

## 108. On Exponential Semigroups. II

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**1. Introduction.** Tamura and Shafer proved in [3] the following:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $S$  is an exponential archimedean semigroup with idempotent, then  $S$  is an ideal extension of  $I$  by  $N$  where  $I$  is the direct product of an abelian group  $G$  and a rectangular band  $B$  and  $N$  is an exponential nil-semigroup.*

However, the converse is not necessarily true. For example, let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the semigroup of order 4 defined by  $(x, y \in S)$

$$xy = y \text{ for } y \neq d \text{ and all } x; \quad xd = a \text{ for } x \neq c; \quad cd = b.$$

$S$  is the ideal extension of a right zero semigroup  $\{a, b, c\}$  by a null semigroup of order 2. Associativity of  $S$  is easily verified, but  $S$  is not exponential:

$$(cd)^2 = b^2 = b, \quad c^2d^2 = ca = a.$$

The purpose of this paper is to prove Theorem 2 which characterizes exponential ideal extensions of  $I$  by  $N$ , and to give an alternate proof of the fact that  $I$  is completely simple. See the definition of the used terminology in [3] and [1]. The notation may be different from that in [1].

**Theorem 2.**  *$S$  is an exponential archimedean semigroup with idempotent if and only if  $S$  is an ideal extension of the direct product  $I = A \times G \times M$  of a left zero semigroup  $A$ , an abelian group  $G$ , and a right zero semigroup  $M$  by an exponential nil-semigroup  $N$ , with product determined by three partial homomorphisms  $\varphi: N \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow M$ ,  $\mathcal{G}: N \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow G$ ,  $\psi: N \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow A$  in the following manner. Let  $(\lambda, a, \mu), (\nu, b, \eta) \in A \times G \times M, s, t \in N \setminus \{0\}$ .*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} (\lambda, a, \mu) \cdot s = (\lambda, a(s\mathcal{G}), s\varphi) \\ s \cdot (\lambda, a, \mu) = (\psi s, (s\mathcal{G})a, \mu) \\ (\lambda, a, \mu) \cdot (\nu, b, \eta) = (\lambda, ab, \eta) \\ s \cdot t = \begin{cases} st & \text{if } st \neq 0 \text{ in } N \\ (\psi s, (s\mathcal{G})(t\mathcal{G}), t\varphi) & \text{if } st = 0 \text{ in } N \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

**2. Alternate proof of complete simpleness of  $I$ .** In [3] Anderson's theorem on bicyclic subsemigroup was used, but we will derive primitiveness of idempotent elements. Assume that  $S$  is an exponential archimedean semigroup. Let  $e$  be an idempotent element of  $S$  and let  $I = SeS$ . Since  $I \subseteq SaS$  for all  $a \in S$ ,  $I$  is the kernel of  $S$  and hence  $I$  is simple. Let  $e$  and  $f$  be idempotents such that  $ef = fe = f$ . Now  $IeI$