

# Bands of Weakly $r$ -Archimedean $\Gamma$ -Semigroups

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## Abstract

Semigroups having a decomposition into a band of  $r$ -archimedean semigroups have been studied in many papers. In the present paper, we give some new results extending these semigroups. We have shown that a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$  if and only if it satisfies the condition for all  $a, x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , we have  $(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Moreover, we have also shown that the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean left ideals of  $M$ .
- (b)  $M$  is a band of  $r$ -archimedean left ideals of  $M$ .
- (c)  $M$  satisfies the condition for all  $a, x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  
 $(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Semigroups which can be decomposed into a band of  $r$  ( $l$  or  $t$ )-archimedean semigroups have been studied in many papers. Bogdanović, Ćirić and Novikov

investigated in [1] bands of  $l$ -archimedean semigroups, and Putcha investigated in [4] bands of  $t$ -archimedean semigroups.

In this paper, we have to introduce the concept of weakly  $r$ -archimedean  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and  $r$ -archimedean  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and give necessary and sufficient conditions in order that a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ . Similar results hold if we replace the symbol “ $r$ ” by “ $l$ ”.

To present the main results we first recall the definition of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup which is important here.

Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be any two nonempty sets.  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup [6] if for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have (i)  $a\alpha b \in M$  and (ii)  $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ . A nonempty subset  $K$  of  $M$  is called a *sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup* of  $M$  if  $a\gamma b \in K$  for all  $a, b \in K$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . A nonempty subset  $L$  of  $M$  is called a *left ideal* of  $M$  if  $M\Gamma L \subseteq L$ . Then every left ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .

Examples of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups can be seen in [3, 5, 7, 9] and [10], respectively.

From now on we always assume that  $M$  stands for a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For nonempty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$  and a nonempty subset  $\Gamma'$  of  $\Gamma$ , let  $A\Gamma'B := \{a\gamma b \mid a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } \gamma \in \Gamma'\}$ . If  $A = \{a\}$ , then we also write  $\{a\}\Gamma'B$  as  $a\Gamma'B$ , and similarly if  $B = \{b\}$  or  $\Gamma' = \{\gamma\}$ . If  $\rho$  is a relation on  $M$ , then the inverse of  $\rho$ , denote  $\rho^{-1}$ , is the set  $\{(b, a) \in M \times M \mid a\rho b\}$ . An equivalence relation  $\rho$  on  $M$  is called a *left (right) congruence* [8] if for any  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $(a, b) \in \rho$  implies  $(c\gamma a, c\gamma b) \in \rho$  ( $(a\gamma c, b\gamma c) \in \rho$ ).  $\rho$  is called a *congruence* on  $M$  if it is both a left congruence and a right congruence on  $M$ . If  $\rho$  is a congruence on  $M$ , then  $M/\rho := \{(x)_\rho \mid x \in M\}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with  $(x)_\rho\gamma(y)_\rho = (x\gamma y)_\rho$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . A congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  is called a *band congruence* if for all  $a \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $(a\gamma a, a) \in \rho$ .

Examples of congruences can be seen in [8] and [10], respectively.

The following definitions are introduced analogously to some definitions in [1].

$M$  is called  *$r$ -archimedean (l-archimedean)* if for any  $a, b \in M$ ,  $b \in a\Gamma M$  ( $b \in M\Gamma a$ ) or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\gamma_1 b\gamma_2 b \dots b\gamma_{m-1} b \in a\Gamma M$  ( $b\gamma_1 b\gamma_2 b \dots b\gamma_{m-1} b \in M\Gamma a$ ) for some  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ . A sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal)  $T$  of  $M$  is called an  *$r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal)* if  $T$  is  $r$ -archimedean.  $M$  is called a *band of  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups (left ideals) of  $M$*  if there exists a band congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  such that the  $\rho$ -class  $(x)_\rho$  of  $M$  containing  $x$  is an  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal) of  $M$  for all  $x \in M$ . A sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal)  $T$  of  $M$  is called a *weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal)* if for any  $a, b \in T$ ,  $b \in a\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\gamma_1 b\gamma_2 b \dots b\gamma_{m-1} b \in a\Gamma M$  for

some  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ .  $M$  is called a *band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups (left ideals) of  $M$*  if there exists a band congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  such that the  $\rho$ -class  $(x)_\rho$  of  $M$  containing  $x$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal) of  $M$  for all  $x \in M$ .

It is easy to verify that every  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal) of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup (left ideal) of  $M$ .

In the sequel, the following relations on  $M$  are used frequently:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_r &:= \{(a, b) \mid b \in a \cup a\Gamma M \text{ or there exists an integer } m \geq 2 \text{ such that} \\ &\quad b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M \text{ for some } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma\}, \\ \eta_l &:= \{(a, b) \mid b \in a \cup M\Gamma a \text{ or there exists an integer } m \geq 2 \text{ such that} \\ &\quad b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup M\Gamma a \text{ for some } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma\}. \end{aligned}$$

The following two lemmas are also necessary for the main results.

**Lemma 1.1** *If  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are left congruences on  $M$ , then so are  $(\sigma_1)^n$  and  $(\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2)^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Proof.** Similar to the proof of Lemma 5.8 [2], we obtain it. □

Similar result holds if we replace the word “left” by “right”. Then we get the following.

**Corollary 1.2** *If  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are congruences on  $M$ , then so are  $(\sigma_1)^n$  and  $(\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2)^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Lemma 1.3** *If  $E$  is an equivalence relation on  $M$ , then*

$$E^b := \{(a, b) \mid (a, b), (x\alpha a, x\alpha b), (a\beta y, b\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha b\beta y) \in E \text{ for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}.$$

*is the largest congruence on  $M$  contained in  $E$ .*

**Proof.** Similar to the proof of Proposition 5.13 [2], we obtain it. □

## 2 Main Results

In this section, we give some characterizations of weakly  $r$ -archimedean  $\Gamma$ -semigroups that are given by the relation  $\eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  on  $M$  and some characterizations of bands of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups.

**Lemma 2.1** *A sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  of  $M$  is weakly  $r$ -archimedean if and only if  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in T$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $T$  is weakly  $r$ -archimedean and let  $a, b \in T$ . Then  $b \in a\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a\Gamma M$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ , and  $a \in b\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $n \geq 2$  such that  $a\beta_1 a\beta_2 a \dots a\beta_{n-1} a \in b\Gamma M$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-1} \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  or  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$ , and  $a \in b \cup b\Gamma M$  or  $a\beta_1 a\beta_2 a \dots a\beta_{n-1} a \in b \cup b\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(a, b) \in \eta_r$  and  $(b, a) \in \eta_r$ , so  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in T$ . Now let  $a, b \in T$ . Then  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ , so  $(a, b) \in \eta_r$ . Thus  $b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ . Hence, let  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If  $b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$ , then  $b\gamma b \in a\Gamma M \cup a\Gamma M\Gamma M \subseteq a\Gamma M$ . If  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$ , then  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\gamma b \in a\Gamma M \cup a\Gamma M\Gamma M \subseteq a\Gamma M$ . Therefore  $T$  is weakly  $r$ -archimedean.  $\square$

As a consequence of this result, we obtain Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.2** *A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$  if and only if it satisfies the condition for all  $a, x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ,*

$$(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}. \quad (\star)$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ . Then there exists a band congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  such that the  $\rho$ -class  $(x)_\rho$  of  $M$  containing  $x$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$  for all  $x \in M$ . Now let  $a, x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $\rho$  is a band congruence on  $M$ , we have  $(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \rho$ . Then there exist  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 \in M$  such that  $a, a\gamma a \in (b_1)_\rho, x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a \in (b_2)_\rho, a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y \in (b_3)_\rho, x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y \in (b_4)_\rho$ . Since  $(b_1)_\rho, (b_2)_\rho, (b_3)_\rho$  and  $(b_4)_\rho$  are weakly  $r$ -archimedean, it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}.$$

Conversely, assume that  $M$  satisfies the condition  $(\star)$ .

(i) Clearly, for any  $a \in M$ ,  $(a, a) \in \eta_r$ .

(ii) Let  $a, b, c \in M$  be such that  $(a, b) \in \eta_r$  and  $(b, c) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ , and  $c \in b \cup b\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $n \geq 2$  such that  $c\beta_1 c\beta_2 c \dots c\beta_{n-1} c \in (b \cup b\Gamma M)$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-1} \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $b = a$  or  $b = a\alpha s_1$  for some  $s_1 \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  or  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b = a$

or  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b = a\alpha s_1$  for some  $s_1 \in M$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ , and  $c = b$  or  $c = b\beta s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\beta \in \Gamma$  or  $c\beta_1 c\beta_2 c \dots c\beta_{n-1} c = b$  or  $c\beta_1 c\beta_2 c \dots c\beta_{n-1} c = b\beta s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-1} \in \Gamma$ .

Now suppose that  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b = a\alpha s_1$  and  $c\beta_1 c\beta_2 c \dots c\beta_{n-1} c = b\beta s_2$ . Put  $p = c\beta_1 c\beta_2 c \dots c\beta_{n-1} c = b\beta s_2$ . By hypothesis,  $(p, b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2) = (b\beta s_2, b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Then  $(b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2, p) \in \eta_r$ . Thus  $p \in b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \cup b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m_1 \geq 2$  such that  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p \dots p\gamma_{m_1-1} p \in b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \cup b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \Gamma M$  for some  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{m_1-1} \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2$  or  $p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$  for some  $s_3 \in M$  and  $\delta_1 \in \Gamma$  or  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p \dots p\gamma_{m_1-1} p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2$  or  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p \dots p\gamma_{m_1-1} p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$  for some  $s_3 \in M$  and  $\delta_1 \in \Gamma$ . Hence there exists an integer  $k \geq n$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \cup b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \Gamma M$  for some  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k-1} \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 1:**  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p \dots p\gamma_{m_1-1} p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$ . Similar to the case as above, since

$$(b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1) = (b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$$

where  $r_1 = b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$ , there exists an integer  $k_1 \geq nm_1 \geq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k_1-1} \in \Gamma$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_1-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \Gamma M$ .

**Case 2:**  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p \dots p\gamma_{m_1-1} p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2$ . Similar to the case as above, since

$$(b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1) = (b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$$

where  $r_1 = b\beta s_2$ , there exists an integer  $k_1 \geq nm_1 \geq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k_1-1} \in \Gamma$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_1-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \Gamma M$ .

**Case 3:**  $p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$ . Similar to the case as above, since

$$(b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1) = (b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$$

where  $r_1 = b\beta s_2 \delta_1 s_3$ , there exists an integer  $k_1 \geq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k_1-1} \in \Gamma$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_1-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \Gamma M$ .

**Case 4:**  $p = b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2$ . Similar to the case as above, since

$$(b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1) = (b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2, b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 b\beta s_2) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$$

where  $r_1 = b\beta s_2$ , there exists an integer  $k_1 \geq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k_1-1} \in \Gamma$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_1-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b\alpha_1 r_1 \Gamma M$ .

If we continue in this way, there exist  $r_{m-2} \in M$ , an integer  $k_{m-2} \geq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k_{m-2}-1} \in \Gamma$  such that  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_{m-2}-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\alpha_1 r_{m-2} \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\alpha_1 r_{m-2} \Gamma M$ . Therefore  $c\lambda_1 c\lambda_2 c \dots c\lambda_{k_{m-2}-1} c \in b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\alpha_1 r_{m-2} \cup b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\alpha_1 r_{m-2} \Gamma M = a\alpha s_1 \alpha_1 r_{m-2} \cup a\alpha s_1 \alpha_1$

$r_{m-2}\Gamma M \subseteq a\Gamma M \subseteq a \cup a\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(a, c) \in \eta_r$ . In another case, we can show that  $(a, c) \in \eta_r$ . By (i) and (ii),  $\eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  is an equivalence relation on  $M$ .

(iii) Let

$$\rho := \{(a, b) \mid (a, b), (x\alpha a, x\alpha b), (a\beta y, b\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha b\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1} \\ \text{for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}.$$

Since  $\eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  is an equivalence relation on  $M$ , it follows from Lemma 1.3 that  $\rho$  is the largest congruence on  $M$  contained in  $\eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . By condition  $(\star)$ ,  $\rho$  is a band congruence on  $M$ .

(iv) For any  $x \in M$ , let  $a, b \in (x)_\rho$ . Then  $(a, b) \in \rho$ , so  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Since  $\rho$  is a band congruence on  $M$ ,  $(x)_\rho$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $(x)_\rho$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ . Therefore  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ .

Hence the proof is completed.  $\square$

We briefly recall here the definition of ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A partially ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is called an *ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup* [3] if for any  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $a \leq b$  implies  $a\gamma c \leq b\gamma c$  and  $c\gamma a \leq c\gamma b$ .

**Theorem 2.3** *Let*

$$\rho := \{(a, b) \mid (a, b), (x\alpha a, x\alpha b), (a\beta y, b\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha b\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1} \\ \text{for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}.$$

*be a congruence on  $M$ . Then  $M/\rho$  is an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.*

**Proof.** Let  $\preceq$  be a relation on  $M/\rho$  defined as following:

$$\preceq := \{((x)_\rho, (y)_\rho) \mid (x_1, y_1) \in \rho^m \text{ for some } x_1 \in (x)_\rho, y_1 \in (y)_\rho \text{ and } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}.$$

We shall show that  $(M/\rho, \cdot, \preceq)$  is an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

(i) For any  $(x)_\rho \in M/\rho$ . Since  $(x, x) \in \rho$ ,  $(x)_\rho \preceq (x)_\rho$ . Thus  $\preceq$  is reflexive.

(ii) Let  $(x)_\rho, (y)_\rho \in M/\rho$  be such that  $(x)_\rho \preceq (y)_\rho$  and  $(y)_\rho \preceq (x)_\rho$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in (x)_\rho, y_1, y_2 \in (y)_\rho$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) \in \rho^m$  and  $(y_2, x_2) \in \rho^n$ . Thus there exist  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{m-1}, w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_{n-1} \in M$  such that

$$(x_1, w_1), (w_1, w_2), \dots, (w_{m-1}, y_1) \in \rho, \quad (1)$$

and

$$(y_2, w'_1), (w'_1, w'_2), \dots, (w'_{n-1}, x_2) \in \rho. \tag{2}$$

Since  $(x_1, w_1) \in \rho$ , we have  $(x_1, w_1), (x\alpha x_1, x\alpha w_1), (x_1\beta y, w_1\beta y), (x\alpha x_1\beta y, x\alpha w_1\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , and  $p = x\alpha x_1\beta y$ . Suppose that  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y, x\alpha w_1\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Then  $(x\alpha w_1\beta y, x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in \eta_r$ . Thus  $x\alpha x_1\beta y \in x\alpha w_1\beta y \cup x\alpha w_1\beta y\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k_1 \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_1(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_2(x\alpha x_1\beta y) \dots (x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_{k_1-1}(x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in x\alpha w_1\beta y \cup x\alpha w_1\beta y\Gamma M$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{k_1-1} \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\alpha x_1\beta y = x\alpha w_1\beta y$  or  $x\alpha x_1\beta y = x\alpha w_1\beta y\delta_1 s_1$  for some  $s_1 \in M$  and  $\delta_1 \in \Gamma$  or  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_1(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_2(x\alpha x_1\beta y) \dots (x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_{k_1-1}(x\alpha x_1\beta y) = x\alpha w_1\beta y$  or  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_1(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_2(x\alpha x_1\beta y) \dots (x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_{k_1-1}(x\alpha x_1\beta y) = x\alpha w_1\beta y\delta_1 s_1$  for some  $s_1 \in M$  and  $\delta_1 \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 1:**  $x\alpha x_1\beta y = x\alpha w_1\beta y$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_1\beta r_1$  where  $r_1 = y$ . Next, since  $(w_1, w_2) \in \rho$ ,  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1, x\alpha w_2\beta r_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Thus  $(x\alpha w_2\beta r_1, x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k_2 \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{k_2-1} \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 1.1:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 1.2:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2 s_2$ .

**Case 1.3:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p\beta_1 p\beta_2 p \dots p\beta_{k_2-1} p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 1.4:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$ . Then  $p\beta_1 p\beta_2 p \dots p\beta_{k_2-1} p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2 s_2$ .

**Case 2:**  $x\alpha x_1\beta y = x\alpha w_1\beta y\delta_1 s_1$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_1\beta r_1$  where  $r_1 = y\delta_1 s_1$ . Next, since  $(w_1, w_2) \in \rho$ ,  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1, x\alpha w_2\beta r_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Thus  $(x\alpha w_2\beta r_1, x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k_2 \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{k_2-1} \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \dots (x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 2.1:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 2.2:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$ . Then  $p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2 s_2$ .

**Case 2.3:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p\beta_1p\beta_2p\dots p\beta_{k_2-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 2.4:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$ . Then  $p\beta_1p\beta_2p\dots p\beta_{k_2-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2s_2$ .

**Case 3:**  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_1(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_2(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\dots(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_{k_1-1}(x\alpha x_1\beta y) = x\alpha w_1\beta y$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_1\beta r_1$  where  $r_1 = y$ . Next, since  $(w_1, w_2) \in \rho$ ,  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1, x\alpha w_2\beta r_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Thus  $(x\alpha w_2\beta r_1, x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k_2 \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{k_2-1} \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 3.1:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 3.2:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2s_2$ .

**Case 3.3:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_1(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_2(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\dots(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_{k_2-1}(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 3.4:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$ . Then  $(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_1(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_2(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\dots(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_{k_2-1}(p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2s_2$ .

**Case 4:**  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_1(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_2(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\dots(x\alpha x_1\beta y)\alpha_{k_1-1}(x\alpha x_1\beta y) = x\alpha w_1\beta y\delta_1s_1$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_1\beta r_1$  where  $r_1 = y\delta_1s_1$ . Next, since  $(w_1, w_2) \in \rho$ ,  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1, x\alpha w_2\beta r_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Thus  $(x\alpha w_2\beta r_1, x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k_2 \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) \in x\alpha w_2\beta r_1 \cup x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\Gamma M$  for some  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{k_2-1} \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$  or  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$  for some  $s_2 \in M$  and  $\delta_2 \in \Gamma$ .

**Case 4.1:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 4.2:**  $x\alpha w_1\beta r_1 = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2s_2$ . Then  $p\alpha_1p\alpha_2p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2s_2$ .

**Case 4.3:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1$ . Then  $(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_1(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_2(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\dots(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_{k_2-1}(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1$ .

**Case 4.4:**  $(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_1(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_2(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\dots(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1)\beta_{k_2-1}(x\alpha w_1\beta r_1) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_1\delta_2 s_2$ . Then  $(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_1(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_2(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\dots(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p)\beta_{k_2-1}(p\alpha_1 p\alpha_2 p\dots p\alpha_{k_1-1}p) = x\alpha w_2\beta r_2$  where  $r_2 = r_1\delta_2 s_2$ .

If we continue in this way, we have  $p = x\alpha y_1\beta r_m$  or there exists an integer  $k \geq 2$  such that  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p = x\alpha y_1\beta r_m$  for some  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k-1} \in \Gamma$ . Since  $(y_1, y_2) \in \rho$ ,  $(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m, x\alpha y_2\beta r_m) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ . Thus  $(x\alpha y_2\beta r_m, x\alpha y_1\beta r_m) \in \eta_r$ . Then  $x\alpha y_1\beta r_m \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $k' \geq 2$  such that  $(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m)\gamma'_1(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m)\gamma'_2(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m)\dots(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m)\gamma'_{k'-1}(x\alpha y_1\beta r_m) \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$  for some  $\gamma'_1, \gamma'_2, \dots, \gamma'_{k'-1} \in \Gamma$ .

Put  $q = x\alpha y_1\beta r_m$ .

**Case I:**  $p = q$  and  $q \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$ . Then  $p \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M \subseteq x\alpha y_2\beta y \cup x\alpha y_2\beta y\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(x\alpha y_2\beta y, x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in \eta_r$ .

**Case II:**  $p = q$  and  $q\gamma'_1 q\gamma'_2 q\dots q\gamma'_{k'-1}q \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$ . Then  $p\gamma'_1 p\gamma'_2 p\dots p\gamma'_{k'-1}p \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M \subseteq x\alpha y_2\beta y \cup x\alpha y_2\beta y\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(x\alpha y_2\beta y, x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in \eta_r$ .

**Case III:**  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p = q$  and  $q \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$ . Then  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M \subseteq x\alpha y_2\beta y \cup x\alpha y_2\beta y\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(x\alpha y_2\beta y, x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in \eta_r$ .

**Case IV:**  $p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p = q$  and  $q\gamma'_1 q\gamma'_2 q\dots q\gamma'_{k'-1}q \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M$ . Then  $(p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p)\gamma'_1(p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p)\gamma'_2(p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p)\dots(p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p)\gamma'_{k'-1}(p\gamma_1 p\gamma_2 p\dots p\gamma_{k-1}p) \in x\alpha y_2\beta r_m \cup x\alpha y_2\beta r_m\Gamma M \subseteq x\alpha y_2\beta y \cup x\alpha y_2\beta y\Gamma M$ . Hence  $(x\alpha y_2\beta y, x\alpha x_1\beta y) \in \eta_r$ .

Similar to the proof as above, by (2), we can prove that  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y, x\alpha y_2\beta y) \in \eta_r$ . Therefore  $(x\alpha x_1\beta y, x\alpha y_2\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .

In another case, we have the following:

- (1) If  $(z_1, w_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ , then  $(x_1, y_2) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .
- (2) If  $(x\alpha z_1, x\alpha w_1) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ , then  $(x\alpha x_1, x\alpha y_2) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .
- (3) If  $(z_1\beta y, w_1\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ , then  $(x_1\beta y, y_2\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .

Therefore  $(x_1, y_1) \in \rho$ , so  $(x)_\rho = (x_1)_\rho = (y_2)_\rho = (y)_\rho$ . Hence  $\preceq$  is anti-symmetric.

(iii) Let  $(x)_\rho, (y)_\rho, (z)_\rho \in M/\rho$  be such that  $(x)_\rho \preceq (y)_\rho$  and  $(y)_\rho \preceq (z)_\rho$ . Then there exist  $x_1 \in (x)_\rho, y_1, y_2 \in (y)_\rho, z_2 \in (z)_\rho$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$(x_1, y_1) \in \rho^m$  and  $(y_2, z_2) \in \rho^n$ . Thus  $x_1\rho^m y_1\rho y_2\rho^n z_2$ , so  $(x_1, z_2) \in \rho^{m+n+1}$ . Hence  $(x)_\rho \preceq (z)_\rho$ . Therefore  $\preceq$  is transitive.

(iv) Let  $(x)_\rho, (y)_\rho \in M/\rho$  be such that  $(x)_\rho \preceq (y)_\rho, (z)_\rho \in M/\rho$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then there exist  $x_1 \in (x)_\rho, y_1 \in (y)_\rho$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) \in \rho^m$ . It follows from Corollary 1.2 that  $(z\gamma x_1, z\gamma y_1), (x_1\gamma z, y_1\gamma z) \in \rho^m$ . Since  $z\gamma x_1 \in (z\gamma x)_\rho, x_1\gamma z \in (x\gamma z)_\rho, z\gamma y_1 \in (z\gamma y)_\rho$  and  $y_1\gamma z \in (y\gamma z)_\rho$ , we have  $(z\gamma x)_\rho \preceq (z\gamma y)_\rho$  and  $(x\gamma z)_\rho \preceq (y\gamma z)_\rho$ . Thus  $(z)_\rho\gamma(x)_\rho = (z\gamma x)_\rho \preceq (z\gamma y)_\rho = (z)_\rho\gamma(y)_\rho$  and  $(x)_\rho\gamma(z)_\rho = (x\gamma z)_\rho \preceq (y\gamma z)_\rho = (y)_\rho\gamma(z)_\rho$ . Hence  $\preceq$  is compatible, so  $(M/\rho, \cdot, \preceq)$  is an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

This completes the proof. □

Immediately from Theorem 2.2 and 2.3, we have Corollary 2.4.

**Corollary 2.4** *If a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroups of  $M$ , then there exists a congruence  $\rho$  on  $M$  such that  $M/\rho$  is an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.*

**Lemma 2.5** *Let  $T$  be a left ideal of  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $T$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .
- (b)  $T$  is an  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .
- (c) For any  $a, b \in T, (a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.1, (b) implies (c) and (c) implies (a). Now, we shall prove that (a) implies (b). Suppose that  $T$  is a weakly  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$  and let  $a, b \in T$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $(a, b) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}$ , so  $(a, b) \in \eta_r$ . Thus  $b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  or there exists an integer  $m \geq 2$  such that  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b \in a \cup a\Gamma M$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} \in \Gamma$ . For any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If  $b = a$  or  $b = a\alpha x$  for some  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $b\gamma b = a\gamma b \in a\Gamma T$  or  $b\gamma b = a\alpha x\gamma b \in a\Gamma T$  since  $T$  is a left ideal of  $M$ . If  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b = a$  or  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b = a\alpha x$  for some  $x \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\gamma b = a\gamma b \in a\Gamma T$  or  $b\alpha_1 b\alpha_2 b \dots b\alpha_{m-1} b\gamma b = a\alpha x\gamma b \in a\Gamma T$  since  $T$  is a left ideal of  $M$ . Therefore  $T$  is an  $r$ -archimedean sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ . □

Combining Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.5, we obtain Corollary 2.6.

**Corollary 2.6** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $M$  is a band of weakly  $r$ -archimedean left ideals of  $M$ .

- (b)  $M$  is a band of  $r$ -archimedean left ideals of  $M$ .
- (c)  $M$  satisfies the condition for all  $a, x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ,
- $$(a, a\gamma a), (x\alpha a, x\alpha a\gamma a), (a\beta y, a\gamma a\beta y), (x\alpha a\beta y, x\alpha a\gamma a\beta y) \in \eta_r \cap \eta_r^{-1}. \quad (\star)$$

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