are used to deduce the results for T(X,Y), when elements with X as their domain are considered. We also apply the results to quantify the intra-regular elements in the $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ when X is a finite set.

2. Main results

This section provides criteria for checking intra regularity of elements in $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$. By somewhat abusing the notation, we use $A\alpha$ to denote $(\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap A)\alpha$ for any $A \subseteq X$. Note for $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$, we have $\operatorname{dom}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, $\operatorname{im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq \operatorname{im} \beta$, and $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| \leq |\operatorname{dom} \alpha|$.

Lemma 1. Let $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$. Then, $\alpha = \gamma \beta \mu$ for some $\gamma, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ if and only if $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| \le |\operatorname{im} \beta|, |Y\alpha| \le |Y\beta|,$ and $|\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| \le |\operatorname{im} \beta \setminus Y|$.

Proof. Assume that $\alpha = \gamma \beta \mu$ for some $\gamma, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$. Then $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| = |(\operatorname{dom} \alpha)\alpha| = |(\operatorname{dom} (\gamma \beta \mu))\gamma \beta \mu| \le |(\operatorname{dom} (\gamma \beta))\gamma \beta \mu| = |(\operatorname{im} (\gamma \beta))\mu| \le |\operatorname{im} (\gamma \beta)| \le |\operatorname{im} \beta|, |Y\alpha| = |(\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y)\alpha| = |(\operatorname{dom} (\gamma \beta \mu) \cap Y)\gamma \beta \mu| \le |(\operatorname{dom} (\gamma \beta) \cap Y)\gamma \beta \mu| = |(Y\gamma\beta)\mu| \le |Y\gamma\beta| \le |Y\beta|, \text{ and } |\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| = |\operatorname{im} (\gamma \beta \mu) \setminus Y| \le |\operatorname{im} (\beta \mu) \setminus Y| = |(\operatorname{dom} (\beta \mu))\beta \mu \setminus Y| \le |(\operatorname{dom} (\beta \mu))\beta \setminus Y| \le |(\operatorname{dom} (\beta \mu))\beta \setminus Y|.$

Conversely, assume that $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| \leq |\operatorname{im} \beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|,$ and $|\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\operatorname{im} \beta \setminus Y|$. Write

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} A_i & B_j & C_k \\ a_i & b_j & c_k \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A_i \cap Y \neq \emptyset$; $B_j, C_k \subseteq X \setminus Y$; $\{a_i\}, \{b_j\} \subseteq Y$; and $\{c_k\} \subseteq X \setminus Y$. By our assumptions, we can write

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} U_i & U_l & V_m & W_n & W_k \\ u_i & u_l & v_m & w_n & w_k \end{pmatrix},$$

where $U_i \cap Y \neq \emptyset \neq U_l \cap Y; V_m, W_n, W_k \subseteq X \setminus Y; \{u_i\}, \{u_l\}, \{v_m\} \subseteq Y; \{w_n\}, \{w_k\} \subseteq X \setminus Y; \text{ and } |I| + |J| + |K| \leq |I| + |L| + |M| + |N| + |K|.$

Case 1. $|J| \leq |L| + |M| + |N|$. Let $L \cup M \cup N = P \dot{\cup} Q$, such that |P| = |J|. Then, we can express $\{U_l\} \cup \{V_m\} \cup \{W_n\} = \{R_p\} \cup \{S_q\}$ and rewrite β as

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} U_i & R_p & S_q & W_k \\ u_i & r_p & s_q & w_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since |J| = |P|, there exists a bijective function $\varphi : J \to P$. For each i, j, and k, choose $y_i \in U_i \cap Y$, $x_{j\varphi} \in R_{j\varphi}$, and $z_k \in W_k$, respectively. Now, define

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} A_i & B_j & C_k \\ y_i & x_{j\varphi} & z_k \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mu = \begin{pmatrix} u_i & r_{j\varphi} & w_k \\ a_i & b_j & c_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\gamma, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ and $\alpha = \gamma \beta \mu$.

Case 2. |J| > |L| + |M| + |N|. Then, im β is an infinite set. This implies $|J| \le |I|$ or $|J| \le |K|$ are infinite cardinals.

Subcase 2.1. $|J| \leq |I|$. Let $I = P \dot{\cup} Q$, such that |P| = |I| and |Q| = |J|. Then, we can express $\{U_i\} = \{R_p\} \cup \{S_q\}$ in which $R_p \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ and rewrite β as

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} R_p & S_q & U_l & V_m & W_n & W_k \\ r_p & s_q & u_l & v_m & w_n & w_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since |P| = |I| and |Q| = |J|, there exist bijective functions $\varphi : I \to P$ and $\psi : J \to Q$. For each i, j, and k, choose $y_{i\varphi} \in R_{i\varphi} \cap Y, x_{j\psi} \in S_{j\psi}$ and $z_k \in W_k$, respectively. Define

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} A_i & B_j & C_k \\ y_{i\varphi} & x_{j\psi} & z_k \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mu = \begin{pmatrix} r_{i\varphi} & s_{j\psi} & w_k \\ a_i & b_j & c_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\gamma, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ and $\alpha = \gamma \beta \mu$.

Subcase 2.2. $|J| \leq |K|$. Let $K = G \dot{\cup} H$, such that |G| = |J| and |H| = |K|. Then, we can express $\{W_k\} = \{D_q\} \cup \{E_h\}$ and rewrite β as

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} U_i & U_l & V_m & W_n & D_g & E_h \\ u_i & u_l & v_m & w_n & d_g & e_h \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since |G| = |J| and |H| = |K|, there exist bijective functions $\sigma : J \to G$ and $\theta : K \to H$. For each i, j, and k, choose $y_i \in U_i \cap Y, x_{j\sigma} \in D_{g\sigma}$ and $z_{k\theta} \in E_{k\theta}$, respectively. Define

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} A_i & B_j & C_k \\ y_i & x_{j\sigma} & z_{k\theta} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mu = \begin{pmatrix} u_i & d_{j\sigma} & e_{k\theta} \\ a_i & b_j & c_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\gamma, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ and $\alpha = \gamma \beta \mu$.

Since im $\alpha^2 \subseteq \operatorname{im} \alpha, Y\alpha^2 \subseteq Y\alpha$ and im $\alpha^2 \setminus Y \subseteq \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y$, we obtain the following criterion.

Theorem 2. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$. Then, α is intra-regular if and only if $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2|, |Y\alpha| = |Y\alpha^2|$ and $|\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y|$.

In order to re-writte the above criterion in terms of α , where im α is finite, the following three lemmas are needed.

Lemma 3. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be such that $\alpha^2 \neq \emptyset$ and im α is finite. Then, $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2|$ if and only if im $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ and $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha}$ is injective.

Proof. Assume $|\operatorname{im} \alpha| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2|$. To show $\operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, we suppose, to the contrary, that there exists $x \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. Then, $|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2| = |(\operatorname{dom} \alpha^2)\alpha^2| \le |(\operatorname{dom} \alpha)\alpha^2| = |(\operatorname{im} \alpha)\alpha| < |\operatorname{im} \alpha|$ which is a contradiction. Thus, $\operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. To show $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha}$ is injective, assume the contrary that there exist distinct $x_1, x_2 \in \operatorname{im} \alpha$, such that $x_1\alpha = x_2\alpha$. Since $x_1, x_2 \in \operatorname{im} \alpha$, there exist $x_1', x_2' \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ such that $x_1'\alpha = x_1$ and $x_2'\alpha = x_2$. Since α is a function and $x_1 \neq x_2$, we obtain $x_1' \neq x_2'$. However, $x_1'\alpha^2 = x_1\alpha = x_2\alpha = x_2'\alpha^2$, which leads $|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2| < |\operatorname{im} \alpha|$, a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that im $\alpha \subseteq \text{dom } \alpha$ and $\alpha|_{\text{im }\alpha}$ is injective. Let im $\alpha = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subseteq \text{dom } \alpha$. Since $\alpha|_{\text{im }\alpha}$ is injective,

$$|\operatorname{im} \alpha| = |\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}| = |\{x_1, \dots, x_n, \alpha\}| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2|.$$

Lemma 4. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be such that $\alpha^2 \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{im} \alpha$ is finite. Then, $|Y\alpha| = |Y\alpha^2|$ if and only if $Y\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ and $\alpha|_{Y\alpha}$ is injective.

Proof. Assume that $|Y\alpha| = |Y\alpha^2|$. To show $Y\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, we suppose, to the contrary, that there exists $x \in Y\alpha \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. Then, $|Y\alpha^2| = |(Y\alpha)\alpha| < |Y\alpha|$ which is a contradiction. To show $\alpha|_{Y\alpha}$ is injective, we assume the contrary that there exist distinct $y_1, y_2 \in Y\alpha$, such that $y_1\alpha = y_2\alpha$. Since $y_1, y_2 \in Y\alpha$, there exist $y_1', y_2' \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y$, such that $y_1'\alpha = y_1$ and $y_2'\alpha = y_2$. Since α is a function and $y_1 \neq y_2$, we obtain that $y_1' \neq y_2'$. Thus, $y_1'\alpha^2 = y_1\alpha = y_2\alpha = y_2'\alpha^2$, which leads $|Y\alpha^2| < |Y\alpha|$, a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that $Y\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ and $\alpha|_{Y\alpha}$ is injective. Let $Y\alpha = \{y_1, \ldots, y_n\} \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. Since $\alpha|_{Y\alpha}$ is injective,

$$|Y\alpha| = |\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}| = |\{y_1\alpha, \dots, y_n\alpha\}| = |Y\alpha^2|.$$

Lemma 5. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be such that $\alpha^2 \neq \emptyset$ and im α is finite. Then, $|\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y|$ if and only if $\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y}$ is injective, and $\operatorname{im} (\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y}) \subseteq X \setminus Y$.

Proof. Assume that $|\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y|$. To show $\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, we suppose, to the contrary, that there exists $x \in (\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y) \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. Then, $|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y| \leq |(\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y)\alpha| < |\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y|$, which is a contradiction. To show $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y}$ is injective, assume the contrary that there exist distinct $x_1, x_2 \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y$ such that $x_1\alpha = x_2\alpha$. Since $x_1, x_2 \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y$, there exist $x_1', x_2' \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus Y$ such that $x_1'\alpha = x_1$ and $x_2'\alpha = x_2$. Since α is a function and $x_1 \neq x_2$, then $x_1' \neq x_2'$. Thus, $x_1'\alpha^2 = x_1\alpha = x_2\alpha = x_2'\alpha^2$, which leads $|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y| \leq |(\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y)\alpha| < |\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y|$, a contradiction. To show $\operatorname{im} (\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y}) \subseteq X \setminus Y$, we letting $z \in \operatorname{im} (\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y}) \cap Y$.

Hence, there exists $x \in (\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y) \cap \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ such that $x\alpha = z$. This yields $|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y| < |(\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y)\alpha| \le |\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y|$, which is a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that all three aforementioned conditions hold. Let im $\alpha \setminus Y = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \text{dom } \alpha$. Since $\alpha|_{\text{im }\alpha \setminus Y}$ is injective and im $(\alpha|_{\text{im }\alpha \setminus Y}) \subseteq X \setminus Y$, we obtain $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = |\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}| = |\{x_1, \dots, x_n\alpha\}| = |\text{im } \alpha^2 \setminus Y|$.

Combining Theorem 2 with Lemmas 3–5, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 6. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be such that im α is finite. Then, α is intraregular if and only if all of the following statements hold:

- 1. $\operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$;
- 2. $\alpha|_{\text{im }\alpha}$ is injective;
- 3. $\operatorname{im}(\alpha|_{\operatorname{im}\alpha\setminus Y})\subseteq X\setminus Y$.

We now provide properties of intra-regular elements with respect to the finiteness of their images.

Lemma 7. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be such that im α is finite. If α is intra-regular, then the following statements hold:

- 1. $(X \setminus Y)\alpha \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \cup Y\alpha$.
- 2. $|y\alpha^{-1} \cap Y\alpha| = 1$ for all $y \in Y\alpha$.
- 3. $|x\alpha^{-1} \cap (\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha)| = 1$ for all $x \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha$.

Proof. Assume that α is intra-regular. According to Theorem 6, we can express this α as

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & \cdots & A_r & B_1 & \cdots & B_s & C_1 & \cdots & C_t \\ a_1 & \cdots & a_r & b_1 & \cdots & b_s & c_1 & \cdots & c_t \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A_i \cap Y \neq \emptyset, B_j, C_k \subseteq X \setminus Y$ and $a_i, b_j \in Y, c_k \in X \setminus Y$ for all $i \in I = \{1, \ldots, r\}, j \in J = \{1, \ldots, s\}$ and $k \in K = \{1, \ldots, t\}$. To show $J = \emptyset$, we suppose, to the contrary, that there exists $j_0 \in J$. Then $b_{j_0} \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$. Since $b_{j_0} \in Y$, we obtain $b_{j_0} \in A_{i_0}$ for some $i_0 \in I$. Hence, $B_{j_0}\alpha^2 = a_{i_0}$. Since $\operatorname{im}(\alpha|_{\operatorname{im}\alpha\setminus Y}) \subseteq X \setminus Y$, we obtain

$$|\operatorname{im} \alpha^2| = |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \cap Y| + |\operatorname{im} \alpha^2 \setminus Y| \le r + (s - 1) + t < r + s + t = |\operatorname{im} \alpha|$$

which is a contradiction by Theorem 2. Consequently,

(*)
$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & \cdots & A_r & C_1 & \cdots & C_t \\ a_1 & \cdots & a_r & c_1 & \cdots & c_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. According to (*), we have $(X \setminus Y)\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq Y\alpha \cup X \setminus Y$ which yields $(X \setminus Y)\alpha \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \cup Y\alpha$.

- 2. Since $\operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, we obtain a_1, \ldots, a_r belong to A_i for some $i \in I$. Since $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha}$ is injective, we obtain $|A_i \cap \{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}| = 1$ for all $i \in I$, that is, $|y\alpha^{-1} \cap Y\alpha| = 1$ for all $y \in Y\alpha$.
- 3. Since im $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ and $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha}$ is injective, we obtain c_1, \ldots, c_t belong to C_k for some $k \in K$ and $|C_k \cap \{c_1, \ldots, c_t\}| = 1$ for all $k \in K$, that is, $|x\alpha^{-1} \cap (\operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha)| = 1$ for all $x \in \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha$.

For the rest of this section, X is assumed to be is a finite set with n elements and $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X$ has m elements. The following lemmas will serve as our starting point as we count the intra-regular elements in $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$.

Lemma 8. Let |X| = n, |Y| = m and $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be intra-regular. If im $\alpha \cap Y \neq \emptyset$, then $\alpha|_Y : (\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y) \to Y$ has $\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} {m \choose r} {m-r \choose s} r! r^s$ different forms.

Proof. Let $\emptyset \neq \operatorname{im} \alpha \cap Y = Y' = \{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}$, where $1 \leq r \leq m$. From (*), we obtain $Y\alpha = \operatorname{im} \alpha \cap Y = Y'$. We can write

$$\alpha|_Y = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & \cdots & A_r \\ a_1 & \cdots & a_r \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\bigcup_{i=1}^r A_i = \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y$. By Theorem 6 and Lemma 7, we have $\operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha$, $\alpha|_{\operatorname{im} \alpha}$ is injective and $|A_i \cap \{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}| = 1$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, r$. Since the number of permutations on $\{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}$ is r! and the number of ways of choosing Y' with |Y'| = r is equal to $\binom{m}{r}$, we obtain that $\alpha|_{Y'}: Y' \to Y'$ has $\binom{m}{r} r!$ different forms. Let $Y^* = (\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y) \setminus Y'$ be such that $|Y^*| = s$. Then, the number of ways of choosing Y^* is equal to $\binom{m-r}{s}$ and there are r options for where to place each elements of Y^* in A_1, \ldots, A_r . Moreover, since $1 \le r \le m$, we conclude that $\alpha|_Y$ has $\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \binom{m}{r} \binom{m-r}{s} r! r^s$ different forms.

Lemma 9. Let $|X| = n, |Y| = m, \ \alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be intra-regular and $X' = \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha$. Then $\alpha|_{X'}: X' \to X'$ has $\sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-m}{t} t!$ different forms.

Proof. Suppose that |X'| = t where $0 \le t \le n - m$. By Lemma 7(3), $\alpha|_{X'}$ is a permutation on X'. Hence, $\alpha|_{X'}$ has t! different forms. Since the number of ways of choosing X' is equal to $\binom{n-m}{t}$, we obtain that $\alpha|_{X'}: X' \to X'$ has $\sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-m}{t} t!$ different forms.

Theorem 10. The number of intra-regular elements in $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ is

$$\sum_{r=1}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} \binom{m}{r} \binom{m-r}{s} \binom{n-m}{t} \binom{n-m-t}{j} r! t! r^{s} (r+t)^{j} + \sum_{t=1}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} \binom{n-m}{t} \binom{n-m-t}{j} t! t^{j} + 1,$$

where |X| = n and |Y| = m.

Proof. Let $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X,Y)$ be an intra-regular element. Suppose that $Y' = Y\alpha = \{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}$ and $X' = \operatorname{im} \alpha \setminus Y\alpha = \{c_1, \ldots, c_t\}$.

Case 1. $Y' \neq \emptyset$. Lemma 7 allow us to express this α as

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & \cdots & A_r & C_1 & \cdots & C_t \\ a_1 & \cdots & a_r & c_1 & \cdots & c_t \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A_i \cap Y \neq \emptyset$, $C_k \subseteq X \setminus Y$ and $|A_i \cap \{a_1, \ldots, a_r\}| = 1$, $|C_k \cap \{c_1, \ldots, c_t\}| = 1$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, r$ and $k = 1, \ldots, t$. Let $Y^* = (\operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap Y) \setminus Y'$ be such that $|Y^*| = s$. By Lemmas 8 and 9, there are $\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \binom{m}{r} \binom{m-r}{s} \binom{n-m}{t} r! t! r^s$ different forms of $\alpha|_{Y \cup X'}$. Let $X^* = \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus (Y \cup X')$ be such that $|X^*| = j$. Then, there are r+t different ways to arrange each element of X^* in $A_1, \ldots, A_r, C_1, \ldots, C_t$ and X^* has $\binom{n-m-t}{j}$ forms, where $0 \leq j \leq n-m-t$. Therefore, the number of intra-regular elements in this case is

$$\sum_{r=1}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} {m \choose r} {m-r \choose s} {n-m \choose t} {n-m-t \choose j} r! t! r^{s} (r+t)^{j}.$$

Case 2. $Y' = \emptyset$. If $X' = \emptyset$, then $\alpha = \emptyset$, which is intra-regular. If $X' \neq \emptyset$, then $\alpha|_{X'}: X' \to X'$ has $\sum_{t=1}^{n-m} \binom{n-m}{t} t!$ different forms by Lemma 9. Let $X^* = \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus X' \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \setminus X'$ be such that $|X^*| = j$. Then, there are t different ways to arrange each element of X^* in C_1, \ldots, C_t and X^* has $\binom{n-m-t}{j}$ forms, where $0 \leq j \leq n-m-t$. Therefore, the number of intra-regular elements in this case is

$$\sum_{t=1}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} \binom{n-m}{t} \binom{n-m-t}{j} t! t^j.$$

As a result, $\overline{PT}(X,Y)$ has the following number of intra-regular elements

$$\sum_{r=1}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \sum_{t=0}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} {m \choose r} {m-r \choose s} {n-m \choose t} {n-m-t \choose j} r! t! r^{s} (r+t)^{j} + \sum_{t=1}^{n-m} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m-t} {n-m \choose t} {n-m-t \choose j} t! t^{j} + 1.$$

This completes the proof.

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