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Semigroups with  $I$ -quasi length and syntactic semigroups. (English summary)

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For a semigroup  $S$  and a subset  $L \subseteq S$ , the syntactic congruence of  $L$  is the relation

$$\rho_L = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid \forall u, v \in S^1, uxv \in L \iff uyv \in L\}.$$

The quotient semigroup  $S/\rho_L$  is called the syntactic semigroup of  $L$ . The set  $L$  is called disjunctive in  $S$  when  $\rho_L$  is the equality (diagonal) relation on  $S$ . A disjunctive language over a finite alphabet  $A$  is a disjunctive subset of the semigroup  $A^+$  (or the monoid  $A^*$ ). A language  $L \subseteq A^+(A^*)$  is  $f$ -disjunctive if each  $\rho_L$ -class is finite, and is called  $qf$ -disjunctive if each  $\rho_L$ -class other than  $\mathbf{W}(L)$  (the residue of  $L$ ) is finite, where  $\mathbf{W}(L) = \{x \in S \mid S^1xS^1 \cap L = \emptyset\}$ . A semigroup  $S$  is called a semigroup with  $I$ -quasi-length if  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$ , and there exists a mapping  $l: I^{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $l(xy) \geq l(x) + l(y)$  holds for all  $x, y, xy \in I^{\mathbb{G}}$ . If  $l$  is a partial homomorphism (i.e., satisfies  $l(xy) = l(x) + l(y)$  for all  $x, y, xy \in I^{\mathbb{G}}$ ) then  $S$  is called a semigroup with  $I$ -length.

The authors give some characterizations of semigroups with (0-)quasi-length, and also provide some necessary and sufficient conditions for a class of semigroups—including finitely generated semigroups with quasi-length, finite  $\pi$ -groups, finite nil-extensions of finite inverse semigroups—to be syntactic. A semigroup is called syntactic if it is isomorphic to the syntactic semigroup of a language. The authors claim that their results answer completely the question “What kind of semigroups can be isomorphic to the syntactic semigroup of an  $f$ -disjunctive (respectively,  $qf$ -disjunctive) language?”

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