

ON IDEALS OF A TERNARY SEMIGROUPS

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**Abstract:** In this paper the terms fully idempotent ternary semigroups, weekly prime ternary semigroups are introduced. It is proved that, if T is a duo ternary semigroup with an identity element. Then every ideal of T is prime if and only if it is fully idempotent and the set of ideals of S is totally ordered under inclusion. It is proved that, every prime ideal of a ternary semigroup is weekly prime ideal. Further it is proved that, if P is an ideal of a ternary semigroup T, then the following are equivalent. 1) P is weekly prime. 2) If X, Y, Z are three ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)(P \cup Y)(P \cup Z) \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ . 3) If X, Y, Z are three ideals of T such that  $X \supseteq P$  and  $XYZ \subseteq P \Rightarrow X = P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ . 4) If X, Y, Z are three ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)YZ \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ . 5) If a, b, c are three elements of T such that  $(\langle a \rangle \cup P)(\langle b \rangle \cup P)(\langle c \rangle \cup P) \subseteq P$ , implies that  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ .

**Key words :** Fully idempotent ternary semigroup, weekly prime ideals.

**Introduction :** Ternary semigroups was introduced by Sen and Saha as a generalization of semigroup. ANJANEYULU.A[1], made a study on ideal theory of duo semigroups, SARALA.Y, ANJANEYULU.A, MADHUSUDHANA RAO [3] studied about the ideal theory of ternary semigroups,. In this paper we study about the fully prime ternary semigroups, weeklyprime ideals in duo ternary semigroups.

**Preliminaries :** Definition 2.1 : Let T be a non-empty set. Then T is said to be a ternary semigroup if there exist a mapping from  $T \times T \times T$  to T which maps  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow [x_1x_2x_3]$  satisfying the condition :  $[(x_1x_2x_3)x_4x_5] = [x_1(x_2x_3x_4)x_5] = [x_1x_2(x_3x_4x_5)]$   $\forall x_i \in T, 1 \leq i \leq 5$ .

Definition 2.2 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary semigroup T is said to be left ternary ideal or left ideal of T if  $b, c \in T, a \in A$  implies  $bca \in A$ .

Definition 2.3 : A nonempty subset of a ternary semigroup T is said to be a lateral ternary ideal or simply lateral ideal of T if  $b, c \in T, a \in A$  implies  $bac \in A$ .

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Definition 2.5 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary semigroup T is said to be ternary ideal or simply an ideal of T if  $b, c \in T, a \in A$  implies  $bca \in A, bac \in A, abc \in A$ .

Definition 2.6 : An ideal A of a ternary semigroup T is said to be a prime ideal of T provided  $X, Y, Z$  are ideals of T and  $XYZ \subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq A$  or  $Y \subseteq A$  or  $Z \subseteq A$ .

Definition 2.7 : An element a of a ternary semigroup T is said to be regular if there exist  $x, y \in T$  such that  $axaya = a$ .

Definition 2.8 : A ternary semigroup T is said to be regular ternary semigroup provided every element is regular.

Definition 2.9 : An element a of a ternary semigroup T is said to be semisimple if  $a \in \langle a \rangle^3$  i.e.  $\langle a \rangle^3 = \langle a \rangle$ .

Definition 2.10 : A ternary semigroup T is called semisimple ternary semigroup provided every element in T is semisimple.

Definition 2.11: A ternary semigroup T is said to be a left duo ternary semigroup if every left ideal of T is both right and lateral ideal of T.

Definition 2.12 : A ternary semigroup T is said to be a right duo ternary semigroup if every right ideal of T is both left and lateral ideal of T.

Definition 2.13 : A ternary semigroup T is said to be a duo ternary semigroup if it is both a left duo ternary semigroup and a right duo ternary semigroup.

3. Fully idempotent ternary semigroups :

Definition 3.1 :A ternary ideal A of a ternary semigroup T is said to be globally idempotent, if  $A^3 = A$ .

Definition 3.2 :A ternary semigroup T is said to be fully idempotent, if every ideal is globally idempotent.

Theorem 3.3 : Let T be a fully idempotent ternary semigroup and A be an ideal of T. Then  $A^n = A$  for all odd natural number n.

Proof: Since A is globally ideal of T, we have  $A^3 = A$ . Therefore  $A = A^3 = A^5 = \dots$  for all odd natural numbers. Hence  $A^n = A$  for all odd natural number n.

Theorem 3.4 : Let T be a fully idempotent ternary semigroup and A be an ideal of T. Then  $A^w = A$ .

Proof: By theorem 2.3, we have  $A^n = A$  for all odd natural number n. Therefore  $A = \bigcap_{i \text{ is odd}}^{\infty} A^i = A^w$ .

Theorem 3.5 : Let T be a duo ternary semigroup. Then T is fully idempotent if and only if T is semisimple ternary semigroup.

Proof: Suppose that T is fully idempotent. Let  $a \in T$ , then  $\langle a \rangle$  is an ideal of T. Therefore  $\langle a \rangle$  is an idempotent ideal of T, implies that  $\langle a \rangle^3 = \langle a \rangle$ .

Hence  $a \in \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle^3$ . Therefore  $a$  is semisimple. Hence  $T$  is semisimple ternary semigroup.

Conversely, suppose that  $T$  is semisimple ternary semigroup. Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $T$ . Clearly  $A^3 \subseteq A$ . Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq A$ . Since  $T$  is semisimple ternary semigroup,  $a \in \langle a \rangle^3$  and hence  $a \in \langle a \rangle^3 \subseteq A^3$ . Hence  $A \subseteq A^3$ . Thus  $A^3 = A$ . Therefore  $T$  is fully idempotent.

Theorem 3.6 : Let  $T$  be a duoternary semigroup.

Then  $T$  is fully idempotent if and only if  $T$  is regular ternary semigroup.

Proof: Suppose that  $T$  is fully idempotent and  $a \in T$ . By theorem 4.11,  $T$  is semisimple ternary semigroup. Therefore  $a \in \langle a \rangle^3 \Rightarrow a = paqaras$  for some  $p, q, r, s \in T$ . Since  $T$  is duo,  $TaT = aTT = TTa$ . Hence  $paq \in aTT$  and  $ras \in TTa$ . Therefore  $paq = alm$  and  $ras = jka$  for some  $j, k, l, m \in T$ . Therefore  $a = paqaras = almajka = axa$  where  $x = lmajk$  and hence  $axaxa = axa = a$ . Thus  $a$  is regular in  $T$ . Hence  $T$  is regular ternary semigroup.

Conversely, suppose that  $T$  is regular ternary semigroup and  $A$  be an ideal of  $T$ . Clearly  $A^3 \subseteq A$ . Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq A$ . Since  $T$  is regular ternary semigroup,  $a = axaya$  for some  $x, y \in T$  and hence  $a \in \langle a \rangle^3 \subseteq A^3$ . Hence  $A \subseteq A^3$ . Thus  $A^3 = A$ . Therefore  $T$  is fully idempotent.

Definition 3.7 :An element  $a$  of a ternary semigroup is said to be an  $E$  – invertible element if there exist  $x$  in  $T$  such that  $axaxa = a$  and  $xaxax = x$ .

Definition 3.8 :A ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be an  $E$  – inverse ternary semigroup,if every element of  $T$  is element an  $E$  – invertible element.

Theorem 3.9 : Let  $T$  be a fully idempotent cancellative duoternary semigroup. Then  $T$  is an  $E$ - inverse ternary semigroup.

Proof: Let  $a \in T$ . Since  $T$  is fully idempotent, by theorem 3.6,  $a$  is regular in  $T$ . Therefore, there exists  $x$  in  $T$  such that  $axaxa = a$ . Now  $axaxaxa = axa$  and  $T$  is cancellative, implies that  $xaxax = x$ . Hence  $T$  is an  $E$ - inverse ternary semigroup.

Definition 3.10 :An element  $a$  of a ternary semigroup is said to be a  $g$  – regular element if there exist  $x$  in  $T$  such that  $xaxax = x$ .

Definition 3.11 :A ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be  $g$  – regular ternary semigroup,if every element of  $T$  is a  $g$  – regular element.

Corollary 3.12 : Let  $T$  be a fully idempotent cancellative duoternary semigroup. Then  $T$  is an  $E$ - inverse ternary semigroup.

Theorem 3.13 : Let  $T$  be a duoternary semigroup.

Then  $T$  is fully idempotent ternary semigroup if and only if  $I \cap J \cap K = IJK$  for any ideals  $I, J, K$  of ternary semigroup  $T$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $T$  is fully idempotent and  $I, J, K$  are three ideals of  $T$ . Clearly,  $IJK \subseteq I \cap J \cap K$ . Let  $a \in I \cap J \cap K$ . Since  $T$  is fully idempotent and  $a \in T$ , implies that by theorem 3.6,  $a$

is regular in  $T$ . Therefore there exists  $x \in T$  such that  $axaxa = a$ . Since  $a \in J$ ,  $x \in T$  and  $J$  is an ideal of  $T$ , implies that  $xax \in J$ . Hence  $axaxa \in IJK$ . That is  $a \in IJK$ . Therefore  $I \cap J \cap K \subseteq IJK$ . Hence  $I \cap J \cap K = IJK$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $I \cap J \cap K = IJK$  for any ideals  $I, J, K$  of ternary semigroup  $T$ . Hence  $I^3 = III = I \cap I \cap I = I$ . That is  $I^3 = I$  for any ideals  $I$  of  $T$ . Thus  $I$  is globally idempotent and hence  $T$  is fully idempotent ternary semigroup.

Theorem 3.14 : If  $T$  is a duoternary semigroup with an identity element. Then every ideal of  $T$  is prime if and only if it is fully idempotent and the set of ideals of  $S$  is totally ordered under inclusion.

Proof: Suppose that every ideal of  $T$  is prime. Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $T$ , then  $A$  is prime. Now  $A^3 = AAA$  is prime ideal of  $T$ , implies that  $A \subseteq A^3$  and hence  $A^3 = A$ . Thus  $A$  is idempotent. Hence  $T$  is fully idempotent. Now suppose that  $X, Y$  are any two ideals of  $T$ , then  $XYT \subseteq X \cap Y$ . Since  $X \cap Y$  is prime, either  $X \subseteq X \cap Y$  or  $Y \subseteq X \cap Y$ . Hence  $X \subseteq Y$  or  $Y \subseteq X$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $P$  is an ideal of  $T$  and let  $XYZ \subseteq P$  for some ideals  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  of  $T$ .

By hypothesis, ideals of  $S$  is totally ordered under inclusion. we have either  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z$  or  $X \subseteq Z \subseteq Y$  or  $Y \subseteq X \subseteq Z$  or  $Y \subseteq Z \subseteq X$  or  $Z \subseteq X \subseteq Y$ . If  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z$ , then  $X = X^3 \subseteq XYZ \subseteq P$ , the other cases are similar, hence  $P$  is a prime ideal.

4. Weekly Prime Left Ideals

Definition 4.1 : An left ideal  $P$  of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be weekly prime ideal , if  $XYZ \subseteq P$  for some ternary left ideals  $X, Y, Z$  of  $T$  containing  $P$ , then  $X = P$  or  $Y = P$  or  $Z = P$ .

Theorem 4.2 : Every left prime ideal of a ternary semigroup is weekly prime ideal.

Proof: Suppose that  $P$  is a left ternary prime ideal of  $T$ . Let  $X, Y, Z$  be three left ideals of  $T$  containing  $P$  such that  $XYZ \subseteq P$ . Now  $XYZ \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is prime  $\Rightarrow X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$  and hence  $X = P$  or  $Y = P$  or  $Z = P$ . Hence  $P$  is weekly prime.

Note 4.3 : Every weekly left prime ideal need not be a prime ideal.

Example 4.4 : Let  $T = \{o, a, b, c\}$  define a ternary operation. In  $T$  as show in the following table. Then  $T$  is a ternary semigroup. Here  $B = \{o, b\}$  and  $C = \{o, c\}$  are left ideal of  $T$  and here  $BBB \subseteq C$  and  $B \not\subseteq C$ . Hence  $C$  is not left prime but  $C$  is left weekly prime.

.	o	a	b	c
o	o	o	o	o
a	o	a	b	o
b	o	o	o	o
c	o	a	b	c

Theorem 4.5 : Let P be a left ideal of a ternary semigroup T. Then the following are equivalent.

1. P is left weekly prime.
2. If X, Y, Z are three left ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)(P \cup Y)(P \cup Z) \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .
3. If X, Y, Z are three left ideals of T such that  $X \supseteq P$  and  $XYZ \subseteq P \Rightarrow X = P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .
4. If X, Y, Z are three left ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)YZ \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .
5. If a, b, c are three elements of T such that  $\langle a \rangle \cup P \langle b \rangle \cup P \langle c \rangle \cup P \subseteq P$ , implies that  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ .

Proof : (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Suppose that P is a weekly left prime ternary ideal of T. Let X, Y, Z be three left ternary ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)(P \cup Y)(P \cup Z) \subseteq P$ . Since P, X, Y, Z are left ideals of T,  $P \cup X, P \cup Y, P \cup Z$  are left ideals of T containing P. Since P is weekly prime,  
 $P \cup X = P$  or  $P \cup Y = P$  or  $P \cup Z = P$ . Hence  $X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) : Let X, Y, Z are three left ideals of T such that  $X \supseteq P$  and  $XYZ \subseteq P$ . Therefore

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$(P \cup X)(P \cup Y)(P \cup Z) \subseteq P$ . Hence by (2),  $X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .

Thus  $X = P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) : Let X, Y, Z are three left ideals of T such that  $(P \cup X)YZ \subseteq P$ . From (3), we have  $P \cup X = P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ . Hence  $X \subseteq P$  or  $Y \subseteq P$  or  $Z \subseteq P$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let a, b, c be three elements of T such that  $(a \cup P)(b \cup P)(c \cup P) \subseteq P$ .

Now  $(a \cup P)(b \cup P)(c \cup P) = \langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \langle c \rangle \cup P \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let X, Y, Z be three left ideals of T containing P such that  $XYZ \subseteq P$ .

Suppose that  $P \neq X$  and  $P \neq Y$ . Therefore there exists  $x \in X, y \in Y$  such that  $x, y \notin P$ .

Therefore  $\langle x \rangle \cup P \not\subseteq P$  and  $\langle y \rangle \cup P \not\subseteq P$ . Let  $z \in Z$ , then  $\langle z \rangle \cup P \subseteq P$ .

Therefore  $(\langle x \rangle \cup P)(\langle y \rangle \cup P)(\langle z \rangle \cup P) \subseteq XYZ \subseteq P$ . By condition (5),  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$  or  $z \in P$ . But  $x, y \notin P$ , implies that  $z \in P$ . Hence  $Z \subseteq P$ , implies that  $Z = P$ . Hence P is weekly prime ideal of T

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