

E-Inversive Γ -Semigroups

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ABSTRACT. Let $S = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$ and $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\}$ be two nonempty sets. S is called a Γ -semigroup if $a\alpha b \in S$, for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in S$ and $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$, for all $a, b, c \in S$ and for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. An element $e \in S$ is said to be an α -idempotent for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$ if $e\alpha e = e$. A Γ -semigroup S is called an *E*-inversive Γ -semigroup if for each $a \in S$ there exist $x \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x$ is a β -idempotent for some $\beta \in \Gamma$. A Γ -semigroup is called a right *E*- Γ -semigroup if for each α -idempotent e and β -idempotent f , $e\alpha f$ is a β -idempotent. In this paper we investigate different properties of *E*-inversive Γ -semigroup and right *E*- Γ -semigroup.

1. Introduction

Let S be a semigroup. According to Catino and Miccoli [1] S is *E*-inversive if for every $a \in S$ there exists $x \in S$ such that ax is idempotent. They proved that S is *E*-inversive if and only if $W(a) \neq \phi$ for all $a \in S$ where $W(a) = \{x \in S : xax = x\}$. The elements of $W(a)$ are called weak inverse element of a . S is *E*-semigroup if the set $E(S)$ of idempotents of S forms a subsemigroup. Basic properties of *E*-inversive semigroup and *E*-semigroups are studied by Catino and Miccoli [1], Mitsch [4], Weipoltshammer [9]. In this paper we introduce this notion in Γ -semigroup and study the structures. We now recall some definitions and results of Γ -semigroups.

Definition 1.1. Let $S = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$ and $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\}$ be two nonempty sets. S is called a Γ -semigroup, if

- (i) $a\alpha b \in S$, for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in S$ and
- (ii) $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$, for all $a, b, c \in S$ and for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

S is said to be a Γ -semigroup with zero if there exists an element $0 \in S$ such that $0\alpha a = a\alpha 0 = 0$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

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Let S be an arbitrary semigroup. Let 1 be a symbol not representing any element of S . Let us extend the binary operation defined on S to $S \cup \{1\}$ by defining $11 = 1$ and $1a = a1$ for all $a \in S$. It can be shown that $S \cup \{1\}$ is a semigroup with identity element 1 . Let $\Gamma = \{1\}$. If we take $ab = a1b$, it can be shown that the semigroup S is a Γ -semigroup where $\Gamma = \{1\}$. Thus a semigroup can be considered to be a Γ -semigroup.

Let S be a Γ -semigroup and x be a fixed element of Γ . We define $a.b = axb$ for all $a, b \in S$. We can show that $(S, .)$ is a semigroup and we denote this semigroup by S_x .

Definition 1.2 ([7]). Let S be a Γ -semigroup. An element $a \in S$ is said to be *regular*, if $a \in a\Gamma S\Gamma a$, where $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = \{a\alpha b\beta a : b \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}$. S is said to be *regular* if every element of S is regular. We now describe some examples of regular Γ -semigroup.

Example 1.3. Let S be the set of all 3×2 matrices and Γ be the set of all 2×3 matrices over a field. Then for $A, B \in S$, the product AB can not be defined i.e., S is not a semigroup under the usual matrix multiplication. But for all $A, B, C \in S$ and $P, Q \in \Gamma$ we have $APB \in S$ and since the matrix multiplication is associative, we have $(APB)QC = AP(BQC)$. Hence S is a Γ -semigroup. Moreover it is regular shown in [7].

Example 1.4. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$. S denotes the set of all mappings from A to B . Here members of S will be described by the images of the elements $1, 2, 3$. For example the map $1 \rightarrow 4, 2 \rightarrow 5, 3 \rightarrow 4$ will be written as $(4, 5, 4)$ and $(5, 5, 4)$ denotes the map $1 \rightarrow 5, 2 \rightarrow 5, 3 \rightarrow 4$. A map from B to A will be described in the same fashion. For example $(1, 2)$ denotes $4 \rightarrow 1, 5 \rightarrow 2$. Now $S = \{(4, 4, 4), (4, 4, 5), (4, 5, 4), (4, 5, 5), (5, 5, 5), (5, 4, 5), (5, 4, 4), (5, 5, 4)\}$ and let $\Gamma = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1)\}$. Let $f, g \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. We define $f\alpha g$ by $(f\alpha g)(a) = f\alpha(g(a))$ for all $a \in A$. So $f\alpha g$ is a mapping from A to B and hence $f\alpha g \in S$ and we can show that $(f\alpha g)\beta h = f\alpha(g\beta h)$ for all $f, g, h \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. We can show that each element x of S is an α -idempotent for an $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and hence each element is regular. Thus S is a regular Γ -semigroup.

Example 1.5. Let T be a semigroup, I, Λ be two index sets and Γ be the collection of some $\Lambda \times I$ matrices over T . Then the set $S = I \times T \times \Lambda$ is a Γ -semigroup with respect to the multiplication $(i, a, \lambda)P(j, b, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j}b, \mu)$ for $(i, a, \lambda), (j, b, \mu) \in S$ and $P = (p_{\lambda i}) \in \Gamma$. This Γ -semigroup is called the Rees matrix Γ -semigroup over T with the set Γ of sandwich matrices and it is denoted by $S = \mathcal{M}(I, T, \Lambda, \Gamma)$. Let T^0 denote the semigroup T with a zero element adjoint. Let Γ be a set of some $\Lambda \times I$ matrices over T^0 . Then the set $S = (I \times T \times \Lambda) \cup \{0\}$ is a Γ -semigroup with respect to the multiplication

$$(i, a, \lambda)P(j, b, \mu) = \begin{cases} (i, ap_{\lambda j}b, \mu), & \text{if } p_{\lambda j} \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } p_{\lambda j} = 0 \end{cases}$$

and $0\Gamma(i, a, \lambda) = (i, a, \lambda)\Gamma 0 = 0\Gamma 0 = \{0\}$ for all $(i, a, \lambda), (j, b, \mu) \in S$ and $P = (p_{\lambda i}) \in \Gamma$. This Γ -semigroup is called the Rees matrix Γ -semigroup over T^0 with the set Γ of sandwich matrices and we denote it by $\mathcal{M}^0(I, T, \Lambda, \Gamma)$.

In [8] author studied Rees matrix Γ -semigroup over a group.

Definition 1.6 ([8]). The set Γ of sandwich matrices is called *regular*, if for each $i \in I$ there exists a matrix $P \in \Gamma$ and for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ there exists a matrix $Q \in \Gamma$ such that P has at least one nonzero entry in the i -th column and Q has at least one nonzero entry in the λ -th row.

Theorem 1.7 ([8]). *Rees $I \times \Lambda$ matrix Γ -semigroup $\mathcal{M}^0(G, I, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ over G^0 , a group with zero is regular if and only if Γ is regular.*

Definition 1.8 ([7]). Let S be a Γ -semigroup and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then $e \in S$ is said to be an α -idempotent, if $e\alpha e = e$. The set of all α -idempotents is denoted by E_α and we denote $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} E_\alpha$ by $E(S)$. The elements of $E(S)$ are called idempotent element of S .

Definition 1.9 ([7]). Let S be a Γ -semigroup and $a, b \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. b is said to be an (α, β) -inverse of a , if $a = a\alpha b\beta a$ and $b = b\beta a\alpha b$. This is denoted by $b \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)$.

Definition 1.10 ([7]). A nonempty subset I of a Γ -semigroup S is called an Γ -ideal, if $I\Gamma S \subseteq I$ and $S\Gamma I \subseteq I$ where for subsets U, V of S and Γ_1 of Γ , $U\Gamma_1 V = \{u\alpha v : u \in U, v \in V, \alpha \in \Gamma_1\}$.

In a Γ -semigroup S , the Green's relations $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{J}$ on S are defined as follows:

Definition 1.11 ([5]). Let S be a Γ -semigroup. For $a, b \in S$,

- $a\mathcal{L}b$ if $S\Gamma a \cup \{a\} = S\Gamma b \cup \{b\}$,
- $a\mathcal{R}b$ if $a\Gamma S \cup \{a\} = b\Gamma S \cup \{b\}$,
- $a\mathcal{H}b$ if $a\mathcal{L}b$ and $a\mathcal{R}b$,
- $a\mathcal{D}b$ if $a\mathcal{L}c$ and $c\mathcal{R}b$ for some $c \in S$ and
- $a\mathcal{J}b$ if $a\Gamma S \cup S\Gamma a \cup S\Gamma a\Gamma S \cup \{a\} = b\Gamma S \cup S\Gamma b \cup S\Gamma b\Gamma S \cup \{b\}$.

Theorem 1.12 ([5]). *Let S be a Γ -semigroup and $a \in S$. Let D_a denote the \mathcal{D} -class of S containing a . If a is regular, then every element of D_a is regular.*

2. *E*-inversive Γ -semigroup

We see that the Γ -semigroup given in example 1.4 is regular. We now take the same set S and modify Γ as $\Gamma = \{(1, 1), (1, 2)\}$. Then S is a Γ -semigroup under the same operation defined in the example but the elements $(4, 4, 5)$ and $(5, 5, 4)$ are not regular. Thus S is not a regular Γ -semigroup. But in this example we see that for each element $a \in S$ there exist $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x \in E_\beta$. In this section we study such type of Γ -semigroups.

Definition 2.1. Let S be a Γ -semigroup. An element $a \in S$ is called E -inverse, if there exist $x \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x \in E_\beta$. S is called E -inverse Γ -semigroup, if every $a \in S$ is E -inverse.

Let us take an E -inverse element $a \in S$ and let $a\alpha x \in E_\beta$ for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. If we take $y = x\beta a\alpha x$ then $a\alpha y = a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x = a\alpha x \in E_\beta$ and $(y\beta a)\alpha(y\beta a) = x\beta a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a = x\beta(a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x)\beta a = x\beta(a\alpha x)\beta a = (x\beta a\alpha x)\beta a = y\beta a$. Hence $y\beta a \in E_\alpha$. Hence we see that if a is an E -inverse element of S then there exist $y \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha y \in E_\beta$ and $y\beta a \in E_\alpha$.

Definition 2.2. Let S be a Γ -semigroup with zero. A nonzero element $a \in S$ is called E^* -inverse, if there exist $x \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $0 \neq a\alpha x \in E_\beta$. S is called E^* -inverse Γ -semigroup if every nonzero element $a \in S$ is E^* -inverse.

Example 2.3. Let $I = \{1, 2\}$ and $\Lambda = \{1, 2, 3\}$ be two index sets. Let us consider the group $G = \{1, w, w^2\}$ and let $\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ w & 0 \\ 1 & w^2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ w^2 & w \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. From the

Theorem 1.7 the Rees $I \times \Lambda$ matrix Γ -semigroup $S = \mathcal{M}^0(G, I, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ is not regular since Γ is not regular. Let us now consider an arbitrary element (i, a, λ) of S . If there exists a matrix P such that $p_{\lambda k} = 0$ then $(i, a, \lambda)P(k, b, \mu) = 0$ which is P -idempotent. If $p_{\lambda j} \neq 0$ for all $j \in I$ then we have $(i, a, \lambda)P(i, p_{\lambda i}^{-1}a^{-1}p_{\lambda i}^{-1}, \lambda)$ is P -idempotent. Hence S is an E -inverse Γ -semigroup.

Clearly every regular Γ -semigroup is E -inverse Γ -semigroup but from the above example we see that the converse is not true. In the introduction we have pointed out that every semigroup can be considered as a Γ -semigroup. Hence every E -inverse semigroup can be considered as an E -inverse Γ -semigroup. The aim of this paper is to extend different interesting results of E -inverse semigroups to E -inverse Γ -semigroups.

Definition 2.4. For a Γ -semigroup S , $a \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ the set $W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ is defined by $W_\alpha^\beta(a) = \{x \in S : x\beta a\alpha x = x\}$. The elements of $W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ are called *weak inverse element* of a .

Theorem 2.5. An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is E -inverse if and only if $W_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Proof. Let a be E -inverse. Hence we have $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x \in E_\beta$ i.e., $(a\alpha x)\beta(a\alpha x) = a\alpha x$ which implies that $(a\alpha x)\beta(a\alpha x)\beta(a\alpha x) = a\alpha x$ i.e., $x\beta(a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x) = x\beta a\alpha x$. This shows that $(x\beta a\alpha x)\beta a\alpha(x\beta a\alpha x) = x\beta a\alpha x$. Thus $x\beta a\alpha x \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and hence $W_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \phi$.

Conversely let $W_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and let $x \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$. Then $x\beta a\alpha x = x$. Now $(a\alpha x)\beta(a\alpha x) = a\alpha(x\beta a\alpha x) = a\alpha x$ i.e., $a\alpha x \in E_\beta$. Hence a is E -inverse. \square

From the above theorem we can conclude that a Γ -semigroup is E -inverse if and only if for $a \in S$, $W_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Theorem 2.6. *The set I of all non E -inversive elements of a Γ -semigroup S is either empty or an Γ -ideal.*

Proof. Suppose $I \neq \phi$. Let $a \in I$, $b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. If possible let $a\alpha b$ be an E -inversive element. Then there exist $\beta \in \Gamma$ and $x \in S$ such that $(a\alpha b)\beta x$ is γ -idempotent for some $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Thus we have $a\alpha(b\beta x) \in E_\gamma$, and then a is E -inversive. This is a contradiction. Again if baa is E -inversive then by Theorem 2.5, there exist $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ and $y \in S$ such that $y \in W_\gamma^\delta(b\alpha a)$. Thus $a\gamma y\delta b \in E_\alpha$. Which implies a is E -inversive, which is also a contradiction. Thus the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.7. *In a Γ -semigroup S the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *for two E -inversive elements $a, b \in S$, aab is E -inversive element for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$,*
- (ii) *for $e, f \in E(S)$, $e\alpha_1 f$ is an E -inversive element of S for some $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$.*

Proof. Clearly (i) implies (ii) since every idempotent element is E -inversive. Conversely suppose that (ii) holds. Let x and y be two E -inversive elements of S . Then there exist $x', y' \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ such that $x' \in W_\alpha^\beta(x)$ and $y' \in W_\gamma^\delta(y)$. Thus $x'\beta x \in E_\alpha$ and $y\gamma y' \in E_\delta$. Thus by (ii) $(x'\beta x)\alpha_1(y\gamma y')$ is E -inversive for some $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$. i.e, there exist $z \in S$ and $p, q \in \Gamma$ such that $z \in W_p^q((x'\beta x)\alpha_1(y\gamma y'))$. Let $w = y'pzqx'$. Then $w\beta(x\alpha_1 y)\gamma w = (y'pzqx')\beta(x\alpha_1 y)\gamma(y'pzqx') = y'p(zq(x'\beta x)\alpha_1(y\gamma y')pz)qx' = y'pzqx' = w$. This shows that $W_\gamma^\beta(x\alpha_1 y) \neq \phi$. i.e., $x\alpha_1 y$ is E -inversive. Hence the proof. \square

The following theorem shows that E -inversive property of Rees matrix Γ -semigroup over a semigroup T^0 depends not only on the semigroup T but also on the set of sandwich matrices.

Theorem 2.8. *Let T be a semigroup without zero. Then $S = \mathcal{M}^0(I, T, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ is E^* -inversive Γ -semigroup if and only if T is E -inversive and Γ is regular.*

Proof. Let T be an E -inversive semigroup, Γ be regular and $(i, a, \lambda) \in S$. Then there exist matrices $P = (p_{\nu k})$ and $Q = (q_{\nu k})$ such that $p_{\lambda j} \neq 0$ and $q_{\mu i} \neq 0$. Hence $0 \neq p_{\lambda j} a q_{\mu i} \in T$. Since T is E -inversive, there exists $x \in T$ such that $x(p_{\lambda j} a q_{\mu i})x = x$. Thus we have $((i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu))Q((i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu)) = (i, ap_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i} ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu) = (i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu)$. Hence $0 \neq (i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu)$ is Q -idempotent. Thus S is E^* -inversive.

Conversely let S be E^* -inversive. Let $i \in I$, $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $a \in T$. Now $(i, a, \lambda) \in S$. Since S is E^* -inversive, there exist $(j, x, \mu) \in S$, $P = (p_{\nu k}), Q = (q_{\nu k}) \in \Gamma$ such that $0 \neq (i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu)$ is Q -idempotent. Hence P has nonzero entry in the λ -th row and $0 \neq (i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu)Q(i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu)$ shows that Q has nonzero entry in the i -th column. Hence Γ is regular. Also from $((i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu))Q((i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu)) = (i, a, \lambda)P(j, x, \mu)$ we find that $(i, ap_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i} ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j} x, \mu)$ and then $(a(p_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i}))(a(p_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i})) = (a(p_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i}))$ and then $ap_{\lambda j} x q_{\mu i}$ is an idempotent element in T for $a \in T$. Thus it follows that T is E -inversive. \square

The following example shows that in a Γ -semigroup S ,

- (i) for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$, S_α may be E^* -inversive semigroup but there may exist $\beta \in \Gamma$ such that S_β is not an E^* -inversive semigroup and
- (ii) S_α may not be an E^* -inversive semigroup for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$, but S may be an E^* -inversive Γ -semigroup.

Example 2.9. Let us consider a Rees matrix semigroup $S = \mathcal{M}^0(I, T, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ over the semigroup $T = \{e, a, f, b, \}$ with Cayley table

	e	a	f	b
e	e	a	f	b
a	a	e	b	f
f	f	b	f	b
b	b	f	b	f

where $I = \{1, 2\}$ and $\Lambda = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta\}$ where $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & e \\ b & f \end{pmatrix}$ and

$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} b & e \\ f & b \\ a & a \end{pmatrix}$. Now we see that T is an E -inversive semigroup and Γ is regular.

Hence by Theorem 2.8 S is E^* -inversive. It is to be noted here that S_β is E^* -inversive but S_α is not E^* -inversive since for $(1, a, 1)$ there is no (i, b, λ) such that $(1, a, 1)\alpha(i, b, \lambda) \neq 0$.

3. Right E - Γ -semigroup

In this section we study some particular type of Γ -semigroup which is a generalization of right orthodox Γ -semigroup.

Definition 3.1. Let S be a Γ -semigroup. S is called a *right (resp. left) E - Γ -semigroup*, if for any α -idempotent e and β -idempotent f of S , $e\alpha f$ (resp. $f\alpha e$) is a β -idempotent in S .

Proceeding as in the proof of Proposition 5.2([9]), we prove the following result in Γ -semigroups.

Theorem 3.2. *Let T be a semigroup without zero. Then $S = \mathcal{M}^0(I, T, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ is right E - Γ -semigroup if and only if for all $i, j \in I, \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda : W(p_{\lambda i})p_{\lambda j}W(q_{\mu j}) \subseteq W(q_{\mu i})$.*

Proof. Let $S = \mathcal{M}^0(T, I, \Lambda, \Gamma)$ and $W(t)$ denote the set of all weak inverses of t in T^0 . Let $P \in \Gamma$ and (i, a, λ) be a nonzero P -idempotent in S . Then we have $(i, ap_{\lambda i}a, \lambda) = (i, a, \lambda)$. Since (i, a, λ) is nonzero we have $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$ and $a \in W(p_{\lambda i})$. Hence $E_P(S) \subseteq \{(i, p'_{\lambda i}, \lambda) \in S : p_{\lambda i} \neq 0, p'_{\lambda i} \in W(p_{\lambda i})\} \cup \{0\}$. Again for $i \in I, \lambda \in \Lambda$ with $p_{\lambda i} \neq 0$, $(i, p'_{\lambda i}, \lambda)$ is P -idempotent for $p'_{\lambda i} \in W(p_{\lambda i})$. Since the zero element is P -idempotent we can conclude that $E_P(S) = \{(i, p'_{\lambda i}, \lambda) \in S : p_{\lambda i} \neq 0, p'_{\lambda i} \in W(p_{\lambda i})\} \cup \{0\}$. Let S be a right E - Γ -semigroup. Now for $i, j \in I, \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda, p'_{\lambda i} \in W(p_{\lambda i}), q'_{\mu j} \in W(q_{\mu j})$. If one of $p'_{\lambda i}, p_{\lambda j}, q'_{\mu j}$ is the zero in T^0 , then $p'_{\lambda i}p_{\lambda j}q'_{\mu j} = 0 \in W(q_{\mu i})$. Suppose

none of $p'_{\lambda i}, p_{\lambda j}, q'_{\mu j}$ is zero. Then $(i, p'_{\lambda i}, \lambda) \in E_P, (j, q'_{\mu j}, \mu) \in E_Q$. Since S is right E - Γ -semigroup, $(i, p'_{\lambda i} p_{\lambda j} q'_{\mu j}, \mu) = (i, p'_{\lambda i}, \lambda) P(j, q'_{\mu j}, \mu) \in E_Q$. This implies $p'_{\lambda i} p_{\lambda j} q'_{\mu j} \in W(q_{\mu i})$ i.e, $W(p_{\lambda i}) p_{\lambda j} W(q_{\mu j}) \subseteq W(q_{\mu i})$.

Conversely, let the condition hold. Suppose (i, a, λ) be a nonzero P -idempotent and (j, b, μ) be a nonzero Q -idempotent for $P, Q \in \Gamma$. Then $a \in W(p_{\lambda i})$ and $b \in W(q_{\mu j})$. If $p_{\lambda j} = 0$, then $(i, a, \lambda) P(j, b, \mu) = 0 \in E_Q$. Let $p_{\lambda j} \neq 0$. Then by the given condition $ap_{\lambda j}b \in W(q_{\mu i})$. i.e., we get $(i, a, \lambda) P(j, b, \mu) = (i, ap_{\lambda j}b, \mu) \in E_Q$. Again since for $P_1 \in \Gamma, 0P_1(i, a, \lambda) = (i, a, \lambda) P_1 0 = 0 \in E_{Q_1}$ for all $Q_1 \in \Gamma$ we conclude that S is a right E - Γ -semigroup. \square

Definition 3.3. Let S be a Γ -semigroup. A nonempty subset P of S is said to be *partial Γ -subsemigroup*, if for $a, b \in P$, there exists $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha b \in P$.

Theorem 3.4. Let S be a Γ -semigroup and $E(S) \neq \phi$. Then the regular elements form a partial Γ -subsemigroup if and only if for $e, f \in E(S)$, $e\alpha_1 f$ is regular for some $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$.

Proof. Let the regular elements of S form a partial Γ - subsemigroup. Since every idempotent element is regular, the condition holds.

Conversely let the given condition hold. Let a, b be two regular elements of S and $a' \in V_\alpha^\beta(a), b' \in V_\gamma^\delta(b)$. Then $a'\beta a, b'\gamma b' \in E(S)$. By the given condition there exists $\mu \in \Gamma$ such that $(a'\beta a)\mu(b'\gamma b')$ is regular. i.e., there exist $x \in S$ and $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \Gamma$ such that $(a'\beta a)\mu(b'\gamma b') = (a'\beta a\mu b'\gamma b')\mu_1 x \mu_2 (a'\beta a\mu b'\gamma b')$. Now $a\mu b = a\alpha a'\beta a\mu b'\gamma b'\delta b = a\alpha((a'\beta a)\mu(b'\gamma b'))\delta b = a\alpha((a'\beta a\mu b'\gamma b')\mu_1 x \mu_2 (a'\beta a\mu b'\gamma b'))\delta b$. Thus we have $a\mu b = (a\mu b)\gamma (b'\mu_1 x \mu_2 a')\beta(a\mu b)$ and hence $a\mu b$ is a regular element of S . Hence the proof. \square

We now recall Rees congruence on a Γ -semigroup which has been introduced in [3]. Let I be an ideal of a Γ -semigroup S . Let $\rho_I = (I \times I) \cup 1_S$ where 1_S is the equality relation. Thus for $x, y \in S, (x, y) \in \rho_I$ if and only if either $x = y$ or x and y both belong to I . It is clear that ρ_I is an equivalence relation. Now let $(x, y) \in \rho_I, z \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then there are two possibilities. If $x = y$ then $(x\alpha z, y\alpha z) \in \rho_I$ and $(z\alpha x, z\alpha y) \in \rho_I$ and if x, y both belong to I then also $x\alpha z, y\alpha z \in I$ and $z\alpha x, z\alpha y \in I$ i.e, $(x\alpha z, y\alpha z) \in \rho_I$ and $(z\alpha x, z\alpha y) \in \rho_I$. Hence ρ_I is a Γ -congruence on S . We call this Γ -congruence Rees Γ -congruence on the Γ -semigroup S and denote the Γ -semigroup of all such classes of the elements of Γ -semigroup S by S/ρ_I or simply by S/I and we have $S/I = \{I\} \cup \{\{x\} : x \notin I\}$.

Definition 3.5. If I is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then S is called an *ideal extension of I* by the Rees quotient Γ -semigroup S/I .

Definition 3.6. Let S be a Γ -semigroup with zero. Then a nonzero element $a \in S$ is said to be *divisor of zero* if there exist an element $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and a nonzero element $b \in S$ such that $a\alpha b = 0$.

Theorem 3.7. Let S be a Γ -semigroup with $E(S) \neq \phi$. Then S is either E -inversive or an ideal extension of an idempotent free Γ -semigroup by an E^* -inversive

Γ -semigroup. If S is a right E - Γ -semigroup, then S is either E -inversive or an ideal extension of an idempotent free Γ -semigroup by an E^* -inversive Γ -semigroup which contains no proper zero divisor.

Proof. Let S be not E -inversive Γ -semigroup. Let T be the set of all non E -inversive elements of S . Then by Theorem 2.6, T is a Γ -ideal of S . Since every idempotent element is E -inversive, T is idempotent free. Let A be a nonzero element of S/T , Rees quotient Γ -semigroup. Then $A = \{a\}$ for an E -inversive element $a \in S$. Since a is E -inversive, there exist $x \in S, \alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x = e \in E_\beta$ for some $\beta \in \Gamma$. Clearly e is E -inversive. Hence $\{e\} \in S/T$ is different from the zero element $\{T\}$ of S/T . Hence $A\alpha\{x\} = \{e\} \in E_\beta(S/T)$ where $\{e\}$ is nonzero. Thus A is an E^* -inversive element of S/T . \square

Let us suppose now that S is a right E - Γ -semigroup and $\{a\}, \{b\}$ be two nonzero elements of S/T . Then $a, b \in S$ and they are E -inversive elements. Hence by Theorem 2.7, $a\alpha b$ is E -inversive for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$. This implies that $a\alpha b \notin T$ i.e., $\{a\}\alpha\{b\} \neq \{T\}$ and hence S/T contains no proper zero divisor.

Theorem 3.8. *Let S be a Γ -semigroup and D be a \mathcal{D} class of S . If an element of D is E -inversive then every element of D is E -inversive.*

Proof. Suppose a is an E -inversive element of D . Let $a\mathcal{D}b$. We show that there exist $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ such that $W_\gamma^\delta(b) \neq \phi$. Since a is E -inversive there exist $a' \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$. Now $a'\mathcal{L}a\alpha a'$ and there exists $c \in S$ such that $a\mathcal{L}c$ and $c\mathcal{R}b$. Again since \mathcal{L} is right congruence, we have $caa'\mathcal{L}aaa'\mathcal{L}a'$. Now since $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ we have $caa' \in D_{a'}$. Since a' is a regular element, by Theorem 1.12, caa' is a regular element. Thus there exist $z \in S$ and $\mu, \nu \in \Gamma$ such that $z \in V_\mu^\nu(caa')$. Let $c' = a'\mu z$. Now $c'\nu cac' = a'\mu z\nu caa'\mu z = a'\mu z\nu(caa')\mu z = a'\mu z = c'$. Thus $c' \in W_\alpha^\nu(c)$. Since \mathcal{R} is a left congruence, from $c\mathcal{R}b$ we have $c'\nu b\mathcal{R}c'\nu c\mathcal{R}c'$. Since $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, we have $c'\nu b \in D_{c'}$. Applying Theorem 1.12 we see that $c'\nu b$ is a regular element since c' is a regular element. Thus there exists $w \in V_p^q(c'\nu b)$ for some $p, q \in \Gamma$. Let $b' = wqc'$. Now $b'\nu bpb' = wqc'\nu bpbwqc' = wqc' = b'$ and hence $b' \in W_p^\nu(b)$. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3.9. *Let S be a Γ -semigroup with $E(S) \neq \phi$. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) S is right E - Γ -semigroup,
- (ii) $V_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}(b)\beta_2 V_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a) \subseteq V_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$ for all $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in S$,
- (iii) $W_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}(b)\beta_2 W_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a) \subseteq W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$ for all $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in S$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $a' \in V_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a), b' \in V_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}(b)$. We show that $b'\beta_2 a' \in V_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a' &= b'\beta_2 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= b'\beta_2 (b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 (b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= b'\beta_2 (b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 a' \text{ (Since } S \text{ is right } E\text{-}\Gamma\text{-semigroup)} \\
 &= b'\beta_2 a'.
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b &= a\alpha_1 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b'\beta_2 b \\
 &= a\alpha_1 (a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b')\beta_2 (a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b')\beta_2 b \\
 &= a\alpha_1 (a'\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 b')\beta_2 b \text{ (Since } (a'\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 (b\beta_1 b') \in E_{\beta_2}) \\
 &= a\alpha_1 b.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let e be an α -idempotent and f be a β -idempotent i.e, $e \in V_\alpha^\alpha(e)$ and $f \in V_\beta^\beta(f)$. Then by the given condition $eaf \in V_\alpha^\beta(f\beta e)$ i.e, $eaf\beta f\beta eaeaf = eaf$ which implies $(eaf)\beta(eaf) = eaf$ i.e, eaf is a β -idempotent. Thus (i) holds.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii) is similar to (i) \Rightarrow (ii).

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Let e be an α -idempotent and f be a β -idempotent. Then $e \in W_\alpha^\alpha(e)$ and $f \in W_\beta^\beta(f)$. Now by (iii) we have $eaf \in W_\alpha^\beta(f\beta e)$ i.e, $(eaf)\beta(f\beta e)\alpha(eaf) = eaf$ which implies $(eaf)\beta(eaf) = eaf$. Thus (i) holds since eaf is a β -idempotent. \square

Theorem 3.10. *Let S be a Γ -semigroup. Then $W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b) \subseteq W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1}(b)\alpha_1 W_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a)$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma$.*

Proof. Let $x \in W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$. Then $x = x\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 b\beta_1 x$. So $(x\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 b\beta_1 (x\alpha_2 a) = x\alpha_2 a$ and $(b\beta_1 x)\alpha_2 a\alpha_1 (b\beta_1 x) = b\beta_1 x$ i.e, $x\alpha_2 a \in W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1}(b)$ and $b\beta_1 x \in W_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a)$. Again since $x = (x\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 (b\beta_1 x)$ we have $W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b) \subseteq W_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1}(b)\alpha_1 W_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a)$. \square

From the above two theorems the following corollary follows.

Corollary 3.11. *For any Γ -semigroup S with $E(S) \neq \phi$, S is a right E - Γ -semigroup if and only if $W_\alpha^\beta(a)\beta W_\beta^\gamma(b) = W_\alpha^\gamma(b\beta a)$.*

The following theorem extends the results of Proposition 3.4([9]) in the right E - Γ -semigroup.

Theorem 3.12. *Let S be a right E - Γ -semigroup. Then*

- (i) $V_\alpha^\beta(e) \subseteq W_\alpha^\beta(e) \subseteq E_\beta$ for all $e \in E_\alpha$,
- (ii) $a'\beta e\gamma a \in E_\alpha$ and $a\alpha e\gamma a' \in E_\beta$ for all $a \in S, a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma$,
- (iii) $V_{\alpha_1}^\beta(a) \cap V_{\alpha_2}^\beta(b) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha_1, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ implies $V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) = V_\alpha^\delta(b)$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$ and for all $a, b \in S$,
- (iv) $W_\beta^\alpha(eaf) = W_\alpha^\alpha(f\beta e)$ for all $e \in E_\alpha, f \in E_\beta$.

Proof. (i) It is obvious that $V_\alpha^\beta(e) \subseteq W_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Let $a \in W_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Then $a\beta e\alpha a = a$. Now $a = a\beta e\alpha a = (a\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha a)$. Again $(a\beta e)\alpha(a\beta e) = a\beta e$ and $e\alpha a\beta e\alpha a = e\alpha a$ i.e, $a\beta e \in E_\alpha$ and $e\alpha a \in E_\beta$. Since S is right E - Γ -semigroup, $a = (a\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha a)$ is a β -idempotent.

(ii) Let $a \in S, a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
(a'\beta e\gamma a)\alpha(a'\beta e\gamma a) &= (a'\beta a\alpha a'\beta e\gamma a\alpha a'\beta e\gamma a) \\
&= a'\beta(((a\alpha a')\beta e)\gamma((a\alpha a')\beta e))\gamma a \\
&= a'\beta a\alpha a'\beta e\gamma a \\
&= a'\beta e\gamma a.
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(aae\gamma a')\beta(aae\gamma a') &= aae\gamma a'\beta aae\gamma a'\beta a\alpha a' \\
&= a\alpha((e\gamma a'\beta a)\alpha(e\gamma a'\beta a))\alpha a' \\
&= aae\gamma a'\beta a\alpha a' \\
&= aae\gamma a'.
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Assume that $a' \in V_{\alpha_1}^\beta(a) \cap V_\alpha^\beta(b)$ and $a^* \in V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a)$. Then we have $a'\beta a\alpha_1 a' = a'$, $a\alpha_1 a'\beta a = a$, $a'\beta b\alpha a' = a'$, $b\alpha a'\beta b = b$, $a^*\delta a\alpha_1 a^* = a^*$ and $a\alpha_1 a^*\delta a = a$. Now proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 3.9 [2] we can show that $b\alpha a^*\delta b = b$ and $a^*\delta b\alpha a^* = a^*$. Thus $a^* \in V_\alpha^\delta(b)$ i.e., $V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) \subseteq V_\alpha^\delta(b)$. Similarly we can show that $V_\alpha^\delta(b) \subseteq V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a)$. Therefore we have $V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) = V_\alpha^\delta(b)$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$.

(iv) Let $e \in E_\alpha$, $f \in E_\beta$ and $x \in W_\beta^\alpha(e\alpha f)$ i.e., $x\alpha e\alpha f\beta x = x$. Since $e\alpha f \in E_\beta$, by (i) we have $x \in E_\alpha$. Therefore $x\alpha e\alpha x = x\alpha e\alpha(x\alpha e\alpha f\beta x) = (x\alpha e)\alpha(x\alpha e)\alpha(f\beta x) = x\alpha e\alpha f\beta x = x$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
x\alpha f\beta x &= (x\alpha e\alpha f\beta x)\alpha(f\beta x) = x\alpha e\alpha((f\beta x)\alpha(f\beta x)) \\
&= (x\alpha e)\alpha(f\beta x) = x\alpha(e\alpha f)\beta x \\
&= x.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
x\alpha(f\beta e)\alpha x &= (x\alpha e\alpha x)\alpha(f\beta e)\alpha(x\alpha f\beta x) \\
&= x\alpha((e\alpha x\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha x\alpha f))\beta x \\
&= x\alpha(e\alpha x\alpha f)\beta x \text{ (Since } S \text{ is right } E\text{-}\Gamma\text{-semigroup)} \\
&= (x\alpha e\alpha x)\alpha f\beta x = x\alpha f\beta x = x.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \in W_\alpha^\alpha(f\beta e)$ i.e., $W_\beta^\alpha(e\alpha f) \subseteq W_\alpha^\alpha(f\beta e)$.

Conversely, let $y \in W_\alpha^\alpha(f\beta e)$. Then $y\alpha f\beta e\alpha y = y$ and by (i) y is an α -idempotent. Now $y\alpha e\alpha y = (y\alpha f\beta e\alpha y)\alpha(e\alpha y) = (y\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha y)\alpha(e\alpha y) = (y\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha y) = y$ and $y\alpha f\beta y = (y\alpha f)\beta(y\alpha f\beta e\alpha y) = (y\alpha f)\beta(y\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha y) = (y\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha y) = y$. Now $y\alpha(e\alpha f)\beta y = (y\alpha f\beta y)\alpha(e\alpha f)\beta(y\alpha e\alpha y) = y\alpha((f\beta y\alpha e)\alpha(f\beta y\alpha e))\alpha y = y\alpha(f\beta y\alpha e)\alpha y = (y\alpha f\beta y)\alpha e\alpha y = y\alpha e\alpha y = y$. Hence $y \in W_\beta^\alpha(e\alpha y)$. Thus (iv) holds. \square

Definition 3.13. Let S be a Γ -semigroup, $a \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. The set $I_\alpha^\beta(a)$ is defined by $I_\alpha^\beta(a) = \{x \in S : x\beta a \in E_\alpha, a\alpha x \in E_\beta\}$.

Theorem 3.14. Let S be a Γ -semigroup. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) $I_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}(b)\beta_2 I_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a) \subseteq I_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$ for $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in S$,
- (ii) $a\alpha e\gamma a' \in E_\beta$ for all $a \in S, a' \in I_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma$,

(iii) $a'\beta e\gamma a \in E_\alpha$ for all $a \in S, a' \in I_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $a \in S, a' \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and $e \in E_\gamma$. Since $e \in I_\gamma^\gamma(e)$ and $a' \in I_\alpha^\beta(a)$, from (i) we have $e\gamma a' \in I_\gamma^\beta(a\alpha e)$. Now $a\alpha e\gamma a' = (a\alpha e)\gamma(e\gamma a') \in E_\beta$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Let $a' \in I_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2}(a)$ and $b' \in I_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}(b)$. Then $b\beta_1 b' \in E_{\beta_2}$ and by (ii), $(a\alpha_1 b)\beta_1(b'\beta_2 a') = a\alpha_1(b\beta_1 b')\beta_2 a' \in E_{\alpha_2}$. Again since $a \in I_{\alpha_2}^{\alpha_1}(a')$ and $b \in I_{\beta_2}^{\beta_1}(b')$, similarly we can show that $(b'\beta_2 a')\alpha_2(a\alpha_1 b) = b'\beta_2(a'\alpha_2 a)\alpha_1 b \in E_{\beta_1}$. Hence we have $b'\beta_2 a' \in I_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_2}(a\alpha_1 b)$. Thus (i) is proved. It can be shown (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii). \square

Theorem 3.15. Let S be a right E - Γ -semigroup and $a \in S$. If $a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma, f \in E_\delta$, then $e\gamma a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a), a'\beta f \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$ and $e\gamma a'\beta f \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$.

Proof. Let $a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a), e \in E_\gamma, f \in E_\delta$. Now $e\gamma a'\beta a\alpha e\gamma a' = (e\gamma(a'\beta a)\alpha e)\gamma a'\beta a\alpha a' = (e\gamma(a'\beta a))\alpha(e\gamma(a'\beta a))\alpha a' = (e\gamma(a'\beta a))\alpha a'$ (Since $e\gamma(a'\beta a) \in E_\alpha = e\gamma a'$). Hence $e\gamma a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$. Again

$$\begin{aligned} (a'\beta f)\delta a\alpha(a'\beta f) &= a'\beta a\alpha a'\beta f\delta a\alpha a'\beta f \\ &= a'\beta((a\alpha a')\beta f)\delta((a\alpha a')\beta f) \\ &= a'\beta((a\alpha a')\beta f) \text{ (Since } (a\alpha a')\beta f \in E_\delta) \\ &= a'\beta f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $a'\beta f \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$. Again from $e\gamma a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and $f \in E_\delta$ it follows that $e\gamma a'\beta f \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$ \square .

Theorem 3.16. Let S be a right E - Γ -semigroup and a be a regular element of S such that $a' \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)$. Then $W_\alpha^\delta(a) = E_\alpha\alpha a'\beta E_\delta$.

Proof. By the Theorem 3.15 we have $E_\alpha\alpha a'\beta E_\delta \subseteq W_\alpha^\delta(a)$. Now let $a^* \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$, then $a^* = a^*\delta a\alpha a^* = a^*\delta a\alpha a'\beta a\alpha a^* = (a^*\delta a)\alpha a'\beta(a\alpha a^*) \subseteq E_\alpha\alpha a'\beta E_\delta$. Hence the proof. \square

Theorem 3.17. Let S be a right E - Γ -semigroup. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) for $e \in E_\alpha, f \in E_\beta, e\alpha f\beta e = e\alpha f$,
- (ii) for every $a \in S$, if $a' \in V_{\alpha_1}^{\beta_1}(a)$ and $a'' \in V_{\alpha_2}^{\beta_2}(a)$ then $a\alpha_1 a' = a\alpha_2 a''$,
- (iii) every \mathcal{R} - class contains at most one idempotent,
- (iv) if for some $\alpha, \beta, \delta \in \Gamma, a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and $a^* \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$ with $a'\mathcal{R}a^*$ then $a' = a^*$,
- (v) (for all $e \in E_\alpha, e' \in V_\alpha^\beta(e)$) $e'\beta e = e'$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (v) From Theorem 3.12(i) we have $e' \in E_\beta$. Now from (i) $e' = e'\beta e\alpha e' = e'\beta e$.

(v) \Rightarrow (iv) : Let $a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and $a^* \in W_\alpha^\delta(a)$ such that $a'\mathcal{R}a^*$. Then we have $a'\beta a\mathcal{R}a'\mathcal{R}a^*\mathcal{R}a^*\delta a$. Since $(a'\beta a)\alpha x = (a^*\delta a)\alpha x = x$ for all $x \in R_{a'\beta a} = R_{a^*\delta a}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(a\alpha a^*)\delta(a\alpha a')\beta(a\alpha a^*) &= a\alpha((a^*\delta a)\alpha(a'\beta a))\alpha a^* \\
&= a\alpha(a'\beta a)\alpha a^* \\
&= a\alpha((a'\beta a)\alpha a^*) = a\alpha a^*.
\end{aligned}$$

i.e, $a\alpha a^* \in W_\beta^\delta(a\alpha a')$. Hence by (v) we have

$$a' = (a^*\delta a)\alpha a' = (a^*\delta a)\alpha(a^*\delta a)\alpha a' = a^*\delta((a\alpha a^*)\delta(a\alpha a')) = a^*\delta(a\alpha a^*) = a^*.$$

(iv) \Rightarrow (iii) : Let $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$ with $e\mathcal{R}f$, then we have $e\alpha f = f$ and $f\beta e = e$. Now $f\beta e\alpha f = f$ and hence we get $f \in W_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Again $e \in V_\alpha^\alpha(e)$ and by (iv) we have $e = f$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) : Let $a' \in V_{\alpha_1}^{\beta_1}(a)$, $a'' \in V_{\alpha_2}^{\beta_2}(a)$. Then $a\alpha_1 a' \mathcal{R} a \mathcal{R} a\alpha_2 a''$. Hence by (iii) we have $a\alpha_1 a' = a\alpha_2 a''$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) : Let $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$. Now $(e\alpha f)\beta(f\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha f) = e\alpha f\beta e\alpha f = e\alpha f$ and $(f\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha f)\beta(f\beta e) = f\beta e\alpha f\beta e = f\beta e$. Hence $f\beta e \in V_\beta^\alpha(e\alpha f)$. Again $e\alpha f \in V_\beta^\beta(e\alpha f)$. Hence by (ii) we have $(e\alpha f)\beta(f\beta e) = (e\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha f)$. Thus $e\alpha f\beta e = e\alpha f$. \square

Theorem 3.18. *Let S be an E -inversive Γ -semigroup. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) for $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$, $e\alpha f\beta e = e$,
- (ii) for $e \in E_\alpha$, $f \in E_\beta$ and $g \in E_\gamma$, $e\alpha f\beta g = e\alpha g$,
- (iii) (for all $e \in E_\alpha$) $W_\alpha^\beta(e) = E_\beta(S)$,
- (iv) (for all $a, b \in S$) $W_{\alpha_1}^\beta(a) \cap W_{\alpha_2}^\beta(b) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta \in \Gamma$ implies $W_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) = W_{\alpha_2}^\delta(b)$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$,
- (v) (for $e \in E_\alpha$, $f \in E_\beta$) if $W_\alpha^\gamma(e) \cap W_\beta^\gamma(f) \neq \phi$ for some $\gamma \in \Gamma$ then $W_\alpha^\delta(e) = W_\beta^\delta(f)$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$,
- (vi) for $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$, $e\alpha f \in E_\beta$ and $W_\alpha^\beta(a) = V_\alpha^\beta(a)$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and for all regular elements $a \in S$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) : Let $e \in E_\alpha$, $f \in E_\beta$ and $g \in E_\gamma$. Then $(e\alpha g)\gamma(e\alpha g) = (e\alpha g\gamma e)\alpha g = e\alpha g$. Thus $e\alpha g$ is γ -idempotent. Now $e\alpha f\beta e = e$ and $g\gamma f\beta g = g$. Thus

$$e\alpha g = (e\alpha f\beta e)\alpha(g\gamma f\beta g) = e\alpha(f\beta(e\alpha g)\gamma f)\beta g = e\alpha f\beta g.$$

Hence (ii) follows.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) is obvious.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii) : Let $a \in W_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Then $a\beta e \in E_\alpha$ and $e\alpha a \in E_\beta$. Now $a\beta a = (a\beta e\alpha a)\beta(a\beta e\alpha a) = (a\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha a)\beta(a\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha a) = (a\beta e)\alpha(e\alpha a) = a$. Hence $W_\alpha^\beta(e) \subseteq E_\beta$. Again if $f \in E_\beta$ then by (i) $f\beta e\alpha f = f$ i.e, $f \in W_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Hence (iii) holds.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) is obvious.

(i) \Rightarrow (iv) : Let $x \in W_{\alpha_1}^\beta(a) \cap W_{\alpha_2}^\beta(b)$ and let $a' \in W_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a)$. Then $a'\delta a \in E_{\alpha_1}$ and $a\alpha_1 a' \in E_\delta$. Again by (i) we can show that S is a right E - Γ -semigroup and by Theorem 3.12(ii) $b\alpha_2 a'\delta a\alpha_1 x \in E_\beta$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 a' &= (a'\delta a)\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= ((a'\delta a)\alpha_1(x\beta b)\alpha_2(a'\delta a))\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= a'\delta a\alpha_1 x\beta b\alpha_2((a'\delta a)\alpha_1(x\beta a)\alpha_1(a'\delta a))\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= a'\delta((a\alpha_1 a')\delta(a\alpha_1 x)\beta(b\alpha_2 a'\delta a\alpha_1 x))\beta(a\alpha_1 a')\delta(a\alpha_1 a') \\
 &= a'\delta((a\alpha_1 a')\delta(b\alpha_2 a'\delta a\alpha_1 x))\beta(a\alpha_1 a')\delta(a\alpha_1 a') \text{ (Since (i) } \Rightarrow \text{(ii))} \\
 &= a'\delta b\alpha_2((a'\delta a)\alpha_1(x\beta a)\alpha_1(a'\delta a))\alpha_1 a' \\
 &= a'\delta b\alpha_2 a'\delta a\alpha_1 a' = a'\delta b\alpha_2 a'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $a' \in W_{\alpha_2}^\delta(b)$. Hence $W_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) \subseteq W_{\alpha_2}^\delta(b)$. Similarly we can show that $W_{\alpha_2}^\delta(b) \subseteq W_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a)$. Thus $W_{\alpha_2}^\delta(b) = W_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a)$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (v) is trivial.

(v) \Rightarrow (i) : Let e be an α -idempotent and f be a β -idempotent and since S is *E*-inversive, we find an $x \in W_\gamma^\mu(e\alpha f)$ for some $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ such that $x\mu e\alpha f\gamma x = x$. Now $(f\gamma x\mu e)\alpha f\beta(f\gamma x\mu e) = f\gamma x\mu(e\alpha f)\gamma x\mu e = f\gamma x\mu e = f\gamma x\mu(e\alpha f)\gamma x\mu e = (f\gamma x\mu e)\alpha e\alpha(f\gamma x\mu e)$. Which implies that $f\gamma x\mu e \in W_\alpha^\alpha(e) \cap W_\beta^\alpha(f)$. Hence by (v), $W_\alpha^\delta(e) = W_\beta^\delta(f)$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$. Since $e \in W_\alpha^\alpha(e)$ we have $e \in W_\beta^\alpha(f)$ and hence (i) follows.

(i) \Rightarrow (vi) : Let $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$. Then $(e\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha f) = (e\alpha f\beta e)\alpha f = e\alpha f$. Thus $e\alpha f \in E_\beta$. For $a \in S$ we see that $V_\alpha^\beta(a) \subseteq W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Now let $a' \in W_\alpha^\beta(a)$ i.e. $a'\beta a\alpha a' = a'$ and $a\alpha a' \in E_\beta$. Since a is regular, there exists $a^* \in V_\gamma^\delta(a)$ for some $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$. i.e. $a\gamma a^* \in E_\delta$. Now $a = a\gamma a^*\delta a = (a\gamma a^*)\delta(a\alpha a')\beta(a\gamma a^*)\delta a = a\alpha a'\beta a$. Thus $a' \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)$ and hence we have $W_\alpha^\beta(a) = V_\alpha^\beta(a)$.

(vi) \Rightarrow (i) : Let $e \in E_\alpha$ and $f \in E_\beta$. Then $(e\alpha f)\beta e\alpha(e\alpha f) = (e\alpha f)\beta(e\alpha f) = e\alpha f$ and hence $e\alpha f \in W_\alpha^\beta(e) = V_\alpha^\beta(e)$. Thus we have $e\alpha f\beta e = e\alpha(e\alpha f)\beta e = e$. Hence the proof. \square

4. Semidirect product of a semigroup and a Γ -semigroup

Let S be a semigroup and T be a Γ -semigroup. Let $End(T)$ denote the set of all endomorphisms on T i.e., the set of all mappings $f : T \rightarrow T$ satisfying $f(a\alpha b) = f(a)\alpha f(b)$ for all $a, b \in T, \alpha \in \Gamma$. Clearly $End(T)$ is a semigroup. Let $\phi : S \rightarrow End(T)$ be a given antimorphism i.e. $\phi(sr) = \phi(r)\phi(s)$ for all $r, s \in S$. If $s \in S$ and $t \in T$, we write t^s for $(\phi(s))(t)$ and $T^s = \{t^s : t \in T\}$. Let $S \times_\phi T = \{(s, t) : s \in S, t \in T\}$. We define $(s_1, t_1)\alpha(s_2, t_2) = (s_1 s_2, t_1^{s_2} \alpha t_2)$ for all $(s_i, t_i) \in S \times_\phi T$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then $S \times_\phi T$ is a Γ -semigroup. This Γ -semigroup $S \times_\phi T$ is called the semidirect product of the semigroup S and the Γ -semigroup T . In [6] we have studied such type of semidirect product. We recall the following lemmas from [6].

Lemma 4.1. *Let $S \times_\phi T$ be a semidirect product of a semigroup S and a Γ -semigroup T . Then*

- (i) $(t\alpha u)^s = t^s \alpha u^s$ for all $s \in S, t, u \in T$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.
- (ii) $(t^s)^r = (t)^{sr}$ for all $s, r \in S$ and $t \in T$.

Lemma 4.2. *Let $S \times_\phi T$ be a semidirect product of a semigroup S and a Γ -semigroup*

T. Then T^x is a Γ -semigroup for all $x \in S$.

We now give the following characterization.

Theorem 4.3. *Let $S \times_{\phi} T$ be a semidirect product of a semigroup S and a Γ -semigroup T . Then $S \times_{\phi} T$ is E -inversive if and only if for all $s \in S, t \in T$ there exists $s' \in W(s)$ such that $t^{s's}$ is an E -inversive element of a Γ -semigroup $T^{s's} = \{t^{s's} : t \in T\}$. If S is an E -inversive semigroup and T is an E -inversive Γ -semigroup, then every semidirect product of S and T is E -inversive Γ -semigroup.*

Proof. Let $S \times_{\phi} T$ be E -inversive Γ -semigroup. Let $s \in S$ and $t \in T$. Then $(s, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$. Since $S \times_{\phi} T$ is E -inversive, $W_{\alpha}^{\beta}((s, t)) \neq \phi$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Let $(s', t') \in W_{\alpha}^{\beta}((s, t))$. Then $(s', t')\beta(s, t)\alpha(s', t') = (s', t')$. i.e., $(s'ss', t'ss'\beta t^{s'}\alpha t') = (s', t')$. Thus $s'ss' = s'$ and $(t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s'}\alpha t' = t'$. Thus $s' \in W(s)$ and hence S is E -inversive semigroup. Now since $(t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s'}\alpha t' = t'$, we have $((t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s'}\alpha t')^{ss's} = (t')^{ss's}$ i.e., $(t')^{ss's}\beta t^{s's}\alpha(t')^{ss's} = (t')^{ss's}$ which implies $(t^{s'})^{s's}\beta(t^{s'})^{s's}\alpha(t^{s'})^{s's} = (t^{s'})^{s's}$. Hence $t^{s's}$ is an E -inversive element of the Γ -semigroup $T^{s's} = \{t^{s's} : t \in T\}$.

Conversely let the given condition hold. Let $(s, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$. Then by the given condition we have $x \in W(s)$ and $u^{xs} \in W_{\alpha}^{\beta}(t^{xs})$ for some $x \in S$ and $u^{xs} \in T^{xs}$. Now $(x, u^x)\beta(s, t)\alpha(x, u^x) = (x s x, u^{x s x} \beta t^x \alpha u^x) = (x, u^{x s x} \beta t^{x s x} \alpha u^{x s x}) = (x, (u^{x s} \beta t^{x s} \alpha u^{x s})^x) = (x, u^{x s x}) = (x, u^x)$ Hence $(x, u^x) \in W_{\alpha}^{\beta}((s, t))$. Hence $S \times_{\phi} T$ is E -inversive Γ -semigroup.

Again let S be an E -inversive semigroup and T be an E -inversive Γ -semigroup. Let $t^x \in T^x$. Since T is E -inversive there exist $u \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $u \in W_{\alpha}^{\beta}(t)$. i.e., $u\beta t\alpha u = u$ which implies $u^x\beta t^x\alpha u^x = u^x$. Hence T^x is an E -inversive Γ -semigroup for all $x \in S$. Hence if S is an E -inversive semigroup and T be an E -inversive Γ -semigroup then for all $s \in S, t \in T$ there exists $s' \in W(s)$ such that $t^{s's}$ is an E -inversive element of a Γ -semigroup $T^{s's} = \{t^{s's} : t \in T\}$ and hence we conclude that $S \times_{\phi} T$ is E -inversive Γ -semigroup. \square

Theorem 4.4. *Let $S \times_{\phi} T$ be a semidirect product of a semigroup S and a Γ -semigroup T . Then $S \times_{\phi} T$ is right E - Γ -semigroup if and only if S is an E -semigroup and $e, f \in E(S), t, u \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $t^e\alpha t = t, u^f\beta u = u$ imply that $t^{f e f}\alpha u^{e f}\beta t^f\alpha u = t^f\alpha u$.*

Proof. Let $S \times_{\phi} T$ be a right E - Γ -semigroup and let $(s, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$. Again let $e, f \in E(S), t, u \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $t^e\alpha t = t, u^f\beta u = u$. Then (e, t) is an α -idempotent and (f, u) is a β -idempotent. Since $S \times_{\phi} T$ is right E - Γ -semigroup we have $(e, t)\alpha(f, u) \in E_{\beta}$ and hence $(e, t)\alpha(f, u)\beta(e, t)\alpha(f, u) = (e, t)\alpha(f, u)$ i.e., $(e f e f, t^f e f \alpha u^{e f} \beta t^f) = (e f, t^f \alpha u)$. Thus $e f \in E(S)$, i.e., S is an E -semigroup and $t^{f e f}\alpha u^{e f}\beta t^f = t^f\alpha u$. Reversing the argument the converse follows. \square

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