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## Ideals in semigroups of partial transformations with invariant set

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**Abstract:** This paper explores the ideals and their structural properties in two generalizations of the partial transformation semigroup. Furthermore, principal, maximal, and minimal ideals within these semigroups are elucidated.

**Key words:** Partial transformation semigroups, ideals, principal ideals, minimal ideals, maximal ideals, mathematics

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $S$  be a semigroup, and let  $S^1$  denote a semigroup obtained from  $S$  by adding an identity element if  $S$  lacks one. If  $S$  already contains an identity element, then  $S^1$  is equivalent to  $S$ . For a nonempty subset  $I$  of  $S$ , the term ideal is assigned to  $I$  if both  $SI$  and  $IS$  are subsets of  $I$ . If  $a \in S$ , the smallest ideal of  $S$  containing  $a$  is identified as  $S^1aS^1$  and is referred to as the principal ideal generated by  $a$ . Moreover, an ideal  $I$  is considered minimal if there is no ideal  $J$  such that  $J \subsetneq I$ . Conversely, an ideal  $I$  is deemed maximal if there is no ideal  $J$  such that  $I \subsetneq J \subsetneq S$ .

Consider a nonempty set  $X$ , and let  $T(X)$  represent the full transformation semigroup on  $X$  under the composition of functions. Within semigroup theory, the semigroup  $T(X)$  holds paramount significance as it serves as a foundational framework, allowing any semigroup to be viewed as an isomorphic subsemigroup. A comprehensive exploration of  $T(X)$  has revealed numerous fundamental properties, and substantial research efforts have been dedicated to investigating various specific subsemigroups within the structure.

Henceforth, the cardinality of any set  $A$  will be denoted by  $|A|$ . In 1952, Malcev [15] demonstrated that the ideals in  $T(X)$  precisely take the form

$$T_r = \{\alpha \in T(X) : |X\alpha| < r\},$$

where  $2 \leq r \leq |X|'$ , and  $|X|'$  represents the minimum cardinality greater than  $|X|$ . It is evident that the ideals in  $T(X)$  form a chain under set inclusion. Over the years, the concept of full transformation semigroups has experienced significant growth, incorporating and building upon earlier discoveries. A well-recognized extension of  $T(X)$  is represented by the semigroups  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$  and  $Fix(X, Y)$ , where  $Y$  is a subset of  $X$ . These are defined as follows:

$$\overline{T}(X, Y) = \{\alpha \in T(X) : Y\alpha \subseteq Y\} \text{ and } Fix(X, Y) = \{\alpha \in T(X) : y\alpha = y \text{ for all } y \in Y\}.$$

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Since  $\overline{T}(X, X) = T(X)$  and  $Fix(X, \emptyset) = T(X)$ , both are considered generalizations of  $T(X)$ . Specifically, all three aforementioned semigroups contain  $id_X$ , the identity map on  $X$ , as an identity element. Furthermore, it holds that  $Fix(X, Y) \subseteq \overline{T}(X, Y) \subseteq T(X)$ , with the inclusion being strictly observed in general.

The exploration of  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$  was initiated by Magill [14] in 1966, while Honyam and Sanwong [12] delved into  $Fix(X, Y)$  in 2013. Extensive examination of the algebraic properties of these semigroups has been undertaken. For  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$ , please refer to [3, 6, 10, 11, 16, 21, 23, 24]. For  $Fix(X, Y)$ , consult [1, 2, 4, 12, 17, 18]. Additionally, Honyam and Sanwong determined the ideals of both  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$  and  $Fix(X, Y)$  in [10] and [12], respectively. For the semigroup  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$ , its ideals precisely consist of sets in the form

$$K(Z) = \{\alpha \in \overline{T}(X, Y) : |X\alpha| \leq |X\beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|, \text{ and } |X\alpha \setminus Y| \leq |X\beta \setminus Y| \text{ for some } \beta \in Z\},$$

where  $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq \overline{T}(X, Y)$ . Concerning the semigroup  $Fix(X, Y)$ , its ideals are exactly the sets

$$Fix_r = \{\alpha \in Fix(X, Y) : |X\alpha \setminus Y| < r\},$$

where  $1 \leq r \leq |X \setminus Y|'$ . The ideals in  $Fix(X, Y)$  form a chain under set inclusion, whereas the ideals in  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$  do not.

Consider  $P(X)$ , the semigroup comprising all partial transformations on  $X$  under the composition of functions. It is noteworthy that the three previously mentioned transformation semigroups are strictly encompassed within  $P(X)$ . The concept of construction semigroups  $\overline{T}(X, Y)$  and  $Fix(X, Y)$  can be employed to formulate generalizations of  $P(X)$  as follows:

$$\overline{PT}(X, Y) = \{\alpha \in P(X) : (\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y)\alpha \subseteq Y\},$$

where  $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X$  and  $\text{dom } \alpha$  denotes the domain of  $\alpha$ . Furthermore, for  $Y \subsetneq X$ , let

$$PFix(X, Y) = \{\alpha \in P(X) : y\alpha = y \text{ for all } y \in \text{dom } \alpha \cap Y\}.$$

Since  $\overline{PT}(X, X) = P(X)$  and  $PFix(X, \emptyset) = P(X)$ , both semigroups are regarded as extensions of  $P(X)$ . However, they find application in distinct scenarios and complement each other. Various algebraic properties of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  and  $PFix(X, Y)$  have been explored; for example, refer to [5, 7, 19, 20, 25, 26].

In this article, we systematically identify all ideals and their respective properties within  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  and  $PFix(X, Y)$ . Additionally, we conduct an examination of principal, minimal, and maximal ideals in these semigroups, illustrating that the ideals do not generally form a chain under set inclusion.

In the context of this paper, we adhere to the convention of right-to-left function application. Specifically, in the composition  $\alpha\beta$ , the transformation  $\alpha$  is applied first. For any  $\alpha \in P(X)$ , we denote the domain and image of  $\alpha$  as  $\text{dom } \alpha$  and  $\text{im } \alpha$ , respectively. For notions and notations that are not explicitly defined herein, the reader is referred to [8, 9, 13].

## 2. Main results

Consider any cardinal number  $p$  and define  $p'$  to be the minimum cardinal  $q$  such that  $q > p$ , i.e.,  $p' = \min\{q : q > p\}$ . It is crucial to emphasize that the existence of  $p'$  is guaranteed due to the well-ordered nature

of cardinals. When  $p$  is finite,  $p' = p + 1$ , representing its successor. The ideals of  $P(X)$ , as presented in [22], constitute the only sets of the form

$$P_r = \{\alpha \in P(X) : |\text{im } \alpha| < r\},$$

where  $2 \leq r \leq |X|'$ . Clearly, the ideals of  $P(X)$  form a chain under set inclusion.

To characterize the ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , unless otherwise stated, we let  $|X| = a$ ,  $|Y| = b$ , and  $|X \setminus Y| = c$ . Furthermore, for each triplet of cardinals  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$  satisfying  $1 \leq r \leq a'$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq b'$ , and  $1 \leq t \leq c'$ , we define the subset  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  as follows:

$$\overline{PT}(r, s, t) = \{\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X, Y) : |\text{im } \alpha| < r, |Y\alpha| < s, \text{ and } |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| < t\}.$$

Evidently,  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  can be empty, and  $\overline{PT}(a', b', c') = \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . In cases where  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  is not empty, we obtain the following:

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the set  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .*

**Proof** Let  $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Then  $|\text{im } \alpha| < r, |Y\alpha| < s$  and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| < t$ . By simple set-theoretical arguments, we can conclude that  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |\text{im } \alpha| < r$ ,  $|Y\lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |Y\alpha| < s$ , and  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| < t$ . Thus,  $\lambda\alpha\mu \in \overline{PT}(r, s, t)$ , and consequently,  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  forms an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .  $\square$

Observe that if  $r \leq u, s \leq v$ , and  $t \leq w$ , then we have  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t) \subseteq \overline{PT}(u, v, w)$ . However, the following example demonstrates that there exists an ideal in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  that does not conform to the form of  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$ . This also illustrates that the ideals in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  do not form a chain under set inclusion.

**Example 2.2** *Considering  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ , we have  $|X| = 4$ ,  $|Y| = 2$ , and  $|X \setminus Y| = 2$ . Both  $\overline{PT}(3, 3, 1)$  and  $\overline{PT}(4, 2, 2)$  are ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , and therefore, the union of  $\overline{PT}(3, 3, 1)$  and  $\overline{PT}(4, 2, 2)$  is also an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . To demonstrate that  $\overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \cup \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2)$  does not constitute a member of the form  $\overline{PT}(r, s, t)$ , we suppose, to the contrary, that  $\overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \cup \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2) = \overline{PT}(r, s, t)$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq 5, 1 \leq s \leq 3$ , and  $1 \leq t \leq 3$ . If  $r < 4$  or  $t < 2$ , then there is*

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2) \setminus \overline{PT}(r, s, t),$$

and if  $s < 3$ , then there is

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \setminus \overline{PT}(r, s, t).$$

Both cases contradict with the supposition. Hence,  $r \geq 4$ ,  $s = 3$  and  $t \geq 2$ . However, there exists

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \overline{PT}(r, 3, t),$$

but  $\gamma \notin \overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \cup \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2)$ , so  $\overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \cup \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2) \neq \overline{PT}(r, 3, t)$  for all  $r \geq 4$ , and  $t \geq 2$ . Since  $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2) \setminus \overline{PT}(3, 3, 1)$  and  $\beta \in \overline{PT}(3, 3, 1) \setminus \overline{PT}(4, 2, 2)$ , we obtain that the ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  do not form a chain.

In order to determine all ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , we refer to the result from [19] as follows:

**Lemma 2.3** [19] *Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Then  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$  if and only if  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|$ ,  $|Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$  and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ .*

Moreover, we define the set  $\overline{PT}[Z]$ , for  $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , as:

$$\overline{PT}[Z] = \{\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X, Y) : |\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|, |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y| \text{ for some } \beta \in Z\}.$$

It is evident that  $Z \subseteq \overline{PT}[Z]$ , and furthermore, if  $Z_1 \subseteq Z_2$ , then  $\overline{PT}[Z_1] \subseteq \overline{PT}[Z_2]$ .

**Theorem 2.4** *The ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $\overline{PT}[Z]$ , where  $Z$  is a nonempty subset of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .*

**Proof** To prove that  $\overline{PT}[Z]$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , let  $\alpha \in \overline{PT}[Z]$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Then  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$  and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$  for some  $\beta \in Z$ . By employing a comparable proof as demonstrated in Theorem 2.1, we obtain  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |\text{im } \alpha|, |Y\lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |Y\alpha|$  and  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y|$ . Thus,  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\lambda\alpha\mu| \leq |Y\beta|$  and  $|\text{im } \lambda\alpha\mu \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . Hence,  $\lambda\alpha\mu \in \overline{PT}[Z]$ , implying that  $\overline{PT}[Z]$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

Now, let  $I$  be an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . To prove that  $I = \overline{PT}[I]$ , we begin by considering  $\alpha \in \overline{PT}[I]$ . Then  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$  for some  $\beta \in I$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Since  $\beta \in I$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , it follows that  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu \in I$ . Hence,  $\overline{PT}[I] \subseteq I$ . Since  $I$  is already included in  $\overline{PT}[I]$ , we conclude that  $I = \overline{PT}[I]$ , as required.  $\square$

Note that for an ideal  $I$  of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , as indicated in the proof of Theorem 2.4, we have  $\overline{PT}[I] = I$ . Additionally, it is possible for the difference sets  $Z$  to yield the same ideal in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . To distinguish subsets of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  that form distinct ideals, we define a subset  $J_{r,s,t}$  of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , where  $0 \leq r \leq a, 0 \leq s \leq b$ , and  $0 \leq t \leq c$ , as follows:

$$J_{r,s,t} = \{\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X, Y) : |\text{im } \alpha| = r, |Y\alpha| = s \text{ and } |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = t\}.$$

Observe that if  $r, s$ , and  $t$  satisfy any of the conditions  $s + t > r, r - s - t > b - s$ , or  $r - s - t > c - t$ , then  $J_{r,s,t} = \emptyset$ . On the other hand, if  $s + t \leq r, r - s - t \leq b - s$ , and  $r - s - t \leq c - t$ , then we define  $\alpha_{r,s,t} \in J_{r,s,t}$  by choosing  $S \subseteq Y$  and  $T \subseteq X \setminus Y$  with  $|S| = s$  and  $|T| = t$ . Next, we let  $R \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \setminus T$  and  $R' \subseteq Y \setminus S$  with  $|R| = r - s - t = |R'|$ . Now, fixing a bijection  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R'$ , we define  $\alpha_{r,s,t} = \sigma \cup \text{id}_S \cup \text{id}_T$ , where  $\text{id}_S$  and  $\text{id}_T$  are the identity maps on  $S$  and  $T$ , respectively.

Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be a collection of all  $\alpha_{r,s,t}$ , where  $J_{r,s,t} \neq \emptyset$ . It is evident that  $|\mathcal{Z} \cap J_{r,s,t}| = 1$ . A nonempty subset  $Z$  of  $\mathcal{Z}$  is called *pt-pure* if for any distinct two elements  $\alpha_{n_1, n_2, n_3}$  and  $\alpha_{m_1, m_2, m_3}$  in  $Z$ , there exist  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $n_i > m_i$  and  $m_j > n_j$ .

**Theorem 2.5** *Let  $X$  be a finite set. The ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $\overline{PT}[Z]$ , where  $Z$  is a pt-pure subset of  $\mathcal{Z}$ . In particular, distinct pt-pure subsets of  $\mathcal{Z}$  result in distinct ideals.*

**Proof** Let  $I$  be any ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Let  $r = \max\{|\text{im } \alpha| : \alpha \in I\}$ ,  $s = \max\{|Y\alpha| : \alpha \in I\}$ , and  $t = \max\{|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| : \alpha \in I\}$ . Choose  $\alpha \in J_{r, s_r, t_r} \cap I$ , where  $s_r = \max\{u : J_{r, u, v} \cap I \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $t_r = \max\{v : J_{r, u, v} \cap I \neq \emptyset\}$ . Similarly, we choose  $\beta \in J_{r_s, s, t_s} \cap I$  and  $\gamma \in J_{r_t, s_t, t} \cap I$ . By Lemma 2.3, we obtain that  $\alpha_{r, s_r, t_r}$ ,  $\alpha_{r_s, s, t_s}$ , and  $\alpha_{r_t, s_t, t}$  belong to  $I$ . Let  $Z_I = \{\alpha_{r, s_r, t_r}, \alpha_{r_s, s, t_s}, \alpha_{r_t, s_t, t}\}$ . Note that the elements in  $Z_I$  may not differ at all and  $Z_I$  is a pt-pure subset. It is clear that  $I \subseteq \overline{PT}[Z_I]$ . Let  $\delta \in \overline{PT}[Z_I]$ . Then  $|\text{im } \delta| \leq u$ ,  $|Y\delta| \leq v$ , and  $|\text{im } \delta \setminus Y| \leq w$  for some  $u, v, w$  with  $\alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_I$ . According to Lemma 2.3, we have  $\delta = \lambda \alpha_{u, v, w} \mu \in I$ , thus implying  $I = \overline{PT}[Z_I]$ .

Next, we consider any pure subsets  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  of  $\mathcal{Z}$  with  $Z_1 \neq Z_2$ . Without loss of generality, if one is strictly contained in the other, we assume that  $Z_1 \subsetneq Z_2$ . Then there exists  $\alpha_{r, s, t} \in Z_2 \setminus Z_1$ . Since  $Z_2$  is a pt-pure subset of  $\mathcal{Z}$ , for each  $\alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_1$ ,  $u > r$  or  $v > s$  or  $w > t$ . Hence,  $\alpha_{r, s, t} \in \overline{PT}[Z_2] \setminus \overline{PT}[Z_1]$ . For the case  $Z_1 \not\subseteq Z_2$  and  $Z_2 \not\subseteq Z_1$ , we have  $Z_1 \setminus Z_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $Z_2 \setminus Z_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $r_1 = \max\{u : \alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_1 \setminus Z_2\}$  and  $r_2 = \max\{u : \alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_2 \setminus Z_1\}$ . Then there exist  $\alpha_{r_1, s_1, t_1} \in Z_1 \setminus Z_2$  and  $\alpha_{r_2, s_2, t_2} \in Z_2 \setminus Z_1$ .

**Case 1:**  $r_1 > r_2$ . If  $\alpha_{r_1, s_1, t_1} \in \overline{PT}[Z_2]$ , then there exists  $\alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_2$  such that  $r_2 < r_1 \leq u$ ,  $s_2 \leq v$ , and  $t_2 \leq w_2$ . The maximum value of  $r_2$  implies that  $\alpha_{u, v, w} \in Z_1$ , which contradicts the fact that  $Z_1$  is a pure subset. Hence,  $\alpha_{r_1, s_1, t_1} \in \overline{PT}[Z_1] \setminus \overline{PT}[Z_2]$ .

**Case 2:**  $r_2 > r_1$ . Using the same argument as in Case 1, we can conclude that  $\alpha_{r_2, s_2, t_2} \in \overline{PT}[Z_2] \setminus \overline{PT}[Z_1]$ .

**Case 3:**  $r_1 = r_2$ . Let  $v_1 = \max\{v : \alpha_{r_1, v, w} \in Z_1 \setminus Z_2\}$  and  $v_2 = \max\{v : \alpha_{r_2, v, w} \in Z_2 \setminus Z_1\}$ . If  $v_1 \neq v_2$ , applying the same previous argument, we conclude that  $\overline{PT}[Z_1] \neq \overline{PT}[Z_2]$ . In the case where  $v_1 = v_2$ , we let  $w_1 = \max\{w : \alpha_{r_1, v_1, w} \in Z_1 \setminus Z_2\}$  and  $w_2 = \max\{w : \alpha_{r_2, v_2, w} \in Z_2 \setminus Z_1\}$ . Consequently, we have  $w_1 \neq w_2$  and also establish  $\overline{PT}[Z_1] \neq \overline{PT}[Z_2]$ . □

To simplify notation, in the case of  $Z$  being a finite set such that  $Z = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , we use the notation  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  instead of  $\overline{PT}[\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}]$ . It is clear that  $\overline{PT}[Z] = \bigcup_{\gamma \in Z} \overline{PT}[\gamma]$ .

For  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ ,  $\overline{PT}[\alpha] \subseteq \overline{PT}[\beta]$  if and only if  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|$ ,  $|Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . Consequently,  $\overline{PT}[\alpha] = \overline{PT}[\beta]$  if and only if  $|\text{im } \alpha| = |\text{im } \beta|$ ,  $|Y\alpha| = |Y\beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . Additionally, if  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{Z}$ ,  $\overline{PT}[\alpha]$  and  $\overline{PT}[\beta]$  are distinct.

**Proposition 2.6** *The principal ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}]$ .*

**Proof** Let  $\alpha_{r, s, t} \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Our objective is to demonstrate that  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}] = \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r, s, t}\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . We begin by considering  $\beta \in \overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}]$ . This implies that  $|\text{im } \beta| \leq r$ ,  $|Y\beta| \leq s$ , and  $|\text{im } \beta \setminus Y| \leq t$ . According to Lemma 2.3, we can express  $\beta$  as  $\lambda \alpha_{r, s, t} \mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Consequently, we have established that  $\beta$  belongs to  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r, s, t}\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . On the other hand, consider  $\gamma$  in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r, s, t}\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . This implies that  $\gamma = \theta \alpha_{r, s, t} \eta$  for some  $\theta, \eta \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Since  $\alpha_{r, s, t} \in \overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}]$  and  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}]$  is an ideal, we can conclude that  $\gamma$  is an element of  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}]$ . Therefore,  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{r, s, t}] = \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r, s, t}\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  is a principal ideal within  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

Let  $I$  be any principal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Then  $I = \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  for some  $\alpha \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Let  $|\text{im } \alpha| = r$ ,  $|Y\alpha| = s$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = t$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $\alpha = \lambda \alpha_{r, s, t} \mu$  and  $\alpha_{r, s, t} = \lambda' \alpha \mu'$  for some  $\lambda, \lambda', \mu, \mu' \in$

$\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Hence,  $I = \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha\overline{PT}(X, Y) \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r,s,t}\overline{PT}(X, Y) \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha\overline{PT}(X, Y) = I$ . Therefore,  $I = \overline{PT}(X, Y)\alpha_{r,s,t}\overline{PT}(X, Y) = \overline{PT}[\alpha_{r,s,t}]$ .  $\square$

Next, we will discuss the minimal and maximal ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . It is clear that  $J_{0,0,0} = \{\emptyset\} = \overline{PT}[\alpha_{0,0,0}]$  is the minimum ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

As  $\{\emptyset\}$  represents the minimum ideal within  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , we can define a minimal ideal in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  as an ideal  $I$  such that  $\{\emptyset\} \subsetneq I$  and  $I$  satisfies the condition: if there exists an ideal  $J$  such that  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq J \subseteq I$ , then either  $J = \{\emptyset\}$  or  $J = I$ . The following theorem elaborates on the details of the minimal ideal in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

**Theorem 2.7**  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0}$  is the unique minimal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

**Proof** It is routine to verify that  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0} = \overline{PT}(2, 1, 1)$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . To prove the minimality, we let  $J$  be an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  such that  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq J \subsetneq \{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0}$ . Then there exists  $\alpha \in J_{1,0,0}$ , but  $\alpha \notin J$ . To demonstrate that  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ , we assume the contrary. In this case, there exists  $\emptyset \neq \beta \in J$ . Since both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  belong to  $J_{1,0,0}$ , by Lemma 2.3, there exist  $\lambda, \mu \in \overline{PT}(X, Y)$  such that  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$ . Since  $\beta \in J$  and  $J$  is an ideal, we obtain  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu \in J$ , which leads to a contradiction. Consequently,  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0}$  qualifies as a minimal ideal within  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . For the uniqueness, we let  $M$  be a minimal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . As  $M$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , it can be expressed as  $M = \overline{PT}[Z]$  for some a nonempty subset  $Z$  of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Since  $\{\emptyset\} \subsetneq M$ , there must exist  $\alpha \in M$  such that  $|\text{im } \alpha| \geq 1$ . Since  $\alpha \in M = \overline{PT}[Z]$ , we have  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$  for some  $\beta \in Z$ . Now, let  $\gamma \in J_{1,0,0}$ . Then  $|\text{im } \gamma| = 1 \leq |\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |Y\gamma| = 0 \leq |Y\alpha| \leq |Y\beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \gamma \setminus Y| = 0 \leq |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . This implies that  $\gamma \in \overline{PT}[Z] = M$ . Consequently, we have shown that  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0} \subseteq M$ , and therefore,  $M = \{\emptyset\} \cup J_{1,0,0}$  by the minimality of  $M$ .  $\square$

Now, we will introduce the concept of a maximal ideal in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . An ideal  $I$  in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  is categorized as a maximal ideal if, for any ideal  $M$  such that  $I \subseteq M \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , it holds that either  $M = I$  or  $M = \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

**Theorem 2.8**  $\overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c}$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

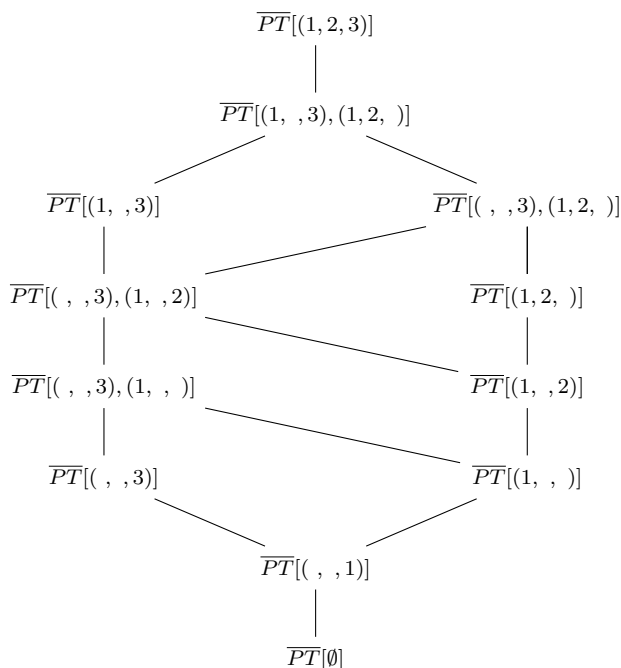
**Proof** It is clear that  $\overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c} = \overline{PT}[\overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c}]$  is an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . To show that  $\overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c}$  is a maximal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , we let  $M$  be an ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  such that  $\overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c} \subsetneq M \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . This implies that there exists  $\alpha \in M$ , but  $\alpha \notin \overline{PT}(X, Y) \setminus J_{a,b,c}$ . As a result, we have  $|\text{im } \alpha| = a, |Y\alpha| = b$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = c$ . Now, let  $\beta \in J_{a,b,c}$ . Since  $\alpha, \beta \in J_{a,b,c}$ , there exist  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  such that  $\beta = \lambda\alpha\mu$ . Consequently,  $\beta = \lambda\alpha\mu \in M$  since  $\alpha \in M$  and  $M$  is an ideal. Thus,  $M = \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . For the uniqueness, we let  $M'$  be a maximal ideal of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Then  $M \cup M'$  is an ideal and  $id_X \notin M \cup M'$ , whence  $M \cup M' \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Since  $M \subseteq M \cup M'$  and  $M$  is a maximal ideal, we have  $M \cup M' = M$ . Similarly, we can conclude that  $M \cup M' = M'$ . Thus,  $M = M \cup M' = M'$   $\square$

If  $Y \neq X$ , then  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{1,0,1}]$  and  $\overline{PT}[\alpha_{1,1,0}]$  neither contains the other. This means that if  $Y \neq \emptyset$ , then the ideals does not form a chain.

We conclude the study of ideals on  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  by elucidating the set  $J_{r,s,t}$  and the poset of ideals in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  for the sets  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ . To enhance clarity, an element  $\alpha$  in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  satisfying  $1\alpha = x$ ,  $2\alpha = y$ , and  $3\alpha = z$  is denoted as  $(x, y, z)$ . Specifically, the vacant positions in the 3-tuple signify their exclusion from the domain of those elements. The subsets  $J_{r,s,t}$  with  $\alpha_{r,s,t}$  in red and the Hasse diagram of ideals in  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  are presented in Table 1 and Figure 1, respectively.

**Table 1.** The subsets  $J_{r,s,t}$  of  $\overline{PT}(\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\})$ .

$J_{3,2,1}$		
<span style="color: red;">(1, 2, 3)</span> (2, 1, 3)		
$J_{2,1,0}$	$J_{2,1,1}$	$J_{2,2,0}$
(1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 1) <span style="color: red;">(1, , 2)</span> (2, , 1) (, 1, 2) (, 2, 1)	(1, 1, 3) (2, 2, 3) <span style="color: red;">(1, , 3)</span> (2, , 3) (, 1, 3) (, 2, 3)	(1, 2, 1) (2, 1, 2) (1, 2, 2) (2, 1, 1) <span style="color: red;">(1, 2, )</span> (2, 1, )
$J_{1,0,0}$	$J_{1,0,1}$	$J_{1,1,0}$
(, , 1) (, , 2)	(, , 3)	(1, , ) (2, , ) (, 1, ) (, 2, ) (1, 1, ) (2, 2, ) (1, , 1) (2, , 2) (, 1, 1) (, 2, 2) (1, 1, 1) (2, 2, 2)
$J_{0,0,0}$		
$\emptyset$		



**Figure 1.** The Hasse diagram of ideals in  $\overline{PT}(\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\})$ .



Our next propose is to explore the ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  in the case where  $Y$  is a proper subset of  $X$ . Recall that the ideals of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$  are of the form  $\overline{PT}[Z]$  where  $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ . Since  $PFix(X, Y)$  is a subsemigroup of  $\overline{PT}(X, Y)$ , we easily obtain the following:

**Lemma 2.9**  $\overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y)$  is an ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .

The following example demonstrates that there exists an ideal in  $PFix(X, Y)$  that does not conform to the form of  $\overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y)$ .

**Example 2.10** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ . Consider the ideal

$$I = \{\emptyset, (\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 2), (1, \cdot, \cdot), (1, \cdot, 1)\}$$

in  $PFix(X, Y)$ . If  $Z$  takes the form  $\{(\cdot, \cdot, 1)\}$ ,  $\{(\cdot, \cdot, 2)\}$ , or  $\{(\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 2)\}$ , then the corresponding  $\overline{PT}[Z]$  is  $\{\emptyset, (\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 2)\}$ ; if  $Z = \{(\cdot, \cdot, 3)\}$ , then  $\overline{PT}[Z] = \{\emptyset, (\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 2), (\cdot, \cdot, 3)\}$ ; and if  $Z = \{(\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 3)\}$ , then  $\overline{PT}[Z] = \{\emptyset, (\cdot, \cdot, 1), (\cdot, \cdot, 2), (\cdot, \cdot, 3)\}$ . In all mentioned cases, it is implied that  $\overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y) = \overline{PT}[Z] \neq I$ . Furthermore, for any  $Z \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$  not falling within the previously mentioned scenarios,  $\overline{PT}[Z]$  consistently contains  $(\cdot, 2, \cdot)$ , which results in  $\overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y) \neq I$ . Consequently, we assert that  $I \neq \overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y)$  for all  $Z \subseteq \overline{PT}(X, Y)$ .

To identify all ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$ , we refer to the result from [26] as follows:

**Lemma 2.11** [26] Let  $\alpha, \beta \in PFix(X, Y)$ . Then  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in PFix(X, Y)$  if and only if  $\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y \subseteq \text{dom } \beta \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|$  and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ .

Moreover, we define a subset  $PF[Z]$ , where  $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq PFix(X, Y)$ , as the set  $PF[Z] = \{\alpha \in PFix(X, Y) : \text{dom } \alpha \cap Y \subseteq \text{dom } \beta \cap Y, |\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|, |\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y| \text{ for some } \beta \in Z\}$ . Clearly,  $Z \subseteq PF[Z]$ , and if  $Z_1 \subseteq Z_2$ , then  $PF[Z_1] \subseteq PF[Z_2]$ .

Following the argument presented in the proof of Theorem 2.4, we establish the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.12** The ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $PF[Z]$ , where  $Z$  is a nonempty subset of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .

If  $Z$  is a finite set such that  $Z = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , similar to the notation used in  $\overline{PT}[Z]$ , we use the notation  $PF[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  instead of  $PF[\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}]$ . It is clear that  $PF[Z] = \bigcup_{\gamma \in Z} PF[\gamma]$ .

For  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $PFix(X, Y)$ . Then,  $PF[\alpha] \subseteq PF[\beta]$  if and only if  $\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y \subseteq \text{dom } \beta \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \alpha| \leq |\text{im } \beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . Consequently,  $PF[\alpha] = PF[\beta]$  if and only if  $|\text{im } \alpha| = |\text{im } \beta|$ ,  $\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y = \text{dom } \beta \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| \leq |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$  and  $|\text{im } \beta \setminus (\text{im } \alpha \cap Y)| \leq |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y|$ .

Note that, according to Lemma 2.11, we directly obtain that  $\alpha \in PF[\beta]$  if and only if  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in PFix(X, Y)$ . By applying the same argument used in the proof of Proposition 2.6, we arrive at the following theorem:

**Proposition 2.13** *The principal ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $PF[\alpha]$ , where  $\alpha \in PFix(X, Y)$ .*

Next, we will examine the minimal and maximal ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$ . Henceforth, let  $|X \setminus Y| = c$ , we will then proceed to define

$$J(A, B, t) = \{\alpha \in PFix(X, Y) : \text{dom } \alpha \cap Y = A, \text{im } \alpha \cap Y = B \text{ and } |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = t\},$$

where  $A, B \subseteq Y$ , and  $0 \leq t \leq c$ . It is clear that  $J(\emptyset, \emptyset, 0) = \{\emptyset\} = PF[\emptyset]$  is the minimum ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .

**Lemma 2.14** *Let  $y \in Y$ . Then  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$  is a minimal ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .*

**Proof** Let  $y \in Y$ ,  $x \in X \setminus Y$ , and  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ . It is clear that  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) = PF[\gamma]$  is an ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ . To prove the minimality, we let  $J$  be an ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$  such that  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq J \subsetneq \{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ . Then, there exists  $\alpha \in J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ , but  $\alpha \notin J$ . To demonstrate that  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ , we assume the contrary. In this case, there exists  $\emptyset \neq \beta \in J$ . Since both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  belong to  $J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ , it follows that  $\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y = \text{dom } \beta \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \alpha| = 1 = |\text{im } \beta|$ , and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| = 0 = |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ . By Lemma 2.11, there exist  $\lambda, \mu \in PFix(X, Y)$  such that  $\alpha = \lambda\beta\mu$ . Since  $\beta \in J$  and  $J$  is an ideal, we obtain  $\alpha \in J$ , which leads to a contradiction. Consequently,  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$  qualifies as a minimal ideal within  $PFix(X, Y)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.15** *Let  $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq PFix(X, Y)$ . If  $\text{im } \alpha \cap Y = \emptyset$  for all  $\alpha \in Z$ , then  $PF[Z]$  is not a minimal ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .*

**Proof** Assume that the given condition holds. The assertion is clear in the case where  $Z = \{\emptyset\}$ . Therefore, we consider the case where  $\emptyset \neq \alpha \in Z$ . Let  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and consider  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ . We can see that  $\text{dom } \gamma \cap Y = \emptyset \subseteq \text{dom } \alpha \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \gamma| = 1 \leq |\text{im } \alpha|$ , and  $|\text{im } \gamma \setminus (\text{im } \alpha \cap Y)| = |\text{im } \gamma| \leq |\text{im } \alpha| = |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y|$ . This follows that  $\gamma \in PF[\alpha] \subseteq PF[Z]$ . To show  $J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) \subseteq PF[Z]$ , we let  $\beta \in J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ . Then  $\text{dom } \beta \cap Y = \emptyset = \text{dom } \gamma \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \beta| = 1 = |\text{im } \gamma|$ , and  $|\text{im } \beta \setminus (\text{im } \gamma \cap Y)| = |\text{im } \beta| = |\text{im } \gamma| = |\text{im } \gamma \setminus Y|$ . This implies, by Lemma 2.11, that  $\beta = \lambda\gamma\mu$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in PFix(X, Y)$ . Since  $PF[Z]$  is an ideal and  $\gamma \in PF[Z]$ , we get  $\beta \in PF[Z]$ , which implies  $J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) \subseteq PF[Z]$ . Hence,  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) \subsetneq PF[Z]$  since  $\gamma \notin J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ . Therefore,  $PF[Z]$  is not minimal.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.16** *The minimal ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  are precisely those sets of the form  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ , where  $y \in Y$ .*

**Proof** Let  $I$  be any minimal ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ . According to Theorem 2.12,  $I = PF[Z]$  for some nonempty set  $Z \subseteq PFix(X, Y)$ . Since  $I$  is minimal, as indicated by Lemma 2.15, there exists  $\alpha \in Z$  such that  $\text{im } \alpha \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $y \in \text{im } \alpha \cap Y$ . To demonstrate that  $J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) \subseteq I$ , let  $\beta \in J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ . Then  $\text{dom } \beta \cap Y = \emptyset \subseteq \text{dom } \alpha \cap Y$ ,  $|\text{im } \beta| = 1 \leq |\text{im } \alpha|$ , and  $|\text{im } \beta \setminus (\text{im } \alpha \cap Y)| = 0 \leq |\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y|$ . Consequently,  $\beta \in PF[\alpha] = I$ , implying  $\{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0) \subseteq I$ . Since  $I$  is minimal, we conclude that  $I = \{\emptyset\} \cup J(\emptyset, \{y\}, 0)$ , as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.17**  $PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c)$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ .

**Proof** It is routine to verify that  $PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c) = PF[PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c)]$  is an ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ . To show that  $PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c)$  is a maximal ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$ , we let  $M$  be an ideal of  $PFix(X, Y)$  such that  $PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c) \subsetneq M \subseteq PFix(X, Y)$ . This implies that there exists an  $\alpha \in M$ , but  $\alpha \notin PFix(X, Y) \setminus J(Y, Y, c)$ . As a result, we have  $\text{dom } \alpha \cap Y = Y$ ,  $\text{im } \alpha \cap Y = Y$  and  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus Y| = c$ . Now, let  $\beta \in J(Y, Y, c)$ . Since  $\alpha, \beta \in J(Y, Y, c)$ , there exist  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $PFix(X, Y)$  such that  $\beta = \lambda\alpha\mu$ . Consequently,  $\beta = \lambda\alpha\mu \in M$  since  $\alpha \in M$  and  $M$  is an ideal. Thus,  $M = PFix(X, Y)$ . The uniqueness can be proved similar to Theorem 2.8.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.18** The ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  form a chain under the set inclusion if and only if  $Y = \emptyset$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $Y \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exist an element  $y$  in  $Y$  and an element  $x$  from  $X \setminus Y$ . Define  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in  $PFix(X, Y)$  by

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $|\text{im } \alpha \setminus (\text{im } \beta \cap Y)| = 1 \not\leq 0 = |\text{im } \beta \setminus Y|$ , it follows that  $\alpha \in PF[\alpha] \setminus PF[\beta]$ . Also, since  $\text{dom } \beta \cap Y = \{y\} \not\subseteq \emptyset = \text{im } \alpha \cap Y$ , implies  $\beta \in PF[\beta] \setminus PF[\alpha]$ . This implies that neither contains the other. Hence, the ideals of  $PFix(X, Y)$  do not form a chain. The converse is trivial, since  $PFix(X, Y) = P(X)$  when  $Y = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Note that in the case where  $X$  is a finite set, we have  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{J}$ ; this implies, by Theorem 3.5 in [26], that  $PF[\alpha] = PF[\beta]$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in J(A, B, t)$ . Also, for  $\alpha \in J(A, B, t)$  and  $\beta \in J(U, V, w)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $t \leq w$ , then  $PF[\alpha] \subseteq PF[\beta]$ . However, the converse of this statement does not hold.

This section concludes by explicating the set  $J(A, B, t)$  and the poset of ideals within  $PFix(X, Y)$  concerning the sets  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ , as depicted in Table 2 and Figure 2, respectively. The utilization of blue color in these depictions signifies the representation of ideals in the form  $\overline{PT}[Z] \cap PFix(X, Y)$ .

**Table 2.** The subsets  $J(A, B, t)$  of  $PFix(\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\})$ .

$J(Y, Y, 1)$				
(1, 2, 3)				
$J(\{1\}, Y, 0)$ (1, , 2)	$J(\{2\}, Y, 0)$ (, 2, 1)	$J(\{1\}, \{1\}, 1)$ (1, , 3)	$J(\{2\}, \{2\}, 1)$ (, 2, 3)	$J(Y, Y, 0)$ (1, 2, ) (1, 2, 1) (1, 2, 2)
$J(\{1\}, \{1\}, 0)$ (1, , ) (1, , 1)	$J(\{2\}, \{2\}, 0)$ (, 2, ) (, 2, 2)	$J(\emptyset, \{1\}, 0)$ (, , 1)	$J(\emptyset, \{2\}, 0)$ (, , 2)	$J(\emptyset, \emptyset, 1)$ (, , 3)
$J(\emptyset, \emptyset, 0)$				
$\emptyset$				

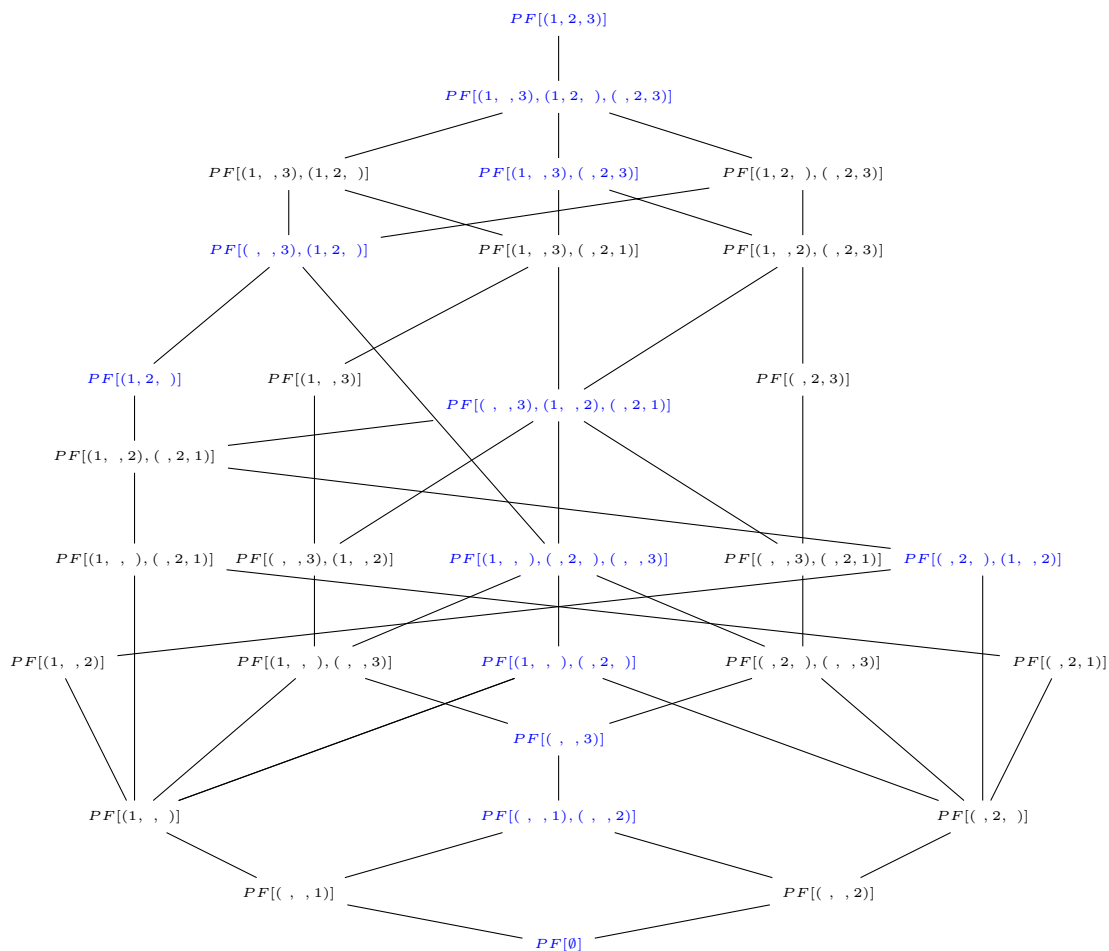


Figure 2. The Hasse diagram of ideals in  $PFix(\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\})$ .

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