

# On the radicals of linear algebraic monoids

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**Abstract** In this paper we consider the *Schwarz* radical of linear algebraic semi-groups as defined in semigroup theory. We give some new characterizations of the complete regularity, regularity and solvability of irreducible linear algebraic monoids in terms of *Schwarz* radical data. Moreover, we give a generalization about the results of the kernel to the results of completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  will denote the set of all positive integers. Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $I \subseteq S$  a (two-sided) ideal of  $S$ . Let  $\sqrt{I}$  denote the set of all elements of  $S$  which satisfy that some power of them belongs to  $I$ , i.e.,

$$\sqrt{I} = \{a \in S \mid a^i \in I \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}.$$

There are five concepts of radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ , called the *Clifford* radical, *Luh* radical, *McCoy* radical, *Schwarz* radical, and *Ševrin* radical (see Definition 3.1), which are natural extensions of the concepts of radical of a ring. Denote the

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*Clifford* radical, *Luh* radical, *McCoy* radical, *Schwarz* radical, and *Ševrin* radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  by  $\mathcal{R}^*(I)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(I)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(I)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(I)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(I)$  respectively. If a semigroup  $S$  has a kernel  $\ker(S)$  (the minimal ideal of  $S$ ), then the *Clifford* radical, *Luh* radical, *McCoy* radical, *Schwarz* radical, and *Ševrin* radical of  $S$  with respect to  $\ker(S)$  are simply called the *Clifford* radical, *Luh* radical, *McCoy* radical, *Schwarz* radical, and *Ševrin* radical of  $S$ . Bosák [3] gives an example in abstract semigroups that all of the radicals mentioned above are distinct from one another, and shows that for any semigroup  $S$  and any ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,

$$I \subseteq \mathcal{R}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{M}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}^*(I) \subseteq \sqrt{I} \subseteq \mathcal{C}(I) \subseteq S.$$

Kmeř [14] prove that  $\mathcal{R}^*(I) = \sqrt{I} = \mathcal{C}(I)$  if and only if  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal of  $S$ . And  $S$  is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups (i.e.,  $b \in S^1 a S^1 \Rightarrow b^i \in S^1 a^2 S^1$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , for all  $a, b \in S$ ), if and only if for any ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal of  $S$  (see [5] and [15]).

Semigroups which satisfy that the set  $\sqrt{I}$  is a semigroup for any ideal  $I$ , are characterized in [1] by Bogdanović and Ćirić.

In this paper, we consider the above radicals in linear algebraic semigroups. A linear (or affine) algebraic semigroup  $S$  over an algebraically closed field  $K$  is both an affine variety over  $K$  and a semigroup for which the product map  $S \times S \rightarrow S$  is a morphism of varieties. Then  $S$  has a kernel  $\ker(S)$  (see [22, Theorem 3.28]). Moreover, by [7, II 2.3.3]  $S$  is isomorphic to a (Zariski) closed subsemigroup of total  $n$  by  $n$  matrix monoid  $M_n(K)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and is strongly  $\pi$ -regular (i.e., some power of each element of  $S$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ ) by a theorem of Clark (see [22, Theorem 3.18]). Then we have that the *Clifford* radical, *McCoy* radical, *Schwarz* radical, and *Ševrin* radical of  $S$  are coincide, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{R}(\ker(S)) = \mathcal{M}(\ker(S)) = \mathcal{L}(\ker(S)) = \mathcal{R}^*(\ker(S)).$$

Hence we only need to consider the *Schwarz* radical of a linear algebraic semigroup. In particular, the radical-like property, introduced by J. Luh (see [17]), holds for the *Schwarz* (or *Clifford*) radical of a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$ , that is, the Rees factor semigroup  $S/\mathcal{R}(\ker(S))$  of  $S$  modulo  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(S))$  has zero *Schwarz* (or *Clifford*) radical.

The following theorems play very important role to study the theory of linear algebraic monoids. Note that if a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  has a zero element, the *Schwarz* radical  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(S))$  of  $S$  is the maximum nilpotent ideal of  $S$  and  $\sqrt{\ker(S)}$  is the set of all nilpotent elements of  $S$ .

**Theorem 1.1** [21, Theorem 2.1] *Let  $S$  be an irreducible linear algebraic semigroup with zero 0. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is completely regular;
- (ii)  $S$  has no non-zero nilpotent elements (i.e.,  $\sqrt{\ker(S)} = \{0\}$ );
- (iii)  $S$  is a monoid and the unit group of  $S$  is a torus.

**Theorem 1.2** [22, Theorem 7.3] *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with zero 0 and unit group  $G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $G$  is reductive;
- (ii)  $M$  is regular;
- (iii)  $M$  has no non-zero nilpotent ideals (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(M)) = \{0\}$ ).

**Theorem 1.3** [19, Theorem 23] *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with zero 0 and unit group  $G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $G$  is solvable;
- (ii) the nilpotents of  $M$  form an ideal of  $M$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(M)) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ );
- (iii)  $J^2 \subseteq J$  for all  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$ .

These facts imply that the structure of irreducible linear algebraic monoids with zero can be characterized in terms of *Schwarz* radical (or nilpotency) data. In general, for an irreducible linear algebraic monoid  $M$ , it need not have a zero element, that is, its kernel  $\ker(M)$  is nontrivial. Brion shows in [4, Corollary 3.1.5] that for any irreducible non-affine algebraic monoid (that is, it is non-affine as a variety), its kernel must be nontrivial. The kernel of the linear algebraic monoid  $M$  carries a lot of structural information about  $M$  as well as of the unit group  $G$  which are well studied by Huang (cf. [9, 10, 12]).

The purpose of this paper is to study the structure of linear algebraic monoids in terms of *Schwarz* radical data. We give generalizations of the above results (Theorems 1.1, 1.2, 1.3) for an irreducible linear algebraic monoid (without zero). Namely, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ . Then*

- (i) (Theorem 4.1)  $M$  is completely regular if and only if  $\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \ker(M)$ ;
- (ii) (Theorem 4.2)  $M$  is regular if and only if the Schwarz radical of  $M$  is a completely simple semigroup (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(M)) = \ker(M)$ );
- (iii) (Corollary 4.4)  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  forms an ideal of  $M$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(\ker(M)) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ ) and a maximal subgroup of  $\ker(M)$  is solvable.

Moreover, for any completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$ , we construct a submonoid  $M_J$  of  $M$  with kernel  $J$ , defined by

$$M_J = \{a \in M \mid aJ \subseteq J\}.$$

Then  $M_J$  is a linear algebraic monoid with kernel  $J$ . Moreover, the unit group of  $M_J$  is just the unit group of  $M$ . Hence we can generalize the known results about the kernel of a linear algebraic monoid (see [9, 10, 12]). For instance,

**Theorem 1.5** (Corollary 5.5) *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ . Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be completely regular, and  $e \in E(J)$ . Then*

- (i)  $\dim R(G) = \dim E(J) + \dim R(G_e) + \dim R(eGe)$ ;
- (ii)  $\dim R_u(G) = \dim E(J) + \dim R_u(G_e) + \dim R_u(eGe)$ ;
- (iii)  $G$  is reductive if and only if  $G_e$  and  $J$  are both reductive groups.

The article is organized as follows. Section 2 is for notions and notations. In Sect. 3, we work with various properties of the *Schwarz* radical of algebraic semigroups. In Sect. 4, we give characterizations of the completely regularity, regularity and solvability of irreducible linear algebraic monoids in terms of *Schwarz* radical data. In Sect. 5, we generalize the results of Sect. 4 to the case in terms of completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes of irreducible linear algebraic monoids.

## 2 Preliminaries

We now assemble some notions and notations.  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  will denote the set of all positive integers. If  $X$  is a set, then  $|X|$  denotes the cardinality of  $X$ . Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Let  $S^1 := S \cup \{1\}$  be the natural monoid extension of  $S$ . The semigroup  $S$  is strongly  $\pi$ -regular ( $s\pi r$ ) if for each  $a \in S$ , there exists  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $a^i$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$ . If  $a, b \in S$ , then  $a|b$  ( $a$  divides  $b$ ) if  $xay = b$  for some  $x, y \in S^1$ .  $S$  is archimedean if for all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a|b^i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $S_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \Omega$ ) denote a partition of  $S$  into subsemigroups. Then  $S$  is a semilattice (union) of  $S_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \Omega$ ) if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega$ , there exists  $\gamma \in \Omega$  such that  $S_\alpha S_\beta \cup S_\beta S_\alpha \subseteq S_\gamma$ . According to [22, Theorem 1.15],  $S$  is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups if and only if for all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a|b$  implies  $a^2|b^i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $E(S)$  denote the set of all idempotents of  $S$ . Let  $e \in E(S)$ . We denote by  $J_e, L_e, R_e$  and  $H_e$  the  $\mathcal{J}$ -,  $\mathcal{L}$ -,  $\mathcal{R}$ - and  $\mathcal{H}$ -classes of  $e$  in  $S$  under Green's relations, respectively (see [22, Chap. 1]). Suppose  $S$  is an  $s\pi r$ -semigroup and  $J$  is a  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $S$ . Then  $J$  is regular if  $E(J) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover,  $J$  is completely regular if  $J$  is regular and  $J^2 \subseteq J$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}(S)$  be the set of all regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes of  $S$ . For any  $J_1, J_2 \in \mathcal{U}(S)$ , we denote  $J_1 \leq J_2$  if  $a_2|a_1$  for some (all)  $a_i \in J_i, i = 1, 2$ . We write  $\mathcal{U}(S)$  for the partially ordered set  $(\mathcal{U}(S), \leq)$ . Let  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq S$ . Then  $I$  is a right ideal of  $S$  if  $IS \subseteq I$ ;  $I$  is a left ideal of  $S$  if  $SI \subseteq I$ ;  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$  if  $S^1IS^1 \subseteq I$ . The minimum ideal of  $S$ , if it exists, is called the kernel of  $S$ , denoted by  $\ker(S)$ . A completely simple semigroup  $S$  is an  $s\pi r$ -semigroup with no ideals other than  $S$ .

Let  $K$  denote a fixed algebraically closed field.  $M_n(K)$  will denote the algebra of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$ , and  $GL_n(K)$  its unit group. Let  $S$  be a Zariski closed subsemigroup of  $M_n(K)$ . If  $e \in E(S)$  and  $a \in S$ , then we let  $\det_e(a) = \det(eae + 1 - e)$ . Thus  $\det_e(a) \neq 0$  if and only if  $eae \in H_e$  by [22, Remark 3.23].

Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid over  $K$  with unit group  $G$ .  $M$  is regular (resp. completely regular) if it is so as a semigroup. We call  $M$  reductive (resp. semisimple, solvable, nilpotent, a  $d$ -monoid) if its unit group is reductive (resp. reductive with center 1-dimensional, solvable, nilpotent, a torus). We write  $R(G)$  (resp.  $R_u(G)$ ) for the radical (resp. unipotent radical) of  $G$ . The rank of  $G$ , denoted  $\text{rank}(G)$ , is referred to as the dimension of a maximal torus of  $G$ . Let  $W(G)$  denote the Weyl group of  $G$ . Then by [13, Proposition 24.1A, Corollary 25.2C],  $W(G)$  is finite, and  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $|W(G)| = 1$ . For a subset  $V$  of  $M$ , denote by  $\bar{V}$  the Zariski closure of  $V$  in  $M$ . If  $N$  is a closed algebraic subsemigroup of  $M$ , let  $N^c$  be the identity component of  $N$ . If  $e \in E(M)$ , then we denote  $M_e = \{a \in M \mid ea = ae = e\}^c$ ,  $G^r(e) = \{x \in G \mid xe = e\}$ ,  $G^l(e) = \{x \in G \mid ex = e\}$ , and  $G_e = (G^r(e) \cap G^l(e))^c$ . For any subset  $X$  of  $M$ ,  $C_X^r(e) = \{a \in X \mid ae = eae\}$ ,  $C_X^l(e) = \{a \in X \mid ea = eae\}$ ,  $C_X(e) = \{a \in X \mid ae = ea\}$ . Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ . Then  $\Lambda \subseteq E(\bar{T})$  is

a cross-section lattice of  $M$ , if  $|\Lambda \cap J| = 1$  for all  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  and  $J_e \geq J_f$  implies  $e \geq f$  for all  $e, f \in \Lambda$ . If  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$ , then the width of  $J$ ,  $\omega(J) = |J \cap E(\overline{T})|$ . If  $e \in E(J)$ ,  $\omega(e) = \omega(J)$ . For completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes, we have the following characterizations.

**Theorem 2.1** [22, Remark 1.7(iii)] *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup,  $J \in \mathcal{U}(S)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $J$  is completely regular;
- (ii)  $J$  is completely simple;
- (iii)  $J^2 \subseteq J$ ;
- (iv)  $E(J)^2 \subseteq J$ .

**Theorem 2.2** [22, Theorem 6.30, Corollary 6.34] *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ ,  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  and  $e \in E(J)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $J$  is completely regular;
- (ii)  $E(J) \subseteq \overline{B}$  for some Borel subgroup  $B$  of  $G$ ;
- (iii)  $\omega(e) = 1$ ;
- (iv)  $e \in E(\overline{R(G)})$ ;
- (v)  $G = C_G^l(e)C_G^r(e)$ ;
- (vi)  $eGe$  is the  $\mathcal{H}$ -class of  $e$ .

[22,23] are our primary references for algebraic monoid theory, and [2,13,26] for algebraic group theory.

### 3 The radicals of linear algebraic semigroups

Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup and  $I$  a (two-sided) ideal of  $S$ . Let  $\ker(S)$  be the kernel of  $S$  (the minimum ideal of  $S$ ). The following concepts are used for abstract semigroups which are defined analogously to these concepts for rings.

An element  $a$  of  $S$  is termed a nilpotent element of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  if  $a^i \in I$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $\sqrt{I}$  denote the set of all nilpotent elements of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ , i.e.,

$$\sqrt{I} = \{a \in S \mid a^i \in I \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}.$$

By [22, Corollary 3.30], the set  $\sqrt{I}$  is closed in  $S$ . An ideal (left or right), or a subsemigroup  $A$  of  $S$  is nilpotent with respect to  $I$  if  $A^i \subseteq I$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and is nil with respect to  $I$  if every element of  $A$  is a nilpotent element of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ . For simplicity, an ideal  $A$  (left or right) is nilpotent (resp., nil) if  $A$  is nilpotent (resp., nil) with respect to  $\ker(S)$ . An ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is locally nilpotent with respect to  $I$  if every subsemigroup  $S_1 \subseteq S$ , generated by a finite number of elements of  $A$ , is nilpotent with respect to  $I$ . An ideal  $P$  of  $S$  is called a prime ideal of  $S$  if  $I_1 I_2 \subseteq P$  implies that  $I_1 \subseteq P$  or  $I_2 \subseteq P$  where  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are ideals of  $S$ . An ideal  $P$  of  $S$  is called a completely prime ideal of  $S$  if for any two elements  $a, b \in S$ ,  $ab \in I$  implies

that  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ . Evidently a completely prime ideal is a prime ideal. Now we define some radicals of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup, and  $I$  an ideal of  $S$ .

- (i) The union  $\mathcal{L}(I)$  of all locally nilpotent ideals of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is called the *Ševrin* (or locally nilpotent) radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ .
- (ii) The union  $\mathcal{R}^*(I)$  of all nil ideals of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is called the *Clifford* (or nil) radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  [6].
- (iii) The union  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  of all nilpotent ideals of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is called the *Schwarz* (or nilpotent) radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  [24].
- (iv) The intersection  $\mathcal{M}(I)$  of all prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $I$  is called the *McCoy* (or prime) radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  [17].
- (v) The intersection  $\mathcal{C}(I)$  of all completely prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $I$  is called the *Luh* (or completely prime) radical of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  [17].

Obviously, every nilpotent (left or right) ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is nil with respect to  $I$ . By [22, Corollary 3.16], there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $S$  is isomorphic to a (Zariski) closed subsemigroup of  $M_n(K)$ , and thus for all  $a \in S$ ,  $a^n$  lies in a subgroup of  $S$  following [22, Theorem 3.18]. Hence

$$\sqrt{I} = \{a \in S \mid a^n \in I\}.$$

Then every nil (left or right) ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is nilpotent with respect to  $I$ . Therefore, an ideal of  $S$  is nil with respect to  $I$  if and only if it is nilpotent with respect to  $I$ . Thus  $\mathcal{R}(I) = \mathcal{R}^*(I)$ . It is known that (see [3])

$$I \subseteq \mathcal{R}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{M}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}^*(I) \subseteq \sqrt{I} \subseteq \mathcal{C}(I) \subseteq S.$$

So the *Clifford*, *McCoy*, *Ševrin*, *Schwarz* radicals of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  coincide, that is,

$$\mathcal{R}(I) = \mathcal{M}(I) = \mathcal{L}(I) = \mathcal{R}^*(I).$$

Hence we only consider the *Schwarz* radical of a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  with respect to an ideal  $I$ .

Throughout this paper, we use the notation  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  to denote the *Schwarz* radical of a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  with respect to an ideal  $I$  of  $S$ . We write  $\mathcal{R}_S(I)$ , if we want to specify  $S$ . For simplicity, the *Schwarz* radical of  $S$  with respect to  $\ker(S)$  is called the *Schwarz* radical of  $S$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{R} \ker(S)$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is the largest nilpotent (or nil) ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ . Since every ideal of  $S$  contained in  $\sqrt{I}$  is nil with respect to  $I$ , it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is also the largest ideal of  $S$  contained in  $\sqrt{I}$ . The following lemma shows that  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is the largest nilpotent (or nil) left (or right) ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ .

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup and  $I$  an ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  contains every nilpotent left (or right) ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ .

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a nilpotent left ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ . Then there exists some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $A^i \subseteq I$ . So  $(AS^1)^i \subseteq A^i S^1 \subseteq IS^1 \subseteq I$ . Hence  $AS^1$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq AS^1 \subseteq \mathcal{R}(I)$ . Similarly, we have that every nilpotent right ideal of  $S$  with respect to  $I$  is also contained in  $\mathcal{R}(I)$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 3.2, we have the following lemma directly.

**Lemma 3.3** *Let  $S$  be a closed subsemigroup of  $M_n(K)$ ,  $I$  an ideal of  $S$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(I) &= \{a \in S \mid (xay)^n \in I \text{ for all } x, y \in S^1\} \\ &= \{a \in S \mid (ay)^n \in I \text{ for all } y \in S^1\} \\ &= \{a \in S \mid (xa)^n \in I \text{ for all } x \in S^1\} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.4** *Let  $M$  be a linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$  and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $M$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(I) &= \{a \in M \mid GaG \subseteq \sqrt{I}\} \\ &= \{a \in M \mid aG \subseteq \sqrt{I}\} \\ &= \{a \in M \mid Ga \subseteq \sqrt{I}\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof* Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $M$  is a closed submonoid of  $M_n(K)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . By Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\mathcal{R}(I) = \{a \in M \mid MaM \subseteq \sqrt{I}\} = \{a \in M \mid aM \subseteq \sqrt{I}\} = \{a \in M \mid Ma \subseteq \sqrt{I}\}.$$

If  $a \in \mathcal{R}(I)$ , then  $GaG \subseteq MaM \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ . If  $b \in M$  with  $GbG \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is closed in  $M$ , we have

$$MbM \subseteq \overline{GbG} = \overline{MbM} \subseteq \sqrt{I},$$

which implies  $b \in \mathcal{R}(I)$ . Therefore,

$$\mathcal{R}(I) = \{a \in M \mid GaG \subseteq \sqrt{I}\}.$$

Similarly, we can get

$$\mathcal{R}(I) = \{a \in M \mid aG \subseteq \sqrt{I}\} = \{a \in M \mid Ga \subseteq \sqrt{I}\}.$$

$\square$

**Proposition 3.5** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup,  $I$  an ideal of  $S$  and  $e \in E(S)$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is closed in  $S$ .*

In particular,

$$\mathcal{R}(SeS) = \bigcap_{f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)} I(f),$$

where  $I(f) = \{a \in S \mid a \nmid f\}$ .

*Proof* Consider the product  $\mu : S \times S \rightarrow S$  by  $\mu(a, b) = ab$  for any  $a, b \in S$ . As  $\mu(S \times \mathcal{R}(I)) = S\mathcal{R}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(I)$ , we deduce that

$$\mu(S \times \overline{\mathcal{R}(I)}) = \mu(\overline{S \times \mathcal{R}(I)}) \subseteq \overline{\mu(S \times \mathcal{R}(I))} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{R}(I)}.$$

Similarly, we can get  $\mu(\overline{\mathcal{R}(I)} \times S) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{R}(I)}$ . So  $\overline{S\mathcal{R}(I)} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{R}(I)}$ , which implies that  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(I)}$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Since  $\sqrt{I}$  is closed in  $S$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(I)} \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ . By the maximality of  $\mathcal{R}(I)$ , we get  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(I)} = \mathcal{R}(I)$ , thus  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is closed in  $S$ .

Let  $a \in \mathcal{R}(SeS)$  and  $f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)$ . If  $a \mid f$ , then  $f \in SaS \subseteq \mathcal{R}(SeS)$ , thus  $f \in E(\mathcal{R}(SeS)) = E(SeS)$ , a contradiction. So  $a \nmid f$ , and thus  $a \in I(f)$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(SeS) \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)} I(f).$$

On the other hand, suppose  $a \in S$  and  $a \nmid f$  for every  $f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)$ . We claim that  $a \in \mathcal{R}(SeS)$ . In fact, if not, there exists  $y \in S$ , such that  $(ay)^n \notin SeS$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by Lemma 3.3. Thus there exists  $f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)$  such that  $(ay)^n \in H_f$ . Then  $a \mid f$ , a contradiction. So  $a \in \mathcal{R}(SeS)$ . Therefore,

$$\mathcal{R}(SeS) = \bigcap_{f \in E(S) \setminus E(SeS)} I(f).$$

□

For a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  with kernel  $\ker(S)$ , recall that an idempotent  $e \in E(S)$  is called primitive if  $E(eSe) \setminus E(\ker(S)) = \{e\}$ , that is, for any  $f \in E(S)$ ,  $e \succeq f$  implies  $f \in E(\ker(S))$ . The following corollary gives a characterization of the Schwarz radical of an irreducible linear algebraic monoid in terms of primitive idempotents as follows.

**Corollary 3.6** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ . Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ ,  $\Lambda \subseteq E(\overline{T})$  a cross-section lattice of  $M$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \bigcap_{e \in \Lambda_0} I(e),$$

where  $I(e) = \{a \in M \mid a \nmid e\}$  and  $\Lambda_0 = \{e \in \Lambda \mid e \text{ is primitive}\}$ .



*Proof* First, we claim that if  $e, f \in E(M)$  with  $e \leq f$ , then  $I(e) \subseteq I(f)$ . In fact, for any  $a \in I(e)$ , if  $a \notin I(f)$ , then  $a \mid f$ . Since  $f \mid e$ , we have  $a \mid e$ , a contradiction. Let  $\Omega = \{e \in E(M) \mid e \text{ is primitive}\}$ . By [22, Corollary 6.9, Theorem 6.20], for any  $e \in E(M) \setminus E(\ker(M))$ , there exists  $e' \in \Omega$  such that  $e \geq e'$ . Hence, by Proposition 3.5,

$$\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \bigcap_{e \in E(M) \setminus E(\ker(M))} I(e) = \bigcap_{e \in \Omega} I(e).$$

Next, we claim that if  $e, f \in E(M)$  with  $J_e = J_f$ , then  $I(e) = I(f)$ . Since  $J_e = J_f$ , by [22, Corollary 6.8], there exists  $x \in G$  such that  $x^{-1}ex = f$ . Let  $a \in I(e)$ . If  $a \mid f$ , then  $f \in MaM$ . Thus  $e = xfx^{-1} \in MaM$ , which implies  $a \mid e$ , a contradiction. So  $I(e) \subseteq I(f)$ . Similarly, we get  $I(f) \subseteq I(e)$ . Therefore,  $I(e) = I(f)$ . According to [22, Corollary 6.10],  $E(M) = \bigcup_{x \in G} x^{-1}E(\bar{T})x$ . So

$$\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \bigcap_{e \in \Omega} I(e) = \bigcap_{e \in \Lambda_0} I(e),$$

where  $\Lambda_0 = \{e \in \Lambda \mid e \text{ is primitive}\}$ . □

*Remark 3.7* (i) For an irreducible linear algebraic monoid  $M$  with unit group  $G$ , if  $e \in E(M)$  such that the  $\mathcal{J}$ -class  $J_e$  of  $M$  is completely regular, then by the proof of Proposition 5.8,

$$I(e) = \{a \in M \mid a \nmid e\} = \{a \in M \mid \det_e(a) = 0\},$$

and  $I(e)$  is the union of some irreducible components of the non-units of  $M$ . In particular, if  $M$  is solvable with zero, then for any  $e \in E(M)$ , the  $\mathcal{J}$ -class  $J_e$  of  $M$  is completely regular by [22, Corollary 6.32]. Hence following Corollary 3.6, we obtain that

$$\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \{a \in M \mid \det_{e_i}(a) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

Where  $\{e_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are the set of all primitive idempotents of  $E(\bar{T})$  for a maximal torus  $T$  of  $G$ .

For example, let  $M$  be the set of all upper triangular matrices in  $M_3(K)$ , i.e.,

$$M = \left( \begin{matrix} K & K & K \\ 0 & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \end{matrix} \right) := \left\{ \left( \begin{matrix} a_1 & b_1 & c \\ 0 & a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{matrix} \right) \mid a_i, b_j, c \in K, 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq 2 \right\}.$$

Then  $\ker(M) = \{0\}$ , and the *Schwarz* radical of  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{R}\ker(M) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Choose

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$I(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & K & K \\ 0 & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \end{pmatrix}, I(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} K & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \end{pmatrix}, I(e_3) = \begin{pmatrix} K & K & K \\ 0 & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$\mathcal{R}\ker(M) = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq 3} I(e_i).$$

Note that the  $e_i$ s are primitive idempotents of  $M$ , and the  $I(e_i)$ s are exactly the irreducible components of the set of all non-units of  $M$ .

- (ii) Even though the *Schwarz* radical of any linear algebraic semigroup is closed which is showed in Proposition 3.5, it may not be irreducible. Let

$$M = \left\{ a \otimes b \mid a, b \in \begin{pmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{pmatrix} \right\}, E_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the *Schwarz* radical of  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{R}\ker(M) = S_1 \cup S_2$ , where

$$S_1 = \left\{ a \otimes E_{12} \mid a \in \begin{pmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$S_2 = \left\{ E_{12} \otimes b \mid b \in \begin{pmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

So  $\mathcal{R}\ker(M)$  is reducible.

Now we discuss the properties of the minimal non-nilpotent ideals of linear algebraic semigroups determined by primitive idempotents. We have the following proposition which is similar to the result of [16, Theorem 1] in compact semigroups with zero.

**Proposition 3.8** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup,  $e \in E(S)$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $e$  is a primitive idempotent of  $S$ ;
- (ii) the set  $eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$  is a group;
- (iii)  $Se$  is a minimal non-nilpotent left ideal of  $S$ ;

- (iv)  $eS$  is a minimal non-nilpotent right ideal of  $S$ ;
- (v)  $SeS$  is a minimal non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$ ;
- (vi) each idempotent in  $SeS \setminus \ker(S)$  is a primitive idempotent of  $S$ .

*Proof* (i)  $\implies$  (ii): Assume that  $e$  is a primitive idempotent of  $S$ . Then we have  $H_e \subseteq eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$ . Let  $a \in eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$ . Then  $a^m \in H_f$  for some  $f \in E(eSe)$  and some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Since  $a \notin \sqrt{\ker(S)}$ , we have  $f \notin E(\ker(S))$ , which implies  $f = e$ . Hence  $a^m \in H_e$ , and then  $a \in H_e$ . Therefore, the set  $eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)} = H_e$  is the maximal subgroup of  $S$  containing  $e$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii): Assume (ii) and that  $I_l$  is a left non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$  contained in  $Se$ . We claim that there exists an idempotent  $f \in E(I_l) \setminus E(\ker(S))$ . Since  $S$  is a linear algebraic semigroup,  $I_l$  is a non-nil ideal of  $S$ . Thus there exists  $x \in I_l \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$ . But by [22, Theorem 3.18], there exist  $f \in E(S)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $x^m \in H_f \cap I_l$ . So there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $yx^m = f \in I_l$ , since  $I_l$  is a left ideal of  $S$ . Since  $x \notin \sqrt{\ker(S)}$  and  $x^m \in H_f$ , we have  $f \notin E(\ker(S))$ . Now  $f \in Se$ , implying  $f = fe$ . Then  $ef = efef \in E(eSe)$ . Since  $fef = f \notin E(\ker(S))$ ,  $ef \notin E(\ker(S))$ . Since  $eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$  is a group and  $ef \in E(eSe \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)})$ ,  $e = ef \in I_l$ . Hence  $I_l = Se$ .

(iii)  $\implies$  (v): Suppose  $I$  is a non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$  contained in  $SeS$ . Then  $I$  is a non-nil ideal of  $S$ , as  $S$  is a linear algebraic semigroup. Thus there exist  $x \in I \setminus \sqrt{\ker(S)}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $x^m \in H_f \cap I$  for some  $f \in E(S) \setminus E(\ker(S))$ . So there exists some  $y \in S$  such that  $f = yx^m \in I \subseteq SeS$ . Hence there exist  $a, b \in S$  such that  $f = aeb$ . Let  $g = bfae \in I$ . Then  $g^2 = bfaebfae = bfae = g \in E(Se)$ . Since  $f \notin E(\ker(S))$  and  $f = aegb$ ,  $g \notin E(\ker(S))$ . By the minimality of  $Se$ , we have  $Se = Sg$ . Thus  $SeS = SgS \subseteq I$ , implying  $I = SeS$ .

(v)  $\implies$  (i): Assume (v). If  $e$  were not primitive, there would exist  $f \in E(eSe) \setminus E(\ker(S))$  such that  $e \neq f$ . Thus  $SfS$  is a non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$  contained in  $SeS$ . By the minimality of  $SeS$ ,  $SfS = SeS$ . Hence  $f \in eSe \cap J_e$ . By [22, Theorem 1.4(iii)],  $eSe \cap J_e = H_e$ . Then  $f = e$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $e$  is a primitive idempotent of  $S$ ;

The result (vi)  $\iff$  (i) follows from (v)  $\iff$  (i). And by symmetry, we finish the proof. □

In a similar way in [6, Theorem 1.1] and by Proposition 3.8, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.9** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup and let  $I$  be a minimal non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$ . Then any proper ideal of  $I$  is nilpotent. In particular, there exists a primitive idempotent  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $I = SeS$ .*

*Proof* Note that the kernel of  $I$  is equal to  $\ker(S)$  by [25]. Let  $A$  be a proper ideal of  $I$ . Suppose (by way of contradiction)  $A$  is not a nilpotent ideal of  $I$  with respect to  $\ker(S)$ . Then  $IAI$  is a two-sided ideal of  $S$  contained in  $I$ , and  $IAI \subseteq A \subsetneq I$ . By the minimality of  $I$ ,  $IAI$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $S$ , and thus  $IAI \subseteq \mathcal{R}\ker(S)$ . Then  $(IA)^2 = IAIA \subseteq \mathcal{R}\ker(S)A \subseteq \mathcal{R}\ker(S)$ . So  $IA$  is a nilpotent left ideal of  $S$ . Similarly,  $AI$  is a nilpotent right ideal of  $S$ .

Now,  $SAS$  is a two-sided ideal of  $S$  contained in  $I$ . By the minimality of  $I$ , we have that  $SAS$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $S$  or  $SAS = I$ . In either event, since  $IA$  is nilpotent, we have that  $(SA)^2 = SASA$  is nilpotent. Hence  $SA$  is a nilpotent left ideal of  $S$ . Therefore,  $SA \subseteq \mathcal{R} \ker(S)$ . Thus there exists some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $(SA)^m \subseteq \ker(S)$ . So  $A^{2m} = (A \cdot A)^m \subseteq (S \cdot A)^m \subseteq \ker(S)$ . Hence  $A$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $I$ , a contradiction. Therefore, we have that any proper ideal of  $I$  is nilpotent.

Since  $I$  is non-nilpotent,  $I$  is non-nil, and thus there exists  $a \in I$  such that  $a \notin \sqrt{\ker(S)}$ . By [22, Theorem 3.18], there exist some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $e \in E(S)$  such that  $a^n \in H_e$ . Clearly,  $e \notin E(\ker(S))$ . Hence there exists  $b \in S$  such that  $e = a^n b$ , which implies  $e \in E(I) \setminus E(\ker(S))$ . So  $SeS$  is a non-nilpotent ideal of  $S$  contained in  $I$ , which implies  $SeS = I$ . By Proposition 3.8,  $e$  is a primitive idempotent of  $S$ .  $\square$

## 4 The structure of linear algebraic monoids in terms of Schwarz radical data

For an irreducible linear monoid  $M$ , it is easy to see that

$$\ker(M) \subseteq \mathcal{R} \ker(M) \subseteq \sqrt{\ker(M)}.$$

In the Sect. 4.1, we give a characterization of the condition that  $\ker(M) = \mathcal{R} \ker(M)$ . And in the Sect. 4.2, we give a characterization of the condition that  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ .

### 4.1 Completely regularity and regularity conditions

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is completely regular;
- (ii)  $\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \ker(M)$ ;
- (iii)  $\{a \in M \mid a^i = f \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \subseteq fGf$  for every  $f \in E(\ker(M))$ .

*Proof* (i)  $\implies$  (ii). Suppose  $M$  is completely regular and  $a \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Then there exists  $f \in E(\ker(M))$  such that  $a \in H_f$ . Hence  $a \in \ker(M)$  as  $H_f \subseteq \ker(M)$ . So  $\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \ker(M)$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii). Assume that  $\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \ker(M)$ . Let  $f \in E(\ker(M))$ . If  $a^i = f$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $a \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ , and thus  $a \in \ker(M)$ . So there exists  $e \in E(M)$  such that  $a \in H_e$ . Then  $a^i = f \in H_e$  which implies  $e = f$ . Therefore,  $a \in H_f$ . By Theorem 2.2, we have that  $H_f = fGf$ . Therefore,  $a \in fGf$ .

(iii)  $\implies$  (i). Suppose (iii) holds. For any  $f \in E(\ker(M))$ , if  $a$  is a nilpotent element of  $M_f$ , then  $a^i = f$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Thus  $a \in fGf \cap M_f = \{f\}$ , then  $a = f$ . This shows that  $M_f$  has no non-zero nilpotent elements, hence by [22, Theorem 5.12],  $M_f$  is completely regular. Following [22, Theorem 7.4], we obtain that  $M$  is regular. Moreover, by [18, Theorem 3.7],  $E(M_f) = \{e \in E(M) \mid e \geq f\}$  is finite. Therefore,  $M$  is completely regular following [20, Theorem 3.10].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid. Then  $M$  is regular if and only if the Schwarz radical of  $M$  is completely simple (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \ker(M)$ ).*

*Proof* By [22, Theorem 3.15],  $M$  is isomorphic to a closed submonoid of  $M_n(K)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , thus  $\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \{a \in M \mid a^n \in \ker(M)\}$ . Suppose  $M$  is regular. For any  $a \in \mathcal{R} \ker(M)$ , there exists  $e \in E(M)$  such that  $MaM = MeM$ . So

$$e \in MeM = MaM \subseteq \mathcal{R} \ker(M),$$

which implies  $e \in \mathcal{R} \ker(M)$ . Thus  $e = e^n \in \ker(M)$ . Therefore,

$$MaM = MeM = \ker(M),$$

and then  $a \in \ker(M)$ . This prove that  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \ker(M)$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \ker(M)$ . Let  $G$  be the unit group of  $M$ . If  $M$  is not regular, then  $\overline{R(G)}$  is not completely regular following [22, Theorem 7.4]. Hence, from Theorem 4.1, there exist  $a \in \overline{R(G)}$  and  $f \in E(\ker(\overline{R(G)}))$ , such that  $a^n = f$  and  $a \notin f\overline{R(G)}f$ .

Let  $x \in M$ . Then  $x \in \overline{B}$  for some Borel subgroup  $B$  of  $G$ . Now  $a \in \overline{R(G)} \subseteq \overline{B}$ . From [22, Corollaries 1.16, 1.17, 3.20], we have that for all  $b_1, b_2 \in \overline{B}$ ,  $b_1 \mid b_2$  implies  $b_1^n \mid b_2^n$ . So  $a \mid ax$  implies  $a^n \mid (ax)^n$ , i.e.  $f \mid (ax)^n$ . But  $(ax)^n \mid f$  following  $f \in E(\ker(\overline{R(G)}))$  and  $E(\ker(\overline{R(G)})) \subseteq E(\ker(M))$ . So  $f \mathcal{J} (ax)^n$ . Thus  $(ax)^n \in \ker(M)$ ,  $ax \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . This proves that  $aM \subseteq \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Thus by Lemma 3.3,  $a \in \mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \ker(M)$ . Since  $a^n = f$ , we have  $f \in aM$ ,  $fM \subseteq aM$ . But by [9, Lemma 3(2)],  $aM$  is a minimal right ideal of  $M$  since  $a \in \ker(M)$ . So  $fM = aM$ ,  $a \in fM$ . Similarly,  $a \in Mf$ . Therefore,  $a \in fMf$ , and thus  $a \in f\overline{R(G)}f$ , a contradiction. So  $\overline{R(G)}$  is completely regular, and hence  $M$  is regular.

Finally, by Proposition 3.5,  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M)$  is closed. Therefore,  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M)$  is a linear algebraic semigroup which implies that  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M)$  is an  $s\pi r$ -semigroup. Note that the kernel of  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M)$  is just  $\ker(M)$ . Hence we have that  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \ker(M)$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M)$  is completely simple. □

### 4.2 The solvability condition

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear monoid with unit group  $G$  and  $e \in E(\ker(M))$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $G_e$  is solvable;
- (ii)  $|W(G)| = |W(H_e)|$ ;
- (iii)  $M$  is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups;
- (iv)  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  forms an ideal of  $M$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ );
- (v)  $\mathcal{U}(M)$  is a relatively complement lattice.

*Proof* That (i)  $\iff$  (iii)  $\iff$  (v) follows from [20, Theorem 2.15]. Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ . By [22, Proposition 6.25] and [22, Theorem 6.16], we know

that  $|W(G)| = \omega(e)|W(C_G(e))|$  where  $\omega(e) = |J_e \cap E(\overline{T})|$ , and  $|W(C_G(e))| = |W(G_e)| \cdot |W(H_e)|$ . Since  $e \in E(\ker(M))$ , we have  $\omega(e) = 1$ , thus  $|W(G)| = |W(C_G(e))| = |W(G_e)| \cdot |W(H_e)|$ . So (i)  $\iff$  (ii).

By [22, Theorem 3.15],  $M$  is isomorphic to a closed submonoid of  $M_n(K)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , thus

$$\sqrt{\ker(M)} = \{a \in M \mid a^n \in \ker(M)\}.$$

If  $M$  is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups, by [22, Theorem 1.15], for every  $a, b \in M$ ,  $a \mid b$  implies  $a^2 \mid b^i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $a \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ ,  $b \in M$ . since  $a \mid ab$ , we have  $a^n \mid (ab)^n$ . Moreover,  $(ab)^n \mid a^n$  following  $a^n \in \ker(M)$ . So  $a^n \mathcal{J} (ab)^n$ ,  $ab \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Similarly,  $ba \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Hence  $MaM \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . This proves that  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  is an ideal of  $M$ , that is  $\mathcal{R}\ker(M) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Thus (iii)  $\implies$  (iv).

Now we claim that (iv)  $\implies$  (iii). Suppose  $\mathcal{R}\ker(M) = \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  such that  $J$  covers  $\ker(M)$ . By [19, Theorem 23, Remark 24], we just need to show that  $\omega(J) = |J \cap E(\overline{T})| = 1$ . Suppose  $\omega(J) > 1$ , then there exist  $e, f \in J \cap E(\overline{T})$ , such that  $e \neq f$ . By [22, corollary 6.8], there exists  $x \in G$  such that  $f = xex^{-1}$ . Since  $e, f \in E(\overline{T})$ ,  $ef = fe \in E(M)$ . So  $ef = fe \leq e, f$ . But  $ef \neq e, ef \neq f$ . Thus  $ef = fe \in E(\ker(M))$  as  $J$  covers  $\ker(M)$ . Then  $exex^{-1} = xex^{-1}e \in E(\ker(M))$ . So  $exe, ex^{-1}e \in \ker(M)$ . Hence

$$(ex)(ex) = (exe)x \in \ker(M), (x^{-1}e)(x^{-1}e) = x^{-1}(ex^{-1}e) \in \ker(M).$$

Therefore,  $ex, x^{-1}e \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ . Since  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  is an ideal of  $M$ ,  $e = (ex)(x^{-1}e) \in \sqrt{\ker(M)}$ , which implies that  $e \in E(\ker(M))$ , a contradiction. This shows that  $\omega(J) = 1$ . Therefore,  $M$  is a semilattice of archimedean semigroups.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible monoid with unit group  $G$ . Then  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  forms an ideal of  $M$  and a maximal subgroup of  $\ker(M)$  is solvable.*

*Proof* It is known that  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $|W(G)| = 1$ . Let  $e \in E(\ker(M))$ . From the proof of Theorem 4.3, we have that  $|W(G)| = |W(G_e)| \cdot |W(H_e)|$ , and  $|W(G_e)| = 1$  if and only if  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  forms an ideal of  $M$ . So  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $\sqrt{\ker(M)}$  forms an ideal of  $M$  and the subgroup  $H_e$  is solvable.  $\square$

### 5 On completely regular $\mathcal{J}$ -classes

It is known that the kernel of a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  is a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $S$ , and every completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $S$  is completely simple (as a semigroup). In this section, we generalize the results about the kernel to completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes of linear algebraic semigroups.

The following construction plays an important role in this section.

**Proposition 5.1** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup. Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(S)$  be completely regular and let  $S_J = \{a \in S \mid aJ \subseteq J\}$ . Then  $S_J$  is a linear algebraic semigroup with kernel  $J$ . If  $S$  is irreducible,  $S_J$  is irreducible.*

*Proof* By [22, Corollary 3.16], we can assume that  $S$  is a closed subsemigroup of some  $M_n(K)$ . For any  $a, b \in S_J, abJ \subseteq aJ \subseteq J$ , so  $ab \in S_J$ , which implies  $S_J$  is a semigroup. Since  $J$  is completely regular,  $J^2 \subseteq J$ , thus  $J \subseteq S_J$ . Let  $e \in E(J)$ . Now we claim that  $S_J = \{a \in S \mid \det_e(a) \neq 0\}$ . Let  $a \in S$  such that  $ea \in J$ . Then  $e \mid ea \mid eae \mid e$ , thus  $ea \in J$ . Then for any  $b \in J$ , we have  $eab \in J$ . So  $ab \mid eab \mid b \mid ab$ , thus  $ab \in J$  which implies  $aJ \subseteq J$ . On the other hand, if  $b \in S$  with  $bJ \subseteq J$ , then  $ebe \in J$  since  $J^2 \subseteq J$ . Hence we get  $ea \in J$  if and only if  $aJ \subseteq J$ , i.e.,  $S_J = \{a \in S \mid \det_e(a) \neq 0\}$ . Similarly, we have  $ea \in J$  if and only if  $Ja \subseteq J$ . But by [22, Remark 3.23], we obtain that  $ea \in J$  if and only if  $\det_e(a) \neq 0$ . So

$$S_J = \{a \in S \mid Ja \subseteq J\} = \{a \in S \mid \det_e(a) \neq 0\}.$$

Note that  $J$  is an ideal of  $S_J$  and  $J$  is completely simple, thus  $J$  is the kernel of  $S$ . Since  $S_J = \{a \in S \mid \det_e(a) \neq 0\}$  which is open in  $S$ ,  $S_J$  is a linear algebraic semigroup with kernel  $J$ , and if  $S$  is irreducible,  $S_J$  is irreducible. □

Throughout this section, we use the notation  $S_J$  defined by

$$S_J = \{a \in S \mid aJ \subseteq J\},$$

for a linear algebraic semigroup  $S$  and a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class  $J$  of  $S$ . Let  $e \in E(S_J)$ . By [22, Remark 1.3(iii)], the  $\mathcal{H}$ -class of  $e$  in  $S$  is equal to the  $\mathcal{H}$ -class of  $e$  in  $S_J$ . Moreover, if  $f \in E(S)$  with  $e\mathcal{L}f$  in  $S$ , then  $ef = e, fe = f$ . Thus  $f \in S_J$  and  $e\mathcal{L}f$  in  $S_J$ . Therefore, we have that the two sets of idempotents of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -class of  $e$  in  $S$  and in  $S_J$  coincide. Similarly, the two sets of idempotents of the  $\mathcal{R}$ -class of  $e$  in  $S$  and in  $S_J$  coincide. Then applying the results of the structure of the kernel of  $S$  described in [9] for  $S_J$ , it is easy to give the structure of completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes of  $S$  by the following two corollaries directly.

**Corollary 5.2** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup. Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(S)$  be completely regular. Then*

(i) 
$$J = \bigcup_{h \in E(J)} H_h;$$

(ii) *for any  $e, f \in E(J)$ ,  $H_e$  is isomorphic to  $H_f$  as an algebraic group under the morphism given by  $x \mapsto gfx$  for some  $g \in E(J)$ .*

**Corollary 5.3** *Let  $S$  be a linear algebraic semigroup. Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(S)$  be completely regular, and  $e \in E(J)$ . Then*

(i)  $J = E(L_e)H_eE(R_e);$

(ii) under the Rees construction  $J = E(L_e) \times H_e \times E(R_e)$ ,

$$E(J) = \left\{ (f, (gf)^{-1}, g) \mid f \in E(L_e), g \in E(R_e) \right\},$$

which is isomorphic to  $E(L_e) \times E(R_e)$  as an algebraic variety.

**Theorem 5.4** Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ ,  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  and  $e \in E(J)$ . Then

$$\dim J = 2 \dim G + \dim H_e - \dim C_G^r(e) - \dim C_G^l(e).$$

In particular, if  $J$  is completely regular,

$$\dim J = \dim G - \dim G_e.$$

*Proof* The algebraic group  $G \times G$  acts on  $M$  via left and right multiplication:  $(g, h) \cdot x = gxh^{-1}$ . From [22, proposition 6.1], we know that the orbit of the element  $e \in E(M)$  under this action is just the  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $e$ ,  $J_e$ . Consider  $(G \times G)_e$ , the isotropy subgroup of  $e$  under the action of  $G \times G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (G \times G)_e &= \{(x, y) \in G \times G \mid xey^{-1} = e\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \in G \times G \mid xe = exe = eye = ey\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(G \times G)_e$  is a closed subgroup of  $G \times G$ , which contained in  $C_G^r(e) \times C_G^l(e)$ . By [22, Theorem 6.16] and its proof, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_G^r(e)e &= eC_G^l(e) = eC_G(e) = H_e, \\ \dim C_G^r(e) &= \dim G^r(e) + \dim H_e, \quad \dim C_G^l(e) = \dim G^l(e) + \dim H_e, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\dim C_G(e) = \dim G_e + \dim H_e$ .

Let  $\phi : (G \times G)_e \rightarrow H_e \times H_e$ , defined by  $(x, y) \mapsto (xe, ey)$ . Obviously,  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of algebraic groups. Then

$$\phi((G \times G)_e) = \{(xe, ey) \in H_e \times H_e \mid xe = ey\}$$

is isomorphic to  $H_e$  as algebraic groups. Hence  $\dim \phi((G \times G)_e) = \dim H_e$ . Note that  $\ker(\phi) = G^r(e) \times G^l(e)$ . So

$$\dim(G \times G)_e = \dim \phi((G \times G)_e) + \dim \ker(\phi) = \dim H_e + \dim G^r(e) + \dim G^l(e).$$

Since  $J$  is the  $G \times G$ -orbit of  $e$  in  $M$  and  $(G \times G)_e$  is the isotropy subgroup of  $e$ , we have  $\dim J = \dim(G \times G) - \dim(G \times G)_e = 2 \dim G - \dim H_e - \dim G^r(e) - \dim G^l(e) = 2 \dim G + \dim H_e - \dim C_G^r(e) - \dim C_G^l(e)$ .



If  $J$  is completely regular and  $e \in E(J)$ , then by Theorem 2.2,  $G = C_G^l(e)C_G^r(e)$ . Hence  $\dim G = \dim C_G^l(e) + \dim C_G^r(e) - \dim C_G(e)$ . So

$$\dim J = \dim G - \dim C_G(e) + \dim H_e = \dim G - \dim G_e.$$

□

If  $M$  is a linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , then the unit group of  $M_J$  is exactly the unit group  $G$  of  $M$ . Hence we can study the structure of the algebraic group  $G$  in term of the data of completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -classes of  $M$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $e \in E(\overline{R(G)})$  if only if  $J_e$  is a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $M$ . Then using the results about the kernel [8, Theorem 2.1], [10, Theorem 5.5], [11, Proposition 2.3, Theorem 2.4], we obtain the followings directly.

**Corollary 5.5** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , and let  $e \in E(\overline{R(G)})$ . Then*

- (i)  $\dim R(G) = \dim E(J_e) + \dim R(G_e) + \dim R(eGe)$ ;
- (ii)  $\dim R_u(G) = \dim E(J_e) + \dim R_u(G_e) + \dim R_u(eGe)$ .
- (iii)  $G$  is reductive if and only if  $G_e$  and  $J_e$  are both reductive groups.

**Corollary 5.6** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , and let  $e \in E(\overline{R(G)})$ . Let  $P$  be a parabolic subgroup of  $G$ . Then*

- (i)  $P = C_P(e)R(G) = C_P(e)R_u(G)$ ;
- (ii)  $P = C_P(e) \times R_u(G)$  if and only if  $G_e$  and  $H_e$  are both reductive groups;
- (iii) if  $G_e$  is a reductive group and  $J_e = E(J_e)$ , then  $P = P_e \times R_u(G)$ .

Now we want to generalize the results (Theorems 4.1, 4.2, 4.3) of the Schwarz radical to the case in terms of a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class  $J$  in an irreducible linear algebraic monoid  $M$ . First, we give some properties of  $M_J$ .

**Lemma 5.7** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid. Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class and  $e \in E(J)$ . Then  $a \mid e$  if and only if  $ea \mid e$  for any  $a \in M$ .*

*Proof* Let  $G$  be the unit group of  $M$ , and  $a \in M$ . If  $ea \mid e$ , then  $a \mid ea \mid e$ . So we only need to prove that if  $a \mid e$ , then  $ea \mid e$ . Suppose  $a \mid e$ . It follows from [22, Corollary 6.13] that  $a \in GM_eG$ , and thus there exist  $x, y \in G$  and  $b \in M_e$  such that  $a = xby$ . Thus  $ea = ebxye$ . And  $exbe = exeHe$  following Theorem 2.2. So  $exb \mid e$  which implies  $exb \in J$ . Clearly,  $ye \in J$ . Since  $J$  is completely regular,  $J^2 = J$ . Hence  $ea = ebxye \in J$  and thus  $ea \mid e$ . □

**Proposition 5.8** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , and let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class,  $e \in E(J)$ . Let  $S = M \setminus G = \cup_{i \in I} S_i$ , where  $S_i$  are the irreducible components of  $S$ . Then*

$$M_J = \{a \mid a \in M, a \mid e\} = GM_eG = M \setminus (\cup_{i \in \Delta} S_i),$$

where  $\Delta = \{i \in I \mid \text{for all } a \in S_i, a \nmid e\}$ .

*Proof* Given an element  $a \in M$ , by Lemma 5.7, we have  $a \mid e$  if and only if  $ea e \mid e$ . By the proof of Proposition 5.1,  $M_J = \{a \mid a \in M, ea e \mid e\}$ . Hence

$$M_J = \{a \mid a \in M, a \mid e\} = GM_eG$$

following [22, Corollary 6.13]. In particular,

$$a \nmid e \iff ea e \nmid e \iff ea e \notin H_e \iff \det_e(a) = 0.$$

Let  $I(e) = \{a \mid a \in M, a \nmid e\}$ . Then  $I(e) = \{a \mid a \in M, \det_e(a) = 0\}$  and thus  $M \setminus M_J = I(e)$ .

If  $M = G$ , then  $S = \emptyset$  and  $M_J = G$ . And if  $J = \ker(M)$ , then  $M_J = M$ . Suppose  $M \neq G$  and  $J \neq \ker(M)$ . Now we claim that  $I(e) = \cup_{i \in \Delta} S_i$ , where  $\Delta = \{i \in I \mid \text{for all } a \in S_i, a \nmid e\}$ . By [22, Theorem 3.15], we can assume that  $M$  is a closed submonoid of some  $M_n(K)$ . Consider  $\phi : M \rightarrow K$  given by  $\phi(a) = \det_e(a) = \det(eae + 1 - e)$ . Thus  $I(e) = \phi^{-1}(0)$ . By [22, Theorem 2.21], the dimension of every irreducible component of  $I(e)$  is  $p - 1$ . Since  $J$  is completely regular,  $\omega(e) = 1$ . From Theorem 2.2, we have  $eGe$  is the  $\mathcal{H}$ -class of  $e$ . Thus if  $a \in G$ , then  $ea e \in H_e$ , which implies  $a \notin I(e)$ . So  $I(e) \subseteq M \setminus G = S$ . Moreover, by [22, Proposition 6.2], the dimension of every irreducible component of  $S$  is  $p - 1$ . Hence every irreducible component of  $I(e)$  is also the irreducible component of  $S$ . Let  $S_0$  be an irreducible component of  $S$  which satisfy that for any element  $a \in S_0, a \nmid e$ . Then  $S_0 \subseteq I(e)$ . Hence  $I(e) = \cup_{i \in \Delta} S_i$ . Therefore,  $M_J = M \setminus I(e) = M \setminus (\cup_{i \in \Delta} S_i)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.9** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible submonoid of  $M_n(K)$  with unit group  $G$ , and let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class. Then*

$$\{a \in M \mid a^n \in J\} = \{a \in M_J \mid a^n \in J\}.$$

*Proof* If  $a \in M$  with  $a^n \in J$ . Let  $e \in E(J)$ . Then  $a \mid a^n \mid e$ . So  $a \notin I(e)$ . By Proposition 5.8,  $a \in M_J$ . Hence  $\{a \in M \mid a^n \in J\} = \{a \in M_J \mid a^n \in J\}$ .  $\square$

For an irreducible linear algebraic monoid  $M$  with unit group  $G$ . Let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class, we denote

$$\sqrt{J} = \{a \in M \mid a^i \in J \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$$

and  $\mathcal{R}(J) = \{a \in M \mid GaG \subseteq \sqrt{J}\}$ . By Proposition 3.4 and Corollary 5.9, it is easy to see that the Schwarz radical  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M_J)$  of  $M_J$  is equal to  $\mathcal{R}(J)$ . Moreover,  $J, \sqrt{J}$  and  $\mathcal{R}(J)$  are both affine variety. This is because  $M_J$  is an affine variety and  $J, \sqrt{J}, \mathcal{R}(J)$  are both closed in  $M_J$ .

For an irreducible linear algebraic monoid  $M$  with unit group  $G$ , there is a natural algebraic group  $G \times G$  acts on  $M$  via left and right multiplication:

$$(g, h) \cdot x = gxh^{-1} \text{ for } g, h \in G \text{ and } a \in M.$$

From [22, Proposition 6.1], we know that the orbit of an element  $a \in M$  under this action is just the  $\mathcal{J}$ -class of  $a$ ,  $J_a$ . Now we can give a generalization of the results in Sect. 4 in the language of linear algebraic group actions.

**Corollary 5.10** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , and let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class,  $e \in E(J)$ . Then*

- (i)  $G_e$  is reductive if and only if  $J$  is the unique  $G \times G$ -stable affine subvariety of  $M$  contained in  $\sqrt{J}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(J) = J$ );
- (ii)  $G_e$  is solvable if and only if  $\sqrt{J}$  is a  $G \times G$ -stable affine subvariety of  $M$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(J) = \sqrt{J}$ )

*Proof* Let  $M_J = \{a \in M \mid aJ \subseteq J\}$ . By Proposition 5.1,  $M_J$  is an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with kernel  $J$ . Obviously, the unit group of  $M_J$  is  $G$ . Moreover, as we see above, the radical of the kernel of  $M_J$  is equal to  $\sqrt{J}$ , and  $\mathcal{R} \ker(M_J) = \mathcal{R}_{M_J}(J) = \mathcal{R}(J)$ . By [22, Theorem 7.4],  $M_J$  is regular if and only if  $G_e$  is reductive since  $e \in E(J)$ . Apply Theorems 4.2 and 4.3 for  $M_J$ , we have  $G_e$  is reductive if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(J) = J$ , and  $G_e$  is solvable if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(J) = \sqrt{J}$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}(J) = \{a \in M \mid GaG \subseteq \sqrt{J}\}$  and  $J$  is the  $G \times G$ -orbit of  $e$  in  $M$ , we have that that  $\mathcal{R}(J) = J$  is equivalent to that  $J$  is the unique  $G \times G$ -stable affine subvariety of  $M$  contained in  $\sqrt{J}$ , and  $\mathcal{R}(J) = \sqrt{J}$  is equivalent to that  $\sqrt{J}$  is a  $G \times G$ -stable affine subvariety of  $M$ . □

As an immediate consequence of Corollary 5.5(iii), 5.10 and [22, Proposition 6.25] we have,

**Corollary 5.11** *Let  $M$  be an irreducible linear algebraic monoid with unit group  $G$ , let  $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$  be a completely regular  $\mathcal{J}$ -class. Then*

- (i)  $G$  is reductive if and only if  $J$  is both a reductive group and the unique  $G \times G$ -stable affine subvariety of  $M$  contained in  $\sqrt{J}$ ;
- (ii)  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $\sqrt{J}$  is a  $G \times G$ -stable affine variety and a maximal subgroup of  $J$  is solvable.

*Remark 5.12* Let  $M$  be an irreducible solvable linear algebraic monoid. Since  $M$  is an  $\pi r$ -semigroup, it is easy to verify that

$$M = \bigcup_{J \in \mathcal{U}(M)} \sqrt{J},$$

which is a semilattice of  $\sqrt{J}$  ( $J \in \mathcal{U}(M)$ ), and every  $\sqrt{J}$  is an archimedean semigroup and a nil extension of the completely simple semigroup  $J$ .

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