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# Nil-Extensions of Simple and $\pi$ -Inverse Ordered Semigroups

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Abstract. This paper is an attempt to study ordered semigroups which are nil-extensions of simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups. Different characterizations of complete semilattice decomposition of nil-extensions of ordered semigroups have been given here.

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# 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

A semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  with an order relation  $\leq$  is called an ordered semigroup if for all  $a, b, x \in S, a \leq b$  implies  $xa \leq xb$  and  $ax \leq bx$ . It is denoted by  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$ . Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. For a subset A of S, the downward closure of A is given by  $(A] = \{x \in S : x \leq a, \text{ for some } a \in A\}$ . An element a of S is said to be regular (resp. intra-regular) if  $a \in (aSa]$  (resp.  $a \in (Sa^2S]$ ). We denote set of regular and intra-regular elements by  $Reg_{\leq}(S)$  and  $Intra_{\leq}(S)$  respectively. An element  $b \in S$  is called ordered inverse [3] of a if  $a \leq aba$  and  $b \leq bab$ . The set of all ordered inverses of an element  $a \in S$  is denoted by  $V_{\leq}(a)$ . Throughout this paper, a', a'' are the ordered inverses of a unless otherwise stated. An element  $e \in S$  is said to be ordered idempotent if  $e \leq e^2$ . The set of all ordered idempotents of S is denoted by  $E_{\leq}(S)$ .

An ordered semigroup S is called Archimedean [2] if for every  $a, b \in S$  there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b^m \in (SaS]$ . S is called r(l or t)-Archimedean [2] if for every  $a, b \in S$ , there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b^m \in (aS]$  ( $b^m \in (Sa]$  or  $b^m \in (aSa]$ ).

A nonempty subset A of S is called a left (right) ideal of S, if  $SA \subseteq A$  ( $AS \subseteq A$ ) and (A] = A (see [5]). A nonempty subset A is called a (two-sided) ideal of S if it is both a left and a right ideal of S. An left (right) ideal I of S is proper if  $I \neq S$ . S is left (right) simple if it does not contain proper left (right) ideals. An ordered semigroup S is called simple if for every ideal I of S, we have I = S. S is called t-simple if it is both left and right simple.

The principal [5] left ideal, right ideal, ideal and bi-ideal generated by  $a \in S$  are denoted by L(a), R(a), I(a) and B(a) respectively and defined by

 $L(a) = (a \cup Sa], R(a) = (a \cup aS], I(a) = (a \cup Sa \cup aS \cup SaS] \text{ and } B(a) = (a \cup aSa].$ 

Kehayopulu [5] defined Greens relations  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  on an ordered semigroup S as follows:

 $a\mathcal{L}b \text{ if } L(a) = L(b), \ a\mathcal{R}b \text{ if } R(a) = R(b), \ a\mathcal{J}b \text{ if } I(a) = I(b) \text{ and } \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}.$ 

These four relations are equivalence relations on S.

An ordered semigroup S is called  $\pi$ -regular (resp. intra  $\pi$ -regular) [2] if for every  $a \in S$  there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^m \in (a^m S a^m]$  (resp.  $a^m \in (S a^{2m} S]$ ). We denote set of all  $\pi$ -regular and intra  $\pi$ -regular elements by  $\pi Reg_{\leq}(S)$  and  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S)$  respectively. A  $\pi$ -regular ordered semigroup S is called  $\pi$ -inverse [4] if for every  $a \in S$ , there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that any two inverses of  $a^m$  are  $\mathcal{H}$ -related.

Nil-extensions of an ordered semigroup S with zero 0 are precisely the ideal extensions of an ideal I of S by the nilpotent ordered semigroup S/I [6]. The theory of nil-extensions in ordered semigroup have been studied by Cao and Xu [2], Kehayopulu and Tsingelis [7], Bhuniya and Hansda [1] and many others. Cao and Xu [2] studied ordered semigroups which are nil-extensions of t-simple ordered semigroups. These ordered semigroups are natural generalization of  $\pi$ -groups. Sadhya and Hansda [8] studied these ordered semigroups under the name of  $\pi$ -t-simple ordered semigroups.

The aim of this work is to describe nil-extensions of  $\pi$ -inverse, left  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups. Our approach allows one to see the role of ordered inverses of an ordered semigroup in this characterization. Furthermore, complete semilattice decompositions of the nil-extensions of  $\pi$ -inverse, left  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups have been given here. A congruence  $\rho$  on S is called semilattice if for all  $a, b \in S \ a \ \rho \ a^2$  and  $ab\rho ba$ . A semilattice congruence  $\rho$  on S is called complete if  $a \leq b$  implies  $a\rho ab$ . The ordered semigroup S is called complete semilattice of subsemigroup of type  $\tau$  if there exists a complete semilattice congruence  $\rho$  such that  $(x)_{\rho}$  is a type  $\tau$  subsemigroup of S. Equivalently, there exists a semilattice Y and a family of subsemigroups  $\{S\}_{\alpha \in Y}$  of type  $\tau$  of S such that:

- (i)  $S_{\alpha} \cap S_{\beta} = \phi$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,
- (ii)  $S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$ ,
- (iii)  $S_{\alpha}S_{\beta} \subseteq S_{\alpha\beta}$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,
- (iv)  $S_{\beta} \cap (S_{\alpha}] \neq \phi$  implies  $\beta \preceq \alpha$ , where  $\preceq$  is the order of the semilattice Y defined by  $\preceq := \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid \alpha = \alpha \beta (\beta \alpha)\}$  (see [7]).

Let S be a  $\pi$ -regular ordered semigroup. Due to Sadhya and Hansda [9], the following equivalence relations  $\mathcal{L}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{J}^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}^*$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} a\mathcal{L}^*b &\Leftrightarrow a^m \mathcal{L}b^n, \\ a\mathcal{R}^*b &\Leftrightarrow a^m \mathcal{R}b^n, \\ a\mathcal{J}^*b &\Leftrightarrow a^m \mathcal{J}b^n, \\ \mathcal{H}^* &= \mathcal{L}^* \cap \mathcal{R}^*, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b \in S$  and m, n are the smallest positive integers such that  $a^m, b^n \in Reg_{\leq}(S)$ .

For  $a, b \in S$ , a|b if and only if there exist  $x, y \in S^1$  such that  $b \leq xay$ . For the sake of convenience of general reader we state following results.

**Theorem 1.1.** [4, Theorem 2.3] The following conditions are equivalent on an ordered semigroup S:

- (i) S is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup;
- (ii) S is  $\pi$ -regular and for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ , there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ef)^m \in (fSe]$ ;
- (iii) S is  $\pi$ -regular and for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ ,  $e\mathcal{L}f(e\mathcal{R}f)$  implies  $e\mathcal{H}f$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** [2, Theorem 3.5] The following conditions are equivalent on a po-semigroup S:

- (i) S is a nil-extension of a simple po-semigroup;
- (ii) S is an Archimedean po-semigroup in which  $Intra(S) \neq \phi$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** [2, Corollary 5.2] The following conditions are equivalent on a po-semigroup S:

- (i) S is a nil-extension of a t-simple po-semigroup;
- (ii) S is a t-Archimedean po-semigroup in which  $Intra(S) \neq \phi$ .

## 2. Nil-Extensions of Simple and $\pi$ -Inverse Ordered Semigroups

This section is aiming to characterize all ordered semigroups which are nilextensions of inverse, simple and  $\pi$ -inverse, left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups. We define the sets  $\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  and  $\Pi\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) = \{ a \in S \mid \text{for any } x, \ y \in V_{\leq}(a) \text{ implies } x\mathcal{H}y \}, \\ \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) = \{ a \in S \ (\exists m \in \mathbb{N}) \mid \text{for any } x, \ y \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \text{ implies } x\mathcal{H}y \}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** Let S be an ordered semigroup. Then the following conditions are equivalent on S:

- (i) For every  $a \in S$  and  $c \in V_{\leq}(S)$ ,  $a \mid c$  implies  $a^2 \mid c$ ;
- (ii) for every  $a, b \in S$  and  $c \in V_{\leq}(S)$ ,  $a \mid c \text{ and } b \mid c$  implies  $ab \mid c$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $a, b \in S$  and  $c \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  be such that  $a \mid c$  and  $b \mid c$ . Then there are  $x, y, z, w \in S$  such that  $c \leq xay$  and  $c \leq zbw$ . Now  $c \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  implies that there exists  $t \in S$  such that  $c \leq ctc \leq zbwtxay$ . Thus  $bwtxa \mid c$ , and so by the given condition  $(bwtxa)^2 \mid c$ . That is,  $c \in (SbwtxabwtxaS] \subseteq (SabS]$ . Hence  $ab \mid c$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): This is obvious.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let an ordered semigroup S be a complete semilattice Y of subsemigroups  $\{S_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in Y}$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (i)  $V_{\leq}(S) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} V_{\leq}(S_{\alpha}).$
- (ii) S is inverse if and only if  $S_{\alpha}$  is inverse for all  $\alpha \in Y$ .
- (iii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse if and only if  $S_{\alpha}$  is  $\pi$ -inverse for all  $\alpha \in Y$ .

Proof. (i): It is obvious that  $\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \supseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S_{\alpha})$ . Let  $a \in S_{\alpha} \cap \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Then exist  $x \in S_{\beta}$ ,  $y \in S_{\gamma}$  such that for any  $x, y \in V_{\leq}(a)$  implies  $x\mathcal{H}y$ . Now  $a \leq axa$  implies that  $\alpha \leq \alpha\beta\alpha$ . From  $\alpha\beta\alpha \leq \alpha\beta \leq \alpha$ , we obtained  $\alpha = \alpha\beta$ . Now  $x \leq xax$  implies  $\beta \leq \beta\alpha\beta$ , which implies that  $\alpha = \alpha\beta = \beta\alpha = \beta$ . Hence  $x \in S_{\alpha}$ . Similarly  $y \in S_{\alpha}$ . Thus  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S_{\alpha})$ . Therefore we have  $\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) = (\bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S_{\alpha})) \cap \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S_{\alpha})$ . Therefore, the first equality holds.

Both (ii) and (iii) are immediate consequences of (i).

**Lemma 2.3.** Let an ordered semigroup S be a nil-extension of a semigroup K of type  $\tau$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \neq \phi$ . Then the following statements hold in S:

- (i) For every  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S), a \in K$ .
- (ii) For every *L*-class of S that contains an element a ∈ V<sub>≤</sub>(S) is a subset of K.

*Proof.* (i): Consider  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \leq a(xa)^n$  for some  $x \in S$ . Since S is a nil-extension of K, there is some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(xa)^m \in K$ . Now since K is an ideal of S,  $a(xa)^m \in K$  and so  $a \in K$ . (ii): Let L be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -class of S that contains an element  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Now for some  $y \in L$ , there is some  $s \in S$  such that  $y \leq sa$ . Then by (i), it follows that  $y \in K$  and hence  $L \subseteq K$ . This completes the proof.

In the next theorem we describe ordered semigroups which are nil-extensions of both left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups and show that S is a nilextension of a left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup if and only if S is a nil-extension of a t-simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

**Theorem 2.4.** The following conditions on an ordered semigroup S are equivalent:

- (i) S is a nil-extension of a left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup;
- (ii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and l-Archimedean ordered semigroup;
- (iii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and  $a\mathcal{L}^*b$  for every  $a, b \in S$ ;
- (iv) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and  $e\mathcal{L}^*f$  for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ ;
- (v) S is  $\pi$ -regular and  $e\mathcal{H}^*f$  for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ ;
- (vi) S is  $\pi$ -regular and  $a\mathcal{H}^*b$  for every  $a, b \in S$ ;
- (vii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and t-Archimedean ordered semigroup;
- (viii) S is a nil-extension of t-simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let S be a nil-extension of a left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup K. Choose  $a \in S$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^k \in K$ . Since K is  $\pi$ -inverse, for  $a^k$  there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $x, y \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq K$  it gives  $x \mathcal{H}y$ , where m = kr. Hence S is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

Now for every  $b \in S$ , as K is an ideal of S, we have  $a^k b^n \in KS \subseteq K$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . But K is left simple, so for  $a^m, a^k b^n \in K$  there exists  $z \in K$  such that  $a^m \leq za^k b^n$ . Now  $a^m \leq a^m x a^m \leq a^m x za^k b^n$ , that is  $a^m \in (a^m Sb^n]$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence S is *l*-Archimedean.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  and  $(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)$ : These implications are obvious.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (v): Since S is  $\pi$ -inverse, so S is  $\pi$ -regular and  $e\mathcal{L}f$  implies  $e\mathcal{H}f$  for any  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ , by Theorem 1.1. Hence  $e\mathcal{H}^*f$ .

 $(\mathbf{v})\Rightarrow(\mathbf{v})$ : Let  $a, b \in S$ . Since S is  $\pi$ -regular, we let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  be the smallest positive integers such that  $a^m, b^n \in \operatorname{Reg}_{\leq}(S)$ . Then there exist  $x, y \in S$  such that  $a^m \leq a^m x a^m$  and  $b^n \leq b^n y b^n$ . Clearly  $a^m x, x a^m, b^n y, y b^n \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Now  $a^m \leq a^m x a^m \leq b^n y z a^m$  for some  $z \in S$ . So  $a^m \leq b^n s_1$ , where  $s_1 = y z a^m$ . Also  $a^m \leq s_2 b^n$  for some  $s_2 \in S$ . Similarly there exists  $s_3, s_4 \in S$  such that  $b^n \leq s_3 a^m$  and  $b^n \leq a^m s_4$ . Hence  $a\mathcal{H}^*b$ .

(vi) $\Rightarrow$ (vii): Let  $a, b \in S$  and  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a^m)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence from (vi),  $a'a^m \mathcal{H}^* a''a^m$  and so  $a'a^m \mathcal{H}a''a^m$ . Now  $a' \leq a'a^m a' \leq a''a^m t_1a' = a''t_2$ , where  $t_2 = a^m t_1 a'$ . Similarly  $a'' \leq a't_3$  for some  $t_3 \in S$ . Hence  $a'\mathcal{R}a''$ . Similarly  $a'\mathcal{L}a''$ , thus  $a'\mathcal{H}a''$ . Also  $a^m \in (b^n Sb^n]$ . Hence S is  $\pi$ -inverse and t-Archimedean.

(vii) $\Rightarrow$ (viii): Suppose that S is  $\pi$ -inverse and t-Archimedean ordered semigroup. Since S is t-Archimedean, S is a nil-extension of a t-simple ordered semigroup K, by Corollary 1.3. So K is left simple. Let  $a \in K$ . Since S is  $\pi$ -inverse, for  $a \in S$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq S$  implies  $a'\mathcal{H}a''$ . Now as K is an ideal,  $a'a^ma' \in K$ . Hence  $a' \leq a'a^ma'$  implies that  $a' \in K$ . Similarly  $a'' \in K$ . So  $a'\mathcal{H}a''$  in K. Hence K is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

 $(viii) \Rightarrow (i)$ : This is obvious.

**Corollary 2.5.** The following conditions on an ordered semigroup S are equivalent:

- (i) S is a nil-extension of a simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup;
- (ii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and  $e\mathcal{J}^*f$  for all  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ ;
- (iii) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and  $a\mathcal{J}^*b$  for all  $a, b \in S$ ;
- (iv) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and for all  $a, b \in S$ , there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^m \in (SbS]$ ;
- (v) S is  $\pi$ -inverse and Archimedean ordered semigroup.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let S be a nil-extension of a simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup K. Choose  $a \in S$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^k \in K$ . Since K is  $\pi$ -inverse, for  $a^k$  there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $x, y \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq K$  implies  $x\mathcal{H}y$ , where m = kr. Hence S is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

Now for every  $e, f \in E_{\leq}(S)$ , as K is an ideal of S, we have  $e, f \in K$ . But K is simple, so for  $e, f \in K$  there exists  $u, v \in K$  such that  $e \leq ufv$ . Similarly  $f \leq wez$  for some  $w, z \in S$ . So  $e\mathcal{J}f$ . Hence  $e\mathcal{J}^*f$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Since S is  $\pi$ -inverse, S is  $\pi$ -regular. Let m, n be the smallest positive integers such that  $a^m, b^n \in Reg_{\leq}(S)$ . So there exist  $x, y \in S$  such that  $a^m \leq a^m x a^m$  and  $b^n \leq b^n y b^n$ . Clearly  $a^m x, x a^m, b^n y, y b^n \in E_{\leq}(S)$ . Now  $a^m \leq a^m x a^m \leq s_1 y b^n s_2 a^m$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ . So  $a^m \in (Sb^n S]$ . Similarly  $b^n \in (Sa^m S]$ . Hence  $a\mathcal{J}^*b$ .

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)$  and  $(iv) \Rightarrow (v)$ : These implications are obvious.

 $(\mathbf{v}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{i})$ : Clearly  $Intra(S) \neq \phi$ . Since S is an Archimedean ordered semigroup with  $Intra(S) \neq \phi$ , so S is a nil-extension of a simple ordered semigroup K, by Theorem 1.2. Let  $a \in K$ . Since S is  $\pi$ -inverse, for  $a \in S$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $a', a'' \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq S$  implies that  $a'\mathcal{H}a''$ . Now since K is an ideal,  $a'a^ma' \in K$ . Hence  $a' \leq a'a^ma'$  implies  $a' \in K$ . Similarly  $a'' \in K$ . So  $a'\mathcal{H}a''$  holds in K. Hence K is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup.

**Theorem 2.6.** An ordered semigroup S is a nil-extension of an inverse ordered semigroup if and only if the following conditions hold in S:

- (i) S is  $\pi$ -inverse;
- (ii) for  $a \in S$  and  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  such that  $a \leq ba$  implies that  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ ;
- (iii) for  $a \in S$  and  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  such that  $a \leq ab$  implies that  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ ;
- (iv) for  $a \in S$  and  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  such that  $a \leq b$  implies that  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that S is a nil-extension of an inverse ordered semigroup K.

(i). Let  $a \in S$ . Then there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^m \in K$ . Since K is inverse, for every  $x, y \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq K$  implies  $x \mathcal{H} y$ . Thus S is  $\pi$ -inverse.

(ii). Let  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  and  $a \in S$  such that  $a \leq ba$ . Since  $b \in Reg_{\leq}(S)$ , there is  $z \in S$  such that  $b \leq b(zb)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $(zb)^{n_1} \in K$ . Then  $b(zb)^{n_1} \in K$ . This implies  $b \in K$  and so  $ba \in K$  and finally  $a \in K$ . Since K is an inverse ordered semigroup,  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ .

(iii). This is similar to (ii).

(iv). Let  $a \in S$  and  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$  such that  $a \leq b$ . Clearly  $b \in Reg_{\leq}(S)$ , and so for some  $z \in S$ ,  $b \leq b(zb)^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since S is a nil-extension of K, there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(zb)^m \in K$  and so  $b \in K$ . Thus  $a \in K$  and hence  $a \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ .

Conversely, assume that given conditions hold in S. Let  $a \in S$  be arbitrary. Then by (i) there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $x, y \in V_{\leq}(a^m) \subseteq S$  implies  $x\mathcal{H}y$ . So  $\mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \neq \phi$ . Say  $T = \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Thus for each  $a \in S$ , there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^m \in T$ . Now choose  $s \in S$  and  $a \in T$ . Then  $a \in \operatorname{Reg}_{\leq}(S)$ , so there is  $h \in S$  such that  $a \leq a(ha)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $m_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $(ha)^{m_1} \in T$ . So  $sa \leq sa(ha)^{m_1}$  implies that  $sa \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) = T$ , by (iii). Similarly  $as \in T$  follows from (ii).

Now consider  $a \in S$  and  $b \in T$  such that  $a \leq b$ . Then by (iv)  $a \in T$ . Hence T is an ideal. Also T is an inverse ordered semigroup. Hence S is a nil-extension of an inverse ordered semigroup T.

In the following results we characterize ordered semigroups which are complete semilattice of nil-extensions of different ordered semigroups.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let S be an ordered semigroup. Then the following conditions are equivalent on S:

- (i) S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of simple and π-inverse ordered semigroups;
- (ii) S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of simple ordered semigroups and  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S);$
- (iii) S is π-inverse and is a complete semilattice of Archimedean ordered semigroups.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let *S* be a complete semilattice of semigroups  $\{S_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in Y}$  and  $\rho$  be the corresponding complete semilattice congruence on *S*. For  $\alpha \in Y$ , let  $S_{\alpha}$  be a nil-extension of a simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$ . Here we need only to show that  $\prod Intra_{\leq}(S) = \prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . For this, let  $a \in \prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Then there are  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in Y$  such that  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$ . Now the simplicity of  $K_{\alpha}$  yields that  $a^m \in (K_{\alpha}a^{2m}K_{\alpha}]$ . Thus  $a \in \prod Intra_{\leq}(S)$ . Therefore  $\prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \subseteq \prod Intra_{\leq}(S)$ .

Now let  $b \in \prod Intra_{\leq}(S)$ . Then there are  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in Y$  such that  $b^m \leq xb^{2m}y$  and  $b \in S_{\gamma}$ . Let  $S_{\gamma}$  be a nil-extension of a simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup  $K_{\gamma}$ . Now  $b^m \leq (xb^m)^n b^m y^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also by completeness of  $\rho$  we have that  $(b^m)_{\rho} = (b^m x b^{2m} y)_{\rho} = (xb^m x b^m y)_{\rho} = (xb^m)_{\rho} (xb^m y)_{\rho} = (xb^m)_{\rho} (b^m)_{\rho}$ . Thus  $xb^m \in S_{\gamma}$ . So there is  $m_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(xb^m)^{m_1} \in \mathbb{N}$ 

 $K_{\gamma}$ . Thus  $(b^m)^{m_1} \in K_{\gamma}$ . Since  $K_{\gamma}$  is  $\pi$ -inverse, it follows that  $b \in \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Therefore  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) \subseteq \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Hence  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Suppose *S* is a complete semilattice of semigroups  $S_{\alpha}(\alpha \in Y)$ , where  $S_{\alpha}$  is a nil-extension of a simple ordered semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$  and  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Let  $a \in S$ . Then there are  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in Y$  such that  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$ . Since each  $K_{\alpha}$  is simple, for  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$ ,  $(a^m)^r \in (K_{\alpha}(a^m)^{2r}K_{\alpha}] \subseteq (S(a^m)^{2r}S]$ , for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $a \in \Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Hence *S* is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup. Also *S* is a complete semilattice of Archimedean ordered semigroups, by Theorem 1.2.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose that the condition (iii) holds. Then S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of simple ordered semigroups, by Theorem 1.2. Suppose that S is a complete semilattice of semigroups  $S_{\alpha}(\alpha \in Y)$ , where  $S_{\alpha}$  is a nilextension of a simple ordered semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$ . Let  $a \in K_{\alpha}$ . Since S is  $\pi$ -inverse, there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $z, y \in V_{\leq}(a^m)$  in S implies that  $z\mathcal{H}y$ . By completeness of  $\rho$ , it gives  $(a^m)_{\rho} = (za^m)_{\rho}$  and so  $a^m, za^m \in S_{\alpha}$ . Now  $a^m \leq a^m za^m$ implies that  $a^m \leq a^m(za^m z)a^m$ . Since  $S_{\alpha}$  is a nil-extension of  $K_{\alpha}, K_{\alpha}$  is an ideal of  $S_{\alpha}$ . Thus  $za^m z \in K_{\alpha}$ . Now by completeness of  $\rho, z \leq za^m z$  gives  $(z)_{\rho} = (za^m z)_{\rho}$ . So  $z \in K_{\alpha}$ . Similarly  $y \in K_{\alpha}$ . Hence  $K_{\alpha}$  is  $\pi$ -inverse and so S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let S be an ordered semigroup. Then the following conditions are equivalent on S:

- (i) S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups;
- (ii) S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of left simple ordered semigroups and ∏Intra≤(S) = ∏V≤(S);
- S is π-inverse and is a complete semilattice of l-Archimedean ordered semigroups.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let *S* be a complete semilattice of semigroups  $\{S_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in Y}$  and  $\rho$  be the corresponding complete semilattice congruence on *S*. Let  $\alpha \in Y$  and  $S_{\alpha}$  be a nil-extension of a left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$ . Here we need only to show that  $\prod Intra_{\leq}(S) = \prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . For this, let  $a \in \prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Then there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$ . Now the left simplicity of  $K_{\alpha}$  yields that  $a^m \in (a^{3m}K_{\alpha}]$ , that is,  $a^m \leq a^{3m}s_1 = a^m a^{2m}s_1$  for some  $s_1 \in K_{\alpha}$ . Thus  $a \in \prod Intra_{\leq}(S)$ . Therefore  $\prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S) \subseteq \prod Intra_{\leq}(S)$ .

Now let  $b \in \Pi Intra_{\leq}(S)$ . Then clearly  $b \in \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Therefore  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) \subseteq \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Hence  $\Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Suppose S is a complete semilattice of semigroups  $S_{\alpha}(\alpha \in Y)$ , where  $S_{\alpha}$  is a nil-extension of a left simple ordered semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$  and  $\prod Intra_{\leq}(S) = \prod \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Let  $a \in S$ . Then there are  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in Y$  such that  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$ . Since each  $K_{\alpha}$  is left simple, for  $a^m \in K_{\alpha}$  there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(a^m)^r \leq (a^m)^{3r}s_2 = a^m a^{2r}s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in K_{\alpha}$ . Thus

 $a \in \Pi Intra_{\leq}(S) = \Pi \mathbf{V}_{\leq}(S)$ . Hence S is a  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroup. Also S is a complete semilattice of *l*-Archimedean ordered semigroup by [2, Corollary 4.2]..

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose that the condition (iii) holds. Then S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of left simple ordered semigroups by [2, Corollary 4.2]. Suppose that S is a complete semilattice of semigroups  $S_{\alpha}(\alpha \in Y)$ , where  $S_{\alpha}$ is a nil-extension of a left simple semigroup  $K_{\alpha}$ . Clearly  $K_{\alpha}$  is  $\pi$ -inverse, by Theorem 2.7 and so S is a complete semilattice of nil-extensions of left simple and  $\pi$ -inverse ordered semigroups.

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