

Short Communication

## Cardinality and idempotency of partial one-one convex and contraction transformation semi group

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Let  $X_n$  be a set with finite number of elements following natural ordering of numbers. The formulae for the total number of elements in partial one – one convex and contraction transformation semigroup and its idempotents are obtained and discussed in this paper. The relationship between fix  $\alpha$  and idempotency is obtained and stated; an element  $\alpha$  is an idempotent if  $|Im\alpha| = |f(\alpha)|$ . Also, idempotents commute and the product of two or more idempotents is an idempotent. An element  $y$  is said to be unique if  $x$  is an invertible element such that  $xy = yx = 1$ ,  $x, y \in S$ .

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### INTRODUCTION

Let  $X_n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Then a (partial) transformation  $\alpha$  is said to be one – one if  $\alpha : Dom\alpha \subseteq X_n \rightarrow Im\alpha \subseteq X_n$ , such that each element in  $Dom\alpha$  has a unique image. The transformation is full if  $Dom\alpha = X_n$ . A transformation  $\alpha$  for which  $|x\alpha - y\alpha| \leq |x - y|$ ,  $\forall x, y \in X_n$  is said to be a contraction (Howie, 2006). A set  $C \subseteq X_n$  is said to be convex if  $C$  has the form  $[i, i + t]$ , for some  $i \in X_n$  and  $0 \leq t \leq n-1$ , (Catarino and Higgins, 1999).

The set  $S = conv_n \Delta cont_n$  is the semigroup of all full convex and contraction transformations.  $P(conv_n \Delta cont_n)$  and  $I(conv_n \Delta cont_n)$  denote the partial and partial one- one convex and contraction transformation semigroups respectively. The semigroup of partial one – one convex and contraction transformation is of interest

in this paper. The fix element is defined as  $f(\alpha) = \{x \in X_n : x\alpha = x\}$  and the set of idempotents,  $E(S) = \{\alpha \in S : \alpha^2 = \alpha\}$ . Various special subsemigroups of full transformation semigroups have been studied by many authors like Ganyushkin and Mazorchuk (2003), Laradji and Umar (2004 and 2007) and Umar (2010).

Howie et al. (1988) showed the relationship between fix  $\alpha$  and idempotency for  $\alpha \in Sing_n$  and the equivalence relation  $\{(x, y) \in N^2 : x\alpha = y\alpha\}$  is denoted by  $Ker\alpha$ .  $Ker\alpha$  - classes are referred to as blocks, where  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$  are the blocks of  $\alpha$  and  $x\alpha = c_i$ , if and only  $x \in A_i$ . If  $c_i \in A_i$  then  $A_i$  is a stationary block. He also showed that the number of stationary blocks is equal to  $fix\alpha$  and element  $\alpha$  is idempotent if holds for partial one – one convex and contraction

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**Table 1.** Values of elements in S.

$n/h$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	1	1							2
2	1	3	2						6
3	1	6	12	2					21
4	1	10	36	16	2				65
5	1	15	80	60	20	2			178
6	1	21	150	160	90	24	2		448
7	1	28	252	350	280	126	28	2	1067

transformation semigroup. The method employed in this work was by listing and studying the elements using combinatorial approach.

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Let  $S = I(\text{conv}_n \Delta \text{cont}_n)$ . The number of elements in S is denoted by |S| and the following results were obtained.

**Theorem 1**

Let  $\alpha \in S$  and  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $|S| = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2(k+1) \binom{n}{k} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$ .

**Proof**

k- images,  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of  $\alpha$  can be chosen in  $\binom{n}{k}$  ways and each image has a pre- image in a one – one fashion. In partial one – one transformation, there is always an empty map for each n. Combinatorially, the empty map can be written as  $\binom{n}{0}$ . Also it is known that the length of image and domain of  $\alpha$  is the same in  $I(\text{conv}_n \Delta \text{cont}_n)$  which is a unique property of partial one – one transformation and its subsets. Let  $h = |\text{Im}\alpha|$  then h can be partitioned into three different simple parts as follows:

\* $h = 0$  implies an empty map.

\* $h = 1$  means the single element maps are  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  in number for the semi-group under consideration.

\*The number of elements for which  $n \geq 2$  is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2(k+1) \binom{n}{k}.$$

Hence  $S = \binom{n}{0} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2(k+1) \binom{n}{k}$  as shown in the following table of values.

**Lemma 1**

Let  $\alpha \in S$ , then  $\alpha$  is an idempotent if  $|\text{Im}\alpha| = |f(\alpha)|$  (Table 1).

**Proof**

Let  $X_n = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_1 & a_3 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Here,  $|\text{Im}\alpha| = 3$  and  $|f(\alpha)| = 2$  but  $\alpha_1^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \neq \alpha_1$ .

Thus  $\alpha_1$  is not an idempotent. Also, let  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $|\text{Im}\alpha| = 2$ ,  $|f(\alpha)| = 2$  and  $\alpha_2^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_2$ .

Thus  $\alpha_2$  is an idempotent.

**Theorem 2**

$$|E(S)| = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1.$$

**Proof**

Let  $\alpha$  be a transformation in S. From Lemma 1,  $\alpha$  is an idempotent element in S if  $|\text{Im}\alpha| = |f(\alpha)|$ . This fact holds for an empty map. The number of elements atisfying the stated properly is  $\frac{1}{2}(n^2 + n + 2) \equiv \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$ .

**Lemma 2**

Idempotents commute in  $S$ .

**Proof**

Let  $fg$  and  $h = (fg)^{-1}$  be two idempotents in  $S$ .

$$Fg.h = fg(fg)^{-1} = fg(g^{-1}f^{-1}) = f(gg^{-1})f^{-1} = 1.$$

$$\text{Also, } h.fg = (fg)^{-1}fg = (g^{-1}f^{-1})fg = g^{-1}(f^{-1}f)g = 1.$$

Thus, idempotents in  $S$  commute.

For example, let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in E(S)$  such that,

$$\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}, \alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c \in X_n.$$

$$\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \alpha_2 \cdot \alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Thus } \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 = \alpha_2 \cdot \alpha_1.$$

An element  $x \in S$  is called invertible or a unit provided that there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $xy = yx = 1$ .

**Lemma 3**

Let  $x$  be an invertible element in  $S$  such that  $xy = yx = 1, y \in S$ . Then  $y$  is unique.

**Proof**

Assume that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two different elements and  $1$  is an identity element in  $S$ ,  $y_1 = y_1 \cdot 1 = y_1(xy_2) = (y_1x)y_2$ .

Since  $x$  is an invertible element, then  $y_1x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(x)y_2 = 1 \cdot y_2 = y_2.$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_2.$$

**Lemma 4**

Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 2 & & & \\ & & 3 & & \\ & & & \dots & n \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $x$  is invertible.

**Proof**

Since  $x \cdot x = 1$ , then  $x$  is a unit of itself. There is only one invertible element in  $S$  with the property  $x \cdot x = 1$ .

**Theorem 3**

The product of two or more idempotents in  $S$  is an idempotent.

**Proof**

Let  $fg$  and  $h = (fg)^{-1}$  be idempotents. Then  $fg \cdot h \cdot fg = fg(fg)^{-1}fg = fg(g^{-1}f^{-1})fg = f(gg^{-1})(ff^{-1})g = fg$ . Also,  $h \cdot fg \cdot h = (fg)^{-1} \cdot fg \cdot (fg)^{-1} = g^{-1}f^{-1}(fg)g^{-1}f^{-1} = g^{-1}(f^{-1}f)(gg^{-1})f^{-1} = g^{-1}f^{-1} = (fg)^{-1}$ .

Thus,  $(fg)(fg)^{-1} = f(gg^{-1})f^{-1} = ff^{-1} = 1$  which is an idempotent.

Conclusively, for  $S = I(\text{Conv}_n \Delta \text{Cont}_n)$ ,

$$|S| = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} 2(k+1) \binom{n}{k} + \frac{n}{2}(n+1) + 1, n \geq 2;$$

$$|E(S)| = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1, \forall n.$$

Idempotents commute in  $S$ ; the product of two or more idempotents in  $S$  is an idempotent and  $y$  is unique if  $x$  is an invertible element in  $S$  such that  $xy = yx = 1, y \in S$ .

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