

E-LOCAL PSEUDOVARIETIES

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ABSTRACT. Generalizing a property of the pseudovariety of all aperiodic semigroups observed by Tilson, we call *E-local* a pseudovariety \mathbf{V} which satisfies the following property: for a finite semigroup, the subsemigroup generated by its idempotents belongs to \mathbf{V} if and only if so do the subsemigroups generated by the idempotents in each of its regular \mathcal{D} -classes. In this paper, we present several sufficient or necessary conditions for a pseudovariety to be *E-local* or for a pseudoidentity to define an *E-local* pseudovariety. We also determine several examples of the smallest *E-local* pseudovariety containing a given pseudovariety.

1. INTRODUCTION

The motivation for this work came from an exercise suggested by Pin [6] about a result from Tilson [10]. With the aim of finding a method for computing the complexity of a finite semigroup in terms of the structure of its subsemigroups, Tilson started by establishing a useful method for computing the group-complexity of a finite semigroup with at most two non-zero \mathcal{D} -classes. This led him to prove the following result: given a finite semigroup S , the subsemigroup $\langle E(S) \rangle$ is aperiodic if and only if, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S , the subsemigroup $\langle E(D) \rangle$ is aperiodic.

As a consequence of the work of Fitz-Gerald [4], we have that a regular semigroup is orthodox if and only if the product of idempotents of every regular \mathcal{D} -class of S is idempotent. Thus, it suffices to analyze the property of the product of idempotents to be an idempotent on every regular \mathcal{D} -class to conclude the property for an arbitrary product of idempotents.

Much work has been done on the structure of idempotent-generated semigroups. So, it becomes interesting to determine the pseudovarieties \mathbf{V} satisfying the following property: given $S \in \mathbf{S}$, $\langle E(S) \rangle \in \mathbf{V}$ if and only if $\langle E(D) \rangle \in \mathbf{V}$, for each regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S . We call *E-local* a pseudovariety with this property.

This paper is a contribution towards the complete characterization of *E-local* pseudovarieties. We start by recalling, in Section 2, some basics of the theory of pseudovarieties of semigroups, in particular, some results concerning the block operator \mathbf{B}_- and the idempotent-generated subsemigroup of a semigroup. Section 3 concerns the study of *E-local* pseudovarieties: we observe some properties and examples, we present several sufficient conditions for a pseudovariety to be *E-local* and we show that, in certain cases, these conditions are also necessary, and we introduce a new operator, \mathbf{E}_- , where $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbf{E}}$ is the smallest *E-local* pseudovariety containing a pseudovariety \mathbf{V} . Finally, in Section 4, we present some more necessary or sufficient conditions for a pseudoidentity to define an *E-local* pseudovariety.

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2. PRELIMINARIES

We briefly recall some basics of the theory of pseudovarieties of semigroups. We recommend [1, 6, 9] for a better understanding of this area.

Let S be a semigroup. We denote by $E(S)$ the set of idempotents of S and by $\langle E(S) \rangle$ the subsemigroup of S generated by $E(S)$. More generally, $\langle X \rangle$ denotes the subsemigroup of S generated by $X \subseteq S$. In case S is finite, s^ω denotes the unique idempotent in the subsemigroup generated by a given $s \in S$.

Let S be a finite semigroup and let D be a regular \mathcal{D} -class of S . Consider the equivalence relation \sim on the set of group elements of a regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S defined in the following way: given two group elements a and b of D , $a \sim b$ if and only if there exists an *idempotent-chain* $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_n$ such that $a \mathcal{H} e_0$, $b \mathcal{H} e_n$, and either $e_i \mathcal{R} e_{i-1}$ or $e_i \mathcal{L} e_{i-1}$, for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. A *block of D* is the Rees quotient of the subsemigroup of S generated by a \sim -class modulo the ideal consisting of the elements that are not in D . The *blocks of S* are the blocks of its regular \mathcal{D} -classes. This notion have been first introduced in Graham [5] and we also refer the reader to [7] for the notion of block operator on pseudovarieties, that we will define in the following paragraphs.

A class of finite semigroups that is closed under taking subsemigroups, homomorphic images and finite direct products is called a *pseudovariety* and generally denoted by \mathbf{V} . For example, \mathbf{S} denotes the pseudovariety of all finite semigroups.

We may construct new pseudovarieties from known ones by applying operators to pseudovarieties. In this paper, we use the following operators on pseudovarieties:

- \mathbf{EV} consists of all $S \in \mathbf{S}$ such that $\langle E(S) \rangle \in \mathbf{V}$;
- \mathbf{DV} consists of all $S \in \mathbf{S}$ such that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S , $D \in \mathbf{V}$;
- for a pseudovariety \mathbf{H} of groups, $\bar{\mathbf{H}}$ consists of all $S \in \mathbf{S}$ such that every subgroup G of S belongs to \mathbf{H} ;
- \mathbf{BV} consists of all $S \in \mathbf{S}$ such that, for every block B of S , $B \in \mathbf{V}$;
- $\mathbf{V_E}$ is the pseudovariety generated by the idempotent-generated semigroups of \mathbf{V} .

The last operator was introduced in Almeida and Moura [2] and we refer the reader to that paper as needed, but we opt to present here an easy lemma that will be used frequently in this paper:

Lemma 2.1 (Almeida and Moura [2]). *The operator $_E$ has the following properties, where \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} are arbitrary pseudovarieties:*

- (1) $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{W}$ implies $\mathbf{V_E} \subseteq \mathbf{W_E}$;
- (2) $(\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W})_E \subseteq \mathbf{V_E} \cap \mathbf{W_E}$;
- (3) $(\mathbf{V_E})_E = \mathbf{V_E}$;
- (4) $(\mathbf{EV})_E = \mathbf{V_E}$;
- (5) $\mathbf{E(V_E)} = \mathbf{EV}$.

The main aim of our study is the characterization of the \mathbf{E} -local pseudovarieties. For this purpose, we need some results concerning idempotent-generated subsemigroups and blocks of such subsemigroups.

Lemma 2.2. *For every pseudovariety \mathbf{V} , $\mathbf{BBV} = \mathbf{BV}$.*

Lemma 2.3. *Let $S \in \mathbf{S}$ and $X \subseteq E(S)$. Then $\langle E(X) \rangle = \langle X \rangle$.*

To prove that the idempotent-generated subsemigroup of a regular semigroup is also regular, Fitz-Gerald [4] uses a technique that consists in writing a product of

idempotents of $\langle E(S) \rangle$ as a product of idempotents of $\langle E(D) \rangle$, for a regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S . As a consequence, we have the following lemma whose statement and proof may be found in [9, Lemma 4.13.1], for example. It enables us to easily conclude the statement presented in the introduction that a regular semigroup S is orthodox if and only if the product of idempotents of every regular \mathcal{D} -class of S is idempotent.

Lemma 2.4. *Let S be a semigroup and let $s \in \langle E(S) \rangle$ be an element of a regular \mathcal{J} -class J of S . Then, there exists an idempotent-chain $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m \in E(J)$ such that $s = e_1 e_2 \cdots e_m$. Hence $\langle E(S) \rangle \cap J = \langle E(J) \rangle \cap J$.*

Corollary 2.5. *Every finite semigroup S has the following properties:*

- (1) *Let a be a regular element of $\langle E(S) \rangle$. Then a is in a block of D_a , where D_a is the regular \mathcal{D} -class of S containing a .*
- (2) *Let B be a block of $\langle E(S) \rangle$. Then B is also a block of $\langle E(D) \rangle$, for some regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S .*
- (3) *Given $X \subseteq E(S)$, the regular \mathcal{D} -classes of $\langle X \rangle$ have only one block.*

Proof. (1) and (2) follow immediately from Lemma 2.4 and from the definition of block of S . Now, by Lemma 2.3 and by (1), we have that every regular element of $\langle E(X) \rangle = \langle X \rangle$ is in a block of $\langle E(X) \rangle = \langle X \rangle$ and we have (3). \square

Lemma 2.4 also enables us to prove that the product of the operators E_- and B_- is an idempotent operator, as we see in the following corollary.

Corollary 2.6. *For every pseudovariety \mathbf{V} , $\mathbf{EBEBV} = \mathbf{EBV}$.*

Proof. Let $S \in \mathbf{EBEBV}$, i.e., for every block B' of $\langle E(B) \rangle$, with B a block of $\langle E(S) \rangle$, $B' \in \mathbf{V}$. By Lemma 2.4, $B = \langle E(B) \rangle$. Moreover, the blocks of $\langle E(B) \rangle = B$ are B and the trivial semigroup, the last one if B is not a \mathcal{D} -class. Thus, for every block B of $\langle E(S) \rangle$, $B \in \mathbf{V}$, i.e., $S \in \mathbf{EBV}$. The converse follows from E_- and B_- being increasing operators. \square

A *pseudoidentity* is a formal equality $u = v$, where $u, v \in \overline{\Omega}_A S$, the set of A -ary implicit operations. We say that $S \in \mathbf{V}$ satisfies $u = v$, and we write $S \models u = v$, if $u_S = v_S$. Recall that an A -ary operation $u_S : S^A \rightarrow S$ has the following property: for every homomorphism $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$, with $S, T \in \mathbf{V}$, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^A & \xrightarrow{u_S} & S \\ \varphi^A \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ T^A & \xrightarrow{u_T} & T \end{array}$$

Reiterman's Theorem [8] says that every pseudovariety is defined by some set of finitary pseudoidentities, in the sense that it is the class of finite semigroups satisfying this set of pseudoidentities. The converse of the theorem is easily verified.

In this paper, we use, in particular, the pseudovarieties that we list below together with some corresponding bases of pseudoidentities defining them:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} &= \llbracket x = y \rrbracket && \text{trivial semigroups;} \\ \mathbf{J} &= \llbracket (xy)^\omega x = (xy)^\omega = y(xy)^\omega \rrbracket && \mathcal{J}\text{-trivial semigroups;} \\ \mathbf{R} &= \llbracket (xy)^\omega x = (xy)^\omega \rrbracket && \mathcal{R}\text{-trivial semigroups;} \end{aligned}$$

$L = \llbracket y(xy)^\omega = (xy)^\omega \rrbracket$	\mathcal{L} -trivial semigroups;
$A = \llbracket x^{\omega+1} = x^\omega \rrbracket$	aperiodic (or \mathcal{H} -trivial) semigroups;
$G = \llbracket x^\omega = 1 \rrbracket$	groups;
$LG = \llbracket (x^\omega y)^\omega x^\omega = x^\omega \rrbracket$	local groups;
$CR = \llbracket x^{\omega+1} = x \rrbracket$	completely regular semigroups;
$CS = \llbracket x^{\omega+1} = x, (xyx)^\omega = x^\omega \rrbracket$	completely simple semigroups;
$RB = \llbracket x^2 = x, xyx = x \rrbracket$	rectangular bands;
$LZ = \llbracket xy = x \rrbracket$	left-zero semigroups;
$DA = \llbracket ((xy)^\omega x)^2 = (xy)^\omega x \rrbracket$	regular \mathcal{D} -classes are aperiodic semigroups;
$DG = \llbracket (xy)^\omega = (yx)^\omega \rrbracket$	regular \mathcal{D} -classes are groups;
$DO = \llbracket (xy)^\omega (yx)^\omega (xy)^\omega = (xy)^\omega \rrbracket$	regular \mathcal{D} -classes are orthodox semigroups;
$DS = \llbracket ((xy)^\omega x)^{\omega+1} = (xy)^\omega x \rrbracket$	regular \mathcal{D} -classes are semigroups.

3. E-LOCAL PSEUDOVARIETIES

We start this section by observing some properties of E-local pseudovarieties and several examples of pseudovarieties having this property. In particular, we prove, in Example 3.8, the result of Tilson [10] that the pseudovariety A is E-local. After that, we present several sufficient conditions for a pseudovariety to be E-local and we show that these conditions are also necessary in case the pseudovariety is contained in EDS. We finish with the introduction of the operator $_E$, where V^E denotes the smallest E-local pseudovariety containing V .

3.1. Properties and examples. We start by noting that the property of being E-local is preserved under intersection. Next, we relate the E-locality of V , EV and V_E .

Lemma 3.1. *Let V be a pseudovariety and let $S \in S$. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D in S , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in V$;*
- (2) *for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D in S , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in EV$;*
- (3) *for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D in S , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in V_E$.*

Proof. (3) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (2): This follows immediately from $V_E \subseteq V \subseteq EV$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Note that $\langle E(D) \rangle \in EV$ if and only if $\langle E\langle E(D) \rangle \rangle = \langle E(D) \rangle \in V$, by Lemma 2.3. By the same lemma and by the definition of V_E , we deduce that $\langle E\langle E(D) \rangle \rangle = \langle E(D) \rangle \in V_E$. \square

Similarly, we may prove the following lemma:

Lemma 3.2. *The following conditions are equivalent for every pseudovariety V and every finite semigroup S :*

- (1) $\langle E(S) \rangle \in V$;
- (2) $\langle E(S) \rangle \in EV$;
- (3) $\langle E(S) \rangle \in V_E$. \square

The equivalence of E-locality for the pseudovarieties V , EV , and V_E follows directly from the previous lemmas.

Corollary 3.3. *Let V be a pseudovariety. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) V is E -local;
- (2) EV is E -local;
- (3) V_E is E -local.

The properties of the operator \perp_E (see Lemma 2.1) together with the previous corollary enable us to identify intervals consisting of E -local pseudovarieties.

Proposition 3.4. *Let V be an E -local pseudovariety. Then any pseudovariety $U \in [V_E, EV]$ is E -local.*

Proof. Applying Lemma 2.1, we obtain $EV = E(V_E) \subseteq EU \subseteq EV$. The result now follows from Corollary 3.3. \square

In an attempt to identify all E -local pseudovarieties, we start by determining several families of pseudovarieties satisfying this property.

Proposition 3.5. *Let V and H , with $H \subseteq G$, be pseudovarieties. Then:*

- (1) BV is E -local;
- (2) DV is E -local;
- (3) \bar{H} is E -local.

Proof. (1) follows directly from item (2) of Corollary 2.5.

(2) By items (2) and (3) from Corollary 2.5, we have that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D of $\langle E(S) \rangle$, there exists a regular \mathcal{D} -class D' of S such that D is a \mathcal{D} -class of $\langle E(D') \rangle$. Let S be a semigroup such that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in DV$. Then, every regular \mathcal{D} -class of $\langle E(D) \rangle$ is a semigroup in V . It follows that every regular \mathcal{D} -class of $\langle E(S) \rangle$ is a semigroup in V .

(3) Let $S \in S$ be such that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in \bar{H}$. Let T be a subgroup of $\langle E(S) \rangle$. By Lemma 2.4, $T \subseteq \langle E(D_T) \rangle$, where D_T is the \mathcal{D} -class of S containing T . Hence $T \in H$ and $\langle E(S) \rangle \in \bar{H}$. \square

Example 3.6. Since $J = DI$ (see Pin [6, Proposition III.4.1]), it follows from Proposition 3.5 that J is E -local.

Example 3.7. Since $R = DLZ$ (see Pin [6, Proposition III.4.1]), it follows from Proposition 3.5 that R is E -local.

Example 3.8. To conclude the result from Tilson [10], it suffices to note that $A = \bar{I}$. So, the conclusion that the pseudovariety is E -local follows immediately from Proposition 3.5.

3.2. Characterizations. The properties of the operators E_- and B_- are useful to obtain the following sufficient and equivalent conditions for a pseudovariety to be E -local.

Proposition 3.9. *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) $EV = EBEV$;
- (2) $EV = BEV$;
- (3) *there exists W such that $EV = BW$;*
- (4) *there exists W such that $EV = EBW$;*
- (5) *there exists W such that $(EBW)_E \subseteq V \subseteq EBW$;*
- (6) *the interval $[V_E, EV]$ has a fixed point for the operator B ;*
- (7) $B(V_E) \subseteq EV$;

(8) $BV \subseteq EV$.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2): Since $EV \subseteq BEV \subseteq EBEV$, if $EV = EBEV$, then $EV = BEV$ and we have the direct implication. The converse follows immediately by applying the idempotent operator E to equality (2).

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3): The direct implication is trivial. Conversely, if $EV = BW$ for some W , then applying the idempotent operator B , we obtain $BEV = BW = EV$.

(4) \Leftrightarrow (5): Given W such that $EV = EBW$, it follows, by Lemma 2.1, that $(EBW)_E = (EV)_E = V_E \subseteq V \subseteq EV = EBW$. Conversely, if $(EBW)_E \subseteq V \subseteq EBW$ for some W , then applying the increasing operator E , we obtain, by the same lemma, $E((EBW)_E) = EBW \subseteq EV \subseteq EEBW = EBW$, i.e., $EV = EBW$.

(2) \Rightarrow (6) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (1): The first implication is trivial. For the second one, applying the increasing operator E to $V_E \subseteq W = BW \subseteq EV$, we obtain, by Lemma 2.1, the equality $EV = EBW$. Finally, if the equality $EV = EBW$ holds for some W , then $EBEV = EBEV = EBW = EV$, by Corollary 2.6.

(6) \Leftrightarrow (7): Let W be a fixed point of the operator B in $[V_E, EV]$. It follows immediately that $B(V_E) \subseteq BW = W \subseteq EV$. Conversely, assuming (7) we have $V_E \subseteq B(V_E) \subseteq EV$ and $B(V_E)$ is a fixed point for the operator B .

(2) \Rightarrow (8) \Rightarrow (7): For the first implication, assuming (2) and applying the operator B to the inclusion $V \subseteq EV$, we obtain $BV \subseteq BEV = EV$. The second implication follows immediately from $B(V_E) \subseteq BV \subseteq EV$. \square

Theorem 3.10. *Let V be a pseudovariety satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3.9. Then V is E -local.*

Proof. It follows immediately from Proposition 3.5, Corollary 3.3 and item (2) from Proposition 3.9. \square

It is natural to ask whether the conditions of Proposition 3.9 are also necessary. The answer is affirmative when the pseudovariety is contained in EDS .

Theorem 3.11. *If $V \subseteq EDS$ is an E -local pseudovariety, then items (1)-(8) from Proposition 3.9 hold.*

Proof. Let $V \subseteq EDS$ be an E -local pseudovariety. We prove that $BEV \subseteq EV$, as the converse inclusion is trivial. Let $S \in BEV$, i.e., for every block B of S , $\langle E(B) \rangle \in V$. Using the E -locality of V , to prove that $S \in EV$, i.e., $\langle E(S) \rangle \in V$, it suffices to show that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S , $\langle E(D) \rangle \in V$. Let D be a regular \mathcal{D} -class of S . Using again the E -locality of V and Lemma 2.3, we prove that, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D' of $\langle E(D) \rangle$, $\langle E(D') \rangle \in V$. Recall that, by item (3) from Corollary 2.5, D' has a unique block, B' , and is itself a semigroup, since $V \subseteq EDS$. Hence $D' = B'$, for some block B' of $\langle E(D) \rangle$. Moreover, there exists a block B of S such that $B' \leq B$. Thus $\langle E(D') \rangle = \langle E(B') \rangle \leq \langle E(B) \rangle \in V$ (in fact, the equality holds). Hence $\langle E(S) \rangle \in V$ and $S \in EV$. \square

We note that, in the previous theorem, the hypothesis $V \subseteq EDS$ is mandatory as shown in Example 4.5.

Corollary 3.12. *Let $V \subseteq EDS$ be such that $V = EV$. Then V is E -local if and only if there exists $W \subseteq CS$ such that $V = BW$.*

Proof. Suppose that V is E -local. Since $V = EV$ and by Theorem 3.11 and item (2) from Proposition 3.9, we have $V = EV = BEV = BV$. Given $S \in V = BV$, we have

that every block B of S is such that $B \in \mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{EDS}$ and, therefore, $\langle E(B) \rangle \in \mathbf{DS}$, i.e., $\langle E(B) \rangle \in \mathbf{CS}$. Note that $\langle E(B) \rangle$ has the same structure in \mathcal{R} -classes and \mathcal{L} -classes as B , but it may have less elements in the \mathcal{H} -classes. Hence $B \in \mathbf{CS}$. It follows that $B \in \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{CS}$ and $S \in \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{CS})$. The converse follows from \mathbf{B}_- being an increasing operator and from $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{BV}$. Thus, we have $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{BV} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{CS})$. The converse implication follows directly from Proposition 3.5. \square

We suggest, as an easy exercise, the verification of the E-locality of the pseudovarieties \mathbf{J} , \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{DS} and \mathbf{A} , for example, using the sufficient conditions of Proposition 3.9.

3.3. The operator $\mathbf{\cdot}^E$. Because there are pseudovarieties \mathbf{V} which are not E-local, it is natural to consider the smallest E-local pseudovariety containing \mathbf{V} , which we denote \mathbf{V}^E .

In this subsection, we determine some pseudovarieties of the form \mathbf{V}^E . For that purpose, we also use the operator $\mathbf{\cdot}_E$ which is studied in detail in [2].

Proposition 3.13. *Let $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{CS}$ be such that $\mathbf{V}_E = \mathbf{V}$. Then $\mathbf{V}^E = (\mathbf{DV})_E$.*

Proof. Let $S = \langle E(S) \rangle \in \mathbf{DV}$ and let \mathbf{W} be any E-local pseudovariety containing \mathbf{V} . Then $\langle E(D) \rangle \in \mathbf{V}$, for every regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S , since D is in \mathbf{V} and $\langle E(D) \rangle \leq D$. Since \mathbf{W} is E-local and $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{W}$, it follows that $S = \langle E(S) \rangle \in \mathbf{W}$. Hence $(\mathbf{DV})_E \subseteq \mathbf{W}$ and, therefore, $(\mathbf{DV})_E \subseteq \mathbf{V}^E$.

For the direct inclusion, since $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{CS}$, we have $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{DV}$. As $\mathbf{\cdot}_E$ is an increasing operator, it follows that $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_E \subseteq (\mathbf{DV})_E$. By Proposition 3.5, \mathbf{DV} is E-local and so is $(\mathbf{DV})_E$, by Corollary 3.3. This yields the inclusion $\mathbf{V}^E \subseteq (\mathbf{DV})_E$. \square

Corollary 3.14. *The class \mathbf{J} is the smallest E-local pseudovariety.*

Proof. Let \mathbf{V} be an E-local pseudovariety. Since $\mathbf{I} \subseteq \mathbf{V}$, we have $\mathbf{I}^E \subseteq \mathbf{V}^E = \mathbf{V}$. By Proposition 3.13, we have $\mathbf{I}^E = (\mathbf{DI})_E = \mathbf{J}_E = \mathbf{J}$, where the last equality follows from [2, Corollary 5.6]. Hence $\mathbf{J} \subseteq \mathbf{V}$. By Example 3.6, \mathbf{J} is E-local, which establishes the corollary. \square

Example 3.15. It follows from Corollary 3.14 that the pseudovarieties \mathbf{LG} and \mathbf{CR} are not E-local.

Example 3.16. By Proposition 3.13, we conclude that $(\mathbf{RB})^E = (\mathbf{DRB})_E = (\mathbf{DA})_E = \mathbf{DA}$, where the last equality follows by [2, Corollary 5.6], and $(\mathbf{CS})^E = (\mathbf{DCS})_E = (\mathbf{DS})_E$.

Example 3.17. By Example 3.16, we have $(\mathbf{DS})_E = (\mathbf{CS})^E \subseteq (\mathbf{CR})^E$. Conversely, since $\mathbf{CR} \subseteq \mathbf{DS}$, by [2, Proposition 3.16] and Lemma 2.1, we deduce that $\mathbf{CR} = (\mathbf{CR})_E \subseteq (\mathbf{DS})_E$. Note that $(\mathbf{DS})_E$ is E-local, by Proposition 3.5 and Corollary 3.3. Hence $(\mathbf{CR})^E \subseteq (\mathbf{DS})_E$, which establishes the equality $(\mathbf{CR})^E = (\mathbf{DS})_E$.

Example 3.18. Let \mathbf{H} be a pseudovariety of groups. By [2, Example 3.7], we have $(\mathbf{DH})_E = \mathbf{J} \subseteq \mathbf{J} \vee \mathbf{H} \subseteq \mathbf{DH}$. Since, by Proposition 3.5, \mathbf{DH} is E-local, it follows, by Proposition 3.4, that $\mathbf{J} \vee \mathbf{H}$ is E-local. That $\mathbf{J} \vee \mathbf{H}$ is the smallest E-local pseudovariety containing \mathbf{H} , is an immediate consequence from the fact that \mathbf{J} is the smallest E-local pseudovariety. Thus $\mathbf{H}^E = \mathbf{J} \vee \mathbf{H}$.

Example 3.19. Let \mathbf{H} be a pseudovariety of groups. By Example 3.16, we have $\mathbf{DA} = (\mathbf{RB})^E \subseteq (\mathbf{RB} \vee \mathbf{H})^E$ and, therefore, $\mathbf{DA} \vee \mathbf{H} \subseteq (\mathbf{RB} \vee \mathbf{H})^E$. Now, from [2, Lemma 3.1, Example 3.8, Corollary 4.2], we obtain $(\mathbf{DO} \cap \bar{\mathbf{H}})_E \subseteq (\mathbf{DO})_E \cap \bar{\mathbf{H}}_E =$

$DA \cap \bar{H} \subseteq DA$. Therefore, $(DO \cap \bar{H})_E \subseteq DA \subseteq DA \vee H \subseteq DO \cap \bar{H}$. As an intersection of E-local pseudovarieties is E-local, the pseudovariety $DO \cap \bar{H}$ is E-local. By Proposition 3.4, $DA \vee H$ is E-local. Thus $(RB \vee H)^E = DA \vee H$.

Example 3.20. Since $LG \subseteq DS$ and DS is E-local by Proposition 3.5, we have $(LG)^E \subseteq DS$. On the other hand, by Example 3.16 and by [2, Example 3.17], we obtain $(DS)_E = (CS)^E = ((LG)_E)^E \subseteq (LG)^E$. Thus the equality $(DS)_E \subseteq (LG)^E \subseteq DS$ holds.

If we prove that $(DS)_E = DS$, we will have the equality in the previous example. This provides additional motivation for the calculation of $(DS)_E$ which remains an open problem (see [2]).

We end this subsection by noting that $(V \cap W)^E \subseteq V^E \cap W^E$, for all pseudovarieties V and W . However, we do not know whether equality holds.

4. E-LOCAL PSEUDOIDENTITIES

We call *E-local* a pseudoidentity which defines an E-local pseudovariety. Note that a pseudovariety defined by a set of E-local pseudoidentities is E-local, since it is the intersection of the E-local pseudovarieties defined by each pseudoidentity of the set. We do not know whether the converse is valid.

Our results from the previous section yield several E-local pseudoidentities. However, some of the results that we obtained, like some techniques developed allow us to give a different characterization of several types of pseudoidentities with this property.

For $u \in \bar{\Omega}_A S$, let $\text{first}(u)$ and $\text{last}(u)$ be, respectively, the first and last letters of u . We relate the E-locality of the pseudoidentities of the form $u = v$, where $\text{first}(u) \neq \text{first}(v)$ or $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$, with the condition $V \subseteq \llbracket u = v \rrbracket$, where V is one of the pseudovarieties R , L and J . We also obtain some results concerning the pseudovariety DA .

Proposition 4.1. *The following properties are verified by every pseudoidentity $u = v$.*

- (1) *If $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$ and R satisfies $u = v$, then $u = v$ is E-local.*
- (2) *If $\text{first}(u) \neq \text{first}(v)$ and L satisfies $u = v$, then $u = v$ is E-local.*
- (3) *If $\text{first}(u) \neq \text{first}(v)$, $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$ and J satisfies $u = v$, then $u = v$ is E-local.*

Proof. Let $u = v$ be a pseudoidentity such that $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$ and suppose that R satisfies $u = v$. We claim that $R \subseteq \llbracket u = v \rrbracket \subseteq ER$. So that, by Example 3.7 and by Proposition 3.4, $\llbracket u = v \rrbracket$ is E-local. The first inclusion is assumed by hypothesis. To prove the second inclusion, let S be a semigroup satisfying $u = v$ and suppose that $S \notin ER$, i.e., $\langle E(S) \rangle \notin R$. Then, by [1, cf. Exercise 5.2.8], there exist two distinct idempotents such that $ef = f$ and $fe = e$. Evaluating the last letter of u by e , the last letter of v by f and the other letters by e or f , we obtain that S satisfies $e = u = v = f$, which is a contradiction.

Similarly, we obtain (2) and (3). \square

Since, by [2], the pseudovarieties R , L , J and DA satisfy the equality $V_E = V$, it is easy to obtain the following results:

Theorem 4.2. *Let $u = v$ be an arbitrary pseudoidentity.*

- (1) If $\text{first}(u) = \text{first}(v)$ and $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$, then $u = v$ is E-local if and only if \mathbf{R} satisfies $u = v$.
- (2) If $\text{first}(u) \neq \text{first}(v)$ and $\text{last}(u) = \text{last}(v)$, then $u = v$ is E-local if and only if \mathbf{L} satisfies $u = v$.
- (3) If $\text{first}(u) \neq \text{first}(v)$ and $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$, then $u = v$ is E-local if and only if \mathbf{J} satisfies $u = v$.
- (4) If $\text{first}(u) = \text{first}(v)$, $\text{last}(u) = \text{last}(v)$ and $u = v$ is E-local, then \mathbf{DA} satisfies $u = v$.

Proof. (1) Let $u = v$ be a pseudovariety such that $\text{first}(u) = \text{first}(v)$ and $\text{last}(u) \neq \text{last}(v)$. Suppose that it is E-local. Since $\mathbf{LZ} \subseteq \mathbf{CS}$ and $(\mathbf{LZ})_{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{LZ}$, it follows from Proposition 3.13 that $(\mathbf{LZ})^{\mathbf{E}} = (\mathbf{DLZ})_{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{R}$. Thus, as the pseudovariety $\llbracket u = v \rrbracket$ is E-local and it contains \mathbf{LZ} , it also contains $(\mathbf{LZ})^{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{R}$. The converse follows from Proposition 4.1. Dually, we obtain (2).

(3) It follows directly from \mathbf{J} being the smallest E-local pseudovariety (see Corollary 3.14) and from Proposition 4.1.

(4) In that case, we have $\mathbf{RB} \models u = v$, $\mathbf{RB} \subseteq \mathbf{CS}$ and $(\mathbf{RB})_{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{RB}$. By Proposition 3.13, we have $(\mathbf{RB})^{\mathbf{E}} = (\mathbf{DRB})_{\mathbf{E}} = (\mathbf{DA})_{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{DA}$. As in (1), we deduce that $\mathbf{DA} = (\mathbf{RB})^{\mathbf{E}} \subseteq \llbracket u = v \rrbracket$. \square

However, we do not have a characterization of all E-local pseudoidentities of the form $u = v$, with $\text{first}(u) = \text{first}(v)$ and $\text{last}(u) = \text{last}(v)$.

Theorem 4.3 provides another sufficient condition for a pseudoidentity to be E-local that follows from Lemma 2.4.

Theorem 4.3. *Let $u = v$ be a pseudoidentity such that $u, v \in \overline{\langle X \rangle}$, where all elements of $X \subseteq \overline{\Omega_A S}$ lie in a same regular \mathcal{D} -class of $\overline{\Omega_A S}$. Then $u = v$ is E-local.*

Proof. Let S be a finite semigroup and suppose that $\langle E(D) \rangle \models u = v$, for each regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S . We want to prove that $\langle E(S) \rangle \models u = v$. Let $\varphi : \overline{\Omega_A S} \rightarrow S$ be a continuous surjective homomorphism such that, for every $x \in X$, $\varphi(x) \in \langle E(S) \rangle$. Since all elements of X lie in a same regular \mathcal{D} -class of $\overline{\Omega_A S}$, then there exists a regular \mathcal{D} -class D of S such that $\varphi(x) \in D$, for all $x \in X$. By Lemma 2.4, it follows that $\varphi(x) \in \langle E(D) \rangle$, for all $x \in X$. Since $u, v \in \overline{\langle X \rangle}$, it follows that $\varphi(u), \varphi(v) \in \langle E(D) \rangle$ and, by hypothesis, they are equal. Thus $\langle E(S) \rangle \models u = v$ and $u = v$ is E-local. \square

Note that several pseudoidentities considered in this paper are of this form. Specifically, the pseudoidentities that we used in Section 2 to define the pseudovarieties \mathbf{J} , \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{L} , \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{DA} , \mathbf{DG} , \mathbf{DO} and \mathbf{DS} are all of this form. Another example is the pseudoidentity $(x^\omega y^\omega)^\omega = (y^\omega x^\omega)^\omega$ which defines the pseudovariety \mathbf{BG} . As a last example, Almeida and Volkov [3] showed that, if $u_i = v_i$, with $i \in I$, is a basis of pseudoidentities for a pseudovariety of groups \mathbf{H} , then $u'_i = v'_i$ is a basis of pseudoidentities for $\bar{\mathbf{H}}$, where u'_i and v'_i result from the substitution of each letter $x_j \in A$ of u_i and v_i by $ex_j e$ where e is a fixed idempotent in the minimum ideal of $\overline{\Omega_A S}$. These pseudoidentities are also of the form of Theorem 4.3.

In the last result, we identify all E-local pseudoidentities with only one variable. The elements of these equalities are elements of the free profinite semigroup on the alphabet with a unique element x , and so they can be written under the form x^α , where α is an element of the profinite completion of $(\mathbb{N}, +)$. We use the term *infinite* to refer to the elements of this semigroup which are not in \mathbb{N} .

Corollary 4.4. *The E-local pseudoidentities in one variable are those of the form $x^\alpha = x^\beta$, with both α and β infinite.*

Proof. If α or β are finite and are not equal, then DA does not satisfy the pseudoidentity $u = v$ since DA contains all finite monogenic aperiodic semigroups. Thus, $u = v$ is not E-local, by item (4) of Theorem 4.2.

On the other hand, if α and β are infinite, then x^α and x^β are in a same group with neutral element x^ω . Thus, by Theorem 4.3, the pseudoidentity is E-local. \square

We do not know if every E-local pseudovariety is defined by a set of pseudoidentities satisfying the condition of Theorem 4.3.

We finish the paper going back to Section 3.2, where we asked whether Theorem 3.11 can be generalized to all E-local pseudovarieties. The answer is negative as we see in the following example.

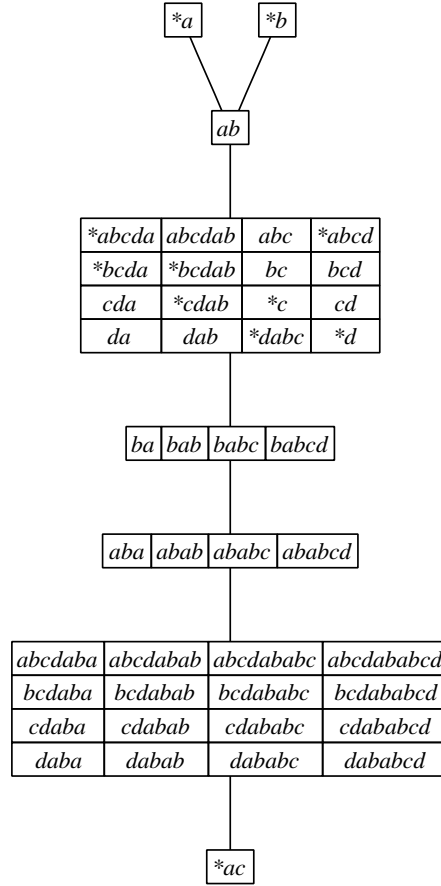
Example 4.5. Consider the pseudovariety $W = \llbracket ((xy)^\omega x(xy)^\omega)^2 = (xy)^\omega x(xy)^\omega \rrbracket$, which is E-local by Theorem 4.3. We show that W does not satisfy the condition $BV \subseteq EV$ from Proposition 3.9.

Let S be the syntactic semigroup of the regular language $(a^+b^+c^+d^+)^+a^+b^+ \cdot (a^+b^+c^+d^+)^+$, whose *egg-box* picture is presented in Figure 1. The blocks of S are the trivial semigroup and the unique block of the unique non-trivial regular \mathcal{D} -class of S , D , and which we denote by B . It is easy to see that $B \in W$. Note that $(xy)^\omega x$ and $(xy)^\omega$ define implicitly \mathcal{R} -equivalent elements, the latter being an idempotent. Now, the product in B of two \mathcal{R} -equivalent elements of D with the second one an idempotent is an idempotent in D or is 0. On the other hand, the elements $abcdab$ and $abcd$ are \mathcal{R} -equivalent and the second one is an idempotent, but their product in S , $abcdababcd$, is not an idempotent (it belongs to the 0-minimal and non-regular \mathcal{D} -class of S). Thus $S = \langle E(S) \rangle \notin W$, i.e., $S \notin EW$.

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FIGURE 1. The *egg-box* picture of a semigroup in BW and not in EW

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