

PARTIALLY ORDERED Γ -SEMIGROUPS

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Abstract

In this paper, the notion of an ordered Γ -semigroup is introduced and some examples are given. Further the terms commutative ordered Γ -semigroup, quasi commutative ordered Γ -semigroup, normal ordered Γ -semigroup, left pseudo commutative ordered Γ -semigroup, right pseudo commutative ordered Γ -semigroup are introduced. It is proved that (1) if S is a commutative ordered Γ -semigroup then S is a quasi commutative ordered Γ -semigroup, (2) if S is a quasi commutative ordered Γ -semigroup then S is a normal ordered Γ -semigroup, (3) if S is a commutative ordered Γ -semigroup, then S is both a left pseudo commutative and a right pseudo commutative ordered Γ -semigroup. Further the terms; left identity, right identity, identity, left zero, right zero, zero of an ordered Γ -semigroup are introduced. It is proved that if a is a left identity and b is a right identity of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then $a = b$. It is also proved that any ordered Γ -semigroup S has at most one identity. It is proved that if a is a left zero and b is a right zero of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then $a = b$ and it is also proved that any ordered Γ -semigroup S has at most one zero element. The terms; ordered Γ -subsemigroup, ordered Γ -subsemigroup generated by a subset, α -idempotent, Γ -idempotent, strongly idempotent, midunit, r -element, regular element, left regular element, right regular element, completely regular element, (α, β) -inverse of an element, semisimple element and intra regular element in an ordered Γ -semigroup are introduced. Further the terms idempotent ordered Γ -semigroup and generalized commutative ordered Γ -semigroup are introduced. It is proved that every α -idempotent element of an ordered Γ -semigroup is regular. It is also proved that, in an ordered Γ -semigroup, a is a regular element if and only if a has an (α, β) -inverse. It is proved that, (1) if a is a completely regular element of

an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is both left regular and right regular, (2) if ' a ' is a completely regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is regular and semisimple, (3) if ' a ' is a left regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple, (4) if ' a ' is a right regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple, (5) if ' a ' is a regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple and (6) if ' a ' is an intra regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple. The term separative ordered

Γ -semigroup is introduced and it is proved that, in a separative ordered Γ -semigroup S , for any $x, y, a, b \in S$, the statements (i) $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$ if and only if $a\Gamma x \leq b\Gamma x$, (ii) $x\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma x\Gamma b$ implies $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$, (iii) $x\Gamma y\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma y\Gamma b$ implies $y\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq y\Gamma x\Gamma b$ hold.

1. Introduction

Γ - semigroup was introduced by Sen and Saha [15] as a generalization of semigroup. Anjaneyulu. A [1], [2] and [3] initiated the study of ideals and radicals in semigroups. Many classical notions of Γ -semigroups have been extended to semigroups to Γ -semigroups by Madhusudhana Rao, Anjaneyulu and Gangadhara Rao [11]. The concept of partially ordered Γ -semigroup was introduced by Y. I. Kwon and S. K. Lee [10] in 1996, and it has been studied by several authors. In this paper we introduce the notions of ordered Γ -semigroups and characterize ordered Γ -semigroups.

2. PRELIMINARIES :

DEFINITION 2.1: Let S and Γ be any two non-empty sets. S is called a Γ -semigroup if there exist a mapping from $S \times \Gamma \times S$ to S which maps $(a, \alpha, b) \rightarrow a\alpha b$ satisfying the condition : $(a\gamma b)\mu c = a\gamma(b\mu c)$ for all $a, b, c \in S$ and $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.2: Let S be a Γ -semigroup. If A and B are subsets of S , we shall denote the set $\{ a\alpha b : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma \}$ by $A\Gamma B$.

DEFINITION 2.3: A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *commutative* provided $a\gamma b = b\gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.4: If S is a commutative Γ -semigroup, then $a\Gamma b = b\Gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$.

DEFINITION 2.5 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *quasi commutative* provided for each $a, b \in S$, there exists a natural number n such that $a\gamma b = (b\gamma)^n a \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.6 : If a Γ -semigroup S is *quasi commutative* then for each $a, b \in S$, there exists a natural number n such that, $a\Gamma b = (b\Gamma)^n a$.

THEOREM 2.7: If S is a commutative Γ -semigroup then S is a quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 2.8 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *normal* provided $a\alpha S = S\alpha a \forall \alpha \in \Gamma$ and $\forall a \in S$.

NOTE 2.9 : If a Γ -semigroup S is *normal* then $a\Gamma S = S\Gamma a$ for all $a \in S$.

THEOREM 2.10 : If S is a quasi commutative Γ -semigroup then S is a normal Γ -semigroup.

COROLLARY 2.11 : Every commutative Γ -semigroup is a normal Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 2.12 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *left pseudo commutative* provided $a\Gamma b\Gamma c = b\Gamma a\Gamma c$ for all $a, b, c \in S$.

DEFINITION 2.13 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *right pseudo commutative* provided $a\Gamma b\Gamma c = a\Gamma c\Gamma b$ for all $a, b, c \in S$.

THEOREM 2.14 : If S is a commutative Γ -semigroup, then S is both a left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup and a right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 2.15 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *left identity* of S provided $a\alpha s = s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.16 : An element ' a ' of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *right identity* of S provided $s\alpha a = s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.17 : An element ' a ' of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *two sided identity* or an *identity* provided it is both a left identity and a right identity of S .

THEOREM 2.18 : If a is a left identity and b is a right identity of a Γ -semigroup S , then $a = b$.

DEFINITION 2.19 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *left zero* of S provided $a\alpha s = a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.20 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *right zero* of S provided $s\alpha a = a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.21 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *two sided zero* or *zero* provided it is both a left zero and a right zero of S .

DEFINITION 2.22: An element a of Γ - semigroup S is said to be a Γ - *idempotent* provided $a\alpha a = a$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.23: If an element a of Γ - semigroup S is a Γ - *idempotent*, then $a\Gamma a = a$.

DEFINITION 2.24: A Γ - Semigroup S is said to be an *idempotent Γ -semigroup* or a *band* provided every element in S is a Γ - idempotent.

DEFINITION 2.25 : An element a of Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *midunit* provided $x\Gamma a\Gamma y = x\Gamma y$ for all $x, y \in S$.

NOTE 2.26 : Identity of a Γ - semigroup S is a midunit.

DEFINITION 2.27 : An element 'a' of Γ - semigroup S is said to be *an r-element* provided $a\Gamma s = s\Gamma a$ for all $s \in S$ and if $x, y \in S$, then $a\Gamma x\Gamma y = b\Gamma y\Gamma x$ for some $b \in S$.

DEFINITION 2.28 : A Γ - semigroup S with identity 1 is said to be a *generalized commutative Γ - semigroup* provided 1 is an r-element in S.

DEFINITION 2.29 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *regular* provided $a = a\alpha x\beta a$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. i.e, $a \in a\Gamma S\Gamma a$.

DEFINITION 2.30 : A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *regular* if every element of A is regular in A.

DEFINITION 2.31 : A Γ - semigroup S is said to be a *regular Γ - semigroup* provided every element is regular.

DEFINITION 2.32 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *left regular* provided $a = a\alpha a\beta x$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. i.e, $a \in a\Gamma a\Gamma S$.

DEFINITION 2.33 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *right regular* provided $a = x\alpha a\beta a$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. i.e, $a \in S\Gamma a\Gamma a$.

DEFINITION 2.34 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *completely regular* provided, there exists an element $x \in S$ such that $a = a\alpha x\beta a$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and $a\alpha x = x\beta a$ i.e., $a \in a\Gamma x\Gamma a$ and $a\Gamma x = x\Gamma a$.

DEFINITION 2.35 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to be *completely regular Γ -semigroup* provided every element of S is completely regular.

DEFINITION 2.36 : An element a of Γ - semigroup S is said to be *semisimple* provided $a \in \langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle$, that is, $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle$.

DEFINITION 2.37 : A Γ - semigroup S is said to be *semisimple Γ - semigroup* provided every element of S is a semisimple element.

DEFINITION 2.38 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be *intra regular* provided $a = x\alpha a\beta a\gamma$ for some $x, y \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$.

THEOREM 2.39 : If 'a' is a *completely regular element* of a Γ - semigroup S, then a is *regular and semisimple*.

THEOREM 2.40 : If 'a' is a *intra regular element* of a Γ - semigroup S, then a is *semisimple*.

3. ORDERED Γ -SEMIGROUP :

DEFINITION 3.1 : A Γ -semigroup S is said to a partially ordered Γ -semigroup if S is partially ordered set such that $a \leq b \Rightarrow a\gamma c \leq b\gamma c$ and $c\gamma a \leq c\gamma b \forall a, b, c \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 3.2 : A partially ordered Γ -semigroup simply called *po- Γ -semigroup* or *ordered Γ -semigroup*.

EXAMPLE 3.3 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE 3.4: 1.1.8 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \{a, b, c\} \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.5: In general, let $P(X)$ be the power set of any nonempty set X and Γ a topology on X. If we define for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then $P(X)$ is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE: 3.6 : Let S be the set of all 2×3 matrices over Q, the set of positive integers and Γ be the set of all 3×2 matrices over the same set. Define $A\alpha B =$ usual matrix product of A, α , B; for all A, B $\in S$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then S is a Γ -semigroup. Note that S is not a semigroup. Also S and Γ are posets with respect to " \leq " defined by $(a_{ik}) \leq (b_{ik})$ if and only if $a_{ik} \leq b_{ik}$ for all i, k. Then S is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE: 3.7 : Let S be the set of all integers of the form $4n+1$ where n is an integer and Γ denote the set of all integers of the form $4n+3$. If $a\gamma b$ is $a+\gamma+b$ (usual sum of the integers) and $a \leq b$ means a is less than or equal to b, for all $a, b \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, then S is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE 3.8 : Let M be the set of all isotone mappings from a poset P into another poset Q and Γ the set of all isotone mappings from the poset Q into the poset P . Let $f, g \in M$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Define by $f\alpha g$, the usual mapping composition of f, α and g . Then M is a Γ -semigroup. We define a relation \leq on M by $f \leq g$ if and only if $af \leq ag$, for all $a \in P$. This relation is a partial order on M and as such M is a poset. We also define a relation \leq on Γ by $\alpha \leq \beta$ if and only if $x\alpha \leq x\beta$, for all $x \in Q$. For this relation Γ is a poset. Then M is an ordered Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE 3.9 : For $a, b \in [0,1]$, let $M = [0, a]$ and $\Gamma = [0, b]$. Then M is an ordered Γ -semigroup under usual multiplication and usual partial order relation.

EXAMPLE 3.10 : Fix $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, and let M be the set of all integers of the form $mn + 1$ and Γ denotes the set of all integers of the form $mn + m - 1$ where n is an integer. Then M is a ordered Γ -semigroup under usual addition and usual partial order relation.

In the following we introduce the notion of a commutative ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.11 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered commutative Γ -semigroup** provided S is a commutative Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.12 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be ordered commutative Γ -semigroup provided $a\gamma b = b\gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 3.13 : If S is an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup then $a\Gamma b = b\Gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$.

NOTE 3.14 : Let S be a Γ -semigroup and $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then $aaaab$ is denoted by $(a\alpha)^2b$ and consequently $a \alpha a \alpha a \alpha \dots (n \text{ terms})b$ is denoted by $(a\alpha)^n b$.

In the following we introduce a quasi commutative ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.15 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup** provided S is a quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.16 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup provided for

each $a, b \in S$, there exists a natural number n such that $a\gamma b = (b\gamma)^n a \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 3.17 : If an ordered Γ -semigroup S is ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup then for each $a, b \in S$, there exists a natural number n such that, $a\Gamma b = (b\Gamma)^n a$.

THEOREM 3.18 : If S is an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup then S is an ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

Proof: Suppose that S is an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup.

Then S commutative Γ -semigroup. Let $a, b \in S$.

Now $a\alpha b = b\alpha a \Rightarrow a\alpha b = (b\alpha)^1 a$. Therefore S is a quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

Therefore S is an ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

In the following we introduce the notion of an ordered normal Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.19 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered normal Γ -semigroup** provided S is normal Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.20 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be ordered normal Γ -semigroup provided $a\alpha S = S\alpha a \quad \forall \alpha \in \Gamma$ and $\forall a \in S$.

NOTE 3.21 : If an ordered Γ -semigroup S is ordered normal Γ -semigroup then $a\Gamma S = S\Gamma a$ for all $a \in S$.

THEOREM 3.22 : If S is an ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup then S is a normal ordered Γ -semigroup.

Proof: Suppose that S is an ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

Then S is quasi commutative Γ -semigroup.

Let $a \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$

Let $x \in a\alpha S$. Then $x = a\alpha b$, where $b \in S$

Since S is quasi commutative, $a\alpha b = (b\alpha)^n a$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Therefore, $x = a\alpha b = (b\alpha)^n a = (b\alpha)^{n-1} b\alpha a \in S\alpha a$

$$\therefore a\alpha S \subseteq S\alpha a \text{ ----(1)}$$

Let $x \in S\alpha a$. Then $x = t\alpha a$, for some $t \in S$

Since S is quasi commutative, $t\alpha a = (a\alpha)^n t$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Now, $x = t a a = (a a)^n t = a a (a a)^{n-1} t \in a a S$

$$\therefore S a a \subseteq a a S \text{ ----(2)}$$

From (1) and (2), $a a S = S a a$ for all $a \in \Gamma$ and for all $b \in S$

Hence S is a normal Γ -semigroup. Therefore S is an ordered normal Γ -semigroup.

COROLLARY 3.23 : Every ordered commutative Γ -semigroup is a normal ordered Γ -semigroup.

Proof : Let S be an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup. By theorem 3.18, S is an ordered quasi commutative Γ -semigroup. By theorem 3.22, S is an ordered normal Γ -semigroup. Therefore every ordered commutative Γ -semigroup is an ordered normal Γ -semigroup.

In the following we are introducing ordered left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup and ordered right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.24 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup** provided S is left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.25: An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be ordered left pseudo commutative provided $a \Gamma b \Gamma c = b \Gamma a \Gamma c$ for all $a, b, c \in S$.

DEFINITION 3.26 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup** provided S is right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.27 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup** provided $a \Gamma b \Gamma c = a \Gamma c \Gamma b$ for all $a, b, c \in S$.

THEOREM 3.28 : If S is an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup, then S is both an ordered left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup and an ordered right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

Proof : Suppose that S is ordered commutative Γ -semigroup.

Then S is commutative Γ -semigroup.

Then $a \Gamma b \Gamma c = (a \Gamma b) \Gamma c = (b \Gamma a) \Gamma c = b \Gamma a \Gamma c$.

Therefore S is left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

Therefore S is an ordered left pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

Again $a \Gamma b \Gamma c = a \Gamma (b \Gamma c) = a \Gamma (c \Gamma b) = a \Gamma c \Gamma b$.

Therefore S is a right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

Therefore S is an ordered right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup.

NOTE 3.29 : The converse of the above theorem is not true. i.e., if S is an ordered left and right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup then S need not be an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup.

EXAMPLE 3.30 : Let $S = \{ a, b, c \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ x, y, z \}$ Define a binary operation ‘.’ in S as shown in the following table:

.	a	b	c
a	a	a	a
b	a	a	a
c	a	b	c

Define a mapping $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ by $a a b = a.b$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. It is easy to see that S is a ordered Γ -semigroup. Now S is an ordered left and right pseudo commutative Γ -semigroup. But S is not an ordered commutative Γ -semigroup.

In the following we are introducing left identity, right identity and identity of a ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.31 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a **left identity** of S provided $a a s = s$ and $s \leq a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 3.32 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a **right identity** of S provided $s a a = s$ and $s \leq a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 3.40 : An element ‘ a ’ of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a **two sided identity** or an **identity** provided it is both a left identity and a right identity of S .

NOTE 3.41 : An element ‘ a ’ of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a **two sided identity** or an **identity** provided $s a a = a a s = s$ and $s \leq a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

EXAMPLE 3.42 : 1.1.7 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \emptyset \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cup B \cup C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is a partially ordered Γ -semigroup with identity.

EXAMPLE: 3.43 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \{a, b, c\} \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is a partially ordered Γ -semigroup with identity.

THEOREM 3.44 : If a is a left identity element and b is a right identity element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then $a = b$.

Proof: Since a is a left identity of S , $a\alpha s = s$ and $s \leq a$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and hence $a\alpha b = b$ and $b \leq a$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Since b is a right identity of S , $s\alpha b = s$ and $s \leq b$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and hence $a\alpha b = a$ and $a \leq b$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Now $b \leq a$ and $a \leq b \Rightarrow a = b$.

THEOREM 3.45 : Any ordered Γ -semigroup S has at most one identity.

Proof : Let a, b be two identity elements of the ordered Γ -semigroup S . Now a can be considered as a left identity and b can be considered as a right identity of S . By theorem 3.44, $a = b$. Then S has at most one identity.

NOTE 3.46 : The identity (if exists) of an ordered Γ -semigroup is usually denoted by 1 or e .

DEFINITION 3.47 : A partially ordered Γ -semigroup S with identity is called a partially ordered Γ -monoid.

In the following we are introducing left zero, right zero and zero of an ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.48: An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *left zero* of S provided $a\alpha s = a$ and $a \leq s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 1.1.36 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *right zero* of S provided $s\alpha a = a$ and $a \leq s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 3.49 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *two sided zero* or *zero* provided it is both a left zero and a right zero of S .

NOTE 3.50 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *two sided zero* or *zero* provided $a\alpha s = s\alpha a = a$ and $a \leq s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

EXAMPLE3.51 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \{a, b, c\}, \emptyset, \{a\} \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is a partially ordered Γ -semigroup with zero.

EXAMPLE 3.52 : Let $S = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$ and $\Gamma = \{ \{a, b, c\} \}$. If for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then S is a partially ordered Γ -semigroup with zero and identity.

NOTE 3.53 : In general, let $P(X)$ be the power set of any non-empty set X and Γ a topology on X . If we define for all $A, C \in S$ and $B \in \Gamma$, $ABC = A \cap B \cap C$ and $A \leq C \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq C$, then $P(X)$ is a partially ordered Γ -semigroup with zero.

We are now introduce left zero ordered Γ -semigroup, right zero ordered Γ -semigroup and zero ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.54 : An ordered Γ -semigroup in which every element is a left zero is called a *left zero ordered Γ -semigroup*.

DEFINITION 3.55 : An ordered Γ -semigroup in which every element is a right zero is called a *right zero ordered Γ -semigroup*.

DEFINITION 3.56 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S with 0 in which the product of any two elements equals to 0 and $0 \leq s$ for all $s \in S$ is called a *zero ordered Γ -semigroup* or a *null ordered Γ -semigroup*.

THEOREM 3.57 : If a is a left zero element and b is a right zero element of an ordered Γ -semigroup S , then $a = b$.

Proof: Since a is a left zero of S , $a\alpha s = a$ and $a \leq s$ for all $s \in S$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and hence $a\alpha b = a$ and $a \leq b$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Since b is a right zero of S , $s\alpha b = b$ and b

$\leq s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and hence $a \alpha b = b$ and $b \leq a$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Now $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a \Rightarrow a = b$.

THEOREM 3.58 : Any ordered Γ -semigroup S has at most one zero element.

Proof : Let a, b be two zeros of the Γ -semigroup S . Now a can be considered as a left zero and b can be considered as a right zero. By theorem 3.57, $a = b$. Thus S has at most one zero.

NOTE 3.59 : The zero (if exists) of an ordered Γ -semigroup is usually denoted by 0.

NOTATION 3.60 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup. If S has an identity, let $S^1 = S$ and if S does not have an identity, let S^1 be the ordered Γ -semigroup S with an identity adjoined usually denoted by the symbol 1. Similarly if S has a zero, let $S^0 = S$ and if S does not have a zero, let S^0 be the ordered Γ -semigroup S with zero adjoined usually denoted by the symbol 0.

NOTATION 3.61 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup and T is a nonempty subset of S . If H is a nonempty subset of T , we denote $\{t \in T : t \leq h \text{ for some } h \in H\}$ by $(H)_T$. $\{t \in T : h \leq t \text{ for some } h \in H\}$ by $(H)_T$. $(H)_s$ and $(H)_s$ are simply denoted by (H) and $[H]$ respectively.

THEOREM 3.62 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup and $A \subseteq S$, $B \subseteq S$. Then (i) $A \subseteq [A]$, (ii) $([A]) = [A]$, (iii) $(A)\Gamma(B) \subseteq (A\Gamma B)$ and (iv) $A \subseteq [B]$ for $A \subseteq B$, (v) $[A] \subseteq [B]$ for $A \subseteq B$.

Proof : (i) Let $x \in A$. $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in S$ and $x \leq x \Rightarrow x \in [A]$. Therefore $A \subseteq [A]$.

(ii) Let $x \in ([A]) \Rightarrow x \leq y$ for some $y \in [A] \Rightarrow y \leq z$ for some $z \in A$. $x \leq y$, $y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$. Thus $x \in [A]$. Therefore $([A]) \subseteq [A]$ and from (i) $A \subseteq [A] \Rightarrow [A] = ([A])$ and hence $([A]) = [A]$.

(iii) Let $x \in (A)\Gamma(B) \Rightarrow x \leq a\alpha b$ for some $a \in A$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$, $b \in B \Rightarrow x \leq a\alpha b$ for some $a\alpha b \in A\Gamma B \Rightarrow x \in (A\Gamma B)$. Therefore $(A)\Gamma(B) \subseteq (A\Gamma B)$.

(iv) From (i) $B \subseteq [B] \Rightarrow A \subseteq B \subseteq [B]$.

(v) $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \subseteq [B] \Rightarrow [A] \subseteq ([B]) = [B]$ Therefore $[A] \subseteq [B]$.

DEFINITION 3.63 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup. A nonempty subset T of S is said to be an

ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S if $a\gamma b \in T$, for all $a, b \in T$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $t \in T, s \in S, s \leq t \Rightarrow s \in T$.

EXAMPLE 3.64 : Let $S = [0, 1]$ and $\Gamma = \{1/n : n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$. Then S is an ordered Γ -semigroup under the usual multiplication and usual order relation. Let $T = [0, 1/2]$. Now T is a nonempty subset of S and $a\gamma b \in T$, for all $a, b \in T$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Then T is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S .

THEOREM 3.65 : A nonempty subset T of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S iff (1) $T\Gamma T \subseteq T$, (2) $(T) \subseteq T$.

THEOREM 3.66 : The nonempty intersection of two ordered Γ -subsemigroups of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S .

Proof : Let T_1, T_2 be two ordered Γ -subsemigroups of S . Let $a, b \in T_1 \cap T_2$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

$a, b \in T_1 \cap T_2 \Rightarrow a, b \in T_1$ and $a, b \in T_2$

$a, b \in T_1, \gamma \in \Gamma, T_1$ is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of $S \Rightarrow a\gamma b \in T_1$ and $(T_1) \subseteq T_1$.

$a, b \in T_2, \gamma \in \Gamma, T_2$ is a Γ -subsemigroup of $S \Rightarrow a\gamma b \in T_2$ and $(T_2) \subseteq T_2$.

$a\gamma b \in T_1, a\gamma b \in T_2 \Rightarrow a\gamma b \in T_1 \cap T_2$ and $T_1 \cap T_2 \subseteq T_1, T_1 \cap T_2 \subseteq T_2$

$\Rightarrow (T_1 \cap T_2) \subseteq (T_1) = T_1$ and $(T_1 \cap T_2) \subseteq (T_2) = T_2 \Rightarrow (T_1 \cap T_2) \subseteq T_1 \cap T_2 \Rightarrow (T_1 \cap T_2) = T_1 \cap T_2$. and hence $T_1 \cap T_2$ is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S .

THEOREM 3.67 : The nonempty intersection of any family of ordered Γ -subsemigroups of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is an ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S .

In the following we are introducing an ordered Γ -subsemigroup which is generated by a subset and a **cyclic ordered Γ -subsemigroup** of an ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 3.68 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup and A be a nonempty subset of S . The smallest ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S containing A is called an **ordered**

Γ -subsemigroup of S generated by A . It is denoted by $\langle A \rangle$.

THEOREM 3.69 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup and A be a nonempty subset of S . Then $\langle A \rangle =$ the

intersection of all ordered Γ -subsemigroups of S containing A.

DEFINITION 3.70 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup. An ordered Γ -subsemigroup T of S is said to be *cyclic ordered Γ -subsemigroup* of S if T is generated by a single element subset of S.

DEFINITION 3.71 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *cyclic ordered Γ -semigroup* if S is a cyclic ordered Γ -subsemigroup of S itself.

4. SPECIAL ELEMENTS OF AN ORDERED Γ -SEMIGROUP

We now introduce α -idempotent element and Γ -idempotent element in an ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.1 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *α -idempotent* provided $a \leq a\alpha a$.

NOTE 4.2 : The set of all α -idempotent elements in an ordered Γ - semigroup S is denoted by E_S^α .

THEOREM 4.3 : For any ordered Γ -semigroup S, E_S^α with the binary relation defined by $a \leq b$ iff $a = a\alpha b = b\alpha a$ is a partially ordered set.

DEFINITION 4.4 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be an *idempotent* or *Γ -idempotent* if $a \leq a\alpha a$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 4.5: An element a of an ordered Γ - semigroup S is said to be an *idempotent* or *Γ -idempotent* if $a \in (a\Gamma a)$

NOTE 4.6 : In an ordered Γ -semigroup S, a is an idempotent iff a is an α -idempotent for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

We now introduce an idempotent ordered Γ -semigroup and a strongly idempotent ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.7 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be an *ordered idempotent Γ -semigroup* provided every element of S is α -idempotent for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 4.8 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be an *ordered strongly idempotent Γ - semigroup* provided every element in S is an idempotent.

We now introduce a special element which is known as midunit in an ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.9 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *midunit* provided $(x\Gamma a\Gamma y) = (x\Gamma y)$ for all $x, y \in S$.

NOTE 4.10 : Identity of an ordered Γ - semigroup S is a midunit.

We now introduce an r -element in an ordered Γ -semigroup and also a generalized commutative ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.11 : An element ' a ' of ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be an *r -element* provided $(a\Gamma s) = (s\Gamma a)$ for all $s \in S$ and if $x, y \in S$, then $(a\Gamma x\Gamma y) = (b\Gamma y\Gamma x)$ for some $b \in S$.

DEFINITION 4.12 : An ordered Γ - semigroup S with identity 1 is said to be an *ordered generalized commutative Γ - semigroup* provided 1 is an r -element in S.

We now introduce a regular element in an ordered Γ -semigroup and regular ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.13 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be *regular* provided $a \leq a\alpha x\beta a$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 4.14 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be regular provided $a \in (a\Gamma S\Gamma a)$.

DEFINITION 4.15 : An ordered Γ - semigroup S is said to be an *ordered regular Γ - semigroup* provided every element is regular.

EXAMPLE 4.16: Let $S = \{0, a, b\}$ and Γ be any nonempty set. If we define a binary operation on S as the following Cayley table, then S is a semigroup.

.	0	a	b
0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a
b	0	b	b

Define a mapping from $S \times \Gamma \times S$ to S as $a\alpha b = ab$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then S is ordered regular Γ -semigroup under usual partial order relation.

THEOREM 4.17 : Every α -idempotent element in an ordered Γ -semigroup is regular

Proof : Let a be an α -idempotent element in an ordered Γ -semigroup S .

then $a \leq aaa$ for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Hence $a \leq aaa\alpha a$. Therefore a is a regular element.

We now introduce left regular element, right regular element, completely regular element in an ordered Γ -semigroup and completely regular ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.18 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **left regular** provided $a \leq a\alpha a\beta x$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. i.e, $a \in (a\Gamma a\Gamma S]$.

DEFINITION 4.19 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **right regular** provided $a \leq x\alpha a\beta a$, for some $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. i.e, $a \in (S\Gamma a\Gamma a]$.

DEFINITION 4.20 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **completely regular** provided, there exists an element $x \in S$ such that $a \leq a\alpha x\beta a$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and $a\alpha x = x\beta a$.

NOTE 4.21 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **completely regular** provided, there exists an element $x \in S$ such that $a \in (a\Gamma x\Gamma a]$ and $a\Gamma x = x\Gamma a$.

DEFINITION 4.22 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **ordered completely regular Γ -semigroup** provided every element of S is completely regular.

DEFINITION 4.23 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup, $a \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. An element $b \in S$ is said to be an **(α, β) -inverse** of a if $a \leq a\alpha b\beta a$ and $b \leq b\beta a\alpha b$.

THEOREM 4.24 : Let S be an ordered Γ -semigroup and $a \in S$. If a has an (α, β) -inverse then a is a regular element.

Proof : Suppose that b is an (α, β) -inverse of a . Then $a \leq a\alpha b\beta a$ and $b \leq b\beta a\alpha b$. Therefore $a \leq a\alpha b\beta a$ and hence a is regular.

We now introduce a semisimple element of a Γ -semigroup and a semisimple Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.25 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **semisimple** provided $a \in (<a> \Gamma <a>]$, that is, $(<a>] = (<a> \Gamma <a>]$.

DEFINITION 4.26 : A Γ - semigroup S is said to be **ordered semisimple Γ - semigroup** provided every element of S is a semisimple element.

We now introduce an intra regular element of an ordered Γ -semigroup.

DEFINITION 4.27 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be **intra regular** provided $a \leq x\alpha a\beta a\gamma$ for some $x, y \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 4.28 : An element a of a Γ -semigroup S is said to be **intra regular** provided $a \in (S\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma S]$.

EXAMPLE 4.29 : The Γ -semigroup given in example 4.16 is an intra regular ordered Γ -semigroup.

THEOREM 4.30: If ' a ' is a completely regular element of an ordered Γ - semigroup S , then a is regular and semisimple.

Proof : Since a is a completely regular element in the Γ - smigroup S , $a = a\alpha x\beta a$ for some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and $x \in S$. Therefore a is regular.

Now $a \leq a\alpha x\beta a \in a\Gamma x\Gamma a \subseteq <a> \Gamma <a> \Rightarrow a \in (<a> \Gamma <a>]$. Therefore a is semisimple.

THEOREM 4.31 : If ' a ' is a completely regular element of an ordered Γ - semigroup S , then a is both a left regular element and a right regular element.

Proof : Suppose that a is completely regular. Then $a \in (a\Gamma S\Gamma a]$ and $a\Gamma S = S\Gamma a$.

Now $a \in (a\Gamma S\Gamma a] = (a\Gamma a\Gamma S]$. Therefore a is left regular.

Also $a \in (a\Gamma S\Gamma a] = (S\Gamma a\Gamma a]$. Therefore a is right regular.

THEOREM 4.32 : If ' a ' is a left regular element of a Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple.

Proof: Suppose that a is left regular. Then $a \in (a\Gamma a\Gamma x]$ and hence $a \in (<a>\Gamma<a>]$. Therefore a is semisimple.

THEOREM 4.33 : If ' a ' is a right regular element of a Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple.

Proof: Suppose that a is right regular. Then $a \in (a\Gamma a\Gamma x]$ and hence $a \in (<a>\Gamma<a>]$. Therefore a is semisimple.

THEOREM 4.34 : If ' a ' is a regular element of a Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple.

Proof: Suppose that a is regular element of Γ -semigroup S .

Then $a \leq a\alpha x\beta a$, for some $x \in S$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow a \in (a\Gamma x\Gamma a]$ and hence $a \in (<a>\Gamma<a>]$.

Therefore a is semisimple.

THEOREM 4.35 : If ' a ' is an intra regular element of a Γ -semigroup S , then a is semisimple.

Proof: Suppose that a is intra regular. Then $a \in (x\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma y]$ for $x, y \in S$ and hence $a \in (<a>\Gamma<a>]$ Therefore a is semisimple.

DEFINITION 4.36 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **left α -cancellative** provided for $a \in \Gamma$, $aab \leq aac$ implies $b \leq c$.

DEFINITION 4.37 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **right α -cancellative** provided for $a \in \Gamma$, $baa \leq caa$ implies $b \leq c$.

DEFINITION 4.38 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **α -cancellative** provided a is both a left α -cancellative element and a right α -cancellative element.

DEFINITION 4.39 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **left Γ -cancellative** provided a is left α -cancellative for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 4.40 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **right Γ -cancellative** provided a is right α -cancellative for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 4.41 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **Γ -cancellative** provided a is both left Γ -cancellative and right Γ -cancellative.

NOTE 4.42 : $a\Gamma b \leq c\Gamma d$ if and only if $a\Gamma b \subseteq c\Gamma d$.

DEFINITION 4.43 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **strongly left Γ -cancellative** provided $a\Gamma b \leq a\Gamma c$ implies $b \leq c$.

NOTE 4.44 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **strongly left Γ -cancellative** provided $aab \leq a\beta c$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b \leq c$.

DEFINITION 4.45 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **strongly right Γ -cancellative** provided $b\Gamma a \leq c\Gamma a$ implies $b \leq c$.

NOTE 4.46 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **strongly right Γ -cancellative** provided $baa \leq c\beta a$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b \leq c$.

DEFINITION 4.47 : An element a of an ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **strongly Γ -cancellative** provided a is both strongly left Γ -cancellative and strongly right Γ -cancellative.

Now we introduce a weakened version of strongly cancellative ordered Γ -semigroup is provided by the following notion.

DEFINITION 4.48 : An ordered Γ -semigroup S is said to be **separative** if for any $x, y \in S$,

- (1) $x\Gamma x \leq x\Gamma y$ and $y\Gamma y \leq y\Gamma x$ imply $x = y$,
- (2) $x\Gamma x \leq y\Gamma x$ and $y\Gamma y \leq x\Gamma y$ imply $x = y$.

THEOREM 4.52 : In a separative ordered Γ -semigroup S , for any $x, y, a, b \in S$, the following statements hold.

- (i) $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$ if and only if $a\Gamma x \leq b\Gamma x$,
- (ii) $x\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma x\Gamma b$ implies $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$,
- (iii) $x\Gamma y\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma y\Gamma b$ implies $y\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq y\Gamma x\Gamma b$.

Proof : (i) If $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$, then $a\Gamma(x\Gamma a)\Gamma x \leq a\Gamma(x\Gamma b)\Gamma x$ and $b\Gamma(x\Gamma a)\Gamma x \leq b\Gamma(x\Gamma b)\Gamma x$ so that $(a\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma x) \leq (a\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma x)$ and $(b\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma x)$ which by separativity implies $(a\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma x)$. The opposite implication follows by symmetry.

(ii) If $x\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma x\Gamma b$, then by part (i), $x\Gamma a\Gamma x \leq x\Gamma b\Gamma x$
 $\Rightarrow (a\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma x) \leq (a\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma x)$ and $(b\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma x) \leq$
 $(b\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma x)$ and thus by separativity $(a\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma x)$.
 But then by part (i) $x\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma b$.

(iii) Let $x\Gamma y\Gamma a \leq x\Gamma y\Gamma b$. Then $x\Gamma y\Gamma a\Gamma y \leq x\Gamma y\Gamma b\Gamma y$,
 and thus by part (i), $y\Gamma a\Gamma y\Gamma x \leq y\Gamma b\Gamma y\Gamma x$. Multiplying by suitable elements
 on the right and using part (i), we obtain the following
 strings of inequalities:

$$y\Gamma a\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq y\Gamma b\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma a \quad y\Gamma a\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma b \leq y\Gamma b\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma b$$

$$a\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma a\Gamma y \leq b\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma a\Gamma y \quad a\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma b\Gamma y \leq b\Gamma y\Gamma x\Gamma b\Gamma y$$

$$(a\Gamma y\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma y\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma y\Gamma x)\Gamma(a\Gamma y\Gamma x)$$

$$(a\Gamma y\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma y\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma y\Gamma x)\Gamma(b\Gamma y\Gamma x)$$

Which by separativity implies $(a\Gamma y\Gamma x) \leq (b\Gamma y\Gamma x)$.

But then by part (i), we have

$$y\Gamma x\Gamma a \leq y\Gamma x\Gamma b.$$

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