

## PRIME BI-INTERIOR IDEALS OF SEMIGROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce the notion of prime bi-interior ideal, semiprime bi-interior ideal, irreducible bi-interior ideal, and strongly prime bi-interior ideal of semigroups. We study properties of these ideals, relations between them, and also characterize regular semigroups using prime bi-interior ideals.

### 1. Introduction

Many mathematicians proved important results and characterization of algebraic structures by using the concept and the properties of generalization of ideals in algebraic structures. During 1950-1980, the concepts of bi-ideals, quasi ideals and interior ideals were studied by many mathematicians. Then the author [9, 14, 15, 17, 18] introduced and studied weak interior ideals, tri-ideals, bi-interior ideals, bi quasi ideals, quasi interior ideals and bi quasi interior ideals and tri quasi of  $\Gamma$ -semirings, semirings,  $\Gamma$ -semigroups, semigroups and semirings as a generalization of bi-ideal, quasi ideal and interior ideal of algebraic structures and characterized regular algebraic structures as well as simple algebraic structures using these ideals. Semiring is the algebraic structure which is a common generalization of rings and distributive lattices, was first introduced by Vandiver [20] in 1934 but non-trivial examples of semirings had appeared in the studies on the theory of commutative ideals of rings by Dedekind in 19th century. We know that the notion of a one sided ideal of any algebraic structure is a generalization of an ideal. The quasi ideals are generalization of left ideal and right ideal whereas the bi-ideals are generalization of quasi ideals. In 1952, the concept of bi-ideals was introduced by Good and Hughes [3] for semigroups. The notion of bi-ideals in rings

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and semigroups were introduced by Lajos and Szasz [10–12]. The concept of interior ideals was introduced by Lajos for semigroups. Steinfeld [19] first introduced the notion of quasi ideals for semigroups and then for rings. Iseki [2] introduced the concept of quasi ideal for a semiring. In this paper, as a further generalization of ideals, M. Shabir [18] studied the prime bi-ideals of semigroups. In this paper, we introduce the notion of prime bi-interior ideals of semigroups.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we will recall some of the fundamental concepts and definitions, which are necessary for this paper.

DEFINITION 2.1. [18] A bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$  is called a strongly prime bi-ideal if  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) \subseteq B$  implies  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ , for any bi-ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $S$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. [18] A bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$  is called a semiprime bi-ideal if for any bi-ideal  $B_1$  of  $S$ ,  $B_1^2 = B_1B_1 \subseteq B$  implies  $B_1 \subseteq B$ .

Obviously every strongly prime bi-ideal in  $S$  is a prime bi-ideal and every prime bi-ideal in  $S$  is a semiprime bi-ideal.

DEFINITION 2.3. [18] A bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$  is called an irreducible bi-ideal if  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B$  implies  $B_1 = B$  or  $B_2 = B$ , for any bi-ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $S$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. [18] A bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$  is called a strongly irreducible bi-ideal if for any bi-ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $S$ ,  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B$  implies  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

Obviously every strongly irreducible bi-ideal is an irreducible bi-ideal.

DEFINITION 2.5. [18] Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be bi-ideals of a semigroup  $M$ .

- (i) If  $B_1B_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$  then  $B$  is prime bi-ideal.
- (ii) If  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) \subseteq B \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$  then strongly prime bi-ideal.

DEFINITION 2.6. [18] A bi-ideal  $B$  of a semigroup  $M$  is called a semi prime bi-interior ideal if  $B_1B_1 \subseteq B \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B$ , for any bi-ideal  $B_1$  of  $M$ .

## 3. Prime bi-interior ideals of semigroups

In this section, we introduce the notion of prime, strongly prime, semi prime, irreducible and strongly irreducible bi-interior ideals of semigroups and we study the properties of prime ideals and relations between them.

DEFINITION 3.1. A bi-interior ideal  $B$  of a semigroup  $M$  is called a prime bi-interior ideal of  $M$  if  $B_1B_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

DEFINITION 3.2. A bi-interior ideal  $B$  of a semigroup  $M$  is called a semi prime bi-interior ideal of  $M$  if for any bi-interior ideal  $B_1$  of  $M$ ,  $B_1B_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B$  and  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. A bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$  is called an irreducible bi-interior ideal  $B$  if bi-interior ideals  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B \implies B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

DEFINITION 3.4. A bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$  is called a strongly prime bi-interior ideal if  $(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) \subseteq B$  implies  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ , for any bi-ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $S$ .

REMARK 3.1. (i). Every strongly prime bi-interior ideal of a semigroup  $M$  is a prime bi-interior ideal of  $M$ .

(ii). Every prime bi-interior ideal  $B$  of a semigroup  $M$  is a semi prime bi-interior ideal of  $M$ .

THEOREM 3.1. A bi-interior ideal  $B$  of a semigroup  $M$  is a prime bi-interior ideal if and only if  $RL \subseteq B \implies R \subseteq B$  or  $L \subseteq B$  where  $R$  is a right ideal and  $L$  is a left ideal of  $M$ .

PROOF. Suppose that a prime bi-interior ideal  $B$  of the semigroup  $M$  and  $RL \subseteq B$ . Since  $R$  and  $L$  are bi-interior ideals  $R \subseteq B$  or  $L \subseteq B$ . Conversely suppose that  $RL \subseteq B$  where  $R$  is a right ideal and  $L$  is a left ideal of  $M$ .  $\implies R \subseteq B$  or  $L \subseteq B$ . Suppose  $AC \subseteq B$ ,  $A$  and  $C$  are bi-interior ideals and  $(a)_r, (c)_l$  are right and left ideals generated by  $a$  and  $c$  respectively, where  $a \in A$  and  $c \in B$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (a)_r(c)_l &\subseteq AC \subseteq B, \\ \implies (a)_r &\subseteq B \text{ or } (c)_l \subseteq B \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a \in B$  or  $c \in B$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq B$  or  $C \subseteq B$ .

Hence a bi-interior ideal  $B$  is a prime bi-interior ideal of the semigroup  $M$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 3.2. If  $B_1, B_2$  are bi-interior ideals of a semigroup  $M$  and  $(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) = B_1 \cap B_2$  then every bi-interior ideal of a semigroup  $M$  is a semi prime ideal of  $M$ .

PROOF. Let  $B$  be any bi-interior ideal of  $M$  and  $B_1 B_1 \subseteq B$ ,  $B_1$  is a bi-interior ideal of  $M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= B_1 \cap B_1 \\ &= (B_1 B_1) \cap (B_1 B_1) \\ &\subseteq B \cap B \\ &= B. \end{aligned}$$

Hence every bi-interior ideal of  $M$  is semi prime.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.3.  $M$  is a regular semigroup if and only if  $AB = A \cap B$  for any right ideal  $A$  and left ideal  $B$  of  $M$ .

PROOF. Let  $A, B$  be a right ideal and a left ideal of a regular semigroup  $M$  respectively. Obviously  $AB \subseteq A \cap B$ . Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Since  $M$  is a regular, there exist  $y \in M$  such that  $x = xyx$ . Since  $xy \in A$  and  $x \in B$ ,  $xyx \in AB$ . Thus  $x \in AB$ . Hence  $AB = A \cap B$ . Conversely, suppose that  $AB = A \cap B$  for any right ideal  $A$  and

left ideal  $B$  of  $M$ . Let  $x \in M$  and  $I$  be the right ideal generated by  $x$  and  $J$  be the left ideal generated by  $x$ . We have  $x \in I \cap J = IJ$ . Therefore  $x = xy = zx$ ,  $y, z \in M$  which implies that  $x = xyzx$ , Hence  $M$  is a regular ordered semigroup.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *If  $BB = B$ , for all bi-interior ideals of a semigroup  $M$ , then semigroup  $M$  is regular and  $B_1 \cap B_2 = (B_1B_2)(B_2B_1)$ , for any bi-interior ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $BB = B$ , for all bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$ . Let  $R$  be a right ideal and  $L$  be a left ideal of  $M$ . Then  $R \cap L$  is a bi-interior ideal of  $M$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}(R \cap L)(R \cap L) &= (R \cap L) \\ \Rightarrow R \cap L &\subseteq RL.\end{aligned}$$

We have  $RL \subseteq R \cap L$ . Therefore  $R \cap L = RL$ .

Hence by Theorem 3.3,  $M$  is a regular semigroup.

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be a bi-interior ideals of  $M$ . Then  $B_1 \cap B_2$  is a bi-interior ideal of  $M$

$$\begin{aligned}B_1 \cap B_2 &= (B_1 \cap B_2) = (B_1 \cap B_2)(B_1B_2) \\ &\subseteq (B_1B_2).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove  $(B_1 \cap B_2) \subseteq B_2B_1$ .

Therefore  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq (B_1B_2) \cap ((B_2B_1))$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) &= (B_1B_2)(B_2B_1) \cap (B_1B_2)(B_2B_1) \\ &\subseteq B_1MB_1 \cap MB_1M \\ &\subseteq B_1\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove that  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) \subseteq B_2$ .

Therefore  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$ .

Hence  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) = B_1 \cap B_2$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is similar to Theorem in [17], so we omit the proof.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *If  $B$  is a bi-interior ideal of  $M$  and  $a \in M$  such that  $a \notin B$  then there exists an irreducible bi-interior ideal  $I$  of  $M$  such that  $B \subseteq I$  and  $a \in I$ .*

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $M$  be a regular semigroup and  $BB = B$ , for all bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$ . Then any bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$  is strongly irreducible bi-interior ideal if and only if  $B$  is a strongly prime bi-interior ideal.*

**PROOF.** Let  $M$  be a regular semigroup and  $BB = B$ , for any bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$ . Suppose  $B$  is a strongly irreducible bi-interior ideal of  $M$ . Then by Theorem 3.4,  $(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) = B_1 \cap B_2$ , where  $B_1, B_2$  are bi-interior ideals of  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(B_1B_2) \cap (B_2B_1) &\subseteq B \\ \Rightarrow B_1 \cap B_2 &\subseteq B \\ \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B \text{ or } B_2 &\subseteq B\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $B$  is a strongly prime bi-interior ideal of  $M$ .

Conversely suppose  $B$  is a strongly prime bi-interior ideals of  $M$ . Let  $B_1, B_2$  are bi-interior ideals of  $M$ . such that  $B_1 B_2 \subseteq B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) &= (B_1 B_2)(B_2 B_1) \cap (B_1 B_2)(B_2 B_1) \\ &\subseteq B_1 M B_1 \cap M B_1 M \\ &\subseteq B_1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove that  $(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) \subseteq B_2$ .

Therefore  $(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B$ .

As  $B$  is a strongly prime bi-interior ideals of  $M$ ,  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$  Hence  $B$  is a strongly irreducible bi-interior ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.7.** *If  $B$  is an irreducible bi-interior ideal and  $BB = B$  of a regular semigroup  $M$  then  $B$  is a strongly irreducible ideal of  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be bi-interior ideals of  $M$  such that  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B$ . Then By Theorem 3.9,  $(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) = B_1 \cap B_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (B_1 B_2) \cap (B_2 B_1) &= B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B \\ \implies B_1 &\subseteq B \text{ or } B_2 \subseteq B. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $B$  is a strongly irreducible ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Any proper bi-interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$  is the intersection of all irreducible bi-interior ideals  $M$  containing  $B$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $B$  be a bi-interior ideal of  $M$  and  $\{B_i / i \in \Delta\}$  be the collection of irreducible ideals containing  $B$ . Then  $B \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} B_i$ .

Suppose that  $a \notin B$ . By Theorem 3.15, there exists an irreducible bi-interior ideal  $I$  such that  $B \subseteq I$  and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$a \notin \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} B_i, \implies \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} B_i \subseteq I. \text{ Hence } I = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} B_i.$$

□

**THEOREM 3.9.** *The intersection of any family of prime bi- interior ideals of a semigroup  $M$  is a semiprime bi- interior ideal.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\{P_i \mid i \in \Delta\}$  be the family of prime bi- interior ideals of  $M$ . For any bi- interior ideal  $B$  of  $M$ ,  $B^2 \subseteq \bigcap_i P_i$  implies  $B^2 \subseteq P_i$ , for all  $i \in \Delta$ .

As  $P_i$  are prime bi-interior ideals,  $P_i$  are semiprime bi -interior ideals .

Therefore  $B \subseteq P_i$ , for all  $i \in \Delta$ .

Hence  $B \subseteq \bigcap_i P_i$ . □

**Remark:** Arbitrary intersection of bi- interior ideals of  $S$  is also a bi- interior ideal of  $M$  and hence the set of all bi- interior ideals of  $M$  forms a complete lattice.

**THEOREM 3.10.** *Every strongly irreducible, semiprime bi- interior ideal of a semigroup  $M$  is a strongly prime bi- interior ideal.*

PROOF. Let  $B$  be a strongly irreducible and semiprime bi- interior ideal of a semigroup  $M$ .

For any bi- interior ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $M$ ,

$$(B_1 B_2) \cap (B_1 B_2) \subseteq B.$$

Hence, by Remark,  $B_1 \cap B_2$  bi- interior ideal of  $M$ . Since

$$(B_1 \cap B_2)^2 = (B_1 \cap B_2)(B_1 \cap B_2) \subseteq (B_1 \cap B_2).$$

Similarly, we get  $(B_1 \cap B_2)^2 \subseteq (B_2 \cap B_1)$ .

Therefore  $(B_1 \cap B_2)^2 \subseteq (B_1 \cap B_2) \cap (B_2 \cap B_1) \subseteq B$ .

As  $B$  is a semiprime bi- interior ideal of  $M$ ,  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B$ .

But  $B$  is a strongly irreducible bi- interior ideal. Therefore  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

Hence  $B$  is a strongly prime bi- interior ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 3.11. *Following statements are equivalents in a semigroup  $M$  :*

- (1). *The set of bi- interior ideals of  $M$  is totally ordered set under inclusion of sets.*
- (2). *Each bi- interior ideal of  $M$  is strongly irreducible.*
- (3). *Each bi- interior ideal of  $M$  is irreducible.*

PROOF. Let  $M$  be a semigroup  $M$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Suppose that the set of bi- interior ideals of  $M$  is a totally ordered set under inclusion of sets.

Let  $B$  be any bi- interior ideal of  $M$ . To show that  $B$  is a strongly irreducible bi- interior ideal of  $M$ .

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be any two bi- interior ideals of  $M$  such that  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B$ .

But by the hypothesis we have either  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B_1$ .

Therefore  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_1$  or  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_2$ .

Hence  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

Thus  $B$  is a strongly irreducible bi- interior ideal of  $M$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) : Suppose that each bi- interior ideal of  $M$  is strongly irreducible.

Let  $B$  be any bi- interior ideal of  $M$  such that  $B = B_1 \cap B_2$ , for any bi- interior ideals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  of  $M$ .

Hence by (2), we have  $B_1 \subseteq B$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B$ .

As  $B \subseteq B_1$  and  $B \subseteq B_2$ , we have  $B_1 = B$  or  $B_2 = B$ .

Hence  $B$  is an irreducible bi- interior ideal of  $M$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Suppose that each bi- interior ideal of  $M$  is an irreducible bi-ideal.

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be any two bi- interior ideals of  $M$ .

Then  $B_1 \cap B_2$  is also a bi- interior ideals of  $M$ , (from remark ).

Hence  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_1 \cap B_2$  implies  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_1$  or  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_2$ , by our assumption.

Therefore either  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$  or  $B_2 \subseteq B_1$ .

This shows that the set of bi- interior ideals of  $M$  is a totally ordered set under inclusion of sets.  $\square$

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