

On quasi-ideals in left almost semirings

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Abstract

In this paper, a new approach to left almost semiring theory is proposed by obtaining significant characterizations of regular, bi-ideal and quasi-ideal in left almost semirings via soft intersection left (right) ideals, bi-ideals, quasi-ideals of left almost semirings.

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1. Introduction

A groupoid S is called a left almost semigroup (abbreviated as an LA-semigroup), if its elements satisfy the left invertive law [1 – 2], that is: for all $a, b \in S$, $ab = ba$. Several examples and interesting properties of LA-semigroups can be found in [3 – 6]. It has been shown in [3] that if an LA-semigroup contains a left identity then it is unique. It has been proved also that an LA-semigroup with right identity is a commutative monoid, that is, a semigroup with identity element. It is also known [1] that in an LA-semigroup, the medial law, that is, $(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd)$, for all $a, b, c, d \in S$ holds. Now we define the concepts that we will use. Let S be an LA-semigroup. By an LA-subsemigroup of [7], we mean a non-empty subset A of S such that $A^2 \subseteq A$. A non-empty subset A of an LA-semigroup S is called a left (right) ideal of [8] if $SA \subseteq A$ ($AS \subseteq A$). By two-sided ideal or simply ideal, we mean a non-empty subset of an LA-semigroup S which is both a left and a right ideal of S .

Yusuf in [9] introduces the concept of a left almost ring (LA-ring). That is, a non-empty set R with two binary operations “+” and “·” is called a left almost ring, if $(R, +)$ is a LA-group, (R, \cdot) is a LA-semigroup and distributive laws of “·” over “+” holds. Further in [10] Shah and Rehman generalize the notions of commutative semigroup rings into LA-rings. However Shah and Fazal ur Rehman in [11] generalize the notion of a LA-ring into a near left almost ring. A near left almost ring (nLA-ring) N is a LA-group under “+”, a LA-semigroup under “·” and left distributive property of “·” over “+” holds.

Shah, Fazal ur Rehman and Raees asserted that a commutative ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ we can always obtain a LA-ring (R, \oplus, \cdot) by defining, for $a, b \in R$, $a \oplus b = b - a$ and $a \cdot b$ is same as in the ring. There are many mathematicians

who added several results to the theory left almost ring (semigroup), see [12 – 14]. Furthermore, in this paper we characterize the regular, bi-ideal and quasi-ideal in left almost semirings.

2. Basic results

In this section we refer to [3] for some elementary aspects and quote few definitions and examples which are essential to step up this study.

Definition 1. [3] A left almost semiring is a triple $(R, +, \cdot)$ of a nonempty set R together with two binary operations “+” and “ \cdot ” (called addition and multiplication respectively) defined on R such that the following hold:

1. $(R, +)$ is a left almost semigroup.
2. (R, \cdot) is a left almost semigroup.
3. $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ and $(b+c)a = ba + ca$, for all $a, b, c \in R$.

If R contains an element 0 such that $0 + x = x$ and $0x = 0$ for all $x \in R$, then 0 is called the left zero element of the left almost semiring R . Throughout this paper, R_0 will always denote a left almost semiring with left zero and unless otherwise stated a left almost semiring means a left almost semiring with left zero.

Definition 2. A left almost semiring R with left identity e such that $e \cdot a = a$ for all $a \in R$, is called a left almost semiring with left identity.

Proposition 3. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then $RR = R$ and $R = eR = Re$.

Lemma 4. [3] Let R be a left almost semiring. Then $(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd)$, for all $a, b, c \in R$.

Definition 5. [3] A non empty subset S of a left almost semiring R is said to be a left almost subsemiring if and only if S is itself a left almost semiring under the same binary operations as in R .

Lemma 6. A non empty subset S of a left almost semiring R is a left almost semiring if and only if $a + b \in S$ and $a \cdot b \in S$ for all $a, b \in S$.

Definition 7. [3] A left almost subsemiring I of a left almost semiring R is called a left ideal of R if $RI \subseteq I$, and I is called a right ideal if $IR \subseteq I$ and is called two sided ideal or simply ideal if it is both left and right ideal.

3. Bi-ideals, quasi-ideals in left almost semirings

We start with the following theorem that gives a relation between bi-ideals and quasi-prime ideals in a left almost semiring. Our starting point is the following lemma:

Lemma 8. Let R be a left almost semiring and $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq R$. If $\langle X \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i : x_i \in X \right\}$, then $\langle X \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring and $x, y \in \langle X \rangle$. Then $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $y = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$ where $x_i, y_i \in X$. If $n \geq m$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + y &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + x_3 \right) + \dots + x_n \right) + \left(\left(\left(y_1 + y_2 \right) + y_3 \right) + \dots + y_m \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + x_3 \right) + \dots + x_n \right) + \left(\left(\left(\left(0 + 0 \right) + \dots + 0 \right) + y_1 \right) + y_2 + \dots + y_m \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + x_3 \right) + \dots + x_{n-1} \right) + \left(\left(\left(\left(0 + 0 \right) + \dots + 0 \right) + y_1 \right) + \dots + y_{m-1} \right) \right) + \left(x_n + y_m \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + x_3 \right) + \left(\left(0 + 0 \right) + 0 \right) \right) + \dots + \left(x_{n-1} + y_{m-1} \right) \right) + \left(x_n + y_m \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + \left(0 + 0 \right) \right) + \left(x_3 + 0 \right) \right) + \dots + \left(x_{n-1} + y_{m-1} \right) \right) + \left(x_n + y_m \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(\left(x_1 + 0 \right) + \left(x_2 + 0 \right) \right) + \left(x_3 + 0 \right) \right) + \dots + \left(x_{n-1} + y_{m-1} \right) \right) + \left(x_n + y_m \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_i + y_i \right) \in \langle X \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\max\{n,m\}} \left(x_i + y_i \right) \in \langle X \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\langle X \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$.

Proposition 9. Let R be a left almost semiring and $\emptyset \neq X, Y \subseteq R$. Then $\langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle \subseteq \langle XY \rangle$.

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity and $x \in \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(x_1 + x_2 \right) + x_3 \right) + \dots + x_n \right) \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(x_1 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i + x_2 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) + x_3 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) + \dots + x_n \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) \\
 &= \left(\left(\left(x_1 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i + x_2 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) + x_3 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) + \dots + x_n \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right) \\
 &\in \left(\left(\langle x_1 Y \rangle + \langle x_2 Y \rangle \right) + \langle x_3 Y \rangle \right) + \dots + \langle x_n Y \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\subseteq ((\langle XY \rangle + \langle XY \rangle) + \langle XY \rangle) + \dots + \langle XY \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle XY \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $x_i \in X$ and $y_i \in Y$. Hence $\langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle \subseteq \langle XY \rangle$.

Lemma 10. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemiring of R .

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then by lemma 8, we have $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X \cup RX \rangle \langle X \cup RX \rangle &\subseteq \langle (X \cup RX)(X \cup RX) \rangle \\ &= \langle (X \cup RX)X \cup (X \cup RX)(RX) \rangle \\ &= \langle XX \cup (RX)X \cup X(RX) \cup (RX)(RX) \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (XX)R \cup R(XX) \cup (RX)(RX) \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (XR)R \cup (RX)R \cup (RX)R \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (RR)X \cup (RX)R \cup (RX)R \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \cup RX \cup (RR)X \cup (RR)X \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \cup RX \cup RX \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle RX \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle X \cup RX \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemiring of R .

Theorem 11. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then by lemma 11, we get $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemiring of R . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle X \cup RX \rangle) \langle X \cup RX \rangle &= (\langle X \cup RX \rangle \langle R \rangle) \langle X \cup RX \rangle \\ &\subseteq (\langle (X \cup RX)R \rangle) \langle X \cup RX \rangle \\ &= (\langle XR \cup (RX)R \rangle) \langle X \cup RX \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle (XR \cup (RX)R)(X \cup RX) \rangle \\ &= \langle (XR)(X \cup RX) \cup ((RX)R)(X \cup RX) \rangle \\ &= \langle (XR)X \cup (XR)(RX) \cup ((RX)R)X \cup ((RX)R)(RX) \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle (RR)X \cup (XR)(RR) \cup (XR)(RX) \cup (XR)(R(RX)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (XR)R \cup (XR)(RR) \cup (XR)(R(RR)) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup (RR)X \cup (XR)R \cup (XR)(RR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX \cup (RR)X \cup (XR)R \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX \cup (RR)X \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \rangle \\
 &= \langle X \cup RX \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\langle X \cup RX \rangle$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Proposition 12. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then $\langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle$ is an ideal of R .

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then by lemma 11, we have $\langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$. By the definition of a left almost semiring, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle &\subseteq \langle (X \cup XR \cup RX)(X \cup XR \cup RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle X(X \cup XR \cup RX) \cup (XR)(X \cup XR \cup RX) \cup \\
 &\quad (RX)(X \cup XR \cup RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XX \cup X(XR) \cup X(RX) \cup (XR)X \cup (XR)(XR) \cup \\
 &\quad (XR)(RX) \cup (RX)X \cup (RX)(XR) \cup (RX)(RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle XR \cup X(RR) \cup X(RR) \cup (RR)X \cup (XR)(RR) \cup \\
 &\quad (XR)(RR) \cup (RR)X \cup (RX)(RR) \cup (RX)(RR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup XR \cup XR \cup RX \cup R(XR) \cup R(XR) \cup RX \\
 &\quad \cup (RR)(XR) \cup (RR)(XR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup X(RR) \cup X(RR) \cup RX \cup R(XR) \\
 &\quad \cup (RR)(XR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup XR \cup XR \cup RX \cup X(RR) \cup R(XR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup XR \cup X(RR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup XR \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle R &= \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle \langle R \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle (X \cup XR \cup RX)R \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup (XR)R \cup (RX)R \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup (RR)X \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup X(RR) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XR \cup RX \cup XR \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup XR \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\langle X \cup XR \cup RX \rangle$ is an ideal of R .

Theorem 13. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. The $\langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle$ is a left ideal of R .

Proof. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then by lemma 8, we have $\langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle \langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle &\subseteq \langle (X \cup X^2 \cup RX)(X \cup X^2 \cup RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle (X \cup X^2 \cup RX)X \cup (X \cup X^2 \cup RX)X^2 \cup \\
 &\quad (X \cup X^2 \cup RX)(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle XX \cup X^2X \cup (RX)X \cup XX^2 \cup X^2X^2 \cup (RX)X^2 \cup \\
 &\quad X(RX) \cup X^2(RX) \cup (RX)(RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (XR)R \cup (RR)X \cup RX^2 \cup RX^2 \cup RX^2 \\
 &\quad R(RX) \cup R(RX) \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle RX \cup (RR)X \cup RX \cup RX^2 \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle RX \cup RX \cup R(RX) \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup (XR)R \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup (RR)X \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \langle RX \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 R\langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle &\subseteq \langle R \rangle \langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle R(X \cup X^2 \cup RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX^2 \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle RX \cup R(RX) \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup R(RX) \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup (XR)R \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup (RR)X \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \cup RX \rangle \\
 &= \langle RX \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\langle X \cup X^2 \cup RX \rangle$ is a left ideal of R .

Theorem 14. Let A and B be two bi-ideals of left almost semiring with left identity R . Then $\langle AB \rangle$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Proof. Let A and B be two bi-ideals of left almost semiring with left identity R . Then by lemma 8, we have

$\langle AB \rangle$ is a left almost subsemigroup of $(R, +)$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle AB \rangle \langle AB \rangle &\subseteq \langle (AB)(AB) \rangle \\
 &= \langle (AA)(BB) \rangle \\
 &= \langle AB \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\langle AB \rangle R) \langle AB \rangle &\subseteq ((\langle AB \rangle R) \langle AB \rangle) \\
 &\subseteq \langle (AB)R \rangle \langle AB \rangle \\
 &\subseteq \langle ((AB)R)(AB) \rangle \\
 &= \langle (((AB)(RR))(AB)) \rangle \\
 &= \langle (((AR)(BR))(AB)) \rangle \\
 &= \langle (((AR)A)((BR)B)) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\subseteq \langle AB \rangle.$$

Then $\langle AB \rangle$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Theorem 15. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. If A_i is a bi-ideal of R for all $i \in \beta$, then $\bigcap_{i \in \beta} A_i$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Proof. Assume that A_i is a bi-ideal of R for all $i \in \beta$. Let $x, y \in \bigcap_{i \in \beta} A_i$ and $r \in R$. Then $x, y \in A_i$, for all

$i \in \beta$. Since for each $i \in \beta$, A_i is a bi-ideal of R , we get $(xr)y \in (A_i R)A_i$, for all $i \in \beta$. Therefore $(xr)y \in \bigcap_{i \in \beta} A_i$ and hence $\bigcap_{i \in \beta} A_i$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Definition 16. Let R be a left almost semiring. An element $x \in R$ is called regular in R if $x \in (xR)x$. R is called regular left almost semiring if each element of R is regular in R .

Lemma 17. Let R be a left almost semiring. Every right ideal of a regular is an ideal.

Proof. Let R is a regular left almost semiring and let I be its right ideal. Now for each $r \in R$ there exist $x \in R$ such that $r = (rx)r$. If $a \in I$, then

$$\begin{aligned} ra &= ((rx)r)a \\ &= (ar)(rx) \in I(rx) \subseteq I. \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that I is a left ideal. Hence I is an ideal of R .

Lemma 18. Let R is a regular left almost semiring. If A is right ideal and B is left ideal, $AB = A \cap B$.

Proof. Let A is right ideal and B is left ideal of R . It is easy to see that $AB \subseteq A \cap B$. Now let $x \in A \cap B$. Then there exist $a \in R$ such that $x \in (xa)x \subseteq AB$. Hence $AB = A \cap B$.

Definition 19. Let R is a regular left almost semiring. A left almost subsemigroup A of $(R, +)$ is called a quasi-ideal of R if $A \cap xR \subseteq A$.

Remark. Let R is a regular left almost semiring.

1. Each quasi-ideal A of R is a left almost subsemiring. In fact, $AA \subseteq RA \cap AR \subseteq A$.
2. Every right ideal and every left ideal of R is a quasi-ideal of R .

Theorem 20. Let R left almost semiring. The intersection of a left ideal and a right ideal of R is a quasi-ideal of R .

Proof. Let A and B be left and right ideal of R . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} R(A \cap B) \cap (A \cap B)R &\subseteq RA \cap BR \\ &\subseteq A \cap B. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A \cap B$ is a quasi-ideal of R .

Theorem 21. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. If A is a quasi-ideal of R , then $\langle A \cup RA \rangle$ is a left ideal of R .

Proof. Let A be a quasi-ideal of R . Then

$$\begin{aligned} R\langle A \cup RA \rangle &\subseteq \langle R \rangle \langle A \cup RA \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle R(A \cup RA) \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \cup R(RA) \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \cup (eR)(RA) \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \cup (Re)(RA) \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \cup (RR)(eA) \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \cup RA \rangle \\ &= \langle RA \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle A \cup RA \rangle \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\langle A \cup RA \rangle$ is a left ideal of R .

Theorem 22. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. If A is a quasi-ideal of R such that $Ae = A$, then $\langle A \cup AR \rangle$ is an ideal of R .

Proof. Let A be a quasi-ideal of R . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A \cup AR \rangle &\subseteq \langle A \cup AR \rangle \langle R \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle (A \cup AR)R \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \cup (AR)R \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \cup (AR)(eR) \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \cup (Ae)(RR) \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \cup (Ae)R \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \cup AR \rangle \\ &= \langle AR \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\subseteq \langle A \cup AR \rangle.$$

Hence $\langle A \cup AR \rangle$ is an ideal of R .

Theorem 23. Let R be a left almost semiring with left identity. Then every quasi-ideal A of R such that $Ae = A$ is a bi-ideal of R .

Proof. Let S be a left almost semiring with left identity. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} (AR)A &\subseteq (AR)R \\ &= (AR)(eR) \\ &= (Ae)(RR) \\ &= AR \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (AR)A &\subseteq (RR)A \\ &= RA. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $(AR)A \subseteq RA \cap AR \subseteq A$. Hence A is a bi-ideal of R .

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