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RIASSUNTO. — Sia \mathbf{T} un semigruppato di Schur sul gruppo G . I sottogruppi H e K di G soddisfacciano alla $HK = KH$; e K ed HK siano entrambi \mathbf{T} -sottogruppi di G (risultino cioè unioni di \mathbf{T} -classi di G). In queste condizioni \mathbf{T} induce un semigruppato di Schur $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ su HK , semigruppato che (con riferimento alla moltiplicazione fra complessi) è generato dagli insiemi del tipo $K\tau K$, con τ variabile nella totalità delle \mathbf{T} -classi di G contenute in HK . In questa Nota sarà dimostrato che gli insiemi del tipo $K\tau K \cap H$, con τ variabile in quella tal totalità, generano (con riferimento alla moltiplicazione fra complessi) un semigruppato di Schur, Σ , su H ; che $\varphi: Y \rightarrow Y \cap H$ ($Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$) fornisce una trasformazione isomorfa avente per dominio $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$, semigruppato di Schur su HK , e per codominio Σ , semigruppato di Schur su H ; e che $\psi: X \rightarrow XK$ ($X \in \Sigma$) è l'inversa di φ . Il significato di questo teorema consiste in ciò, che nella situazione descritta un semigruppato di Schur su un gruppo « grande » HK può essere sostituito con una sua immagine isomorfa, semigruppato di Schur sul gruppo H « più piccolo » e perciò spesso più semplice nella sua struttura. Se per \mathbf{T} si sceglie il gruppo G e per K un sottogruppo normale di G , il risultato precedente si riduce al secondo teorema sugli isomorfismi nella teoria dei gruppi.

The intention of introducing the concept of a Schur-semigroup in the theory of groups (cf. [1], [2] and [8], Chapter III) was not only that it might lead to a new differentiation in the structure of groups but also that it might make applicable to group theory various methods and results from the algebraic theory of semigroups.

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We can expect that the ease of dealing with a Schur-semigroup is directly related to the intricacy of the structure of the underlying group. Therefore theorems will be useful which allow an isomorphism of a Schur-semigroup on one group onto a Schur-semigroup on another group whose structure can be supposed to be less complicated. Such a situation is given if the underlying group of a Schur-semigroup is factorized in a certain way, and its investigation is the object of this note. This generalizes earlier results of [5] where we dealt with the special, though most important, case of double coset Schur-semigroups. (For the meaning of the double coset Schur-semigroups in the theory of permutation groups we refer to [6], Section 12, and to [8], Chapter IV). To make this paper self-contained we briefly recall some basic definitions from the theory of Schur-semigroups (cf. [1], [2] or [8], Chapter III).

Let G be a group. The set $\bar{G} := \{X \mid \emptyset \neq X \subseteq G\}$ is a semigroup with respect to subset multiplication (frequently called "complex" multiplication)

$$(X, Y) \rightarrow XY := \{xy \mid x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\}.$$

DEFINITION 1. A subsemigroup \mathbf{T} of \bar{G} is called a Schur-semigroup on G if it has a unit element and if there exists a set $\mathfrak{I} \subseteq \bar{G}$ such that:

- (1)
$$G = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{T} \in \mathfrak{I}} \mathfrak{T}.$$
- (2)
$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{T} \text{ or } \mathfrak{S} \cap \mathfrak{T} = \emptyset \text{ for all } \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{T} \in \mathfrak{I}.$$
- (3)
$$\mathfrak{T}^{-1} := \{g^{-1} \mid g \in \mathfrak{T}\} \in \mathfrak{I} \text{ for all } \mathfrak{T} \in \mathfrak{I}.$$
- (4)
$$X = \bigcup_{\substack{\mathfrak{T} \in \mathfrak{I} \\ \mathfrak{T} \cap X \neq \emptyset}} \mathfrak{T} \text{ for all } X \in \mathbf{T}.$$
- (5) \mathbf{T} is generated by \mathfrak{I} , that is every element of \mathbf{T} is the product of a finite number of elements of \mathfrak{I} .

Since \mathfrak{I} is uniquely determined by \mathbf{T} and the axioms (1) to (5) we call the elements of \mathfrak{I} the \mathbf{T} -classes of G . We denote by \mathfrak{T}_g the unique \mathbf{T} -class containing $g \in G$.

A subgroup H of G is called a \mathbf{T} -subgroup of G if H is the set theoretical union of \mathbf{T} -classes, that is

$$H = \bigcup_{h \in H} \mathfrak{T}_h.$$

Every \mathbf{T} -subgroup H of G defines two Schur-semigroups, namely

1. the Schur-semigroup \mathbf{T}_H on H which is generated by all \mathfrak{T}_h with $h \in H$,
2. the Schur-semigroup $\mathbf{T}_{G/H}$ on G which is generated by all $H\mathfrak{T}H$ with $\mathfrak{T} \in \mathfrak{I}$.

A \mathbf{T} -subgroup K of G is called \mathbf{T} -normal if

$$K\tau = \tau K \quad \text{holds for all } \tau \in \mathfrak{T}.$$

Let F be a group, Σ a Schur-semigroup on F , and \mathfrak{S} the set of all Σ -classes of F (that is \mathfrak{S} plays the same role for Σ as \mathfrak{T} does for \mathbf{T}).

DEFINITION 2. *A mapping φ of \mathbf{T} into Σ is called a homomorphism of the Schur-semigroup \mathbf{T} on G into the Schur-semigroup Σ on F if it has the following properties.*

(1) $(XY)^\varphi = X^\varphi Y^\varphi$ for all $X, Y \in \mathbf{T}$.

(2) $X^\varphi = \bigcup_{x \in X} \tau_x^\varphi$ for all $X \in \mathbf{T}$.

(3) For every \mathbf{T} -class τ of G there exists a Σ -class δ of F such that

$$\tau^\varphi = \delta \quad \text{and} \quad (\tau^{-1})^\varphi = \delta^{-1}.$$

A homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \Sigma$ is called an *isomorphism* if φ is a bijective mapping.

Now we start on our investigations with the main theorem of this paper.

THEOREM 1. *Let \mathbf{T} be a Schur-semigroup on the group G . Let H and K be subgroups of G such that $HK = KH$. Assume further that K and HK are \mathbf{T} -subgroups of G . Then*

(1) *The semigroup Σ , which is generated (with respect to complex multiplication) by the set of all $\delta_h := K\tau_h K \cap H$ with $h \in H$, is a Schur-semigroup on H , and the δ_h , $h \in H$, are the Σ -classes of H .*

(2) $KX = XK$ for all $X \in \Sigma$.

(3) *The mapping*

$$\varphi: Y \rightarrow Y \cap H \quad (Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K})$$

is an isomorphism of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK , which is generated (with respect to complex multiplication) by the set of all $K\tau_g K$ with $g \in HK$, onto the Schur-semigroup Σ on H . The mapping

$$\psi: X \rightarrow XK \quad (X \in \Sigma)$$

is the inverse mapping of φ , and hence is an isomorphism of the Schur-semigroup Σ on H onto the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK .

Remarks. - 1. If in the above theorem the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK is considered as a "factor structure" of HK modulo K then Theorem 1 states that there exists a "factor structure" of H modulo $H \cap K = \delta_1$ which is isomorphic to the first, namely the Schur-semigroup Σ on H . Thus

the situation of a Second Isomorphism Theorem is given. In fact, the Second Isomorphism Theorem in group theory is a special case of Theorem 1 if we apply it to $\mathbf{T} = G$ and to a normal subgroup K of G .

2. An analogous theorem holds for Schur-rings on finite groups instead of Schur-semigroups. It will be stated and proved in [9].

Proof. I. Since the $K\mathfrak{C}_gK$, $g \in G$, are the $\mathbf{T}_{G/K}$ -classes of G ([2], Proposition 1.4 (2)) for the sets $\mathfrak{S}_h = K\mathfrak{C}_hK \cap H$, $h \in H$, the following hold.

1.
$$H = \bigcup_{h \in H} \mathfrak{S}_h.$$
2.
$$\mathfrak{S}_g = \mathfrak{S}_h \quad \text{or} \quad \mathfrak{S}_g \cap \mathfrak{S}_h = \emptyset \quad \text{for all } g, h \in H.$$
3.
$$\mathfrak{S}_h^{-1} = \mathfrak{S}_{h^{-1}} \quad \text{for all } h \in H.$$

Hence for the semigroup Σ which is generated (with respect to complex multiplication) by all the \mathfrak{S}_h , $h \in H$, the properties (1), (2), (3), (5) of Definition 1 are satisfied by $\mathfrak{S} := \{\mathfrak{S}_h \mid h \in H\}$.

In order to prove (4) of Definition 1 for Σ and \mathfrak{S} (instead of \mathbf{T} and \mathfrak{T}) we observe that every $g \in HK$ can be written as $g = hk$ with $h \in H$ and $k \in K$. Because of $h \in K\mathfrak{C}_gK$ and the properties of the $\mathbf{T}_{G/K}$ -classes of G (cf. [2], Proposition 1.4 (2)) we have $K\mathfrak{C}_hK = K\mathfrak{C}_gK$. Furthermore, each product $(K\mathfrak{C}_xK)(K\mathfrak{C}_yK)$ is the union of $\mathbf{T}_{G/K}$ -classes, and if we choose $x, y \in H$ these $\mathbf{T}_{G/K}$ -classes have the form $K\mathfrak{C}_zK$ with $z \in H$.

It was shown in [5], p. 136, that

- (i)
$$(X \cap H)(Y \cap H) = XY \cap H \quad \text{for all } \emptyset \neq X, Y \subseteq HK$$

such that $KXK = X$ and $KYK = Y$.

Setting $X = K\mathfrak{C}_xK$ and $Y = K\mathfrak{C}_yK$ with $x, y \in H$, we obtain

$$\mathfrak{S}_x \mathfrak{S}_y = (K\mathfrak{C}_xK)(K\mathfrak{C}_yK) \cap H = \bigcup_{z \in (K\mathfrak{C}_xK)(K\mathfrak{C}_yK)} K\mathfrak{C}_zK \cap H = \bigcup_{z \in (K\mathfrak{C}_xK)(K\mathfrak{C}_yK)} \mathfrak{S}_z.$$

It follows that every element of Σ is the set theoretical union of elements of \mathfrak{S} , and therefore (4) of Definition 1 holds for Σ and \mathfrak{S} (instead of \mathbf{T} and \mathfrak{T}). Hence Σ is a Schur-semigroup on H .

II. In [5], p. 136, it was also shown that

$$K(Y \cap H) = Y \quad \text{for all } \emptyset \neq Y \subseteq HK \quad \text{such that } KY = Y.$$

Similarly one proves

- (ii)
$$(Y \cap H)K = Y \quad \text{for all } \emptyset \neq Y \subseteq HK \quad \text{such that } YK = Y.$$

In particular

$$K(Y \cap H) = Y = (Y \cap H)K \quad \text{for all } \emptyset \neq Y \subseteq HK \quad \text{such that } KYK = Y.$$

Since every element $X \in \Sigma$ can be written as

$$X = \mathfrak{S}_{h_1} \cdots \mathfrak{S}_{h_r} = ((K\mathfrak{C}_{h_1}K) \cdots (K\mathfrak{C}_{h_r}K)) \cap H \quad (h_1, \dots, h_r \in H)$$

we obtain $KX = XK$ for all $X \in \Sigma$.

III. Since every element $Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ can be written as

$$Y = (K\mathfrak{C}_{h_1}K) \cdots (K\mathfrak{C}_{h_r}K) \quad (h_1, \dots, h_r \in H)$$

equation (i) shows that

$$Y \cap H = \mathfrak{S}_{h_1} \cdots \mathfrak{S}_{h_r}$$

is an element of Σ . Conversely, every element $X = \mathfrak{S}_{h_1} \cdots \mathfrak{S}_{h_r}$ of Σ can be written as $X = Y \cap H$ with $Y = (K\mathfrak{C}_{h_1}K) \cdots (K\mathfrak{C}_{h_r}K) \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$. Therefore

$$\varphi : Y \rightarrow Y \cap H \quad (Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K})$$

is a surjective mapping of $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ onto Σ which, using (i) once again, satisfies Definition 2 (with H instead of F). Hence φ is a homomorphism of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK onto the Schur-semigroup Σ on H . Since φ is a surjective mapping (ii) shows that

$$\psi : X \rightarrow XK \quad (X \in \Sigma)$$

is a mapping of Σ into $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ such that both $\varphi\psi$ and $\psi\varphi$ are identity mappings. Hence φ and ψ are bijective mappings. Therefore they are isomorphisms of the relevant Schur-semigroups, and Theorem 1 is proved.

Particularly interesting is the case where H is a subgroup and K is a \mathbf{T} -subgroup of G such that $G = HK$. Furthermore: the \mathbf{T} -class \mathfrak{C}_1 which contains the unit element $1 \in G$ is a subgroup ([2], Lemma 1.2 (2)), and hence it is a \mathbf{T} -subgroup, and even a \mathbf{T} -normal subgroup of G . For any subgroup H of G such that $G = H\mathfrak{C}_1$, Theorem 1 shows that the Schur-semigroup \mathbf{T} on G is isomorphic to a Schur-semigroup Σ on H . The hypotheses of this statement are satisfied for any transitive permutation group G and any transitive subgroup H of G if we take for \mathbf{T} the double coset Schur-semigroup G/G_α where G_α is the stabilizer in G of a letter α . If the transitive subgroup H is even a regular subgroup of G then we obtain the Schur-semigroup version of Schur's theorem of the "transitivity module" of G_α on H (cf. [5], pp. 140–141).

We return to Theorem 1. Apart from the permutability with the \mathbf{T} -subgroup K we have assumed nothing of the subgroup H of G except that HK is a \mathbf{T} -subgroup. Let us look at the special case where both

H and K are \mathbf{T} -subgroups of G such that $HK = KH$.

Then $H \cap K$ and HK are also \mathbf{T} -subgroups ([2], Theorem 1.5), and the semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ which is generated by all the sets $(H \cap K)\mathfrak{C}_h(H \cap K)$

with $h \in H$ is a Schur-semigroup on H ([2], Proposition 1.4). For the Schur-semigroup Σ on H , defined by Theorem 1, each Σ -class $\mathfrak{S}_h = K\tau_h K \cap H$ of H is, under the present assumption, the union of \mathbf{T} -classes of G :

$$\mathfrak{S}_h = \bigcup_{x \in \mathfrak{S}_h} \tau_x \quad (h \in H).$$

Each \mathfrak{S}_h is invariant under all left and right multiplications by all the elements of $H \cap K$. Hence we also have

$$\mathfrak{S}_h = \bigcup_{x \in \mathfrak{S}_h} (H \cap K) \tau_x (H \cap K) \quad (h \in H).$$

Therefore each Σ -class, even if it is not an element of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$, is at least an element of the set theoretical closure

$$\overline{(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}} := \{ \emptyset \neq X \subseteq H \mid X = \bigcup_{x \in X} (H \cap K) \tau_x (H \cap K) \},$$

which means

$$\Sigma \subseteq \overline{(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}}.$$

Under which conditions do we have the equation

$$\Sigma = (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K} ?$$

THEOREM 2. *Let \mathbf{T} be a Schur-semigroup on G , and let both H and K be \mathbf{T} -subgroups of G such that $HK = KH$. We denote by Σ the Schur-semigroup on H defined by Theorem 1. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

$$(1) \quad \Sigma = (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}.$$

$$(2) \quad KX = XK \quad \text{for all } X \in (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}.$$

Proof. (1) implies (2) by Theorem 1 (2). Assume that (2) holds. Every element $X \in (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ has the form

$$X = (H \cap K) \tau_{h_1} (H \cap K) \cdots (H \cap K) \tau_{h_r} (H \cap K)$$

with $h_1, \dots, h_r \in H$. From the permutability property (2) of K we obtain

$$XK = (K\tau_{h_1}K) \cdots (K\tau_{h_r}K) \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}.$$

Since every element $Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ has the form

$$Y = (K\tau_{h_1}K) \cdots (K\tau_{h_r}K) = (H \cap K) \tau_{h_1} (H \cap K) \cdots (H \cap K) \tau_{h_r} (H \cap K)K$$

with $h_1, \dots, h_r \in H$ the correspondence

$$\chi: X \rightarrow XK \quad (X \in (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K})$$

is a surjective mapping of $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ onto $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$. Taking into account that the

$$(H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_h (H \cap K) \quad (h \in H)$$

are the $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ -classes of H and that the

$$K \mathfrak{C}_h K \quad (h \in H)$$

are the $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ -classes of HK , it is easy to check that χ satisfies Definition 2, and hence is a Schur-semigroup homomorphism. The kernel $\text{Ker } \chi$ ([2], Definition 2.6) is the set theoretical union of all those $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ -classes $(H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_h (H \cap K)$ of H which χ maps onto the unit element K of $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$, that is $\text{Ker } \chi = H \cap K$. Therefore $\text{Ker } \chi$ is the $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ -class of H which contains the unit element $1 \in H$. By [2], Proposition 2.11, χ is an injective mapping, and hence χ is an isomorphism of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ on H onto the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK . On the other hand

$$\varphi : Y \rightarrow Y \cap H \quad (Y \in (\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K})$$

is an isomorphism of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_{HK})_{HK/K}$ on HK onto the Schur-semigroup Σ on H by Theorem 1 (3). It follows that $\chi\varphi$ is an isomorphism of the Schur-semigroup $(\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$ on H onto the Schur-semigroup Σ on H . This implies that

$$(H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_h (H \cap K)^{\chi\varphi} = K \mathfrak{C}_h K \cap H = \mathfrak{S}_h \quad \text{for all } h \in H.$$

But we have

$$\mathfrak{S}_h = \bigcup_{x \in \mathfrak{S}_h} (H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_x (H \cap K)$$

and we also have

$$(H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_x (H \cap K)^{\chi\varphi} = \mathfrak{S}_h \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathfrak{S}_h.$$

Therefore, by the bijectivity of $\chi\varphi$,

$$(H \cap K) \mathfrak{C}_h (H \cap K) = \mathfrak{S}_h \quad \text{for all } h \in H.$$

From this we obtain $\Sigma = (\mathbf{T}_H)_{H/H \cap K}$, and Theorem 2 is proved.

The permutability condition (2) of Theorem 2 is satisfied if K is a \mathbf{T}_{HK} -normal subgroup of HK , and in particular if K is a \mathbf{T} -normal subgroup of G . In this last case Theorem 1 becomes the Second Isomorphism Theorem for Schur-semigroups ([2], Theorem 2.13).

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