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On the structure of regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroupsXiangzhi Kong¹, Yue Ding, K.P. Shum^{2,*,\dagger}¹ School of Science, Jiangnan University, Wuxi, Jiangsu, 214122, China² Department of Mathematics, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong (SAR), China

Abstract. We introduce the concepts of Green \sim -relations on $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroups. By using the generalized strong semilattice of semigroups, we show that an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup is a regular \mathcal{H} -cryptogroup if and only if it is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G$ -strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups. This result not only extends a known result of Petrich from the class of completely regular semigroups to the class of semiabundant semigroups but also generalizes a well known result of Fountain on superabundant semigroups from the class of abundant semigroups to the class of semiabundant semigroups.

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1. Introduction

It was proved by Clifford [1] that a regular semigroup is a union of groups if and only if it is a semilattice of completely simple semigroups. It is also known that if the set of all idempotents of a completely regular semigroup S is the center of S , then S can be expressed by a strong semilattice of groups (see [1]). Thus, we usually regard the completely regular semigroups as generalized groups. Moreover, by Petrich and Reilly, we call a completely regular semigroup S a normal cryptogroup if the Green relation \mathcal{H} on S is a normal band congruence on S . In particular, a completely regular semigroup S is a normal cryptogroup if and only if S can be expressed by a strong semilattice of completely simple semigroups (see [12] and [13]). This result was further generalized by Fountain by proving that an abundant semigroup S is a superabundant semigroup if and only if S is a semilattice of completely \mathcal{J}^* -simple semigroups [4]. The structure of superabundant semigroups whose set of idempotents forms a subsemigroup have been recently extensively investigated by Ren and Shum in [15] and [16].

The Green $*$ -relations on a semigroup S were first defined by Pastijn [11] which can be regarded as the Green relations in some oversemigroups of S . These relations were formulated by

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Fountain [4] as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^* &= \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (\forall x, y \in S^1) ax = ay \Leftrightarrow bx = by\}, \\ \mathcal{R}^* &= \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (\forall x, y \in S^1) xa = ya \Leftrightarrow xb = yb\}, \\ \mathcal{H}^* &= \mathcal{L}^* \cap \mathcal{R}^*, \mathcal{D}^* = \mathcal{L}^* \vee \mathcal{R}^*.\end{aligned}$$

Later on, El-Qallali further generalized the Green $*$ -relations to Green \sim -relations [3] as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{L}} &= \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (\forall e \in E(S)) ae = a \Leftrightarrow be = b\}, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{R}} &= \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (\forall e \in E(S)) ea = a \Leftrightarrow eb = b\}, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= \tilde{\mathcal{L}} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{R}}, \tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \tilde{\mathcal{L}} \vee \tilde{\mathcal{R}}.\end{aligned}$$

We can easily see that $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ are equivalent relations on S , however, the $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ relation is not necessary to be right compatible with the semigroup multiplication and the $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ relation is not necessary to be left compatible with the semigroup multiplication. We now denote the $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ -class containing the element a of the semigroup S by $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_a$ and we observe that $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}^* \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$. Among the usual Green relations or the above relations, \mathcal{L} - or the generalized \mathcal{L} -relations are duals of the corresponding \mathcal{R} -relations or generalized \mathcal{R} -relations. In what follows, we only discuss the properties which are related to the \mathcal{L} - relation and the generalized \mathcal{L} -relation, respectively. One can easily see that there is at most one idempotent of the semigroup S in each $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class. If $e \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a \cap E(S)$, for some $a \in S$, then we simply denote the idempotent e by x^0 , for any $x \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a$. Clearly, for any $x \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_a$ with $a \in S$, we have $x = xx^0 = x^0x$.

If a semigroup S is regular, then every \mathcal{L} -class of S contains at least one idempotent, and so does every \mathcal{R} -class of S . If S is a completely regular semigroup, then every \mathcal{H} -class of S contains an idempotent. According to Fountain [4], a semigroup is *abundant* if every \mathcal{L}^* - and \mathcal{R}^* -class of S contains some idempotents. In other words, the term ‘‘abundant’’ means that the semigroup has plenty of idempotents. Clearly, we have $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L}$ on the set of all regular elements of a semigroup. Thus, regular semigroups are obviously special abundant semigroups. Thus, Fountain called such semigroup *superabundant* [4] if its every \mathcal{H}^* -classes contains an idempotent. Obviously, completely regular semigroups are special superabundant semigroups. Following El-Qallali [3], we call a semigroup S a *semiabundant* semigroup if every $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ -class and every $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ -class of S contain at least one idempotent. A semigroup S is called *$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant* if every $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class contains an idempotent of S . Clearly, the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroups are generalizations of superabundant semigroups in the class of semiabundant semigroups. One can easily see that $\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L}$ on the set of regular elements in any $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup.

Throughout this paper, we call a band B a *regular band (right quasi normal band)* if B satisfies the identity $axya = axaya(xya = xaya)$. According to Petrich and Reilly [12], a completely regular semigroup S was called a *regular cryptogroup* if the Green relation \mathcal{H} on S is a regular band congruence on S . The structure of regular cryptogroup was investigated by Kong-Shum in [8] and [9]. In the class of abundant semigroups, Guo and Shum [5] called an abundant semigroup whose set of idempotents forms a regular band a *cyber group*. The semilattice structure of regular cyber groups have been recently investigated in [9].

Naturally, one would ask : can we establish an analogous result of superabundant semigroups [4] in the class of semiabundant semigroups or an analogous result of cryptogroups [12] in the

class of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroups? In this paper, we will establish a theorem for $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups by using the Green \sim -relations and the $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups, as described in [10]. We will show that an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup is a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if and only if it is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G$ -strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups. Our results in this paper also generalize and enrich the corresponding results given in [1], [4], [7], [8] and [13].

2. $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattices

We now restate the concept of G -strong semilattice decomposition of semigroup S given by Kong and Shum in [8] and [9].

Let $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ be a semilattice of the semigroups S_α , where each S_α is a subsemigroup of the semigroup S and Y is a semilattice. We define the G -strong semilattice of semigroups by generalizing the well known *strong semilattice of semigroups* (see [9]).

Definition 2.1 Let $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ be a semigroup. Suppose that the following conditions S are satisfied:

- (i) $(\forall \alpha, \beta \in Y, \alpha \geq \beta)$, there exists a family of homomorphisms $\varphi_{d(\alpha, \beta)} : S_\alpha \longrightarrow S_\beta$, where $d(\alpha, \beta) \in D(\alpha, \beta)$ and $D(\alpha, \beta)$ is a non-empty index set.
- (ii) $(\forall \alpha \in Y)$, $D(\alpha, \alpha)$ is a singleton. Denote the element in $D(\alpha, \alpha)$ by $d(\alpha, \alpha)$. In this case, the homomorphism $\varphi_{d(\alpha, \alpha)} : S_\alpha \longrightarrow S_\alpha$ is the identity automorphism of the semigroup S_α .
- (iii) $(\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Y, \alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma)$, if we write $\varphi_{\alpha, \beta} = \{\varphi_{d(\alpha, \beta)} : d(\alpha, \beta) \in D(\alpha, \beta)\}$ then $\varphi_{\alpha, \beta} \varphi_{\beta, \gamma} \subseteq \varphi_{\alpha, \gamma}$, where

$$\varphi_{\alpha, \beta} \varphi_{\beta, \gamma} = \{\varphi_{d(\alpha, \beta)} \varphi_{d(\beta, \gamma)} : \forall d(\alpha, \beta) \in D(\alpha, \beta), d(\beta, \gamma) \in D(\beta, \gamma)\}.$$

- (iv) for each $\alpha, \beta \in Y$, there is a mapping from S_α into the set $\varphi_{\beta, \alpha\beta}$ whose value at any given element $a \in S_\alpha$ is denoted by $\varphi_{d(\beta, \alpha\beta)}^a$ such that for all $b \in S_\beta$,

$$ab = (a\varphi_{d(\alpha, \alpha\beta)}^b)(b\varphi_{d(\beta, \alpha\beta)}^a).$$

Then the above semilattice of semigroups is called the generalized strong semilattice of semigroups S_α and in brevity, the “ G -strong semilattice” of semigroups S_α and denoted it by $S = G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha, \beta}]$.

The following definition is a more general version of G -strong semilattices.

Definition 2.2 Let \mathcal{K} be any equivalent relation on a G -strong semilattice of semigroups $S = G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha, \beta}]$. Then, we call S a “ $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups S_α ” if for every $\alpha, \beta \in Y$, the mapping $a \longmapsto \varphi_{\alpha(\beta, \alpha\beta)}^a$ has the property that $\varphi_{d(\beta, \alpha\beta)}^a = \varphi_{d(\beta, \alpha\beta)}^b$ whenever the elements $a, b \in S_\alpha$ are in the same \mathcal{K} -class of S .

Thus, it is clear that the G -strong semilattice of semigroups S can be determined by an equivalent

relation \mathcal{K} . We therefore call the above generalized strong semilattice of semigroups S_α a “ $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups S_α ” and is denoted by $S = \mathcal{K}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$, where \mathcal{K} is any one of the Green relations $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{D}$ and \mathcal{H} , respectively.

Remark 2.3 It is clear that the $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice is stronger than the G -strong semilattice but it is weaker than the usual strong semilattice. In fact, if ρ and δ are equivalent relations on the semigroup $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ with $\rho \subseteq \delta$, then one can observe that $\delta G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ is “stronger” than $\rho G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$. As special cases, $1_S G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ is the “weakest” $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups since 1_S is the “smallest” equivalent relation on S and also $\eta G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ is the strongest $\mathcal{K}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups since η is the “greatest” equivalent relation on S , where 1_S is the identity relation on S and η is the semilattice congruence on S which partitions the semigroup S into disjoint subsemigroups $S_\alpha (\alpha \in Y)$ of S . Hence, we can easily see that $\eta G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ is the usual strong semilattice of semigroups since in this case, every index set $D(\alpha, \beta)$ is a singleton for $\alpha \geq \beta$ on Y and hence there exists one and only one structure homomorphism in the set of structure homomorphisms $\varphi_{\alpha,\beta}$.

We have already defined the Green \sim -relations $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}, \tilde{\mathcal{R}}, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ on a semigroup S . In order to define the Green \sim -relation $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ on S , we consider the left \sim -ideal L of a semigroup S .

Definition 2.4 A left (right) ideal L (R) of a semigroup S is called a left \sim -ideal of S if $\tilde{L}_a \subseteq L (\tilde{R}_a \subseteq R)$ holds, for all $a \in L (a \in R)$. We call a subset I of a semigroup S a \sim -ideal of S if it is both a left \sim -ideal and a right \sim -ideal.

It is noteworthy that if S is a regular semigroup, then every left (right, two-sided) ideal of S is a left (right, two-sided) \sim -ideal. We also observe that for any idempotent e in a semigroup S , the left (right) ideal $Se (eS)$ is a left(right) \sim -ideal. For if $a \in Se$, then $a = ae$, and hence for any element b in \tilde{L}_a , we have $b = be \in Se$.

By Definition 2.4, we see that the semigroup S is always a \sim -ideal of itself, and we denote the smallest \sim -ideal containing the element a of S by $\tilde{J}(a)$. Now, we define $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : \tilde{J}(a) = \tilde{J}(b)\}$.

Definition 2.5 An $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S is called completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple if S does not contain any non-trivial proper \sim -ideal of S .

We now give some properties of the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroups. Some of the properties may have already been known or can be easily derived, however, for the sake of completeness, we provide here the proofs.

Lemma 2.6 Let S be an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup. Then the following properties hold:

- (i) The Green \sim -relation $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S if and only if for any $a, b \in S$, $(ab)^0 = (a^0b^0)^0$.
- (ii) If e, f are $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ -related idempotents of S , then $e\mathcal{D}f$.
- (iii)

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \tilde{\mathcal{L}} \circ \tilde{\mathcal{R}} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \circ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}.$$

(iv) If e, f are idempotents in S such that $e\mathcal{J}f$, then $e\mathcal{D}f$.

Proof.

(i) (*Necessity*). For any $a, b \in S$, we have $a\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^0$ and $b\tilde{\mathcal{H}}b^0$. Since $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S , $ab\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^0b^0$. But $ab\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(ab)^0$, and so $(ab)^0 = (a^0b^0)^0$ since every $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class contains a unique idempotent.

(*Sufficiency*). We only need to show that $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is compatible with the semigroup multiplication of S since $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is an equivalent relation on S . Let $(a, b) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $c \in S$. Then $(ca)^0 = (c^0a^0)^0 = (c^0b^0)^0 = (cb)^0$ and hence, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is left compatible to the semigroup multiplication. Dually, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is right compatible with the semigroup multiplication and thus $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S .

(ii) Since $e\tilde{\mathcal{D}}f$, there exist elements a_1, \dots, a_k of S such that $e\tilde{\mathcal{L}}a_1\tilde{\mathcal{R}}a_2\cdots a_k\tilde{\mathcal{L}}f$. Since S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup, $e\mathcal{L}a_1^0\mathcal{R}a_2^0\cdots a_k^0\mathcal{L}f$. Thus $e\mathcal{D}f$.

(iii) If $a, b \in S$ and $a\tilde{\mathcal{D}}b$, then by (ii), $a^0\mathcal{D}b^0$. Hence there exist elements c, d in S with $a^0\mathcal{L}c\mathcal{R}b^0$ and $a^0\mathcal{R}d\mathcal{L}b^0$, and consequently, $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c\tilde{\mathcal{R}}b$ and $a\tilde{\mathcal{R}}d\tilde{\mathcal{L}}b$. Thus the result is proved.

(iv) Since $SeS = SfS$, there exist elements x, y, s, t in S such that $f = set$ and $e = xfy$. Let $h = (fy)^0$ and $k = (se)^0$. Then $hfy = fy = fhy$ and so $h = h^2 = fh$ and $sek = se = see$, and thereby, $k = k^2 = ke$. Hence, hf, ek are the idempotents satisfying the relations $hf\mathcal{R}h$ and $ek\mathcal{L}k$. These imply that $ehf\mathcal{R}eh$ and $ekf\mathcal{L}kf$. Now by $eh = xfyh = xfy = e$ and $kf = kset = set = f$, we have $e\mathcal{R}ef\mathcal{L}f$. This shows that $e\mathcal{D}f$.

Similar to the definition of cyber group given by Guo and Shum [5], we formulate the following definition.

Definition 2.7 An $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S is called an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if the Green \sim -relation $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S . Also, we call an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S such that $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a regular band. Thus, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups are analogy of cryptogroups in the class of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroups. Also, we see in [5] that an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup is a generalized cyber groups.

The $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S has the following properties:

Lemma 2.8

- (i) For any element a of the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S , $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a) = Sa^0S$.
- (ii) For the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S , $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}$.
- (iii) If the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S is completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple, then the idempotents of S are primitive.

- (iv) If the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S is completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple, then the regular elements of S generate a regular subsemigroup of S .

Proof.

- (i) Obviously, we have $a^0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a)$ and so $Sa^0S \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a)$. We need to show that the ideal Sa^0S is in fact a \sim -ideal and since $a = aa^0a^0 \in Sa^0S$, $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a) \subseteq Sa^0S$. Let $b = xa^0y \in Sa^0S$ ($x, y \in S$) and $k = (a^0y)^0$. Then $a^0a^0y = a^0y = ka^0y$ so that $a^0(a^0y)^0 = k^2 = k$. Also since $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence, $xa^0y\tilde{\mathcal{H}}xk$. Now let $h = (xk)^0 = (xa^0y)^0$. Then $xkh = xk = xkk$ so that $h = h^2 = hk = ha^0k \in Sa^0S$. Hence if $c \in \tilde{L}_b, d \in \tilde{R}_b$, then $c = ch, d = hd \in Sa^0S$ and hence, Sa^0S is a \sim -ideal, as required.
- (ii) Suppose that $(a, b) \in S$ with $a\tilde{\mathcal{J}}b$. Then by (i), we have $Sa^0S = Sb^0S$. Now, by Lemma 2.6 (iv), $a^0\tilde{\mathcal{D}}b^0$ and so $a\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^0\tilde{\mathcal{D}}b^0\tilde{\mathcal{H}}b$. This implies that $a\tilde{\mathcal{D}}b$ and hence $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{D}}$. Conversely, let $a, b \in S$ with $a\tilde{\mathcal{D}}b$. Then by Lemma 2.6 (iii), there exists an element $c \in S$ such that $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c\tilde{\mathcal{R}}b$. This leads to $a^0\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c^0\tilde{\mathcal{R}}b^0$ and so $Sa^0S = Sc^0S = Sb^0S$. Now, by (i), $(a, b) \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ and hence $\tilde{\mathcal{D}} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{J}}$. Therefore, $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}$.
- (iii) Let e, f be idempotents in S with $e \leq f$. Since S is completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple, $f \in SeS$. Now by the first part of Exercise 3 in [14][§8.4], there exists an idempotent g of S such that $f\tilde{\mathcal{D}}g$ and $g \leq e$. Let $a \in S$ be such that $f\tilde{\mathcal{L}}a\tilde{\mathcal{R}}g$. Then $f\tilde{\mathcal{L}}a^0\tilde{\mathcal{R}}g$ and since $g \leq e$, we have

$$a^0 = ga^0(gf)a^0 = g(fa^0) = gf = g.$$

Now by noting that $g \leq f$ and $g\tilde{\mathcal{L}}f$, we have $f = fg = g$. However, since $g \leq e$, we obtain $e = f$ and hence all idempotents of S are primitive.

- (iv) Let a, b be regular elements of S . Since S consists of a single $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ -class, by (ii) and by Lemma 2.6 (iii), there exists an element $c \in S$ such that $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c\tilde{\mathcal{R}}b$. Hence $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c^0\tilde{\mathcal{R}}b$. This leads to $c^0b = b$ and $a\tilde{\mathcal{L}}c^0$ since a is regular. Now we have $ab\tilde{\mathcal{L}}b$ and so the regularity of ab follows from the regularity of b .

We now establish the following theorem for $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups.

Theorem 2.9 Let S be an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup. Then S is a semilattice Y of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups S_α ($\alpha \in Y$) such that for every $\alpha \in Y$ and $a \in S_\alpha$, we have $\tilde{L}_a(S) = \tilde{L}_a(S_\alpha)$ and $\tilde{R}_a(S) = \tilde{R}_a(S_\alpha)$.

Proof. If $a \in S$, then $a\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^2$ and so, $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a) = \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a^2)$. Now for $a, b \in S$, we have $(ab)^2 \in SbaS$, and hence, it follows that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(ab) = \tilde{\mathcal{J}}((ab)^2) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(ba).$$

Now, by symmetry, we obtain $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(ab) = \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(ba)$. Since, by Lemma 2.8 (i), we have $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a) = Sa^0S$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(b) = Sb^0S$ so that if $c \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a) \cap \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(b)$, then $c = xa^0y = zb^0t$ for some $x, y, z, t \in S$. Now $c^2 = zb^0txa^0y \in Sb^0txa^0S \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(b^0txa^0)$ and hence, $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(b^0txa^0) = \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a^0b^0tx)$ by using previous arguments. Thus, $c^2 \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a^0b^0)$ and since $c\tilde{\mathcal{H}}c^2$, we have $c \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(a^0b^0)$. Since $a\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^0$,

$b\tilde{\mathcal{H}}b^0$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S , we have $ab\tilde{\mathcal{H}}a^0b^0$. Consequently, $c \in \tilde{J}(ab)$, and thereby $\tilde{J}(a) \cap \tilde{J}(b) \subseteq \tilde{J}(ab)$. The converse containment is clear so that $\tilde{J}(a) \cap \tilde{J}(b) = \tilde{J}(ab)$. We can easily see that the set Y of all \sim -ideals $\tilde{J}(a) (a \in S)$ forms a semilattice under set intersection and that the mapping $a \mapsto \tilde{J}(a)$ is a homomorphism from S onto Y . The inverse image of $\tilde{J}(a)$ is just the \tilde{J} -class \tilde{J}_a which is a subsemigroup of S . Hence S is a semilattice Y of the semigroups \tilde{J}_a . Now let a, b be elements of \tilde{J} -class \tilde{J} and suppose that $(a, b) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\tilde{J})$. Then, $a^0, b^0 \in \tilde{J}$ so that $(a^0, b^0) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\tilde{J})$, that is, $a^0b^0 = a^0, b^0a^0 = b^0$ and $(a^0, b^0) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(S)$. It follows that $(a, b) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(S)$ and consequently, by $\tilde{L}_a(S) \subseteq \tilde{J}$, we have $\tilde{L}_a(S) = \tilde{L}_a(\tilde{J})$. By using a similar argument, we can show that $\tilde{R}_a(S) = \tilde{R}_a(\tilde{J})$. From the above discussion, we can deduce that $\tilde{H}_a(\tilde{J}) = \tilde{H}_a(S)$ and so \tilde{J} is indeed an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup. Furthermore, if $a, b \in \tilde{J}$, then by Lemma 2.8 (i), $(a, b) \in \tilde{\mathcal{D}}(S)$ and hence, by Lemma 2.6 (iii), there exists an element c in $\tilde{L}_a(S) \cap \tilde{R}_b(S) = \tilde{L}_a(\tilde{J}) \cap \tilde{R}_b(\tilde{J})$. Thus a, b are $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ -related in \tilde{J} and so \tilde{J} is \tilde{J} -simple.

For the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.10 Let S be an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup which is expressed by the semilattice of semigroups $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$. Then the following statements hold:

- (i) For α , and β in the semilattice Y with $\alpha \geq \beta$, if $a \in S_\alpha$ then there exists $b \in S_\beta$ with $a \geq b$;
- (ii) For $a, b, c \in S$ with $b\tilde{\mathcal{H}}c$, if $a \geq b$, $a \geq c$ then $b = c$;
- (iii) For $a \in E(S)$ and $b \in S$, if $a \geq b$ then $b \in E(S)$.

Proof. (i) Let $c \in S_\beta$. Then, by Lemma 2.6 (i), we see that $a(aca)^0$, $(aca)^0a$ and $(aca)^0$ are all in the same $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class of the semigroup S and hence, $a(aca)^0 = (aca)^0a(aca)^0 = (aca)^0a$. Write $b = a(aca)^0$. Then $b \in S_\beta$ and $a \geq b$. (ii) By the definition of " \geq ", there exist $e, f, g, h \in E(S)$ such that $b = ea = af$, $c = ga = ah$. From $eb = b$ and $b\tilde{\mathcal{H}}b^0$, we have $eb^0 = b^0$. Similarly, $c^0h = c^0$. Thus $ec = ec^0c = eb^0c = b^0c = c$. By using similar arguments, we have $bh = b$ and so, $b = bh = eah = ec = c$, as required. (iii) We have $b = ea = af$ for some $e, f \in E(S)$, and whence

$$b^2 = (ea)(af) = ea^2f = b.$$

The following fact can be easily observed:

Fact 2.11 Let φ be a homomorphism which maps an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S into another $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup T . Then $(a\varphi)^0 = a^0\varphi$.

3. Properties of regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups

Lemma 3.1 Let S be a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup (that is, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S such that $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a regular band). For every $a \in S$, we define a relation ρ_a on S by $(b_1, b_2) \in \rho_a$ if and only if $(ab_1a)^0 = (ab_2a)^0$, $(b_1, b_2 \in S)$. Then the following properties hold on S :

- (i) ρ_a is a band congruence on S ;
- (ii) $(\forall a, a_1 \in S_\alpha)$, $\rho_a = \rho_{a_1}$, that is, ρ_a depends only on the component S_α containing the element a rather than on the element itself, hence we can write $\rho_\alpha = \rho_a$, for all $a \in S_\alpha$.
- (iii) $(\forall \alpha, \beta \in Y$ with $\alpha \geq \beta)$, $\rho_\alpha \subseteq \rho_\beta$ and $\rho_\beta|_{S_\alpha} = \omega_{S_\alpha}$, where ω_{S_α} is the universal relation on S_α .

Proof. (i) It is easy to see that ρ_a is an equivalent relation on S , for all $a \in S$. We now prove that ρ_a is left compatible with the semigroup multiplication. For this purpose, we let $(x, y) \in \rho_a$ and $c \in S$. Then, by the definition of ρ_a , we have $(axa)^0 = (aya)^0$. Since S is a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup, by Lemma 2.6 (i) and the regularity of the band S/\mathcal{H} , we obtain that

$$(acxa)^0 = (ac(axa))^0 = ((ac)^0(axa)^0)^0 = ((ac)^0(aya)^0)^0 = (acya)^0.$$

Hence, $(cx, cy) \in \rho_a$. Dually, we can prove that ρ_a is right compatible with the semigroup multiplication. Thus ρ_a is a congruence on S . Obviously, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \subseteq \rho_a$ and so ρ_a is a band congruence on S . (ii) Let $(x, y) \in \rho_a$. Then, by the definition of ρ_a , we have $(axa)^0 = (aya)^0$ and so $a_1^0(axa)^0 a_1^0 = a_1^0(aya)^0 a_1^0$. This leads to $(a_1^0(axa)^0 a_1^0)^0 = (a_1^0(aya)^0 a_1^0)^0$. Since $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (Y; S_\alpha/\tilde{\mathcal{H}})$ is a regular band and by Lemma 2.6 (i), we obtain $(a_1 a a_1 x a_1 a a_1)^0 = (a_1 a a_1 y a_1 a a_1)^0$. However, since a, a_1 are elements of the completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroup S_α , $(a_1 a a_1)^0 = a_1^0$. Thereby, by Lemma 2.6 (i) again, we have $(a_1 x a_1)^0 = (a_1 y a_1)^0$, that is, $(x, y) \in \rho_{a_1}$. This shows that $\rho_a \subseteq \rho_{a_1}$. Similarly, we also have $\rho_{a_1} \subseteq \rho_a$. Thus, $\rho_a = \rho_{a_1}$. Since this relation holds for all $a \in S_\alpha$, we usually write $\rho_a = \rho_\alpha$. (iii) Let $a \in S_\alpha, b \in S_\beta$ and $\alpha \geq \beta$. We need to prove that $\rho_\alpha \subseteq \rho_\beta$. For this purpose, we let $(x, y) \in \rho_\alpha = \rho_a$, by (ii). Then, by the definition of ρ_a , we have $(axa)^0 = (aya)^0$ and hence $b(axa)^0 b = b(aya)^0 b$. By Lemma 2.6 (i) and the regularity of the band, we have $(babxbab)^0 = (bab y bab)^0$. Since $\alpha \geq \beta$ in Y and $a \in S_\alpha, b \in S_\beta$, we have $(bab)^0 = b^0$. By using Lemma 2.6 (i) again, we can show that $(bxb)^0 = (byb)^0$, that is, $(x, y) \in \rho_b = \rho_\beta$. Thus, $\rho_\alpha \subseteq \rho_\beta$ as required. Furthermore, it is trivial that $\rho_\beta|_{S_\alpha} = \omega_{S_\alpha}$, which is the universal relation on the semigroup S_α .

We now use the band congruence ρ_α defined in Lemma 3.1 to describe the structural homomorphisms for the $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$, where each S_α is a completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroup.

We first consider the congruence $\rho_{\alpha, \beta} = \rho_\alpha|_{S_\beta}$ for $\alpha, \beta \in Y$, which is a band congruence on the semigroup S_β . Now, we denote all the $\rho_{\alpha, \beta}$ -classes of S_β by $\{S_{d(\alpha, \beta)} : d(\alpha, \beta) \in D(\alpha, \beta)\}$, where $D(\alpha, \beta)$ is a non-empty index set. In particular, the set $D(\alpha, \alpha)$ is a singleton and we can therefore write $d(\alpha, \alpha) = D(\alpha, \alpha)$. We have the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2 Let $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ be a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup. Then, for all $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ with $\alpha \geq \beta$, the following statements hold for all $d(\alpha, \beta) \in D(\alpha, \beta)$.

- (i) For all $a \in S_\alpha$, there exists a unique $a_{d(\alpha, \beta)} \in S_{d(\alpha, \beta)}$ satisfying $a \geq a_{d(\alpha, \beta)}$;
- (ii) For all $a \in S_\alpha$ and $x \in S_{d(\alpha, \beta)}$, if $a^0 \geq e$ for some idempotent $e \in S_{d(\alpha, \beta)}$ then $eax = ax, xae = xa, ea = ae$ and $(ea)^0 = e$;

(iii) Let $a \in S_\alpha$. Define $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} : S_\alpha \longrightarrow S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ by $a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} = a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, where $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)} \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ and $a \geq a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Then $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ is a homomorphism and $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)} = a(aba)^0 = (aba)^0 a$ for any $b \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$.

Proof. (i) We first show that for any $a \in S_\alpha$ and $b \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, we have $ab \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, that is, $(ab, b) \in \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$. In fact, since $S = (Y, S_\alpha)$ is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup, each S_α is a completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroup. Hence, we have $(xax)^0 = x^0$, for all $x \in S_\alpha$. This leads to $(xabx)^0 = (xaxbx)^0 = (xbx)^0$ by the regularity of the band $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and Lemma 2.6 (i). Thereby, $(ab, b) \in \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$. Similarly, we also have $ba \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Invoking the above results, we have $aba \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ for any $b \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Since $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a band congruence on S , by Lemma 2.6 (i) again, we see that $a(aba)^0, (aba)^0$ and $(aba)^0 a$ are in the same $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class of S so that $a(aba)^0 = (aba)^0 a(aba)^0 = (aba)^0 a$. Let $a(aba)^0 = a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Then by the natural partial order imposed on S , we have $a \geq a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. In order to show the uniqueness of $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, we assume that there is another $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ satisfying $a \geq a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*$. Then, by the definition of " \leq ", we can write $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* = ea = af$ for some $e, f \in E(S)$ and so $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* a^0 = a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* = a^0 a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*$. By the fact $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* \tilde{\mathcal{H}} a^0$, we have $(a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0 a^0 = (a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0$ and $a^0 (a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0 = (a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0$. Consequently, by the definition of " \leq ", we have $a^0 \geq (a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0$. By Lemma 2.6 (i) again, we deduce that

$$(a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0 = (a^0 (a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*)^0 a^0)^0 = (aa_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* a)^0 = (aba)^0.$$

Hence, $(a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^*, a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, and consequently, by Theorem 2.10 (ii), $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}^* = a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. This shows the uniqueness of $a_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. (ii) It is easy to see that, by the definition of " \leq ", $a^0 \geq (a^0(ax)^0 a^0)^0$. Also, since $a \in S_\alpha$ and $x \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, we have $ax \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ by (i). Moreover, since $S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ is a $\rho_{\alpha,\beta}$ -congruence class, $(ax)^0 \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Thus, by (i) again, we have $(a^0(ax)^0 a^0)^0 \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ and $e = (a^0(ax)^0 a^0)^0$. Thereby, we have $eax = (a^0(ax)^0 a^0)^0 a^0 (ax)^0 a^0 ax = ax$. Similarly, we have $xae = xa$. Since x is arbitrarily chosen element in $S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, we can particularly choose $x = e$. In this way, we obtain $ea = ae$ and consequently, by Lemma 2.6 (i), we have $(ea)^0 = (ea^0)^0 = e$. (iii) By using the result in (i), we can define $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} : S_\alpha \longrightarrow S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ by $a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} = a_{d(\alpha,\beta)} = a(aca)^0 = (aca)^0 a$, for any $a \in S_\alpha$ and $c \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. Then, for any $a, b \in S_\alpha$, we have, by (ii),

$$\begin{aligned} (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}) &= a_{d(\alpha,\beta)} b_{d(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= (aca)^0 ab (bcb)^0 \\ &= (aca)^0 (ab(bcb)^0) \\ &= ab(bcb)^0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show that $(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}) = (aca)^0 ab$. Hence, $ab \geq (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})$. Thus $(ab)\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} = (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)})$, by the definition of $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$. This shows that $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ is indeed a homomorphism.

We now proceed to show that the homomorphisms given in Lemma 3.2 (iii) are the structural homomorphisms for the G -strong semilattice $G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ induced by the semigroup $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ under the band congruence ρ_α on the semigroup S_α .

Lemma 3.3 Let $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ be an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup and $\varphi_{\alpha,\beta} = \{\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} \mid d(\alpha,\beta) \in D(\alpha,\beta)\}$ for $\alpha \geq \beta$ on Y , where $D(\alpha,\beta)$ is a non-empty index set. Then

(i) $\varphi_{\alpha,\beta}\varphi_{\beta,\gamma} \subseteq \varphi_{\alpha,\gamma}$ for $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ on Y .

(ii) For $a \in S_\alpha$ and $\beta \in Y$,

$$a\varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta} = \{a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} \mid \forall d(\alpha,\alpha\beta) \in D(\alpha,\alpha\beta)\} \subseteq S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)},$$

for some $\rho_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$ -class $S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}$.

Proof. (i) Clearly, $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha)}$ is an identity automorphism of S_α . We now prove that $\varphi_{\alpha,\beta}\varphi_{\beta,\gamma} \subseteq \varphi_{\alpha,\gamma}$ for $\alpha \geq \beta \geq \gamma$ on Y . Pick $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)} : S_\alpha \rightarrow S_{d(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq S_\beta$ and $\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} : S_\beta \rightarrow S_{d(\beta,\gamma)} \subseteq S_\gamma$. We show that $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} = \varphi_{d(\alpha,\gamma)}$ for some $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\gamma)} : S_\alpha \rightarrow S_{d(\alpha,\gamma)} \subseteq S_\gamma$. For this purpose, we let $a \in S_\alpha$, $b_1, b_2 \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$ and $c \in S_{d(\beta,\gamma)}$. Then, because $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a band, by Lemma 3.2, we have $b_1\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} = b_1(b_1cb_1)^0$, $b_2\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} = b_2(b_2cb_2)^0$. Since $b_1, b_2 \in S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}$, by the definition of $\rho_{\alpha,\beta}$, $(b_1, b_2) \in \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$. This leads to $(ab_1a)^0 = (ab_2a)^0$. Now, by the regularity of the band $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, we can easily deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} (a(b_1\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)})a)^0 &= (ab_1(b_1cb_1)^0a)^0 = ((ab_1a)^0c(ab_1a)^0)^0 \\ &= ((ab_2a)^0c(ab_2a)^0)^0 = (a(b_2(b_2cb_2)^0)a)^0 \\ &= (a(b_2\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)})a)^0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the definition of $\rho_{\alpha,\gamma}$, we have $(b_1\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)}, b_2\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)}) \in \rho_{\alpha,\gamma}$. In other words, there exists a $\rho_{\alpha,\gamma}$ -class $S_{d(\alpha,\gamma)}$ satisfying $S_{d(\alpha,\beta)}\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} \subseteq S_{d(\alpha,\gamma)}$. Also, $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)}$ clearly maps S_α into $S_{d(\alpha,\gamma)}$ by the transitivity of " \leq ", and hence $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\beta)}\varphi_{d(\beta,\gamma)} = \varphi_{d(\alpha,\gamma)}$. This proves that $\varphi_{\alpha,\beta}\varphi_{\beta,\gamma} \subseteq \varphi_{\alpha,\gamma}$. (ii) It suffices to show that for any $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$ and $\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} \in \varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}$, we have $(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}, a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}) \in \rho_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$. For this purpose, we let $x \in S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$ and $x' \in S_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$. Then, by Lemma 3.2 (iii), we have $a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} = a(axa)^0$ and $a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} = a(ax')^0$. Let $b \in S_\beta$. Since $S_{\alpha\beta}$ is a completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroup, and $bab, a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}, a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$ are elements in $S_{\alpha\beta}$, we obtain that $(bab, (bab)(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(bab)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $(bab, (bab)(a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(bab)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. Since every $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -class of $S_{\alpha\beta}$ contains a unique idempotent, $((bab)(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(bab))^0 = ((bab)(a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(bab))^0$. In other words, we have $((bab)(a(axa)^0)(bab))^0 = ((bab)(a(ax')^0)(bab))^0$. Thus, by the regularity of the band $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, we can further simplify the above equality to $(b(a(axa)^0)b)^0 = (b(a(ax')^0)b)^0$, that is, $(b(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})b)^0 = (b(a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})b)^0$. By the definition of $\rho_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$, we see that $(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}, a\varphi_{d'(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}) \in \rho_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$.

Finally we show that $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ equipped with the above structural homomorphisms acting on the $\rho_{\alpha,\beta}$ -equivalence class of S forms a G -strong semilattice of semigroups S_α . We need the following lemma.

Lemma 3.4 Let $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ be a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup. For any $a \in S_\alpha, b \in S_\beta$, suppose that $a\varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta} \subseteq S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}, b\varphi_{\beta,\alpha\beta} \subseteq S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$, where $\varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}$ and $\varphi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$ are the structural homomorphisms defined in Lemma 3.3. Then we have

$$ab = (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}).$$

Proof. Let $c_1 \in S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$, $c_2 \in S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}$. Then $(ac_1a)^0 \in S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$ because $S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}$ is a $\rho_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}$ -equivalence class of $S_{\alpha\beta}$. Now, by Lemma 3.2, $a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} = (ac_1a)^0a$ and $b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)} = b(bc_2b)^0$ for $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} \in \varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}$ and $\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)} \in \varphi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$. Since we assume that $a\varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta} \subseteq S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}$, we have $a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} = (ac_1a)^0a \in S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}$. Similarly, we have $b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)} \in S_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)} \cap S_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}$. Thus, by Lemma 3.2 (ii), we have

$$(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}) = (ac_1a)^0(ab(bc_2b)^0) = ab(bc_2b)^0$$

and also

$$(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}) = ((ac_1a)^0ab)(bc_2b)^0 = (ac_1a)^0ab.$$

However, by the definition of the natural partial order “ \leq ”, we have $ab \geq (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)})$. On the other hands, since every semigroup $S_{\alpha\beta}$ is primitive, we obtain

$$ab = (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)})(b\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}).$$

4. Structure of regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups

In this section, we use the \mathcal{KG} -strong semilattice to characterize regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups. Also, we consider the question when will the Green \sim -relation $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ to be a right quasi-normal band congruence? By using the \mathcal{KG} -strong semilattice, we are able to give a description for the normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups. We note here that the orthodox regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups with \mathcal{KG} -strong semilattices have been studies in [10]. A construction theorem of orthodox regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups was also given in [8].

Theorem 4.1 An $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup S is a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if and only if S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G$ -strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups, that is, $S = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$.

Proof. By the definition of the \mathcal{KG} -strong semilattice and the results obtained in §3, we have already proved the necessity part of Theorem 4.1 since it is obvious that $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}|_{S_\beta} \subseteq \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$ for $\alpha \geq \beta$ on Y . We now prove the sufficiency part of the theorem. To prove that $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a regular band, we use a result in [14]. What we need is to prove that the usual Green relations \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{R} are congruences on $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. In fact, we only need to verify that \mathcal{L} is a left congruence on $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ since \mathcal{R} is a right congruence on $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ can be proved in a similar fashion. Since $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup, we can let $e\tilde{\mathcal{H}}, f\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and $g\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \in S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, where $e, f \in S_\alpha \cap E(S)$, $g \in S_\beta \cap E(S)$ with $(e, f) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$. Then, we have $ef = e$ and $fe = f$. By the definition of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G$ -strong semilattice $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$, we can find the homomorphisms $\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^{ef}$ and $\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^f \in \varphi_{\beta,\alpha\beta}$, $\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g \in \varphi_{\alpha,\alpha\beta}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (gegf)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= \{[g(ef)](gf)\}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \{[(g\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^{ef})(ef)\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g][(g\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^f)(f\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g)]\}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= [(g\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^{ef})(f\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g)]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (ge)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= [g(ef)]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= [(g\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^{ef})(ef)\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= [(g\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^{ef})(f\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^g)]\tilde{\mathcal{H}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thereby, $(geg)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (ge)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. Analogously, we can also prove that $(gfg)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (gf)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. This proves that \mathcal{L} is left compatible with the multiplication of $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. Since \mathcal{L} is always right congruence, \mathcal{L} is a congruence on $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, as required. Dually, \mathcal{R} is also a congruence on $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. Thus by [14] (see II. 3.6 Proposition), $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ forms a regular band and hence S is indeed a regular $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup. Our proof is completed.

Recall that a right quasi-normal band is a band satisfying the identity $yxax = yaxa$ [6]. Also, a left quasi-normal band is a band satisfying the identity $axy = axay$. Thus, we can easily observe that both the right quasi-normal bands and the left quasi-normal bands are special cases of the regular bands. Also, a normal band (that is, a band satisfies the identity $axyax = ayxax$) is a special right quasi-normal band and a left quasi-normal band. Based on the above observation, we are able to establish the following theorem for right quasi-normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups.

Theorem 4.2 An $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S is a right quasi-normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if and only if S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}G$ -strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups, that is, $S = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$.

Proof. (*Necessity*) Let S be a right quasi-normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup. Then $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a right quasi-normal band. To show that S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}G$ -strong semilattice, by invoking Lemma 3.3 and its proof, we only need to show that for any $\delta \geq \gamma$ on Y , $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}|_{S_\gamma} \subseteq \rho_{\delta,\gamma}$. In fact, for $a \in S_\delta, x, y \in S_\gamma$ with $(x, y) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}$, we have $(axa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = ((axy)a)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (ayxya)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (aya)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ by the right quasi-normality of the band $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. Thus, by the definition of $\rho_{\delta,\gamma}$, we have $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}|_{S_\gamma} \subseteq \rho_{\delta,\gamma}$ as required. This shows that $S = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$. (*Sufficiency*) Let $a \in S_\alpha, x \in S_\beta$, and $y \in S_\gamma$. Then, since $S = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$ is an $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}G$ -strong semilattice of S_α and by Theorem 4.1, $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S . Moreover, we have $xa = (x\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^a)(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)$ and thereby, $axa = (a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)(x\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^a)(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)$. By the fact $((xa)^0, (axa)^0) \in \mathcal{L}$, we can easily see that $(xa, axa) \in \tilde{\mathcal{L}}|_{S_{\alpha\beta}}$, and so, by our hypothesis, $S = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$. This implies that there exist some homomorphisms $\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \in \varphi_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma}$ and $\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} \in \varphi_{\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma}$ satisfying the conditions $y(xa) = (y\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})(xa)\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}$ and $y(axa) = (y\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})(axa)\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}$. Hence, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (y(xa))\tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= [(y\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})(xa)\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \{(y\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})\{[(x\varphi_{d(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^a)(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)]\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}\}\}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= [(y\varphi_{d(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})(a\varphi_{d(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)\varphi_{d(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (y(axa))\tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= \{(y\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})\{[(a\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)(x\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\beta,\alpha\beta)}^a)(a\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)]\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}\}\}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= [(y\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\gamma,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}})(a\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\alpha,\alpha\beta)}^x)\varphi_{\tilde{d}(\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta\gamma)}^{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}] \tilde{\mathcal{H}}. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to $(yxa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (yaxa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and so $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a right quasi-normal band. Thus, S is indeed a right quasi-normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup.

Since we have already mentioned that a band B is a normal band if for all elements e, f, g in B , the identity $efge = egfe$ holds in B (see [6]). In closing this paper, we characterize the normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroups. In fact, this result gives a modified version of the theorem of Petrich and Reilly in [11] on normal cryptogroups, in particular, the theorem on normal cryptogroups in [11] and also the theorem of Fountain on superabundant semigroups in [4] is now refined and amplified in the class of quasiabundant semigroups.

Theorem 4.3 An $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -abundant semigroup S is a normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup if and only if S is a $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}G$ -strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups, that is, $S = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$.

Proof. (*Necessity*) The proof is similar to the necessity part given in Theorem 4.2, that is, we only need to prove that $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}|_{S_\beta} \subseteq \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ with $\alpha \geq \beta$. Since every semigroup S_α can be regarded as a $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ -class of S , we can just let $a \in S_\alpha, x, y \in S_\beta$. Recall that $S = (Y; S_\alpha)$ is a normal $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ -cryptogroup, $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a normal band. Now, by the normality of the band $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, we have

$$(axa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (a(xy)x)a\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (axyxa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (aya)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}.$$

Thus, by Lemma 3.1, we see that $(x, y) \in \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$ and whence $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}|_{S_\beta} \subseteq \rho_{\alpha,\beta}$. This proves that $S = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$. (*Sufficiency*) Let $S = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}G[Y; S_\alpha, \varphi_{\alpha,\beta}]$, where each S_α is a completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroup, for all $\alpha \in Y$. Then by definition, S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups S_α and also S is an $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}G$ -strong semilattice of semigroups S_α . By applying Theorem 4.2 and its dual, we immediately deduce that $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a congruence on S and for all $a, x, y \in S$, we have

$$[(axy)a]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = [ay(xy)a]\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (axyxa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = (ayxa)\tilde{\mathcal{H}}.$$

This shows that $S/\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is a normal band. Moreover, since each S_α is a $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ -class of S , for every $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ with $\alpha \geq \beta$, the set $D(\alpha, \beta)$ is just a singleton. This means that S is a strong semilattice of completely $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$ -simple semigroups S_α . Our proof is completed.

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