

## SOME COMBINATORIAL RESULTS ON ALTERNATING SEMIGROUPS

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## Abstract

We constructed the elements of  $A_n^*$  alternating semigroup on  $n$ -objects. We also investigated the combinatorial properties of the idempotent and nilpotent elements.

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## Introduction

Let  $X_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then a (partial) transformation  $\alpha: \text{Doma } \alpha \subseteq X_n \rightarrow \text{Im } \alpha$  is said to be full or total if  $\text{Doma } \alpha = X_n$ , otherwise is called Strictly Partial. It is denoted by  $P_n$  when it is partial,  $T_n$  when it is full or total and  $C_n$  when it is one to one partial transformation semigroups. It is well known fact that if  $S = C_n$  then  $|S| = C_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} r!$  [Borwein (1989)].

Alternating group is the group formed by even permutation on an  $n$ -objects denoted by  $A_n$ . A permutation is said to be even if it can be expressed as a product of an even number of transpositions.

The idea of even permutation can be extended to that of an even chart. The even charts in  $C_n$  partial one to one forms the alternating semigroup on  $n$ -objects  $A_n^* \subseteq C_n$ . As expected  $A_n^* \cap S_n = A_n$ .

**Even Chart:** for  $\alpha \in C_n$  and  $m \in \text{Im } \alpha$ , " $\alpha$  moves  $m$ " when  $m\alpha \neq m$  and that " $\alpha$  fixes  $m$ " when  $m\alpha = m$ . For instance let  $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  then the transposition  $(i, j) \in S_n$  moves  $i$  and  $j$  while fixing each  $k \in N - \{i, j\}$ .

In other words, A chart is said to be even if it can be expressed as a product of an even number of transpositional.

**Transposition:** Transposition is a circuit of length two it formed by  $\{i, j\}$ .

**Transpositional:** A transpositional is a chart either transposition  $\{i, j\}$  or semitransposition  $\{i, j\}$ .

**Idempotent:** An element  $b$  in a transformation semigroup  $S$  is called an idempotent ( $b^2 = b$ ) if and only if  $\text{Im}(b) = \text{F}(b)$ .

**Nilpotent:** an element  $X$  in a semigroup with zero  $S_0$  is a nilpotent if there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $X^k = 0$ .

Borwein (1989a) derived the formula for the number of semigroups  $|S|$  in partial one-one transformation to be

$$C_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} r!$$

$$C_0 = 1, C_1 = 2$$

Borwein (1989b) also derived the formula for the number of semigroup of the order decreasing partial one-one transformation to be the bell number

$$B_{n+1} = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} B_r B_{n-r} = 1 = B_0$$

Borwein (1989c) also derived the formula for the number of Idempotent  $|E(S)|$  of the order-decreasing partial one-one transformation to be  $2^n$  for  $n \geq 1$

Umar in (1992) derived the formula for the Nilpotent  $|N(S)|$  of the order-decreasing partial one-one transformation to be bell number  $B_n$

Umar (2004) reported that the formula for the number of Idempotent  $|E(S)|$  in partial one-one transformation to be  $2^n$  for  $n \geq 1$

Laradji (2007) also derived the formula for the number of nilpotent element  $\text{fo}(N(S))$  in partial one-one transformation to be

$$|N(C_n)| = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} \binom{n-1}{r} r! = u_n$$

Where

$$u_n = (2n-1)u_{n-1} - (n-1)(n-2)u_{n-2}, u_0 = 1, u_1 = 1$$

Garba (1994a) derived the formula for the number of semigroup of the order preserving partial one-one transformation to be

$$C_0 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

Garba (1994b) also derived the formula for the number of Idempotent  $|E(S)|$  for the order preserving partial one-one transformation to be  $2^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Ganyushkin in (2003a) derived the formula for the number of semigroup of the order preserving and order decreasing partial one-one transformation to be  $I_{n+1}$  where

$$I_n = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n}{n-1}$$

Ganyushkin in (2003b) also derived the formula for the number of Idempotent  $|E(S)|$  of the order preserving and order decreasing partial one-one transformation to be  $2^n$  for  $n \geq 1$

Stephen Jimscomb derived the formula for the number of alternating semigroup in partial one-one transformation to be

$$|A_n^*| = \frac{n!}{2} + \frac{n!}{2} (n-1)! + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} r!$$

Identification of Elements of  $A_n^*$  In  $C_n$

# The List

The elements in  $C_1$   
For  $n=1$ , has 2 elements.

$C_1$	$(1)$
	$(1^2)$

The elements in  $C_2$   
For  $n=2$ , has 7 elements.

$C_2$	$(1, 2)$
	$(1^2)(2)$
	$(1^2)(2^2)$
	$(1^2)(2^3)$
	$(1^2)(2^4)$
	$(1^2)(2^5)$
	$(1^2)(2^6)$

The elements in  $C_3$

For  $n=3$ , has 34 elements

$C_3$	$(1, 2, 3)$
	$(1^2)(2^3)$
	$(1^2)(2^4)$
	$(1^2)(2^5)$
	$(1^2)(2^6)$
	$(1^2)(2^7)$
	$(1^2)(2^8)$
	$(1^2)(2^9)$
	$(1^2)(2^{10})$
	$(1^2)(2^{11})$
	$(1^2)(2^{12})$
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	$(1^2)(2^{26})$
	$(1^2)(2^{27})$
	$(1^2)(2^{28})$
	$(1^2)(2^{29})$
	$(1^2)(2^{30})$

The elements of partial one-one transformation semigroup of  $C_4$  and  $C_5$  were also generated but because of the space we could not display it. The table below shown the results

The Elements of Partial one-one Transformation Semigroup and Alternating Semigroup

Table 1

N	$C_n$	$A_n^+$
1	2	1
2	7	4
3	34	22
4	209	149
5	1546	1186

From the table 1 above, the sequences 2, 7, 34, 209, 1546, ... the general formular which was derived by [1] was

$$C_n = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} r!$$

$n \geq 2$ , moreover, for

$$C_n = 2nC_{n-1} - (n-1)!C_{n-2} \text{ with } r_0 = 1 \text{ and } r_1 = 2$$

According to [12] the sequences 1, 4, 22, 149, 1186, ... given the formular

From the sequences 1, 4, 8, 16, 32, ... and 1, 1, 13, 49, 501, ... in table 2, we were able to derived the formular for the numbers of Idempotent and Nilpotent elements in Alternating semi groups as

$$|EA_n^+| = 2^n \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

and

$$|NA_n^+| = \begin{cases} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} (n-r)! & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \sum_{r=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{r} (n-r)! & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

## Discussion and Conclusion

In this paper, partial one-one transformation semigroups has been successfully used to identified the number of elements of alternating semigroup  $A_n^+$  and the formular for the number of elements of idempotent and nilpotent were derived. The proof for the formular obtained is still in progress. Based on this paper, we have strong believe that many things can be deduced if further studies could be done. The theory of semigroup has it's scope widened to embrace many aspects of theoretical computer sciences, such as: automata theory, coding theory, computational theory and formal languages as well as applications in the sciences. It's also assist people and (Computers) in sorting data and designing better networks.

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