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# ON THE MONOID OF MONOTONE INJECTIVE PARTIAL SELFMAPS OF $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$ WITH COFINITE DOMAINS AND IMAGES

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Let  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  be the set  $\mathbb{N}^2$  with the partial order defined as the product of usual order  $\leqslant$  on the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$ . We study the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  of monotone injective partial selfmaps of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  having cofinite domain and image. We describe properties of elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  as monotone partial bijections of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  and show that the group of units of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group of order two. Also we describe the subsemigroup of idempotents of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  and the Green relations on  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ . In particular, we show that  $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{J}$  in  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ .

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

We shall follow the terminology of [1] and [9].

In this paper we shall denote the cardinality of the set A by |A|. We shall identify all sets X with their cardinality |X|. By  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  we shall denote the cyclic group of order two. Also, for infinite subsets A and B of an infinite set X we shall write  $A \subseteq {}^*B$  if and only if there exists a finite subset  $A_0$  of A such that  $A \setminus A_0 \subseteq B$ .

An algebraic semigroup S is called *inverse* if for any element  $x \in S$  there exists a unique  $x^{-1} \in S$  such that  $xx^{-1}x = x$  and  $x^{-1}xx^{-1} = x^{-1}$ . The element  $x^{-1}$  is called the *inverse of*  $x \in S$ .

If S is a semigroup, then we shall denote the subset of idempotents in S by E(S). If S is an inverse semigroup, then E(S) is closed under multiplication and we shall refer to E(S) as a band (or the band of S). If the band E(S) is a non-empty subset of S, then the semigroup operation on S determines the following partial order  $\leq$  on E(S):  $e \leq f$ 

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if and only if ef = fe = e. This order is called the *natural partial order* on E(S). A *semilattice* is a commutative semigroup of idempotents. A semilattice E is called *linearly* ordered or a *chain* if its natural order is a linear order.

If S is a semigroup, then we shall denote the Green relations on S by  $\mathscr{R}, \mathscr{L}, \mathscr{J}, \mathscr{D}$ and  $\mathscr{H}$  (see [1, Section 2.1]):

$$a\mathscr{R}b \text{ if and only if } aS^1 = bS^1;$$
  

$$a\mathscr{L}b \text{ if and only if } S^1a = S^1b;$$
  

$$a\mathscr{J}b \text{ if and only if } S^1aS^1 = S^1bS^1;$$
  

$$\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{L} \circ \mathscr{R} = \mathscr{R} \circ \mathscr{L};$$
  

$$\mathscr{H} = \mathscr{L} \cap \mathscr{R}.$$

The  $\mathscr{R}$ -class (resp.,  $\mathscr{L}$ -,  $\mathscr{H}$ -,  $\mathscr{D}$ - or  $\mathscr{J}$ -class) of the semigroup S which contains an element a of S will be denoted by  $R_a$  (resp.,  $L_a$ ,  $H_a$ ,  $D_a$  or  $J_a$ ).

If  $\alpha \colon X \rightharpoonup Y$  is a partial map, then by dom  $\alpha$  and ran  $\alpha$  we denote the domain and the range of  $\alpha$ , respectively.

Let  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  denote the set of all partial one-to-one transformations of an infinite set X of cardinality  $\lambda$  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 set X (see [1, Section 1.9]). The symmetric inverse semigroup was introduced by Vagner [16] and it plays a major role in the semigroup theory. An element  $\alpha \in \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}$  is called *cofinite*, if the sets  $\lambda \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $\lambda \setminus \operatorname{ran} \alpha$  are finite.

Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set (a poset). A non-empty subset A of  $(X, \leq)$  is called a *chain* if the induced partial order from  $(X, \leq)$  onto A is linear. For an arbitrary  $x \in X$  and non-empty  $A \subseteq X$  we denote

$$\uparrow x = \{y \in X \colon x \leqslant y\}, \quad \downarrow x = \{y \in X \colon y \leqslant x\}, \quad \uparrow A = \bigcup_{x \in A} \uparrow x \quad \text{and} \quad \downarrow A = \bigcup_{x \in A} \downarrow x.$$

We shall say that a partial map  $\alpha \colon X \to X$  is monotone if  $x \leq y$  implies  $(x)\alpha \leq (y)\alpha$  for  $x, y \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ .

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive integers with the usual linear order  $\leq$ . On the Cartesian product  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  we define the product partial order, i.e.,

 $(i,m) \leqslant (j,n)$  if and only if  $(i \leqslant j)$  and  $(m \leqslant n)$ .

Later the set  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  with this partial order will be denoted by  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ .

By  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  we denote the subsemigroup of injective partial monotone selfmaps of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  with cofinite domains and images. Obviously,  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  is a submonoid of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\omega}$  and  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  is a countable semigroup.

Furthermore, we shall denote the identity of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  by  $\mathbb{I}$  and the group of units of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  by  $H(\mathbb{I})$ .

It well known that each partial injective cofinite selfmap f of  $\lambda$  induces a homeomorphism  $f^* \colon \lambda^* \to \lambda^*$  of the remainder  $\lambda^* = \beta \lambda \setminus \lambda$  of the Stone-Čech compactification of the discrete space  $\lambda$ . Moreover, under some set theoretic axioms (like **PFA** or **OCA**), each homeomorphism of  $\omega^*$  is induced by some partial injective cofinite selfmap of  $\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a first infinite cardinal (see [10]–[15] and the corresponding sections in the book [17]). Thus, the inverse semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  of injective partial selfmaps of an infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  with cofinite domains and images admits a natural homomorphism  $\mathfrak{h}: \mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}} \to \mathscr{H}(\lambda^*)$  to the homeomorphism group  $\mathscr{H}(\lambda^*)$  of  $\lambda^*$  and this homomorphism is surjective under certain set theoretic assumptions.

In the paper [8] algebraic properties of the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  are studied. It is shown that  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  is a bisimple inverse semigroup and that for every non-empty chain L in  $E(\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}})$ there exists an inverse subsemigroup S of  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  such that S is isomorphic to the bicyclic semigroup and  $L \subseteq E(S)$ , described the Green relations on  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  and proved that every non-trivial congruence on  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  is a group congruence. Also, the structure of the quotient semigroup  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}/\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the least group congruence on  $\mathscr{I}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{cf}}$ , is described.

The semigroups  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z})$  of injective isotone partial selfmaps with cofinite domains and images of positive integers and integers, respectively, are studied in [6] and [7]. It was proved that the semigroups  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z})$  have similar properties to the bicyclic semigroup: they are bisimple and every non-trivial homomorphic image  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$ and  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z})$  is a group, and moreover the semigroup  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  has  $\mathbb{Z}(+)$  as a maximal group image and  $\mathscr{I}^{\prec}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z})$  has  $\mathbb{Z}(+) \times \mathbb{Z}(+)$ , respectively.

In the paper [5] we studied the semigroup  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$  of monotone injective partial selfmaps of the set of  $L_n \times_{lex} \mathbb{Z}$  having cofinite domain and image, where  $L_n \times_{lex} \mathbb{Z}$ is the lexicographic product of *n*-elements chain and the set of integers with the usual linear order. We described the Green relations on  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$ , showed that the semigroup  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$  is bisimple and established its projective congruences. Also, we proved that  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$  is finitely generated, every automorphism of  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z})$  is inner, and showed that in the case  $n \ge 2$  the semigroup  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$  has non-inner automorphisms. In [5] we proved that for every positive integer *n* the quotient semigroup  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)/\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$ is a least group congruence on  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$ , is isomorphic to the direct power  $(\mathbb{Z}(+))^{2n}$ . The structure of the sublattice of congruences on  $\mathscr{IO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{lex}^n)$  which are contained in the least group congruence is described in [4].

In this paper we study algebraic properties of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . We describe properties of elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  as monotone partial bijection of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ and show that the group of units of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group of the order two. Also, the subsemigroup of idempotents of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and the Green relations on  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  are described. In particular, we show that  $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{J}$  in  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ .

## 2. Properties of elements of the semigroup $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_\leqslant)$ as monotone partial permutations

In this short section we describe properties of elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}_{\leq}^2)$  as monotone partial transformations of the poset  $\mathbb{N}_{\leq}^2$ .

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an arbitrary  $\alpha \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  we denote:

$V^n = \{(n,j) \colon j \in \mathbb{N}\};\$	$H^n = \{(j,n) \colon j \in \mathbb{N}\};\$
$V^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = V^n \cap \operatorname{dom}\alpha;$	$V^n_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} = V^n \cap \operatorname{ran}\alpha;$
$H^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = H^n \cap \operatorname{dom}\alpha;$	$H^n_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} = H^n \cap \operatorname{ran} \alpha.$

Remark 1. We observe that the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  implies that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and arbitrary  $\alpha \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  the sets  $\mathsf{V}^n_{\dim \alpha}$ ,  $\mathsf{V}^n_{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$ ,  $\mathsf{H}^n_{\dim \alpha}$  and  $\mathsf{H}^n_{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$  are infinite, and moreover all of these sets with the partial order induced from  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  are order isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ .

**Lemma 1.** There exists no element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $(m,n) < \infty$  $(m,n)\alpha$  for some  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ .

*Proof.* Suppose the contrary, i.e., that there exists an element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $(m,n) < (m,n)\alpha$  for some  $(m,n) \in \mathrm{dom}\,\alpha$ . We denote  $(m,n)\alpha =$ (i, j). Then our assumption implies that the family of subsets

$$\mathfrak{R}_{\alpha} = \left\{ \mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k} \colon k < i \right\} \cup \left\{ \mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k} \colon k < j \right\}$$

has more elements than the family

$$\mathfrak{D}_{\alpha} = \left\{ \mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}^{k} \colon k < m \right\} \cup \left\{ \mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}^{k} \colon k < n \right\}$$

Then there exist  $A \in \mathfrak{D}_{\alpha}$  and distinct  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathfrak{R}_{\alpha}$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $(p,q)\alpha \in B_1$  for infinitely many  $(p,q) \in A$ ; and
- (*ii*)  $(s,t)\alpha \in B_2$  for infinitely many  $(s,t) \in A$ .

We observe that A is a linearly ordered subset of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ . Hence, the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  implies that the image  $(A)\alpha$  must be a linearly ordered subset of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  as well. This implies that one of the following conditions holds:

- (a) there exist distinct elements  $V_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_1}$  and  $V_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_2}$  of the family  $\mathfrak{R}_{\alpha}$  such that the sets  $\mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_1} \cap (A)\alpha$  and  $\mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_2} \cap (A)\alpha$  are infinite;
- (b) there exist distinct elements  $H_{ran\alpha}^{k_1}$  and  $H_{ran\alpha}^{k_2}$  of the family  $\Re_{\alpha}$  such that the sets  $\mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_1} \cap (A)\alpha$  and  $\mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_2} \cap (A)\alpha$  are infinite; (c) there exist distinct elements  $\mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_1}$  and  $\mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_2}$  of the family  $\mathfrak{R}_{\alpha}$  such that the sets
- $\mathsf{V}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_1} \cap (A)\alpha$  and  $\mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^{k_2} \cap (A)\alpha$  are infinite.

Each of the above conditions contradicts the fact that  $(A)\alpha$  is a linearly ordered subset of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ . The obtained contradiction implies the statement of the lemma.

By  $\varpi$  we denote the bijective transformation of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  defined by the formula  $(i, j) \varpi = (j, i)$ , for any  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . It is obvious that  $\varpi$  is an element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and  $\varpi \varpi = \mathbb{I}$ .

**Lemma 2.** There exists no element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $(n,m) < \infty$  $(m,n)\alpha$  for some  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ .

Proof. Suppose the contrary. Then there exists an element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ such that  $(n,m) < (m,n)\alpha$  for some  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Then we obtain that  $(m,n) < \infty$  $(m,n)\alpha \varpi$ , which contradicts Lemma 1. The obtained contradiction implies the statement of our lemma.

For arbitrary positive integer l we define a partial map  $\alpha_{\mathbf{V}}^{l} \colon \mathbb{N}^{2} \to \mathbb{N}^{2}$  in the following way:

$$\operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{\mathbf{V}}^{l}) = \mathbb{N}^{2} \setminus \{(1,1),\ldots,(l,1)\}, \quad \operatorname{ran}(\alpha_{\mathbf{V}}^{l}) = \mathbb{N}^{2} \quad \text{and} \\ (i,j)\alpha_{\mathbf{V}}^{l} = \begin{cases} (i,j), & \text{if } i > l; \\ (i,j-1), & \text{if } i \leq l. \end{cases}$$

It it obvious that  $\alpha_{\mathcal{V}}^l \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  for any positive integer l.

**Lemma 3.** For any element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  the following assertions hold:

- (1) either  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1}$  or  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$ ; (2) either  $(\mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  or  $(\mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1}$ .

Proof. We shall show that assertion (1) holds. The proof of (2) is similar.

First we observe that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  if and only if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \varpi \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$ . Suppose the contrary: there exists an element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  such that neither  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  nor  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$ . Then the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ , Lemma 1 and the above observation imply that without loss of generality we may assume that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \not\subseteq \mathsf{H}^1 \cup \mathsf{V}^1$  and there exists  $(k,1) \in \operatorname{dom}\alpha$  such that  $(k,1)\alpha = (i,j), j \neq 1$  and  $2 \leq i < k$ . Also, by the definition of  $\alpha_{\mathsf{V}}^l \in \mathscr{P}\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  we get that without loss of generality we may assume that j = 2, i.e.,  $(k, 1)\alpha = (i, 2)$ . Then there exist disjoint infinite subsets A and B of the set  $V^1_{\text{dom }\alpha} \cup \ldots \cup V^{k-1}_{\text{dom }\alpha}$  such that

$$A \cup B = \mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{V}^{k-1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}, \qquad \mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \subseteq (A)\alpha \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{V}^{k-1}_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \subseteq (B)\alpha.$$

If  $A \cap \mathsf{V}^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} \neq \emptyset$  then the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  and Lemma 1 imply that there exists  $(a,b) \in B$  such that  $(a,b)\alpha \in V^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$  and  $(c,d) \leq (a,b)$  for some  $(c,d) \in A$ , which contradicts the definition of the partial order  $\leq$  of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ .

Assume that  $A \subseteq \mathsf{V}^2_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{V}^{k-1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ . Then there exist infinite subsets  $A_1 \subseteq A$ and  $B_1 \subseteq B$  such that  $(A_1)\alpha = \mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \setminus \{(1,1)\}$  and  $(B_1)\alpha = \mathsf{V}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \setminus \{(1,1)\}$ . Hence the definition of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  implies that at least one of the following conditions holds:  $\uparrow A_1 \cap \downarrow B_1 \neq \emptyset$  or  $\downarrow A_1 \cap \uparrow B_1 \neq \emptyset$ . If  $\uparrow A_1 \cap \downarrow B_1 \neq \emptyset$  then  $(\downarrow B_1)\alpha \subseteq \downarrow V_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}^1 = V^1$ but  $V^1 \cap \uparrow (\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} \setminus \{(1,1)\}) \subseteq V^1 \cap \uparrow (\mathsf{H}^1 \setminus \{(1,1)\}) = \emptyset$ , a contradiction. Similarly, if  $\downarrow A_1 \cap \uparrow B_1 \neq \emptyset$  then  $(\downarrow A_1)\alpha \subseteq \downarrow \mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} = \mathsf{H}^1$  and we get a contradiction with

$$\mathsf{H}^{1} \cap \uparrow \left(\mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{ran} \alpha} \setminus \{(1,1)\}\right) \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1} \cap \uparrow \left(\mathsf{V}^{1} \setminus \{(1,1)\}\right) = \varnothing.$$

The obtained contradictions imply the statement of the lemma.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

- (1) (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup> if and only if (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ V<sup>1</sup>, and moreover in this case the sets H<sup>1</sup> \ (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α and V<sup>1</sup> \ (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α are finite;
  (2) (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ V<sup>1</sup> if and only if (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup>, and moreover in this case V<sup>1</sup> \ (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup> + (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup>, and moreover in this case V<sup>1</sup> \ (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup> + (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup>, and moreover in this case V<sup>1</sup> \ (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup> + (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup>, and moreover in this case V<sup>1</sup> \ (H<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α ⊆ H<sup>1</sup> + (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α = (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>) = (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom α</sub>)α = (V<sup>1</sup><sub>dom </sub>
- $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \text{ and } \mathsf{H}^1 \setminus (\mathsf{V}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \text{ are finite.}$

Proof. The first statements of assertions (1) and (2) follow from Lemma 3 and their second parts follow from Lemma 1.

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and n be an arbitrary positive integer. Then the following assertions hold:

(1) if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  then  $(\mathsf{H}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{H}^n$  and  $(\mathsf{V}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{V}^n$ , and moreover

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{n}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{n} \text{ and } (\mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^{n}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{V}^{1}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^{n};$$

(2) if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$  then  $(\mathsf{H}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{V}^n$  and  $(\mathsf{V}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{H}^n$ , and moreover

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{n}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{V}^{1}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^{n} \text{ and } (\mathsf{V}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^{n}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{n}.$$

*Proof.* (1) We shall prove this assertion by induction.

In the case when n = 1 our statement follows from Lemma 3 and Proposition 1. Next we shall show that the step of induction holds.

We assume that our assertion holds for arbitrary  $\alpha \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and for all positive integers  $n \leq k$  and we shall prove that then the assertion is true in the case when n = k + 1.

For an arbitrary element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  we define a partial map  $\alpha_{[k+1]} \colon \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}^2$  in the following way:

$$\begin{split} (i,j)\alpha_{[k+1]} & \text{ is defined if and only if } (i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap \uparrow (k+1,k+1) \\ & \text{ and } (i,j)\alpha \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha \cap \uparrow (k+1,k+1), \quad \text{ and moreover in this case we put } \\ & (i,j)\alpha_{[k+1]} = (i,j)\alpha, \end{split}$$

i.e., the partial map  $\alpha_{[k+1]} \colon \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}^2$  is the restriction of the partial map  $\alpha \colon \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}^2$ onto the set  $\uparrow(k+1, k+1)$ . Since the set  $\uparrow(k+1, k+1)$  with the partial induced from  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  is order isomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$ , the assumption of induction and Lemma 3 imply that either  $(\mathsf{H}^{k+1} \cap \operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]}))\alpha_{[k+1]} \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{k+1}$  or  $(\mathsf{H}^{k+1} \cap \operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]}))\alpha_{[k+1]} \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{k+1}$ . Then the inclusion

$$\downarrow (\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{H}^{k}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}) \subseteq \downarrow (\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{H}^{k}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} \cup \mathsf{H}^{k+1}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha})$$

implies that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{k+1} \cap \operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]}))\alpha = (\mathsf{H}^{k+1} \cap \operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]}))\alpha_{[k+1]} \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{k+1}.$$

Hence we have that  $(\mathsf{H}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}^{k+1})\alpha\subseteq^*\mathsf{H}^{k+1}$ , because the set  $\operatorname{dom}\alpha\setminus\operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]})\cap\mathsf{H}^{k+1}$  is finite. Also, since  $(i,j)\leqslant(p,q)$  for all  $(i,j)\in\operatorname{dom}\alpha\setminus\operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]})\cap\mathsf{H}^{k+1}$  and  $(p,q)\in\operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]})\cap\mathsf{H}^{k+1}$ , the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}_{\leqslant}^2)$ , the assumption of induction and the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^{k+1}\cap\operatorname{dom}(\alpha_{[k+1]}))\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{k+1}$  imply the requested inclusion

 $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{k}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\mathsf{H}^{k+1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{H}^{k}\cup\mathsf{H}^{k+1}.$ 

Again using indiction and Proposition 1 we get that the condition  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ implies that  $(\mathsf{H}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{H}^n$  and  $(\mathsf{V}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{V}^n_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1 \cup \ldots \cup \mathsf{V}^n$  for every positive integer n.

(2) If  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$  then  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \varpi \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Then assertion (1) and the equality  $\alpha \varpi \varpi = \alpha$  imply assertion (2).

The following theorem describes the structure of elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  as monotone partial permutations of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

- (1) if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  then
  - $(i_1)$   $(i,j)\alpha \leq (i,j)$  for each  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ ; and
  - (ii1) there exists a smallest positive integer  $n_{\alpha}$  such that  $(i, j)\alpha = (i, j)$  for each  $(i, j) \in \text{dom } \alpha \cap \uparrow (n_{\alpha}, n_{\alpha});$
- (2) if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$  then
  - $(i_2)$   $(i,j)\alpha \leq (j,i)$  for each  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ ; and
  - (ii2) there exists a smallest positive integer  $n_{\alpha}$  such that  $(i, j)\alpha = (j, i)$  for each  $(i, j) \in \text{dom } \alpha \cap \uparrow (n_{\alpha}, n_{\alpha}).$

Proof. (1) Fix an arbitrary element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Suppose to the contrary that there exists  $(i, j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  such that  $(i, j)\alpha = (k, l) \leq (i, j)$ . Then Lemma 1, Theorem 1(1) and the definition of the partial order of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  imply that k > i and l < j. Now, by the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  we get that there exists a positive integer  $m \leq i$  such that

$$(\mathsf{V}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^m_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\nsubseteq\mathsf{V}^1\cup\ldots\cup\mathsf{V}^m,$$

which contradicts Theorem 1(1). The obtained contradiction implies the requested inequality  $(i, j)\alpha \leq (i, j)$  and this completes the proof of (i).

Next we shall prove (*ii*). Fix an arbitrary element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}_{\leq}^2)$  such that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Suppose to the contrary that for any positive integer *n* there exists  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap \uparrow(n,n)$  such that  $(i,j)\alpha \neq (i,j)$ . We put  $\mathsf{N}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = |\mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| + 1$  and

$$\mathsf{M}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = \max\left\{\left\{i: (i,j) \notin \operatorname{dom}\alpha\right\}, \left\{j: (i,j) \notin \operatorname{dom}\alpha\right\}\right\} + 1$$

The definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}_{\leq}^2)$  implies that the positive integers  $\mathsf{N}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$  and  $\mathsf{M}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$  are well defined. Put  $n_0 = \max{\{\mathsf{N}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}, \mathsf{M}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}\}}$ . Then our assumption implies that there exists  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha \cap \uparrow (n_0, n_0)$  such that  $(i,j)\alpha = (i_\alpha, j_\alpha) \neq (i,j)$ . By (i), we have that  $(i_\alpha, j_\alpha) < (i, j)$ . We consider the case when  $i_\alpha < i$ . In the case when  $j_\alpha < j$  the proof is similar. Assume that  $i \leq j$ . By Theorem 1 the partial bijection  $\alpha$  maps the set  $S_i = \{(n,m): n, m \leq i-1\}$  into itself. Also, by the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}_{\leq}^2)$  the partial bijection  $\alpha$  maps the set  $\{(i,1),\ldots,(i,i)\}$  into  $S_i$  as well. Then our construction implies that

 $|S_i \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = |\mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha| = \mathsf{N}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |\{(i, 1), \dots, (i, i)\}| \ge \mathsf{N}_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha},$ 

a contradiction. In the case when  $j \leq i$  we get a contradiction in a similar way. This completes the proof of existence of such a positive integer  $n_{\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . The existence of such minimal positive integer  $n_{\alpha}$  follows from the fact that the set of all positive integers with the usual order  $\leq$  is well-ordered.

all positive integers with the usual order  $\leq$  is well-ordered. (2) If  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$  then  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\varpi \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ , and hence (1) and the equality  $\alpha\varpi\varpi = \alpha$  imply our assertion.

Theorem 2 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 1.**  $|\mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \operatorname{ran} \alpha| \leq |\mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \operatorname{dom} \alpha|$  for an arbitrary  $\alpha \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ .

For an arbitrary non-empty subset A of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and any element  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  we denote  $\overline{A} = \{(i, j) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : (j, i) \in A\}$  and  $\overline{(i, j)} = (j, i)$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

(i)  $\operatorname{dom}(\varpi\alpha) = \operatorname{dom}(\varpi\alpha\varpi) = \overline{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$  and  $\operatorname{dom}(\alpha\varpi) = \operatorname{dom}\alpha$ ;

(*ii*)  $\operatorname{ran}(\varpi\alpha) = \operatorname{ran}\alpha \ and \ \operatorname{ran}(\varpi\alpha\varpi) = \operatorname{ran}(\alpha\varpi) = \overline{\operatorname{ran}\alpha};$ 

(iii)  $\alpha$  is an idempotent if and only if so is  $\varpi \alpha \varpi$ .

*Proof.* Items (i) and (ii) follow from the definition of the composition of partial maps.

(*iii*) Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . By items (*i*) and (*ii*) we have that  $\operatorname{dom}(\varpi\alpha\varpi) = \overline{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = \overline{\operatorname{ran}\alpha} = \operatorname{ran}(\varpi\alpha\varpi)$ . Then  $(j,i)\varpi\alpha\varpi = (i,j)\alpha\varpi = (j,i)$  for an arbitrary  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom}\alpha$ , and hence  $\varpi\alpha\varpi \in E(\mathscr{P}\!\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}))$ . The converse statement follows from the equality  $\varpi\varpi = \mathbb{I}$ .

The following statement follows from the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and Lemma 3.

**Proposition 3.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be arbitrary elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}(\alpha\beta)})\alpha\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  if and only if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}(\beta\alpha)})\beta\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ .

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Theorems 1 and 2 imply the following

**Proposition 4.** The group of units  $H(\mathbb{I})$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**Proposition 5.** Let  $\alpha$  be an element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then  $\alpha \in H(\mathbb{I})$  if and only if dom  $\alpha = \mathbb{N}^2$ .

*Proof.* The implication  $(\Rightarrow)$  is trivial. The implication  $(\Leftarrow)$  follows from Theorems 1, 2 and Corollary 1.

**Proposition 6.** An element  $\alpha$  of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  is an idempotent if and only if  $\alpha$  is an identity partial self-map of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  with the cofinite domain.

*Proof.* The implication ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is trivial.

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Let an element  $\alpha$  be an idempotent of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then for every  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  we have that  $(x)\alpha\alpha = (x)\alpha$  and hence we get that  $\operatorname{dom} \alpha^2 = \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and ran  $\alpha^2 = \operatorname{ran} \alpha$ . Also since  $\alpha$  is a partial bijective self-map of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  we conclude that the previous equalities imply that  $\operatorname{dom} \alpha = \operatorname{ran} \alpha$ . Fix an arbitrary  $x \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and suppose that  $(x)\alpha = y$ . Then  $(x)\alpha = (x)\alpha\alpha = (y)\alpha = y$ . Since  $\alpha$  is a partial bijective self-map of  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  we have that the equality  $(y)\alpha = y$  implies that the full preimage of y under the partial map  $\alpha$  is equal to y. Similarly the equality  $(x)\alpha = y$  implies that the full preimage of y under the partial map  $\alpha$  is equal to x. Thus we get that x = y and our implication holds. *Remark* 2. The proof of Proposition 6 implies that the statement of the proposition holds for any semigroup of partial bijections, but in the general case of a semigroup of transformations this statement is not true.

The following theorem describes the subset of idempotents of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}).$ 

**Theorem 3.** For an element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\alpha$  is an idempotent of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ ;
- (ii) dom  $\alpha$  = ran  $\alpha$  and there exists a positive integer n > 1 such that  $(n, 1) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ and  $(n, 1)\alpha \in \text{H}^1$ ;
- (iii) dom  $\alpha$  = ran  $\alpha$  and there exists a positive integer m > 1 such that  $(1, m) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ and  $(1, m)\alpha \in V^1$ .

Proof. Implications  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  and  $(i) \Rightarrow (iii)$  follow from Proposition 6.

We shall prove implication  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  by induction in two steps. The proof of implication  $(iii) \Rightarrow (i)$  is similar.

First we remark that if  $(1,1) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  then since  $(1,1) \leq (i,j)$  for any  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ , the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  implies that  $(1,1)\alpha = (1,1)$ .

Now, condition (*ii*) and Lemma 3 imply that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Since the set  $\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ with the induced order from the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_\leqslant$  is order isomorphic to the set of all positive integers with the usual linear order, without loss of generality we may assume that  $\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = \{x_i^1 \colon i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$  and  $x_i^1 \leqslant x_j^1$  in  $\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$  if and only if  $i \leqslant j$ . Since  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ , Theorem 2(1) implies that  $(x_1^1, 1)\alpha \leqslant (x_1^1, 1)$ , and by the equality  $\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = \mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$  we get that  $(x_1^1, 1)\alpha = (x_1^1, 1)$ . Suppose that we have shown that  $(x_i^1, 1)\alpha = (x_i^1, 1)$  for every positive integer  $l < t_0$ , where  $t_0$  is some positive integer  $\geqslant 2$ . Then the equality  $\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha} = \mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$  and Theorem 2(1) imply that  $(x_{t_0}^1, 1)\alpha = (x_{t_0}^1, 1)$ , because  $(x_{t_0}^1, 1)\alpha \leqslant (x_{t_0}^1, 1)$  and  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Therefore, we have proved that  $(x_k^1, 1)\alpha = (x_k^1, 1)$  for every  $(x_k, 1) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ .

Now, we shall show that the equality  $(p,q)\alpha = (p,q)$  for all positive integers  $q < k_0$ and all positive integers p such that  $(p,q) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ , where  $k_0$  is some positive integer  $\geq 2$ , implies that  $(p,k_0)\alpha = (p,k_0)$  for all  $(p,k_0) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ . Since the set  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha}$  with the induced order from the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$  is order isomorphic to the set of all positive integers with the usual linear order, without loss of generality we may assume that  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha} = \left\{ x_i^{k_0} : i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \right\}$  and  $x_i^{k_0} \leq x_j^{k_0}$  in  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha}$  if and only if  $i \leq j$ . Then the assumption of induction and Theorem 1(1) imply that  $(\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha})\alpha \subseteq^* \mathsf{H}^{k_0}$ . Theorem 2(1) implies that  $(x_1^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha \leq (x_1^{k_0}, k_0)$ , and by the equality  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha} = \mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{ran } \alpha}$  we get that  $(x_1^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha = (x_1^{k_0}, k_0)$ . Suppose that we showed that  $(x_l^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha = (x_l^{k_0}, k_0)$  for every positive integer  $l < s_0$ , where  $s_0$  is a some positive integer  $\geq 2$ . Then the equality  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha} =$  $\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{ran } \alpha}$  and Theorem 2(1) imply that  $(x_{s_0}^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha = (x_{s_0}^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha \leq (x_{s_0}^{k_0}, k_0)$ and  $(\mathsf{H}^{k_0}_{\text{dom } \alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{k_0}$ . Therefore, we have proved that  $(x_k^{k_0}, k_0)\alpha = (x_k^{k_0}, k_0)$  for every  $(x_k^{k_0}, k_0) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ .

The proof of implication  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  is complete.

Proposition 6 implies the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.** The subset of idempotents  $E(\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}))$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ is a commutative submonoid of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and moreover  $E(\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}))$  is isomorphic to the free semilattice with unit  $(\mathscr{P}^*(\mathbb{N}^2), \cup)$  over the set  $\mathbb{N}^2$  under the mapping  $(\varepsilon)\mathfrak{h} =$  $\mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon.$ 

Later we shall need the following technical lemma.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\alpha$  be an element of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha = \gamma \alpha$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  if and only if the restriction  $\gamma|_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha} : \operatorname{dom} \alpha \to \mathcal{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  $\mathbb{N}^2$  is an identity partial map;
- (ii)  $\alpha = \alpha \gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  if and only if the restriction  $\gamma|_{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$ :  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha \to \mathbb{N}^2$ is an identity partial map

*Proof.* (i) The implication ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is trivial.

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $\alpha = \gamma \alpha$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then we have that dom  $\alpha \subseteq$ dom  $\gamma$  and dom  $\alpha \subseteq \operatorname{ran} \gamma$ . Since  $\gamma \colon \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}^2$  is a partial bijection, the above arguments imply that  $(i, j)\gamma = (i, j)$  for each  $(i, j) \in \text{dom } \alpha$ . Indeed, if  $(i, j)\gamma = (m, n) \neq (i, j)$  for some  $(i, j) \in \text{dom } \alpha$  then since  $\alpha \colon \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}^2$  is a partial bijection we have that either

$$(i,j)\alpha = (i,j)\gamma\alpha = (m,n)\alpha \neq (i,j)\alpha, \quad \text{if} \quad (m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha,$$

or  $(m, n)\alpha$  is undefined. This completes the proof of the implication.

The proof of (ii) is similar to that of (i).

The following theorem describes the Green relations  $\mathscr{L}, \mathscr{R}, \mathscr{H}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}).$ 

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha \mathscr{L}\beta$  if and only if either  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha = \varpi\beta$ ;
- (ii)  $\alpha \mathscr{R} \beta$  if and only if either  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha = \beta \varpi$ ;
- (iii)  $\alpha \mathscr{H} \beta$  if and only if either  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha = \varpi \beta = \beta \varpi$ ;
- (iv)  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$  if and only if  $\alpha = \mu \beta \nu$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in H(\mathbb{I})$ .

*Proof.* (i) The implication ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is trivial.

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}\beta$  in the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then there exist  $\gamma, \delta \in$  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2)$  such that  $\alpha = \gamma\beta$  and  $\beta = \delta\alpha$ . The last equalities imply that ran  $\alpha = \operatorname{ran} \beta$ . By Lemma 3 only one of the following cases holds:

- $(i_1) (\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}) \alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1 \text{ and } (\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom} \beta}) \beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1;$
- (i2)  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1}$  and  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1};$ (i3)  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  and  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1};$
- $(i_4) \ (\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}) \alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1 \text{ and } (\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom} \beta}) \beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1.$

Suppose that case  $(i_1)$  holds. Then the equalities  $\alpha = \gamma \beta$  and  $\beta = \delta \alpha$  imply that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\gamma})\gamma \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1} \qquad \text{and} \qquad (\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\delta})\delta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1},$$

$$\tag{1}$$

and moreover we have that  $\alpha = \gamma \delta \alpha$  and  $\beta = \delta \gamma \beta$ . Hence by Lemma 4 we have that the restrictions  $(\gamma \delta)|_{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}$ : dom  $\alpha \to \mathbb{N}^2$  and  $(\delta \gamma)|_{\operatorname{dom} \beta}$ : dom  $\beta \to \mathbb{N}^2$  are identity partial maps. Then by condition (1) we obtain that the restrictions  $\gamma|_{\mathrm{dom}\,\alpha}:\,\mathrm{dom}\,\alpha\to\mathbb{N}^2$  and  $\delta|_{\operatorname{dom}\beta}$ :  $\operatorname{dom}\beta \to \mathbb{N}^2$  are also identity partial maps. Indeed, other wise there exists  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom}\alpha$  such that either  $(i,j)\gamma \notin (i,j)$  or  $(i,j)\delta \notin (i,j)$ , which contradicts Theorem 2(1). Thus, the above arguments imply that in case  $(i_1)$  we have that  $\alpha = \beta$ .

Suppose that case  $(i_2)$  holds. Then we have that  $\alpha = \gamma \beta = \gamma \mathbb{I}\beta = \gamma(\varpi \varpi)\beta = (\gamma \varpi)(\varpi \beta)$  and  $\varpi \beta = (\varpi \delta)\alpha$ . Hence we get that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}(\varpi \beta)$ ,  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  and  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}(\varpi \beta)})\varpi \beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Then we apply case  $(i_1)$  for elements  $\alpha$  and  $\varpi \beta$  and obtain that  $\alpha = \varpi \beta$ .

In case  $(i_3)$  the proof of the equality  $\alpha = \varpi \beta$  is similar to case  $(i_2)$ .

Suppose that case  $(i_4)$  holds. Then the equalities  $\alpha = \gamma\beta$  and  $\beta = \delta\alpha$  imply that  $\alpha \varpi = \gamma(\beta \varpi)$  and  $\beta \varpi = \delta(\alpha \varpi)$ , which implies that  $(\alpha \varpi) \mathscr{L}(\beta \varpi)$ . Since for the elements  $\alpha \varpi$  and  $\beta \varpi$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  case  $(i_1)$  holds,  $\alpha \varpi = \beta \varpi$  and hence  $\alpha = \alpha \varpi \varpi = \beta \varpi \varpi = \beta$ , which completes the proof of (i).

The proof of assertion (ii) is dual to that of (i).

Assertion (iii) follows from (i) (ii).

(*iv*) Suppose that  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$  in  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ . Then there exists  $\gamma \in \mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  such that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}\gamma$  and  $\gamma \mathscr{R}\beta$ . By Proposition 4 the group of units  $H(\mathbb{I})$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  has two distinct elements  $\mathbb{I}$  and  $\varpi$ . By (*i*), (*ii*), there exist  $\mu, \nu \in H(\mathbb{I})$  such that  $\alpha = \mu\gamma$  and  $\gamma = \beta\nu$  and hence  $\alpha = \mu\beta\nu$ . Converse, suppose that  $\alpha = \mu\beta\nu$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in H(\mathbb{I})$ . Then by (*i*), (*ii*), we have that  $\alpha \mathscr{L}(\beta\nu)$  and  $\beta \mathscr{R}(\beta\nu)$ , and hence  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$ .

Theorem 4 implies Corollary 2 which gives the inner characterization of the Green relations  $\mathscr{L}, \mathscr{R}, \mathscr{H}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  on the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  as partial permutations of the poset  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq}$ .

**Corollary 2.** (i) Every  $\mathscr{L}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  contains two distinct elements.

- (ii) Every  $\mathscr{R}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  contains two distinct elements.
- (iii) Every  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  contains at most two distinct elements.
- (iv) The  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an element  $\alpha$  consists of two distinct elements if and only if dom  $\alpha = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}$ , ran  $\alpha = \overline{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$  and  $(\overline{(i,j)})\alpha = \overline{(i,j)\alpha}$  for each  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ , and the  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\alpha$  is a singleton in the other case.
- (v) The  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an idempotent  $\varepsilon$  consists of two distinct elements if and only if dom  $\varepsilon = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \varepsilon}$ .
- (vi) The  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an idempotent  $\varepsilon$  is a singleton if and only if dom  $\varepsilon \neq \overline{\operatorname{dom} \varepsilon}$ .
- (vii) Every  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  contains either two or four distinct elements.
- (viii) A  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  has two distinct elements if and only if it contains only one  $\mathscr{H}$ -class.
- (ix) A  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  has two distinct elements if and only if it contains a non-singleton  $\mathscr{H}$ -class.
- (x) A  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  has four distinct elements if and only every its  $\mathscr{H}$ -class is singleton.
- (xi) A  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  has four distinct elements if and only it contains a singleton  $\mathscr{H}$ -class.
- (xii) The  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an idempotent  $\varepsilon$  consists of two distinct elements if and only if dom  $\varepsilon = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \varepsilon}$ .

(xiii) The  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an idempotent  $\varepsilon$  consists of four distinct elements if and only if dom  $\varepsilon \neq \overline{\mathrm{dom}\,\varepsilon}$ .

Proof. Statements (i), (ii) and (iii) are trivial and they follow from the equality  $\varpi \varpi = \mathbb{I}$  and the corresponding statements of Theorem 4.

(*iv*) By (*i*) and (*ii*) we have that the  $\mathscr{H}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  which contains an element  $\alpha$  contains at most two distinct elements.

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Assume that  $\alpha \mathscr{H}\beta$  in  $\mathscr{P}\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^{2}_{\leqslant})$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . By Theorem 4(*iii*),  $\beta = \alpha \varpi = \varpi \alpha$ . Then by the definition of  $\varpi$  we get that dom  $\beta = \operatorname{dom} \alpha = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}$  and  $\operatorname{ran} \beta = \operatorname{ran} \alpha = \overline{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$ . If  $(i, j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $(i, j)\alpha = (m, n)$  then

 $(n,m) = (m,n)\varpi = (i,j)\alpha\varpi = (i,j)\beta = (i,j)\varpi\alpha = (j,i)\alpha.$ 

This completes the proof of the implication.

The converse implication is trivial, and the last statement of item (iv) follows from the above part of its proof.

(v) If dom  $\varepsilon = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \varepsilon}$  then  $\varepsilon \varpi = \varpi \varepsilon \neq \varepsilon$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\varepsilon \varpi = \varpi \varepsilon \neq \varepsilon$ . Since dom  $\varpi = \operatorname{ran} \varpi = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and dom  $\varepsilon = \operatorname{ran} \varepsilon$ , the equality  $\varepsilon \varpi = \varpi \varepsilon$  implies that dom $(\varepsilon \varpi) = \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon = \operatorname{ran} \varepsilon = \operatorname{ran}(\varpi \varepsilon)$ , and hence the definition of the element  $\varpi \in H(\mathbb{I})$  implies that dom  $\varepsilon = \operatorname{dom} \varepsilon$ .

Statement (vi) follows from items (iii), (v).

(vii) Theorem 4(iv) and (i), (ii) imply that every  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  contains at most four and at least two distinct elements. Suppose to the contrary that there exists a  $\mathscr{D}$ -class  $D_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  which contains three distinct elements such that  $\alpha \in D_{\alpha}$  for some element  $\alpha$  of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ . By Theorem 4(iv),  $\varpi\alpha, \alpha \varpi, \varpi \alpha \varpi \in D_{\alpha}$ . Since  $\varpi\gamma \neq \gamma \neq \gamma \varpi$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ , we have that  $\varpi\alpha = \alpha \varpi$  or  $\alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$ . If  $\varpi\alpha = \alpha \varpi$  then the definition of the element  $\varpi$  of  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  implies that  $\alpha = \varpi \varpi \alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$ . Similarly, if  $\alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$  then  $\varpi\alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$  then  $\varpi\alpha = \varpi \varpi \alpha \varpi$ . This completes the proof of the statement.

 $(viii) (\Rightarrow)$  Assume that a  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  has two distinct elements and it contains  $\alpha$ . Then the proof of item (vii) implies that  $\varpi \alpha = \alpha \varpi$  and  $\alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$ . By Theorem 4(iv) we have that  $D_{\alpha} = H_{\alpha}$ .

Implication ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is trivial.

(ix) Implication ( $\Rightarrow$ ) follows form item (viii).

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Assume that there exists a  $\mathscr{D}$ -class of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  which contains a non-singleton  $\mathscr{H}$ -class  $H_{\alpha}$  of  $\mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathscr{P}\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ . By Theorem 4(*iii*) we have that  $H_{\alpha} = \{\alpha, \alpha \varpi\}$  and  $\alpha \neq \alpha \varpi = \varpi \alpha$ . Then the last equality implies that  $\alpha = \varpi \alpha \varpi$ . Hence by Theorem 4(*iv*),  $D_{\alpha} = H_{\alpha}$ , which complete the proof of the implication.

Statement (x) follows from (viii), (ix).

(xi) By Theorem 2.3 of [1] any two  $\mathscr{H}$ -classes of an arbitrary  $\mathscr{D}$ -class are of the same cardinality. Now, we apply statement (x).

Statement (xii) follows from (viii), (v).

Items (x) and (vi) imply statement (xiii).

We need the following three lemmas.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (i) if  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  then the restrictions  $\beta|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ :  $\operatorname{dom}\alpha \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma|_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$ :  $\operatorname{ran}\alpha \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  are identity partial maps;
- (ii) if  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  then  $(i,j)\beta = (j,i)$  for each  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom}\alpha$  and  $(m,n)\gamma = (n,m)$  for each  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{ran}\alpha$ ; and moreover in this case we have that  $\operatorname{dom}\alpha = \overline{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ ,  $\operatorname{ran}\alpha = \overline{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$  and  $(j,i)\alpha = \overline{(i,j)\alpha}$  for any  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom}\alpha$ , i.e.,  $\alpha = \overline{\varpi\alpha\varpi}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  holds. Then one of the following cases holds:

- (1)  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1;$
- (2)  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$ .

If case (1) holds then the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$  and Lemma 3 imply that  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom} \gamma})\gamma \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1}$ . By Theorem 2(1),  $(i,j)\beta \leq (i,j)$  for any  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \beta$  and  $(m,n)\gamma \leq (m,n)$  for any  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \gamma$ . Suppose that  $(i,j)\beta < (i,j)$  for some  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Then we have that

$$(i,j)\alpha = (i,j)\beta\alpha\gamma < (i,j)\alpha\gamma \leqslant (i,j)\alpha$$

which contradicts the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$ . The obtained contradiction implies that the restriction  $\beta|_{\text{dom }\alpha}$ :  $\text{dom }\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map. This and the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$  imply that the restriction  $\gamma|_{\text{ran }\alpha}$ :  $\text{ran }\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map too.

Suppose that case (2) holds. Then we have that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha\varpi \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . Now, the equality  $\alpha = \beta\alpha\gamma$  and the definition of the element  $\varpi$  the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathcal{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  imply that

$$\alpha \varpi = \beta \alpha \gamma \varpi = \beta (\alpha \varpi) (\varpi \gamma \varpi).$$

Then we apply case (1). This completes the proof of (i).

(*ii*) Assume that the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  holds. Then the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$ implies that  $\alpha = \beta \beta \alpha \gamma \gamma$  and the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  implies that  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}(\beta\beta)})\beta\beta \subseteq$  $\mathsf{H}^{1}$ . Now, by (*i*), the restrictions  $(\beta\beta)|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ : dom  $\alpha \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\gamma\gamma)|_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$ : ran  $\alpha \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  are identity partial maps. Since  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$ , Theorem 2(2) implies that  $(i,j)\beta \leqslant (j,i)$  for any  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Suppose that  $(i,j)\beta < (j,i)$  for some  $(i,j) \in$ dom  $\alpha$ . Again, by Theorem 2(2) we get that  $(j,i)\beta \leqslant (i,j)$  and hence we have that  $(i,j) = (i,j)\beta\beta < (j,i)\beta \leqslant (i,j)$ , a contradiction. The obtained contradiction implies that  $(i,j)\beta = (j,i)$  for each  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Next, the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  and the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$  imply that  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\gamma})\gamma \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$ . Then the similar arguments as in the above part of the proof imply that  $(m, n)\gamma = (n, m)$  for each  $(m, n) \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha$ .

Now, the property that  $(i, j)\beta = (j, i)$  for each  $(i, j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $(m, n)\underline{\gamma} = (n, m)$  for each  $(m, n) \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha$ , and the equality  $\alpha = \beta \alpha \gamma$  imply that  $\operatorname{dom} \alpha = \overline{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}$  and  $\operatorname{ran} \alpha = \overline{\operatorname{ran} \alpha}$ . Fix an arbitrary  $(i, j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$ . Put  $(m, n) = (i, j)\alpha$ . Then the above part of the proof of this item implies that  $(m, n) = (i, j)\alpha = (i, j)\beta\alpha\gamma = (j, i)\alpha\gamma$  and hence  $(n, m) = (m, n)\varpi = (j, i)\alpha\gamma\varpi = (j, i)\alpha$ .

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and A be a cofinite subset of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . If the restriction  $(\alpha\beta)|_A : A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map then one of the following conditions holds:

(i) the restrictions  $\alpha|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $\beta|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  are identity partial maps; (ii)  $(i, j)\alpha = (j, i)$  for all  $(i, j) \in A$  and  $(m, n)\beta = (n, m)$  for all  $(m, n) \in \overline{A}$ .

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*Proof.* By Lemma 3 we have that either  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  or  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$ . Suppose that the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$  holds. Then the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ implies that  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\beta})\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1$ . By Theorem 2(1) we have that

$$(i,j)\alpha \leqslant (i,j)$$

for any  $(i,j) \in \operatorname{dom} \alpha$  and  $(m,n)\beta \leq (m,n)$  for any  $(m,n) \in \operatorname{dom} \beta$ . Suppose that  $(i,j)\alpha < (i,j)$  for some  $(i,j) \in A$ . Then we have that

$$(i,j) = (i,j)\alpha\beta < (i,j)\beta \leqslant (i,j),$$

which contradicts the assumption that the restriction  $(\alpha\beta)|_A: A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map. Hence the restriction  $\alpha|_A: A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map. Similar arguments imply that the restriction  $\beta|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is also an identity partial map. Thus, in the case when  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{H}^{1}$ , item (*i*) holds. Suppose that the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^{1}$  holds. By the definition of the semigroup

 $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  we have that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\mathrm{dom}\,\beta})\beta\subseteq\mathsf{V}^{1},\ \alpha\beta=(\alpha\varpi)(\varpi\beta),\ (\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\mathrm{dom}(\alpha\varpi)})\alpha\varpi\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}$$

and

$$(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}(\varpi\beta)})\varpi\beta \subseteq \mathsf{H}^1.$$

Then the previous part of the proof implies that the restrictions  $(\alpha \varpi)|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and  $(\varpi\beta)|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  are identity partial maps. Since  $(\alpha \varpi) \varpi = \alpha$  and  $\varpi(\varpi\beta) = \beta$ , the inclusion  $(\mathsf{H}^1_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha})\alpha \subseteq \mathsf{V}^1$  implies that *(ii)* holds.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  and A be a cofinite subset of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . If  $(i, j)\alpha\beta = (j, i)$  for all  $(i, j) \in A$ , then one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) the restriction  $\alpha|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map and  $(m, n)\beta = (n, m)$ for all  $(m, n) \in A$ ;
- (ii)  $(i, j)\alpha = (j, i)$  for all  $(i, j) \in A$  and  $\beta|_{\overline{A}} : \overline{A} \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map.

*Proof.* The assumption of the lemma implies that the restriction  $\alpha(\beta \varpi)|_A : \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map. Hence by Lemma 6 only one of the following conditions holds:

- (1) the restrictions  $\alpha|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\beta \varpi)|_A \colon A \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  are identity partial maps;
- (2)  $(i, j)\alpha = (j, i)$  for all  $(i, j) \in A$  and  $(m, n)\beta \varpi = (n, m)$  for all  $(m, n) \in \overline{A}$ .

Since  $(\beta \varpi) \varpi = \beta$ , the above arguments imply the statement of the lemma.

Elementary calculations and the definition of the semigroup  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  imply the following proposition.

**Proposition 8.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be elements of the semigroup  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ . Then the following assertions hold:

- (i) if the restriction  $\beta|_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$ :  $\operatorname{ran}\alpha \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map then  $\alpha\beta =$  $\alpha \mathbb{I} = \alpha;$
- (ii) if the restriction  $\beta|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ :  $\operatorname{dom}\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is an identity partial map then  $\beta\alpha =$  $\mathbb{I}\alpha = \alpha$ :

(*iii*) if  $(m, n)\beta = (n, m)$  for all  $(m, n) \in \operatorname{ran} \alpha$  then  $\alpha\beta = \alpha \varpi$ ;

(iv) if  $(m,n)\beta = (n,m)$  for all  $(m,n) \in \overline{\operatorname{dom} \alpha}$  then  $\beta \alpha = \overline{\omega} \alpha$ .

### Theorem 5. $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{J}$ in $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$ .

*Proof.* The inclusion  $\mathscr{D} \subseteq \mathscr{J}$  is trivial.

Fix any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $\alpha \mathscr{J}\beta$ . Then there exist  $\gamma_{\alpha}, \delta_{\alpha}, \gamma_{\beta}, \delta_{\beta} \in \mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leq})$  such that  $\alpha = \gamma_{\alpha}\beta\delta_{\alpha}$  and  $\beta = \gamma_{\beta}\alpha\delta_{\beta}$  (see [2] or [3, Section II.1]). Hence we have that

 $\alpha = \gamma_{\alpha} \gamma_{\beta} \alpha \delta_{\beta} \delta_{\alpha}$  and  $\beta = \gamma_{\beta} \gamma_{\alpha} \beta \delta_{\alpha} \delta_{\beta}$ .

Suppose that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}(\gamma_{\alpha}\gamma_{\beta})})\gamma_{\alpha}\gamma_{\beta}\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}.$$

By Proposition 3,

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}(\gamma_{\beta}\gamma_{\alpha})})\gamma_{\beta}\gamma_{\alpha}\subseteq\mathsf{H}^{1}.$$

Lemma 5(i) implies that the restrictions

 $(\gamma_{\alpha}\gamma_{\beta})|_{\operatorname{dom}\alpha}$ : dom  $\alpha \rightharpoonup \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(\delta_{\beta}\delta_{\alpha})|_{\operatorname{ran}\alpha}$ : ran  $\alpha \rightharpoonup \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\gamma_{\beta}\gamma_{\alpha})|_{\mathrm{dom}\,\beta}\colon \mathrm{dom}\,\beta \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \text{ and } (\delta_{\alpha}\delta_{\beta})|_{\mathrm{ran}\,\beta}\colon \mathrm{ran}\,\beta \to \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

are identity partial maps. Then by Lemma 6 and Proposition 8 there exist  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in H(\mathbb{I})$  such that  $\gamma_{\beta}\alpha = \omega_1 \alpha$ ,  $\alpha \delta_{\beta} = \alpha \omega_2$ ,  $\gamma_{\alpha}\beta = \omega_1\beta$  and  $\beta \delta_{\alpha} = \beta \omega_2$ . This implies that

$$\alpha = \gamma_{\alpha}\beta\delta_{\alpha} = \omega_{1}\beta\delta_{\alpha} = \omega_{1}\beta\omega_{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \gamma_{\beta}\alpha\delta_{\beta} = \omega_{1}\alpha\delta_{\beta} = \omega_{1}\alpha\omega_{2},$$

and hence by Theorem 4 we get that  $\alpha \mathscr{D}\beta$ .

Suppose that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}(\gamma_{\alpha}\gamma_{\beta})})\gamma_{\alpha}\gamma_{\beta}\subseteq\mathsf{V}^{1}.$$

Then by Proposition 3 and Lemma 3 we have that

$$(\mathsf{H}^{1}_{\operatorname{dom}(\gamma_{\beta}\gamma_{\alpha})})\gamma_{\beta}\gamma_{\alpha}\subseteq\mathsf{V}^{1}.$$

Now, as in the above part of the proof the statement of the theorem follows from Lemma 5(ii), Lemma 7 and Proposition 8.

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Нехай  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  – множина  $\mathbb{N}^2$  з частковим порядком, визначеним як добуток звичайного лінійного порядку  $\leqslant$  на множині натуральних чисел  $\mathbb{N}$ . Вивчено напівгрупу  $\mathscr{P}\!\mathscr{O}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  монотонних ін'єктивних часткових перетворень частково впорядкованої множини  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$ , які мають коскінченні області визначення та значення. Описуємо властивості елементів напівгрупи  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  як монотонних часткових бієкцій частково впорядкованої множини  $\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant}$  і доводимо, що група одиниць напівгрупи  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  ізоморфна циклічній групі другого порядку. Також описуємо піднапівгрупу ідемпотентів напівгрупи  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$  та відношення Гріна  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ . Зокрема, доведено, що  $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{J}$  в  $\mathscr{PO}_{\infty}(\mathbb{N}^2_{\leqslant})$ .

*Ключові слова:* напівгрупа часткових бієкцій, монотонне часткове відображення, ідемпотент, відношення Гріна.