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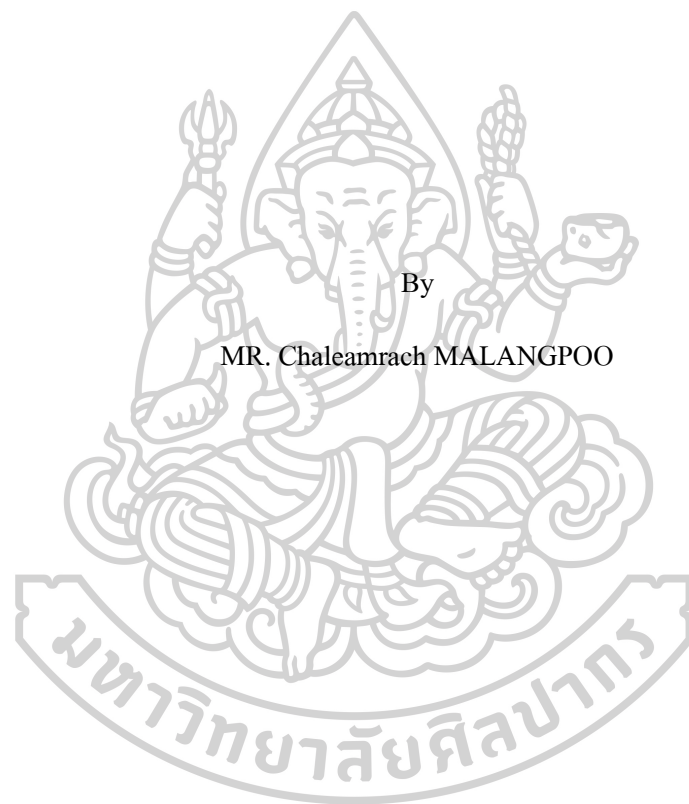
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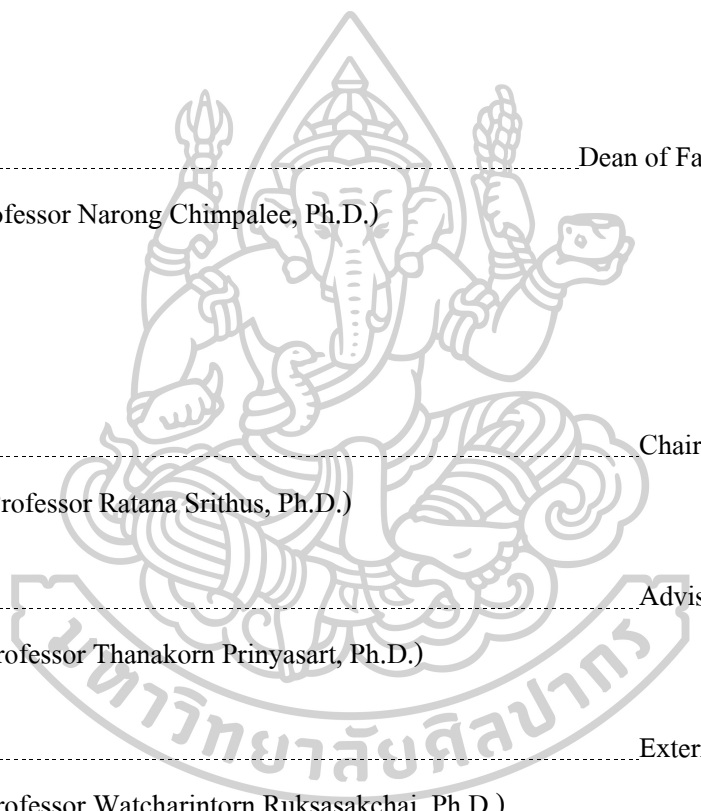
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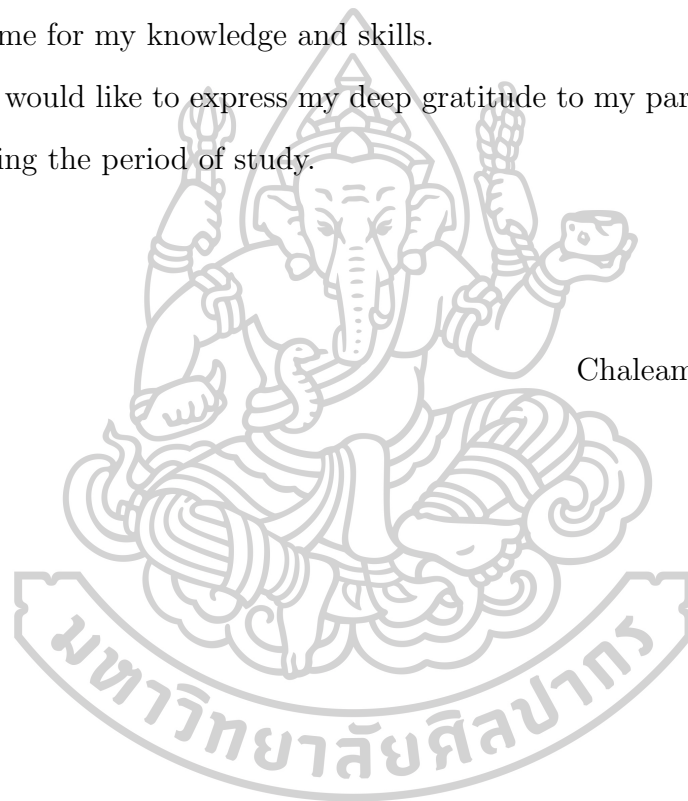
In this research, we study the semigroup  $O_E(X)$ . Some characterizations of Green's equivalences on  $O_E(X)$  are presented as well.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

A semigroup  $(S, \circ)$  is an algebraic structure which consists of a non-empty set  $S$  and an associative binary operation  $\circ$  on  $S$ . A subsemigroup of  $(S, \circ)$  is a non-empty subset  $T$  of  $S$  which is closed under  $\circ$ . For example, we know that  $\emptyset \neq \mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  is closed under  $+$ . Then  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is a subsemigroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

For any non-empty set  $X$ , the set of all transformations on  $X$  is denoted by  $T(X)$ . Consider an ordered set  $(X; \leq)$ . We denote the set of all  $\leq$ -preserving transformations on  $X$  by  $OT(X)$ , that is,

$$OT(X) = \{f \in T(X) : \forall x, y \in X, x \leq y \text{ implies } xf \leq yf\}.$$

An interesting example of an ordered set is a fence, whose order forms a path with alternating orientations. In fact, the relations

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \geq x_3, \dots, x_{2m-1} \leq x_{2m} \geq x_{2m+1} \leq \dots$$

or

$$x_1 \geq x_2 \leq x_3, \dots, x_{2m-1} \geq x_{2m} \leq x_{2m+1} \geq \dots$$

are the only comparability relations in a fence  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$ . It is easy to see that  $T(X)$  is a semigroup under the composition of functions defined by



$$fg := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (x, z) \in f \text{ and } (z, y) \in g \text{ for some } z \in X \},$$

and  $OT(X)$  is a subsemigroup of  $T(X)$ .

Algebraic properties of  $T(X)$  and its subsemigroups have been studied by many researchers. Jendana and Srithus [4] characterized a finite fence  $X$  having  $OT(X)$  as a coregular semigroup and already described coregular elements of  $OT(X)$ . Tanyawong [5] described all regular semigroups  $OT(X)$  where  $X$  is a finite fence. To date, we know the regularity of  $OT(X)$  where  $X$  is a fence. This leads to a more complex semigroup, which is the semigroup of all transformations preserving a zig-zag order and an equivalence relation on  $X$ .

An equivalence relation is a binary relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Let  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . We define

$$T_E(X) = \{f \in T(X) : \forall (a, b) \in E, (af, bf) \in E\}.$$

The set of all order-preserving transformations in  $T_E(X)$  forms a subsemigroup of  $T_E(X)$  denoted by

$$O_E(X) = \{f \in T_E(X) : \forall x, y \in X, x \leq y \text{ implies } xf \leq yf\}.$$

Green's relations are five equivalence relations that characterize elements of a semigroup in terms of the ideals they generate. Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $S^1$  be the set  $S$  with an identity adjoined if  $S$  does not contain an identity. For  $a, b \in S$ , we define Green's relations  $\mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\mathfrak{J}$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$  as follows:

1.  $a\mathfrak{L}b$  if and only if  $S^1a = S^1b$ , that is,  $a, b$  generate the same left principal ideal;
2.  $a\mathfrak{R}b$  if and only if  $aS^1 = bS^1$ , that is,  $a, b$  generate the same right principal ideal;
3.  $a\mathfrak{J}b$  if and only if  $S^1aS^1 = S^1bS^1$ , that is,  $a, b$  generate the same two-sided principal ideal;

4.  $a\mathfrak{H}b$  if and only if  $a\mathfrak{L}b$  and  $a\mathfrak{R}b$ ;
5.  $a\mathfrak{D}b$  is the smallest equivalence relation that contains  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{R}$ , namely,  $\mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{L} \circ \mathfrak{R}$ .

It is well-known that in a finite semigroup,  $\mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{J}$  in [1].

**Definition 1.1.** [2] Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $x \in S$ . We say that  $x$  is *regular* if there is  $b \in S$  such that  $x = xbx$ . Moreover,  $S$  is *regular* if every element in  $S$  is regular.

Huisheng and Dingyu [3] described the nature of regular elements in  $O_E(X)$  and characterized the Green's equivalences on  $O_E(X)$  completely, where  $X$  is a finite chain. For  $f \in T(X)$ , we denote  $\pi(f) = \{xf^{-1} : x \in Xf\}$ . Notice that  $f^*$  is a function from  $\pi(f)$  into  $Xf$  defined by  $Af^* = Af$  for each  $A \in \pi(f)$ . For each  $f \in T(X)$ , we let  $E(f) = \{Af^{-1} : A \in X/E, Af^{-1} \neq \emptyset\}$ . The characterization of Green's equivalences for  $O_E(X)$ , where  $X$  is a chain are already described as follows:

**Theorem 1.2.** [3] Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ .
2.  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ .
3. There exists an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $\phi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  such that  $g = f\phi$ .

Before we introduce the result of the relation  $\mathfrak{L}$ , we need to introduce some definition.

**Definition 1.3.** [3] Let  $f \in O_E(X)$  and  $\phi : \pi(f) \rightarrow \pi(g)$ . If for every  $A \in X/E$ , there is  $B \in X/E$  such that  $\pi_A(f)\phi \subseteq \pi_B(g)$ , then  $\phi$  is called *E-admissible*. Moreover, if  $\phi$  is bijective and  $\phi, \phi^{-1}$  are *E-admissible*, then  $\phi$  is *E\*-admissible*.

**Theorem 1.4.** [3] Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$ .
2.  $Xf = Xg$  and for each  $A \in X/E$ , there exist  $B, C \in X/E$  such that  $Af \subseteq Bg$ ,  $Ag \subseteq Cf$ .
3. There exists an  $E^*$ -admissible order isomorphism  $\phi : \pi(f) \rightarrow \pi(g)$  such that  $f* = \phi g*$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** [3] Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{H}$ .
2.  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ ,  $E(f) = E(g)$ ,  $Xf = Xg$  and for each  $A \in X/E$ , there exist  $B, C \in X/E$  such that  $Af \subseteq Bg$ ,  $Ag \subseteq Cf$ .
3. There exists an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $\phi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  and  $E^*$ -admissible order isomorphism  $\psi : \pi(f) \rightarrow \pi(g)$  such that  $g = f\phi$  and  $f* = \psi g*$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** [3] Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$ .
2. There exist an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $\psi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  and  $E^*$ -admissible order isomorphism  $\phi : \pi(f) \rightarrow \pi(g)$  such that  $\phi g* = f* \psi$ .

**Theorem 1.7.** [3] Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$  be regular elements. Then

1.  $f \mathfrak{L} g$  if and only if  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ ;
2.  $f \mathfrak{A} g$  if and only if  $Xf = Xg$ ;
3.  $f \mathfrak{D} g$  if and only if there exists a bijection  $\phi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  such that  $\phi$  and  $\phi^{-1}$  are order-preserving and  $E$ -preserving.

In this research, we aim to characterize the Green's equivalence relations on  $O_E(X)$  where  $X$  is a finite fence and  $E$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$  such that every equivalence class in  $X/E$  is a subfence of  $X$ .

# Chapter 2

## Preliminaries

In this chapter, we provide definitions, theorems, lemmas and some examples related to this research.

### 2.1 Fences

**Definition 2.1.** A *relation* on a set  $X$  is a subset of  $X \times X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For a relation  $\leq$  on a set  $X$  and  $x, y \in X$ , the notation  $x \leq y$  refers to  $(x, y) \in \leq$ , and the notation  $x \geq y$  refers to  $(y, x) \in \leq$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $A$  be a set. A relation  $\leq$  on  $A$  is a (*partial*) *order* if

- for all  $x \in A$ ,  $x \leq x$ , that is,  $\leq$  satisfies *reflexivity*;
- for all  $x, y, z \in A$ , if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$ , that is,  $\leq$  satisfies *transitivity*;
- for all  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$ , that is,  $\leq$  satisfies *antisymmetry*.

If  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ , the pair  $(A, \leq)$  is called a (*partially*) *ordered set*. When there is no ambiguity, we denote the partially ordered set  $(A, \leq)$  by  $A$ .

In this research, we will focus on the ordered sets called fences defined as follows.

**Definition 2.4.** An ordered set  $X$  is called a *fence* if the order forms a path with alternating orientation. Indeed,  $X$  is in which either

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \geq x_3, \dots, x_{2m-1} \leq x_{2m} \geq x_{2m+1} \leq \dots$$

or

$$x_1 \geq x_2 \leq x_3, \dots, x_{2m-1} \geq x_{2m} \leq x_{2m+1} \geq \dots$$

are the only comparability relations in the fence  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$ .

## 2.2 Basic facts on functions

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A subset  $f$  of  $A \times B$  is said to be a *function* from  $A$  into  $B$  if

$$A = \{a \in A : \exists! b \in B[(a, b) \in f]\}.$$

We denote the function  $f$  from  $A$  into  $B$  by  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Moreover, for each  $a \in A$ , let  $af$  denote the unique  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in f$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $A, B, C$  be sets,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . The *composition* of  $f$  and  $g$  is the function  $fg : A \rightarrow C$  defined by

$$fg = \{(a, c) \in A \times C : (a, b) \in f \text{ and } (b, c) \in g \text{ for some } b \in B\}.$$

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $A, B$  be sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . For all subset  $X$  of  $A$ , the *restriction* of  $f$  to  $X$  is the function  $f|_X : X \rightarrow B$  defined by

$$f|_X = \{(x, b) \in f : x \in X\}.$$

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $A, B$  be sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . For all subset  $X$  of  $A$ , the *image* of  $X$  under  $f$ , which is denoted by  $Xf$ , is defined by

$$Xf = \{xf : x \in X\}.$$

For all subset  $Y$  of  $B$ , the *inverse image* of  $Y$  under  $f$ , which is denoted by  $Yf^{-1}$ , is defined by

$$Yf^{-1} = \{x \in X : xf \in Y\}.$$

If  $Y = \{b\}$  for some  $b \in B$ , we denote  $Yf^{-1}$  by  $bf^{-1}$ .

**Remark 2.9.** Let  $A, B$  be sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Then, for all  $X \subseteq A$  and  $Y \subseteq B$ ,

$$X \subseteq (Xf)f^{-1} \text{ and } (Yf^{-1})f \subseteq Y.$$

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $A, B$  be sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

- (i)  $f$  is *surjective* if  $Af = B$ .
- (ii)  $f$  is *injective* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,  $a_1 = a_2$  whenever  $a_1f = a_2f$ .
- (iii)  $f$  is *bijective* if  $f$  is surjective and injective.

## 2.3 Semigroups

**Definition 2.11.** A *binary operation* on a set  $X$  is a function from  $X \times X$  into  $X$ . If  $\circ$  is a binary operation on  $X$ , we denote  $\circ((x, y))$  by  $x \circ y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $\circ$  be a binary operation on a set  $X$ . A subset  $Y$  of  $X$  is said to be *closed* under  $\circ$  if  $y_1 \circ y_2 \in Y$  for all  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ , that is,  $\circ|_{Y \times Y}$  is a binary operation on  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.13.** A binary operation  $\circ$  on a set  $X$  is *associative* if  $(x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.14.** A pair  $(S, \circ)$  is a *semigroup* if  $S$  is a non-empty set and  $\circ$  is an associative binary operation on  $S$ .

**Example 2.15.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers, and  $+$  be the usual addition on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a semigroup.

A semigroup  $(S, \circ)$  is usually denoted as  $S$ , without mentioning the operator  $\circ$ , if there is no ambiguity.

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $(S, \circ)$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$ . We call  $T$  a *subsemigroup* of  $S$  if  $(T, \circ|_{T \times T})$  is a semigroup.

**Remark 2.17.** For any semigroup  $(S, \circ)$  and any subset  $T$  of  $S$ ,  $T$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$  if and only if  $T$  is closed under  $\circ$ .

**Example 2.18.** Consider the semigroup  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , where  $+$  is the usual addition on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . We know that  $\emptyset \neq \mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  is closed under  $+$ . Then  $\mathbb{N}$  is a subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.19.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A *transformation* on  $X$  is a function from  $X$  to  $X$ . Let  $T(X)$  denote the set of all transformations on  $X$ .

**Remark 2.20.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then  $(T(X), \circ)$  is a semigroup, where  $\circ$  is the function composition defined by

$$f \circ g = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (x, z) \in f \text{ and } (z, y) \in g \text{ for some } z \in X\}.$$

From now on, for any transformations  $f, g$  on a non-empty set  $X$ , the composition  $f \circ g$  is denoted simply as  $fg$ .

**Definition 2.21.** Let  $X, Y$  be two ordered sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. We say that  $f$  is *order-preserving* if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $xf \leq yf$ . If  $f$  is an order-preserving bijection such that  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $xf \leq yf$ , then we say that  $f$  is an *order isomorphism*.

**Definition 2.22.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be an ordered set. We denote the set of all  $\leq$ -preserving transformations on  $X$  by  $OT(X)$ . Namely,

$$OT(X) = \{f \in T(X) : \forall x, y \in X, x \leq y \text{ implies } xf \leq yf\}.$$

**Theorem 2.23.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be an ordered set. Then  $OT(X)$  is a subsemigroup of  $T(X)$ .

*Proof.* Obviously,  $\emptyset \neq OT(X) \subseteq T(X)$ . Let  $f, g \in OT(X)$  and  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \leq y$ . Since  $f \in OT(X)$ ,  $xf \leq yf$ . Since  $g \in OT(X)$ ,  $x(fg) = (xf)g \leq (yf)g = y(fg)$ . Thus,  $fg \in OT(X)$ . It follows that  $OT(X)$  is closed under the function composition. Hence,  $OT(X)$  is a subsemigroup of  $T(X)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.24.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $x \in S$ , then  $x$  is a *regular element* if there is  $b \in S$  such that  $x = xbx$ . Moreover,  $S$  is *regular* if every element in  $S$  is regular.

**Theorem 2.25.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then  $T(X)$  is regular.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in T(X)$ . For each  $y \in X\alpha$ , there exists  $x_y$  such that  $x_y\alpha = y$ . Since  $X$  is non-empty, there exists  $x_0 \in X$ . We define  $\beta : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$y\beta = \begin{cases} x_y & \text{if } y \in X\alpha; \\ x_0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We want to show that  $\alpha\beta\alpha = \alpha$ . We know that  $\text{dom}(\alpha\beta\alpha) = \text{dom}(\alpha)$ . Since  $a\alpha\beta\alpha = (a\alpha)\beta\alpha = (x_{a\alpha})\alpha = a\alpha$  for all  $a \in X$ . We have that  $\alpha\beta\alpha = \alpha$ . Hence,  $\alpha$  is regular. □

## 2.4 Equivalence relations and partitions

Recall that, for a relation  $R$  on a set  $X$ ,

- $R$  is said to be reflexive, if  $(x, x) \in R$  for every  $x \in X$ ;
- $R$  is said to be symmetric, if  $(y, x) \in R$  whenever  $(x, y) \in R$ ;
- $R$  is said to be transitive if  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$  implies  $(x, z) \in R$ .

**Definition 2.26.** A relation  $R$  is said to be an *equivalence relation* if the relation  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

**Definition 2.27.** Let  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ , and  $x \in X$ . We denote the set of all elements that is  $E$ -related to  $x$  by  $[x]$ , that is,

$$[x] = \{y \in X : (x, y) \in E\}.$$

The set  $[x]$  is called the *equivalence class* of  $x$ . The set of all equivalence classes is denoted by  $X/E$ , that is,

$$X/E = \{[a] : a \in X\}.$$



**Definition 2.28.** Let  $X$  be a set. A nonempty collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  is a *partition* of  $X$  if  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} = X$ , and for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  if and only if  $A \neq B$ .

**Remark 2.29.** If  $E$  is an equivalence relation on a set  $X$ , then  $X/E$  is a partition of  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.30.** *If  $f$  is a transformation on a non-empty set  $X$ , then  $\pi(f)$  is a partition of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $X$  by  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $f(x) = f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . It is easy to see that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation and  $\pi(f) = X/\sim$ . Hence,  $\pi(f)$  is a partition of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.31.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  be partitions of  $X$ . We say that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *refinement* of  $\mathcal{Q}$  if for any  $A \in \mathcal{P}$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proposition 2.32.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  be partitions of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{P}$ . To show that  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ , let  $A \in \mathcal{P}$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Similarly, since  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{P}$ , there is  $C \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $B \subseteq C$ . Since  $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$ ,  $A \cap C = A \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition and  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$ ,  $A = C$ , which implies that  $A = B \in \mathcal{Q}$ . Similarly, we can conclude that  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{Q}$ .  $\square$

## 2.5 Transformations preserving an equivalence relation

**Definition 2.33.** Let  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ , and  $Y, Z$  be subsets of  $X$ . Let  $f$  be a function from  $Y$  to  $Z$ . We say that  $f$  is  *$E$ -preserving* if for any  $a, b \in Y$ ,  $(a, b) \in E$  implies  $(af, bf) \in E$ . Moreover, if for any  $a, b \in Y$ ,  $(a, b) \in E$  if and only if  $(af, bf) \in E$ , then we say that  $f$  is  *$E^*$ -preserving*.

**Definition 2.34.** Let  $X$  be an ordered set and  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . The set of all  $E$ -preserving transformation in  $OT(X)$ , denoted by  $O_E(X)$ , is defined by

$$O_E(X) = \{f \in OT(X) : (xf, yf) \in E \text{ for all } (x, y) \in E\}.$$

**Lemma 2.35.** [3] Let  $f$  be  $E$ -preserving. Then, for each  $B \in X/E$ , there exists  $B' \in X/E$  such that  $Bf \subseteq B'$ . Consequently, for any  $A \in X/E$ ,  $Af^{-1}$  is either  $\emptyset$  or a union of some classes  $X/E$ .

## 2.6 Green's equivalences

**Definition 2.36.** For any semigroup  $S$ , let  $S^1$  be a semigroup with an identity adjoined if  $S$  has no identity, and let  $S^1 = S$  if  $S$  contains an identity. For  $a, b \in S$ , we define the Green's relation  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  as follows:

1.  $a\mathcal{L}b$  if and only if  $S^1a = S^1b$ . Namely,  $a\mathcal{L}b$  if and only if  $a = xb$  and  $b = ya$  for some  $x, y \in S^1$ ;
2.  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if and only if  $aS^1 = bS^1$ . Namely,  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if and only if  $a = bx$  and  $b = ay$  for some  $x, y \in S^1$ ;
3.  $a\mathcal{J}b$  if and only if  $S^1aS^1 = S^1bS^1$ . Namely,  $a\mathcal{J}b$  if and only if  $a = xby$  and  $b = uav$  for some  $x, y, u, v \in S^1$ ;
4.  $a\mathcal{H}b$  if and only if  $a\mathcal{L}b$  and  $a\mathcal{R}b$ ;
5.  $a\mathcal{D}b$  is the smallest equivalence relation that contains  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$ , namely,  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{R}$ .

It is well-known that in a finite semigroup,  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{J}$ . Therefore, to characterize all Green's equivalences on  $OT(X)$ , where  $X$  is a finite fence, it is enough to consider only  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ .

## Chapter 3

# The characterization of Green's equivalences

For the rest of this research, let  $E$  be an equivalence relation on a finite fence  $X$  such that every equivalence class in  $X/E$  is a subfence in  $X$ .

We begin this section with the characterization of  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{R}$ , which will be useful for the characterization of  $\mathfrak{H}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$  later.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$  if and only if  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Then there are  $h, k \in O_E(X)$  such that  $fh = g$  and  $gk = f$ . Let  $P \in \pi(f)$ . We have that  $Pfh$  is a singleton, which implies that  $P \subseteq (Pg)g^{-1} = (Pfh)g^{-1} \in \pi(g)$ . Thus,  $\pi(f)$  is a refinement of  $\pi(g)$ . Similarly, we also have that  $\pi(g)$  is a refinement of  $\pi(f)$ . Hence,  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ . Next, we will show that  $E(f) = E(g)$ . Let  $U \in E(f)$ . Then there exists  $A \in X/E$  such that  $A \cap Xf \neq \emptyset$  and  $U = Af^{-1}$ . Since  $h$  is  $E$ -preserving, there exists  $B \in X/E$  such that  $Ah \subseteq B$ . Then  $Ug = Ufh = Af^{-1}fh \subseteq Ah \subseteq B$ . Hence,  $U \subseteq Ug g^{-1} \subseteq Bg^{-1}$ . Similarly, since  $Bg^{-1} \in E(g)$ , we can also have that  $Bg^{-1} \subseteq V$  for some  $V \in E(f)$ . Thus,  $U \subseteq V$  and  $U, V \in E(f)$ . Since  $E(f)$  is a partition of  $X$ , we have  $U = V$ . So,  $U = Bg^{-1} \in E(g)$ . Hence,  $E(f) \subseteq E(g)$ . Similarly, we can also have that

$E(g) \subseteq E(f)$ . Thus,  $E(f) = E(g)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l\}$ ,  $x_1 \leq x_2 \geq x_3 \leq \dots \geq x_{l-1} \leq x_l$  and  $\text{ran}(g) = \{x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j\}$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq l$ . Define  $\gamma : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$x\gamma = \begin{cases} af & ; x = ag \text{ for some } a \in X; \\ y_i f & ; x = x_k \text{ for some } k \leq i \text{ and } y_i g = x_i \text{ for some } y_i \in X; \\ y_j f & ; x = x_k \text{ for some } k \geq j \text{ and } y_j g = x_j \text{ for some } y_j \in X. \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\gamma$  is well-defined since  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ . Next, we will show that  $\gamma \in O_E(X)$ . First, we need to show that  $\gamma$  is order-preserving. Let  $x_m, x_n \in X$  with  $x_m \leq x_n$ .

Case 1 :  $x_m, x_n \in \text{ran}(g)$ . Then there exist  $a, b \in X$  such that  $a \leq b$ ,  $ag = x_m$  and  $bg = x_n$ . Thus,  $x_m\gamma = af$  and  $x_n\gamma = bf$ . Since  $a \leq b$  and  $f$  is order-preserving, we have  $x_m\gamma = af \leq bf = x_n\gamma$ .

Case 2 :  $x_m \notin \text{ran}(g)$  or  $x_n \notin \text{ran}(g)$ . Since  $x_m$  and  $x_n$  are comparable,  $m, n \leq i$  or  $m, n \geq j$ . If  $m, n \leq i$ , then  $x_m\gamma = y_i f = x_n\gamma$ . Similarly, if  $m, n \geq j$ , then  $x_m\gamma = y_j f = x_n\gamma$ .

Thus,  $\gamma \in OT(X)$ . Finally, we will show that  $\gamma$  is  $E$ -preserving. Let  $(x, y) \in E$ .

Case 1 :  $x, y \in \text{ran}(g)$ . Then there are  $a_1, a_2 \in X$  such that  $a_1 g = x$  and  $a_2 g = y$ . Thus, we have  $x\gamma = a_1 f$  and  $y\gamma = a_2 f$ . Since  $a_1, a_2 \in [x]g^{-1} \in E(g) = E(f)$ , we have  $(a_1 f, a_2 f) \in E$  implying  $(x\gamma, y\gamma) \in E$ .

Case 2 :  $x \in \text{ran}(g)$  but  $y \notin \text{ran}(g)$ . Let  $F$  be a subfence of  $X$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  are both ends of  $F$ . Then  $x_i \in F$  or  $x_j \in F$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $x_i \in F$ . Then  $y\gamma = x_i\gamma$ . Since every equivalence class in  $X/E$  is a subfence of  $X$ ,  $F \subseteq A$  for some  $A \in X/E$ . So,  $(x, x_i) \in E$ . By the previous case,  $(x\gamma, x_i\gamma) \in E$ . Hence,  $(x\gamma, y\gamma) \in E$ .

Case 3 :  $x, y \notin \text{ran}(g)$ . Let  $F$  be a subfence of  $X$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  are both ends of  $F$ . Then  $\text{ran}(g) \cap F = \emptyset$  or  $\text{ran}(g) \subseteq F$ . If  $\text{ran}(g) \cap F = \emptyset$ , then  $x\gamma = y\gamma$ , which implies that  $(x\gamma, y\gamma) \in E$ . Now, assume that  $\text{ran}(g) \subseteq F$ . Then  $x\gamma, y\gamma \in \{x_i\gamma, x_j\gamma\}$ . Moreover, since every equivalence class in  $X/E$  is a subfence of  $X$ ,  $F \subseteq A$  for some

$A \in X/E$ . Then  $(x_i, x_j) \in E$ . By Case 1, we have that  $(x_i\gamma, x_j\gamma) \in E$ . Since  $x\gamma, y\gamma \in \{x_i\gamma, x_j\gamma\}$  and  $(x_i\gamma, x_j\gamma) \in E$ , we can conclude that  $(x\gamma, y\gamma) \in E$ .

Thus,  $\gamma \in O_E(X)$ . Moreover, it is easy to see from the definition of  $\gamma$  that  $g\gamma = f$ . Similarly, we can also show that  $g = f\delta$  for some  $\delta \in O_E(X)$ . Hence,  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ . □

For  $f \in O_E(X)$ , let

$$X_f := \{\text{im } h : h \in O_E(X) \text{ and } hf = f\}.$$

The following lemma will be useful for the characterization of  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $f \in O_E(X)$  and  $Y_f, Y'_f$  be minimal subfences in  $X_f$ . Then there exists a function in  $O_E(X)$  that bijectively map  $Y_f$  onto  $Y'_f$ . Consequently,  $|Y_f| = |Y'_f|$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $f \in O_E(X)$ . Since  $X_f = \{\text{im } h : h \in O_E(X) \text{ and } hf = f\}$ , and  $Y_f$  and  $Y'_f$  are minimal subfences in  $X_f$ , there exist  $g, h \in O_E(X)$  such that  $\text{im } g = Y_f$ ,  $gf = f$ ,  $\text{im } h = Y'_f$  and  $hf = f$ . We will show that there exists a bijective function  $h|_{Y_f} : Y_f \rightarrow Y'_f$ . Notice that  $\text{im } gh \subseteq \text{im } h = Y'_f$  and  $ghf = f$ , and  $Y'_f$  is minimal in  $X_f$ . Then we have  $\text{im } h|_{Y_f} = Y_f h = \text{im } gh = Y'_f$  implying  $h|_{Y_f}$  is onto. Consequently, we have  $|Y_f| \geq |Y'_f|$ . On the other hand, we can find an onto function  $h'|_{Y'_f} : Y'_f \rightarrow Y_f$ , then  $|Y'_f| \geq |Y_f|$  which implies  $|Y_f| = |Y'_f|$ . Since  $h|_{Y_f}$  is onto,  $|Y_f| = |Y'_f|$  and  $Y_f, Y'_f$  are finite, we have that  $h|_{Y_f}$  is injective and we can conclude that  $h|_{Y_f}$  is a bijective function from  $Y_f$  to  $Y'_f$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** *For  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ , let  $Y_f$  and  $Y_g$  be minimal subfences in  $X_f$  and  $X_g$  respectively. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$  if and only if  $f|_{Y_f} = hg$  for some  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_f \rightarrow Y_g$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Then there are  $\alpha, \beta \in O_E(X)$  such that  $\alpha f = g$  and  $\beta g = f$ . Since  $Y_f$  and  $Y_g$  are minimal elements in  $X_f$  and  $X_g$ , there are  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in O_E(X)$ , such that  $\text{im } \gamma_1 = Y_f, \gamma_1 f = f$ , and  $\text{im } \gamma_2 = Y_g, \gamma_2 g = g$ . Let  $h := \beta|_{Y_g} \gamma_2$ . Since  $\beta, \gamma_2 \in O_E(X)$ , we have that  $h$  is order and  $E$ -preserving. Notice that

$\gamma_1\beta\gamma_2\alpha \in O_E(X)$  and  $\text{im } \gamma_1\beta\gamma_2\alpha = Y_f h\alpha$ , and  $\gamma_1\beta\gamma_2\alpha f = \gamma_1\beta\gamma_2g = \gamma_1\beta g = \gamma_1 f = f$ . Thus,  $Y_f h\alpha \in X_f$ . Next, we will show that  $h := \beta|_{Y_f}\gamma_2$  is injective. Suppose that  $\beta|_{Y_f}\gamma_2$  is not injective. Then  $|Y_f\beta\gamma_2| < |Y_f|$  which contradicts to the fact that  $Y_f$  is a minimal subfence in  $X_f$ . Therefore,  $h := \beta|_{Y_f}\gamma_2$  is an injective function. Since  $h := \beta|_{Y_f}\gamma_2$  injectively maps  $Y_f$  into  $Y_g$ , we have  $|Y_f| \leq |Y_g|$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $|Y_g| \leq |Y_f|$ . Then  $|Y_f| = |Y_g|$ . Consequently,  $h$  is a bijection. Similarly, there exists an order and  $E$ -preserving bijection  $h_2$  that maps  $Y_g$  onto  $Y_f$ . Since  $Y_f$  is finite, by Lagrange's theorem,  $(hh_2)^n$  is the identity function on  $Y_f$  for some  $n$ , so  $(hh_2)^n = h(h_2h)^{n-1}h_2$ . Then  $(h_2h)^{n-1}h_2$  is the inverse function of  $h$ . Since  $(h_2h)^{n-1}h_2$  is order and  $E$ -preserving,  $h$  is an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism. Notice that  $hg = \beta|_{Y_f}\gamma_2g = \beta|_{Y_f}g = f|_{Y_f}$ . Hence, there is an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_f \rightarrow Y_g$  such that  $f|_{Y_f} = hg$ . Conversely, assume that  $f|_{Y_f} = hg$  for some  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_f \rightarrow Y_g$ . Since  $Y_f$  is a element in  $X_f$ , there is  $\gamma_1 \in O_E(X)$  such that  $\text{im } \gamma_1 = Y_f$  and  $\gamma_1 f = f$ . Let  $\beta := \gamma_1 h \in O_E(X)$ . Then  $\beta g = \gamma_1 h g = \gamma_1 f = f$ . Thus, we have  $\beta := \gamma_1 h \in O_E(X)$  such that  $f = \beta g$ . Since  $f|_{Y_f} = hg$  and  $h$  is a bijection, there exists an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h^{-1} : Y_g \rightarrow Y_f$  such that  $h^{-1}f = h^{-1}hg = g|_{Y_g}$ . Similarly, there is  $\beta' \in O_E(X)$  such that  $g = \beta' f$ . Therefore,  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ ,  $Y_f$  and  $Y_g$  be minimal subfences in  $X_f$  and  $X_g$  respectively. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{H}$  if and only if  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ , and  $f|_{Y_f} = hg$  for some  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_f \rightarrow Y_g$ .*

The following lemmas will be useful to proof the next theorem.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $f \in O_E(X)$ ,  $Y$  be a subfence of  $X$  and let  $y_1, y_2 \in Yf$  with  $y_1 < y_2$ . Then there are  $x_1, x_2 \in Y$  such that  $x_1 f = y_1$ ,  $x_2 f = y_2$  and  $x_1 \leq x_2$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $y_1 < y_2$ ,  $Y = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  and  $Yf = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k\}$ , where  $x_1 < x_2 > x_3 < \dots > x_m$  and  $z_1 < z_2 > z_3 < \dots > z_k$ . We choose  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $i < j$ ,  $\{x_i f, x_j f\} = \{y_1, y_2\}$  and  $j - i = \min\{|r - s| : \{x_r f, x_s f\} = \{y_1, y_2\}\}$ .

Now, we are going to show that  $j - i = 1$  by supposing that  $j - i \geq 2$ . Then there exists a subfence  $\{x_{i+1}f, x_{i+2}f, \dots, x_{j-1}f\}$  which is disjoint from  $\{y_1, y_2\}$ . Now, we let  $\{y_1, y_2\} = \{z_p, z_{p+1}\}$  for some  $p \in \{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ . Then we have

$$\{x_{i+1}f, x_{i+2}f, \dots, x_{j-1}f\} \subseteq \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{p-1}\} \text{ or}$$

$$\{x_{i+1}f, x_{i+2}f, \dots, x_{j-1}f\} \subseteq \{z_{p+2}, z_{p+3}, \dots, z_k\}.$$

Thus,  $x_{i+1}f$  and  $x_i f$  are not comparable or  $x_{j-1}f$  and  $x_j f$  are not comparable, which is a contradiction. Then we have  $j - i = 1$  implying  $x_i, x_j$  are comparable. Since  $y_1 < y_2$  and  $f \in O_E(X)$ , if  $x_i f = y_1$  and  $x_j f = y_2$ , we have  $x_i < x_j$ , similarly for  $x_j f = y_1$  and  $x_i f = y_2$ , we have  $x_j < x_i$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . If  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ , then there exists an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $\psi : Xg \rightarrow Xf$  such that  $f = g\psi$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ . Since for each  $y \in Xg$ , there is  $x_y \in X$  such that  $x_y g = y$ , we can define  $h : Xg \rightarrow X$  by  $yh = x_y$ . Then, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $xghg = x_{xg}g = xg$  implying  $ghg = g$ . Since  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ , we have  $f = ghf$ . Now, we are going to prove that  $hf$  is an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism that  $f = ghf$ . First, let  $ag, bg \in Xg$ , where  $a, b \in X$ , such that  $aghf = bghf$ . Since  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ , we have  $aghg = bghg$ . Thus,  $ag = bg$ . Hence,  $hf$  is injective. Now, we let  $y \in Xf$ . Then there is  $x \in X$  such that  $xf = y$ . Since  $xghg = xg$  and  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ , we have that  $xghf = xf$ , then there is  $xg \in Xg$  such that  $xghf = xf = y$ . Hence,  $hf$  is onto. Next, we will show that  $hf$  is order preserving. Let  $ag, bg \in Xg$ , where  $a, b \in X$ , with  $ag \leq bg$ . Since  $ghg = g$ , we have  $aghg = ag \leq bg = bghg$ . By lemma 3.5, there are  $a', b' \in X$  such that  $a' \leq b'$ ,  $a'g = (agh)g$  and  $b'g = (bgh)g$ . Since  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $f \in OT(X)$ ,  $aghf = a'f \leq b'f = bghf$ . Finally, we are going to show that  $hf$  is  $E^*$ -preserving. Let  $x_1, x_2 \in Xg$ . Then  $x_1 h = x_{x_1}$  and  $x_2 h = x_{x_2}$ . So,  $x_{x_1} \in [x_1]g^{-1}$  and  $x_{x_2} \in [x_2]g^{-1}$ . Since  $(x_1, x_2) \in E$ ,  $[x_1] = [x_2]$ , so  $x_{x_2} \in [x_1]g^{-1}$ . Since  $E(f) = E(g)$ ,  $x_{x_1}, x_{x_2} \in [x_m]f^{-1}$  for some  $x_m \in X/E$ . Hence,  $x_1 h, x_2 h \in [x_m]f^{-1}$ . Thus,  $x_1 hf, x_2 hf \in [x_m]$  implying  $(x_1 hf, x_2 hf) \in E$ . Conversely, we assume that

$(x_1hf, x_2hf) \in E$ . Let  $A_0 \in X/E$  such that  $x_1hf, x_2hf \in A_0$ . Then  $x_1h, x_2h \in A_0f^{-1}$ . Since  $E(f) = E(g)$ , we have  $x_1h, x_2h \in A_mg^{-1}$  for some  $A_m \in X/E$ . So,  $x_{x_1}, x_{x_2} \in A_mg^{-1}$ . Then  $x_{x_1}g, x_{x_2}g \in A_m$  implying  $x_1, x_2 \in A_m$ . Thus  $(x_1, x_2) \in E$ . □

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$ . Assume that  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$ . Then  $X_f = X_g$ . In particular, a subset of  $X$  is minimal in  $X_f$  if and only if it is minimal in  $X_g$ .*

*Proof.* To show that  $X_f \subseteq X_g$ , let  $Y \in X_f$ . Then  $Y = Xh$  for some  $h \in O_E(X)$  with  $hf = f$ . Thus, for any  $x \in X$ , since  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $(xh)f = xf$ , we have that  $(xh)g = xg$ . Consequently,  $hg = g$ , which implies that  $Y = Xh \in X_g$ . So,  $X_f \subseteq X_g$ . Similarly, we obtain that  $X_g \subseteq X_f$ . Hence,  $X_f = X_g$ . □

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$  and let  $Y_f$  and  $Y_g$  be minimal subsets in  $X_f$  and  $X_g$ , respectively. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$  if and only if there exist  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_f \rightarrow Y_g$  and  $\psi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  such that  $g|_{Y_g} = hf\psi$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$ . There is  $\gamma \in O_E(X)$  such that  $(f, \gamma) \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $(\gamma, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Since  $(\gamma, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ , by Theorem 3.1,  $\pi(\gamma) = \pi(g)$ . By Lemma 3.7,  $Y_g$  is a minimal subfence in  $X_\gamma$ . Since  $(f, \gamma) \in \mathfrak{L}$ , by Theorem 3.3, there is an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $h : Y_g \rightarrow Y_f$  such that  $\gamma|_{Y_g} = hf$ . Since  $(\gamma, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ , by Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.6, there is an  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphism  $\psi : X\gamma \rightarrow Xg$  such that  $g = \gamma\psi$ . Since  $(f, \gamma) \in \mathfrak{L}$ , it is easy to see that  $X\gamma = Xf$ , so the domain of  $\psi$  is  $Xf$ . Notice that  $g|_{Y_g} = \gamma|_{Y_g}\psi = hf\psi$ .

Conversely, assume that there exist  $E^*$ -preserving order isomorphisms  $h : Y_g \rightarrow Y_f$  and  $\psi : Xf \rightarrow Xg$  such that  $g|_{Y_g} = hf\psi$ . Let  $\gamma := f\psi \in O_E(X)$ . Since  $\gamma = f\psi$  and  $\gamma\psi^{-1} = f$ ,  $(\gamma, f) \in \mathfrak{R}$ . By Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.7,  $Y_f$  is a minimal subfence in  $X_\gamma$ . Since  $g|_{Y_g} = hf\psi = h\gamma$ , we have that  $(g, \gamma) \in \mathfrak{L}$  by Theorem 3.3. Hence,  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$ . □



## Chapter 4

# The characterization of Green's equivalences for regular elements

In chapter 4, we focus on the characterization of Green's equivalences on the semi-group  $O_E(X)$  for regular elements. The definition of regular element has been introduced in chapter 2. We start this section with the relation  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$  be regular. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$  if and only if  $Xf = Xg$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$ . Then there exist  $h, k \in O_E(X)$  such that  $hf = g$  and  $kg = f$ . Thus,  $Xf \subseteq Xhf = Xg$  and  $Xg \subseteq Xkg = Xf$ . Then  $Xg = Xf$ . Conversely, assume that  $Xf = Xg$ . Since  $g$  is regular, there exists  $h \in O_E(X)$  such that  $g = ghg$ . We define  $\gamma : X \rightarrow X$  by  $x\gamma = y$ , where  $y \in \text{ran}(gh)$  and  $yg = xf$ . First, we will show that  $\gamma$  is well-defined, that is, we will show that for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique  $y \in \text{ran}(gh)$  such that  $yg = xf$ . Since  $Xf = Xg = (Xgh)g$ , the existence is clear. Next, let  $y_1, y_2 \in \text{ran}(gh)$  be such that  $y_1g = y_2g$ . Since  $y_1, y_2 \in \text{ran}(gh)$ , there exist  $a_1, a_2 \in X$  such that  $y_1 = a_1gh$  and  $y_2 = a_2gh$ . Then  $y_1 = a_1gh = a_1ghgh = y_1gh = y_2gh = a_2ghgh = a_2gh = y_2$ . Similarly, for any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in \text{ran}(gh)$  such that  $y_1g = x_1f$  and  $y_2g = x_2f$ , we also have that  $x_1 \leq x_2$  implies  $y_1 \leq y_2$ , and  $(x_1, x_2) \in E$  implies  $(y_1, y_2) \in E$ . Hence,  $\gamma \in O_E(X)$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that  $\gamma g = f$ . Similarly, we can also show

that  $g = \delta f$  for some  $\delta \in O_E(X)$ . Therefore,  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{L}$ .  $\square$

The immediate consequence of the Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.1 is the characterization of  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{L} \cap \mathfrak{R}$ , we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$  be regular. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{H}$  if and only if  $Xf = Xg$ ,  $\pi(f) = \pi(g)$  and  $E(f) = E(g)$ .*

Finally, we present the characterization of  $\mathfrak{D}$  - equivalence for two regular elements in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $f, g \in O_E(X)$  be regular. Then  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$  if and only if there exists  $\phi : Xg \rightarrow Xf$  such that, for all  $x, y \in Xg$ , the following conditions hold :*

1.  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x\phi \leq y\phi$ ;
2.  $(x, y) \in E$  if and only if  $(x\phi, y\phi) \in E$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Then there exists  $h \in O_E(X)$  such that  $(f, h) \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $(h, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Since  $(h, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$ , there is  $\gamma \in O_E(X)$  such that  $h = g\gamma$ . Since  $(f, h) \in \mathfrak{L}$ , we have  $Xf = Xh$ , so  $\text{ran}(\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}) \subseteq Xh = Xf$ . We will show that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  is a bijection satisfying conditions (1) and (2). Since  $h = g\gamma$ , we have  $|Xh| = |Xg\gamma| \leq |Xg|$ . Since  $Xf = Xh$ , we get that  $|Xf| \leq |Xg|$ . Similarly, since  $(g, f) \in \mathfrak{D}$ , we have that  $|Xg| \leq |Xf|$ . Hence,  $|Xg| = |Xf|$ . Since  $Xf = Xh = Xg\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$ , we have that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  is surjective, which also implies that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  is bijective. Next, we will show that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  satisfies condition (1). For a subset  $S$  of  $X \times X$ , let  $\leq \cap S = \{(a, b) \in S | a \leq b\}$ . Notice that since  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  is an order-preserving bijection, we can define an injective map  $\gamma_1 : \leq \cap (Xg \times Xg) \rightarrow \leq \cap (Xf \times Xf)$  by  $\gamma_1(x, y) = x\gamma, y\gamma$  for all  $x, y \in \leq \cap (Xg \times Xg)$ . Since  $Xg$  and  $Xf$  are subfences of  $X$  and  $|Xg| = |Xf|$ , we have that  $|\leq \cap (Xg \times Xg)| = |\leq \cap (Xf \times Xf)|$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_1$  is bijective, which implies that  $\gamma$  satisfies condition (1). Finally, we will show that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  satisfies condition (2). We know that  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  is  $E$ -preserving. Now, let  $x_1, x_2 \in \text{ran}(g)$  be such that  $(x_1\gamma, x_2\gamma) \in E$ . Since  $x_1 = a_1g$  and  $x_2 = a_2g$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in X$ , we have

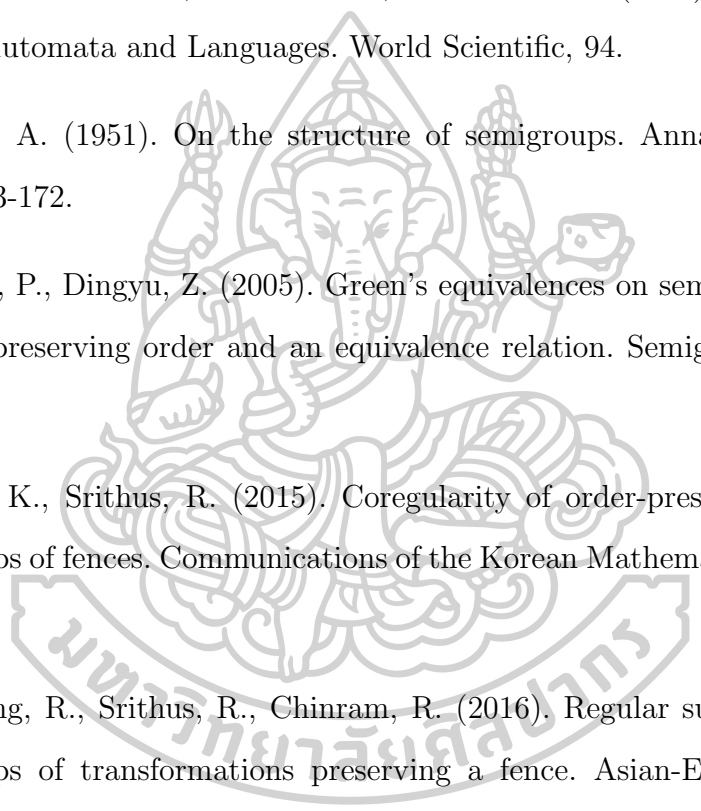
$(a_1g\gamma, a_2g\gamma) \in E$ . Then  $(a_1h, a_2h) \in E$ . Note that  $E(h) = Ah^{-1}|A \in X/E, Ah^{-1} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a_1h, a_2h \in A_0$  for some  $A_0 \in X/E$ . Then  $a_1, a_2 \in A_0h^{-1} \in E(h)$ . Since  $E(h) = E(g)$ , There exists  $A_1 \in X/E$  such that  $a_1, a_2 \in A_1g^{-1}$ . Then  $a_1g, a_2g \in A_1$ . Hence,  $(a_1g, a_2g) \in E$  implying  $(x_1, x_2) \in E$ . Therefore,  $\gamma|_{\text{ran}(g)}$  satisfies condition (2).

Conversely, let  $\phi : Xg \rightarrow Xf$  be a bijective function satisfying conditions (1) and (2). Let  $h = g\phi$ . Since  $\phi$  satisfies condition (1),  $h$  is order-preserving. Moreover, since  $\phi$  satisfies condition (2),  $h \in O_E(X)$  and  $E(h) = E(g)$ . Since  $\phi$  is a bijection, we have that  $\pi(h) = \pi(g)$  and  $Xh = Xf$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.1, we have that  $(h, g) \in \mathfrak{R}$  and  $(h, f) \in \mathfrak{L}$ , which implies that  $(f, g) \in \mathfrak{D}$ .

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