

## LOCALLY COMPACT CLIFFORD SEMIGROUPS

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Let  $S$  be a locally compact Hausdorff semigroup which is a disjoint union of subgroups one of which is dense. If  $S$  is the disjoint union of exactly two groups one of which is compact, then  $S$  has been completely described by K. H. Hofmann, and if  $S$  is the disjoint union of two subgroups where the dense subgroup  $G$  has the added property that it is abelian and  $G/G_0$  is a union of compact groups, then  $S$  has been described in a previous paper of the author.

It is the purpose of this paper to consider  $S$  when each subgroup of  $S$  is a topological group when given the relative topology and  $G$  (the dense subgroup) has the added property that it is abelian and  $G/G_0$  is a union of compact groups. In particular, we show how to reduce such a semigroup to a semigroup which is a union of real vector groups (§3). In §4 we give the structure of  $S$  under the added assumption that  $E(S)$  is isomorphic to  $E[(R^x)^n]$ , where  $(R^x)^n$  denotes the  $n$ -fold product of the nonnegative real numbers under multiplication.

2. Definitions and notations. If  $G$  is a topological group,  $G_0$  will denote the identity component. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the full subcategory of the category of locally compact abelian groups whose objects  $G$  have the property that  $G/G_0$  is a union of compact subgroups. Let  $\mathcal{C}_c$  denote the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose objects  $G_c$  have the property that  $G_c$  is a union of compact subgroups. If  $G \in \mathcal{C}$ , then by the structure theorem for locally compact abelian groups [2, p. 389] there is a real vector subgroup  $W$  of  $G$  such that  $G/W \in \mathcal{C}_c$ . If  $W \cong R^n$ , then  $n = \dim G$  will be called the dimension of  $G$ . We will use the following properties of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_c$ :  $P_1$ ; for each  $G$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  there is a unique subgroup  $G_c \in \mathcal{C}_c$  such that  $G/G_c$  is a real vector group.  $P_2$  [7]; if  $\alpha: G \rightarrow W$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $\alpha(G)$  dense in  $W$  and if  $W$  is a real vector group, then there is morphism  $\beta: W \rightarrow G$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\alpha\beta = I_W$  (the identity morphism on  $W$ ).  $P_3$  [7]; if  $\alpha: G \rightarrow H$  is a morphism in the category of locally compact abelian groups with  $\alpha(G)$  dense in  $H$  and  $G \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $H \in \mathcal{C}$ . Also, if  $G/G_0$  is compact, then  $H/H_0$  is compact.

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the category whose objects  $S$  are locally compact Hausdorff semigroups satisfying (i)  $S$  is a disjoint union of subgroups one of which is dense and (ii) each maximal subgroup of  $S$  is a member of  $\mathcal{C}$ , and whose morphisms are the continuous identity preserving homomorphisms. Let  $\mathcal{R}$  denote the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{S}$  whose objects  $R$  have the properties that (i) each maximal subgroup of  $R$

is a real vector group and (ii) the minimal ideal of  $R$  exists and is compact (thus a zero for  $R$ ).

Let  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then we will use  $1$  to denote the identity for  $S$ . For each  $x$  in  $S$  let  $H(x) = \{y \in S \mid yS = xS\}$ . Since  $S$  is an abelian Clifford semigroup, each  $H(x)$  is a maximal subgroup of  $S$ . Let  $\delta: S \rightarrow E(S)$  be the function defined by  $\delta(s)$  is the idempotent of  $S$  such that  $H(s) = H(\delta(s))$ . If  $A \subseteq S$ , then  $\bar{A}$  will denote the closure of  $A$ . Partially order  $E(S)$  by  $e \leq f$  if and only if  $ef = e$ , and for each  $e$  and  $f$  in  $E(S)$  let  $(e, f) = \{a \in E(S) \mid e < a < f\}$ . Let  $Z = \{0, 1\}$  under multiplication, and let  $Z^n$  denote the  $n$ -fold product of  $n$  copies of  $Z$ . Finally, for a semigroup  $T$  we use  $K(T)$  to denote the minimal ideal when it exists.

3. The purpose of this section is two fold. First we prove that each  $S$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  splits into the direct product of two closed subsemigroups  $V$  and  $\bar{W}$ , where  $V$  is a real vector group and where  $\bar{W} \in \mathcal{S}$  with the added property that  $K(\bar{W}) \in \mathcal{C}_c$  (Proposition 3.5). Second we prove that there is a congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  such that  $S/\rho$  is a locally compact Clifford semigroup with each  $H$ -class a real vector group and with  $E(S) \cong E(S/\rho)$  (Theorem 3.11).

Throughout this section  $S$  will represent a fixed member of  $\mathcal{S}$ , and  $E(S)^*$  will denote  $E(S) \setminus \{1\}$ .

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $e \in E(S)^*$ . Then  $H(e)$  is open in  $S \setminus H(1)$  if and only if  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(1) - 1$ .*

*Proof.* By [7], if  $H(e)$  is open in  $S \setminus H(1)$ , then  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(1) - 1$ .

Let  $e \in E(S)$  with  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(1) - 1$ . Again by [7], if  $f \in E(S)$  such that  $e < f$ , then  $\dim H(e) < \dim H(f)$ . Thus, since  $\dim H(f) < \dim H(1)$  for all  $f$  in  $E(S)^*$  [7],  $(e, 1) = \emptyset$ . Let  $\psi: S \rightarrow eS$  be the morphism defined by  $\psi(s) = es$ . Since  $H(e)$  is a topological group,  $H(e)$  is open in  $\overline{H(e)}$  [8] which is  $eS$ . Since  $\psi$  is continuous and since  $H(e) = (S \setminus H(1)) \cap \psi^{-1}(H(e))$ , it follows that  $H(e)$  is open in  $S \setminus H(1)$ .

COROLLARY 3.2. *If  $e \in E(S)^*$ , then there is an  $f$  in  $E(S)$  with  $e < f$  and  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(f) - 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in E(S)$  with  $e < f$  and  $(e, f) = \emptyset$ . Then  $H(e) \subseteq \overline{H(f)}$ . Let  $\psi: \overline{H(f)} \rightarrow e\overline{H(f)}$  morphism defined by  $\psi(s) = es$ . Since  $(e, f) = \emptyset$ ,  $H(e) = (\overline{H(f)} \setminus H(f)) \cap (\psi^{-1}(H(e)))$ , and it follows that  $H(e)$  is open in  $\overline{H(f)} \setminus H(f)$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.1,  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(f) - 1$ .

LEMMA 3.3. *A subgroup  $H \in \mathcal{C}_c$  of  $S$  is closed in  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \bar{H}$ . Since  $H \subseteq H(e)_c$  for some  $e$  in  $E(S)$  and  $g \in \overline{\delta(g)H}$ , it follows that  $g \in H(g)_c$ . Thus there is a compact subgroup  $C$  of  $H(g)_c$  with  $g \in C$ . Since  $\{g^n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq C$  and  $C$  is compact,  $\delta(g) \in \overline{\{g^n\}_{n=1}^\infty}$  [4, p. 15] which is a subset of  $\bar{H}$ ; thus  $\delta(g) \in \bar{H}$ . By [7], there are no maximal subgroups of  $\bar{H}$  which are topological other than  $\bar{H}$ ; thus  $\delta(g) = e$ , and  $\bar{H} \subseteq H(e)$ . Thus we need only show that  $H$  is a closed subgroup of  $H(e)$ , but this follows since  $H$  is a locally compact subgroup of a locally compact topological group.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let  $e \in E(S)$ , and let  $\psi$  be the map from  $S$  onto  $eS$  defined by  $\psi(s) = es$ . Then there are closed subgroups  $V$  and  $W$  of  $H(1)$  with the following properties:*

- (a)  $\bar{W} = \psi^{-1}(H(e)_c)$ ,
- (b)  $V$  is a real vector group, and
- (c) *The morphism  $m: V \times \bar{W} \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(H(e))$  defined by  $m(v, w) = v \cdot w$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha$  be the natural map from  $H(e)$  onto  $H(e)/H(e)_c$ , let  $Q$  be the corestriction of  $\psi|_{H(1)}$  to  $H(e)$ , and let  $\beta: H(e)/H(e)_c \rightarrow H(1)$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $(\alpha Q)\beta$  is the identity map on  $H(e)/H(e)_c$  [ $P_2$ ]. Let  $V = \beta(H(e)/H(e)_c)$ , and let  $W = Q^{-1}(H(e)_c)$ . Then  $V$  and  $W$  are the desired closed subgroups of  $H(1)$ . The inverse of  $m$  is given by  $s \mapsto ((\beta\alpha\psi)(s), [(\beta\alpha\psi)(s)]^{-1}s)$  which is clearly continuous. The theorem now follows.

PROPOSITION 3.5. *There are closed subgroups  $V$  and  $W$  of  $H(1)$  with the following properties:*

- (a)  $V$  is a real vector group,
- (b)  $K(\bar{W}) \in \mathcal{C}_c$ , and
- (c) *The morphism  $m: V \times \bar{W} \rightarrow S$  defined by  $m(v, w) = v \cdot w$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Again by [7], if  $e \in E(S)^*$ , then  $\dim H(e) < \dim H(1)$ . Thus there is an  $f$  in  $E(S)$  with  $\dim H(f) \leq \dim H(e)$  for all  $e$  in  $E(S)$ . Since  $\dim H(e_f) \leq \min \{\dim H(e), \dim H(f)\}$  with equality holding only for  $e < f$  or  $f \leq e$ ,  $f$  is unique. The proposition now follows from Proposition 3.4 along with the observation that  $S = \psi^{-1}(H(f))$  where  $\psi: S \rightarrow fS$  is the morphism defined by  $\psi(s) = sf$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ .

PROPOSITION 3.6. *If there is a  $s_0$  in  $S$  with  $H(s_0)_c$  compact, then  $H(s)_c$  is compact for all  $s$  in  $S$ .*

*Proof.* From the structure theorem for locally compact abelian groups [2, p. 389] one can get that if  $G \in \mathcal{C}_e$ , then  $G_0$  is compact. Thus for any  $s$  in  $S$  we have that  $H(s)_e$  is compact if and only if  $H(s)_e/(H(s)_e)_0$  is compact. But  $H(s)_e/(H(s)_e)_0$  is compact if and only if  $H(s)/H(s)_0$  is compact. Therefore, by  $P_3$  and since  $\overline{H(1)} = S$ , the theorem will follow if we can prove that  $H(1)/H(1)_0$  is compact.

We do this by contradiction. That is, assume  $H(1)/H(1)_0$  is not compact, and let  $e \in E(S)$  satisfying the following:

- (i)  $H(e)/H(e)_0$  is compact,
- (ii)  $\delta(s_0) \leq e$ , and
- (iii) if  $f \in E(S)$  with  $e < f$ , then  $H(f)/(f)_0$  is not compact.

By Corollary 3.2 and since  $e \neq 1$ , there is an  $f$  in  $E(S)$  with  $e < f$  and  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(f) - 1$ . Let  $T = \overline{H(f)}$ , and let  $\psi: T \rightarrow eT$  be the morphism defined by  $\psi(s) = se$ . By Proposition 3.4, there is a real vector subgroup  $V$  of  $H(f)$ , a closed subgroup  $W$  of  $H(f)$  with  $\psi^{-1}(H(e)_e) = \overline{W}$ , and a morphism  $m: V \times \overline{W} \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(H(e))$  which is an isomorphism. Since  $\overline{W} \setminus W = H(e)_e$  which is compact and by [3],  $W$  contains a compact subgroup  $C$  such that  $W/C$  is a real vector group. Thus  $H_W(f)_e$  is compact. Since the corestriction of  $m|_{V \times W}: V \times W \rightarrow H(f)$  is an isomorphism and  $V$  is a real vector group, it now follows that  $H(f)_e$  is compact. This is the desired contradiction and the proof now follows.

**SUBLEMMA.** *Let  $e$  and  $f$  be elements of  $E(S)$  with  $\dim H(e) = \dim H(f) + 1$  and with  $f < e$ . If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $H(e)$  with  $H \in \mathcal{C}_e$ , then  $fH$  is a closed subgroup of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \overline{fH} \cap H(f)$ . Since  $H \in \mathcal{C}_e$ ,  $fH \subseteq H(f)_e$ , and thus there is a compact subgroup  $C$  of  $H(f)$  which is open relative to  $H(f)_e$  and with  $g \in C$ . Let  $\psi: \overline{H(e)} \rightarrow \overline{fH(e)}$  be the morphism defined by  $\psi(s) = fs$ . It follows from Proposition 3.4 and the fact that  $H(f)$  is open in  $\overline{H(e)} \setminus H(e)$  that  $\psi^{-1}(C)$  is a locally compact semigroup which contains a dense group  $\psi^{-1}(C) \cap H(e)$  whose complement  $C$  is compact. By [3], there is a unique compact subgroup  $C_1$  of  $\psi^{-1}(C) \cap H(e)$  and a one-parameter subgroup  $M$  of  $\psi^{-1}(C) \cap H(e)$  such that  $\psi^{-1}(C) = \overline{M} \cdot C_1$ . Let  $\{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a net in  $fH$  which converges to  $g$ . Since  $C$  is open in  $H(f)_e$ , there is a  $\beta \in A$  such that if  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , then  $g_\alpha \in C$ . For each  $\alpha \in A$  with  $\alpha \geq \beta$  there is an  $h_\alpha \in H$  with  $g_\alpha = fh_\alpha$ . It follows that each  $h_\alpha \in C_1$ , and therefore there is an  $h$  in  $C_1 \cap H$  such that  $fh = g$ . Thus  $\overline{fH} \subseteq fH \subseteq \overline{fH}$ . We now have  $fH$  is a closed subgroup of  $H(f)_e$ , and therefore  $fH \in \mathcal{C}_e$ . The sublemma now follows by Lemma 3.3.

**LEMMA 3.7.** *If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $S$  with  $H \in \mathcal{C}_e$  and if  $f \in E(S)$ , then  $fH$  is closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $h \in H$ ; then  $\delta(h) \cdot f \leq \delta(h)$ . If  $\delta(h)f = \delta(h)$ , then  $fH = f\delta(h)H = \delta(h)H = H$  which is closed by Lemma 3.3. If  $\delta(h) \cdot f < \delta(h)$ , then there is a chain of idempotents  $e_1 \cdots, e_{q+1}$  which is maximal with respect to the properties: (i)  $e_1 = \delta(h)f$  and (ii)  $e_{q+1} = \delta(h)$ . Observe that since  $e_1, \dots, e_{q+1}$  is maximal,  $\dim H(e_i) = \dim H(e_{i+1}) - 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ . If  $fH$  is not closed, then there is an integer  $p, 1 \leq p \leq q$  such that  $e_p H$  is not closed and  $e_{p+1} H$  is closed. Since  $e_p H = (e_p \cdot e_{p+1})H = e_p(e_{p+1}H)$  and since  $e_{p+1}H \in \mathcal{C}_c$ ,  $e_p H$  is closed (sublemma). Thus  $e_p H$  is both closed and not closed which is impossible; thus it follows that  $fH$  must be closed.

Now that one has Lemma 3.7 it is easy to prove the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 3.8.** (i) *For each  $x$  in  $S$ ,  $xH(1)_c$  is closed.*

(ii) *If  $U$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $S$ , then  $U \cdot H(1)_c$  is closed.*

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let  $R = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid xH(1)_c = yH(1)_c\}$ . Then  $R$  is a congruence, and  $S/R$  is a locally compact semigroup with the following properties:*

(i) *If  $\theta$  is the natural map from  $S$  onto  $S/R$ , then  $\theta$  is an open map and  $\theta(H(s)) \cong H(s)/(\delta(s)H(1)_c)$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ .*

(ii) *The corestriction of  $\theta|_{E(S)}$  to  $E(S/R)$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Clearly  $R$  is a congruence. Since  $H(1)$  acts as a group of homeomorphisms on  $S$  and since  $\theta^{-1}(\theta(A)) = A \cdot H(1)_c$  for all  $A \neq \emptyset$ , it follows that  $\theta$  is an open map. Since  $\theta$  is an open map,  $S/R$  is locally compact and also multiplication is continuous. We now show  $S/R$  is Hausdorff. Let  $x, y \in S$  with  $xH(1)_c \neq yH(1)_c$ . Since  $yH(1)_c$  is closed (Corollary 3.8) and since  $S$  is a locally compact (thus regular) Hausdorff space, there is a compact neighborhood  $N_x$  of  $x$  with  $N_x \cap yH(1)_c = \emptyset$ . Thus  $y \notin N_x \cdot H(1)_c$  which is closed by Corollary 3.8, and using the fact that  $S$  is regular we obtain a compact neighborhood  $N_y$  of  $y$  with  $N_y \cap (N_x \cdot H(1)_c) = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $(N_y \cdot H(1)_c) \cap (N_x \cdot H(1)_c) = \emptyset$ , and thus  $S/R$  is Hausdorff. This completes the proof.

**REMARK.** We wish to point out that each maximal subgroup of  $S/R$  is connected, and thus  $H(\theta(s))_c$  is compact for each  $s$  in  $S$ .

**LEMMA 3.10.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $K(T)$  compact. Then for each non-negative integer  $n$  there is a  $T_n$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  and a surmorphism  $\alpha_n: T \rightarrow T_n$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfying:*

(a) *The corestriction of  $\alpha_n|_{E(S)}$  to  $E(T_n)$  is an isomorphism.*

(b) *If  $x \in T$  with  $\dim H(x) \leq n$ , then  $\alpha_n(H(x)) = H(\alpha_n(x)) \cong H(x)/H(x)_c$ .*

(c) *If  $x \in T$  with  $\dim H(x) > n$ , then the corestriction of  $\alpha|_{H(x)}$  to  $H(\alpha(x))$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* The proof is by induction. Let  $R_0 = \{(x, y) \mid x = y \text{ or } x \in K(T) \text{ and } y \in K(T)\}$ . Clearly  $R_0$  is a congruence, and since  $K(T)$  is compact, it follows that  $T/R_0$  is a locally compact semigroup. Let  $\alpha_0$  be the natural map from  $T$  onto  $T/R_0 = T_0$ . Then, clearly,  $\alpha_0$  and  $T_0$  satisfy (a)-(c) for  $n = 0$ .

Let  $k$  be a nonnegative integer such that there is a  $T_k \in \mathcal{S}$  and a surmorphism  $\alpha_k: T \rightarrow T_k$  satisfying (a)-(c). If  $k \geq \dim H(1)$ , then let  $T_{k+1} = T_k$  and  $\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k$ . Then  $T_{k+1}$  and  $\alpha_{k+1}$  satisfy (a)-(c). If  $k < \dim H(1)$ , let  $A = \{e \in E(T_k) \mid \dim H(e) = k + 1\}$ , and let  $\hat{T}_k = \{x \in T_k \mid x \in \overline{H(e)} \text{ for some } e \text{ in } A\}$ . For each  $e$  in  $A$  let  $\psi_e: S \rightarrow eS$  be the morphism defined by  $\psi_e(s) = es$ . Then  $\psi_e^{-1}(H(e)) \cap \hat{T}_k = H(e)$ , and thus each  $H(e)$  is open relative to  $\hat{T}_k$ . Let  $R_{k+1} = \{(x, y) \in T_k \times T_k \mid x = y \text{ or } \delta(x) = \delta(y) \in A \text{ and } x \in yH(\delta(y))_e\}$ . It is easy to show that  $R_{k+1}$  is a congruence. By Proposition 3.6 and since  $K(T_k) = \{0\}$ , each  $H(e)_e$  is compact. Since each  $H(e)_e$  is compact and since each  $H(e)$  with  $e \in A$  is open in  $\hat{T}_{k+1}$ , it follows that  $T_k/R_{k+1}$  is a locally compact semigroup. Let  $T_{k+1} = T_k/R_{k+1}$  and  $\alpha_{k+1} = \eta\alpha_k$ , where  $\eta$  is the natural map from  $T_k$  onto  $T_k/R_{k+1}$ . Then  $T_{k+1} \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\alpha_{k+1}: T \rightarrow T_{k+1}$  is a surmorphism satisfying (a)-(c) for  $n = k + 1$ . The theorem now follows by induction.

**THEOREM 3.11.** *Let  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then there is a  $T \in \mathcal{S}$  and a surmorphism  $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfying:*

- (i) *The corestriction of  $\alpha|_{E(S)}$  onto  $E(T)$  is an isomorphism.*
- (ii) *Each  $H$ -class of  $T$  is a real vector group.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.5, there is an isomorphism  $\beta: S \rightarrow V \times \bar{T}$  where  $V$  is a real vector group and where  $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $K(\bar{T}) \in \mathcal{E}_c$ . By first applying Theorem 3.9 and then Lemma 3.10 for  $n = \dim H(1)$  one can obtain a surjective morphism  $\beta_1: \bar{T} \rightarrow T_n$  which preserves the structure of  $E(\bar{T})$  and where the  $H$ -class of  $T_n$  are real vector groups. Let  $T = V \times T_n$  and  $\alpha: S \rightarrow V \times T_n$  be the map defined by  $\alpha(s) = (p_{r_1}(\beta(s)), \beta_1(p_{r_2}(\beta(s))))$ . Then clearly  $T$  and  $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$  satisfy the conditions of the theorem.

4. Let  $\mathcal{S}_1$  denote the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{S}$  whose objects  $S$  have the property that  $E(S) \cong Z^q$  for some nonnegative integer  $q$ . In this section we characterize the objects in  $\mathcal{S}_1$ . The fact that there are objects in  $\mathcal{S}$  that are not in  $\mathcal{S}_1$  is demonstrated by J. G. Horne, Jr., in [6]. However, if  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $\dim H(1) \leq 2$ , then it is shown

that  $S \in \mathcal{S}_1$ .

Let  $R_+$  denote the multiplicative group of positive real numbers, and recall that  $R^x$  denotes the multiplicative semigroup of nonnegative real numbers.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let  $E$  be a Hausdorff topological space which is the disjoint union of  $R_+ \times R^x$  and a singleton set  $\{w\}$ , where  $R_+ \times R^x$  has the product topology. If  $\{w\} \cup (R_+ \times \{0\})$  is homeomorphic to  $R^x$  with  $\overline{w \in (0, 1] \times \{0\}}$ , then  $E$  is not locally compact at  $w$ .*

*Proof.* We assume  $E$  is locally compact at  $w$  and show that this assumption leads to the conclusion that  $R^x$  is compact. Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $w$  with  $\bar{U}$  compact. Then  $\bar{U} \setminus U$  is a compact subset of  $R_+ \times R^x$ . Since  $w \cup (R_+ \times \{0\})$  is homeomorphic to  $R^x$  with  $\overline{(0, 1] \times \{0\}} = ((0, 1] \times \{0\}) \cup \{w\}$ , there is an  $a$  in  $R_+$  with  $\{(x, 0) \mid 0 < x < a\} \subseteq U$ . For each  $b$  in  $R_+$  with  $0 < b < a$  either  $\{b\} \times R^x \subseteq U$  or  $(\{b\} \times R^x) \cap (\bar{U} \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$ . To see this, assume  $(\{b\} \times R^x) \cap (\bar{U} \setminus U) = \emptyset$ . Then  $\{b\} \times R^x$  is the disjoint union of the two relatively open sets  $(E/\bar{U}) \cap (\{b\} \times R^x)$  and  $U \cap (\{b\} \times R^x)$ . Since  $\{b\} \times R^x$  is connected and  $\{b\} \times R^x \cap U \neq \emptyset$ ,  $(E/\bar{U}) \cap (\{b\} \times R^x) = \emptyset$  and hence  $\{b\} \times R^x \subseteq U$ .

We now prove there is a  $r_0 < a$  in  $R_+$  satisfying; if  $b \in R_+$  and  $b \leq r_0$ , then  $\{b\} \times R^x \subseteq U$ . If this were not the case, then by the above there would exist a sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $R_+$  such that  $\{b_n, 0\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $w$ , and each  $(\{b_n\} \times R^x) \cap (\bar{U} \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$ . For each positive integer  $n$  let  $x_n$  be an element of  $R^x$  such that  $(b_n, x_n) \in \bar{U} \setminus U$ . Since  $\bar{U} \setminus U$  is a compact subset of  $R_+ \times R^x$ , the sequence  $\{(b_n, x_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a cluster point  $(b, x)$ . Thus  $\{(b_n, 0)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $w$  and clusters to  $(b, 0)$  which is impossible. Thus we now can conclude that there is a  $r_0$  in  $R_+$  such that if  $b \in R_+$  with  $b \leq r_0$ , then  $\{b\} \times R^x \subseteq U$ . We point out at this point that if  $b \in R_+$  and  $b \leq r_0$ , then  $\{b\} \times R^x = \{w\} \cup \{b\} \times R^x$ .

For each  $l$  in  $R_+$ ,  $\{(r, l) \mid r_0 \leq r\}$  is connected, and  $(r_0, l) \in U$ . Thus a similar argument to the one above proves there is an  $l_0$  in  $R^x$  such that if  $l \geq l_0$  then  $\{(r, l) \mid r_0 \leq r\} \subseteq U$ . Similarly, there is a  $t_0 \in R_+$  with  $t_0 \geq r_0$  and such that if  $t \in R_+$  with  $t \geq t_0$ , then  $\{(t, l) \mid 0 \leq l \leq l_0\} \subseteq U$ . Let  $B = [r_0, t_0] \times [0, l_0]$  which is a compact subset of  $R_+ \times R^x$ . It is easy to show that  $E \setminus B \subseteq U$  and thus  $E = \bar{U} \cup B$  and is compact. In particular,  $(R \times \{0\}) \cup \{w\}$  is compact and homeomorphic to  $R^x$ . This is the desired contradiction.

THEOREM 4.2. *If  $S$  is a member of  $\mathcal{R}$  with  $\dim H(1) = 2$ , then  $E(S) \cong Z^2$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $S$  has a zero. By Corollary 3.2, there is an element  $f$  in  $E(S)$  with  $\dim H(f) = 1$ .

*Case 1.* There is only one  $f$  in  $E(S)$  with  $\dim H(f) = 1$ . That is,  $E(S) = \{0, e, 1\}$ . By [7],  $S \setminus \{0\} \cong R_+ \times R^x$ . By [5] and since  $\overline{R_+ \times \{0\}} = (R_+ \times \{0\}) \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\overline{R \times \{0\}}$  is homeomorphic to  $R^x$ . By applying Lemma 4.1 we have  $S$  is not locally compact at  $\{0\}$ . Thus Case 1 is impossible.

*Case 2.* There are exactly two idempotents  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  with  $\dim H(e_1) = \dim H(e_2) = 1$ . Clearly in this case  $E(S) \cong Z^2$ .

*Case 3.* There are at least three idempotents  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  with  $\dim H(e_i) = 1$ . Let  $P_1$ , and  $P_2$  be one-parameter subgroups of  $H(1)$  with  $\overline{P_i} = P_i \cup \{e_i\}$  (Proposition 3.5). Let  $\{s_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $H(1)$  which converges to  $e_3$ . Since  $S \setminus H(1)$  is an ideal,  $\{s_\alpha^{-1}\}$  does not have a cluster point. Since  $H(1) = P_1 \cdot P_2$ , there are nets  $\{s_{1\alpha}\} \subseteq P_1$  and  $\{s_{2\alpha}\} \subseteq P_2$  such that  $s_{1\alpha} \cdot s_{2\alpha} = s_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ . By [3] and since  $\{s_\alpha^{-1}\}$  does not have a cluster point, either  $\{s_{1\alpha}\}$  clusters to  $e_1$  and  $\{s_{2\alpha}^{-1}\}$  clusters to  $e_2$  or  $\{s_{1\alpha}^{-1}\}$  clusters to  $e_1$  and  $\{s_{2\alpha}\}$  clusters to  $e_2$ . But the former implies  $e_1 = e_3 \cdot e_2$ , and the latter implies  $e_2 = e_1 \cdot e_3$ . Since  $e_3 \cdot e_2 = 0$  and  $e_1 \cdot e_3 = 0$ , either  $e_1 = 0$  or  $e_2 = 0$ . This is the desired contradiction. Thus Case 3 is impossible.

**LEMMA 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be a member of  $\mathcal{S}$  with  $\dim H_S(1) \geq 2$ , and let  $e \in E(S)$  with  $H(e) \cong R_+$ . Then there is an  $f$  in  $E(S)$ , such that  $\dim H(f) = \dim H_S(1) - 1$  and that  $ef = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.2 and since  $\dim H_S(1) \geq 2$ , there is an idempotent  $e_1$  in  $S$  such that  $e < e_1$  and that  $\dim H(e_1) = \dim H(e) + 1 = 2$ . Let  $T = \overline{H(e_1)}$ , then  $T$  is a member of  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\dim H_T(1) = 2$ . Thus, by applying Theorem 4.2 to  $T$  one observes that there is an  $f$  in  $E(T)^*$  (and thus in  $E(S)^*$ ) such that  $f \neq 0$  and that  $ef = 0$ . Let  $f$  be a maximal such idempotent with respect to  $f \neq 0$  and  $ef = 0$ .

*Claim.*  $\dim H(f) = \dim H_S(1) - 1$ . If this were not the case, then applying Corollary 3.2 two time we observe there are idempotents  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  such that  $f < f_1 < f_2$  and  $\dim H(f) = \dim H(f_1) - 1 = \dim H(f_2) - 2$ . By applying Proposition 3.4 to  $\overline{H(f_2)}$  we observe there is a subsemigroup  $R \subseteq \overline{H(f_2)}$  such that  $K(R) = \{f\}$  and  $\dim H_R(1) = 2$ . By Theorem 4.2, there is an idempotent  $f_3$  in  $E(R)^*$  (and thus  $E(S)^*$ ) such that  $f_3 \neq f$  and  $f_3 \cdot f_1 = f$ . But since  $f_1$  and  $f_3$  are elements of  $E(S)^*$  which are larger than  $f$ ,  $ef_1 \neq 0$  and  $ef_3 \neq 0$ . In fact, since  $ef_1 \leq e$  and  $ef_3 \leq e$ ,  $ef_1 = ef_2 = e$ . However,  $0 = ef = e(f_1 f_3) = ef_3 = e$ , and this is the desired contradiction. Therefore,  $f$  is maximal in  $E(S)^*$ . From the proof of Lemma 3.1, we have that  $f$  maximal in  $E(S)^*$  implies  $\dim H(f) = \dim H(1) - 1$ . For the remainder of this paper we will use the following notation. If  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $e \in E(S)$ , then  $\psi_e: S \rightarrow eS$  is the morphism defined by  $\psi_e(s) = es$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ .



We omit the proof of the next lemma since the proof is straight forward.

LEMMA 4.4. (i) *If  $f$  and  $e$  are element of  $E((R^x)^n)$  with  $\dim H(f) = 1, \dim H(e) = n - 1$  and if  $\psi_f^{-1}(f) \cap \psi_e^{-1}(e) = \{1\}$ , then the morphism  $m: \psi_f^{-1}(f) \times \psi_e^{-1}(e) \rightarrow (R^x)^n$ , defined by  $m(s, t) = st$ , is an isomorphism.*

(ii) *If  $e \in E(S)$  with  $\dim H(e) = p$ , then (a)  $\psi_e^{-1}(e) \cong (R^x)^{n-p}$  and (b)  $\psi_e[(R^x)^n] \cong (R^x)^p$ .*

LEMMA 4.5. *If  $\alpha: (R^x)^n \rightarrow (R^x)^n \in \mathcal{R}$  is a surmorphism with  $\alpha(E(R^x)^n) = E((R^x)^n)$ , then  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* The proof is by induction on  $\dim H(1)$ . The lemma is trivially true for  $n = 0$ . If  $n = 1$ , then  $\alpha(R_+)$  is a dense connected subgroup of  $R^x$  and thus  $\alpha(R_+) = R_+$ . By [2, p. 84],  $\alpha|_{R_+}: R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  is an isomorphism, and thus it follows that  $\alpha$  is bijective. We show  $\alpha$  is a closed map. Let  $A$  be a closed subset of  $R^x$ . If  $A \subseteq R_+$ , then there is an  $r$  in  $R_+$  with  $[0, r] \cap A = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\alpha(A)$  is closed in  $R_+$  and  $[0, f(r)] \cap \alpha(A) \subseteq [0, f(r)] \cap \alpha(A) = \emptyset$ . Since  $[0, f(r)]$  is open in  $R^x, 0 \notin \alpha(A)$ , and thus it follows that  $\overline{\alpha(A)} = \alpha(A)$ . If  $0 \in A$ , then either  $A = R^x$  or there is an  $r$  in  $R_+$  with  $r \notin A$ . If  $A = R^x$ , then clearly  $\alpha(A)$  is closed. If there is an  $r$  in  $R_+$  with  $r \notin A$ , then  $A = ([0, r] \cap A) \cup ([r, \infty) \cap A)$ . We now have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(A) &= \alpha([0, r] \cap A) \cup ([r, \infty) \cap A) \\ &= \alpha([0, r] \cap A) \cup \alpha([r, \infty) \cap A). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[0, r] \cap A$  is compact,  $\alpha([0, r] \cap A)$  is compact, thus closed, and by the first case  $\alpha([r, \infty) \cap A)$  is closed. We now have  $\alpha$  is a closed bijection and thus an isomorphism.

Let  $n$  be an integer larger than 1 such that the lemma is true for all nonnegative integers less than  $n$ . Let  $S$  denote  $(R^x)^n$ , and define  $\hat{\alpha}: E(S) \rightarrow E(S)$  by  $\hat{\alpha}(e) = \alpha(e)$  for all  $e$  in  $E(S)$ . Since  $\hat{\alpha}$  is bijective and since  $E(S)$  is finite,  $\hat{\alpha}$  is an isomorphism. For each  $e$  in  $E(S)$  define  $\psi_e: S \rightarrow eS$  by  $\psi_e(s) = es$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ . Let  $e_1 = (0, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$  and  $e_2 = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ , and let  $A = \psi_{e_1}^{-1}(e_1)$  and  $B = \psi_{e_2}^{-1}(e_2)$ . Then  $A \cong R^x, B \cong (R^x)^{n-1}$  and  $e_1 \cdot e_2 = 0$ . Define  $F: A \times B \rightarrow S$  by  $F(a, b) = ab$ ; then, by Lemma 4.4i,  $F$  is an isomorphism. Let  $f_1 = \alpha(e_1)$  and  $f_2 = \alpha(e_2)$ . We now show  $\alpha(A) = \psi_{f_1}^{-1}(f_1) \cong R^x, \alpha(B) = \psi_{f_2}^{-1}(f_2) \cong (R^x)^{n-1}$ , and  $\alpha(A) \cap \alpha(B) = \{1\}$ . From which it will follow by Lemma 4.4i that the morphism  $G: \alpha(A) \times \alpha(B) \rightarrow S$ , defined by  $G(a, b) = ab$ , is an isomorphism. Let  $A_1 = \psi_{f_1}^{-1}(f_1)$  and  $A_2 = \psi_{f_2}^{-1}(f_2)$ . Since  $\hat{\alpha}$  is an isomorphism,  $\hat{\alpha}$  preserves the less than order on  $E(S)$ ; thus  $\dim H(f_1) = \dim H(e_1) = n - 1$

and  $\dim H(f_2) = \dim H(e_2) = 1$ . Therefore,  $A_1 \cong R^x$  and  $A_2 \cong (R^x)^{n-1}$  (Lemma 4.4iia). If  $A_1 \cap A_2 \neq \{1\}$ , then either  $f_1 \in A_1 \cap A_2$  or there is an element  $g \in H(1) \cap A_1 \cap A_2$  with  $g \neq 1$ . Since  $f_1 \cdot f_2 = \alpha(e_1) \cdot \alpha(e_2) = \alpha(e_1 e_2) = \alpha(0) = 0$ ,  $f_1 \notin A_2$ , and thus there is a  $g \in H(1) \cap A_1 \cap A_2$  with  $g \neq 1$ . Since  $A_1 \cong R^x$  either  $\{g^n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $f_1$  or  $\{(g^{-1})^n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $f_1$  [3]. But both imply  $f_1 \in A_2$  which is impossible by the above. Thus  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{1\}$ . Clearly,  $\alpha(A) \subseteq A_1$ . Let  $t \in A_1$ . Since  $\alpha(S) = \alpha(A \cdot B) = \alpha(A) \cdot \alpha(B)$ , there is an element  $a \in \alpha(A)$  and  $b \in \alpha(B)$  such that  $t = ab$ . It follows that  $f_1 = f_1 t = f_1 a \cdot b = f_1 b$  which implies  $b \in A_1$ . But  $\alpha(B) \subseteq B_1$  and  $B_1 \cap A_1 = \{1\}$ ; thus  $b = \{1\}$ . The proof that  $\alpha(B) = B_1$  is similar and will therefore be omitted. We now have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & S \\
 F^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow G \\
 A \times B & \xrightarrow{\alpha|_A \times \alpha|_B} & \alpha(A) \times \alpha(B)
 \end{array}$$

By the inductive hypothesis,  $\alpha|_A: A \rightarrow \alpha(A)$  and  $\alpha|_B: B \rightarrow \alpha(B)$  are isomorphisms. The lemma now follows.

**LEMMA 4.6.** *Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be Hausdorff spaces and assume  $F: X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a continuous surjection. If there are continuous surjections  $\alpha: Z \rightarrow X$  and  $\beta: Z \rightarrow Y$  such that the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & X \times Y & & \\
 & P_{r_1} \swarrow & \downarrow F & \searrow P_{r_2} & \\
 X & \xleftarrow{\alpha} & Z & \xrightarrow{\beta} & Y
 \end{array}$$

*is commutative, then  $F$  is a homeomorphism.*

*Proof.* The inverse of  $F$  is given by  $z \mapsto (\alpha(z), \beta(z))$  which is clearly continuous.

**THEOREM 4.7.** *If  $S$  is an object in both  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , then  $S \cong (R^x)^n$  where  $n = \dim H_S(1)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is by induction on  $\dim H(1)$ . The claim for  $\dim H(1) = 1$  is proven in [5]. Let  $n$  be an integer larger than 1 such that the claim is true for all positive integers less than  $n$ . Let  $e$  be an idempotent with  $e > 0$  and  $eS \cong R^x$  (Corollary 3.2). By Lemma 4.3 there is an idempotent  $f$  with  $f \neq 0$ ,  $\dim H(f) = n - 1$  and  $ef = 0$ . Let  $A = \psi_f^{-1}(f)$  and  $B = \psi_e^{-1}(e)$ . Then by the inductive hypothesis,

$A \cong R^x$  and  $B \cong (R^x)^{n-1}$ . Also  $\psi_e^{-1}(H(e)) \cong H(e) \times B \cong R_+ \times B$  (Proposition 3.4). Now define a morphism  $F: A \times B \rightarrow S$  by  $F(a, b) = ab$ . Observe that  $\psi_e(F(a, b)) = eab = ea$  and  $\psi_f(F(a, b)) = fb$ . We now show  $S = A \cdot B$ . Since  $E(S) \cong Z^n$  it follows that  $E(S) = E(A) \cdot E(B)$ . Let  $s \in S$ ; then  $\delta(s) = e_1 \cdot f_1$  for some  $e_1 \in E(A)$  and  $f_1 \in E(B)$ . Also,  $s = \delta(s) \cdot g$  for some  $g \in H_S(1)$ . Since  $H_A(1) \cap H_B(1) = \{1\}$  (see proof that  $A_1 \cap B_1 = \{1\}$  in Lemma 4.5),  $g = a \cdot b$  for some  $a \in H_A(1)$  and  $b \in H_B(1)$ . Thus  $s = \delta(s)g = \delta(s)ab = e_1 f_1 ab = (e_1 a)(f_1 b) \in A \cdot B$ . Clearly,  $\psi_e(A) = eA \subseteq eS$ . Let  $t \in eS$ ; then  $t = ea \cdot b$  for some  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Thus  $t = eab = eb \cdot a = ea$  and hence  $eA = eS$ . By Lemma 4.5,  $\psi_e|_A: A \rightarrow eS$  is an isomorphism. Similarly it can be shown that  $fB = fS$  and thus, by Lemma 4.5,  $\psi_f|_B: B \rightarrow fS$  is an isomorphism. We now have the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 R^x \cong A & \xleftarrow{P_{r_1}} & A \times B & \xrightarrow{P_{r_2}} & B \cong (R^x)^{n-1} \\
 \downarrow \psi_e|_A & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi_f|_B \\
 eS & \xleftarrow{\psi_e} & S & \xrightarrow{\psi_f} & fS
 \end{array}$$

which can be reduced to

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & A \times B & & \\
 & P_{r_1} \swarrow & \downarrow F & \searrow P_{r_2} & \\
 A & \xleftarrow{(\psi_e^{-1}|_A) \circ \psi_e} & S & \xrightarrow{(\psi_f^{-1}|_B) \circ \psi_f} & B
 \end{array}$$

Thus by Lemma 4.6,  $F$  is an isomorphism, and the theorem now follows by induction.

**DEFINITION.** An object  $S$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  is an *H-semigroup* if (i)  $H_S(1) \cong R_+$  and (ii)  $K(S)$  is compact.

**LEMMA 4.8.** Let  $S$  be a object in  $\mathcal{S}_1$  having the added properties that (i)  $H_S(1)$  is a real vector group of dimension  $n$  and (ii)  $K(S)$  is compact. Then there are subsemigroups  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  of  $S$  which are *H-semigroups*, the morphism  $m: \times_{i=1}^n S_i \rightarrow S$  defined by  $m((s_1, \dots, s_n)) = s_1 \cdot s_2 \cdot \dots \cdot s_n$  is a surmorphism which preserves the *H-class structure* of  $\times_{i=1}^n S_i$ , and also  $m$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of units. Further, for each  $i$  there is an idempotent  $e_i$  with  $\dim H(e_i) = n - 1$  and  $S_i = \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(H(e_i)_e)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $E(S) \cong Z^n$ , there are exactly  $n$ -idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  in  $S$  with  $\dim H(e_i) = n - 1$ . By Proposition 3.4 and since  $H_S(1)$  is a real vector group, each  $\psi_{e_i}^{-1}(H(e_i)_e)$ , is an *H-semigroup*. Let  $S_i = \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(H(e_i)_e)$ , and let  $F: S \rightarrow (R^x)^n$  be a surmorphism which preserves

the  $H$ -class structure of  $S$  (Proposition 3.11 then Theorem 4.7). Since  $F$  preserves the  $H$ -class structure of  $S$ ,  $\dim H(e_i) = \dim H(F(e_i)) = n - 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and, also,  $F(S_i) = \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(H(e_i)) \cong R^x$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $e_i = F(e_i)$ . Using the structure of  $(R^x)^n$  we know  $\psi_{e_i}^{-1}(F(e_i)) \cong R^x$  if and only if there is an integer  $j(i)$ ,  $1 \leq j(i) \leq n$  such that

$$P_{r_{j(i)}} | \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(F(e_i)): \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(F(e_i)) \rightarrow R^x$$

is an isomorphism. For each  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  let  $\pi_i: S_i \rightarrow S_i/K(S_i)$  be the natural map where  $S_i/K(S_i)$  denotes the Rees quotient semigroup. Since each  $K(S_i)$  is compact [3],  $\pi_i$  is a closed map. Thus for each  $i$  there is a bijective morphism  $\beta_i: S_i \rightarrow R^x$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_i & \xrightarrow{P_{r_{j(i)}} \circ F|_{S_i}} & R^x \\ \pi_i \downarrow & \nearrow \beta_i & \\ S_i/K(S_i) & & \end{array}$$

By Lemma 4.5 each  $\beta_i$  is an isomorphism. Since each  $K(S_i)$  is compact, it is easy to show that a net  $\{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \subseteq S_i$  has a cluster point if and only if  $\{\pi_i(g_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  has a cluster point. Thus it follows that  $\{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \subseteq S_i$  has a cluster point if and only if  $\{P_{r_{j(i)}}(F(g_\alpha))\}_{\alpha \in A}$  has a cluster point.

Let  $x \in S$  and let  $\{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a net in  $H_S(1)$  which converges to  $x$ . Then for each  $\alpha$  there are elements  $g_i(\alpha) \in S_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $g_\alpha = g_1(\alpha) \cdot g_2(\alpha) \cdot \dots \cdot g_n(\alpha)$ . Since  $P_{r_{j(i)}} F(g_i(\alpha)) = P_{r_{j(i)}}(F(g_\alpha))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  and since  $P_{r_{j(i)}}(F(g_\alpha))$  has a cluster point and by the above, each  $\{g_i(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  has a cluster point. Clearly, we can choose a subnet  $\{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in B}$  such that each  $\{g_i(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in B}$  converges. It now follows that  $x \in m(\prod_{i=1}^n S_i)$ . Clearly,  $m$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of units.

**THEOREM 4.9.** *Let  $S \in \mathcal{S}_1$ . Then  $S \cong T \times R^n$  for a suitable  $n$  and where  $T$  is an object in  $\mathcal{S}_1$  satisfying the following: There are subsemigroups  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  of  $T$  with each  $S_i$  an  $H$ -semigroup and a surmorphism  $m: H_T(1)_o \times (\prod_{i=1}^n S_i) \rightarrow T$  which preserves the  $H$ -class structure and which induces an isomorphism on the groups of units. Further, there are surmorphisms  $G_1: S \rightarrow (R^x)^n$  and  $G_2: H_T(1)_o \times (\prod_{i=1}^n S_i) \rightarrow (R^x)^n$  such that the following diagram is commutative*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_T(1)_o \times (\prod_{i=1}^n S_i) & \xrightarrow{m} & T \\ G_2 \searrow & & \swarrow G_1 \\ & & (R^x)^n \end{array}$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.5,  $S \cong T \times \mathbf{R}^n$  for a suitable choice of  $m$ , where  $T \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $K(T) \in \mathcal{C}_c$ . Since  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}^n$  for some  $n$  and since  $E(S) \cong E(T)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{S}$ . Using Lemma 3.1 and Corollary 3.2, it is easy to see that  $\dim H_T(1) = n$ . Since  $E(S) \cong \mathbf{Z}^n$ , there are exactly  $n$  idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  such that  $\dim H(E_i) = n - 1$ . For each  $e_i$  let  $C_i$  be a compact subgroup of  $H(e_i)_c$  which is open relative to  $H(e_i)_c$ . It follows from Proposition 3.4 and the fact that each  $H(e_i)$  is open in  $T \setminus H_T(1)$ , that each  $\psi_{e_i}^{-1}(C_i)$  is a locally compact semigroup which contains a dense group whose complement is compact. Since each  $\psi_{e_i}^{-1}(C_i) \in \mathcal{S}$  and by [7], there is a one-parameter subgroup  $P_i \subseteq \psi_{e_i}^{-1}(C_i) \cap H_T(1)$  such that  $\bar{P}_i \cap C_i \neq \emptyset$ . For each  $i$  let  $S_i = \bar{P}_i$ ; then each  $S_i$  an  $H$ -semigroup. Let  $m: H_T(1)_c \times (\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i) \rightarrow T$  be a morphism defined by  $m(g, s_1, \dots, s_n) = g \cdot s_1 \cdot s_2 \cdot \dots \cdot s_n$  and let  $m_1: \mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i \rightarrow T$  be the morphism defined by  $m_1(s) = m(1, s)$  for all  $s$  in  $\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i$ .

Let  $T/R$  be the semigroup constructed as in Theorem 3.9 and let  $F: T \rightarrow T/R$  be the natural map. Since  $F$  preserves the  $H$ -class structure,  $\dim H(F(e_i)) = n - 1$  for each  $i$ . Since for each  $i$   $F(K(S_i))$  is a compact ideal for  $F(P_i)$ ,  $\overline{F(P_i)} = F(P_i) \cup F(K(S_i))$  [5]; thus  $F(S_i) = \overline{F(P_i)}$ . Also,  $H(F(e_i))_c$  is a compact ideal for  $F(P_i)$ ; thus  $F(S_i) = \overline{F(P_i)} = F(P_i) \cup H(F(e_i))_c$ . It now follows from Lemma 4.8 that  $F(m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i)) = T/R$  and thus  $\overline{m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i) \cdot H_T(1)} = T$ . Therefore,  $m$  is a surmorphism.

Let  $T_1 = m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i)$ . Since  $E(T) = E(m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n S_i)) \cong \mathbf{Z}^n$ ,  $E(T) \cong \mathbf{Z}^n$ , and thus it follows that  $\dim H_{T_1}(1) = n$ . Let  $F_1: T_1 \rightarrow T_1/R_1$  be the natural map where  $T_1/R_1$  is the semigroup guaranteed by Theorem 3.9. Let  $H_1 = H_{T_1}/R_1(1)$ . Then  $H_1$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector group with  $\overline{F_1(m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i))} = H_1$ . Thus by  $P_2$  there is a morphism  $\beta: H_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i$  such that  $F_1 m_1 \beta = I_{T_1/R_1}$ . It follows that the inverse of  $F_1|_{m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i)}$  is the corestriction of  $m_1 \beta$  to  $m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i)$ . Thus  $m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i)$  is a locally compact subgroup  $H_{T_1}(1)$  and thus closed. Therefore, it follows that the corestriction of  $m_1|_{\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i}: \mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i$  is an isomorphism. Since  $H_T(1) = m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i) \cap H_T(1)_c$  and  $m_1(\mathbf{X}_{i=1}^n P_i) \cap H_T(1)_c = \{1\}$ , it now easily follows that  $m$  induces an isomorphism on the group of units.

The remainder of the proof follows directly from Theorem 3.11 and Theorem 4.7.

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