

Minimal Bi-ideals in  $\Gamma$ -SemiringsR. D. Jagatap<sup>1\*</sup> & Y. S. Pawar<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>*Y. C. College of Science, Karad, India*<sup>2</sup>*Department of Mathematics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, India**(Received on: 12-07-13; Revised & Accepted on: 26-07-13)*

## ABSTRACT

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

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring was introduced by Rao [12] as a generalization of a ring, a  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semigroup by Iampan [3].

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

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

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

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $S$  and  $\Gamma$  be two additive commutative semigroups.  $S$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring with absorbing zero unless otherwise stated.

**Definition 2.3:** A non empty subset  $T$  of  $S$  is said to be a sub- $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$  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  $a, \alpha, b$ ; for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $S$  forms a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.  $B = 4N$  is a bi-ideal of  $N$ .

**Example:** Consider a  $\Gamma$ -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  $A, \alpha$  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 $\Gamma$ -SEMIRING

We begin with defining a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring and a 0-bisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

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

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

Next theorem gives a characterization of a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

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

**Proof:** Suppose that  $S$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring. For any  $a \in S$ ,  $a\Gamma S\Gamma a$  is a sub  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$  semiring.

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

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring with zero, then following statements are equivalent

- (1)  $S$  is a 0-bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring,  $B$  be a bi-ideal and  $T$  be a sub-  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring with zero,  $B$  be a bi-ideal and  $T$  be a sub- $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  without zero. Then  $B$  itself is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -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- $\Gamma$ -semiring of  $S$  by definition. Suppose  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring by Theorem 3.3.

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

**Proof:** As  $B$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$ ,  $B$  is a sub  $\Gamma$ -semiring of  $S$  by definition. Suppose  $B$  is a 0-bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring by Theorem 3.5.

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