# Combinatorial Results for Certain Semigroups of Transformations Preserving Orientation and a Uniform Partition 

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#### Abstract

Let $\mathscr{T}_{X}$ be the full transformation semigroup on a set $X$ and $E$ be a non-trivial equivalence on $X$. The set $$
T_{E}(X)=\left\{f \in \mathscr{T}_{X}: \forall(x, y) \in E,(f(x), f(y)) \in E\right\}
$$ is a subsemigroup of $\mathscr{T}_{X}$. For a finite totally ordered set $X$ and a convex equivalence $E$ on $X$, the set of all the orientation-preserving transformations in $T_{E}(X)$ forms a subsemigroup of $T_{E}(X)$ denoted by $O P_{E}(X)$. In this paper, under the hypothesis that the totally ordered set $X$ is of cardinality $m n(m, n \geq 2)$ and the equivalence $E$ has $m$ classes such that each $E$-class contains $n$ consecutive points, we calculate the cardinality of the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$, and that of its idempotents.


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## 1. Introduction

Let $X=\{1,2, \cdots, n\}$ with the usual order and let $\mathscr{P}_{X}$ and $\mathscr{T}_{X}$ denote the partial transformation semigroup and the full transformation semigroup on $X$, respectively. A map $f \in \mathscr{T}_{X}$ is said to be order-preserving if $x \leq y$ implies $f(x) \leq f(y)$ for $x, y \in X$. The collection of all the order-preserving maps on $X$ is denoted by $O_{X}$ in [6] (the symbol $O_{X}$ is replaced by $O_{n}$ in [2]). A sequence $A=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \cdots, a_{n}\right)$ is said to be cyclic if there exists no more than one subscript $i$ such that $a_{i}>a_{i+1}$. A map $f \in \mathscr{T}_{X}$ is said to be orientation-preserving, if $(f(1), f(2), \cdots, f(n))$ is cyclic, which implies that there exists some $j \in\{0,1, \cdots, n-1\}$ such that

$$
f(j+1) \leq f(j+2) \leq \cdots \leq f(n) \leq f(1) \leq \cdots \leq f(j)
$$

(where we adopt the convention that $f(1) \leq f(2) \leq \cdots \leq f(n)$ if $j=0$ ). Clearly, if $f$ is order-preserving, then it is also orientation-preserving. The collection of all the orientationpreserving maps on $X$ is denoted by $O P_{n}$ and has been investigated by Catarino and Higgins in [2]. Combinatorial results of various classes of transformation subsemigroups of $\mathscr{P}_{X}$ and
$\mathscr{T}_{X}$ have been studied over a long period and many interesting results have emerged. For example, Howie [6] calculated the cardinality of $O_{X}$ and the number of idempotents. Catarino and Higgins [2] gave formulas for the cardinality of $O P_{n}$ and the number of idempotents. Umar [15] considered the cardinality and the number of nilpotents and idempotents of the semigroup $S_{n}^{-}$of all the order-decreasing maps on $X$. Higgins [5] studied the combinatorial properties of $\mathscr{C}_{n}$, the semigroup of all the decreasing and order-preserving full transformations on $X$. Laradji and Umar [8] investigated the cardinality and the number of idempotents of $\mathscr{P} O_{n}$, the semigroup of all the order-preserving partial transformations on a finite chain $X$.

We may regard the elements of $X=\{1,2, \cdots, n\}$ as being placed clockwise on a circle so that the integer $i$ lies between $i-1$ and $i+1$ for $1<i<n, n$ between $n-1$ and 1 , and 1 between $n$ and 2. A closed interval $[i, j]$ for $i, j \in X$ may be expressed clockwise by $[i, j]=\{i, i+1, \cdots, j-1, j\}$. A subset $Y$ of $X$ is said to be convex if $Y$ is a closed interval. An equivalence $E$ on $X$ is said to be convex if each $E$-class is convex. For two convex disjoint subsets $P, Q$ of $X$, the generalized interval $[P, Q]$ can be expressed clockwise by $[P, Q]=\{p, p+1, \cdots, q-1, q\}$ where $p=\min P$ and $q=\max Q$. For example, let $n=$ 10, then $[3,8]=\{3,4, \cdots, 8\}$ and $[9,2]=\{9,10,1,2\}$. If $P=[5,6], Q=[10,2]$, then the generalized intervals $[P, Q]=\{5,6,7,8,9,10,1,2\},[8, Q]=\{8,9,10,1,2\}$.

Let $X$ be a set with $|X| \geq 3$ and $E$ be an equivalence on $X$. Set

$$
T_{E}(X)=\left\{f \in \mathscr{T}_{X}: \forall(x, y) \in E,(f(x), f(y)) \in E\right\} .
$$

Clearly, $T_{E}(X)$ is a subsemigroup of $\mathscr{T}_{X}$ and if $E=\{(x, x): x \in X\}$ or $E=X \times X$, then $T_{E}(X)=\mathscr{T}_{X}$. In [14], for a finite totally ordered set $X$ and the convex equivalence $E$ on $X$, the authors considered the subsemigroup of $T_{E}(X)$

$$
O P_{E}(X)=\left\{f \in T_{E}(X): f \text { is orientation-preserving }\right\},
$$

and under the supposition that all $E$-classes were of the same size, the regularity and Green's relations for the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$ were described.

In this paper, as in [14], we always assume the totally ordered set $X=\{1<2<\cdots<$ $m n\}(m, n \geq 2)$ and the equivalence $E$ to be

$$
E=\left(A_{1} \times A_{1}\right) \cup\left(A_{2} \times A_{2}\right) \cup \cdots \cup\left(A_{m} \times A_{m}\right),
$$

where $A_{i}=[(i-1) n+1, i n]$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$. We investigate combinatorial properties of the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we determine the cardinality of $O P_{E}(X)$. In Section 3, we characterize the idempotents in the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$ and calculate their number.

Denote by $X / E$ the quotient set of $X$. The following result whose proof is routine describes an essential property of the transformations in the semigroup $T_{E}(X)$ where $X$ is an arbitrary set and $E$ is an arbitrary equivalence on $X$.

Lemma 1.1. Let $f \in T_{E}(X)$, then for each $B \in X / E$, there exists $B^{\prime} \in X / E$ such that $f(B) \subseteq$ $B^{\prime}$. Consequently, for each $A \in X / E$, the set $f^{-1}(A)$ is either $\emptyset$ or a union of some $E$-classes.

For each $f \in T_{E}(X)$, let

$$
E(f)=\left\{f^{-1}(A): A \in X / E \text { and } f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset\right\} .
$$

Then $E(f)$ is a partition of $X$. The following result shows that each orientation-preserving transformation induces a partition of convex subsets.

Lemma 1.2. Let $f \in O P_{E}(X)$. Then each $U \in E(f)$ is a convex subset of $X$.

## 2. The cardinality of $O P_{E}(X)$

In this section, we focus our attention on the cardinality of $O P_{E}(X)$. We notice that for each $f \in O P_{E}(X)$, there exists some $j$ such that $f(j+1)=\min f(X)$ and $f(j)=\max f(X)$ and $j$ is unique if $f$ is not constant. Therefore, there are two cases: $(j, j+1) \notin E$ or $(j, j+1) \in E$. We first consider subsets of $O P_{E}(X)$ consisting of those elements for which $(j, j+1) \notin E$. It is not hard to see that in this case, $j$ is the greatest number in some $E$-class $A_{i}$ while $j+1$ is the smallest number in the next $E$-class $A_{i+1}$. Define certain subsets $\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{A}_{2}, \cdots, \mathscr{A}_{m}$ of $O P_{E}(X)$ by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathscr{A}_{1}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f(1)=\right.\min f(X) \text { and } f(m n)=\max f(X)\}, \\
& \mathscr{A}_{2}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f(n+1)=\right.\min f(X) \text { and } f(n)=\max f(X)\}, \\
& \cdots,
\end{aligned} \mathscr{A}_{m}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f((m-1) n+1)=\min f(X) \text { and } f((m-1) n)=\max f(X)\right\} .
$$

Obviously, if $f \in \mathscr{A}_{i}(1 \leq i \leq m)$, then $|f(X)| \leq m n$ and

$$
f((i-1) n+1) \leq f((i-1) n+2) \leq \cdots \leq f(m n) \leq f(1) \leq \cdots \leq f((i-1) n)
$$

Next, we consider anther subsets consisting of those elements for which $(j, j+1) \in E$ and $f(j+1)=\min f(X), f(j)=\max f(X)$. For each $1 \leq s \leq m$, define certain subsets $\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}, \mathscr{B}_{s, 2}, \cdots, \mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}$ of $O P_{E}(X)$ by

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f((s-1) n+2)=\right. & \min f(X) \text { and } f((s-1) n+1)=\max f(X)\}, \\
\mathscr{B}_{s, 2}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f((s-1) n+3)=\right. & \min f(X) \text { and } f((s-1) n+2)=\max f(X)\}, \\
& \cdots, \\
\mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}=\left\{f \in O P_{E}(X): f(s n)=\right. & \min f(X) \text { and } f(s n-1)=\max f(X)\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

If $f \in \mathscr{B}_{s, t}(1 \leq t \leq n-1)$, then $f$ maps all the elements of $X$ into some $E$-class and

$$
f((s-1) n+t+1) \leq f((s-1) n+t+2) \leq \cdots \leq f(m n) \leq f(1) \leq \cdots \leq f((s-1) n+t) .
$$

Therefore,

$$
O P_{E}(X)=\left(\bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \mathscr{A}_{s}\right) \bigcup\left(\bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)
$$

and for $s \neq s^{\prime}, t \neq t^{\prime}$,

$$
\mathscr{A}_{s} \cap \mathscr{A}_{s^{\prime}}=\mathscr{B}_{s, t} \cap \mathscr{B}_{s^{\prime}, t^{\prime}}=\mathscr{B}_{s, t} \cap \mathscr{A}_{s^{\prime}}=\{\langle 1\rangle,\langle 2\rangle, \cdots,\langle m n\rangle\},
$$

where $\langle x\rangle$ denotes the constant map which maps all the elements of $X$ into $x$.
We give two properties for the subsets $\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{A}_{2}, \cdots, \mathscr{A}_{m}$ and $\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}, \mathscr{B}_{s, 2}, \cdots, \mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}(1 \leq$ $s \leq m)$.
Lemma 2.1. Let $\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{A}_{2}, \cdots, \mathscr{A}_{m}$ be as defined above. Then

$$
\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{A}_{m}\right| .
$$

Proof. For $f \in \mathscr{A}_{1}$, define $\psi_{1}: \mathscr{A}_{1} \rightarrow \mathscr{A}_{2}$ by $\psi_{1}(f)=g$ where

$$
g(x)= \begin{cases}f(m n+x-n) & 1 \leq x \leq n \\ f(x-n) & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Then $\psi_{1}$ is well defined. To see $g \in \mathscr{A}_{2}$, let $(x, y) \in E$, if $x, y \in A_{1}$, then ( $m n+x-n, m n+y-$ $n) \in E$ and $(g(x), g(y))=(f(m n+x-n), f(m n+y-n)) \in E$. If $x, y \notin A_{1}$, then $(x-n, y-$ $n) \in E$ and $(g(x), g(y))=(f(x-n), f(y-n)) \in E$ which implies that $g \in T_{E}(X)$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
g(n+1) & =f(1) \leq g(n+2)=f(2) \leq \cdots \leq g(m n)=f(m n-n) \\
& \leq g(1)=f(m n+1-n) \leq g(2)=f(m n+2-n) \cdots \leq g(n)=f(m n) .
\end{aligned}
$$

So $g \in \mathscr{A}_{2}$. It is clear that $\psi_{1}$ is a bijection from $\mathscr{A}_{1}$ onto $\mathscr{A}_{2}$. Therefore, $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|$. Similarly, we can define $\psi_{2}, \psi_{3}, \cdots, \psi_{m-1}$ and show that $\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{3}\right|,\left|\mathscr{A}_{3}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{4}\right|, \cdots,\left|\mathscr{A}_{m-1}\right|=$ $\left|\mathscr{A}_{m}\right|$. Consequently, $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{A}_{m}\right|$.

Lemma 2.2. For $1 \leq s \leq m$, let $\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}, \mathscr{B}_{s, 2}, \cdots, \mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}$ be as defined above. Then
(1) $\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, 2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}\right|$.
(2) $\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, l}\right|=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s^{\prime}, l}\right|$ for $1 \leq s, s^{\prime} \leq m$ and $1 \leq l \leq n-1$.

Proof. (1) For $f \in \mathscr{B}_{s, t}(1 \leq t \leq n-1)$, define $\rho: \mathscr{B}_{s, t} \rightarrow \mathscr{B}_{s, t+1}$ by $\rho(f)=g$ where

$$
g(x)= \begin{cases}f(m n) & x=1 \\ f(x-1) & \text { otherwise } .\end{cases}
$$

Since $f$ maps $X$ into some $E$-class and $g(X)=f(X)$, we have $g \in T_{E}(X)$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g((s-1) n+t+2)=f((s-1) n+t+1) \leq g((s-1) n+t+3)=f((s-1) n+t+2) \leq \cdots \\
& \leq g(m n)=f(m n-1) \leq g(1)=f(m n) \leq \cdots \leq g((s-1) n+t+1)=f((s-1) n+t) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus $g \in \mathscr{B}_{s, t+1}$. One easily verifies that $\rho$ is a bijection from $\mathscr{B}_{s, t}$ onto $\mathscr{B}_{s, t+1}$. Hence $\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right|=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, t+1}\right|$ and $\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, 1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, 2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}\right|$.
(2) Similar to that of Lemma 2.1.

As we know, the number of $r$-combinations of $k$ distinct objects each available in unlimited supply is $\binom{r+k-1}{r}$ (see [1, Theorem 3.5.1, p. 72]).

We now can state and prove the main result of this section.

## Theorem 2.1.

$\left|O P_{E}(X)\right|=m \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{s}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n}+m^{2}(n-1)\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m m}-m n(m n-1)$,
where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{m}\right)$ is any non-negative integer solution to the equation $\sum_{s=1}^{m} k_{s}=m$.
Proof. By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, in order to calculate $\left|O P_{E}(X)\right|$, we need only consider $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|$ and $\left|\mathscr{B}_{1,1}\right|$. We first calculate $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|$. Suppose that
(2.1) $\quad f\left(\left[A_{1}, A_{k_{1}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{1}, f\left(\left[A_{k_{1}+1}, A_{k_{1}+k_{2}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{2}, \cdots, f\left(\left[A_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m-1}+1}, A_{m}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{m}$,
where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{m}\right)$ is one non-negative integer solution to the equation $\sum_{s=1}^{m} k_{s}=m$. Then the number of maps $f$ satisfying (2.1) is $\prod_{s=1}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n}$. Thus,

$$
\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{k_{s} n}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n},
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{m}\right)$ is any non-negative integer solution to the equation $\sum_{s=1}^{m} k_{s}=m$. Hence it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$
\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{A}_{m}\right|=\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{k_{s} n}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n} .
$$

Notice that, for any distinct $s$ and $s^{\prime}$,

$$
\mathscr{A}_{s} \cap \mathscr{A}_{s^{\prime}}=\{\langle 1\rangle,\langle 2\rangle, \cdots,\langle m n\rangle\},
$$

so the number of distinct maps $f \in \bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \mathscr{A}_{s}$ is

$$
m \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{s=1}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n}-m n(m-1) .
$$

We now calculate $\left|\mathscr{B}_{1,1}\right|$. If $f \in \mathscr{B}_{1,1}$, then $f(X) \subseteq A$ for some $A \in X / E$. Set

$$
\mathscr{F}_{i}=\left\{f \in \mathscr{B}_{1,1}: f(X) \subseteq A_{i}\right\},
$$

where $1 \leq i \leq m$. It follows that $\left|\mathscr{F}_{i}\right|=\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m n}$ and so $\left|\mathscr{B}_{1,1}\right|=\left|\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} \mathscr{F}_{i}\right|=m\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m n}$. By virtue of Lemma 2.2, for $1 \leq s \leq m$ and $1 \leq t \leq n-1$, we have $\left|\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right|=m\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m n}$. Since

$$
\mathscr{B}_{s, t} \cap \mathscr{B}_{s^{\prime}, t^{\prime}}=\mathscr{B}_{s, t} \cap \mathscr{A}_{s^{\prime}}=\{\langle 1\rangle,\langle 2\rangle, \cdots,\langle m n\rangle\},
$$

the number of distinct non-constant maps $f \in \bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{B}_{s, t}$ is

$$
m^{2}(n-1)\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m n}-m^{2} n(n-1) .
$$

Therefore,

$$
\left|O P_{E}(X)\right|=m \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{s=1}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n}+m^{2}(n-1)\binom{n(m+1)-1}{m n}-m n(m n-1),
$$

as required.
Earlier the authors [12] considered the class of transformation semigroups

$$
O_{E}(X)=\left\{f \in T_{E}(X): \forall x, y \in X, x \leq y \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(y)\right\},
$$

where the set $X$ and the equivalence $E$ are as defined in this paper. It is clear that $O_{E}(X) \subset$ $O P_{E}(X)$, and in fact, the semigroup $O_{E}(X)$ whose cardinality is not known hitherto, is exactly $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|$. Thus, an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.1 is the following corollary.

## Corollary 2.1.

$$
\left|O_{E}(X)\right|=\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{m}=m s=1} \prod_{k_{s}}^{m}\binom{\left(k_{s}+1\right) n-1}{k_{s} n},
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{m}\right)$ is any non-negative integer solution to the equation $\sum_{s=1}^{m} k_{s}=m$.
Remark 2.1. Recently I have been told that Fernandes and Quinteiro [4] had calculated the size of the semigroups $O P_{E}(X)$ and $O_{E}(X)$. However, the approach used differs greatly from that in this paper.

The following Tables 1 and 2 give the size of the semigroups $O P_{E}(X)$ and $O_{E}(X)$ for smaller $m$ and $n$, respectively.

Table 1. The cardinality of $O P_{E}(X)$

| $m \backslash n$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 46 | 506 | 5034 | 51682 | 575268 |
| 3 | 447 | 9453 | 248823 | 8445606 | 349109532 |
| 4 | 4324 | 223852 | 17184076 | 1819339324 | 247307947608 |
| 5 | 42075 | 5555990 | 1207660095 | 387720453255 | 170017607919290 |
| 6 | 405828 | 136530144 | 83547682248 | 81341248206546 | 114804703283314542 |

Table 2. The cardinality of $O_{E}(X)$

| $m \backslash n$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 19 | 156 | 1555 | 17878 | 225820 |
| 3 | 138 | 2845 | 78890 | 2768760 | 115865211 |
| 4 | 1059 | 55268 | 4284451 | 454664910 | 61824611940 |
| 5 | 8378 | 1109880 | 241505530 | 77543615751 | 34003513468232 |
| 6 | 67582 | 22752795 | 13924561150 | 13556873588212 | 19134117191404027 |

## 3. The number of idempotents in $O P_{E}(X)$

For a given subset $M$ of the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$, we denote by $E(M)$ its set of idempotents. In this section, we aim to calculate the cardinality of $E\left(O P_{E}(X)\right)$. Since the semigroup $O P_{E}(X)$ has been divided into some subsets $\mathscr{A}_{1}\left(=O_{E}(X)\right), \mathscr{A}_{2}, \cdots, \mathscr{A}_{m}, \mathscr{B}_{s, 1}, \mathscr{B}_{s, 2}, \cdots$, $\mathscr{B}_{s, n-1}(1 \leq s \leq m)$, that is,

$$
O P_{E}(X)=\left(\bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \mathscr{A}_{s}\right) \bigcup\left(\bigcup_{s=1}^{m} \bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right),
$$

we need only calculate the cardinality of the sets $E\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}\right), E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right), \cdots, E\left(\mathscr{A}_{m}\right), \bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)$ ( $1 \leq s \leq m$ ), respectively.

We begin with considering the number of idempotents in the semigroup $O_{E}(X)$. Recall that, the Fibonacci numbers are recursively defined by

$$
F_{0}=0, F_{1}=1, F_{k+1}=F_{k}+F_{k-1}, \quad k \geq 1 .
$$

The following lemma which comes from [6, Theorem 2.3] was reproved in [2, Lemma 2.9].
Lemma 3.1. $\left|E\left(O_{n}\right)\right|=F_{2 n}$.
Lemma 3.2. Let $f \in O_{E}(X)$ and $f^{-1}\left(A_{j}\right)=\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]$ for $1 \leq i, t \leq m-1, i+1 \leq j \leq i+t$. Then the restriction of $f$ to $\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]$

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}:\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right] \rightarrow A_{j}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}$ if and only if the restriction of $f$ to the $E$-class $A_{j}$

$$
\left.f\right|_{A_{j}}: A_{j} \rightarrow A_{j}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{j}}$ and $f\left(\left[A_{i+1}, A_{j-1}\right]\right)=f(a), f\left(\left[A_{j+1}, A_{i+t}\right]\right)=f(b)$ where $a=$ $\operatorname{minA}_{j}=(j-1) n+1$ and $b=\max _{j}=j n$.

Proof. It is immediate for an order-preserving transformation in $T_{E}(X)$.

Remark 3.1. From Lemma 3.2, in order to construct an idempotent

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}:\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right] \rightarrow A_{j}
$$

in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}$, we go along the following line:
Step 1. Construct an idempotent $\left.f\right|_{A_{j}}: A_{j} \rightarrow A_{j}$ in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{j}}$;
Step 2. Let $f\left(\left[A_{i+1}, A_{j-1}\right]\right)=f(a)$ and $f\left(\left[A_{j+1}, A_{i+1}\right]\right)=f(b)$ where $a=\min A_{j}=(j-$ 1) $n+1$ and $b=\max A_{j}=j n$.

From Lemma 3.2 and Remark 3.1, we can deduce
Lemma 3.3. Let $f \in O_{E}(X)$ and $f^{-1}\left(A_{j}\right)=\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]$ for $1 \leq i, t \leq m-1, i+1 \leq j \leq i+t$. Then the number of idempotents

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}:\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right] \rightarrow A_{j}
$$

in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{i+1}, A_{i+t}\right]}$ equals that of idempotents in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{j}}$.

## Theorem 3.1.

$$
\left|E\left(O_{E}(X)\right)\right|=\sum_{t=1}^{m}\left(\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m} \prod_{i=1}^{t} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right),
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$.
Proof. Let $f \in E\left(O_{E}(X)\right)$. Denote

$$
t=|\{A \in X / E: A \cap f(X) \neq \emptyset\}|,
$$

where $1 \leq t \leq m$. Suppose that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(\left[A_{1}, A_{k_{1}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{1}}, f\left(\left[A_{k_{1}+1}, A_{k_{1}+k_{2}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{2}}, \cdots, f\left(\left[A_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t-1}+1}, A_{m}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{t}}, \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A_{s_{i}} \in X / E$ for $1 \leq i \leq t$, the subscript set $\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \cdots, s_{t}\right\} \subseteq\{1,2, \cdots, m\}$ and $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}\right.$, $\cdots, k_{t}$ ) is one positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$. Then, for each $i$, there are $k_{i}$ choices for $A_{s_{i}}$. By Lemma 3.3, for the fixed positive integer solution $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$, the number of idempotents $f$ satisfying (3.1) is $\prod_{i=1}^{t} k_{i} F_{2 n}$. So the number of idempotents $f$ satisfying (3.1) is $\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m} \prod_{i=1}^{t} k_{i} F_{2 n}$, where ( $k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}$ ) is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$. Noting that $1 \leq t \leq m$, we have

$$
\left|E\left(O_{E}(X)\right)\right|=\sum_{t=1}^{m}\left(\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m} \prod_{i=1}^{t} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right) .
$$

Remark 3.2. From Lemma 2.1, $\left|\mathscr{A}_{1}\right|=\left|\mathscr{A}_{2}\right|=\cdots=\left|\mathscr{A}_{m}\right|$. However, in general, the number of idempotents in $\mathscr{A}_{1}$ doesn't equal that of $\mathscr{A}_{j}$ for $j \neq 1$. For example, let $m=2, n=2$, that is, $A_{1}=\{1,2\}, A_{2}=\{3,4\}$. By Theorem 3.1, we have

$$
\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}\right)\right|=2 F_{4}+F_{4} F_{4}=15 .
$$

Denote by $(a b c d)$ the map $f \in O P_{E}(X)$ which maps 1,2,3,4 into $a, b, c, d$, respectively, and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}\right)=\{\langle 1\rangle,(1222),\langle 2\rangle,(1133),(1134),(1144),(1233),(1234),(1244),(2233), \\
&(2234),(2244),\langle 3\rangle,(3334),\langle 4\rangle\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

However, there are only 6 idempotents in $\mathscr{A}_{2}$, and

$$
E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right)=\{\langle 1\rangle,(1211),\langle 2\rangle,\langle 3\rangle,(4434),\langle 4\rangle\} .
$$

Now we calculate the number of idempotents in $\mathscr{A}_{l}$ for $2 \leq l \leq m$.
Lemma 3.4. Let $f \in \mathscr{A}_{l}(2 \leq l \leq m)$ and $f^{-1}\left(A_{p}\right)=\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]$ for some E-class $A_{p}$ with $p \leq l^{\prime}<l$. Then the restriction of $f$ to $\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]$

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]}:\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right] \rightarrow A_{p}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{l}, A_{l}\right]}$ if and only if the restriction of $f$ to $A_{p}$

$$
\left.f\right|_{A_{p}}: A_{p} \rightarrow A_{p}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{p}}$ and $f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{p-1}\right]\right)=f(a), f\left(\left[A_{p+1}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]\right)=f(b)$ where $a=\min _{p}=$ $(p-1) n+1$ and $b=\max _{p}=p n$.

Remark 3.3. In Lemma 3.4, there are two special cases.
(1) if $p=l^{\prime}=1$, then the restriction of $f$ to $\left[A_{l}, A_{1}\right]$

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{l}, A_{1}\right]}:\left[A_{l}, A_{1}\right] \rightarrow A_{1}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{l}, A_{1}\right]}$ if and only if the restriction of $f$ to $A_{1}$

$$
\left.f\right|_{A_{1}}: A_{1} \rightarrow A_{1}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{1}}$ and $f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{m}\right]\right)=f(1)$.
(2) if $p=l^{\prime} \geq 2$, then the restriction of $f$ to $\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]$

$$
\left.f\right|_{\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]}:\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right] \rightarrow A_{p}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{\left[A_{l}, A_{l^{\prime}}\right]}$ if and only if the restriction of $f$ to $A_{p}$

$$
\left.f\right|_{A_{p}}: A_{p} \rightarrow A_{p}
$$

is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{p}}$ and $f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{p-1}\right]\right)=f((p-1) n+1)$.
To illustrate Lemma 3.4, let $m=4, n=2$ and $A_{1}=\{1,2\}, A_{2}=\{3,4\}, A_{3}=\{5,6\}, A_{4}=$ $\{7,8\}$. Then $f_{1}=(12111111) \in E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right), f_{2}=(12221111) \in E\left(\mathscr{A}_{3}\right)$ and $f_{3}=(33344433) \in$ $E\left(\mathscr{A}_{4}\right)$. Clearly, $\left.f_{1}\right|_{A_{1}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{1}}, f_{1}\left(\left[A_{2}, A_{4}\right]\right)=f_{1}(1)$, and $\left.f_{2}\right|_{A_{1}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{1}}, f_{2}\left(\left[A_{3}, A_{4}\right]\right)=f_{2}(1), f_{2}\left(A_{2}\right)=f_{2}(2)$, and $\left.f_{3}\right|_{A_{2}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{2}}, f_{3}\left(\left[A_{4}\right.\right.$, $\left.\left.A_{1}\right]\right)=f_{3}(3), f_{3}\left(A_{3}\right)=f_{3}(4)$.

Lemma 3.5. For $2 \leq l \leq m$,
$\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{l}\right)\right|=\sum_{v=1}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}+\sum_{t=1}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)$,
where $\left(j_{1}, j_{2}, \cdots, j_{v}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{w=1}^{v} j_{w}=l-1$, and $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$ and the final positive integer $k_{t} \geq l$.

Proof. Let $f \in E\left(\mathscr{A}_{l}\right)$. There are two cases to consider.
Case 1. $f\left(A_{l}\right) \subseteq A_{p}$ for $p \in\{1,2, \cdots, l-1\}$. Since $f$ is an idempotent, we can deduce that $f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{m}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{p}$. Let

$$
v=|\{A \in X / E: A \cap f(X) \neq \emptyset\}|,
$$

where $1 \leq v \leq l-1$. Suppose

$$
\begin{align*}
f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{j_{1}}\right]\right) \subseteq & A_{s_{1}}, f\left(\left[A_{j_{1}+1}, A_{j_{1}+j_{2}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{2}}, \cdots, \\
& f\left(\left[A_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v-1}+1}, A_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v-1}+j_{v}}=A_{l-1}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{v}}, \tag{3.2}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\left(j_{1}, j_{2}, \cdots, j_{v}\right)$ is one positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{w=1}^{v} j_{w}=l-1$, the subscript set $\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \cdots, s_{v}\right\} \subseteq\{1,2, \cdots, l-1\}$ and

$$
A_{p}=A_{s_{1}}<A_{s_{2}}<\cdots<A_{s_{v}} \leq A_{l-1} .
$$

If $v=1$, then $f$ maps all the elements of $X$ into $A_{p}$ which has $l-1$ possible choices and so the number of $f$ is $(l-1) F_{2 n}$. Suppose that $v>1$ and then, for each $w(1 \leq w \leq v)$, there are $j_{w}$ possible choices for $A_{s_{w}}$. By Lemma 3.4, for the fixed positive integer solution $\left(j_{1}, j_{2}, \cdots, j_{v}\right)$ to the equation $\sum_{w=1}^{v} j_{w}=l-1$, the number of $f$ satisfying (3.2) should be $\prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}$. So the number of all $f$ satisfying (3.2) is $\sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}$. Taking the sum $v$ from 2 to $l-1$, we obtain that the number of $f$ satisfying (3.2) is $\sum_{v=2}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}$. Therefore, the number of $f$ satisfying the condition that $f\left(A_{l}\right) \subseteq A_{p}$ for $p \in\{1,2, \cdots, l-1\}$ is

$$
(l-1) F_{2 n}+\sum_{v=2}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}=\sum_{v=1}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n} .
$$

Case 2. $f\left(A_{l}\right) \subseteq A_{p}$ for $p \in\{l, l+1, \cdots, m\}$. Set

$$
t=|\{A \in X / E: A \cap f(X) \neq \emptyset\}|
$$

where $1 \leq t \leq m-(l-1)$. Suppose

$$
\begin{align*}
f\left(\left[A_{l}, A_{l+k_{1}}\right]\right) \subseteq & A_{s_{1}}, f\left(\left[A_{l+k_{1}+1}, A_{l+k_{1}+k_{2}}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{2}}, \cdots \\
& f\left(\left[A_{l+k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t-1}+1}, A_{l+k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t-1}+k_{t}}=A_{l-1}\right]\right) \subseteq A_{s_{t}} \tag{3.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ is any integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m-1$ and $k_{1} \geq 0, k_{2} \geq$ $1, k_{3} \geq 1, \cdots, k_{t-1} \geq 1, k_{t} \geq l$ (since $f$ maps at least $E$-classes $A_{m}, A_{1}, \cdots, A_{l-1}$ into $A_{s_{t}}$ ), the subscript set $\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \cdots, s_{t}\right\} \subseteq\{l, l+1, \cdots, m\}$ and

$$
A_{l} \leq A_{p}=A_{s_{1}}<A_{s_{2}}<\cdots<A_{s_{t}} \leq A_{m}
$$

If $t=1$, it is clear that the number of $f$ is $(m-l+1) F_{2 n}$. If $t=2$, then there are $\left(k_{1}+1\right)$ choices for $A_{s_{1}}$ and $\left(k_{2}-l+1\right)\left(k_{2} \geq l\right)$ choices for $A_{s_{2}}$. Thus the number of $f$ is

$$
\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{2}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right) .
$$

If $3 \leq t \leq m-(l-1)$, there are $\left(k_{1}+1\right)$ choices for $A_{s_{1}}$, and, for each $i(2 \leq i \leq t-$ 1), $k_{i}$ choices for $A_{s_{i}}$, and $\left(k_{t}-l+1\right)$ choices for $A_{s_{t}}$. So, for the fixed integer solution $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m-1$, the number of $f$ satisfying (3.3) is $\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\left(\prod_{i=2}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}$. Thus, the number of all $f$ satisfying (3.3) is

$$
\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\left(\prod_{i=2}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right) .
$$

Taking the sum $t$ from 3 to $m-l+1$ yields

$$
\sum_{t=3}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\left(\prod_{i=2}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right) .
$$

Therefore, the number of $f$ satisfying the condition that $f\left(A_{l}\right) \subseteq A_{p}$ for $p \in\{l, l+1, \cdots, m\}$ is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (m-l+1) F_{2 n}+\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{2}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right) \\
& +\sum_{t=3}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\left(\prod_{i=2}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right) \\
& =\sum_{t=1}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m-1}\left(\left(k_{1}+1\right) F_{2 n}\left(\prod_{i=2}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right), \\
& =\sum_{t=1}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$ and the final positive integer $k_{t} \geq l$. Consequently,
$\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{l}\right)\right|=\sum_{v=1}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}+\sum_{t=1}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)$.
Remark 3.4. In Lemma 3.5, when $t=1$, we have

$$
\sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t-1} k_{i} F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{t}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)=(m-l+1) F_{2 n} .
$$

Example 3.1. By virtue of Lemma 3.5, we calculate $\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right)\right|,\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{3}\right)\right|,\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{4}\right)\right|$ for $m=$ $4, n=3$ and have

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right)\right|=F_{6}+\left(3 F_{6}+2 F_{6} F_{6}+F_{6}\left(2 F_{6}\right)+F_{6} F_{6} F_{6}\right)=800, \\
\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{3}\right)\right|=\left(2 F_{6}+F_{6} F_{6}\right)+\left(2 F_{6}+F_{6} F_{6}\right)=160
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{4}\right)\right|=\left(3 F_{6}+F_{6}\left(2 F_{6}\right)+2 F_{6} F_{6}+F_{6} F_{6} F_{6}\right)+F_{6}=800 .
$$

Finally we consider the number of idempotents in $\bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{B}_{s, t}(1 \leq s \leq m)$. The following lemma comes from [2, Theorem 2.10].

Lemma 3.6. $\left|E\left(O P_{n}\right)\right|=F_{2 n-1}+F_{2 n+1}-\left(n^{2}-n+2\right)$.
Lemma 3.7. Let $f \in \mathscr{B}_{s, t}$ with $1 \leq s \leq m$ and $1 \leq t \leq n-1$.
(1) If $f(X) \subseteq A_{q}$ for $q \neq s$, then $f: X \rightarrow A_{q}$ is an idempotent in $O P_{E}(X)$ if and only if $\left.f\right|_{A_{q}}: A_{q} \rightarrow A_{q}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{q}}$ and

$$
f\left(\left[(s-1) n+t+1, A_{q-1}\right]\right)=f(a), \quad f\left(\left[A_{q+1},(s-1) n+t\right]\right)=f(b),
$$

where $a=\operatorname{minA}_{q}=(q-1) n+1$ and $b=\max _{q}=q n$.
(2) If $f(X) \subseteq A_{s}$, then $f: X \rightarrow A_{s}$ is an idempotent in $O P_{E}(X)$ if and only if $\left.f\right|_{A_{s}}: A_{s} \rightarrow$ $A_{s}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{s}}$, moreover, if $f((s-1) n+t+1) \leq(s-1) n+t$, then $f([(s-1) n+t+1, f((s-1) n+t+1)])=f((s-1) n+t+1)$, and if $f((s-1) n+$ $t+1)>(s-1) n+t$, then $f\left(\left[A_{s+1},(s-1) n+t\right]=f(s n)\right.$.
Proof. Here we only show (2). Since $f \in \mathscr{B}_{s, t}$, we have

$$
f((s-1) n+t+1) \leq f((s-1) n+t+2) \leq \cdots \leq f(m n) \leq f(1) \leq \cdots \leq f((s-1) n+t)
$$

We now suppose that $f: X \rightarrow A_{s}$ is an idempotent in $O P_{E}(X)$, then $\left.f\right|_{A_{s}}: A_{s} \rightarrow A_{s}$ is also an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{s}}$. Let $c=f((s-1) n+t+1)$ and $x \in[(s-1) n+t+1, c]$. If $c \leq(s-1) n+t$, then $f(x) \leq f(c)=c$ and $f(x) \geq f((s-1) n+t+1)=c$. Thus $f(x)=c$. If $c>(s-1) n+t$ and $x \in\left[A_{s+1},(s-1) n+t\right]$, then $f(s n) \leq f(x)$ and we can assert that $f(s n)=f(x)$. Indeed, if $f(s n)<f(x)$. Noting that $f$ maps $X$ into $A_{s}$, we have $f(x) \leq s n$ and $f(x)=f^{2}(x) \leq f(s n)$, a contradiction. The sufficiency is clear and the proof is completed.
Remark 3.5. In Lemma 3.7(1), we consider two special cases.
(1) If $q=1$, then $f: X \rightarrow A_{1}$ is an idempotent in $O P_{E}(X)$ if and only if $\left.f\right|_{A_{1}}: A_{1} \rightarrow A_{1}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{1}}$ and

$$
f\left(\left[(s-1) n+t+1, A_{m}\right]\right)=f(1), f\left(\left[A_{2},(s-1) n+t\right]\right)=f(n) .
$$

(2) If $q=m$, then $f: X \rightarrow A_{m}$ is an idempotent in $O P_{E}(X)$ if and only if $\left.f\right|_{A_{m}}: A_{m} \rightarrow A_{m}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{m}}$ and

$$
f\left(\left[(s-1) n+t+1, A_{m-1}\right]\right)=f((m-1) n+1), f\left(\left[A_{1},(s-1) n+t\right]\right)=f(m n) .
$$

To illustrate Lemma 3.7, let $m=3, n=5$ and $A_{1}=\{1,2,3,4,5\}, A_{2}=\{6,7,8,9,10\}$, $A_{3}=\{11,12,13,14,15\}$. Let

$$
\begin{gathered}
g_{1}=\left(\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\
14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 12 & 12 & 12 & 12 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 14
\end{array}\right) \in E\left(\mathscr{B}_{2,2}\right), \\
g_{2}
\end{gathered}=\left(\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\
6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 6
\end{array}\right) \in E\left(\mathscr{B}_{2,2}\right),
$$

and
$g_{3}=\left(\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 9 & 9 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10\end{array}\right) \in E\left(\mathscr{B}_{2,2}\right)$.
Clearly, $\left.g_{1}\right|_{A_{3}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{3}}, g_{1}([8,10])=g_{1}(11), g_{1}\left(\left[A_{1}, 7\right]\right)=g_{1}(15)$, and $\left.g_{2}\right|_{A_{2}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{2}}, g_{2}\left(\left[8, g_{2}(8)\right]\right)=g_{2}(8)$, and $\left.g_{3}\right|_{A_{2}}$ is an idempotent in $\mathscr{T}_{A_{2}}$, $g_{3}\left(\left[A_{3}, 7\right]\right)=g_{3}(10)$.
Lemma 3.8. For $1 \leq s \leq m$,

$$
\sum_{t=1}^{n-1}\left|E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)\right|=(n-1)(m-1) F_{2 n}+2\left(F_{2 n-1}-1\right)
$$

Proof. Let $f \in E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)$ for $1 \leq t \leq n-1$. Set

$$
M_{q}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}=\left\{f \in E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right): f(X) \subseteq A_{q}\right\} .
$$

There are two cases to consider.

Case 1. $q \neq s$. Then, by Lemmas 3.1 and 3.7 (1), $\left|M_{q}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}\right|=F_{2 n}$ since $f$ is order-preserving on the $E$-class $A_{q}$. Thus $\left|\cup_{q \neq s} M_{q}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}\right|=(m-1) F_{2 n}$.

Case 2. $q=s$. Then, by Lemma 3.7(2),
$\left|M_{s}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}\right|=\left|\left\{f \in E\left(O P_{n}\right): f(t+1) \leq f(t+2) \leq \cdots \leq f(n-1) \leq f(n) \leq f(1) \leq \cdots \leq f(t)\right\}\right|$.
Noting that in $O P_{n}$, by Lemmas 3.6, the number of idempotents which are not orderpreserving is $F_{2 n-1}+F_{2 n+1}-\left(n^{2}-n+2\right)-F_{2 n}$, we have

$$
\sum_{t=1}^{n-1}\left|M_{s}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}\right|=F_{2 n-1}+F_{2 n+1}-\left(n^{2}-n+2\right)-F_{2 n}+(n-1) n=2\left(F_{2 n-1}-1\right) .
$$

Consequently,

$$
\sum_{t=1}^{n-1}\left|E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)\right|=(n-1)(m-1) F_{2 n}+\sum_{t=1}^{n-1}\left|M_{s}^{\mathscr{B}_{s, t}}\right|=(n-1)(m-1) F_{2 n}+2\left(F_{2 n-1}-1\right)
$$

Observing that for $1 \leq s, s^{\prime} \leq m, 1 \leq t, t^{\prime} \leq n-1$,

$$
E\left(\mathscr{A}_{s}\right) \cap E\left(\mathscr{A}_{s^{\prime}}\right)=E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right) \cap E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s^{\prime}, t^{\prime}}\right)=E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right) \cap E\left(\mathscr{A}_{s}\right)=\{\langle 1\rangle,\langle 2\rangle, \cdots,\langle m n\rangle\}
$$

and that the total number of idempotents $\langle 1\rangle,\langle 2\rangle, \cdots,\langle m n\rangle$ in $\mathscr{A}_{2}, \mathscr{A}_{3}, \cdots, \mathscr{A}_{m}, \bigcup_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{B}_{s, t}$ $(1 \leq s \leq m)$ is $(m-1) m n+(n-1) m^{2} n$, by Theorem 3.1, Lemma 3.5 and Lemma 3.8, we obtain the main result in this section.

Theorem 3.2.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|E\left(O P_{E}(X)\right)\right|= & \sum_{t=1}^{m} \sum_{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{t}=m} \prod_{i=1}^{t} k_{i} F_{2 n}+\sum_{l=2}^{m}\left\{\sum_{v=1}^{l-1} \sum_{j_{1}+j_{2}+\cdots+j_{v}=l-1} \prod_{w=1}^{v} j_{w} F_{2 n}\right. \\
& \left.+\sum_{t^{\prime}=1}^{m-l+1} \sum_{k_{1}^{\prime}+k_{2}^{\prime}+\cdots+k_{t^{\prime}}^{\prime}=m}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t^{\prime}-1} k_{i}^{\prime} F_{2 n}\right)\left(\left(k_{t^{\prime}}^{\prime}-l+1\right) F_{2 n}\right)\right\} \\
& +m\left((n-1)(m-1) F_{2 n}+2\left(F_{2 n-1}-1\right)\right)-\left((m-1) m n+(n-1) m^{2} n\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \cdots, k_{t}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t} k_{i}=m$, and $\left(j_{1}, j_{2}, \cdots, j_{v}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{w=1}^{v} j_{w}=l-1$, and $\left(k_{1}^{\prime}, k_{2}^{\prime}\right.$, $\left.\cdots, k_{t^{\prime}}^{\prime}\right)$ is any positive integer solution to the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{t^{\prime}} k_{i}^{\prime}=m$ and the final positive integer $k_{t^{\prime}}^{\prime} \geq l$.
Example 3.2. Let $m=4, n=3$. By Theorem 3.1,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}\right)\right|= & 4 F_{6}+\left(F_{6}\left(3 F_{6}\right)+\left(2 F_{6}\right)\left(2 F_{6}\right)+3 F_{6}\left(F_{6}\right)\right) \\
& +\left(F_{6} F_{6}\left(2 F_{6}\right)+F_{6}\left(2 F_{6}\right) F_{6}+\left(2 F_{6}\right) F_{6} F_{6}\right)+F_{6} F_{6} F_{6} F_{6}=7840 .
\end{aligned}
$$

From Example 3.1, we know $\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}\right)\right|=800,\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{3}\right)\right|=160$ and $\left|E\left(\mathscr{A}_{4}\right)\right|=800$. It follows from Lemma 3.8 that $\sum_{t=1}^{2}\left|E\left(\mathscr{B}_{s, t}\right)\right|=6 F_{6}+2\left(F_{5}-1\right)=56$ for $1 \leq s \leq 4$. Thus,

$$
\left|E\left(O P_{E}(X)\right)\right|=7840+800+160+800+56 \times 4-(36+96)=9692 .
$$

To conclude this section, we give the following Tables 3 and 4 providing the number of idempotents in $O P_{E}(X)$ and $O_{E}(X)$ for smaller $m, n$, respectively.

Table 3. The number of idempotents in $O P_{E}(X)$

| $m \backslash n$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 19 | 114 | 643 | 3727 | 22972 |
| 3 | 102 | 1016 | 12414 | 186328 | 3116238 |
| 4 | 513 | 9692 | 278337 | 10545529 | 454295384 |
| 5 | 2503 | 95198 | 6376621 | 600770505 | 66322745434 |
| 6 | 12066 | 941118 | 146363082 | 34233146606 | 9682664464596 |

Table 4. The number of idempotents in $O_{E}(X)$

| $m \backslash n$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 15 | 80 | 483 | 3135 | 21024 |
| 3 | 72 | 792 | 11088 | 178640 | 3069360 |
| 4 | 345 | 7840 | 254541 | 10179345 | 448105536 |
| 5 | 1653 | 77608 | 5843355 | 580044025 | 65420338896 |
| 6 | 7920 | 768240 | 134142624 | 33052330080 | 9550921373280 |

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