# ON MONOIDS OF ALMOST IDENTITY INJECTIVE PARTIAL SELFMAPS

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ABSTRACT. In the paper we study the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  of almost identity injective partial selfmaps of the set of cardinality  $\lambda$ . We describe the Green relations on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ , all (two-sided) ideals and all congruences of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . We prove that every Hausdorff hereditary Baire topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau)$  is a semitopological semigroup is discrete and describe the closure of the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  in a topological semigroup. Also we show that the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  does not embed into a compact topological semigroup and construct two non-discrete Hausdorff topologies turning  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  into a topological inverse semigroup.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In this paper all spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff. Furthermore we shall follow the terminology of [3, 5, 7, 9, 22]. By  $\omega$  we shall denote the first infinite cardinal and by |A| the cardinality of the set A. If Y is a subspace of a topological space X and  $A \subseteq Y$ , then by  $cl_Y(A)$  and  $Int_Y(A)$  we shall denote the topological closure and the interior of A in Y, respectively.

If a semigroup S we denote the semigroup S with the adjoined unit by  $S^1$  (see [5]).

An algebraic semigroup S is called *inverse* if for any element  $x \in S$  there exists the unique element  $x^{-1} \in S$  (called the *inverse* of x) such that  $xx^{-1}x = x$  and  $x^{-1}xx^{-1} = x^{-1}$ . If S is an inverse semigroup, then the function inv:  $S \to S$  which assigns to every element x of S its inverse element  $x^{-1}$  is called the *inversion*.

If S is a semigroup, then by E(S) we shall denote the *band* (i. e. the subset of idempotents) of S. If the band E(S) is a non-empty subset of S, then the semigroup operation on S determines the partial order  $\leq$  on E(S):  $e \leq f$  if and only if ef = fe = e. This order is called *natural*. A *semilattice* is a commutative semigroup of idempotents. A semilattice E is called *linearly ordered* or *chain* if the semilattice operation induces a linear natural order on E. A *maximal chain* of a semilattice E is a chain which is properly contained in no other chain of E. The Axiom of Choice implies the existence of maximal chains in any partially ordered set. According to [20, Definition II.5.12] a chain L is called an  $\omega$ -chain if L is isomorphic to  $\{0, -1, -2, -3, \ldots\}$  with the usual order  $\leq$ . Let E be a semilattice and  $e \in E$ . We denote  $\downarrow e = \{f \in E \mid f \leq e\}$  and  $\uparrow e = \{f \in E \mid e \leq f\}$ . By  $(\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda), \subseteq)$  we shall denote the free semilattice with identity over a cardinal  $\lambda \geq \omega$ , i. e.,  $\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda)$  is the set of all finite subsets of  $\lambda$  with the binary operation  $a \cdot b = a \cup b$ , for  $a, b \in \mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda)$ .

If S is a semigroup, then we shall denote by  $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{L}, \mathscr{D}$  and  $\mathscr{H}$  the Green relations on S (see [5]):

 $a\mathscr{R}b \text{ if and only if } aS^1 = bS^1;$   $a\mathscr{L}b \text{ if and only if } S^1a = S^1b;$   $a\mathscr{J}b \text{ if and only if } S^1aS^1 = S^1bS^1;$   $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{L} \circ \mathscr{R} = \mathscr{R} \circ \mathscr{L};$  $\mathscr{H} = \mathscr{L} \cap \mathscr{R}.$ 

A semigroup S is called *simple* if S does not contain proper two-sided ideals.

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A semitopological (resp. topological) semigroup is a topological space together with a separately (resp. jointly) continuous semigroup operation. An inverse topological semigroup with the continuous inversion is called a topological inverse semigroup.

Further we shall assume that a cardinal  $\lambda$  is infinite.

Let  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  denote the set of all partial one-to-one transformations of an infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  together with the following semigroup operation:  $x(\alpha\beta) = (x\alpha)\beta$  if  $x \in \operatorname{dom}(\alpha\beta) = \{y \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \mid y\alpha \in \operatorname{dom} \beta\}$ , for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$ . The semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  is called the *symmetric inverse semigroup* over the cardinal  $\lambda$  (see [5]). The symmetric inverse semigroup was introduced by Wagner [24] and it plays a major role in the theory of semigroups.

A partial map  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  is called *almost identity* if the set  $\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  is finite and  $(x)\alpha \neq x$  only for finitely many  $x \in \lambda$ . We denote

$$\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} = \{ \alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda} \mid \alpha \text{ is almost identity} \}.$$

Obviously,  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is an inverse subsemigroup of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\omega}$ . The semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is called the semigroup of all almost identity partial bijections of  $\lambda$ . We shall denote every element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\omega}$  by

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n \end{array} \middle| A\right)$$

and this means that the following conditions hold:

- (i) A is the maximal subset of  $\lambda$  with the finite complement such that  $\alpha|_A \colon A \to A$  is an identity map;
- (*ii*)  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  and  $\{y_1, \ldots, y_n\}$  are finite (not necessary non-empty) subsets of  $\lambda \setminus A$ ; and
- (*iii*)  $\alpha$  maps  $x_i$  into  $y_i$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

Further by I we shall denote the identity of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

Many semigroup theorists have considered topological semigroups of (continuous) transformations of topological spaces. Beĭda [2], Orlov [18, 19], and Subbiah [23] have considered semigroup and inverse semigroup topologies on semigroups of partial homeomorphisms of some classes of topological spaces.

Gutik and Pavlyk [12] considered the special case of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{n}$ : an infinite topological semigroup of  $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units  $B_{\lambda}$ . They showed that an infinite topological semigroup of  $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units  $B_{\lambda}$  does not embed into a compact topological semigroup and that  $B_{\lambda}$  is algebraically *h*-closed in the class of topological inverse semigroups. They also described the Bohr compactification of  $B_{\lambda}$ , minimal semigroup and minimal semigroup inverse topologies on  $B_{\lambda}$ .

Gutik, Lawson and Repovš [11] introduced the notion of a semigroup with a tight ideal series and investigated their closures in semitopological semigroups, in particular, in inverse semigroups with continuous inversion. As a corollary they showed that the symmetric inverse semigroup of finite transformations  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  of infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  is algebraically closed in the class of (semi)topological inverse semigroups with continuous inversion. They also derived related results about the nonexistence of (partial) compactifications of semigroups with a tight ideal series.

Gutik and Reiter [14] showed that the topological inverse semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  is algebraically *h*-closed in the class of topological inverse semigroups. They also proved that a topological semigroup S with countably compact square  $S \times S$  does not contain the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  for infinite cardinals  $\lambda$  and showed that the Bohr compactification of an infinite topological semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  is the trivial semigroup.

In [15] Gutik and Reiter showed that the symmetric inverse semigroup of finite transformations  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  of infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  is algebraically closed in the class of semitopological inverse semigroups with continuous inversion. Also there they described all congruences on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  and all compact and countably compact topologies  $\tau$  on  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}, \tau)$  is a semitopological semigroup.

Gutik, Pavlyk and Reiter [13] showed that a topological semigroup of finite partial bijections  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  of infinite set with a compact subsemigroup of idempotents is absolutely *H*-closed. They proved that no Hausdorff countably compact topological semigroup and no Tychonoff topological semigroup with pseudocompact square contain  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  as a subsemigroup. They proved that every continuous homomorphism from a topological semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^n_{\lambda}$  into a Hausdorff countably compact topological semigroup or

Tychonoff topological semigroup with pseudocompact square is annihilating. They also gave sufficient conditions for a topological semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^1_{\lambda}$  to be non-*H*-closed and showed that the topological inverse semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^1_{\lambda}$  is absolutely *H*-closed if and only if the band  $E(\mathscr{I}^1_{\lambda})$  is compact [13].

In [16] Gutik and Repovš studied the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\infty}^{\nearrow}(\mathbb{N})$  of partial cofinite monotone bijective transformations of the set of positive integers N. They show that the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\mathcal{N}}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  has algebraic properties similar to the bicyclic semigroup: it is bisimple and all of its non-trivial group homomorphisms are either isomorphisms or group homomorphisms. They prove that every locally compact topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathscr{I}^{\nearrow}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\nearrow}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}), \tau)$  is a topological inverse semigroup, is discrete and describe the closure of  $(\mathscr{I}^{\nearrow}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}), \tau)$  in a topological semigroup.

In [4] Gutik and Chuchman studied the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\mathcal{P}}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  of partial co-finite almost monotone bijective transformations of the set of positive integers N. They showed that the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\mathcal{P}}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ has algebraic properties similar to the bicyclic semigroup: it is bisimple and all of its non-trivial group homomorphisms are either isomorphisms or group homomorphisms. Also they proved that every Baire topologies on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\not \triangleright}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}).$ 

In this paper we study the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  of almost identity injective partial selfmaps of the set of cardinality  $\lambda$ . We describe the Green relations on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ , all (two-sided) ideals and all congruences of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . We prove that every Hausdorff hereditary Baire topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau)$  is a semitopological semigroup is discrete and describe the closure of the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  in a topological semigroup. Also we show that the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  does not embed into a compact topological semigroup and construct two non-discrete Hausdorff topologies turning  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  into a topological inverse semigroup.

# 2. Algebraic properties of the semigroup $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$

The definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  implies the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.1.** A partial map  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  is an element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  if and only if the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \alpha|$ ; and
- (ii) there exists a subset  $A \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap \operatorname{ran} \alpha$  such that  $\lambda \setminus A$  is a finite subset of  $\lambda$  and the restriction  $\alpha|_A \colon A \to A$  is the identity map.

#### (i) An element $\alpha$ of the semigroup $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ is an idempotent if and only if $(x)\alpha = x$ Proposition 2.2. for every $x \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ .

- (ii) If  $\varepsilon, \iota \in E(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty})$ , then  $\varepsilon \leq \iota$  if and only if dom  $\varepsilon \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \iota$ .
- (iii) The semilattice  $E(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty})$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda), \subseteq)$  under the mapping  $(\varepsilon)h = \lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon$ .
- (iv) Every maximal chain in  $E(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$  is an  $\omega$ -chain.
- (v)  $\alpha \mathscr{R} \beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  if and only if dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta$ . (vi)  $\alpha \mathscr{L} \beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  if and only if  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha = \operatorname{ran} \beta$ .
- (vii)  $\alpha \mathscr{H} \beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  if and only if dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta$  and  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha = \operatorname{ran} \beta$ .
- (viii)  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  if and only if  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ .
- (ix) If n is a non-negative integer, then for every  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ there exist  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha = \gamma \cdot \beta \cdot \delta$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \delta| = n$ .
- (x) For every non-negative integer n the set  $I_n = \{ \alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| \ge n \}$  is an ideal in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Moreover, for every ideal I in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  there exists an integer  $n \ge 0$  such that I is isomorphic to  $I_n$ .
- $(xi) \ \mathscr{D} = \mathscr{J} \ in \ \mathscr{I}^\infty_\lambda$
- (xii) If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are infinite cardinals such that  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$  then  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda_1}^{\infty}$  is a subsemigroup of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda_2}$ .

*Proof.* Statements (i) - (iv) are trivial and they follow from the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\infty}(\lambda)$ .

(v) Let be  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \mathscr{R}\beta$ . Since  $\alpha \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \beta \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  and  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is an inverse semigroup, Theorem 1.17 [5] implies that  $\alpha \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \alpha \alpha^{-1} \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \beta \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \beta \beta^{-1} \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  and hence  $\alpha \alpha^{-1} = \beta \beta^{-1}$ . Therefore we get that dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta$ .

Conversely, let be  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that dom  $\alpha = \text{dom }\beta$ . Then  $\alpha \alpha^{-1} = \beta \beta^{-1}$ . Since  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is an inverse semigroup, Theorem 1.17 [5] implies that  $\alpha \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \alpha \alpha^{-1} \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \beta \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  and hence  $\alpha \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} = \beta \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

The proof of statement (vi) is similar to (v).

Statement (vii) follows from (v) and (vi).

(viii) Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  be such that  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$ . Then there exists  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}\gamma$  and  $\gamma \mathscr{R}\beta$ . Therefore by statements (v) and (vi) we have that  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha = \operatorname{ran} \gamma$  and  $\operatorname{dom} \gamma = \operatorname{dom} \beta$ . Then Proposition 2.1 implies that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \gamma| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma|$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \beta| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ , and hence we get that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ .

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ . Then Proposition 2.1 implies that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \beta| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ . Let  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $A_{\beta}$  be maximal subsets of  $\lambda$  such that the sets  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha}$  and  $\lambda \setminus A_{\beta}$  are finite and the restrictions  $\alpha|_{A_{\alpha}} : A_{\alpha} \to A_{\alpha}$  and  $\beta|_{A_{\beta}} : A_{\beta} \to A_{\beta}$  are identity maps. We put  $A = A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}$ . Since  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha}$  and  $\lambda \setminus A_{\beta}$  are finite subsets of  $\lambda$  we conclude that  $\lambda \setminus A$  is a finite subset of  $\lambda$  too. Since  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| < \omega$  Proposition 2.1 implies that

 $|\operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus A| = |\operatorname{ran} \alpha \setminus A| = |\operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus A| = |\operatorname{ran} \beta \setminus A| = n$ 

for some non-negative integer n. If n = 0, then  $\alpha = \beta$ . Suppose that  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} = \operatorname{ran} \alpha \setminus A$ and  $\{y_1, \ldots, y_n\} = \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus A$ . We define

$$\gamma = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{array} \middle| A \right).$$

Then by statements (v) and (vi) we have that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}\gamma$  and  $\gamma \mathscr{R}\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Hence  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

(ix) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ for some non-negative integer n. Let  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $A_{\beta}$  be maximal subsets of  $\lambda$  such that the sets  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha}$ and  $\lambda \setminus A_{\beta}$  are finite and the restrictions  $\alpha|_{A_{\alpha}} : A_{\alpha} \to A_{\alpha}$  and  $\beta|_{A_{\beta}} : A_{\beta} \to A_{\beta}$  are identity maps. We put  $A = A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}$ . Since  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha}$  and  $\lambda \setminus A_{\beta}$  are finite subsets of  $\lambda$  we conclude that  $\lambda \setminus A$  is a finite subset of  $\lambda$  too. Since  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$  the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  implies that  $|\operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus A| = |\operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus A| < \omega$ . If  $\operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus A = \operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus A = \emptyset$  then  $\alpha = \beta$  and hence  $\alpha = \gamma \cdot \beta \cdot \delta$  for  $\gamma = \delta = \mathbb{I}$ . Otherwise we put  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\} = \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus A, \{y_1, \ldots, y_k\} = \operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus A,$  $b_1 = (y_1)\beta, \ldots, b_k = (y_k)\beta$  and  $a_1 = (x_1)\alpha, \ldots, a_k = (x_k)\alpha$ , for some positive integer k. We define

$$\gamma = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \cdots & x_k \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_k \end{array} \middle| A \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} b_1 & \cdots & b_k \\ a_1 & \cdots & a_k \end{array} \middle| A \right).$$

Then  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \delta| = n \text{ and } \alpha = \gamma \cdot \beta \cdot \delta.$ 

(x) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are almost identity partial bijections of the cardinal  $\lambda$  we conclude that

 $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\alpha \cdot \beta)| \ge \max\{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\}.$ 

This implies the first assertion of statement (x).

Let I be an ideal in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Then the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  implies that there exists  $\alpha \in I$  such that

 $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = \min\{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| \mid \gamma \in I\}.$ 

Then  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = n$  for some integer  $n \ge 0$ . Hence  $I \subseteq I_n$  and by statement (ix) we get that  $I_n \subseteq I$ . This implies the second assertion of the statement.

Statement (xi) follows from statement (ix).

(xii) Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ \end{pmatrix}$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda_1}^{\infty}$  and  $B = \lambda_2 \setminus \lambda_1$ . We put

 $\widetilde{\alpha} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n \end{array} \middle| A \cup B \right).$ 

Obviously that  $\widetilde{\alpha} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda_2}^{\infty}$ . Simple verifications show that the map  $h: \mathscr{I}_{\lambda_1}^{\infty} \to \mathscr{I}_{\lambda_2}^{\infty}$  defined by the formula  $(\alpha)h = \widetilde{\alpha}$  is an isomorphic embedding of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda_1}^{\infty}$  into  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda_2}^{\infty}$ .

Later we shall need the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $\lambda$  be an arbitrary infinite cardinal. Then for every finite subset  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  of  $\lambda$  the semigroups  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and  $\mathscr{I}_{\eta}^{\infty}$  are isomorphic for  $\eta = \lambda \setminus \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda$  is infinite we conclude that there exists a bijective map  $f: \lambda \to \eta$ . Then the bijection f generates a map  $h: \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \to \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\eta}$  such that the following condition holds:

$$(\alpha_{\lambda})h = \alpha_{\eta}$$
 if and only if  $((x)f)\alpha_{\eta} = ((x)\alpha_{\lambda})f$  for every  $x \in \lambda$ .

where  $\alpha_{\lambda} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and  $\alpha_{\eta} \in \mathscr{I}_{\eta}^{\infty}$ .

Now we shall show that so defined map h is injective. Suppose to the contrary that there exist distinct elements  $\alpha_{\lambda}, \beta_{\lambda} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $(\alpha_{\lambda})h = (\beta_{\lambda})h$ . We denote  $\alpha_{\eta} = (\alpha_{\lambda})h$  and  $\beta_{\eta} = (\beta_{\lambda})h$ . Then dom  $\alpha_{\eta} = \text{dom } \beta_{\eta}$  and ran  $\alpha_{\eta} = \text{ran } \beta_{\eta}$  and since  $f \colon \lambda \to \eta$  is a bijective map we conclude that dom  $\alpha_{\lambda} = \operatorname{dom} \beta_{\lambda}$  and  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha_{\lambda} = \operatorname{ran} \beta_{\lambda}$ . Therefore there exists  $x \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha_{\lambda}$  such that  $(x)\alpha_{\lambda} \neq (x)\beta_{\lambda}$ . Since  $(\alpha_{\lambda})h = (\beta_{\lambda})h$  we have that  $((x)f)\alpha_{\eta} = ((x)f)\beta_{\eta}$ . But  $((x)f)\alpha_{\eta} = ((x)\alpha_{\lambda})f$  and  $((x)f)\beta_{\eta} = (x)\beta_{\eta}h$  $((x)\beta_{\lambda})f$  and since the map  $f: \lambda \to \eta$  is bijective we conclude that  $(x)\alpha_{\lambda} = (x)\beta_{\lambda}$ , a contradiction. The obtained contradiction implies that the map  $h\colon \mathscr{I}^\infty_\lambda\to \mathscr{I}^\infty_\eta$  is injective.

Let

$$\alpha_{\eta} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n \end{array} \middle| A \right)$$

be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\eta}^{\infty}$ , where  $A \subseteq \eta$  and  $x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n \in \eta$ . Since the map  $f: \lambda \to \eta$  is bijective we conclude that

$$\alpha_{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} (x_1)f^{-1} & \cdots & (x_n)f^{-1} \\ (y_1)f^{-1} & \cdots & (y_n)f^{-1} \\ \end{pmatrix} (A)f^{-1}$$

is a partial bijective map from  $\lambda$  into  $\lambda$  such that the sets  $\lambda \setminus dom\alpha_{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda \setminus ran\alpha_{\lambda}$  are finite. Therefore

 $\alpha_{\lambda} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and hence the map  $h: \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \to \mathscr{I}_{\eta}^{\infty}$  is bijective. Now we prove that the map  $h: \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \to \mathscr{I}_{\eta}^{\infty}$  is a homomorphism. We fix arbitrary elements  $\alpha_{\lambda}, \beta_{\lambda} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and denote  $\alpha_{\eta} = (\alpha_{\lambda})h$  and  $\beta_{\eta} = (\beta_{\lambda})h$ . Then for every  $x \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha_{\lambda}$  we have that

$$((x)f)(\alpha_{\eta} \cdot \beta_{\eta}) = (((x)f)\alpha_{\eta})\beta_{\eta} = (((x)\alpha_{\lambda})f)\beta_{\eta} = (((x)\alpha_{\lambda})\beta_{\lambda})f = ((x)(\alpha_{\lambda} \cdot \beta_{\lambda}))f,$$

and hence  $(\alpha_{\lambda} \cdot \beta_{\lambda})h = \alpha_{\eta} \cdot \beta_{\eta} = (\alpha_{\lambda})h \cdot (\beta_{\lambda})h.$ 

Therefore h is an isomorphism from the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  onto  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{n}$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\lambda$  be an arbitrary infinite cardinal. Then for every idempotent  $\varepsilon$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  the semigroups  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon \cdot \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \cdot \varepsilon$  and  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  are isomorphic.

*Proof.* Since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}(\varepsilon) &= \varepsilon \cdot \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon \cdot \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \cap \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \cdot \varepsilon = \\ &= \{ \alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \operatorname{dom} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon \} \cap \{ \alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \operatorname{ran} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \varepsilon \} = \\ &= \{ \alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \operatorname{dom} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon \text{ and } \operatorname{ran} \alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \varepsilon \}, \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.3 implies the assertion of the proposition.

**Proposition 2.5.** For every  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ , both sets  $\{\chi \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \alpha \cdot \chi = \beta\}$  and  $\{\chi \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \chi \cdot \alpha = \beta\}$  are finite. Consequently, every right translation and every left translation by an element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is a finite-to-one map.

*Proof.* We denote  $S = \{\chi \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \mid \alpha \cdot \chi = \beta\}$  and  $T = \{\chi \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \mid \alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha \cdot \chi = \alpha^{-1} \cdot \beta\}$ . Then  $S \subseteq T$  and the restriction of any partial map  $\chi \in T$  to dom $(\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha)$  coincides with the partial map  $\alpha^{-1} \cdot \beta$ . Since every partial map from the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is almost identity we have that there exist maximal subsets  $A_{\alpha^{-1}\alpha}$  and  $A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}$  in  $\lambda$  such that the sets  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha^{-1}\alpha}$  and  $\lambda \setminus A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}$  are finite and the

restrictions  $(\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha)|_{A_{\alpha^{-1}\alpha}} \colon A_{\alpha^{-1}\alpha} \to A_{\alpha^{-1}\alpha}$  and  $(\alpha^{-1} \cdot \beta)|_{A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}} \colon A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta} \to A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}$  are identity maps. We put  $A = A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta} \cap A_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}$ . Then the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  implies that the restrictions  $(\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha)|_A \colon A \to A$  and  $(\alpha^{-1} \cdot \beta)|_A \colon A \to A$  are identity maps and the set  $\lambda \setminus A$  is finite. This implies that the set T is finite and hence the set S is finite too.  $\Box$ 

For an arbitrary non-empty set  $\lambda$  by  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  we denote the group of all bijective transformations of  $\lambda$  with finite supports (i. e.,  $\alpha \in S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  if and only if the set  $\{x \in \lambda \mid (x) \alpha \neq x\}$  is finite).

The definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  implies the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.6.** Every maximal subgroup of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is isomorphic to  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$ .

3. On congruences on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ 

If  $\mathfrak{R}$  is an arbitrary congruence on a semigroup S, then we denote by  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}: S \to S/\mathfrak{R}$  the natural homomorphisms from S onto  $S/\mathfrak{R}$ . Also we denote by  $\Omega_S$  and  $\Delta_S$  the *universal* and the *identity* congruences, respectively, on the semigroup S, i. e.,  $\Omega(S) = S \times S$  and  $\Delta(S) = \{(s,s) \mid s \in S\}$ .

The following lemma follows from the definition of a congruence on a semilattice:

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\Re$  is an arbitrary congruence on a semilattice E. Let a and b be elements of the semilattice E such that  $a\Re b$ . Then

- (i)  $a\Re(ab)$ ; and
- (ii) if  $a \leq b$  then a  $\Re c$  for all  $c \in E$  such that  $a \leq c \leq b$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Let  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varphi$  be idempotents of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\varepsilon \mathfrak{R} \varphi$  and  $\varepsilon \leqslant \varphi$ . If  $|\operatorname{dom} \varphi \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon| = 1$  then the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $\varphi \mathfrak{R} \iota$  for all idempotents  $\iota \in \downarrow \varphi$ ; and
- (ii)  $\varphi \Re \chi$  for all idempotents  $\chi \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \chi|$ .

*Proof.* (i) First we shall show that  $\varphi \Re \psi$  for all idempotents  $\psi \in \downarrow \varepsilon$ . By Proposition 2.2 (iv) there exists a maximal (not necessary unique)  $\omega$ -chain L in  $E(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$  which contains  $\varepsilon$  and  $\psi$ . Let  $L_0 = \{\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n\}$ be a maximal subchain in L such that  $\psi = \varepsilon_n < \ldots < \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon$ , where n is some positive integer. The existence of the subchain L follows from Proposition 2.2 (iv) too. Let

 $x_n = \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_{n-1} \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_n, x_{n-1} = \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_{n-2} \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_{n-1}, \dots, x_2 = \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_1 \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_2, x_1 = \operatorname{dom} \varphi \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_1.$ We put

$$\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_$$

Then we have that

and hence  $\varepsilon_1 \Re \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2 \Re \varepsilon_3, \ldots, \varepsilon_{n-1} \Re \varepsilon_n$ . Since  $\varphi \Re \varepsilon$  we have that  $\varphi \Re \varepsilon_n$ . This completes the proof of the statement.

Let  $\iota$  be an arbitrary idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\iota \in \downarrow \varphi$ . We put  $\iota_0 = \varepsilon \cdot \iota$ . Then by previous part of the proof we have that  $\iota_0 \Re \varphi$  and hence by Lemma 3.1 we get  $\iota \Re \varphi$ .

(*ii*) Let  $\chi$  be an arbitrary idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\varphi \neq \chi$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \chi|$ . Then  $\varepsilon \cdot \chi \leq \varphi$  and hence by statement (*ii*) we get that  $(\varepsilon \cdot \chi) \Re \varphi$ . Since  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \chi|$  we conclude that  $|\operatorname{dom} \varphi \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\varepsilon \cdot \chi)| = |\operatorname{dom} \chi \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\varepsilon \cdot \chi)|$ . Let be  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\} = \operatorname{dom} \varphi \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\varepsilon \cdot \chi)$  and  $\{y_1, \ldots, y_k\} = \operatorname{dom} \chi \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\varepsilon \cdot \chi)$ . We put

$$\alpha = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & \cdots & x_k \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_k \end{array} \middle| \operatorname{dom}(\varepsilon \cdot \chi) \right).$$

Then  $\alpha^{-1} \cdot \varphi \cdot \alpha = \chi$  and  $\alpha^{-1} \cdot (\varepsilon \cdot \chi) \cdot \alpha = \varepsilon \cdot \chi$ . Therefore we get that  $(\varepsilon \cdot \chi) \Re \chi$  and hence  $\varphi \Re \chi$ . This completes the proof of our statement.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  and  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varphi$  be distinct  $\mathfrak{R}$ -equivalent idempotents of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Then  $\alpha \mathfrak{R} \varepsilon$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that

$$|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| \ge \min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|\}$$

*Proof.* In the case when  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  the statement of the theorem follows from Lemma 3.1 and Proposition 3.2.

Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an arbitrary non-idempotent element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| \geq 1$  $\max\{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|\}$ . Since  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is an inverse semigroup we have that  $\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha = \alpha$  and Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 imply that

$$|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha^{-1}| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} (\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha)| \ge \min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|\}.$$

Hence  $(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) \Re \varepsilon$  and by Proposition 3.2 we have that  $(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) \Re \iota$  for every idempotent  $\iota$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\iota \in \downarrow \varepsilon$ . Definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  implies that for every  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  there exists an idempotent  $\varsigma_{\alpha} \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \cdot \varsigma = \varsigma \cdot \alpha = \varsigma \cdot (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) = \varsigma$  for all idempotents  $\varsigma \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\varsigma \in \downarrow \varsigma_{\alpha}$ . Let  $\nu = \varsigma_{\alpha} \cdot \varepsilon$ . Then  $(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) \Re \nu$  and  $\alpha \cdot \nu = \nu \cdot \alpha = \nu \cdot (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) = \nu$ . Therefore we get

$$(\alpha)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} = (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} = (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} \cdot (\alpha)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} = (\nu)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} \cdot (\alpha)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} = (\nu \cdot \alpha)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}} = (\nu)\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$$
  
 
$$\mathfrak{R}\nu.$$
 Hence we have that  $\alpha\mathfrak{R}\varepsilon.$ 

and  $\alpha \Re \nu$ . Hence we have that  $\alpha \Re \varepsilon$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Let  $\varepsilon$  be an idempotent of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon| \ge 1$  and the following conditions hold:

- (i) there exists an idempotent  $\varphi \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\varepsilon \Re \varphi$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varphi| \ge |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|$ ; and
- (ii) does not exist an idempotent  $\psi \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\varepsilon \Re \psi$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \psi| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|$ .

Then there exists no element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\varepsilon \Re \alpha$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|$ .

*Proof.* Suppose to the contrary that there exists  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\varepsilon \Re \alpha$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|$ . Since  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is an inverse semigroup Lemma III.1.1 [20] implies that  $\varepsilon \Re \alpha^{-1}$  and hence  $\varepsilon \Re (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})$ . But  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon|$ , a contradiction. An obtained contradiction implies the statement of the proposition. 

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be non- $\mathscr{H}$ equivalent elements of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$ . Then  $\gamma \Re \alpha$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that

 $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| \ge \min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\}.$ 

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are non- $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent elements of the inverse semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we conclude that at least one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} \neq \beta \cdot \beta^{-1}$ ;
- (ii)  $\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha \neq \beta^{-1} \cdot \beta$ .

Suppose that the case  $\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} \neq \beta \cdot \beta^{-1}$  holds. In the other case the proof is similar. Since  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is an inverse semigroup Lemma III.1.1 [20] implies that  $\beta^{-1} \Re \alpha^{-1}$  and hence  $(\beta \cdot \beta^{-1}) \Re (\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})$ . Then we have that

> $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})|$  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} (\beta \cdot \beta^{-1})|$ and

and hence the assumptions of the Theorem 3.3 hold. This completes the proof of the proposition.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ equivalent elements of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$ , then  $\gamma \Re \alpha$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that

 $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| > \min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\}.$ 

*Proof.* Since  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is an inverse semigroup Theorem 2.20 [5] and Proposition 2.2 (*viii*) imply that without loss of generality we can assume that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are elements of a maximal subgroup  $H(\varepsilon)$  of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  with unity  $\varepsilon$ . Since  $(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1}) \Re(\beta \cdot \alpha^{-1})$  we can assume that  $\alpha$  is an identity of the subgroup  $H(\varepsilon)$ . Let  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  such that  $(x)\beta \neq x$ . We put  $\varepsilon_1$ :  $\operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus \{x\} \to \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus \{x\}$  be an identity map. Then  $\varepsilon_1 \cdot \alpha = \varepsilon_1$  and  $\operatorname{ran}(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \beta) \neq \operatorname{ran}(\varepsilon_1)$ . Therefore by Proposition 2.2 (vii) we get that the elements  $\varepsilon_1$ 

and  $\varepsilon_1 \cdot \beta$  are not  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent. Since  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon_1| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \beta)|$  we have that the assumptions of Proposition 3.5 hold. This completes the proof of the proposition. 

Theorem 3.3 and Propositions 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 imply the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an arbitrary congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be  $\mathscr{H}$ equivalent elements of  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$  and suppose that there does not exist  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \gamma \text{ and } |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|. \text{ Then elements } \mu, \nu \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \text{ with } |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \mu| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| \text{ and } |\lambda| = 0$  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \nu| < |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|$  are  $\mathfrak{R}$ -equivalent if and only if  $\mu = \nu$ .

**Definition 3.8.** For every non-negative integer n we denote by  $\mathfrak{K}_n(I)$  the congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  generated by the ideal  $I_n$ , i. e.,  $\mathfrak{K}_n(I) = (I_n \times I_n) \cup \Delta(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$ . We observe that  $\mathfrak{K}_0(I) = \Omega(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$ .

**Remark 3.9.** The group  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  has only one non-trivial normal subgroup: that is a group  $A_{\infty}(\lambda)$  of all even permutations of the set  $\lambda$  (see [10, pp. 313–314, Example] or [17]). Therefore every non-trivial homomorphism of  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  is either an isomorphism or its image is a two-elements cyclic group.

**Definition 3.10.** Fix an arbitrary non-negative integer n. We shall say that elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  are  $n_{\mathcal{S}_{\infty}}$ -equivalent if the following conditions hold:

(i) 
$$\alpha \mathscr{H} \beta$$
; and

(i) 
$$\alpha \mathscr{H} \beta$$
; and  
(ii)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ 

We define a relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  as follows:

$$\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty}) = \{(\alpha,\beta) \mid (\alpha,\beta) \in n_{\mathsf{S}_{\infty}}\} \cup (I_{n+1} \times I_{n+1}) \cup \Delta(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}).$$

Simple verifications show that so defined relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)$  on  $\mathscr{I}_\lambda^\infty$  is an equivalence relation for every non-negative integer n.

**Proposition 3.11.** The relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(S_{\infty})$  is a congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

*Proof.* First we consider the case when n = 0. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are distinct elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \mathfrak{K}_0(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})\beta$ , then either  $\alpha, \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$  or  $\alpha, \beta \in I_1$ . Suppose that  $\alpha, \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$ . Then for every  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we have that either  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma \in H(\mathbb{I})$  or  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma \in I_1$ , and similarly we get that either  $\gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$  or  $\gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta \in I_1$ . If  $\alpha, \beta \in I_1$  then for every  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we have that  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma, \alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma \in I_1$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{K}_0(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})$  is a congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

Suppose that n is an arbitrary positive integer. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be distinct elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})\beta$ . The definition of the relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})$  implies that only one of the following conditions holds:

(i)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ ; or

(*ii*)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| > n$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| > n$ .

First we suppose that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . We consider two cases:

- a) dom  $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$ ; and
- b) dom  $\alpha \not\subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$ .

Since the elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  Proposition 2.2 (vii) implies that in case a) we have that  $\operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \alpha) = \operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \beta)$  and  $\operatorname{ran}(\gamma \cdot \alpha) = \operatorname{ran}(\gamma \cdot \beta)$ . Then again by Proposition 2.2 (vii) the elements  $\gamma \cdot \alpha$  and  $\gamma \cdot \beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Since dom  $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$  we get that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \alpha)| =$  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \beta)| = n$ . Hence we obtain that  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)(\gamma \cdot \beta)$ . In case b) we have that  $\gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta \in I_{n+1}$ and hence  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})(\gamma \cdot \beta)$ .

The proof the assertion that  $\alpha \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)\beta$  implies  $(\alpha \cdot \delta)\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)(\beta \cdot \delta)$  for every  $\delta \in \mathscr{I}_\lambda^\infty$  is similar.

Suppose that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| > n$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| > n$ . Then  $\alpha, \beta \in I_{n+1}$ . By Proposition 2.2 (x) we have that  $\gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta, \alpha \cdot \delta, \beta \cdot \delta \in I_{n+1}$  and hence  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)(\gamma \cdot \beta)$  and  $(\alpha \cdot \delta) \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_\infty)(\beta \cdot \delta)$  for all  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . This completes the proof of the proposition. 

**Definition 3.12.** Fix an arbitrary non-negative integer n. We shall say that elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  are  $n_{A_{\infty}}$ -equivalent if the following conditions hold:

(i)  $\alpha \mathscr{H} \beta$ ;

(*ii*)  $\alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ ; and

(*iii*)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n.$ 

We define a relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^\infty_\lambda$  as follows:

 $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_{\infty}) = \{(\alpha,\beta) \mid (\alpha,\beta) \in n_{\mathsf{A}_{\infty}}\} \cup (I_{n+1} \times I_{n+1}) \cup \Delta(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}).$ 

Simple verifications show that so defined relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)$  on  $\mathscr{I}_\lambda^\infty$  is an equivalence relation for every non-negative integer n.

**Proposition 3.13.** The relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathcal{A}_\infty)$  is a congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ .

Proof. First we consider the case when n = 0. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are distinct elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \mathscr{K}_0(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})\beta$ , then either  $\alpha, \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$  or  $\alpha, \beta \in I_1$ . Suppose that  $\alpha, \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$ . Then for every  $\gamma \in H(\mathbb{I})$  we have that  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma, \gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta \in H(\mathbb{I})$ . Then  $(\alpha \cdot \gamma) \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)^{-1} = \alpha \cdot \gamma \cdot \gamma^{-1} \cdot \beta^{-1} = \alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set  $\lambda$ . Also, since  $\alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set  $\lambda$  we get that  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \cdot (\gamma \cdot \beta)^{-1} = \gamma \cdot \alpha \cdot \beta^{-1} \cdot \gamma^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set  $\lambda$  too. For every  $\gamma \in I_1$  we have that  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma, \gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta \in I_1$ . If  $\alpha, \beta \in I_1$  then for every  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  we have that  $\alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma, \alpha \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \gamma \in I_1$ . Therefore  $\mathscr{K}_0(\mathsf{A}_{\infty})$  is a congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ .

Suppose that n is an arbitrary positive integer. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be distinct elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\alpha \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_{\infty})\beta$ . The definition of the relation  $\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_{\infty})$  implies that only one of the following conditions holds:

(i)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ ; or

(*ii*)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| > n$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| > n$ .

First we suppose that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . We consider two cases:

- a) dom  $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$ ; and
- b) dom  $\alpha \not\subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$ .

Suppose case a) holds. Since the elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we have that Proposition 2.2 (vii) implies that dom( $\gamma \cdot \alpha$ ) = dom( $\gamma \cdot \beta$ ) and ran( $\gamma \cdot \alpha$ ) = ran( $\gamma \cdot \beta$ ). Then again by Proposition 2.2 (vii) the elements  $\gamma \cdot \alpha$  and  $\gamma \cdot \beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . Since dom  $\alpha \subseteq$  ran  $\gamma$  we get that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \alpha)| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom}(\gamma \cdot \beta)| = n$ . We define a partial map  $\gamma_1 \colon \lambda \rightharpoonup \lambda$  as follows  $\gamma_1 = \gamma|_{(\operatorname{dom} \alpha)\gamma^{-1}} \colon (\operatorname{dom} \alpha)\gamma^{-1} \to \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Then we get that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma_1| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| = n$ ,  $\gamma \cdot \alpha = \gamma_1 \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta = \gamma_1 \cdot \beta$  and hence  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \cdot (\gamma \cdot \beta)^{-1} = (\gamma_1 \cdot \alpha) \cdot (\gamma_1 \cdot \beta)^{-1} = \gamma_1 \cdot \alpha \cdot \beta^{-1} \cdot \gamma_1^{-1}$ . Since  $\alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$  we conclude that  $\gamma_1 \cdot \alpha \cdot \beta^{-1} \cdot \gamma_1^{-1}$  is an even permutation of the set dom  $\alpha \wedge \gamma \cdot \beta \in I_{n+1}$  and hence  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha) \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_{\infty})(\gamma \cdot \beta)$ .

The proof the assertion that  $\alpha \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)\beta$  implies  $(\alpha \cdot \delta)\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)(\beta \cdot \delta)$  for every  $\delta \in \mathscr{I}_\lambda^\infty$  is similar.

Suppose that  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| > n$  and  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta| > n$ . Then  $\alpha, \beta \in I_{n+1}$ . By Proposition 2.2 (x) we have that  $\gamma \cdot \alpha, \gamma \cdot \beta, \alpha \cdot \delta, \beta \cdot \delta \in I_{n+1}$  and hence  $(\gamma \cdot \alpha)\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)(\gamma \cdot \beta)$  and  $(\alpha \cdot \delta)\mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_\infty)(\beta \cdot \delta)$ , for all  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . This completes the proof of the proposition.

## **Theorem 3.14.** The family

$$Cong(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}) = \{\Delta(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}), \Omega(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty})\} \cup \{\mathfrak{K}_{n}(\mathcal{S}_{\infty}) \mid n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots\} \cup \{\mathfrak{K}_{n}(\mathcal{A}_{\infty}) \mid n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$$

determines all congruences on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

Proof. Let  $\Re$  be non-identity congruence on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Then there exist two distinct elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$  and  $\min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\} = n$  for some non-negative integer n. Since the set of all non-negative integers with respect to the usual order  $\leq$  is well ordered we conclude that without loss of generality we can assume that n is a minimal non-negative integer such that there exist two distinct elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$  and  $\min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\} = n$ , i. e., for some non-negative integer m < n if for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \beta$  and  $\min \{|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|, |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|\} = m$  then  $\alpha = \beta$ .

We consider two cases:

(i)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| \neq |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ ; and

(*ii*)  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta|$ .

Suppose case (i) holds and  $|\lambda \setminus \text{dom } \alpha| = n < |\lambda \setminus \text{dom } \beta|$ . Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent elements in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  and hence by Propositions 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 we get that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(I)$ . We observe if n = 0 then  $\mathfrak{R} = \Omega(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$ .

Later we assume that case (ii) holds.

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent elements in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and then by Propositions 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 we have that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(I)$ . Also in this case if n = 0 then  $\mathfrak{R} = \Omega(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty})$ .

Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent elements in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and there exists no non- $\mathscr{H}$ -equivalent element  $\delta$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $\alpha \Re \delta$ . Otherwise by the previous part of the proof we have that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(I)$ . Since  $(\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1})\mathfrak{R}(\beta \cdot \alpha^{-1})$  we conclude that without loss of generality we can assume that  $\alpha$  is an identity element of  $\mathscr{H}$ -class  $H(\alpha)$  which contains  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \neq \alpha$ . Since  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  we have that dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{ran} \alpha$  and the restriction  $\alpha|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ : dom  $\alpha \to \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  is an identity map. Also we observe that the restriction of the partial map  $\beta|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ : dom  $\alpha \to \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  is a permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ . Therefore without loss of generality we can consider  $\beta$  as a permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ .

We consider two cases:

- (1)  $\beta$  is an odd permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ ; and
- (2)  $\beta$  is an even permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ .

Suppose that  $\beta$  is an odd permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ . Since  $H(\alpha)$  is a subgroup of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we conclude that the image  $(H(\alpha))\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$  of  $H(\alpha)$  is a subgroup in  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}/\mathfrak{R}$ . Since the subgroup  $H(\alpha)$  is isomorphic to the group  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  and the group of all even permutations  $A_{\infty}(\lambda)$  of the set  $\lambda$  is a unique normal subgroup in  $S_{\infty}(\lambda)$  (see [10, pp. 313–314, Example] or [17]) we conclude that the image  $(H(\alpha))\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$  is singleton. Then by Theorem 2.20 [5] and Proposition 2.2 (*viii*) for every  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  with  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|$  the image  $(H_{\gamma})\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$  of the  $\mathscr{H}$ -class  $H_{\gamma}$  which contains the element  $\gamma$  is singleton and hence by Propositions 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 we get that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})$ .

Suppose that  $\beta$  is an even permutation of the set dom  $\alpha$ . If the subgroup  $H(\alpha)$  contains an odd permutation  $\delta$  of the set dom  $\alpha$  then by previous proof we get that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{S}_{\infty})$ . Suppose the subgroup  $H(\alpha)$  does not contain an odd permutation  $\delta$  of the set dom  $\alpha$ . Since the subgroup  $H(\alpha)$  is isomorphic to the group  $\mathsf{S}_{\infty}(\lambda)$  and the group of all even permutations  $\mathsf{A}_{\infty}(\lambda)$  of the set  $\lambda$  is a unique normal subgroup in  $\mathsf{S}_{\infty}(\lambda)$  we conclude that the image  $(H(\alpha))\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$  is a two-element subgroup in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}/\mathfrak{R}$ . Then by Theorem 2.20 [5] and Proposition 2.2 (*viii*) for every  $\gamma \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  with  $|\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \gamma| = |\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|$  the image  $(H_{\gamma})\Phi_{\mathfrak{R}}$  of the  $\mathscr{H}$ -class  $H_{\gamma}$  which contains the element  $\gamma$  is a two-element subset in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}/\mathfrak{R}$  and hence by Propositions 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 we get that  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{K}_n(\mathsf{A}_{\infty})$ .

## 4. On topologizations of the free semilattice $(\mathscr{P}_{\leq \omega}(\lambda), \subseteq)$

**Definition 4.1** ([4]). We shall say that a semigroup S has an F-*property* if for every  $a, b, c, d \in S^1$  the sets  $\{x \in S \mid a \cdot x = b\}$  and  $\{x \in S \mid x \cdot c = d\}$  are finite or empty.

Recall [9] an element x of a semitopological semilattice S is a *local minimum* if there exists an open neighbourhood U(x) of x such that  $U(x) \cap \downarrow x = \{x\}$ . This is equivalent to statement that  $\downarrow x$  is an open subset in S.

A topological space X is called *Baire* if for each sequence  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_i, \ldots$  of nowhere dense subsets of X the union  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  is a co-dense subset of X [7]. A Tychonoff space X is called *Čech complete* if for every compactification cX of X the remainder  $cX \setminus c(X)$  is an  $F_{\sigma}$ -set in cX [7].

A topological space X is called *hereditary Baire* if every closed subset of X is a Baire space [7].

A topological space X is called *hereatility Baire* if every closed subset of X is a Baire space [7]. Every Čech complete (and hence locally compact) space is hereditary Baire (see [7, Theorem 3.9.6]). We shall say that a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup S is an *I-Baire space* if for every  $s \in S$  either sS or Ss is a Baire space [4]. **Remark 4.2.** We observe that every left ideal Ss and every right ideal sS of a regular semigroup S are generated by some idempotents of S. Therefore every principal left (right) ideal of a regular Hausdorff semitopological semigroup S is a closed subset of S. Hence every regular Hausdorff hereditary Baire semitopological semigroup is a I-Baire space.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let S be a semilattice with the F-property. Then every I-Baire topology  $\tau$  on S such that  $(S, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semilattice is discrete.

*Proof.* Let x be an arbitrary element of the semilattice S. We need to show that x is an isolated point in  $(S, \tau)$ .

Since  $\tau$  is an *I*-Baire topology on *S* we conclude that the subspace  $\downarrow x$  is Baire. We denote  $S_x = \downarrow x$ . For every positive integer *n* we put

$$F_n = \{ y \in S_x \mid |\uparrow y| = n \}.$$

Then we have that  $S_x = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_n$ . Since the topological space  $S_x$  is Baire we conclude that that there exists  $F_n \in \mathscr{F}$  such that  $\operatorname{Int}_{S_x}(F_n) \neq \emptyset$ . We fix an arbitrary  $y_0 \in \operatorname{Int}_{S_x}(F_n)$ . We observe that the definition of the family  $\{F_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  implies that for every non-empty subset  $F_n$  and for any  $s \in F_n$  the sets  $\uparrow s \cap F_n$  and  $\downarrow s \cap F_n$  are singleton. This implies that  $y_0$  is a local minimum in  $S_x$ , i. e.,  $\downarrow y_0$  is an open subset of S. Since the semilattice  $S_x$  has the F-property we conclude that the Hausdorffness of S implies that x is an isolated point in  $S_x$ . Then x is a local minimum in S and hence  $\uparrow x$  is an open subset in S. Since the semilattice S has the F-property we conclude that the Hausdorffness of S implies that x is an isolated point in  $S_x$ . Then x is a local minimum in S and hence  $\uparrow x$  is an open subset in S. Since the semilattice S has the F-property we conclude that the Hausdorffness of S implies that x is an isolated point in  $S_x$ . Then x is a local minimum in S and hence  $\uparrow x$  is an open subset in S.

**Remark 4.4.** We observe that the statement of Theorem 4.3 is true for  $T_1$ -semitopological *I*-Baire semilattices with the F-property.

Since every Cech complete (and hence locally compact) space is hereditary Baire, Theorem 4.3 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.5.** Let S be a semilattice with the F-property. Then every Čech complete (locally compact) topology  $\tau$  on S such that  $(S, \tau)$  is a semitopological semilattice is discrete.

Since the free semilattice  $(\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda), \subseteq)$  has F-property, Theorem 4.3 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.6.** Every Hausdorff I-Baire (Čech complete, locally compact) topology  $\tau$  on the free semilattice  $\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda)$  such that  $(\mathscr{P}_{<\omega}(\lambda), \tau)$  is a semitopological semilattice is discrete.

# 5. On topological semigroup $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$

**Theorem 5.1.** Every hereditary Baire topology  $\tau$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup is discrete.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$ . We need to show that  $\alpha$  is an isolated point in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ .

For every non-negative integer n we denote  $C_n = \mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty} \setminus I_{n+1}$ .

By induction we shall prove that for every non-negative integer n the following statement hold: every  $\alpha \in C_n$  is an isolated point in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ .

First we shall show that our statement is true for n = 0. We define a family  $\mathscr{C} = \{\{\beta\} \mid \beta \in \mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}\}$ . Since the topological space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$  is Baire we have that the family  $\mathscr{C}$  has an element with nonempty interior and hence the topological space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$  has an isolated point  $\gamma$  in  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$ . Then  $|\omega \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = 0$  and hence statements (viii) - (xi) of Proposition 2.2 imply that there exist  $\mu, \nu \in \mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}$ such that  $\mu \cdot \alpha \cdot \nu = \gamma$ . Since translations in  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$  are continuous we conclude that Hausdorffness of the space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$  and Proposition 2.5 imply that  $\alpha$  an isolated point in  $(\mathscr{I}_{\omega}^{\infty}, \tau)$ .

Suppose our statement is true for all  $n < k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We shall show that its is true for n = k. Our assumption implies that  $I_k$  is a closed subset of  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ . Later we shall denote by  $\tau_k$  the topology induces from  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  onto  $I_k$ . Then  $(I_k, \tau_k)$  is a Baire space. We define a family  $\mathscr{C}_k = \{\{\beta\} \mid \beta \in I_k\}$ .

Since the topological space  $(I_k, \tau_k)$  is Baire we have that the family  $\mathscr{C}_k$  has an element with nonempty interior and hence the topological space  $(I_k, \tau_k)$  has an isolated point  $\gamma$  in  $(I_k, \tau_k)$ . Let  $U(\gamma)$ be an open neighbourhood  $U(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma$  in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  such that  $U(\gamma) \cap I_k = \{\gamma\}$ . Since  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  is a semitopological semigroup we have that there exists an open neighbourhood  $V(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma$  in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ such that  $V(\gamma) \subseteq U(\gamma)$  and  $\gamma \cdot \gamma^{-1} \cdot V(\gamma) \subseteq U(\gamma)$ . We remark that  $\gamma \cdot \gamma^{-1} \cdot V(\gamma) \subseteq \{\gamma\}$ . Hence by Proposition 2.5 the neighbourhood  $V(\gamma)$  is finite and Hausdorffness of the space  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  implies that  $\gamma$ an isolated point in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the set  $I_k \setminus I_{k+1}$ . Then  $|\omega \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = k$ and hence statements (viii) - (xi) of Proposition 2.2 imply that there exist  $\mu, \nu \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$  such that  $\mu \cdot \alpha \cdot \nu = \gamma$ . Since translations in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  are continuous we conclude that Hausdorffness of the space  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  and Proposition 2.5 imply that  $\alpha$  an isolated point in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$ . This completes the proof of our theorem.

**Remark 5.2.** We observe that the statement of Theorem 5.1 holds for every topology  $\tau$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup and every (two-sided) ideal in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  is a Baire space.

Theorem 5.1 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 5.3.** Every Cech complete (locally compact) topology  $\tau$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\omega}, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup is discrete.

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $\lambda$  be an infinite cardinal and S be a topological semigroup which contains a dense discrete subsemigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . If  $I = S \setminus \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \neq \emptyset$  then I is an ideal of S.

*Proof.* Suppose that I is not an ideal of S. Then at least one of the following conditions holds:

1)  $I \cdot \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \nsubseteq I$ , 2)  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \cdot I \nsubseteq I$ , or 3)  $I \cdot I \nsubseteq I$ .

Since  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is a discrete dense subspace of S, Theorem 3.5.8 [7] implies that  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is an open subspace of S. Suppose there exist  $a \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and  $b \in I$  such that  $b \cdot a = c \notin I$ . Since  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is a dense open discrete subspace of S the continuity of the semigroup operation in S implies that there exists an open neighbourhood U(b) of b in S such that  $U(b) \cdot \{a\} = \{c\}$ . But by Proposition 2.5 the equation  $x \cdot a = c$  has finitely many solutions in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . This contradicts to the assumption that  $b \in S \setminus \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Therefore  $b \cdot a = c \in I$  and hence  $I \cdot \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \subseteq I$ . The proof of the inclusion  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \cdot I \subseteq I$  is similar.

Suppose there exist  $a, b \in I$  such that  $a \cdot b = c \notin I$ . Since  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is a dense open discrete subspace of S the continuity of the semigroup operation in S implies that there exist open neighbourhoods U(a) and U(b) of a and b in S, respectively, such that  $U(a) \cdot U(b) = \{c\}$ . But by Proposition 2.5 the equations  $x \cdot b_0 = c$  and  $a_0 \cdot y = c$  have finitely many solutions in  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . This contradicts to the assumption that  $a, b \in S \setminus \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Therefore  $a \cdot b = c \in I$  and hence  $I \cdot I \subseteq I$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** Let S be a topological semigroup which contains a dense discrete subsemigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . Then for every  $c \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  the set

$$D_c(A) = \{(x, y) \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \times \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda} \mid x \cdot y = c\}$$

is a closed-and-open subset of  $S \times S$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  is a discrete subspace of S we have that  $D_{c}(A)$  is an open subset of  $S \times S$ .

Suppose that there exists  $c \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  such that  $D_c(A)$  is a non-closed subset of  $S \times S$ . Then there exists an accumulation point  $(a, b) \in S \times S$  of the set  $D_c(A)$ . The continuity of the semigroup operation in S implies that  $a \cdot b = c$ . But  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \times \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is a discrete subspace of  $S \times S$  and hence by Theorem 5.4 the points a and b belong to the ideal  $I = S \setminus \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  and hence  $a \cdot b \in S \setminus \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  cannot be equal to c.  $\Box$ 

A topological space X is defined to be *pseudocompact* if each locally finite open cover of X is finite. According to [7, Theorem 3.10.22] a Tychonoff topological space X is pseudocompact if and only if each continuous real-valued function on X is bounded.

**Theorem 5.6.** If a topological semigroup S contains  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  as a dense discrete subsemigroup then the square  $S \times S$  is not pseudocompact.

*Proof.* Since the square  $S \times S$  contains an infinite closed-and-open discrete subspace  $D_c(A)$ , we conclude that  $S \times S$  fails to be pseudocompact (see [7, Ex. 3.10.F(d)] or [6]).

A topological space X is called *countably compact* if any countable open cover of X contains a finite subcover [7]. We observe that every Hausdorff countably compact space is pseudocompact.

Since the closure of an arbitrary subspace of a countably compact space is countably compact (see [7, Theorem 3.10.4]) Theorem 5.6 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 5.7.** For every infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  does not embed into a topological semigroup S with the countably compact square  $S \times S$ .

Since every compact topological space is countably compact Theorem 3.24 [7] and Corollary 5.7 imply

**Corollary 5.8.** For every infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  does not embed into a compact topological semigroup.

We recall that the Stone-Čech compactification of a Tychonoff space X is a compact Hausdorff space  $\beta X$  containing X as a dense subspace so that each continuous map  $f: X \to Y$  to a compact Hausdorff space Y extends to a continuous map  $\overline{f}: \beta X \to Y$  [7].

**Theorem 5.9.** For every infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  the discrete semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  does not embed into a Tychonoff topological semigroup S with the pseudocompact square  $S \times S$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.3 [1] for any topological semigroup S with the pseudocompact square  $S \times S$  the semigroup operation  $\mu: S \times S \to S$  extends to a continuous semigroup operation  $\beta\mu: \beta S \times \beta S \to \beta S$ , so S is a subsemigroup of the compact topological semigroup  $\beta S$ . Then Corollary 5.8 implies the statement of the theorem.

The following example shows that there exists a non-discrete topology  $\tau_F$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  such that  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_F)$  is a Tychonoff topological inverse semigroup.

**Example 5.10.** We define a topology  $\tau_F$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  as follows. For every  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we define a family

 $\mathscr{B}_F(\alpha) = \{ U_\alpha(F) \mid F \text{ is a finite subset of } \operatorname{dom} \alpha \},\$ 

where

 $U_{\alpha}(F) = \{\beta \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \operatorname{dom} \alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta, \operatorname{ran} \alpha = \operatorname{ran} \beta \text{ and } (x)\beta = (x)\alpha \text{ for all } x \in F\}.$ 

Since conditions (BP1)–(BP3) [7] hold for the family  $\{\mathscr{B}_F(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}}$  we conclude that the family  $\{\mathscr{B}_F(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}}$  is the base of the topology  $\tau_F$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ .

**Proposition 5.11.**  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_F)$  is a Tychonoff topological inverse semigroup.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$ . We put  $\gamma = \alpha \cdot \beta$  and let  $F = \{n_1, \ldots, n_i\}$  be a finite subset of dom  $\gamma$ . We denote  $m_1 = (n_1)\alpha, \ldots, m_i = (n_i)\alpha$  and  $k_1 = (n_1)\gamma, \ldots, k_i = (n_i)\gamma$ . Then we get that  $(m_1)\beta = k_1, \ldots, (m_i)\beta = k_i$ . Hence we have that

$$U_{\alpha}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\}) \cdot U_{\beta}(\{m_1,\ldots,m_i\}) \subseteq U_{\gamma}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\})$$

and

$$(U_{\gamma}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\}))^{-1} \subseteq U_{\gamma^{-1}}(\{k_1,\ldots,k_i\}).$$

Therefore the semigroup operation and the inversion are continuous in  $(\mathscr{I}_{\infty}^{\not \nearrow}(\mathbb{N}), \tau_F)$ .

We observe that the group of units  $H(\mathbb{I})$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  with the induced topology  $\tau_F(H(\mathbb{I}))$ from  $(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}, \tau_F)$  is a topological group (see [10, pp. 313–314, Example] or [17]) and the definition of the topology  $\tau_F$  implies that every  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}$  is an open-and-closed subset of the topological space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}, \tau_F)$ . Therefore Theorem 2.20 [5] implies that the topological space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}, \tau_F)$ is homeomorphic to a countable topological sum of topological copies of  $(H(\mathbb{I}), \tau_F(H(\mathbb{I})))$ . Since every  $T_0$ -topological group is a Tychonoff topological space (see [21, Theorem 3.10] or [8, Theorem 8.4]) we conclude that the topological space  $(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}, \tau_F)$  is Tychonoff too. This completes the proof of the proposition. **Remark 5.12.** We observe that the topology  $\tau_F$  on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  induces the discrete topology on the band  $E(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}).$ 

**Example 5.13.** We define a topology  $\tau_{WF}$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  as follows. For every  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  we define a family

 $\mathscr{B}_{WF}(\alpha) = \{U_{\alpha}(F) \mid F \text{ is a finite subset of } \operatorname{dom} \alpha\},\$ 

where

$$U_{\alpha}(F) = \{ \beta \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty} \mid \operatorname{dom} \beta \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \alpha \text{ and } (x)\beta = (x)\alpha \text{ for all } x \in F \}$$

Since conditions (BP1)–(BP3) [7] hold for the family  $\{\mathscr{B}_{WF}(\alpha)\}_{\alpha\in\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\infty}}$  we conclude that the family  $\{\mathscr{B}_{WF}(\alpha)\}_{\alpha\in\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}}$  is the base of the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\hat{\infty}}_{\lambda}$ .

**Proposition 5.14.**  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_{WF})$  is a Hausdorff topological inverse semigroup.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$ . We put  $\gamma = \alpha \cdot \beta$  and let  $F = \alpha$  $\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\}$  be a finite subset of dom  $\gamma$ . We denote  $m_1 = (n_1)\alpha,\ldots,m_i = (n_i)\alpha$  and  $k_1 = (n_1)\gamma,\ldots,$  $k_i = (n_i)\gamma$ . Then we get that  $(m_1)\beta = k_1, \ldots, (m_i)\beta = k_i$ . Hence we have that

 $U_{\alpha}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\}) \cdot U_{\beta}(\{m_1,\ldots,m_i\}) \subseteq U_{\gamma}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\})$ 

and

$$(U_{\gamma}(\{n_1,\ldots,n_i\}))^{-1} \subseteq U_{\gamma^{-1}}(\{k_1,\ldots,k_i\}).$$

Therefore the semigroup operation and the inversion are continuous in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_{WF})$ .

Latter we shall show that the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  is Hausdorff. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary distinct points of the space  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_{WF})$ . Then only one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta$ ;
- (*ii*) dom  $\alpha \neq \operatorname{dom} \beta$ .

In case dom  $\alpha = \operatorname{dom} \beta$  we have that there exists  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  such that  $(x)\alpha \neq (x)\beta$ . The definition of the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  implies that  $U_{\alpha}(\{x\}) \cap U_{\beta}(\{x\}) = \emptyset$ .

If dom  $\alpha \neq \text{dom }\beta$ , then only one of the following conditions holds:

- $\begin{array}{l} (a) \ \operatorname{dom} \alpha \subsetneqq \operatorname{dom} \beta; \\ (b) \ \operatorname{dom} \beta \gneqq \operatorname{dom} \alpha; \end{array}$
- (c) dom  $\alpha \sqrt[]{dom \beta \neq \emptyset}$  and dom  $\beta \sqrt{dom \alpha \neq \emptyset}$ .

Suppose that case (a) holds. Let be  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $y \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . The definition of the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  implies that  $U_{\alpha}(\{y\}) \cap U_{\beta}(\{x\}) = \emptyset$ .

Case (b) is similar to (a).

Suppose that case (c) holds. Let be  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \beta \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $y \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \setminus \operatorname{dom} \beta$ . The definition of the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  implies that  $U_{\alpha}(\{y\}) \cap U_{\beta}(\{x\}) = \emptyset$ .

This completes the proof of the proposition.

**Remark 5.15.** We observe that the topology  $\tau_{WF}$  on  $\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}$  induces a non-discrete topology on the band  $E(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda})$ . Moreover, *H*-classes in  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_{WF})$  and  $(\mathscr{I}^{\infty}_{\lambda}, \tau_{F})$  are homeomorphic subspaces.

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