

ON EXTENDING FUNCTIONALS ON COMMUTATIVE SEMIGROUPS

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In the present report we will outline some of the studies on homomorphisms of commutative semigroups into the additive group of real numbers; when they are extensible or when they exist. Most of the proofs are omitted and the reader should refer to the literature cited.

1. Introduction. Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup. A homomorphism of  $G$  into the additive group  $\mathbb{R}$  of all real numbers is called a functional of  $G$ . Let  $H$  be a subsemigroup of  $G$ . When is a functional of  $H$  extended to a functional of  $G$ ? The answer is easy. In fact, it is almost always (for example, always if  $G$  is cancellative) extensible as the following proposition shows. The reason is based on the fact that  $\mathbb{R}$  is a divisible abelian group.

Proposition 1. Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and  $H$  its subsemigroup. Let  $f$  be a functional of  $H$ . Then  $f$  is extensible to  $G$  if and only if  $f$  satisfies

$$(1) \quad h_1g = h_2g, h_1, h_2 \in H, g \in G \implies f(h_1) = f(h_2).$$

Our problem next is extending some types of functionals under some suitable conditions. We consider two cases:  
(i) functionals bounded by some functions from the both

sides, (this case brings us some Hahn-Banach type theorems,) (ii) non-negative functionals (non-negative real valued functionals).

2. Hahn-Banach type theorem. There are many versions and extended forms of the Hahn-Banach theorem on linear spaces. Kaufman [2], [3] gave some Hahn-Banach type extension theorem on commutative semigroups. Fuchssteiner [1] established it as an elegant theorem (Sandwich theorem) and deduced many related results from it. Here we will give a new theorem from which their results are deduced (see [6] for details).

Let  $\theta$  and  $f$  be functions of a commutative semigroup  $G$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is called a lower (resp. upper)  $\theta$ -function of  $G$  if for all  $x, y \in G$

$$(2) \quad f(x)+f(y) \leq f(xy) \leq f(x)+\theta(y)$$

(resp.  $f(x)+f(y) \geq f(xy) \geq f(x)+\theta(y)$ ).

A function  $f$  of  $G$  is called homogeneous if for any  $x \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  (the set of all positive integers)

$$(3) \quad f(x^n) = nf(x).$$

We can always homogenize a lower (upper)  $\theta$ -function by the following lemma.

Lemma 1. Let  $f$  be a lower (resp. upper)  $\theta$ -function of  $G$ . Then there exists the limit

$$(4) \quad \varphi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x^n)}{n},$$

for every  $x \in G$ , and  $\varphi$  is a homogeneous lower (resp. upper)  $\theta$ -function satisfying  $f \leq \varphi$  (resp.  $f \geq \varphi$ ).

Theorem 1. Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and  $H$  its subsemigroup. Let  $f$  be a lower (resp. upper)  $\theta$ -function of  $G$  such that  $f|_H$  is a functional of  $H$ . Then there exists a functional  $\bar{f}$  of  $G$  such that  $f \leq \bar{f} \leq \theta$  (resp.  $\theta \leq \bar{f} \leq f$ ) and  $f|_H = \bar{f}|_H$ .

We give a sketch of the proof. Let  $(g, K)$  be a couple of a lower  $\theta$ -function  $f$  and a subsemigroup  $K$  such that  $g \geq f$ ,  $K \supset H$ ,  $g|_H = f|_H$  and  $g|_K$  is a functional of  $K$ . Let  $(\bar{f}, \bar{K})$  be a maximal element (the existence is assured by Zorn's lemma) in the couples in the sense of the order:

$$(5) \quad (g, K) \geq (g', K') \iff g \leq g', K \subset K' \text{ and } g|_K = g'|_K.$$

If  $\bar{H} \neq G$ , we can find  $x_0 \in G \setminus \bar{H}$ ,  $h_0 \in \bar{H}$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that

$$(6) \quad \bar{f}(x_0^{n_0} h_0) > n_0 \bar{f}(x_0) + \bar{f}(h_0).$$

$f_n(x) = \bar{f}(x h_0^n) - n \bar{f}(h_0)$  is monotone increasing on  $n$  for every  $x \in G$  and bounded by  $\theta(x)$ . Hence there exists the limit

$g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ . Then it is proved that  $g$  is a lower  $\theta$ -function such that  $g|_{\bar{H}}$  is a functional of  $\bar{H}$  and  $(g, \bar{H}) \geq (\bar{f}, \bar{H})$ . On the other hand we have from (6) that  $g(x_0^{n_0}) > \bar{f}(x_0^{n_0})$ , this contradicts to the maximality of  $(\bar{f}, \bar{H})$ .

Thus we must have  $\bar{H} = G$ .

Corollary 1. (Sandwich theorem; Kaufman [2], Fuchssteiner [1]). Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions of  $G$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f \leq g$  and  $f(x) + f(y) \leq f(xy)$ ,  $g(x) + g(y) \geq g(xy)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Then there exists a functional  $h$  of  $G$  such that  $f \leq h \leq g$ .

Proof. We may assume that  $G$  has the identity  $e$  and  $f(e) = g(e) = 0$ . The function  $\bar{f}$  defined by

$$(7) \quad \bar{f}(x) = \sup \left\{ f(xy) - g(y) \mid y \in G \right\}$$

for  $x \in G$  is a lower  $g$ -function and  $f \leq \bar{f}$ . Theorem 1 asserts that there is a functional  $h$  of  $G$  such that  $\bar{f} \leq h \leq g$ .

We give the following as an application of Theorem 1 to non-negative real valued functions of  $G$ . The proof is omitted.

Corollary 2 (Kaufman [3]). Let  $\theta$  be a function of  $G$  satisfying  $\theta(xy) \leq \theta(x) + \theta(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Let  $f$  be a functional of a subsemigroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Then  $f$  is extended to a functional  $\bar{f}$  of  $G$  such that  $0 \leq \bar{f} \leq \theta$  if and only if

$$(8) \quad xh_1 = yh_2, \quad h_1, h_2 \in H, \quad x, y \in G \implies f(h_1) \leq \theta(y) + f(h_2).$$

3. Extending non-negative functionals. Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and  $H$  its cofinal subsemigroup (i.e. for any  $x \in G$  there is  $h \in H$  such that  $x|h$  in  $G$ ). Let  $f$  be a non-negative functional of  $H$  satisfying

$$(9) \quad h_1 | h_2 \text{ in } G \implies f(h_1) \leq f(h_2).$$

We define two functions  $N_f$  and  $L_f$  of  $G$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} N_f(x) &= \sup \left\{ f(h_1) - f(h_2) \mid h_1 | xh_2; h_1, h_2 \in H \right\}, \\ L_f(x) &= \inf \left\{ f(h_1) - f(h_2) \mid xh_2 | h_1; h_1, h_2 \in H \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2. For all  $x, y \in G$  we have

$$(11) \quad 0 \leq N_f \leq L_f \text{ and } N_f|_H = L_f|_H = f.$$

$$(12) \quad N_f(x) + N_f(y) \leq N_f(xy) \leq N_f(x) + L_f(y) \leq L_f(xy) \leq L_f(x) + L_f(y).$$

Inequality (12) implies that  $N_f$  is a lower  $L_f$ -function and  $L_f$  is an upper  $N_f$ -function of  $G$ . Therefore, we have by Theorem 1

Theorem 2 (Putchá and Tamura [8], Kobayashi and Tamura [7]). Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and  $H$  its cofinal subsemigroup. Let  $f$  be a non-negative functional of  $H$ . Then  $f$  is extended to a non-negative functional of  $G$  if and only if  $f$  satisfies condition (9).

A cofinal subsemigroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called strongly cofinal if for every  $x \in G$  there are  $h \in H$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $h \mid x^n$ .

Corollary 1. Let  $f$  be a positive (positive real valued) functional of a strongly cofinal subsemigroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Then  $f$  is extended to a positive functional of  $G$  if and only if  $f$  satisfies condition (9).

$G$  is called archimedean if for any  $x, y \in G$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $x \mid y^n$ .  $G$  is called subarchimedean if there is  $x_0 \in G$  such that for any  $x \in G$ ,  $x \mid x_0^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

Corollary 2. Any positive functional of a subsemigroup of an archimedean commutative semigroup  $G$  satisfying condition (9) is extended to a positive functional of  $G$ .

#### 4. Existence of non-negative (positive) functionals.

Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup. It might not be difficult to describe the condition for  $G$  to have non-trivial functionals applying Proposition 1. The problem of finding the concrete condition for  $G$  to have non-trivial non-negative (positive) functionals is rather difficult. Tamura and the author [7] gives a necessary and sufficient condition for that in terms of quasi-order. But we do not know the concrete

condition. Some sufficient conditions are obtained from the results in the preceding section.

An element  $a \in G$  is called normal if the following two conditions are satisfied;

(13) for any  $x$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $x|a^n$ ,

(14)  $a^n|a^m \implies n \leq m$ .

These imply that the subsemigroup  $[a]$  generated by  $a$  is cofinal and that the mapping  $a^n \mapsto n$  is a functional of  $[a]$ . We can extend the functional to a non-negative functional of  $G$ , hence we have

Proposition 2. If  $a$  is a normal element of  $G$ , then there is a non-negative functional of  $G$  such that  $f(a) > 0$ .

$G$  is called normal (resp. subnormal) if every (resp. some) element of  $G$  is normal.

Proposition 3. An archimedean (resp. subarchimedean) commutative semigroup without idempotents is normal (resp. subnormal).

Theorem 3. If  $G$  is a normal (resp. subnormal) commutative semigroup, then  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{R}_+) \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{R}_{+0}) \neq \emptyset$ ).

In Theorem 3,  $\mathbb{R}_+$  (resp.  $\mathbb{R}_{+0}$ ) denotes the additive semigroup of all positive (resp. non-negative) real numbers. The further details of the preceding arguments in §3 and §4 would be found in [7]. By Proposition 3 and Theorem 3 an archimedean commutative semigroup without idempotents is homomorphic into  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . In particular, an  $\mathcal{N}$ -semigroup is

homomorphic into  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , from this we can prove the fundamental fact that an  $\mathcal{N}$ -semigroup is a subdirect product of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and an abelian group (Tamura [9], Kobayashi [4]).

In the case of finite rank (the free rank of the quotient group of  $G$  is finite) the complete condition for  $G$  to have non-trivial homomorphisms into  $\mathbb{R}_+$  ( $\mathbb{R}_{+0}$ ) is given as follows.

Theorem 4 (Kobayashi [5]). Let  $G$  be a commutative cancellative semigroup of finite rank. Then

- (i)  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{R}_{+0}) \neq 0$  if and only if  $G$  is not a group,
  - (ii)  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{R}_+) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $G$  satisfies
- (15) for any  $x, y \in G$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that
- $$x^{mn} \mid y^m \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

The proof is proceeded by reducing to the geometrical consideration in a finite dimensional real vector space. It is necessary for  $G$  to be of finite rank because there is a semigroup  $S$  of infinite rank satisfying condition (15) and  $\text{Hom}(S, \mathbb{R}_{+0}) \neq 0$  (see [5]).

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