## FILTERS IN ORDERED Γ-SEMIGROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we characterize the principal filters on any ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup M and their structure and properties are investigated by using the relation  $\mathcal N$  which is the smallest complete semilattice congruence on M. In particular, we prove that every principal filter of any ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup M can be uniquely determined by its  $\mathcal N$ -classes of M. Also, by using the relation  $\mathcal N$ , we will observe that  $\mathcal N$  on any ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup M is the equality relation on M if and only if M is a semilattice such that  $a \leq a\gamma a$  for all  $a \in M$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , and  $\mathcal N$  is the universal relation on M if and only if M is the only principal filter. We also investigate properties of the complete semilattice congruence classes of M.

1. Introduction and preliminaries. In 1987, Kehayopulu [8] introduced the concept of filter in poe-semigroups. Later Kehayopulu [12] defined the relation  $\mathcal{N}$  on a po-semigroup and obtained some results. Various kinds of ordered semigroups have been widely studied by many authors [1, 2, 8-14, 17, 20] by using the notion of filter and the relation  $\mathcal{N}$ . In [15] Kwon introduced the concept of filter and the relation  $\mathcal{N}$  in ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and obtained some results extending those for ordered semigroups. Also, in [3, 4] we have used these notions to characterize some classes of ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroups. In the present paper we give some new results extending those for ordered semigroups, dealing with the principal filters on any ordered  $\Gamma$ semigroup M and their structure and properties, which are investigated by using the relation  $\mathcal{N}$  which is the smallest complete semilattice congruence on M. In particular, we prove that every principal filter of any ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup M can be uniquely determined by its  $\mathcal{N}$ classes of M. Also, we will consider a structure of principal filter on ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and by using the relation  $\mathcal{N}$ , we will observe that  $\mathcal{N}$  on any ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup M is the equality relation on M if and only if M is a semilattice having the property  $a \leq a\gamma a$  for all  $a \in M$ ,

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