



Minimal Bi-ideals in Γ -Semirings

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we define a minimal bi-ideal and a 0-minimal bi-ideal of a Γ -semiring. Also we introduce the concepts of a bi-simple Γ -semiring and a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring. Several characterizations of minimal bi-ideal, 0-minimal bi-ideal, bi-simple Γ -semiring and 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring are furnished.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of a Γ -semiring was introduced by Rao [12] as a generalization of a ring, a Γ -ring and a semiring. It is well known that ideals play an important role in any abstract algebraic structures. Characterizations of ideals in a semigroup were given by Lajos [8], while ideals in semirings were characterized by Iseki [4, 5].

The notion of a bi-ideal was first introduced for semigroups by Good and Hughes [2]. The concept of a bi-ideal for a ring was given by Lajos [9]. Also in [10, 11] Lajos discussed some characterizations of bi-ideals in semigroups. Shabir Ali Batool in [13] gave some properties of bi-ideals in a semiring. Minimal bi-ideal for a semigroup was studied by Krgovic in [7] and for a Γ -semigroup by Iampan [3].

Hence in this paper we introduce the concepts of a minimal bi-ideal and 0-minimal bi-ideal of a Γ -semiring. Further discussed some of their characterizations. Also we introduce the notions of a bi-simple Γ -semiring and a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring. Some properties of a bi-simple Γ -semiring and a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring are also furnished.

2. PRELIMINARIES

First we recall some definitions of the basic concepts of Γ -semirings that we need in sequel. For this we follow Dutta and Sardar [1].

Definition 2.1: Let S and Γ be two additive commutative semigroups. S is called a Γ -semiring if there exists a mapping $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ denoted by $a\alpha b$; for all $a, b \in S$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $a\alpha(b + c) = (a\alpha b) + (a\alpha c)$
- (ii) $(b + c)\alpha a = (b\alpha a) + (c\alpha a)$
- (iii) $a(\alpha + \beta)c = (a\alpha c) + (a\beta c)$
- (iv) $a\alpha(b\beta c) = (a\alpha b)\beta c$; for all $a, b, c \in S$ and, $\beta \in \Gamma$.

Obviously, every semiring is a Γ -semiring.

Definition 2.2: An element $0 \in S$ is said to be an absorbing zero if $0\alpha a = 0 = a\alpha 0, a + 0 = 0 + a = a$; for all $a \in S$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

Now onwards S denotes a Γ -semiring with absorbing zero unless otherwise stated.

Definition 2.3: A non empty subset T of S is said to be a sub- Γ -semiring of S if $(T, +)$ is a subsemigroup of $(S, +)$ and $a\alpha b \in T$; for all $a, b \in T$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

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Definition 2.4: A nonempty subset T of S is called a left (respectively right) ideal of S if T is a subsemigroup of $(S, +)$ and $x\alpha a \in T$ (respectively $a\alpha x \in T$) for all $a \in T, x \in S$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

Definition 2.5: If a nonempty subset T is both left and right ideal of S , then T is known as an ideal of S .

For proofs of following result see [5].

Result 2.6: For each nonempty subset X of S following statements hold.

- (i) $S\Gamma X$ is a left ideal.
- (ii) $X\Gamma S$ is a right ideal.
- (iii) $S\Gamma X\Gamma S$ is an ideal of S .

Result 2.7: For $a \in S$ following statements hold.

- (i) $S\Gamma a$ is a left ideal.
- (ii) $a\Gamma S$ is a right ideal.
- (iii) $S\Gamma a\Gamma S$ is an ideal of S .

Now we give a definition of a bi-ideal.

Definition 2.8 [6]: A nonempty subset B of S is a bi-ideal of S if B is a sub Γ -semiring of S and $B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$.

Example: Let N be the set of natural numbers and let $\Gamma = 2N$. Then N and Γ both are additive commutative semigroup. An image of a mapping $N \times \Gamma \times N \rightarrow N$ is defined by $a\alpha b =$ product of a, α, b ; for all $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then S forms a Γ -semiring. $B = 4N$ is a bi-ideal of N .

Example: Consider a Γ -semiring $S = M_{2 \times 2}(N_0)$, where N_0 denotes the set of natural numbers with zero and $\Gamma = S$. Define $A\alpha B =$ usual matrix product of A, α and B ; for all $A, \alpha, B \in S$. Then

$$Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in N_0 \right\} \text{ is a bi-ideal of a } \Gamma\text{-semiring } S.$$

3. BI-SIMPLE Γ -SEMIRING

We begin with defining a bi-simple Γ -semiring and a 0-bisimple Γ -semiring.

Definition 3.1: A Γ -semiring S without zero is a bi-simple Γ -semiring if S has no bi-ideal other than S itself.

Definition 3.2: If Γ -semiring S contains a zero element, then S is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring if S and $\{0\}$ are the only bi-ideals of S .

Next theorem gives a characterization of a bi-simple Γ -semiring.

Theorem 3. 3: If S is a Γ -semiring without zero, then S is a bi-simple Γ -semiring if and only if $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = a$, for all $a \in S$.

Proof: Suppose that S is a bi-simple Γ -semiring. For any $a \in S$, $a\Gamma S\Gamma a$ is a sub Γ -semiring of S . By Result 2.7(ii) $a\Gamma S$ is a right ideal of S and hence $(a\Gamma S\Gamma a)\Gamma S\Gamma (a\Gamma S\Gamma a) = (a\Gamma S)\Gamma (a\Gamma S\Gamma a\Gamma S)\Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S)\Gamma (a\Gamma S)\Gamma a$. Therefore $(a\Gamma S\Gamma a)\Gamma S\Gamma (a\Gamma S\Gamma a) \subseteq ((a\Gamma S)\Gamma (a\Gamma S))\Gamma a \subseteq a\Gamma S\Gamma a$, since $a\Gamma S$ is a right ideal of S . Thus $a\Gamma S\Gamma a$ is a bi-ideal of S by definition. $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq S$ and S is bi-simple Γ -semiring S imply $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = S$. Conversely, suppose that $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = S$. Let B be a bi-ideal of S . For any $b \in B$, $b\Gamma S\Gamma b = S$ by assumption. $S = b\Gamma S\Gamma b \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$ as $b \in B$ and B is a bi-ideal of S . Therefore $B = S$. Hence S is a bi-simple Γ semiring.

Theorem 3.4: If S is a Γ -semiring without zero, then S is a bi-simple Γ -semiring if and only if $(a)_b = S$, for $a \in S$.

Proof: Let S be a bi-simple Γ -semiring. For any $a \in S$, we have $(a)_b \subseteq S$. But S is bi-simple gives $(a)_b = S$. Conversely, let B be a bi-ideal of S . Then for any $a \in B$, $(a)_b = S$ by assumption. $S = (a)_b \subseteq B$. Therefore we have $B = S$ as $B \subseteq S$ and $S \subseteq B$.

Proof of following theorem is follows from above two theorems.

Theorem 3. 5: If S is a Γ -semiring with zero, then following statements are equivalent

- (1) S is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring
- (2) $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = S$, for $a \in S \setminus \{0\}$
- (3) $(a)_b = S$, for $a \in S \setminus \{0\}$.

4. MINIMAL BI-IDEALS:

Definition 4.1: Let S be a Γ -semiring. A bi-ideal B of S said to be a minimal bi-ideal of S if B does not contain any other proper bi-ideal of S .

Definition 4.2: Let S be a Γ -semiring with zero. A bi-ideal B of S is said to be 0-minimal bi-ideal if B does not contain any other proper non zero bi-ideal of S .

Theorem 4.3: Let S be a Γ -semiring, B be a bi-ideal and T be a sub- Γ -semiring of S . If T is a bi-simple with $T \cap B \neq \emptyset$, then $T \subseteq B$.

Proof: Let T be a bi-simple sub Γ -semiring with $T \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Then $a \in T \cap B$. $a \in T$, $a\Gamma T\Gamma a$ is a bi-ideal of T and T is a bi-simple imply $a\Gamma T\Gamma a = T$, by Theorem 3.3. Therefore $T = a\Gamma T\Gamma a \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$, since B is a bi-ideal. Thus we get $T \subseteq B$.

Theorem 4.4: Let S be a Γ -semiring with zero, B be a bi-ideal and T be a sub- Γ -semiring of S . If T is a 0-bi-simple with $T \setminus \{0\} \cap B \neq \emptyset$, then $T \subseteq B$.

Proof: Let T be a bi-simple sub Γ -semiring with $T \setminus \{0\} \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Then $a \in T \setminus \{0\} \cap B$. $a \in T$ and T is a 0-quasi-simple imply $a\Gamma T\Gamma a = T$ by Theorem 3.5. Therefore $T = a\Gamma T\Gamma a \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$, since B is a bi-ideal. Thus we have $T \subseteq B$.

Properties of a minimal bi-ideal of a Γ -semiring S are proved in the following theorems.

Theorem 4.5: Let R be a minimal right ideal and L be a minimal left ideal of a Γ -semiring S without zero, then $R\Gamma L$ is a minimal bi-ideal of S .

Proof: Let R be a minimal right and L be a minimal left ideal of S . Let $B = R\Gamma L$. Then $R\Gamma L$ is a bi-ideal of S . Let A be a bi-ideal of S such that $A \subseteq B$. By Result 2.6 $S\Gamma A$ is a left ideal and $A\Gamma S$ is a right ideal of S . We have $\Gamma A \subseteq S\Gamma B = S\Gamma R\Gamma L$, since $A \subseteq B = R\Gamma L$ and $S\Gamma R\Gamma L \subseteq L$ as L is a left ideal. Therefore we get $S\Gamma A \subseteq L$. Similarly we can show that $A\Gamma S \subseteq R$. $S\Gamma A \subseteq L$ and L is a minimal left ideal of S gives $S\Gamma A = L$. $A\Gamma S \subseteq R$ and R is a minimal right ideal of S imply $A\Gamma S = R$. Therefore $B = R\Gamma L = A\Gamma S\Gamma S\Gamma A \subseteq A\Gamma S\Gamma A \subseteq A$ as A is a bi-ideal. Hence $B \subseteq A$. Thus we get $B = A$, since $A \subseteq B$. This shows B is a minimal bi-ideal of S .

Theorem 4.6: Let B be a bi-ideal of a Γ -semiring S without zero. Then B itself is a bi-simple Γ -semiring if and only if B is a minimal bi-ideal of S .

Proof: As B is a bi-ideal of S , B is a sub- Γ -semiring of S by definition. Suppose B is a bi-simple Γ -semiring. Let A be a bi-ideal of S such that $A \subseteq B$. Hence $A\Gamma B\Gamma A \subseteq A\Gamma S\Gamma A \subseteq A$, since A is a bi-ideal of S . Therefore A is a bi-ideal of B . $A \subseteq B$, A is a bi-ideal of B and B is a bi-simple Γ -semiring imply $A = B$. Therefore B is a minimal bi-ideal of S .

Conversely, let B be a minimal bi-ideal of S . For any $a \in B$, $a\Gamma S\Gamma a$ is a bi-ideal of S . $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$. As B is a minimal bi-ideal of S , $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = B$. This shows B itself a bi-simple Γ -semiring by Theorem 3.3.

Theorem 4.7: Let B be a bi-ideal of Γ -semiring S with zero. If B is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring, then B is a 0-minimal bi-ideal of S .

Proof: As B is a bi-ideal of S , B is a sub Γ -semiring of S by definition. Suppose B is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring. Let $\{0\} \neq A$ be a bi-ideal of S such that $A \subseteq B$.

Hence $A\Gamma B\Gamma A \subseteq A\Gamma S\Gamma A \subseteq A$, since A is a bi-ideal of S . Therefore A is a bi-ideal of B . $A \subseteq B$, A is a bi-ideal of B and B is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring imply $A = B$.

Therefore B is a 0-minimal bi-ideal of S .

Theorem 4.8: Let B be a bi-ideal of a Γ -semiring S with zero. If B is a 0-minimal bi-ideal of S then either $B\Gamma B \neq \{0\}$ or B is a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring .

Proof: Let B be a 0-minimal bi-ideal of S . For any $0 \neq a \in B$, $a\Gamma S\Gamma a$ is a bi-ideal of S . $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$. As B is a 0-minimal bi-ideal of S and $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \neq \{0\}$, $a\Gamma S\Gamma a = B$. This shows B itself a 0-bi-simple Γ -semiring by Theorem 3.5.

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