

## ON SEVERAL CLASSES OF ORTHODOX $\Gamma$ — SEMIGROUPS

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**ABSTRACT** : In this paper the concepts of orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroups, orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroups, and rectangular  $\Gamma$ —groups are introduced and studied. Some characterizations of these  $\Gamma$ —semigroups are obtained. Also the structure theorem of orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroups is given. These notions are generalization of the corresponding ones in semigroups.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIES

A set  $M$  is said to be a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup (due to Sen and Saha [1]) if the following conditions are satisfied :

- (i)  $M = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\}$  are two nonempty sets.
- (ii)  $a\alpha b \in M$  for all  $a, b \in M$  and all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .
- (iii)  $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and  $\alpha$  an element of  $\Gamma$ . We define the product  $a.b = a\alpha b$ , then  $(M, .)$  is a semigroup, denoted by  $M_\alpha$ , called a related semigroup of  $M$ . If some one (so every, due to [1]) related semigroup of  $M$  is a group, then we say  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group. An element  $a$  of  $M$  is said to be regular if  $a \in a\Gamma M\Gamma a$ , where  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a = \{(a\alpha b)\beta a : a, b \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}$ . A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup is said to be regular if every element of  $M$  is regular (due to [1]). Binary relations  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $M$  (due

to [7]). which are analogous of Green's relations in a semigroup, are defined as follows :

- (i)  $a \mathcal{I} b$  iff  $(a) = (b)$ ,
- (ii)  $a \mathcal{L} b$  iff  $(a)_1 = (b)_1$ ,
- (iii)  $a \mathcal{R} b$  iff  $(a)_r = (b)_r$ ,
- (iv)  $a \mathcal{H} b$  iff  $a \mathcal{L} b$  and  $a \mathcal{R} b$
- (v)  $a \mathcal{D} b$  iff there exists  $c \in M$  such that  $a \mathcal{L} c$  and  $c \mathcal{R} b$ .

Where  $(a)_r = a \Gamma M \cup \{a\}$ ,  $(a)_1 = M \Gamma a \cup \{a\}$ ,  $(a) = a \Gamma M \cup M \Gamma a \cup M \Gamma a \Gamma M \cup \{a\}$ . Throughout this paper  $E_\alpha$  denotes the set  $\{e : e\alpha e = e, e \in M\}$  and  $V_\alpha^\beta(a)$  denotes the set  $\{b : b \in M, a\alpha b\beta a = a \text{ and } b\beta a\alpha b = b\}$  for all  $a \in M$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . An element of  $E_\alpha$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ —idempotent of  $M$ .

The following known results will be used in this paper. A  $\Gamma$ — semigroup is said to be a  $\Gamma$ — regular semigroup if its every related semigroup is regular.

**Lemma. 11.** (due to [3]) A regular  $\Gamma$ — semigroup is a  $\Gamma$ — regular semigroup if and only if  $V_\alpha^\beta(e) \neq \phi$  and  $V_\beta^\alpha(e) \neq \phi$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  and for all  $e \in E_\alpha$ .

**Lemma. 12.** (due to [3]) In a  $\Gamma$  — semigroup  $M$  for all  $a \in M$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $V_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \phi$  if and if  $M$  is regular, and  $V_\alpha^\beta(e) \neq \phi$  and  $V_\beta^\alpha(e) \neq \phi$  for all  $e \in E_\alpha$ .

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup, define the binary operation on  $M \times \Gamma$  ( $\Gamma \times M$ , respectively) by

$$(\forall (a, \alpha), (b, \beta) \in M \times \Gamma) (a, \alpha)(b, \beta) = (a \alpha b, \beta)$$

$$((\forall (\alpha, a), (\beta, b) \in \Gamma \times M) (\alpha, a)(\beta, b) = (\alpha, a\beta b) \text{ respectively}),$$

then  $M \times \Gamma$  ( $\Gamma \times M$ , respectively) is a semigroup (due to [4]). The semigroups  $M \times \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma \times M$  are called left and right operator semigroups of  $M$ , respectively.

**Lemma. 13.** (due to [4]) Let  $M$  be a regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup, then  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ — semigroup if and only if the set  $\text{Reg}(M \times \Gamma)$  of regular elements of  $M \times \Gamma$  are orthodox subsemigroups of  $M \times \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma \times M$ , respectively.

**Lemma. 14.** (due to [3]) Let  $M$  be a regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup then for all  $(a, \alpha) \in M \times \Gamma$ ,  $V(a, \alpha) = \cup \{(x, \beta) : x \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)\}$ .

$$\beta \in \Gamma, V_\alpha^\beta(a) \neq \emptyset$$

## 2, ORTHODOX $\Gamma$ — REGULAR SEMIGROUP

According to Sen and Saha [2] a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is said to be an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup if  $M$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and  $(E_\alpha \alpha E_\beta) \cup ((E_\beta \alpha E_\alpha) \subseteq E_\beta$  holds for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroup, i. e. its every related semigroup  $M_\alpha$ . ( $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ) is an orthodox semigroup, had been introduced and the following three examples are given by Zhao Xian Zhong in [3].

**Example 2.1.** Let  $Q^*$  denote all non—zero rational numbers and  $\Gamma$  denote all positive integers. Define that  $a\alpha b$  is the product of three numbers  $|a|$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $b$ , then  $Q^*$  is both an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroup.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $M$  be the set of all positive integers. Suppose that  $\Gamma = M$ , define  $a\alpha b = [a, \alpha, b] =$  the l. c. m of  $a, \alpha$  and  $b$ , for all  $a, b \in M$  and all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup but  $M$  is not a  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroup.

**Example 2.3.** Suppose that  $I = \Lambda = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $G = \{e, g, g^2, g^3\}$  is the cyclic group of order four generated by  $g$ , and

$$P = (P_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} g & g^3 \\ g^2 & e \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = (q_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} g & g^2 \\ g^3 & e \end{pmatrix}$$

are two  $2 \times 2$  matrices on  $G$ . Take  $M = G \times I \times \Lambda$ ,  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta\}$  and define  $(a, i, \lambda)\alpha(b, j, \mu) = (ap_{ij}b, i, \mu)$  and  $(a, i, \lambda)\beta(b, j, \mu) = (aq_{ij}b, i, \mu)$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroup, but  $M$  is not an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup.

It is illustrated by the above examples that the class of  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroups and the class of orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroups are not contained within each other, and the intersection of these two classes is not empty. Now we ask : what is this intersection? The answer will be given in the following.

**Definition 2.4.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is said to be an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup if  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and its every related semigroup  $M_\alpha$ . ( $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ) is regular.

**Proposition 2.5.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup if and only if  $M$  is both an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and  $\Gamma$ —orthodox semigroup.

**Proof :** Omitted.

The following proposition 2.6 will be directly obtained from Lemma 1.3.

**Proposition 2.6.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup if and only if its right operator semigroup  $\Gamma x M$  and its left operator semigroup  $M x \Gamma$  are orthodox.

**Proof :** Omitted.

**Lemma 2.7.** If  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup, then  $E_\alpha \beta E_\beta = E_\beta \beta E_\alpha = E_\alpha$  holds for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof :** For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  and any  $e \in E_\alpha$  there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in V_\alpha^\beta(e)$  by lemma 1.1. This implies  $e = e\alpha x\beta e$  and  $e\alpha x \in E_\beta$ , hence,  $E_\alpha \subseteq E_\beta \beta E_\alpha$ . Since  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup, we have  $E_\beta \beta E_\alpha \subseteq E_\alpha$ , and so  $E_\alpha = E_\beta \beta E_\alpha$ . The proof of  $E_\alpha = E_\beta \beta E_\alpha$  is similar.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $M$  be a regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. If for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $E_\alpha \beta E_\beta = E_\beta \beta E_\alpha = E_\alpha$  holds, then  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup.

**Proof :**  $M$  is obviously an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. To prove the remaining half, suppose that for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $E_\alpha \beta E_\beta = E_\beta \beta E_\alpha = E_\alpha$ . Then for any (but fixed)  $e \in E_\alpha$  there exist  $x \in E_\alpha$  and  $y \in E_\beta$  such that  $x\beta y = e$ . Hence in particular  $e\beta y = e$  and  $e = e\beta(y\alpha e) = e\beta(y\alpha e)\alpha e$ . By  $y\alpha e \in E_\beta \alpha E_\alpha = E_\beta$  we have that  $(y\alpha e)\alpha e\beta(y\alpha e) = (y\alpha e)\beta(y\alpha e) = y\alpha e$ . This implies  $y\alpha e \in V_\beta^\alpha(e)$  and  $V_\beta^\alpha(e) \neq \emptyset$ .



Similarly, we have  $V_{\alpha}^{\beta}(e) \neq \emptyset$ . Now from lemma 1.1, it follows that  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup.

The following theorem follows from 2.7 and lemma 2.8.

**Theorem 2.9.** A regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup if and only if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $E_{\alpha}\beta E_{\beta} = E_{\beta}\beta E_{\alpha} = E_{\alpha}$ .

Let us now prove the following proposition which will provide the recipe for manufacturing the class of orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroups.

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $(S, o)$  be an orthodox semigroup. Suppose that  $M = S$ , and  $\Gamma$  is a nonempty subset of  $S$ , and  $a\alpha b$  is the product of three elements  $a, \alpha, b$  in the semigroup  $(S, o)$ . Then we have

(i)  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup.

(ii) If  $S$  contains the identity  $e$  and  $\Gamma$  is an  $\mathcal{H}$ —class containing  $e$  in  $S$ , then  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup.

**Proof :** (i)  $M$  is obviously a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. To prove the remaining half, notice that for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $a \in E_{\alpha}$ , and  $b \in E_{\beta}$ , we have  $a\alpha, \alpha a, b\beta, \beta b \in E(S)$ , where  $E(S)$  denotes the set of idempotents of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is orthodox, we now find that  $(a\alpha b)\beta(a\alpha b) = ((a\alpha)(b\beta))((a\alpha)(b\beta))b = (a\alpha b\beta)b = a\alpha(b\beta b) = a\alpha b$ . Similarly,  $(b\alpha a)\beta(b\alpha a) = b\alpha a$ . Thus  $E_{\alpha}\alpha E_{\beta} \subseteq E_{\alpha}$  and  $E_{\beta}\beta E_{\alpha} \subseteq E_{\beta}$ . Hence  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup as required.

(iii) It is only needed that  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup, by (i). For any  $a \in M$ , there exist  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = a\alpha x\beta a$ , since  $M$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. Now, note that the  $\mathcal{H}$ —class  $H_e$  is a subgroup in  $S$  and  $\Gamma = H_e$ , we have  $a = a\delta\delta^{-1}\alpha x\beta\delta^{-1}\delta a = a\delta z\delta a$  for all  $\delta \in \Gamma$ , where  $z = \delta^{-1}\alpha x\beta\delta^{-1}$  and  $\delta^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $\delta$  in group  $H_e$ . Hence  $M_{\delta}$  is regular for all  $\delta \in \Gamma$ , that is,  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup as required.

### 3. ORTHOGROUP $\Gamma$ —SEMIGROUPS

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. If for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the related semigroup  $M_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ) is a group, then every related semigroup is a group (due to Sen [1]), and  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ —group. So the left operator semigroup  $\Gamma \times M$  is a union of groups. Moreover, we can show that  $\Gamma \times M$  is simple. Hence  $\Gamma \times M$  is a completely simple semigroup. In this section we want to generalize these results.

**Definition 3.1.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is said to be an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup if  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup and for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the related semigroup  $M_{\alpha}$  is a union of groups.

It is clear that every  $\Gamma$ —group is an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. But it will be shown in example 3.7 that not every orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup is an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup.

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup, if for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , the related semigroup  $M_{\alpha}$  is a union of groups,  $M_{\beta}$  is not necessarily a union of groups for each  $\beta \in \Gamma$ . For example, suppose

that  $\Gamma$  is the set  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ , and  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with the related semigroup  $M_\alpha$  being a 0-group  $G \cup \{0\}$ , and the related semigroup  $M_\beta$  being a null semigroup. Then  $M_\alpha$  is a union of groups, but the  $M_\beta$  is not a union of groups. We prove that every related semigroup of an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is a union of groups. To do this the following results are needed.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -regular semigroup and  $M \times \Gamma$  denote its left operator semigroup. Then for all  $(a, \alpha) \in M \times \Gamma$  we have

- (i)  $L(a, \alpha) = \{(x, \alpha) : x \in L_a\} = (L_a, \alpha)$ ,
- (ii)  $R(a, \alpha) = \{(y, \beta) : y \in R_a, \beta \in \Gamma\} = (R_a, \alpha)$ ,
- (iii)  $H(a, \alpha) = \{(z, \alpha) : z \in H_a\} = (H_a, \alpha)$

where  $L(a, \alpha)$  ( $R(a, \alpha)$ ,  $H(a, \alpha)$ ) denotes  $L$ -class ( $R$ -class,  $H$ -class) containing the element  $(a, \alpha)$  of  $M \times \Gamma$ ,  $L_a$  ( $R_a$ ,  $H_a$ ) denotes  $L$ -class ( $R$ -class,  $H$ -class) containing the element  $a$  in  $M$ .

**Proof.** Omitted :

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $M$  be an orthodox  $\Gamma$ -regular semigroup, and  $M \times \Gamma$  denotes its left operator semigroup, and  $B$  denotes the set of idempotents of  $M \times \Gamma$ . Then we have

$$(i) J_{(e, \alpha)}^\beta = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Gamma} (V_\alpha^\beta(e), \beta) \text{ for all } (e, \alpha) \in B$$

(ii) For all  $(e, \alpha), (f, \beta) \in B$ , if  $(f, \beta) \in R(e, \alpha)$ , then  $(f, \beta) \in J_{(e, \alpha)}^\beta$ , where  $J_{(e, \alpha)}^\beta$  denotes  $J$ -class containing  $(e, \alpha)$  in  $B$  and  $R(e, \alpha)$  denotes  $R$ -class containing  $(e, \alpha)$  in  $M \times \Gamma$ .

**Proof,** (i) By Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4  $B$  is a band, and so  $J_{(e, \alpha)}^\beta = V(e, \alpha) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Gamma} (V_\alpha^\beta(e), \beta)$ , since  $M$  is  $\Gamma$ -regular semigroup.

(ii) If  $(f, \beta) \in R(e, \alpha)$ , then there exist  $(x, \beta)$  and  $(y, \alpha) \in M \times \Gamma$  such that  $(e, \alpha)(x, \beta) = (f, \beta)$ , and  $(f, \beta)(y, \alpha) = (e, \alpha)$ . Hence in particular  $e\alpha x = f$  and  $f\beta y = e$ . Moreover,  $e\alpha f = f$  and  $f\beta e = e$ . Notice that  $e \in E_\alpha$  and  $E_\beta$ , thus we have  $f\beta e\alpha f = f$  and  $e\alpha f\beta e = e$ , that is,  $f \in V_\alpha^\beta(e)$ . By (i),  $(f, \beta) \in J_{(e, \alpha)}^\beta$ , as required.

**Proposition 3.4.** The left operator semigroup  $M \times \Gamma$  of an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a union of groups.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be an ortho group  $\Gamma$ -semigroup, and  $M \times \Gamma$  denote its left operator semigroup, and  $B$  denote the set of idempotents of  $M \times \Gamma$ . Since  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -regular semigroup, every  $\mathcal{R}$ -class of  $M$  contains at least one  $\alpha$ -idempotent, say  $e$ , (i.e.  $e\alpha e = e$ ) for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . So every  $\mathcal{R}$ -class of  $M \times \Gamma$  contains at least one idempotent which belongs to the set  $\{(x, \alpha) : x \in M\}$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  by lemma 3.2. Now, suppose that for some (but fixed)  $\delta \in \Gamma$ , the related semigroup  $M_\delta$  is a union of groups, and



$(e, \alpha), (f, \beta) \in B$  as well as  $(e, \alpha) \mathcal{D} (f, \beta)$  in  $M \times \Gamma$ . As above there exists  $(c, \delta) \in B$  such that  $(c, \delta) \in R_{(e, \alpha)}$ , and so  $(c, \delta) J^B (f, \beta)$  by Lemma 3.8 (ii). Since  $M_\delta$  is a union of groups, there exists  $(d, \delta) \in B$  such that  $(d, \delta) \in R (e, \alpha)$  and  $(d, \delta) \in L (c, \delta)$ . Hence  $(e, \alpha) J^B (d, \delta)$  by Lemma 3.4 (ii), and  $(d, \delta) J^B (c, \delta)$ ,  $M_\delta$  being a union of groups. So  $(e, \alpha) J^B (f, \beta)$ , because  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$  semigroup,  $M \times \Gamma$  is an orthodox semigroup by lemma 1.3. Now notice we have proved that  $(e, \alpha), (f, \beta) \in B$  and  $(e, \alpha) \mathcal{D} (f, \beta)$  imply  $(e, \alpha) J^B (f, \beta)$ , thus  $M \times \Gamma$  is a union of groups by proposition vl. 3.3 of Howie J.M. [6].

A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is said to be a  $\Gamma$ —union of groups if its every related semigroups is a union of groups.

**Lemma 3.5** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —union of groups if and only if its left (right, respectively) operator semigroups is a union of groups.

**Proof.** Omitted

Now, the following theorem can be directly obtained by Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5.

**Theorem 3.6.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup if and only if it is both an orthodox  $\Gamma$ —semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ —union of groups.

**Proof.** Omitted.

Finally, We shall illustrate that not every orthodox  $\Gamma$ —regular semigroup is an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup by the following example.

**Example 3.7.** let  $M$  be the direct product  $T_e XG$  of the bicyclic semigroup and a group  $G$  with  $|G| > 1$ . Suppose, the  $\Gamma$  is the  $\mathcal{H}$ —class containing the identity  $e$  of  $M$ , and  $a\alpha b$  is the product of three elements  $a, \alpha, b$  of the semigroup  $M$  for all,  $a, b \in M$  and all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$  regular semigroup by proposition 2.10 (ii). But if  $\alpha$  denotes the identity  $e$  of  $M$ , then the related semigroup  $M_\alpha$  with the identity is not union of groups, so  $M$  is not an orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup.

#### 4. RECTANGULAR $\Gamma$ —GROUPS

We consider here orthodox completely simple  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. As we shall see they are quite special. In the context, the following concept plays a basic role.

A  $\Gamma$ —rectangular band means a  $\Gamma$ —semigroup such that its every related semigroup is rectangular band. Also it is clear that for all  $a, b \in M$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $a\alpha b = a\beta b$  holds in a  $\Gamma$ —rectangular band  $M$ . So it is often convenient to say rectangular band instead of  $\Gamma$ —rectangular band.

**Definition 4.1.** A  $\Gamma$ —semigroup is said to be a rectangular  $\Gamma$ —group if it is isomorphic to the direct product of a rectangular band and a  $\Gamma$ —group.

By Seth A. [5] every completely simple  $\Gamma$ —semigroup admits a Rees matrix representation with a set of sandwich matrices.

**Proposition 4.2** The following conditions on  $M = M(G, I, \Lambda, P)$  are equivalent.

(i)  $M$  is an orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

(ii) For any  $i, j \in I, \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda, P = (P_{\lambda i}), Q = (q_{\mu j}) \in P$ .

$$p_{\lambda i}^{-1} q_{\mu j}^{-1} q_{\mu j}^{-1} p_{\mu i} = e \text{ and } q_{\mu j}^{-1} q_{\mu j} p_{\lambda i}^{-1} p_{\lambda i} = e$$

where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ .

**Proof :** Firstly, notice that  $E_p = \{(p_{\lambda i}^{-1}, i, \lambda); i \in I, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$

and  $E_q = \{(q_{\mu j}^{-1}, j, \mu); j \in I, \mu \in \Lambda\}$ . For any  $(q_{\lambda i}^{-1}, i, \lambda) \in E_p$  and any  $(q_{\mu j}^{-1}, j, \mu) \in E_q$ , we have that

$$(p_{\lambda i}^{-1}, i, \lambda) Q(q_{\mu j}^{-1}, j, \mu) = (p_{\lambda i}^{-1} q_{\mu j}, (q_{\mu j}^{-1}, i, \mu) \in E_p \text{ and } (q_{\mu j}^{-1}, j, \mu) Q(q_{\lambda i}^{-1}, i, \lambda) = (q_{\mu j}^{-1} q_{\mu i} p_{\lambda i}^{-1} j, \lambda) \in E_q \text{ if and only if } p_{\mu i}^{-1} q_{\mu j}^{-1} q_{\mu j}^{-1} p_{\mu j}^{-1} = q_{\mu j}^{-1} q_{\mu j} p_{\lambda i}^{-1} p_{\lambda i} = e.$$

Thus (i) if and only if (ii) holds.

**Theorem 4.3.** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is an orthodox completely simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if it is a rectangular  $\Gamma$ -group.

**Proof :** A rectangular  $\Gamma$ -group is obviously orthodox completely simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup by proposition 4.2. Suppose that  $M$  is an Orthodox completely simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Given  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , by theorem 2.5. of J. M. Howie [6]  $\phi : H_n \times I \times \Lambda \rightarrow M$  given by  $(a, i, \lambda)\phi = e_i \alpha a f_\lambda$  is an isomorphism from the Rees matrix semigroup  $M[H_n; I, \Lambda; P]$  onto  $M_\alpha$ , where  $e_i$  and  $f_\lambda$  are  $\alpha$ -identity of  $H_{i1}$  and  $H_{1\lambda}$  respectively. Since  $M_\alpha$  is a union of groups for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , every  $\mathcal{H}$ -class in  $M$  is a sub  $\Gamma$ -group of  $M$  if we define  $(i, \lambda) \beta (j, \mu) = (i, \mu)$  for all  $(i, \lambda) \in I \times \Lambda$  and all  $\beta \in \Gamma$ , then  $I \times \Lambda$  becomes a rectangular band. So  $H_n \times I \times \Lambda$  is a rectangular  $\Gamma$ -group. Now we show that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism from  $H_n \times I \times \Lambda$  onto  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$ . Since for any  $(a, j, \lambda), (b, i, \mu), \in H_n \times I \times \Lambda$  and,  $\beta \in \Gamma$ ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a, i, \lambda) \beta (b, i, \mu)) \phi \\ &= (a \beta b, i, \mu) \phi \\ &= e_i \alpha (a \beta b) \alpha f_\mu \\ &= (e_i \alpha a) \alpha (I_\alpha \beta I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \text{ (} I_\alpha \text{ and } I_\beta \text{ being } \alpha\text{-identity and } \beta\text{-identity in } \Gamma\text{-group } H_n \text{ respectively)} \\ &= (e_i \alpha a) \alpha (I_\alpha \alpha f_\lambda \beta I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \\ &= (e_i \alpha a) \alpha (f_\lambda \beta I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \\ &= (e_i \alpha a) \alpha (f_\lambda \beta I_\beta' \beta I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \text{ (} I_\beta' \text{ being } \beta\text{-identity in } H_n \text{)} \\ &= (e_i \alpha a \alpha f_\lambda) \beta (I_\beta' \beta I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \\ &= (e_i \alpha a \alpha f_\lambda) \beta (I_\beta' \beta e_i \alpha I_\beta) \beta b \alpha f_\mu \\ &= (e_i \alpha a \alpha f_\lambda) \beta (e_i \alpha b \alpha f_\mu) \\ &= (a, i, \lambda) \phi \beta (b, j, \mu) \phi, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4.** An orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup is a semilattice of rectangular  $\Gamma$ —groups.

**Proof :** An orthogroup  $\Gamma$ —semigroup  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ —union of groups. It means its every related semigroup  $M_\alpha (\alpha \in \Gamma)$  is a union of groups. So we can say the Green's relations  $J$  on  $M_\alpha$  (for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ) are same, and  $M$  is a semilattice of completely simple  $\Gamma$ —semigroups. Moreover, note that every related semigroup  $M_\alpha$  of  $M$  is orthodox. So we have  $M$  is a semilattice of Orthodox completely simple  $\Gamma$ —semigroup. Hence  $M$  is a semilattice of rectangular  $\Gamma$ —groups by theorem 4.3.

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