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## completely simple semigroup

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Let S be a semigroup. An idempotent  $e \in S$  is primitive if for every other idempotent  $f \in S$ ,  $ef = fe = f \neq 0 \Rightarrow e = f$ 

A semigroup S (without zero) is completely if it is simple and contains a primitive idempotent.

A semigroup S is completely 0-simple if it is http://planetmath.org/SimpleSemigroup0-simple and contains a primitive idempotent.

Completely simple and completely 0-simple semigroups maybe characterised by the Rees Theorem ([?], Theorem 3.2.3).

Note:

A semigroup (without zero) is completely simple if and only if it is regular and weakly cancellative.

A simple semigroup (without zero) is completely simple if and only if it is completely regular.

A 0-simple semigroup is completely 0-simple if and only if it is groupbound.

## References

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