

## WREATH PRODUCT OF A SEMIGROUP AND A $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUP

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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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . In this paper we study the semidirect product of a semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. We also introduce the notion of wreath product of a semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and investigate some interesting properties of this product.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup has been introduced by Sen and Saha [7] in the year 1986. Many classical notions of semigroup have been extended to  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. In [1] and [2] we have introduced the notions of right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. In [6] we have studied the semidirect product of a monoid and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup as a generalization of [4] and [5]. We have obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for a semidirect product of the monoid and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup to be right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and right (left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. In [9] Zhang has studied the semidirect product of semigroups and also studied wreath product of semigroups. In this paper we generalize the results of Zhang to the semidirect product of a semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. We also study the wreath product of a semigroup and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We now recall some definitions and results relating our discussion.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\}$  be two nonempty sets.  $S$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -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  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $S$  be an arbitrary semigroup. Let 1 be a symbol not representing any element of  $S$ . We extend the binary operation defined on  $S$  to  $S \cup \{1\}$  by defining  $11 = 1$  and  $1a = a1 = a$  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  $\Gamma$ -semigroup where  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ . Thus a semigroup can be considered to be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $x$  be a fixed element of  $\Gamma$ . 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 2.2.** Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

In [7] we find the following interesting example of a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $S$  be the set of all  $2 \times 3$  matrices and  $\Gamma$  be the set of all  $3 \times 2$  matrices over a field. Then 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  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Moreover it is regular shown in [7].

Here we give another example of a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $S$  be a set of all negative rational numbers. Obviously  $S$  is not a semigroup under usual product of rational numbers. Let  $\Gamma = \{-\frac{1}{p} : p \text{ is prime}\}$ . Let  $a, b, c \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Now if  $a\alpha b$  is equal to the usual product of rational numbers  $a, \alpha, b$ , then  $a\alpha b \in S$  and  $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ . Hence  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $a = \frac{m}{n} \in \Gamma$  where  $m > 0$  and  $n < 0$ .  $m = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$  where  $p_i$ 's are prime.  $\frac{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k}{n} (-\frac{1}{p_1}) \frac{n}{p_2 \dots p_{k-1}} (-\frac{1}{p_k}) \frac{m}{n} = \frac{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k}{n}$ . Thus taking  $b = \frac{n}{p_2 \dots p_{k-1}}$ ,  $\alpha = (-\frac{1}{p_1})$  and  $\beta = (-\frac{1}{p_k})$  we can say that  $a$  is regular. Hence  $S$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Definition 2.5** [7]. Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $e \in S$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent if  $e\alpha e = e$ . The set of all  $\alpha$ -idempotents is denoted by  $E_\alpha$ . We denote  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} E_\alpha$  by  $E(S)$ . The elements of  $E(S)$  are called idempotent elements of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.6** [7]. Let  $a \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . An element  $b \in M$  is called an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -inverse of  $a$  if  $a = a\alpha b\beta a$  and  $b = b\beta a\alpha b$ . In this case we write  $b \in V_\alpha^\beta(a)$ .

**Definition 2.7** [2]. A regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is called a right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if for any  $\alpha$ -idempotent  $e$  and  $\beta$ -idempotent  $f$ ,  $e\alpha f$  (resp.  $f\beta e$ ) is a  $\beta$ -idempotent.

**Example 2.8** [2]. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5\}$ .  $S$  denotes the set of all mappings from  $A$  to  $B$ . Here members of  $S$  are described by the images of the elements 1, 2, 3. For example the map  $1 \rightarrow 4, 2 \rightarrow 5, 3 \rightarrow 4$  is 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  $A$

is 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  $\alpha$ -idempotent for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and hence each element is regular. Thus  $S$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. It is an idempotent  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Moreover we can show that it is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 2.9** [2]. *A regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if for  $a, b \in M, V_{\alpha_1}^\beta(a) \cap V_\alpha^\beta(b) \neq \phi$  for some  $\alpha, \alpha_1, \beta \in \Gamma$  implies that  $V_{\alpha_1}^\delta(a) = V_\alpha^\delta(b)$  for all  $\delta \in \Gamma$ .*

**Definition 2.10** [1]. A regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is called a right (left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if for any  $\alpha$ -idempotent  $e$  and for any  $\beta$ -idempotent  $f, e\alpha f\beta e = f\beta e$  ( $e\beta f\alpha e = e\beta f$ ).

**Theorem 2.11** [7]. *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. If  $S_\alpha$  is a group for some  $\alpha \in S$  then  $S_\alpha$  is a group for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .*

**Definition 2.12** [7]. A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -group if  $S_\alpha$  is a group for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.13** [8]. A regular semigroup  $S$  is said to be a right (left) inverse semigroup if for any  $e, f \in E(S), efe = fe(efe = ef)$ .

**Definition 2.14** [3]. A semigroup  $S$  is called orthodox semigroup if it is regular and the set of all idempotents forms a subsemigroup.

**Definition 2.15** [7]. A nonempty subset  $I$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is called a right (resp. left) ideal if  $I\Gamma S \subseteq I$  (resp.  $S\Gamma I \subseteq I$ ). If  $I$  is both a right ideal and a left ideal then we say that  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.16** [7]. A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is called right (resp. left) simple if it contains no proper right (resp. left) ideal i.e, for every  $a \in S, a\Gamma S = S$  (resp.  $S\Gamma a = S$ ). A  $\Gamma$ - semigroup is said to be simple if it has no proper ideals.

**Theorem 2.17** [7]. *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ - semigroup.  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ - group if and only if it is both left simple and right simple.*

3. SEMIDIRECT PRODUCT OF A SEMIGROUP AND A  $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUP

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -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  $(s_1, t_1)\alpha(s_2, t_2) = (s_1s_2, t_1^{s_2}\alpha t_2)$  for all  $(s_i, t_i) \in S \times_\phi T$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $S \times_\phi T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. This  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S \times_\phi T$  is called the semidirect product of the semigroup  $S$  and the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$ . In [6] we have studied the semidirect product  $S \times_\phi T$  assuming that  $S$  is a monoid. In this paper we investigate the properties of the semidirect product  $S \times_\phi T$  without taking 1 in  $S$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $S \times_\phi T$  be a semidirect product of a semigroup  $S$  and a  $\Gamma$ -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  $t \in T$ .

**Proof.** Let  $s, r \in S, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $t, u \in T$ . Now  $(t\alpha u)^s = (\phi(s))(t\alpha u) = (\phi(s))(t)\alpha(\phi(s))(u) = t^s\alpha u^s$  Hence (i) follows. Again  $(t^s)^r = (\phi(r))(t^s) = (\phi(r))((\phi(s))(t)) = (\phi(r)\phi(s))(t) = (\phi(sr))(t) = (t)^{sr}$ . Thus (ii) follows.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $S \times_\phi T$  be a semidirect product of a semigroup  $S$  and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$ . Then  $T^x$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for all  $x \in S$  where  $T^x = \{t^x : t \in T\}$ . If moreover  $S \times_\phi T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$  - semigroup then  $S$  is a regular semigroup and  $T^e$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for all  $e \in E(S)$ .*

**Proof.** The first part is clear from the above lemma. Let  $S \times_\phi T$  be regular. For  $(s, t) \in S \times_\phi T$ , there exist  $(s', t') \in S \times_\phi T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $(s, t) = (s, t)\alpha(s', t')\beta(s, t) = (ss's, t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t)$  and  $(s', t') = (s', t')\beta(s, t)\alpha(s', t') = (s'ss', (t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s'}\alpha t')$ . This implies  $s' \in V(s)$ . Let  $e \in E(S)$ , then for  $(e, t^e)$ , there exist  $(s', t') \in S \times_\phi T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $(e, t^e) = (e, t^e)\alpha(s', t')\beta(e, t^e) = (es'e, t^{es'e}\alpha t'^e\beta t^e)$  and  $(s', t') = (s', t')\beta(e, t^e)\alpha(s', t') = (s'es', (t')^{es'}\beta t^{es'}\alpha t')$ . Hence  $s' \in V(e)$  and we have  $t^e = t^e\alpha t'^e\beta t^e$  and  $t'^e = t'^e\beta t^e\alpha t'^e$ . i.e,  $t'^e \in V_\alpha^\beta(t^e)$ . Hence  $T^e$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,  $\phi : S \not\rightarrow \text{End}(T)$  be a given antimorphism. If the semidirect product  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is*

- (i) *a right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup then  $S$  is an orthodox semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every idempotent  $e \in S$ ,*
- (ii) *a right (left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup then  $S$  is a right (left) inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right (left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.*

**Proof.**

- (i) Let  $S \times_{\phi} T$  be a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $e, g \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $u^e$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^e$ . Then  $(e, t^e)\alpha(e, t^e) = (e, t^e\alpha t^e) = (e, t^e)$ , i.e.,  $(e, t^e)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Similarly  $(e, u^e)$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Again  $(g, u^{eg})\beta(g, u^{eg}) = (g, u^{eg}\beta u^{eg}) = (g, (u^e\beta u^e)^g) = (g, u^{eg})$ . Thus  $(g, u^{eg})$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent of  $S \times_{\phi} T$ . Now  $(e, (t^e\alpha u^e)\beta(t^e\alpha u^e)) = (e, (t^e\alpha u^e))\beta(e, (t^e\alpha u^e)) = ((e, t^e)\alpha(e, u^e))\beta((e, t^e)\alpha(e, u^e)) = (e, t^e)\alpha(e, u^e) = (e, t^e\alpha u^e)$  which shows that  $t^e\alpha u^e$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent and hence  $T^e$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Again since  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup we have  $((eg)^2, (t^{eg}\alpha u^{eg})^{eg}\beta t^{eg}\alpha u^{eg}) = (eg, t^{eg}\alpha u^{eg})\beta(eg, t^{eg}\alpha u^{eg}) = ((e, t^e)\alpha(g, u^{eg}))\beta((e, t^e)\alpha(g, u^{eg})) = (e, t^e)\alpha(g, u^{eg}) = (eg, t^{eg}\alpha u^{eg})$ . Thus  $(eg)^2 = eg$  which shows that  $S$  is orthodox.
- (ii) Suppose that  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $e, g \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $u^e$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^e$ . Then  $(e, t^e)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent,  $(e, u^e), (g, u^{eg})$  are  $\beta$ -idempotents of  $S \times_{\phi} T$ . Now  $(e, t^e\alpha u^e\beta t^e) = (e, t^e)\alpha(e, u^e)\beta(e, t^e) = (e, u^e)\beta(e, t^e) = (e, u^e\beta t^e)$  and  $(ege, t^{ege}\alpha u^{ege}\beta t^e) = (e, t^e)\alpha(g, u^{eg})\beta(e, t^e) = (g, u^{eg})\beta(e, t^e) = (ge, u^{ege}\beta t^e)$ . So we have  $t^e\alpha u^e\beta t^e = u^e\beta t^e$  and  $ege = ge$ . Consequently we have  $S$  is a right inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

The proofs of the following two theorems are almost similar to our Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.4 proved in [6]. For completeness we give the proof here.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S \times_{\phi} T$  be the semidirect product of a semigroup  $S$  and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  corresponding to a given antimorphism  $\phi : S \not\rightarrow \text{End}(T)$  and let  $(s, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$ , then*

- (i) if  $(s', t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((s, t))$  then  $(s', t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((s, t^{s's}))$ . In particular if  $s \in E(S)$ , then  $(s, (t')^s \beta t^{s's} \alpha t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((s, t^{s's}))$  and
- (ii) if  $t^s$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $s' \in V(s)$ , then  $(s', t^{ss'}) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((s, t^s))$ .

**Proof.**

- (i) Since  $(s', t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((s, t))$  we have,

$$(s', t') = (s', t')\beta(s, t)\alpha(s', t') = (s'ss', (t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')$$

and

$$(s, t) = (s, t)\alpha(s', t')\beta(s, t) = (ss's, t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t).$$

This shows that

- (1)  $s' \in V(s)$  and  $t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t = t$
- (2)  $(t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s's}\alpha t' = t'$ .

From (1) we have,  $(t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t)^{s's} = (t)^{s's}$  i.e.,  $t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's} = t^{s's}$  and from (2),  $((t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')^s = (t')^s$  i.e.,  $(t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s = (t')^s$ . Now  $(s', t')\beta(s, t^{s's})\alpha(s', t') = (s'ss', (t')^{ss'}\beta t^{s'ss'}\alpha t') = (s', t')$  by (2) and  $(s, t^{s's})\alpha(s', t')\beta(s, t^{s's}) = (ss's, t^{s'ss'}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's}) = (s, t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's}) = (s, t^{s's})$ . Thus we have  $(s', t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((s, t^{s's}))$ . Again if  $s \in E(S)$ ,  $((t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')^s = (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s = (t')^s$  and  $(s, t^{s's})\alpha(s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')\beta(s, t^{s's}) = (sss, t^{s's}\alpha((t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')^s\beta t^{s's}) = (s, t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's}) = (s, t^{s's})$  and  $(s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')\beta(s, t^{s's})\alpha(s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t') = (s, ((t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')^s\beta t^{s'ss}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t') = (s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha(t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t') = (s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t')$ . Hence  $(s, (t')^s\beta t^{s's}\alpha t') \in V_\alpha^\beta(s, t^{s's})$ .

- (ii)  $(s, t^s)\alpha(s', t^{ss'})\alpha(s, t^s) = (ss's, t^{ss's}\alpha t^{ss's}\alpha t^s) = (s, t^s)$  since  $t^s$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $(s', t^{ss'})\alpha(s, t^s)\alpha(s', t^{ss'}) = (s'ss', t^{ss'ss'}\alpha t^{ss's}\alpha t^{ss'}) = (s', t^{ss'}\alpha t^{ss'}\alpha t^{ss'}) = (s', (t^s\alpha t^s\alpha t^s)^{s'}) = (s', t^{ss'})$  i.e.,  $(s', t^{ss'}) \in V_\alpha^\alpha(s, t^s)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $S \times_\phi T$  be the semidirect product corresponding to a given antimorphism  $\phi : S \rightarrow \text{End}(T)$ . Moreover, if  $t \in t^e\Gamma T$  for every  $e \in E(S)$  and every  $t \in T$ , then

- (i)  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent if and only if  $e \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and
- (ii) if  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent, then  $(e, t^e) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t))$ .

**Proof.**

(i) If  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent then

$$(3) \quad (e, t) = (e, t)\alpha(e, t) = (e^2, t^e\alpha t) \text{ i.e., } e = e^2 \text{ and } t^e\alpha t = t.$$

So,  $t^e = (t^e\alpha t)^e = t^e\alpha t^e$  which implies that  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Conversely, let  $e \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Since  $t \in t^e\Gamma T$ ,  $t = t^e\beta t_1$  for some  $\beta \in \Gamma$ ,  $t_1 \in T$  and hence  $t^e\alpha t = t^e\alpha t^e\beta t_1 = t$ . Thus  $(e, t)\alpha(e, t) = (e, t^e\alpha t) = (e, t)$  i.e.,  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent.

(ii) If  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent, from (i)  $e \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Now  $(e, t)\alpha(e, t^e)\alpha(e, t) = (e, t^e\alpha t^e\alpha t) = (e, t^e\alpha t) = (e, t)$  from (3) and  $(e, t^e)\alpha(e, t)\alpha(e, t^e) = (e, t^e\alpha t^e\alpha t^e) = (e, t^e)$ . Thus  $(e, t^e) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t))$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $\phi : S \nrightarrow \text{End}(T)$  be a given antimorphism. Then the semidirect product  $S \times_\phi T$  is a right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (i)  $S$  is an orthodox semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right (left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$ ,
- (ii) for every  $e \in E(S)$  and every  $t \in T$ ,  $t \in t^e\Gamma T$  and
- (iii) for every  $\alpha$ -idempotent  $t^e$ ,  $t^{g^e}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent, where  $e, g \in E(S)$ ,  $t \in T$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $S \times_\phi T$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then by Theorem 3.3  $S$  is an orthodox semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$ . For (ii), let  $(e, t) \in S \times_\phi T$  with  $e \in E(S)$  and let  $(e', t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((e, t))$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then by Theorem 3.4  $(e', t'), (e', (t')^e\beta t^{e'e}\alpha t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((e, t^{e'e}))$ . Thus  $V_\alpha^\beta((e, t)) \cap V_\alpha^\beta((e, t^{e'e})) \neq \phi$  and hence by Theorem 2.9,  $V_\alpha^\beta((e, t)) = V_\alpha^\beta((e, t^{e'e}))$ . So  $(e, (t')^e\beta t^{e'e}\alpha t') \in V_\alpha^\beta((e, t))$ . Thus  $(e, t) = (e, t)\alpha(e, (t')^e\beta t^{e'e}\alpha t')\beta(e, t) = (e, t^e\alpha(t')^e\beta t^{e'e}\alpha(t')^e\beta t)$  and hence  $t = t^e\alpha(t')^e\beta t^{e'e}\alpha(t')^e\beta t \in t^e\Gamma T$ .

For (iii) we shall first show that for an  $\alpha$ -idempotent  $t^e$  of  $T$  if  $e \in E(S)$ ,  $t^{e'}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent for any  $e' \in V(e)$ . If  $e \in E(S)$  and  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent, then by Theorem 3.5,  $(e, t)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent in  $S \times_\phi T$  and  $(e, t^e) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t))$ . Again since  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent  $(e, t^e)$  is also an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and thus  $(e, t^e) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t^e))$  i.e.,  $V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t^e)) \cap V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t)) \neq \phi$  and so  $V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t^e)) = V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t))$  and by Theorem 3.5  $(e', t^{e'}) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t^e))$  i.e.,



$(e', t^{ee'}) \in V_\alpha^\alpha((e, t))$ . Thus  $(e, t) = (e, t)\alpha(e', t^{ee'})\alpha(e, t) = (ee'e, t^{e'e}\alpha t^{ee'e}\alpha t) = (e, t^{e'e}\alpha t^e\alpha t) = (e, t^{e'e}\alpha t)$  [since  $t = t^e\beta u$  for some  $\beta \in \Gamma, u \in T, t^e\alpha t = t$ ]. So  $t = t^{e'e}\alpha t$  and hence  $t^{e'} = (t^{e'e}\alpha t)^{e'} = t^{e'}\alpha t^{e'}$ . Thus  $t^{e'}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Let  $e, g \in E(S)$  and suppose that  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent for  $t \in T$ , then  $t^{eg}\alpha t^{eg} = (t^e\alpha t^e)^g = t^{eg}$  i.e,  $t^{eg}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and we have  $eg \in E(S)$  and  $ge \in V(eg)$  since  $S$  is orthodox. Then by the above fact  $t^{ge}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent.

We now prove the converse part. Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy (i), (ii) and (iii). Let  $(s, t) \in S \times_\phi T$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s = ss's$  and  $s' = s'ss'$ . We take  $e = s's$ , then  $e \in E(S)$ . By (ii)  $t \in t^e\Gamma T$  which implies  $t = t^e\beta u$  for some  $\beta \in \Gamma, u \in T$ . Let  $t' = v^{s'}$  where  $v^e \in V_\gamma^\delta(t^e)$  where  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Now  $t^{s's}\gamma(t')^s\delta t = t^{s's}\gamma v^{s's}\delta t^e\beta u = (t\gamma v\delta t)^e\beta u = (t^e\gamma v^e\delta t^e)\beta u = t^e\beta u = t$  i.e,  $(s, t) = (ss's, t^{s's}\gamma(t')^s\delta t) = (s, t)\gamma(s', t')\delta(s, t)$ . Again  $(t')^{ss'}\delta t^{s'}\gamma t' = (v^{s'})^{ss'}\delta t^{s'}\gamma v^{s'} = v^{s'}\delta t^{s'}\gamma v^{s'} = v^{s'ss'}\delta t^{s'ss'}\gamma v^{s'ss'} = (v^e\delta t^e\gamma v^e)^{s'} = v^{es'} = v^{s'ss'} = v^{s'} = t'$  i.e.,  $(s', t') = (s'ss', (t')^{ss'}\delta t^{s'}\gamma t') = (s', t')\delta(s, t)\gamma(s', t')$ . Thus we have  $(s', t') \in V_\gamma^\delta(s, t)$  which yields  $S \times_\phi T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Now let  $(e, t)$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $(g, u)$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Then by Theorem 3.5  $e, g \in E(S)$ ,  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $u^g$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent. By (iii)  $t^{ge}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent,  $u^{eg}$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent and  $t^{ge}g\alpha t^{ge}g = (t^{ge}\alpha t^{ge})^g = t^{geg}$  i.e.,  $t^{geg}$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. By our assumption  $e, g \in E(S)$  and  $(t^g\alpha u)^{eg} = t^{geg}\alpha u^{eg}$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Thus by Theorem 3.5  $(e, t)\alpha(g, u) = (eg, t^g\alpha u)$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent which shows that  $S \times_\phi T$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup,  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $\phi : S \nrightarrow \text{End}(T)$  be a given antimorphism. Then the semidirect product  $S \times_\phi T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (i)  *$S$  is a right inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$  and*
- (ii) *for every  $e \in E(S)$  and every  $t \in T, t \in t^e\Gamma T$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S \times_\phi T$  be a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then by Theorem 3.3  $S$  is a right inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$ . Again since every right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup from the above theorem, condition (ii) holds.

Conversely, suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy (i) and (ii). Then by Theorem 3.2  $S \times_\phi T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $(e, t)$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $(g, u)$

be a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $S \times_{\phi} T$ . Then by Theorem 3.5  $e, g \in E(S)$ ,  $t^e$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent,  $u^g$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent. From (ii)  $t = t^e \gamma v$  for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $v \in T$  and thus  $t^e \alpha t = t$  and similarly  $u^g \beta u = u$ . So  $u^{ge} = (u^g \beta u)^{ge} = u^{ge} \beta u^{ge}$  and  $t^{ge} = (t^e \alpha t)^{ge} = t^{ge} \alpha t^{ge} = t^{ge} \alpha t^{ge}$  since  $S$  is a right inverse semigroup. Now by (ii) we have  $u^e \beta t = (u^e \beta t)^{ge} \delta v_1$  for some  $\delta \in \Gamma$ ,  $v_1 \in T$  and hence  $u^e \beta t = u^{e^{ge}} \beta t^{ge} \delta v_1 = u^{ge} \beta t^{ge} \delta v_1$ . Thus we have  $(e, t) \alpha (g, u) \beta (e, t) = (ege, t^{ge} \alpha u^e \beta t) = (ge, t^{ge} \alpha u^{ge} \beta t^{ge} \delta v_1) = (ge, u^{ge} \beta t^{ge} \delta v_1) = (ge, u^e \beta t) = (g, u) \beta (e, t)$  which implies  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup,  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $\phi : S \rightarrow \text{End}(T)$  be a given antimorphism. Then the semidirect product  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (i)  $S$  is a left inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$  and
- (ii) for every  $e \in E(S)$  and every  $t \in T$ ,  $t = t^e$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S \times_{\phi} T$  be a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then by Theorem 3.3  $S$  is a left inverse semigroup and  $T^e$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For (ii) let  $(e, u)$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent in  $S \times_{\phi} T$ . Then  $(e, u) = (e, u) \alpha (e, u) = (e, u^e \alpha u)$  i.e.,  $u^e \alpha u = u$ . Again  $(e, u^e) \alpha (e, u^e) = (e, u^{ee} \alpha u^e) = (e, u^e)$  which yields  $(e, u^e)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and we have  $(e, u^e) \alpha (e, u) = (e, u^e \alpha u) = (e, u)$ . Since  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,  $(e, u) = (e, u^e) \alpha (e, u) = (e, u^e) \alpha (e, u) \alpha (e, u^e) = (e, u^{eee} \alpha u^{ee} \alpha u^e) = (e, (u^e \alpha u)^{ee} \alpha u^e) = (e, u^{ee} \alpha u^e) = (e, u^e)$  i.e.,  $u = u^e$ . Thus if  $(e, u)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent then  $u = u^e$ . Now  $(e, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$  with  $e \in E(S)$  and let  $(e', t') \in V_{\gamma}^{\delta}((e, t))$  for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then we get  $e' \in V(e)$ ,  $t^{e'e} \gamma (t')^e \delta t = t$  i.e.,  $t^{e'e} \gamma (t')^{ee'e} \delta t^{e'e} = t^{e'e}$  which implies  $t^{e'e} \gamma (t')^e \delta t^{e'e} = t^{e'e}$ . Since  $(e'e, (t')^e \delta t) = (e', t') \delta (e, t)$  and  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is left orthodox (since it is left inverse),  $(e'e, (t')^e \delta t)$  is a  $\gamma$ -idempotent and hence  $(t')^e \delta t = ((t')^e \delta t)^{e'e} = (t')^e \delta t^{e'e}$ . Thus  $t^{e'e} = t^{e'e} \gamma (t')^e \delta t^{e'e} = t^{e'e} \gamma (t')^e \delta t = t$  and hence  $t^e = (t^{e'e})^e = t^{e'e} = t$ .

Conversely suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy (i) and (ii). Let  $(s, t) \in S \times_{\phi} T$ . Let  $e \in E(S)$ . Since  $S$  is regular there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s' \in V(s)$ . From (ii) we have  $t = t^e$ . Since  $T^e$  is regular there exists  $v \in T$  such that  $v^e \in V_{\gamma}^{\delta}(t^e)$ . We now take  $t' = v^{s'}$ . Now  $t^{s's'} \gamma (t')^s \delta t = t^{s's'} \gamma v^{s's'} \delta t^e = t^e \gamma v^e \delta t^e = t^e = t$  and  $(t')^{s's'} \delta t^{s'} \gamma t' = (v^{s'})^{s's'} \delta t^{s'} \gamma v^{s'} = v^{s'} \delta t^{s'} \gamma v^{s'} = v^{s's's'} \delta t^{s's's'} \gamma v^{s's's'} = (v^e \delta t^e \gamma v^e)^{s'} = v^{es'} = v^{s's's'} = v^{s'} = t'$ . Thus we have  $(s', t') \in V_{\gamma}^{\delta}(s, t)$ . Hence  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is regular. Now let  $(e, t)$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $(g, u)$  be a

$\beta$ -idempotent. Then  $e^2 = e$  and  $t = t^e \alpha t = t \alpha t$  [by (ii)] and similarly  $g^2 = g$  and  $u \beta u = u$  i.e.,  $e, g \in E(S)$  and  $t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent,  $u$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Thus we have  $(e, t) \beta (g, u) \alpha (e, t) = (ege, t^g e \beta u^e \alpha t) = (ege, t \beta u \alpha t)$  [by (ii)]  $= (eg, t \beta u) = (eg, t^g \beta u) = (e, t) \beta (g, u)$ . Thus  $S \times_{\phi} T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

#### 4. WREATH PRODUCT OF A SEMIGROUP AND A $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUP

In this section we introduce the notion of wreath product of a semigroup  $S$  and a  $\Gamma$  semigroup  $T$ . Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Consider the set  $T^X$  of all mappings from  $X$  to  $T$ . For  $f, g \in T^X$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , define  $f \alpha g$  such that  $T^X \times \Gamma \times T^X \rightarrow T^X$  by  $(f \alpha g)(x) = f(x) \alpha g(x)$ .

Before going to establish the relation between  $T$  and  $T^X$  we assume  $\Gamma = \{\alpha\}$ , a set consisting of single element. Then  $(T, \cdot)$  becomes a semigroup where  $a \cdot b = a \alpha b$  and  $T^X$  also becomes a semigroup where  $f \cdot g = f \alpha g$ . Suppose  $T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then  $(T, \cdot)$  is a semigroup. Let  $f \in T^X$  and let  $x \in X$ . Now  $f(x) \in T$  and  $V(f(x)) \neq \phi$ . We define  $g : X \rightarrow T$  so that  $g(x) \in V(f(x))$ . Hence for each  $x \in X$  we can choose a  $g(x)$  such that  $f(x) g(x) f(x) = f(x)$ . Hence  $f g f = f$  which implies that  $(T^X, \cdot)$  is a regular semigroup and consequently  $T^X$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. In general we cannot extend the process when  $\Gamma$  contains more than one element. To explain this we consider the following example.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $T = \{(a, 0) : a \in Q\} \cup \{(0, b) : b \in Q\}$ ,  $Q$  denote the set of all rational numbers. Let  $\Gamma = \{(0, 5), (0, 1), (3, 0), (1, 0)\}$ . Defining  $T \times \Gamma \times T \rightarrow T$  by  $(a, b)(\alpha, \beta)(c, d) = (a \alpha c, b \beta d)$  for all  $(a, b), (c, d) \in T$  and  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Gamma$ , we can show that  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Now let  $(a, 0) \in T$ . If  $a = 0$  then  $(a, 0)$  is regular. Suppose  $a \neq 0$ , then  $(a, 0)(3, 0)(\frac{1}{3a}, 0)(1, 0)(a, 0) = (a, 0)$ . Similarly we can show that  $(0, b)$  is also regular. Hence  $T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let us now take a set  $X = \{x, y\}$ , the set consisting of two elements and let us define a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow T$  by  $f(x) = (2, 0)$  and  $f(y) = (0, 3)$ . We now show that  $f$  is not regular in  $T^X$ . If possible let  $f$  be regular. Then there exists a mapping  $g : X \rightarrow T$  and two elements  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $f \alpha g \beta f = f$ . i.e.,  $f(p) \alpha g(p) \beta f(p) = f(p)$  for all  $p \in X$ . Now if  $p = x$ , then  $\alpha, \beta \notin \{(0, 5), (0, 1)\}$ , since the first component of  $f(x)$  is nonzero but if  $p = y$ , then  $\alpha, \beta \in \{(0, 5), (0, 1)\}$ , since the second component of  $f(y)$  is nonzero. Thus a contradiction arises. Hence  $T^X$  is not a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Before further discussion about the relation between  $T$  and  $T^X$  we now give the following definition.

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. An element  $e \in S$  is said to be a left (resp. right)  $\gamma$ -unity for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  if  $e\gamma a = a$  (resp.  $a\gamma e = a$ ) for all  $a \in S$ .

We now consider the following examples.

**Example 4.3.** Consider the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  of Example 2.3. In this  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a left  $\alpha$ -unity but not a right  $\alpha$ -unity of  $S$  for  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Example 4.4.** Let  $S$  be the set of all integers of the form  $4n+1$  and  $\Gamma$  be the set of all integers of the form  $4n+3$  where  $n$  is an integer. If  $a\alpha b = a + \alpha + b$  for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  then  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Here 1 is a left (-1)-unity and also right (-1)-unity.

**Example 4.5.** Let us consider  $N$ , the set of all natural numbers. Let  $S$  be the set of all mappings from  $N$  to  $N \times N$  and  $\Gamma$  be the set of all mappings from  $N \times N$  to  $N$ . Then the usual mapping product of two elements of  $S$  cannot be defined. But if we take  $f, g$  from  $S$  and  $\alpha$  from  $\Gamma$  the usual mapping product  $f\alpha g$  can be defined. Also, we find that  $f\alpha g \in S$  and  $(f\alpha g)\beta h = f\alpha(g\beta h)$ . Hence  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Now we know that the set  $N \times N$  is countable. Hence there exists a bijective mapping  $f \in S$ . Since  $f$  is bijective, there exists  $\alpha : N \times N \rightarrow N$  such that  $f\alpha$  is the identity mapping on  $N \times N$  and  $\alpha f$  is the identity mapping on  $N$ . Then  $f\alpha g = g\alpha f = g$  for all  $g \in S$ . Hence  $f$  is both left  $\alpha$ -unity and right  $\alpha$ -unity of  $S$ .

Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $e$  be a left  $\alpha$ -unity. Then  $S\Gamma e$  is a left ideal such that  $e = e\alpha e \in S\Gamma e$ . Also we note that the element  $e$  is both left and right  $\alpha$ -unity of  $S\Gamma e$  in  $S\Gamma e$ .

Suppose  $S$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\alpha$ -unity  $e$ . Then we show that  $S\Gamma e$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a unity. We only show that  $S\Gamma e$  is regular. Let  $a\gamma e \in S\Gamma e$ . Since  $S$  is regular there exist  $\beta, \delta \in \Gamma$  and  $b \in S$  such that  $a\gamma e = a\gamma e\beta b\delta a\gamma e$  i.e.,  $a\gamma e = a\gamma e\beta b\delta e\alpha a\gamma e = (a\gamma e)\beta(b\delta e)\alpha(a\gamma e)$ . Since  $b\delta e \in S\Gamma e$ ,  $a\gamma e$  is regular. Hence  $S\Gamma e$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Let us now consider  $T$  with a left  $\gamma$ -unity  $e$  and a right  $\delta$ -unity  $g$ . Then the constant mapping  $C_e : X \rightarrow T$  which is defined by  $C_e(x) = e$  for all  $x \in X$  is a left  $\gamma$ -unity of  $T^X$ . Similarly the constant mapping  $C_g$  is a right  $\delta$ -unity of  $T^X$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\gamma$ -unity and a right  $\delta$ -unity for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then*

- (i)  $T^X$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,
- (ii)  $T^X$  is a right (resp. left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $T$  is so and
- (iii)  $T^X$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $T$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Proof.** By  $C_t, t \in T$  denotes the mapping in  $T^X$  such that  $C_t(x) = t$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then it is clear that  $(C_t)\alpha(C_u) = C_{(t\alpha u)}$  which shows that  $C_t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent if and only if  $t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent. Again we have that if  $f$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent in  $T^X$  then  $f(x)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent in  $T$  for all  $x \in X$ .

- (i) Assume that  $T^X$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then for each  $t \in T$  there exist  $f \in T^X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $C_t\alpha f\beta C_t = C_t$  so that  $t\alpha f(x)\beta t = t$  for all  $x \in X$  which shows that  $t$  is regular in  $T$ . Consequently  $T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Conversely let  $T$  be regular and let  $e$  be a left  $\gamma$ -unity and  $g$  be a right  $\delta$ -unity of  $T$ . Then for each  $f \in T^X$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x) \in T$  is a regular element and hence there exists a triplet  $(\alpha_x, t_x, \beta_x) \in \Gamma \times T \times \Gamma$  such that  $f(x)\alpha_x t_x \beta_x f(x) = f(x)$ . i.e.,  $f(x) = (f(x)\delta g)\alpha_x t_x \beta_x (e\gamma f(x)) = f(x)\delta(g\alpha_x t_x \beta_x e)\gamma f(x)$ . Define  $h : X \rightarrow T$  by  $h(x) = g\alpha_x t_x \beta_x e$ . Then for all  $y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f\delta h\gamma f)(y) &= f(y)\delta h(y)\gamma f(y) \\ &= f(y)\delta g\alpha_y t_y \beta_y e\gamma f(y) \\ &= f(y)\alpha_y t_y \beta_y f(y) \\ &= f(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is regular in  $T^X$ . Consequently  $T^X$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

- (ii) Let  $t, u \in T$  such that  $t$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $u$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Then  $C_t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $C_u$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^X$ . Now if  $T^X$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup then  $(C_t\alpha C_u)\beta(C_t\alpha C_u) = C_t\alpha C_u$  i.e.,  $t\alpha u$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T$  which implies  $T$  is also a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Similarly we can show that if  $T^X$  is a left orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup then  $T$  is so. Let  $f$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $h$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^X$ . Let us now suppose that  $T$  is a right (resp. left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then  $f(x)\alpha h(x)$  ( resp.  $f(x)\beta h(x)$ ) is a  $\beta$ -idempotent ( resp.  $\alpha$ -idempotent ). Hence  $T^X$  is a right (resp. left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.
- (iii) Let  $T^X$  be a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and let  $t, u \in T$  such that  $t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $u$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent. Then  $C_t$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $C_u$  is a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^X$  and  $C_t\alpha C_u\beta C_t = C_u\beta C_t$  (resp.  $C_t\beta C_u\alpha C_t = C_t\beta C_u$ ). Thus we have  $t\alpha u\beta t = u\beta t$  (resp.  $t\beta u\alpha t = t\beta u$ ) which implies that  $T$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Again let  $T$  be a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $f$  be an  $\alpha$ -idempotent and  $h$  be a  $\beta$ -idempotent in  $T^X$ .  $f(x)\alpha h(x)\beta f(x) = h(x)\beta f(x)$  (resp.  $f(x)\beta h(x)\alpha f(x) = f(x)\beta h(x)$ ) for all  $x \in X$  i.e.,  $f\alpha h\beta f = h\beta f$  (resp.  $f\beta h\alpha f = f\beta h$ ). Thus  $T^X$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Let us now suppose that the semigroup  $S$  acts on  $X$  from the left i.e.,  $sx \in X, s(rx) = (sr)x$  and  $1x = x$  if  $S$  is a monoid, for every  $r, s \in S$  and every  $x \in X$ . If  $S$  acts on  $X$  from left we call it left  $S$  set  $X$ .

For every  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$ , it is known that  $End(T)$  is a semigroup. Hence  $End(T^X)$  is also a semigroup.

Let  $S$  be a semigroup,  $T$  a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $X$  a nonempty set. Suppose  $S$  acts on  $X$  from left. Define  $\phi : S \rightarrow End(T^X)$  by  $((\phi(s))(f))(x) = f(sx)$  for all  $s \in S, f \in T^X$  and  $x \in X$ . We now verify that  $\phi(s) \in End(T^X)$ . For this, let  $f, g \in T^X, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $((\phi(s))(f\alpha g))(x) = (f\alpha g)(sx) = f(sx)\alpha g(sx) = ((\phi(s))(f))(x)\alpha((\phi(s))(g))(x) = ((\phi(s))(f))\alpha((\phi(s))(g))(x)$ . Hence  $(\phi(s))(f\alpha g) = ((\phi(s))(f))\alpha((\phi(s))(g))$ , which implies that  $\phi(s) \in End(T^X)$ .

Let us now verify that  $\phi : S \rightarrow End(T^X)$  is a semigroup antimorphism. For this let  $s_1, s_2 \in S, f \in T^X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $((\phi(s_1)\phi(s_2))(f))(x) = (\phi(s_1)(\phi(s_2)(f)))(x) = (\phi(s_2)(f))(s_1x) = f((s_2(s_1(x)))) = f((s_2s_1)x) = (\phi(s_2s_1)(f))(x)$ . Hence  $\phi(s_2s_1) = \phi(s_1)\phi(s_2)$ .

For this antimorphism  $\phi : S \rightarrow \text{End}(T^X)$  we can define the semidirect product  $S \times_{\phi} T^X$  of the semigroup  $S$  and the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T^X$ . We call this semidirect product the wreath product of the semigroup  $S$  and the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  relative to the left  $S$ -set  $X$ . We denote it by  $SW_X T$ . We also denote  $\phi(s)(f)(x)$  by  $f^s(x)$ . Hence  $f^s(x) = f(sx)$ .

If  $|T| = 1$ , then  $|T^X| = 1$  and hence throughout the paper we assume that  $|T| \geq 2$ . We now give the relation between  $T$  and  $(T^X)^e$  for all  $e \in E(S)$ .

Similar to the Theorems 3.6 and 3.7 we have following Theorems.

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup acting on the set  $X$  from the left and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\gamma$ -unity and a right  $\delta$ -unity for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then*

- (i)  *$T$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $(T^X)^e$  is a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,*
- (ii)  *$T$  is a right (resp. left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $(T^X)^e$  is so and*
- (iii)  *$T$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $(T^X)^e$  is a right (resp. left) inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.*

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup acting on the set  $X$  from the left and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\gamma$ -unity and a right  $\delta$ -unity for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then the wreath product  $SW_X T$  is a right(left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (i)  *$S$  is an orthodox semigroup and  $(T^X)^e$  is a right(left) orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup for every  $e \in E(S)$*
- (ii) *for every  $x \in X, f \in T^X$  and  $e \in E(S), f(x) \in f(ex)\Gamma T$  and*
- (iii)  *$f(ex)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent for every  $x \in X$ , implies that  $f(geX)$  is an  $\alpha$ -idempotent for every  $g \in E(S)$  where  $e \in E(S), f \in T^X$ .*

We now prove the following Theorem.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $S$  be an orthodox semigroup acting on the set  $X$  from the left and  $T$  be a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\gamma$ -unity and a right  $\delta$ -unity for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (a)  *$S$  and  $T^X$  satisfy (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 4.8.*
- (b)  *$S$  permutes  $X$  or  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group and  $geX \subseteq eX$  for every  $e, g \in E(S)$ .*

**Proof.** (a)  $\implies$  (b): Let us suppose that  $T$  is not a  $\Gamma$ -group. Then there exists  $z \in T$  such that  $z\Gamma T \neq T$ . Let  $e_\delta$  be a left  $\delta$ -unity in  $T$ . For  $x \in X$ , define  $f_x : X \rightarrow T$  by  $f_x(y) = e_\delta$  if  $y = x$  and  $f_x(y) = z$  if  $y \neq x$ . Then by (ii),  $e_\delta = f_x(x) \in f_x(gx)\Gamma T$  for every  $g \in E(S)$ . If  $f_x(gx) = z$  then  $e_\delta \in z\Gamma T$ . Thus  $e_\delta = z\alpha v$  for some  $v \in T$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . This implies that  $u = e_\delta \delta u = z\alpha v \delta u$  for all  $u \in T$ . Hence  $T = z\Gamma T$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $f_x(gx) = e_\delta$ . Thus we can conclude that  $gx = x$  for all  $g \in E(S)$ . Let  $a \in S$  and  $x, y \in X$  such that  $ax = ay$ . For  $a' \in V(a)$ ,  $a'a \in E(S)$  and  $x = (a'a)x = (a'a)y = y$ . Again  $(aa')x = x$  implies that  $a(a'x) = x$ . Hence for each  $a \in S$ , the mapping  $f_a : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $f_a(x) = ax$  is a permutation on  $X$ . This means that  $S$  permutes  $X$ .

Now  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group. Note that  $e_\delta$  is a  $\delta$ -idempotent and since  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group,  $E_\delta(T) = \{e_\delta\}$ . Let  $t \neq e_\delta \in T$  and  $e \in E(S)$ . Define  $h : X \rightarrow T$  by  $h(x) = e_\delta$  if  $x \in eX$ , otherwise  $h(x) = t$ . Now  $h(ex) = e_\delta$  for every  $x \in X$  and hence by (iii),  $h(gex) = e_\delta$ . This implies that  $gex \in eX$  and hence  $geX \subseteq eX$  for all  $e, g \in E(S)$ .

(b)  $\implies$  (a): The proof is almost similar to the proof of (2)  $\implies$  (1) of Lemma 3.2 [5].

From Theorem 4.7 and 4.9 we conclude that

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup acting on the set  $X$  from the left and  $T$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with a left  $\gamma$ -unity and a right  $\delta$ -unity for some  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Then the wreath product  $SW_X T$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (1)  $S$  is an orthodox semigroup and  $T$  is a right orthodox  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and
- (2)  $S$  permutes  $X$  or  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group and  $geX \subseteq eX$  for every  $e, g \in E(S)$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $S, T$  and  $X$  be as in Theorem 4.10. Then the wreath product  $SW_X T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if*

- (i)  $S$  is a right inverse semigroup and  $T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and
- (ii)  $S$  permutes  $X$  or  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $SW_X T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then by Theorem 3.7 and Theorem 4.7 we have  $S$  is a right inverse semigroup and  $T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and by Theorem 4.10 we have  $S$  permutes  $X$  or  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group.



Conversely suppose that  $S, T$  and  $X$  satisfy (i) and (ii). Then by Theorem 4.6  $T^X$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. If  $T$  is a  $\Gamma$ -group, then  $f(x) \in f(ex)\Gamma T$  for every  $f \in T^X, e \in E(S), x \in X$ . If  $S$  permutes  $X$ , then  $f(x) \in f(x)\Gamma T = f(ex)\Gamma T$  since  $ex = x$  for every  $e \in E(S)$ . Then by Theorem 3.7  $S \times_\alpha T^X = SW_X T$  is a right inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $S, T$  and  $X$  be as in Theorem 4.10. Then the wreath product  $SW_X T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $S$  is a left inverse semigroup and  $T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $S$  permutes  $X$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 4.7, we have  $SW_X T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $S$  is a left inverse semigroup and  $T$  is a left inverse  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $f(ex) = f(x)$  for every  $f \in T^X, e \in E(S), x \in X$ . The remaining part of the proof is almost similar to the proof of Corollary 3.7 [5].

#### Open problem:

- (i) Find relation between  $T$  and  $T^X$  without assuming the existence of left  $\alpha$ -unity and right  $\beta$ -unity in the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .
- (ii) Study the Wreath product of a semigroup  $S$  and a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  without assuming the existence of left  $\alpha$ -unity and right  $\beta$ -unity in  $T$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

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