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## ON $(m, n)$ QUASI-IDEALS IN SEMIRINGS

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**Abstract.** The notions of quasi-ideal is generalized into  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideals which is a generalization of existed  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideals. Regular semiring is characterized by the product of generalized quasi-ideals.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Steinfeld prefaced the overview of quasi-ideals for rings and semigroups severally in [8]. Mohanraj et al characterized bi-ideals [1] and quasi-ideals [2] of ternary semigroup. Mohanraj et al classified various type of quasi-ideals in b-semirings [4]. Chinram [9] generalized quasi-ideals in semiring as one way. In this paper, we generalize further into  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideals which is a generalization of  $(m, n)$ quasi-ideals by Chinram [9]. It is validated by suitable giving example. We characterize regular semiring by generalized  $(m, n)$ quasi-ideals.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

A algebraic structure  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a semiring in which  $(S, +)$  is a commutative semigroup,  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup and it satisfies two distributive laws. We say that a semiring  $S$  has an absorbing

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zero, if  $a+0=0+a=a$  and  $0\cdot a=a\cdot 0=0$  for all  $a\in S$ . A subset  $A$  of  $S$  is called subsemiring if  $A$  is itself a subsemiring. A subsemiring  $R$  of  $S$  is called right(left) ideal if  $RS\subseteq S(SR\subseteq S)$ . A subsemiring  $Q$  of  $S$  is called quasi-ideal if  $QS\cap SQ\subseteq Q$ . A subsemiring  $B$  of  $S$  is called bi-ideal if  $BSB\subseteq B$ . An element  $a$  of a semiring  $A$  is called regular if  $axa=a$  for some  $x\in A$  [1]. A subsemiring  $Q$  of  $S$  is called  $(m,n)$ quasi-ideal [9] if  $S^mQ\cap QS^n\subseteq Q$  by Chinram.

### 3. $(m,n)$ QUASI-IDEALS

Hereafter  $S$  denotes semiring. Quasi-ideal is generalized as follows:

**Definition 3.1.** A subsemiring  $Q$  of  $S$  is called  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal if  $Q^mS\cap SQ^n\subseteq Q$  for the positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Remark 3.2.** (i) Every quasi-ideal in  $S$  is a  $(1,1)$  quasi-ideal.

(ii)  $Q^mS\cap SQ^n\subseteq QS^m\cap QS^n\subseteq Q$  implies that every  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal by Chinram [9] is a  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal by us.

(iii) Example 3.3 contrasts  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideals from quasi-ideals.

(iv) Example 3.3 gives a  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal which is not a  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal by Chinram [9] for all  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Example 3.3.**  $S$  is the semiring of  $4\times 4$  matrices over non negative integers  $\mathbb{Z}^*$ .

$$Q = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{Z}^* \right\}$$

Clearly  $Q$  is a  $(2,2)$  quasi-ideal. Now,

$$QS = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} r'_{11} & r''_{12} & r'''_{13} & r''''_{14} \\ r'_{21} & r''_{22} & r'''_{23} & r''''_{24} \\ r'_{31} & r''_{32} & r'''_{33} & r''''_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \mid r'_i \in \mathbb{Z}^* \right\}$$

and

$$SQ = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r''_{11} & r''_{12} & r''_{13} \\ 0 & r''_{21} & r''_{22} & r''_{23} \\ 0 & r''_{31} & r''_{32} & r''_{33} \\ 0 & r''_{41} & r''_{42} & r''_{43} \end{pmatrix} \middle| r'_i \in \mathbb{Z}^* \right\}$$

Now,

$$QS \cap SQ = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t'_1 & t''_1 & t'''_1 \\ 0 & t'_2 & t''_2 & t'''_2 \\ 0 & t'_3 & t''_3 & t'''_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| t'_i \in \mathbb{Z}^* \right\}$$

implies that  $Q$  is not quasi-ideal. Since  $S^n = S$ ,  $Q^m S^n \cap S^m Q = QS \cap SQ \not\subseteq Q$  implies  $Q$  is not  $(m,n)$ quasi-ideal by Chinram[9] for any  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A subset  $G$  of semiring in  $S$  is called generalized  $(m,n)$  bi-ideal if  $i) G + G \subseteq G$   
 $ii) G^m S G^n \subseteq G$  for the positive integers  $m$  and  $n$  [1]. A generalized  $(m,n)$ bi-ideal is  $(m,n)$ bi-ideal if  $G \cdot G \subseteq G$

**Theorem 3.5.** Every  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal is a  $(m,n)$  bi-ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $Q$  be a  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal.

Then,  $Q^m S Q^n \subseteq Q^m S S \subseteq Q^m S$ , and

$Q^m S Q^n \subseteq S S Q^n \subseteq S Q^n$  imply

$Q^m S Q^n \subseteq (Q^m S) \cap (S Q^n) \subseteq Q$

Therefore,  $Q$  is a  $(m,n)$  bi-ideal.

**Theorem 3.6.** The  $(m,n)$ quasi ideal generated by 'a', is  $\{r_1 a + r_2 a^2 + \dots + r_m a^m + (a^m S \cap S a^n) | r_i \in \mathbb{Z}^*, i = 1 \text{ to } m\}$ ,  $m > n$  and is denoted by  $\langle a \rangle_{(m,n)q}$ .

**Proof:** Let us take  $m > n$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \dots + r_ma^m + (a^mS \cap Sa^n) \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} \text{ implies} \\
A+A &= \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \dots + r_ma^m + a^mS \cap Sa^n \mid r_i \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} + \\
&\quad \{t_1a + t_2a^2 + \dots + t_ma^m + a^mS \cap Sa^n \mid t_i \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} \\
&= \{(r_1+t_1)a + (r_2+t_2)a^2 + \dots + (r_m+t_m)a^m + a^mS \cap Sa^n\} \\
&= \{s_1a + s_2a^2 + \dots + s_ma^m + a^mS \cap Sa^n \mid s_i \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} \subseteq A \\
AA &= \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \dots + r_ma^m + (a^mS \cap Sa^n)\} \cdot \\
&\quad \{t_1a + t_2a^2 + \dots + t_ma^m + (a^mS \cap Sa^n) \mid t \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} \\
&= \{r'a^2 + \dots + r'_{m-1}a^m + (a^mS \cap Sa^n) + r''_i a^i (a^mS \cap Sa^n) \\
&\quad + (a^mS \cap Sa^n)t' a^k + a^mS \cap Sa^n \mid r', r''_i, t' \in \mathbb{Z}^*, i = 1 \text{ to } n\}
\end{aligned}$$

Now,  $a^{m+i} \in a^mS \cap Sa^n$ , for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ ,  $m > n$

For any  $k$ ,  $k = 1$  to  $m$  and  $r, r_1 \in a^mS \cap Sa^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
a^k r &= a^k (a^m s) \\
&= a^m (a^k s) \in a^m S
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a^k r &= a^k \cdot (s_1 a^n) \\
&= (a^k s_1) a^n \in Sa^n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } a^k (a^m S \cap Sa^n) \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now, } rr_1 &= (a^m s_1) a^m s_2 \\
&= a^m (s_1 a^m s_2) \in a^m S
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
rr_1 &= (a^m s_1) (s'_2 a^n) \\
&= (a^m s_1 s'_2) a^n \in Sa^n,
\end{aligned}$$

Then,  $(a^m S \cap Sa^n)(a^m S \cap Sa^n) \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n$ .

Therefore,  $A \cdot A \subseteq A$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
A^m &= \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \dots + r_m a^m + a^m S \cap Sa^n\} \dots \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \\
&\quad \dots + r_m a^m + a^m S \cap Sa^n\} \\
&= \{r'_1 a^m + r'_2 a^{m+1} + \dots + r'_m a^{m^2} + a^i (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-i} + (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-j} a^j + \\
&\quad (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^m \mid i, j = 1 \text{ to } m-1\}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $a^i (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-i} \subseteq a^m S$ ,

$x \in a^i (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-i}$  implies  $x = (a^k s a^n \dots s) a^n \in Sa^n$

$$\text{Thus, } a^i (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-i} \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n, i = 1 \text{ to } m-1$$

$$\text{Similarly, } (a^m S \cap Sa^n)^{m-j} a^j \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n, j = 1 \text{ to } m-1$$

$$y \in (a^m S \cap Sa^n) \text{ implies } y^m = a^m (s_1 \dots a^m s_1) \in a^m S \text{ and}$$

$$y^m = (s_2 a^n \dots s_2) a^n \in Sa^n$$

Then,  $(a^m S \cap Sa^n)^m \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n$

$$\text{Therefore, } A^m S \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n$$

$$\text{Similarly, } SA^n \subseteq a^m S \cap Sa^n$$

$$\text{Thus, } A^m S \cap SA^n \subseteq A.$$

Therefore,  $A$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal. By similar argument,  $A = \{r_1a + r_2a^2 + \dots + r_n a^n + (a^m S \cap Sa^n) \mid r_i \in \mathbb{Z}^*, i = 1 \text{ to } n\}$  when  $n > m$ ,  $A$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal. Suppose that  $B$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal containing 'a',  $a^k \in B$  for all  $k = 1$  to  $m$ . Now,  $a \in B$  implies  $a^m S \cap Sa^n \subseteq B$ , then  $A \subseteq B$ . Therefore  $A$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal generated by 'a'.

**Theorem 3.7.** Every  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal is a  $(i, j)$  quasi-ideal for  $i \geq m$  and  $j \geq n$ .

**Proof:** For a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal,  $Q^m S \cap SQ^n \subseteq S$ . Now,

$$Q^{m+1} S \cap SQ^n \subseteq Q^m (QS) \cap SQ^n$$

$$Q^m S \cap SQ^{n+1} \subseteq Q^m S \cap SQ^n \subseteq Q$$

$$\subseteq Q^m S \cap (SQ) Q^n$$

$$\subseteq Q^m S \cap S Q^n \subseteq Q$$

$$Q^{m+1} S \cap S Q^{n+1} \subseteq Q^m S \cap S Q^n \subseteq Q$$

Thus  $Q$  is a  $(m+1, n)$  quasi-ideal,  $(m, n+1)$  quasi-ideal. Therefore  $Q$  is a  $(i, j)$  quasi-ideal for  $i \geq m$  and  $j \geq n$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** Every quasi-ideal is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal for all  $m, n \geq 1$

**Theorem 3.9.** The intersection of  $(i, j)$  quasi-ideal and  $(k, l)$  quasi-ideal is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal for all  $m \geq \max\{i, k\}$  and  $n \geq \{j, l\}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B_1$  be a  $(i, j)$  quasi-ideals, and  $B_2$  be a  $(k, l)$  quasi-ideal. Then by Theorem 3.7,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideals for  $m \geq \max\{i, k\}$  and  $n \geq \max\{j, l\}$ . Therefore  $(B_1 \cap B_2)^m S \cap S (B_1 \cap B_2)^n \subseteq B_i^m S \cap S B_i^n \subseteq B_i, i = 1, 2$  imply  $B_1 \cap B_2$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal.

**Corollary 3.10.** If  $Q_i$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal in  $S$  for all  $i$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n Q_i$  is a  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal for any finite  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** For a semiring  $S$ , the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $S$  is regular.
2.  $G \cap Q \subseteq GSQ$  for any generalized  $(m, n)$  bi-ideal  $G$  and for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
3.  $B \cap Q \subseteq BSQ$  for any  $(m, n)$  bi-ideal  $B$  and for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
4.  $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_1 S Q_2$  for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ .
5.  $I \cap Q \subseteq ISQ$  for any quasi-ideal  $I$  and for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
6.  $I_1 \cap I_2 \subseteq I_1 S I_2$  for any quasi-ideal  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ .
7.  $B \cap Q \subseteq BSQ$  for any bi-ideal  $B$  and for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
8.  $B \cap Q \subseteq BSQ$  for any bi-ideal  $B$  and for any quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
9.  $G \cap Q \subseteq GSQ$  for any generalized bi-ideal  $G$  and for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
10.  $G \cap Q \subseteq GSQ$  for any generalized bi-ideal  $G$  and for any quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
11.  $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_1 S Q_2$  for any quasi-ideal  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ .
12.  $Q \cap G \subseteq QSG$  for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any generalized  $(m, n)$  bi-ideal  $G$ .
13.  $Q \cap B \subseteq QSB$  for any  $(m, n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any  $(m, n)$  bi-ideal  $B$ .

14.  $Q \cap I \subseteq QSI$  for any  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any quasi-ideal  $I$ .
15.  $Q \cap B \subseteq QSB$  for any  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any bi-ideal  $B$ .
16.  $Q \cap B \subseteq QSB$  for any quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any bi-ideal  $B$ .
17.  $Q \cap G \subseteq QSG$  for any  $(m,n)$  quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any generalized bi-ideal  $G$ .
18.  $Q \cap I \subseteq QSG$  for any quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any generalized bi-ideal  $G$ .
19.  $Q \cap L \subseteq QL$  for any quasi-ideal  $Q$  and for any left ideal  $L$ .
20.  $R \cap Q \subseteq RQ$  for any right ideal  $R$  and for any quasi-ideal  $Q$ .
21.  $R \cap L = RL$  for any right ideal  $R$  and for any left ideal  $L$ .

**Proof:** First we prove that  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (5) \Rightarrow (6)$ ,  $(6) \Rightarrow (19) \Rightarrow (21) \Rightarrow (1)$ ,  $(3) \Rightarrow (7) \Rightarrow (8) \Rightarrow (20) \Rightarrow (21)$ ,  $(2) \Rightarrow (9) \Rightarrow (10) \Rightarrow (21)$ ,  $(4) \Rightarrow (11) \Rightarrow (20)$ ,  $(1) \Rightarrow (12) \Rightarrow (13) \Rightarrow (14) \Rightarrow (19)$ ,  $(13) \Rightarrow (15) \Rightarrow (16) \Rightarrow (20)$ ,  $(12) \Rightarrow (17) \Rightarrow (18) \Rightarrow (19)$ .

$(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Let  $a \in G \cap Q$ , then  $a = axa \in GSQ$ . Thus  $G \cap Q \subseteq GSQ$ .

$(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Straight forward.

$(3) \Rightarrow (4)$  By Theorem 3.5, (4) holds.

$(4) \Rightarrow (5)$  By Theorem 3.7, (5) it follows.

$(5) \Rightarrow (6)$  By Theorem 3.7, (6) it follows.

$(6) \Rightarrow (19)$  By (6),  $Q \cap L \subseteq QSL \subseteq QL$  for any quasi-ideal  $Q$  and left ideal  $L$ .

$(19) \Rightarrow (21)$  Now,  $R \cap L \subseteq RL$  for any right ideal  $R$  and left ideal  $L$   $RL \subseteq R$  and  $RL \subseteq L$  imply  $R \cap L = RL$ .

$(21) \Rightarrow (1)$  Now,  $a \in \langle a \rangle_r \cap \langle a \rangle_l = \langle a \rangle_r \cdot \langle a \rangle_l$

$$\text{Then, } \langle a \rangle_r \cdot \langle a \rangle_l = \{ma + as | m \in \mathbb{Z}^*, s \in S\}.$$

$$\{na + as | m \in \mathbb{Z}^*, s \in S\}$$

$$= \{na^2 | n \in \mathbb{Z}^*\} + aSa + aSa + aSa$$

$$\text{If, } a \in \{na^2 | n \in \mathbb{Z}^*\}, \text{ then, } a = na^2 = (na)(na^2)$$

$$= n^2a^3$$

$$= a(n^2a)a$$

Therefore  $S$  is regular.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) Straightforward.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8) By Corollary 3.8 it follows.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (20) For any right ideal  $R$  and by (20) holds.

(20)  $\Rightarrow$  (21) By (20), for any right ideal  $R$  and left ideal  $L$ ,  
 $R \cap L \subseteq RSL \subseteq RL, RL \subseteq RS \subseteq R$  and  $RL \subseteq SL \subseteq L$  imply  $RL \subseteq R \cap L$ . Therefore  $RL = R \cap L$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) Straightforward.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10) By Corollary 3.8 it follows.

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (21) By (10), for any right ideal  $R$  and left ideal  $L$   $R \cap L \subseteq RSL \subseteq RL$  but  $RL \subseteq R \cap L$   
 imply  $R \cap L = RL$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (11) By Corollary 3.8, (11) it follows.

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (20) Right ideal  $R$  is a quasi-ideal, then (20) follows.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (12) Let  $a \in Q \cap G$ . Then  $a = axa \in QSG$ . Thus,  $Q \cap G \subseteq QSG$ .

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (13) Straight forward.

(13)  $\Rightarrow$  (14) By Theorem 3.5 and Corollary 3.8, (11) it follows.

(14)  $\Rightarrow$  (19) By Corollary 3.8, (19) it follows.

(13)  $\Rightarrow$  (15) Straightforward.

(15)  $\Rightarrow$  (16) Straight forward.

(16)  $\Rightarrow$  (20) Right ideal  $R$  is a bi-ideal implies  $R \cap Q \subseteq RSQ \subseteq RQ$ .

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (17) Straight forward.

(17)  $\Rightarrow$  (18) By Corollary 3.8, (18) it follows.

(18)  $\Rightarrow$  (19) Straight forward.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The author(s) declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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