# A Strong Regular Relation on Γ-Semihyperrings

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# Abstract

The concept of algebraic hyperstructures introduced by Marty as a generalization of ordinary algebraic structures. In an ordinary algebraic structure, the composition of two elements is an element, while in an algebraic hyperstructure, the composition of two elements is a set. The concept of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings is a generalization of semirings, a generalization of semihyperrings and a generalization of  $\Gamma$ -semirings. In this paper, we introduce an equivalence relation  $\gamma^*$  on a  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings R and we show that it is strongly regular. Furthermore,  $R/\gamma^*$ , the set of all equivalence classes of this relation is a  $\Gamma/\beta^*$ -semiring. The relation  $\gamma^*$  is called the fundamental relation and the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $R/\gamma^*$  is called the fundamental relations are the main tools in the study of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings. We present some results about fundamental relations and fundamental semirings. Finally, we show that there is a covariant functor between the category of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings and the category of semirings.

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### Introduction

Algebraic hyperstructures represent a natural extension of classical algebraic structures. In 1934, at the 8th Congress of Scandinavian Mathematicians, Marty [14] has introduced, for the first time, the notion of hypergroup, using it in different contexts: algebraic functions, rational fractions and non-commutative groups. In a classical algebraic structure, the composition of two elements is an element, while in an algebraic hyperstructure, the composition of two elements is a set. One of the first books, dedicated especially to hypergroups, is "Prolegomena of Hypergroup Theory", written by P. Corsini in 1993 [4]. Another on "Hyperstructures book and Their Representations", by T. Vougiouklis, was published one year later [18]. On the other hand, algebraic hyperstructure theory has a multiplicity of applications to other disciplines: geometry, graphs and hypergraphs, binary relations, lattices, groups, fuzzy sets and rough sets, automata, cryptography, codes, median algebras, relation algebras, C-algebras, artificial intelligence, probabilities and so on. A recent book on these topics is "Applications of Hyperstructure Theory", by P. Corsini and V. Leoreanu, published by Kluwer Academic Publishers in 2003 [5]. Another book [7] is devoted especially to the study of hyperring theory. Several kinds of hyperrings are introduced and analyzed. The volume ends with an outline of applications in chemistry and physics, analyzing several special kinds

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of hyperstructures: e-hyperstructures and transposition hypergroups. Finally, we mention here another important book for the applications in Geometry and for the clearness of the exposition, written by W. Prenowitz and J. Jantosciak [17].

Let *H* be a non-empty set and  $\circ: H \times H \to P^*(H)$ be a *hyperoperation*, where  $P^*(H)$  is the family of all non-empty subsets of *H*. The couple  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *hypergroupoid*. For any two non-empty subsets *A* and *B* of *H* and  $x \in H$ , we define  $A \circ B = \bigcup_{a \in A, b \in B} a \circ b$ ,  $A \circ \{x\} = A \circ x$  and  $\{x\} \circ A = x \circ A$ . A hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *semihypergroup* if for all a, b, c in *H* we have,  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ .

In addition, if for every  $a \in H$ ,  $a \circ H = H = H \circ a$ , then  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *hypergroup*. A non-empty subset K of a semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is called a *subsemihypergroup* if it is a semihypergroup. In other words, a non-empty subset K of a semihypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is a sub-semihypergroup if  $K \circ K \subseteq K$ . We say that a hypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  is *canonical* if

(i) it is commutative,

(ii) it has a scalar identity (also called scalar unit), which means that

 $\exists e \in H, \forall x \in H, \quad x \circ e = e \circ x = x,$ 

(iii) every element has a unique inverse, which means that for all  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique  $x^{-1} \in H$ , such that  $e \in x^{-1} \circ x \cap x \circ x^{-1}$ ,

(iv) it is reversible, which means that if  $x \in y \circ z$ , then there exist the inverses  $y^{-1}$  of y and  $x^{-1}$  of z, such that  $z \in y^{-1} \circ x$  and  $y \in x \circ z$ .

A *Krasner hyperring* is an algebraic structure (R, +, .) which satisfies the following axioms:

(i) (R,+) is a canonical hypergroup,

(ii) (*R*,.) is a semigroup having zero as a bilaterally absorbing element, i.e.,  $x \circ 0 = 0 \circ x = 0$ .

(iii) The multiplication is distributive with respect to the hyperoperation +.

In [2, 12], Davvaz et. al. studied the notion of a  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroup as a generalization of a semihypergroup. Many classical notions of semigroups and semihypergroups have been extended to  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroups and a lot of results on  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroups are obtained.

The fundamental relation  $\beta^*$  was introduced on hypergroups by Koskas [13] for the first time and studied by many authors, for example see [4, 8, 9, 10] and 20]. The fundamental relation  $\beta^*$  is defined on hypergroups as the smallest equivalence relation so that the quotient would be a group.

Let *H* be a hypergroup and *U* be the set of all finite products of elements of *H* and define the relation  $\beta$  on H as follows:

 $x \beta y$  if and only if  $\{x, y\} \subseteq u$  for some  $u \in U$ .

Freni proved in [9] that for hypergroups we have  $\beta^* = \beta$ .

Vougiouklis in [18] defined the fundamental relation  $\gamma$  on hyperring R as the smallest equivalence relation on R such that the quotient  $R / \gamma^*$  is a fundamental ring. Let (R, +, .) be a hyperring. Vougiouklis defined the relation as follows:

 $a \gamma b$  if and only if  $\{a, b\} \subseteq u$ ,

where u is a finite sum of finite products elements of R ( u may be a sum of only one element), and proved that  $\gamma^*$  is the transitive closure of  $\gamma$ .

The fundamental equivalence relation extended to some classes of hyperrings by Spartalis and Vougiouklis [16]. In [10], Freni introduced a new strongly regular equivalence and a new characterization of the derived hypergroup of a hypergroup is determined.

By using a certain type of equivalence relations, we can connect  $\Gamma$  – semihyperrings to  $\Gamma$  – semirings. These equivalence relations are called strong regular relations. More exactly, starting with a  $\Gamma$ -semihyperring and using a *strong regular* relation, we can construct a  $\Gamma$ semiring structure on the quotient set. Let R be a  $\Gamma$ semihyperring and  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on R. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are non-empty subsets of R, then  $R_1 \rho R_2$  means that for every  $x \in R_1$  there exists  $y \in R_2$  such that  $x \rho y$  and for every  $y' \in R_2$  there exists  $x' \in R_1$  such that  $x' \rho y'$ .  $R_1 \rho R_2$  means that for every  $x \in R_1$  and  $y \in R_2$ , we have  $x \rho y$ . A relation  $\rho$  on R is called right (resp. left) strongly regular if and only if  $x \rho y$  implies that  $(x + a) \overrightarrow{\rho}(y + a)$  and  $(x \alpha a)\overline{\rho}(y \alpha a)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $a \in R$  (resp.  $(a \alpha x) \overline{\overline{\rho}}(a \alpha y)$  and  $(a+x) \overline{\overline{\rho}}(a+y)$ , and R is called strongly regular if it is both left and right strongly regular.

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In this study, we introduce a relation  $\gamma$  on a given  $\Gamma$ -semihyperring R. and we show that the transitive closure of this relation is strongly regular, and the quotient  $R / \gamma^*$  is a  $\Gamma / \beta^*$ -semiring.

Let A and B be two non-empty subsets of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperring R. We define

$$(i) A + B = \{t \in R \mid x \in a + b \ a \in A, b \in B\},$$
  

$$(ii) A \Gamma B = \{t \in R \mid t \in a \alpha b \ a \in A, b \in B, \alpha \in \Gamma\},$$
  

$$(iii) A \Gamma^{\sum} B = \{t \in R \mid t \in \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} \alpha_{i} b_{i},$$
  

$$a_{i} \in A, b_{i} \in B, \alpha_{i} \in \Gamma \ n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

#### Results

**Definition 2.1.** Let (R,+) and  $(\Gamma,+)$  be semihypergroups. Then *R* is said to be a  $\Gamma$ -semihyperring if there exists a mapping  $R \times \Gamma \times R \rightarrow P^*(R)$  (image to be denoted by  $a\alpha b$  for  $a, b \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ) such that the following conditions are satisfied for all  $a, b, c \in R$ :

(i) 
$$a\alpha(b+c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$$
,  
(ii)  $(a+b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c$ ,  
(iii)  $a(\alpha+\beta)c = a\alpha c + a\beta c$   
(iv)  $a\alpha(b\beta c) = (a\alpha b)\beta c$ .

In the above definition if (R,+) and  $(\Gamma,+)$  are canonical hypergroups, then R is called a  $\Gamma$ hyperring. For example, let  $(R,+,\bullet)$  be a Krasner hyperring and  $\Gamma$  be an ideal of R. Then R is a  $\Gamma$ hyperring with respect the following hyperoperation:  $x\,\alpha y = x\,\bullet\alpha\bullet y\,,$ 

where  $x, y \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Suppose that  $\beta^*$  is the fundamental relation on  $\Gamma$ and  $U_R$  is the set of all finite sums of elements of R. We define the relation  $\gamma$  as follows:

$$a\gamma b \Leftrightarrow \{a,b\} \subseteq u$$

where  $u \in U = U_R \cup R \Gamma^{\Sigma} R \cup (U_R + R \Gamma^{\Sigma} R)$ .

We denote the transitive closure of  $\gamma$  by  $\gamma^*$ . The equivalence relation  $\gamma^*$  is called fundamental equivalence relation on *R*. We denoted the equivalence class of the element *a* by  $\gamma^*(a)$ . Hence,  $\gamma^*(a) = \gamma^*(b)$  if and only if there exist  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1}$  with  $x_1 = a, ..., x_{n+1} = b$  and  $u_1, ..., u_n$  such that  $\{x_i, x_{i+1}\} \subseteq u_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ .

Let  $(R_1,\Gamma_1)$  and  $(R_2,\Gamma_2)$  be  $\Gamma_1$  – and  $\Gamma_2$  – semihyperrings, respectively and  $f:\Gamma_1 \to \Gamma_2$  be a map. Then  $\psi: R_1 \to R_2$  is called a  $(\Gamma_1,\Gamma_2)$  – homomorphism or shortly homomorphism, if for every  $x, y \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,

- (i)  $\psi(x + y) = \{\psi(t) | t \in x + y\} \subseteq \psi(x) + \psi(y),$
- (ii)  $\psi(x \alpha y) = \{\psi(t) | t \in x \alpha y\} \subseteq \psi(x) f(\alpha) \psi(y),$

(iii) f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y).

In the above definition if  $\psi(x + y) = \psi(x) + \psi(y)$ and  $\psi(x \alpha y) = \psi(x) f(\alpha) \psi(y)$ , then  $\psi$  is called a *strong homomorphism*. The set ker $\psi = \{(a,b) \in R_1 \times R_2 | \psi(a) = \psi(b)\}$  is called the *kernel* of  $\psi$ . The homomorphism  $(\psi, f)$  is an *epimorphism* if  $\psi$  and fare onto and is an isomorphism if  $\psi$  and f are isomorphisms.

**Proposition 2.4.** The relation  $\gamma^*$  is a strongly regular.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $a\gamma^*b$  and x is an arbitrary element of R. It follows that there exist  $x_0 = a, x_1, ..., x_n = b$  such that for all  $i \in \{0, 1, ..., n-1\}$  we have  $x_i\gamma x_{i+1}$ . Let  $s_1 \in a + x$  and  $s_2 \in b + x$ . We check that  $s_1\gamma^*s_2$ . From  $x_i\gamma x_{i+1}$  it follows that there is  $u_i \in U$ , such that  $\{x_i, x_{i+1}\} \subseteq u_i$  and so  $\subseteq u_i + x$  and  $x_{i+1} + x \subseteq u_i + x$ , which means that  $(x_i + x)\overline{\gamma}(x_{i+1} + x)$ . Hence for all  $i \in \{0, 1, ..., n-1\}$  and for all  $t_i \in x_i + x$  we have  $t_i\gamma t_{i+1}$ . If we consider  $t_0 = s_1$ , and  $t_n = s_2$ ,

then we obtain  $s_1 \gamma^* s_2$ . In the same way, we can prove

 $(a \alpha x) \gamma^* (b \alpha x)$  where  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $\gamma^*$  is strongly regular on the right and similarly, it is strongly regular on the left.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let *R* be a  $\Gamma$  – semihyperring. Then the relation  $\gamma^*$  is the smallest equivalence relation on *R* such that the quotient  $R / \gamma^*$  is a  $\Gamma / \beta^*$  – semiring with the following operations:

 $\gamma^*(a) \oplus \gamma^*(b) = \gamma^*(c), \text{ for some } c \in \gamma^*(a) + \gamma^*(b),$  $\gamma^*(a) \odot \beta^*(\gamma) \odot \gamma^*(b) = \gamma^*(d),$ for some  $d \in \gamma^*(a)\beta^*(\gamma)\gamma^*(b).$ 

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward.

In Theorem 2.5, if *R* is a  $\Gamma$  – hyperring, then  $R / \gamma^*$  is a  $\Gamma / \beta^*$  – ring such that  $\gamma^*(0)$  is a zero element of  $(R / \gamma^*, \oplus)$  and for every  $\gamma^*(a)$ ,  $\gamma^*(-a)$  is an inverse element of  $\gamma^*(a)$ .

Let *G* be the free commutative semigroup generated by  $R / \gamma^* \times \Gamma / \beta^*$ . We define a relation  $\theta$  on *G* as follows:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma^{*}(x_{i}),\beta^{*}(\alpha_{i}))\right)\theta\left(\prod_{j=1}^{m}(\gamma^{*}(y_{j}),\beta^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right),$$

if and only if

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \gamma^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta^{*}(\alpha_{i}) \odot \gamma^{*}(a)$$

$$= \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} \gamma^{*}(y_{j}) \odot \beta^{*}(\gamma_{j}) \odot \gamma^{*}(a)$$

for all  $\gamma^*(a) \in R / \gamma^*$ . This relation is a congruence on *G*. We denote congruence class containing  $\prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma^*(x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i)) \text{ by } \theta \left(\prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma^*(x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i))\right).$ Hence  $G / \theta$  forms a semiring with the following

Hence  $G/\theta$  forms a semiring with the following multiplication:

$$\theta \Biggl( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma^{*}(x_{i}), \beta^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \Biggr) \theta \Biggl( \prod_{j=1}^{m} (\gamma^{*}(y_{j}), \beta^{*}(\gamma_{j})) \Biggr)$$
$$= \theta \Biggl( \prod_{i,j} (\gamma^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta^{*}(\alpha_{i}) \odot \gamma^{*}(y_{j}), \beta^{*}(y_{j})) \Biggr).$$

Obviously,  $\theta(\gamma^*(0), \beta^*(\alpha))$  is a zero element of *G* and  $\theta(\prod_{i=1}^n \gamma^*(-x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i))$  is an inverse element of

$$\theta(\prod_{i=1}^n \gamma^*(x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i)).$$

The above semiring is called *fundamental semiring* of  $\Gamma$  – semihyperring R. If R is a  $\Gamma$  – hyperring, then G is a ring and is called *fundamental ring* of  $\Gamma$ hyperring R. We denote the fundamental semiring by F(R). The category  $G\Gamma H$  of all  $\Gamma$  – semihyperring in which the objects are  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings, for  $\Gamma$ - and  $\Gamma$  – semihyperrings  $R_1$  $R_2$ , respectively, and  $Mor(R_1, R_2)$  is the set of all strong epimorphism from  $R_1$  to  $R_2$ . For  $(R_1, \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(R_2, \Gamma_2)$ ,  $(R_3, \Gamma_3)$  and  $(\varphi_1, f_1)$  $\in Mor(R_1, R_2), \ (\varphi_2, f_2) \in Mor(R_2, R_3), \ (\varphi_2, f_2) \circ (\varphi_1, f_1)$  $\in Mor(R_1, R_3)$  denotes the usual composition of maps and is a homomorphism. For every  $(R, \Gamma)$  the map  $(I_R, I_{\Gamma}): R \to R$  is a strong epimorphism and it satisfies  $(I_R, I_{\Gamma}) \circ (\phi, f) = (\phi, f)$  for every  $(\phi, f) \in$ Mor(R',R) and  $(\phi,f) \circ (I_R,I_\Gamma) = (\phi,f)$  for every  $(\varphi, f) \in Mor(R, R')$ . The usual composition of maps satisfies the associative law and is true for homomorphism.

The category SR of all semirings in which the objects are semirings, for semiring  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ,  $Mor(R_1, R_2)$  is the set of all homomorphism and  $I_R : R \to R$  is the usual identity map and it is semiring homomorphism satisfying  $\phi \circ I_R = \phi$  for every  $\varphi \in Mor(R, R')$  and  $I_{R'} \circ \varphi = \varphi$ , for  $\varphi \in Mor(R', R)$ , the composition is the usual composition of homomorphisms.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1 -$  and  $\Gamma_2$ semihyperrings, respectively and  $(\phi_x f):(R_1,\Gamma_1) \rightarrow (R_2,\Gamma_2)$  be a strong epimorphism. Then there is a homomorphism  $\psi:F(R_1) \rightarrow F(R_2)$ . Moreover, if  $(\phi_x f)$  is an isomorphism, then  $\psi$  is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** We define

$$\begin{split} \psi \Big( \theta_1 \Big( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \Big) \Big) \\ &= \theta_2 \Big( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x_i)), \beta_2^*(f(\alpha_i))) \Big) \end{split}$$

first, we prove that  $\psi$  is a well-defined. If

$$\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{i}))\right)=\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{j=1}^{m}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}))\right),$$

then

$$\begin{split} \oplus_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a) \\ &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} \gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a) \end{split}^{\prime}$$

for every  $\gamma_1^*(a) \in R_1 / \gamma_1^*$ .

We define

$$\overline{(\varphi,f)}: (R_1 / \gamma_1^*, \Gamma_1 / \beta_1^*) \to (R_2 / \gamma_2^*, \Gamma_2 / \beta_2^*)$$
$$(\gamma_1^*(x), \beta_1^*(\gamma)) \mapsto (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x)), \beta_2^*(f(\gamma)).$$

Let  $(\gamma_1^*(x), \beta_1^*(\alpha)) = (\gamma_2^*(y), \beta_2^*(\gamma))$ . Then there are  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_{m+1}$  and

$$u_1, u_2, ..., u_m \in U_{R_1} \cup (R_1 \Gamma^{\sum} R_1) \cup (U_{R_1} + R_1 \Gamma^{\sum} R_1),$$

with  $y_1 = x$ ,  $y_{m+1} = y$  such that  $\{y_i, y_{i+1}\} \subseteq u_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}$ , which implies that  $\{\varphi(y_i), \varphi(y_{i+1})\} \subseteq \varphi(u_i)$ . Since  $\phi$  is a homomorphism,

$$\varphi(u_i) \in U_{R_2} \cup (R_2 \Gamma^{\Sigma} R_2) \cup (U_{R_2} + R_2 \Gamma^{\Sigma} R_2)$$

Hence,  $\gamma_2^*(\varphi(\mathbf{x})) = \gamma_2^*(\varphi(\mathbf{y}))$ . In the same way,  $\beta_2^*(f(\alpha)) = \beta_2^*(f(\gamma))$ . Thus  $\overline{(\phi_x f)}$  is well-defined. We have  $\overline{(\phi_x f)}$  is a homomorphism. Because

 $\overline{(\phi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(a) \oplus \gamma_1^*(b)) = \overline{(\phi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(c)) \text{ for some}$  $c \in \gamma_1^*(a) + \gamma_1^*(b),$ 

we know that  $\gamma_1^*(c) = \gamma_1^*(d)$  for some  $d \in a+b$ . Hence,

$$\overline{(\varphi_{\mathfrak{f}}f)}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(a)\oplus\gamma_{1}^{*}(b))=\gamma_{2}^{*}(d)$$
$$=\gamma_{2}^{*}(a)\oplus\gamma_{2}^{*}(b)$$
$$=\overline{(\varphi_{\mathfrak{f}}f)}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(a))\oplus\overline{(\varphi_{\mathfrak{f}}f)}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(b)).$$

In the same way,

$$\overline{(\phi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(a) \odot \beta_1^*(\alpha) \odot \gamma_1^*(b)) = \overline{(\phi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(a)) \odot \overline{(\phi,f)}(\beta_1^*(\alpha)) \odot \overline{(\phi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(b)).$$

Since  $\overline{(\phi, f)}$  is a homomorphism, we have

$$\overline{(\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}f)}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n}\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a))$$
$$= \overline{(\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}f)}(\bigoplus_{j=1}^{m}\gamma_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a))$$

Hence,

$$\begin{split} & \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(x_{i})) \odot \beta_{2}^{*}(f(\gamma_{i})) \odot \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(a)) \\ & = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(y_{j})) \odot \beta_{2}^{*}(f(\alpha_{j})) \odot \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(a)). \end{split}$$

Since  $\phi$  is onto,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 \Biggl( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x_i)), \beta_2^*(f(\gamma_i))) \Biggr) \\ &= \theta_2 \Biggl( \prod_{j=1}^n (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(y_j)), \beta_2^*(f(\alpha_j))) \Biggr). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\psi$  is well-defined. We prove that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism.

Since, for  $d_{i,j} \in x_i \alpha_i y_j$ ,  $\gamma_1^*(c_{i,j}) = \gamma_1^*(d_{i,j})$  we have

$$\psi\left(\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(c_{i,j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right)$$
$$=\psi\left(\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(d_{i,j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right)$$
$$=\theta_{2}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi(d_{i,j})),\beta_{2}^{*}(f(\gamma_{j})))\right)$$

We know that  $\phi(d_{i,j}) \in \phi(x_i \alpha_i y_j) = \phi(x_i) f(\alpha_i) \phi(y_j) \subseteq \gamma_2^*(\phi(x_i)) \beta_2^*(f(\alpha_i)) \gamma_2^*(\phi(y_j))$ . Hence

$$\begin{split} \psi \Bigg( \theta_1 \Bigg( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\gamma_i)) \Bigg) \\ & \oplus \theta_1 \Bigg( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_1^*(y_j), \beta_1^*(\gamma_j)) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ & = \psi \Bigg( \theta_1 \Bigg( \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\gamma_i)) (\gamma_1^*(y_j), \beta_1^*(\gamma_j)) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ & = \theta_2 \Bigg( \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x_i)), \beta_2^*(f(\gamma_j))) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ & = \psi \Bigg( \theta_1 \Bigg( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i)), \beta_1^*(\gamma_i)) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ & \oplus \psi \Bigg( \theta_1 \Bigg( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_1^*(y_j), \beta_1^*(\gamma_j)) \Bigg) \Bigg) . \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\psi\left(\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i})),\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}))\right)\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{j=1}^{m}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right)\\ &=\psi\left(\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i})\odot\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})\odot\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right)\\ &=\psi\left(\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(c_{i,j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right)\\ &=\theta_{2}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi(d_{i,j})),\beta_{2}^{*}(f(\gamma_{j})))\right)\\ &=\theta_{2}\left(\prod_{i,j}(\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi(x_{i}))\odot\beta_{2}^{*}(f(\alpha_{i})))\\ &\odot\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi(y_{j})),\beta_{2}^{*}(f(\gamma_{j})))\right)\\ &=\psi\left(\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}))\right)\right)\\ &=\psi\left(\theta_{l}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{m}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right),\end{split}$$

where  $c_{i,j} \in \gamma_1^*(x_i)\beta_1^*(\alpha_i)\gamma_1^*(y_j)$ .

Hence  $\psi$  is a homomorphism. Let  $(\phi, f)$  is an isomorphism. We prove that  $\psi$  is an isomorphism. It is enough to we prove that  $\psi$  is one-to-one. Suppose that

$$\psi\left(\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}))\right)\right) = \psi\left(\theta_{1}\left(\prod_{j=1}^{m}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right)\right).$$
(\*)

Firstly, we prove that  $\overline{(\phi, f)}$  is one-to-one. Suppose that

$$\overline{(\varphi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(x),\beta_1^*(\alpha)) = \overline{(\varphi,f)}(\gamma_1^*(y),\beta_1^*(\gamma)).$$

Then,  $\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x)) = \gamma_2^*(\varphi(y))$  and  $\beta_2^*(f(\alpha)) = \beta_2^*(f(\gamma))$ . Hence there exist  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_{m+1} \in R_2$  and

$$u_i \in U_{R_2} \cup R_2 \Gamma^{\sum} R_2 \cup (U_{R_2} + R_2 \Gamma^{\sum} R_2),$$

for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}$  such that  $y_1 = \phi(x)$ ,  $y_{m+1} = \phi(y)$ and

$$\{y_i, y_{i+1}\} \subseteq u_i \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}.$$

Since,  $\phi$  and f is one-to-one and onto, there are  $x_i \in R_1$  and

$$v_i \in U_{R_1} \cup R_1 \Gamma^{\sum} R_1 \cup (U_{R_1} + R_1 \Gamma^{\sum} R_1),$$

such that  $\phi(x_i) = y_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., m + 1\}$  and  $\{x_i, x_{i+1}\} \subseteq v_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}$ . It conclude that  $\gamma_1^*(x) = \gamma_1^*(y)$ . Similarly, one can see that  $\beta_1^*(\alpha) = \beta_1^*(\gamma)$ . Therefore  $\overline{(\phi_x f)}$  is an isomorphism. By \* we have

$$\begin{split} & \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(x_{i})) \odot \beta_{2}^{*}(f(\alpha_{i})) \odot \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(a)) \\ & = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(y_{j})) \odot \beta_{2}^{*}(f(\gamma_{i})) \odot \gamma_{2}^{*}(\phi(a)) \end{split}$$

Hence,

$$\overline{(\phi,f)}(\oplus_{i=1}^{n}\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a))$$
$$= \overline{(\phi,f)}(\oplus_{j=1}^{m}\gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a)),$$

which implies that,

$$\begin{split} & \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a) \\ & = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} \gamma_{1}^{*}(y_{j}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\gamma_{i}) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(a). \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$\theta_{\mathrm{l}}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{\mathrm{l}}^{*}(x_{i}),\beta_{\mathrm{l}}^{*}(\alpha_{i}))\right)=\theta_{\mathrm{l}}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{\mathrm{l}}^{*}(y_{j}),\beta_{\mathrm{l}}^{*}(\gamma_{j}))\right).$$

This implies that  $\psi$  is one-to-one.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G\Gamma H$  be the category of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings and SR be the category of semirings. Then there is a covariant functor between  $G\Gamma H$  and SR.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1 -$  and  $\Gamma_2$ semihyperrings, respectively. We define, T(R) = F(R)which is a fundamental semiring and  $T(\varphi_3 f) = \psi$ , where  $(\varphi_3 f) \in Mor(R_1, R_2)$  and  $\psi$  is defined homomorphism in Theorem 2.6. We prove that  $T: G\Gamma H \rightarrow SR$  is a covariant functor. Let  $(\phi_1, f_1)$ :  $(R_1, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow (R_2, \Gamma_2)$  and  $(\phi_2, f_2): (R_2, \Gamma_2) \rightarrow (R_3, \Gamma_3)$  be strong epimorphisms. Let  $T(\phi_1, f_1) = \psi_1$  and  $T(\varphi_2, f_2)$  $= \psi_2$ . We have

$$T\left((\varphi_1, f_1) \circ (\varphi_2, f_2)\right) \left(\theta_1\left(\prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i))\right)\right)$$
$$= \theta_3\left(\prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_3^*(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1(x_i)), \beta_3^*(f_2 \circ f_1(\alpha_i)))\right).$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{split} \psi_{2} \circ \psi_{1} \Biggl( \theta_{1} \Biggl( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \Biggr) \Biggr) \\ &= \psi_{2} \Biggl( \theta_{2} \Biggl( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi_{1}(x_{i})), \beta_{2}^{*}(f_{1}(\alpha_{i}))) \Biggr) \Biggr) \\ &= \theta_{3} \Biggl( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{3}^{*}(\varphi_{2}(\varphi_{1}(x_{i})), \beta_{3}^{*}(f_{2}(f_{1}(\alpha_{i})))) \Biggr) \Biggr) \end{split}$$

Thus,  $T((\varphi_2, f_2) \circ (\varphi_1, f_1)) = T(\varphi_2, f_2) \circ T(\varphi_1, f_1).$ 

Let  $(I_R, I_\Gamma): (R, \Gamma) \to (R, \Gamma)$  be the identity homomorphism. Then

$$T(I_R, I_{\Gamma}): F(R) \to F(R),$$

is an identity homomorphism. Therefore, T is a covariant functor.

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1 -$  and  $\Gamma_2$ semihyperrings, respectively,  $(\phi_{i}f):(R_1,\Gamma_1) \rightarrow (R_2,\Gamma_2)$ be a strong epimorphism,  $\eta_{1,\alpha}:(R_1,\Gamma_1) \rightarrow F(R_1)$  and  $\eta_{2,\alpha}:$  $(R_1,\Gamma_2) \rightarrow F(R_1)$  be maps, where defined by  $\eta_{1,\alpha}(x) =$  $=\theta_1(\gamma_1^*(x),\beta_1^*(\alpha))$  and  $\eta_{1,\alpha}(x)=\theta_1(\gamma_2^*(x),\beta_2^*(\alpha))$ . Then there is a homomorphism  $\psi:F(R_1) \rightarrow F(R_2)$ such that the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_1, \Gamma_1) & \xrightarrow{(\varphi, f)} & (R_2, \Gamma_2) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F(R_1) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & F(R_2) \end{array}$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\psi$  is the homomorphism defined in Theorem 2.6. We prove that

$$\psi \circ \eta_{1,\alpha} = \eta_{2,f(\alpha)} \circ (\phi_{x}f').$$
  
Let x be an element of R. Then  
$$(\psi \circ \eta_{1,\alpha})(x) = \psi(\eta_{1,\alpha}(x))$$
$$= \psi(\theta_{1}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x)), \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha))$$
$$= \theta_{2}(\gamma_{2}^{*}(\varphi(x)), \beta_{2}^{*}(f(\alpha))),$$

and

$$\eta_{2,f(\alpha)} \circ (\phi, f)(x) = \theta_2(\gamma_2^*(\phi(x)), \beta_2^*(f(\alpha)).$$

Therefore,  $\psi \circ \eta_{1,\alpha} = \eta_{2,f(\alpha)} \circ (\varphi, f)$  and this completes the proof.

Suppose that *R* is a semiring. A relation  $\rho$  on *R* is called *compatible* if  $(a_1,b_1) \in \rho$  and  $(a_2,b_2) \in \rho$  imply  $(a_1a_2,b_1b_2) \in \rho$  and  $(a_1+a_2,b_1+b_2) \in \rho$  for every  $a_1,b_1,a_2,b_2 \in R$ .

A compatible equivalence relation is called *congruence*. If  $\rho$  is a congruence on semiring R, then we can define a binary operations on the quotient  $R / \rho = \{\rho(x) | x \in R\}$  in a natural way as follows:

$$\rho(a_1) \oplus \rho(a_2) = \rho(a_1 + a_2),$$
  

$$\rho(a_1) \odot \rho(a_2) = \rho(a_1 a_2).$$

for every  $a_1, a_2 \in R$ .

One can see that the above operations are welldefined and  $R / \rho$  is a semiring. Let R and R' be semirings and  $\varphi: R \to R'$  be a homomorphism. Then the relation  $ker \varphi = \{(a,b) \in R \times R \mid \varphi(a) = \varphi(b)\}$  is congruence on R and there is a monomorphism  $\psi: R / ker \varphi \to R'$  such that  $Im \psi = Im \varphi$ .

Let *R* be a  $\Gamma$ -semihyperring and  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on  $R / \gamma^*$ . We define

$$\begin{split} \rho^* &= \left\{ \left( \theta \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma^*(x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i)), \\ \theta \left( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma^*(y_j), \beta^*(\alpha_j)) \right) \right) \right) \\ \rho^* &= \left\{ \left( \theta \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma^*(x_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i)) \right) \right), \\ \theta \left( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma^*(y_i), \beta^*(\alpha_i)) \right) \right) \\ \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \gamma^*(x_i) \odot \beta^*(\alpha_i) \odot \gamma^*(y), \\ \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \gamma^*(y_j) \odot \beta^*(\gamma_j) \odot \gamma^*(y) \right) \\ &\in \rho, \text{ for every } \gamma^*(y) \in \mathbb{R} / \gamma^* \right\}. \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1 -$  and  $\Gamma_2 -$  semihyperrings and  $F(R_1)$ ,  $F(R_2)$  be corresponding semirings, respectively. Suppose that there exists a strong epimorphism ( $\phi$ , f) of the  $\Gamma_1$ -semihyperring  $R_1$ 

to the 
$$\Gamma_2$$
-semihyperring  $R_2$  and  $(\varphi, f)$ :  
 $(R_1 / \gamma_1^*, \Gamma_1 / \beta_1^*) \rightarrow (R_2 / \gamma_2^*, \Gamma_2 / \beta_2^*)$ . Then,

$$\frac{F(R_1)}{(ker(\overline{(\varphi_3 f)})^*} \cong F(R_2).$$

**Proof.** Let us define a mapping  $\psi : F(R_1) \to F(R_2)$  by

$$\psi \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_2^*(\alpha_i)) \right) \right)$$
  
=  $\theta_2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_2^*(\varphi(x_i)), \beta_2^*(f(\alpha_i))) \right),$ 

for every  $\theta_1\left(\prod_{i=1}^n(\gamma_1^*(x_i),\beta_2^*(\alpha_i))\right) \in F(R_1)$ . By Theorem 2.6,  $\overline{(\phi_x f)}$  and  $\psi$  are homomorphisms. Hence,

$$ker\psi = \left\{ \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \right), \\ \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(y_j), \beta_1^*(\gamma_j)) \right) \right) \right\}$$
$$\psi \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \right) \right)$$
$$= \psi \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(y_j), \beta_1^*(\gamma_j)) \right) \right\}$$

This implies that  $ker\psi = (ker(\overline{\varphi, f}))^*$ . This completes the proof.

Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1$  – and  $\Gamma_2$  – semihyperrings. Then  $R_1 \times R_2$  is a  $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2)$  – semihyperring with respect the following hyperoperations:

$$(a_1,b_1) \oplus (a_2,b_2) = \{(z_1,z_2) | z_1 \in a_1 + a_2, z_2 \in b_1 + b_2\},\$$
$$(a_1,b_1) \otimes (\alpha_1,\alpha_2) \otimes (a_2,b_2)$$
$$= \{(z_1,z_2) | z_1 \in a_1 \alpha_1 a_2, z_2 \in b_1 \alpha_2 b_2\}.$$

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $\Gamma_1$  – and  $\Gamma_2$  – semihyperrings, respectively. Then

$$F(R_1 \times R_2) \simeq F(R_1) \times F(R_2).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma^*$ ,  $\gamma_1^*$  and  $\gamma_2^*$  be fundamental relations on  $R_1 \times R_2$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. It is easy to see that

$$\frac{R_1 \times R_2}{\gamma^*} \simeq \frac{R_1}{\gamma_1^*} \times \frac{R_2}{\gamma_2^*}.$$

Let G be a free commutative semigroup on  $(\frac{R_1}{\gamma_1^*} \times \frac{R_2}{\gamma_2^*}) \times (\frac{\Gamma_1}{\beta_1^*} \times \frac{\Gamma_2}{\beta_2^*})$ . We define relation  $\theta$  on G as follows:

$$\left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} ((\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{i})), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}), \beta_{2}^{*}(\gamma_{i})), \\ \prod_{j=1}^{m} ((\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{j}'), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}')), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'), \beta_{2}^{*}(\gamma_{j}'))) \right) \in \theta,$$

if and only if

$$\begin{split} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{i})) \otimes (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}), \\ \beta_{2}^{*}(\gamma_{i})) \otimes (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y)) \\ &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{j}'), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}')) \otimes (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'), \\ \beta_{2}^{*}(\gamma_{j}')) \otimes (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y)). \end{split}$$

For every 
$$(\gamma_1^*(x), \gamma_2^*(y)) \in \frac{R_1}{\gamma_1^*} \times \frac{R_2}{\gamma_2^*}$$
. We define  
 $\psi: F(R_1 \times R_2) \to F(R_1) \times F(R_2)$   
 $\theta \left( \prod_{i=1}^n ((\gamma_1^*(x_i), (\gamma_2^*(y_i)), (\beta_1^*(\alpha_i), \beta_2^*(\beta_i)))) \right) \mapsto$   
 $\left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \right), \theta_2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_2^*(y_i), \beta^*(\beta_i)) \right) \right)$ 

Obviously, this function is well-defined. We prove that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism. We have

$$\begin{split} &\psi \Bigg( \theta \Bigg( \prod_{i=1}^{n} ((\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{i})), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{i})) \Bigg) \\ &\theta \Bigg( \prod_{j=1}^{m} ((\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{j}'), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}')), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{j}')) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ &= \psi \Bigg( \theta \Bigg( \prod_{i,j} ((\gamma^{*}(x_{i}) \odot \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \odot \gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{j}'), \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{i}) \\ & \odot \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{i}) \odot \gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}'), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{j}')) \Bigg) \Bigg) \\ &= \psi \Bigg( \theta \Bigg( \prod_{i,j} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(c_{i,j}), \gamma_{2}^{*}(d_{i,j})), (\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{j}')) \Bigg) \Bigg) \end{split}$$

$$=\psi\left(\theta\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}),(\gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{i}))),(\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i}),\beta^{*}(\beta_{i}))\right)\right)$$
$$\psi\left(\theta\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{j}'),(\gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}'))),(\beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{j}'),\beta^{*}(\beta_{j}'))\right)\right)$$

where,  $c_{i,j} \in \gamma_1^*(x_i)\beta_1^*(\alpha_i)\gamma_1^*(x_j')$  and  $d_{i,j} \in \gamma_2^*(y_i)$  $\beta_2^*(\beta_i) \gamma_1^*(y_j')$ . Hence  $\psi$  is a homomorphism. One can see that  $\psi$  is one-to-one and onto and this completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  be  $\Gamma_1 - , \Gamma_2 -$  and  $\Gamma_3 -$  hyperrings, respectively and  $(\varphi_1, f_1) : (R_1, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow (R_3, \Gamma_3)$ ,  $(\varphi_2, f_2) : (R_2, \Gamma_2) \rightarrow (R_3, \Gamma_3)$  be strong epimorphisms. Then there is a ring R and  $\psi_3 : R \rightarrow F(R_2)$ ,  $\psi_4 : R \rightarrow F(R_1)$  such that the following diagrams is commutative. Moreover, if R' is a semiring and  $\psi'_4 : R' \rightarrow F(R_1)$ ,  $\psi'_4 : R' \rightarrow F(R_2)$  are homomorphisms such that following diagrams commutative, then there exists a unique homomorphism  $\chi : R' \rightarrow R$  such that  $\psi_4 \circ \chi = \psi'_4$  and  $\psi_3 \circ \chi = \psi'_3$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R & \xrightarrow{\psi_3} & F(R_2) & & R' & \xrightarrow{\psi_3} & F(R_2) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F(R_1) & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & F(R_3) & & F(R_1) & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & F(R_3) \end{array}$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F(R_1)$ ,  $F(R_2)$  and  $F(R_3)$  are fundamental rings of  $(R_1,\Gamma_1)$ ,  $(R_2,\Gamma_2)$  and  $(R_3,\Gamma_3)$ , respectively. Let  $\psi_2: F(R_2) \to F(R_3)$  and  $\psi_1: F(R_1) \to F(R_3)$  be homomorphisms defined in Theorem 2.6. Take

$$R = \left\{ \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \right), \\ \theta_2 \left( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_2^*(y_j), \beta_2^*(\beta_j)) \right) \right) \in F(R_1) \times F(R_2) \mid \\ \psi_1 \left( \theta_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (\gamma_1^*(x_i), \beta_1^*(\alpha_i)) \right) \right) \\ = \psi_2 \left( \theta_2 \left( \prod_{j=1}^m (\gamma_2^*(y_j), \beta_2^*(\beta_j)) \right) \right) \right\},$$

and we define  $\psi_3: R \to F(R_2)$  and  $\psi_4: R \to F(R_1)$  by

$$\begin{split} \psi_{4} \Big( \theta_{1} \Big( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \Big), \\ \theta_{2} \Big( \prod_{j=1}^{m} (\gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{j})) \Big) \Big) \\ &= \theta_{1} \Big( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \Big), \\ \psi_{3} \Big( \theta_{1} \Big( \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\gamma_{1}^{*}(x_{i}), \beta_{1}^{*}(\alpha_{i})) \Big), \\ \theta_{2} \Big( \prod_{j=1}^{m} (\gamma_{2}(y_{j}), \beta_{2}^{*}(\beta_{j})) \Big) \Big) \\ &= \theta_{2} \Big( \prod_{j=1}^{m} (\gamma_{2}^{*}(y_{j}), \beta_{2}^{*}(\alpha_{j})) \Big). \end{split}$$

The maps  $\psi_3$  and  $\psi_4$  are homomorphisms and  $\psi_1 \circ \psi_4 = \psi_2 \circ \psi_3$ .

Let R' be a semiring with homomorphism  $\psi'_3: R' \to F(R_2)$  and  $\psi'_4: R' \to F(R_1)$  such that  $\psi_1 \circ \psi'_4 = \psi_2 \circ \psi'_3$ . Define  $\chi: R' \to R$  by  $\chi(x) =$   $(\psi'_4(x), \psi'_3(x))$   $x \in R$ . Since, for every  $x \in R$ ,  $\psi_1 \circ \psi'_4(x) = \psi_2 \circ \psi'_3(x)$ ,  $\chi$  is well-defined. Obviously,  $\chi$  is a homomorphism. Let  $\chi': R' \to R$  be a homomorphism such that  $\psi_4 \circ \chi' = \psi'_4$  and  $\psi_3 \circ \chi' = \psi'_3$ . Then

$$\psi_4 \circ \chi'(x) = \psi_4(a,b) = b,$$

where  $\chi'(x) = (a,b)$ . Hence  $\psi_4'(x) = b$ . In the same way,  $\psi_3'(x) = a$ . Therefore,  $\chi = \chi'$ . This completes the proof.

In this paper, we consider  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings which is a new kind of hyperalgebra and is a generalization of semihyperrings, hyperrings and rings. Some related properties of  $\Gamma$ -semihyperrings are described. In particular, we introduce strongly regular relation, fundamental relation and fundamental semiring. The main tools in the theory of hyperstructures are the fundamental relations. By using these concepts, we obtain a covariant functor between the category of  $\Gamma$ semihyperrings and the category of semirings.

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