

# Regular Elements in a $\Gamma$ -incline

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## Abstract

Necessary and sufficient conditions for a  $\Gamma$ -incline to be regular are obtained. It is proved that every commutative regular  $\Gamma$ -incline is a distributive lattice. Characterizations of the generalized inverses of an element in a  $\Gamma$ -incline are obtained as a generalization and development of regular elements in an incline.

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of incline and their applications are described comprehensively by Cao, Kim and Roush[2]. Kim and Roush have surveyed and outlined the algebraic properties of incline and of matrices over incline [4]. Inclines are generalization of Boolean Algebra, Fuzzy Algebra and a special type of semiring. Inclines are additively idempotent semirings in which products are less than or equal to either factor. An element  $a$  in an incline  $R$  is said to be regular if there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $axa = a$ ,  $x$  is called the  $g$ -inverse of  $a$ . It is denoted as  $a^-$  and the set of all  $g$ -inverses denoted as  $a\{1\}$ . An incline  $R$  is said to be a regular incline if every element of  $R$  is regular [4].

The concept of  $\Gamma$ -ring introduced by Nobusawa [7] as a generalization of ring was later developed by Barnes [1]. Recently Mukherjee has studied about prime ideals, idempotency and commutativity on  $\Gamma$ -rings in [6].

In [3], Chinram and Siammai have discussed about  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , if a regular element in  $\mathcal{D}$ -class then every element of  $\mathcal{D}$ -class are regular and for each  $\mathcal{L}$ -class and  $\mathcal{R}$ -class contains at least one idempotent if  $\mathcal{D}$ -class is regular.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of a  $\Gamma$ -incline as an extension of an incline [2] and generalization of  $\Gamma$ -ring [1,6]. We establish some characterization of regular elements in a  $\Gamma$ -incline. In section 2, we present the basic definition and results required

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on inclines and  $\Gamma$ -ring. In section 3, equivalent conditions for regularity of an element in a  $\Gamma$ -incline are obtained as a generalization of regular elements found in our earlier work [5]. For regular elements in a  $\Gamma$ -incline it is proved that equality of right ideals coincide with equality of left ideals.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we shall present some definitions found in [1,3 and 6].

### Definition 2.1

A  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is said to be commutative if  $a\gamma b = b\gamma a$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

### Definition 2.2

An element  $e$  in a  $\Gamma$ -ring is said to be  $\gamma$ -idempotent (or) simply an idempotent for fixed  $\Gamma$ , if there exists  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $e\gamma e = e$ .

### Definition 2.3

An element  $a$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be regular if there exists  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = a\alpha x \beta a$ . A regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup in which each element of  $S$  is regular.

### Definition 2.4

A subset  $A$  of the  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$  is a right(left) ideal of  $M$  if  $A$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$  and  $A\Gamma M = \{ a\alpha c / a \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma, c \in M \} (M\Gamma A)$  is contained in  $A$ . If  $A$  is both a left and a right ideal then  $A$  is a two-sided ideal, or simply an ideal of  $M$ .

## 3. Regular elements in $\Gamma$ -incline

In this section, we introduce the concept of a  $\Gamma$ -incline and we derive a set of equivalent conditions for regularity of an element in a  $\Gamma$ -incline. We exhibit that a regular commutative  $\Gamma$ -incline is a distributive lattice. The equality of right (left) ideals of a pair of elements in a regular  $\Gamma$ -incline reduces to equality of the elements.

### Definition 3.1

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  are additive idempotent abelian semigroup and a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$ , written as  $(a, \alpha, b) \rightarrow (a\alpha b)$ . Then  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -incline if  $M$  satisfies the following:

$$x+y = y+x, x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z, x\alpha(y+z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z, (y+z)\alpha x = y\alpha x + z\alpha x$$

$$x\alpha(y\beta z) = (x\alpha y)\beta z, x+x = x, x+x\alpha y = x, y+x\alpha y = y$$

for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

In particular for  $M = \Gamma$ , it reduces to the definition of an incline [4]. Let  $(M, \leq)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -incline with order relation defined as  $x\alpha y \leq x$  if and only if  $x + x\alpha y = x$ , simply  $M$  denotes the  $\Gamma$ -incline with order relation  $\leq$ .

### Example 3.2

Let  $M$  be an arbitrary incline and let  $\Gamma$  be a semigroup. Define a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$  by  $a\alpha b = ab$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . It is easy to see that  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -incline. Thus an incline can be considered to be a  $\Gamma$ -incline.

### Definition 3.3

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -incline. An element  $a$  in  $M$  is said to be regular if there exist  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a\alpha x\beta a = a$  and  $x$  is called a 1-inverse of  $a$ , denoted as  $a^-$ .

### Remark 3.4

All idempotent elements are regular in a  $\Gamma$ -incline for some  $\Gamma$ .

### Definition 3.5

An element  $a \in M$  is called anti-regular if there exist an element  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , such that  $x\beta a\alpha x = x$  and  $x$  is called a 2-inverse (or) anti-inverse of  $a$ .

### Definition 3.6

For  $a \in M$ , if there exists  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , such that  $a\alpha x\beta a = a$ ,  $x\beta a\alpha x = x$  and  $a\alpha x = x\beta a$ , then  $x$  is called the Group inverse of  $a$ . The Group inverse of  $a$  is a commuting 1-2 inverse of  $a$ .

### Property 3.7

For  $x, y$  in a  $\Gamma$ -incline  $M$ ,  $x + y \geq x$  and  $x + y \geq y$ .

For  $x + y = (x + x) + y = x + (x + y)$  and  $x + y = x + (y + y) = (x + y) + y$

Thus  $x + y \geq x$  and  $x + y \geq y$ .

**Property 3.8** For  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,  $x\alpha y \leq x$  and  $x\alpha y \leq y$ .

### Lemma 3.9

Let  $a \in M$  be regular. Then  $a = a\alpha x = x\beta a$  for all  $x \in a\{1\}$  and for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

### Proof

If  $a$  is regular, then by Property (3.8)

$$a = a\alpha x\beta a \leq a\alpha x \leq a$$

Therefore  $aax = a$ .

Similarly, from  $a \leq x\beta a \leq a$ , it follows that  $a = x\beta a$ .

Thus,  $a = aax = x\beta a$  for all  $x \in a\{1\}$ .

### Lemma 3.10

For  $a \in M$ ,  $a$  is regular if and only if  $a$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent.

#### Proof

Let  $a \in M$  be regular. Then by Lemma (3.9)  $a = aax = x\beta a$  for all  $x \in a\{1\}$ .

$$a = aax\beta a = (aax)\beta a = a\beta a.$$

$$a = aax\beta a = aa(x\beta a) = aa a.$$

Thus  $a$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent.

Converse is trivial.

### Proposition 3.11

If  $a$  is regular, then  $a$  is the smallest  $g$ -inverse of  $a$ , that is,  $a \leq x$  for all  $x \in a\{1\}$ .

#### Proof

Let  $a$  be regular, then by Lemma (3.10),  $a \in a\{1\}$ . By Lemma (3.9)  $a = aax$  for all  $x \in a\{1\}$ . Hence by Property (3.8)  $a \leq x$ . Thus  $a$  is the smallest  $g$ -inverse of  $a$ .

### Proposition 3.12

Let  $M$  be a commutative  $\Gamma$ -incline,  $M$  is regular then  $M$  is a distributive lattice.

#### Proof

Let  $M$  be a regular  $\Gamma$ -incline then by Lemma (3.10) every element of  $M$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . For any  $x, y \in M$ ,  $(x + y)\alpha(x + y) = x\alpha x + x\alpha y + y\alpha x + y\alpha y = x + x\alpha y + y\alpha x + y = x + y$  (By Definition (3.1))

Similarly we can prove for  $(x + y)\beta(x + y) = x + y$ .

$x + y$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent and hence  $x + y$  is a regular element in  $M$

$$(x\alpha y)\alpha(x\alpha y) = x\alpha(y\alpha x)\alpha y = (x\alpha x)\alpha(y\alpha y) = x\alpha y$$

Similarly we can prove for  $(x\alpha y)\beta(x\alpha y) = x\alpha y$ .

$x\alpha y$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent and hence  $x\alpha y$  is a regular element in  $M$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$

By Property (3.7)  $x + y \geq x$  and  $x + y \geq y$

$x + y$  = least upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$  in  $M$

Now, let us take an element  $z \in M$ ,  $z \leq x$  and  $z \leq y$  then,  $z\alpha z \leq x\alpha y \Rightarrow z \leq x\alpha y$ .

$xay$  = greatest lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$  in  $M$ .

Thus  $M$  is a distributive lattice.

### Theorem 3.13

For  $a \in M$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $a$  is regular
- (ii)  $a$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$
- (iii)  $a\{1, 2\} = \{a\}$
- (iv) Group inverse of  $a$  exists and coincides with  $a$
- (v)  $v(\beta a)^2 = a = (a\alpha)^2 u$  for some  $u, v \in a\{1\}$  and for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

### Proof

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) This is precisely Lemma (3.10).

To prove the theorem it is enough to prove the following implications:

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) and (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) If  $a$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent, then  $a \in a\{1\}$ . For any  $x \in a\{1, 2\}$  we have  $x = x\beta a\alpha x$  and by Lemma (3.9) we get  $x = (x\beta a)\alpha x = a\alpha x = a$ . Therefore  $a\{1, 2\} = \{a\}$

Thus (iii) holds.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) If  $a\{1, 2\} = \{a\}$  then  $a$  is the only commuting 1-2 inverse of  $a$ . Therefore by Definition (3.6) the Group inverse of  $a$  exists and coincides with  $a$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) This is trivial.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Let  $a$  be regular, then by Lemma (3.9), for some  $v, u \in a\{1\}$ ,  $a = (a\alpha v)\beta a = (v\beta a)\beta a = v(\beta a)^2$

Similarly  $a = (a\alpha)^2 u$

Thus (v) holds.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $a = v(\beta a)^2$  and  $a = (a\alpha)^2 u$  for some  $v, u \in a\{1\}$ .

By Property (3.8),  $a = v(\beta a)^2 \leq v\beta a \leq a$

$$\Rightarrow a = v\beta a = v(\beta a)^2$$

$$a = v(\beta a)^2 = (v\beta a)\beta a = a\beta a$$

Therefore  $a$  is  $\beta$ -idempotent.

In similar manner we have  $\alpha$ -idempotent.

Thus (ii) holds.

Hence the proof.

### Lemma 3.14

Let  $M$  be a regular  $\Gamma$ -incline. For  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  the following hold:

- (i)  $b = y\alpha a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow b\alpha a \Rightarrow M\Gamma b \subseteq M\Gamma a$
- (ii)  $c = a\beta x \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow a\beta c \Rightarrow c\Gamma M \subseteq a\Gamma M$ .

### Proof

(i) Let  $b = y\alpha a$ , since  $a$  is regular. By Lemma (3.10)

$$baa = y\alpha(aaa) = y\alpha a = b$$

Thus  $b = y\alpha a \Rightarrow baa = b$

Let  $baa = b$  then for  $z \in M\Gamma b$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= x \gamma b \text{ for some } x \in M \text{ and } \gamma \in \Gamma \\ &= (x \gamma b)\alpha a \in M\Gamma a \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $b = baa \Rightarrow M\Gamma b \subseteq M\Gamma a$

Since  $b$  is regular, by Lemma (3.9)

$$b = b^{-\alpha}ab \in M\Gamma b, \text{ since } M\Gamma b \subseteq M\Gamma a$$

$$b = y\alpha a \text{ for some } y \in M.$$

Thus (i) holds.

(ii) It can be proved along the same lines as of (i) and hence omitted.

### Theorem 3.15

For  $a, b$  in a regular  $\Gamma$ -incline and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have the following:

$$M\Gamma a = M\Gamma b \Leftrightarrow a\Gamma M = b\Gamma M \Leftrightarrow a = b.$$

### Proof

Since  $M\Gamma a = M\Gamma b$ , implies  $M\Gamma a \subseteq M\Gamma b$  and  $M\Gamma b \subseteq M\Gamma a$

By Lemma (3.14) (i) we have

$$M\Gamma a \subseteq M\Gamma b \Rightarrow a = aab \Rightarrow a \leq b \quad (\text{By Property (3.8)})$$

$$\text{and } M\Gamma b \subseteq M\Gamma a \Rightarrow b = b\beta a \Rightarrow b \leq a \quad (\text{By Property (3.8)})$$

Therefore  $a = b$ . In a similar manner we can show  $a\Gamma M = b\Gamma M \Rightarrow a = b$ . On the other hand  $a = b$  automatically implies  $M\Gamma a = M\Gamma b$  and  $a\Gamma M = b\Gamma M$ .

### 4. Conclusion

The main results in the present paper are the generalization of the available results shown in the reference for elements in a regular incline [5].

We have introduced the concept of  $\Gamma$ -incline as an extension of an incline. An element  $a$  is regular if and only if  $a$  is  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $\beta$ -idempotent and  $a$  is the only 1-2 inverse of  $a$ . For elements in a  $\Gamma$ -incline it is proved that equality of right(left) ideals coincide with equality of elements.

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