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# Soft intersection almost quasi-ideals of semigroups

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**Abstract**

The notion of soft intersection quasi-ideal is a generalization of soft intersection left (right) ideal of semigroups. In this paper, we introduce the concept of soft intersection almost quasi-ideal, and its generalization, weakly almost quasi-ideal of a semigroup. We thoroughly examine their fundamental characteristics. Contrary to the soft intersection ideal theory, we show that every soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is a soft intersection almost ideal. It is also illustrated that an idempotent soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is both a soft intersection almost weak interior ideal and a soft intersection almost subsemigroup. Moreover, by obtaining that when a nonempty set  $A$  is almost quasi-ideal, then its soft characteristic function is soft intersection almost quasi-ideal, and vice versa, we acquire numerous intriguing connections in terms of minimality, primeness, semiprimeness, and strongly primeness between almost quasi-ideals and soft intersection almost quasi-ideals.

**Keywords:** soft set, quasi-ideal, soft intersection (almost) quasi-ideal

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**1. Introduction**

Semigroups were first formally studied in the early 1900s. Since finite automata and finite semigroups are naturally related, the theory of finite semigroups has been particularly significant in theoretical computer science. This relationship dates back to the 1950s.

To study algebraic structures and their applications, ideals are essential. Ideals were first introduced by Dedekind to help with the study of algebraic numbers, and Noether expanded on them to include associative rings. Good and Hughes (1952) introduced the concept of bi-ideal for semigroups. Steinfeld (1956) first proposed the notion of quasi-ideal for semigroups, and then for rings. The quasi-ideals are a generalization of left and right ideals, whereas the bi-ideals are a generalization of quasi-ideals.

In addition, the notion of almost left, right, and two-sided ideals of semigroups was introduced by Grosek and Satko (1980). Later in 1981, Bogdanovic (1981) introduced the idea of almost bi-ideals in semigroups as an extension of bi-ideals. Wattanatripop, Chinram, and Changphas (2018a) introduced the idea of almost quasi-ideals of semigroups. Kaopusek, Kaewnoi, and Chinram (2020) proposed the concepts of almost interior ideals and weakly almost interior ideals of semigroups and examined their characteristics by utilizing the idea of almost ideals and interior ideals of semigroups. Researchers have focused a great deal of emphasis on semigroups' almost ideals. Iampan, Chinram, and Petchkaew (2021), Chinram and Nakkhasen (2022), Gaketem (2022), and Gaketem and Chinram (2023) proposed the idea of almost subsemigroups; almost bi-quasi-interior ideals; almost bi-interior ideals and almost bi-quasi ideals of semigroups, respectively. Furthermore, Wattanatripop *et al.* (2018a), Iampan *et al.* (2021), Chinram and Nakkhasen (2022), Gaketem (2022), Gaketem and Chinram (2023), Wattanatripop, Chinram, and Changphas (2018b), Krailoet, Simuen, Chinram, and Petchkaew (2021) examined various forms of fuzzy almost ideals.

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In an attempt to model uncertainty, Molodtsov (1999) introduced the concept of a soft set. This is defined as a function from the parameter set  $E$  to the power set of  $U$ . Soft set operations, which form the foundation of the theory, were examined in detail by Maji, Biswas, and Roy (2003), Pei and Miao (2005), Ali, Feng, Liu, Min, and Shabir (2009), Sezgin and Atagün (2011), Ali, Shabir, and Naz (2011), Sezgin, Ahmad, and Mehmood (2019), Stojanovic (2021), Sezgin, Aybek, and Atagün (2023), Sezgin, Aybek, and Güngör (2023), Sezgin, Çağman, Atagün, and Aybek (2023), Sezgin and Dagtoros (2023), Sezgin and Yavuz (2023), Sezgin and Aybek (2024), Sezgin and Çalışıcı (2024), Sezgin and Sarılioğlu (2024), Sezgin and Yavuz (2024), Sezgin, Atagün, and Çağman (2025), and Sezgin and Şenyiğit (2025). The definition of a soft set and its operations were modified by Çağman and Enginoğlu (2010). Furthermore, Çağman, Çitak, and Aktaş (2012) established the concept of soft intersection groups, which has been used to study a variety of soft algebraic systems. Soft sets were first used in semigroup theory by Sezer, Çağman, and Atagün (2014) and Sezer, Çağman, Atagün, Ali, and Türkmen (2015). Semigroups with soft intersections left (right/sided) ideals, (generalized) bi-ideals, interior ideals, and quasi-ideals were all examined by Sezer *et al.* (2014) and Sezer *et al.* (2015). In terms of soft intersection substructures of semigroups, Sezgin and Orbay (2022) characterized some types of semigroups. A variety of algebraic structures, including soft sets, were also examined by Feng, Jun, and Zhao (2008), Sezer, Atagün, and Çağman (2013, 2014), Atagün and Sezer (2015), Sezgin, Çağman, and Atagün (2017), Khan, Izhar, and Sezgin (2017), Atagün and Sezgin (2017, 2018, 2022), Gulistan, Feng, Khan, and Sezgin, (2018), Sezgin (2018), Jana, Pal, Karaaslan, and Sezgin (2019), Atagün, Kamacı, Taştekin, and Sezgin (2019), Özlü and Sezgin (2020), Sezgin, Atagün, Çağman, and Demir (2022), Riaz *et al.* (2023), and Manikantan, Ramasamy, and Sezgin (2023).

Rao (2018a, 2018b, 2020a, 2020b) introduced a few novel forms of semigroup ideals, including bi-interior ideals, bi-quasi-interior ideals, bi-quasi ideals, quasi-interior ideals and weak interior ideals.

Soft intersection quasi-ideal of semigroups proposed by Sezer *et al.* (2014) is a generalization of soft intersection left (right) ideal. In this paper, we propose the concept of “soft intersection almost quasi-ideals” and its generalization, “soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideals.” We show that every soft intersection almost quasi-ideal of a semigroup is a soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideal; and that every soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is a soft intersection almost ideal; nevertheless, the converses do not hold with counterexamples. Also, we illustrate that an idempotent soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is both a soft intersection almost weak interior ideal and a soft intersection almost subsemigroup. We observe that, under the binary operation of soft union, a semigroup can be constructed by soft intersection almost quasi-ideals of a semigroup, but not under the soft intersection operation. Additionally, we establish the connection between a semigroup's soft intersection almost quasi-ideal and almost quasi-ideal as regards minimality, primeness, semiprimeness, and strongly primeness by obtaining that if a nonempty set  $A$  is almost quasi-ideal, then its soft characteristic function is soft intersection almost quasi-ideal, and vice versa.

## 2. Preliminary Topics

In this section, we review several fundamental notions related to semigroups and soft sets.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $U$  be the universal set,  $E$  be the parameter set,  $P(U)$  be the power set of  $U$ , and  $K \subseteq E$ . A soft set  $f_K$  over  $U$  is a set-valued function such that  $f_K: E \rightarrow P(U)$  such that for all  $x \notin K$ ,  $f_K(x) = \emptyset$ . A soft set over  $U$  can be represented by the set of ordered pairs

$$f_K = \{(x, f_K(x)) : x \in E, f_K(x) \in P(U)\}$$

(Molodtsov, 1999; Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010). Throughout this paper, the set of all the soft sets over  $U$  is designated by  $S_E(U)$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $f_A \in S_E(U)$ . If  $f_A(x) = \emptyset$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $f_A$  is called a null soft set and denoted by  $\emptyset_E$  (Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010).

**Definition 2.3** Let  $f_A, f_B \in S_E(U)$ . If  $f_A(x) \subseteq f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $f_A$  is called a soft subset of  $f_B$  and denoted by  $f_A \subseteq f_B$ . If  $f_A(x) = f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $f_A$  is called a soft equal to  $f_B$  and denoted by  $f_A = f_B$  (Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010).

**Definition 2.4** Let  $f_A, f_B \in S_E(U)$ . The union of  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  is the soft set  $f_A \cup f_B$ , where  $(f_A \cup f_B)(x) = f_A(x) \cup f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ . The intersection of  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  is the soft set  $f_A \cap f_B$ , where  $(f_A \cap f_B)(x) = f_A(x) \cap f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$  (Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010).

**Definition 2.5** For a soft set  $f_A$ , the support of  $f_A$  is defined by

$$\text{supp}(f_A) = \{x \in A : f_A(x) \neq \emptyset\} \text{ (Feng et al., 2008)}$$

It is obvious that a soft set with an empty support is a null soft set; otherwise, the soft set is nonnull.

**Note 2.6** If  $f_A \subseteq f_B$ , then  $\text{supp}(f_A) \subseteq \text{supp}(f_B)$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024a)

A semigroup  $S$  is a nonempty set with an associative binary operation and throughout this paper,  $S$  stands for a semigroup, and all the soft sets are the elements of  $S_S(U)$  unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 2.7** Let  $f_S$  and  $g_S$  be soft sets over the common universe  $U$ . Then, soft intersection product  $f_S \circ g_S$  is defined by (Sezer *et al.*, 2015)

$$(f_S \circ g_S)(x) = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{x=yz} \{f_S(y) \cap g_S(z)\}, & \text{if } \exists y, z \in S \text{ such that } x = yz \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $f_S, g_S, h_S \in S_S(U)$ . Then,

- i)  $(f_S \circ g_S) \circ h_S = f_S \circ (g_S \circ h_S)$ .
- ii) If  $f_S \subseteq g_S$ , then  $f_S \circ h_S \subseteq g_S \circ h_S$  and  $h_S \circ f_S \subseteq h_S \circ g_S$  (Sezer *et al.*, 2015)

It is obvious that  $f_S \circ g_S = \emptyset_S \Leftrightarrow f_S = \emptyset_S$  or  $g_S = \emptyset_S$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024b)

**Definition 2.9** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $S$ . We denote by  $S_A$  the soft characteristic function of  $A$  and define it as

$$S_A(x) = \begin{cases} U, & \text{if } x \in A \\ \emptyset, & \text{if } x \in S \setminus A \end{cases}$$

(Sezer *et al.*, 2015). If  $f_S(x) = U$  for all  $x \in S$ , then we denote such a kind of soft set by  $\mathbb{S}$  throughout this paper. It is obvious that  $\mathbb{S} = S_S$ , that is,  $\mathbb{S}(x) = U$  for all  $x \in S$  (Sezer *et al.*, 2015)

**Corollary 2.10**  $\text{supp}(S_A) = A$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024a).

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be nonempty subsets of  $S$ . Then,

- i)  $X \subseteq Y$  if and only if  $S_X \subseteq S_Y$
- ii)  $S_X \widetilde{\cap} S_Y = S_{X \cap Y}$  and  $S_X \widetilde{\cup} S_Y = S_{X \cup Y}$
- iii)  $S_X \circ S_Y = S_{XY}$  (Sezer *et al.*, 2015, Sezgin and İlgin, 2024a)

**Definition 2.12** Let  $x$  be an element in  $S$ . We denote by  $S_x$  the soft characteristic function of  $x$  and define as

$$S_x(y) = \begin{cases} U, & \text{if } y = x \\ \emptyset, & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

(Sezgin and İlgin, 2024b).

**Definition 2.13** A soft set over  $U$  is called a soft intersection quasi-ideal of  $S$  over  $U$  if

$$(f_S \circ \mathbb{S}) \widetilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ f_S) \subseteq f_S$$

(Sezer *et al.*, 2014). For the sake of brevity, soft intersection quasi-ideal is abbreviated by SI-Q-ideal in what follows.

**Definition 2.14** Let  $f_S$  be a soft set over  $U$ . Then,  $f_S$  is called a soft intersection almost subsemigroup of  $S$  if  $(f_S \circ f_S) \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024a); is called a left (right) ideal of  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$ ,  $(S_x \circ f_S) \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$  ( $(f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$ ); is called a soft intersection almost two-sided ideal (or briefly soft intersection almost ideal) of  $S$  if  $f_S$  is both soft intersection almost left and soft intersection almost right ideal of  $S$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024b), is called a soft intersection almost weak interior ideal of  $S$ , if for all  $x \in S$ ,  $(S_x \circ f_S \circ f_S) \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$  and  $(f_S \circ f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024c).

For more about  $A$ -ideals (almost-ideals) and fuzzy  $A$ -ideals of ternary semigroups, we refer to Suebsung, Wattanatripop, and Chinram (2019); for hybrid quasi-ideals and hybrid  $A$ -ideals in ternary semigroups, we refer to Deepika, Elavarasan, and Catherine Grace John (2024).

### 3. Soft Intersection almost Quasi-Ideal of Semigroups

**Definition 3.1** Let  $f_S$  be a soft set over  $U$ .

(i)  $f_S$  is called a soft intersection almost quasi-ideal of  $S$  if for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

(ii)  $f_S$  is called a soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideal of  $S$  if for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} (S_x \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

Hereafter, soft intersection almost quasi-ideal of  $S$  and soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideal of  $S$  are denoted by SI-almost Q-ideal and SI-weakly almost Q-ideal, respectively.

**Example 3.2** Let  $S = \{m, n\}$  be the semigroup with the following Cayley Table.

|     | $m$ | $n$ |
|-----|-----|-----|
| $m$ | $m$ | $n$ |
| $n$ | $n$ | $n$ |

Let  $f_S, h_S$ , and  $g_S$  be soft sets over  $U = \mathbb{Z}^+$  as follows:

$$f_S = \{(m, \{2, 3\}), (n, \{4, 5\})\}$$

$$h_S = \{(m, \{6, 7\}), (n, \{1, 8\})\}$$

$$g_S = \{(m, \{9, 12, 15\}), (n, \emptyset)\}$$

Here,  $f_S$  and  $h_S$  are both SI-almost Q-ideals. It is obvious that

$$[(f_S \circ S_m) \widetilde{\cap} (S_m \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S = \{(m, \{2, 3\}), (n, \{4, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

$$[(f_S \circ S_n) \widetilde{\cap} (S_n \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{4, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

Therefore,  $f_S$  is an SI-weakly almost Q-ideal. Similarly,

$$[(f_S \circ S_m) \widetilde{\cap} (S_n \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{4, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

$$[(f_S \circ S_n) \widetilde{\cap} (S_m \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{4, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

Therefore,  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Similarly,  $h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Indeed;

$$[(h_S \circ S_m) \widetilde{\cap} (S_m \circ h_S)] \widetilde{\cap} h_S = \{(m, \{6, 7\}), (n, \{1, 8\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

$$[(h_S \circ S_n) \widetilde{\cap} (S_n \circ h_S)] \widetilde{\cap} h_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{1, 8\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

And also,

$$[(h_S \circ S_m) \widetilde{\cap} (S_n \circ h_S)] \widetilde{\cap} h_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{1, 8\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

$$[(h_S \circ S_n) \widetilde{\cap} (S_m \circ h_S)] \widetilde{\cap} h_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \{1, 8\})\} \neq \emptyset_S$$

Thus,  $h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. One can also show that  $g_S$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal as

$$[(g_S \circ S_n) \widetilde{\cap} (S_n \circ g_S)] \widetilde{\cap} g_S = \emptyset_S$$

**Proposition 3.3** Every SI-almost Q-ideal is an SI-weakly almost Q-ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $f_S$  be an SI-almost Q-ideal. Then, for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

Hence,

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \widetilde{\cap} (S_x \circ f_S)] \widetilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

for all  $x \in S$ . So,  $f_s$  is an SI-weakly almost Q-ideal.

Since SI-weakly almost-Q ideal is a generalization of SI-almost Q-ideal, from now on all the theorems and proofs are given for SI-almost Q-ideal instead of SI-weakly almost Q-ideal.

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.3 is not true in general:

**Example 3.4** Let  $S = \{k, c, y\}$  be the semigroup with the following Cayley Table.

|     | $k$ | $c$ | $y$ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $k$ | $k$ | $c$ | $y$ |
| $c$ | $c$ | $y$ | $k$ |
| $y$ | $y$ | $k$ | $c$ |

$f_s$  be soft sets over  $U = \mathbb{Z}^+$  as follows:

$$f_s = \{(k, \{3, 7, 9\}), (c, \{7, 8\}), (y, \{3, 5\})\}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} [(f_s \circ S_k) \tilde{\cap} (S_k \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s &= \\ \{(k, \{3, 7, 9\}), (c, \{7, 8\}), (y, \{3, 5\})\} &\neq \emptyset_s \\ [(f_s \circ S_c) \tilde{\cap} (S_c \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s &= \{(k, \{3\}), (c, \{7\}), (y, \emptyset)\} \neq \emptyset_s \\ [(f_s \circ S_y) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s &= \{(k, \{7\}), (c, \emptyset), (y, \{3\})\} \neq \emptyset_s \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f_s$  is an SI-weakly almost Q-ideal. However,  $f_s$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal since

$$[(f_s \circ S_c) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s = \{(k, \emptyset), (c, \emptyset), (y, \emptyset)\} = \emptyset_s$$

**Proposition 3.5** Let  $f_s$  be an SI-Q-ideal.  $f_s$  is either  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) = \emptyset_s$  for some  $x, y \in S$  or SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $f_s$  be an SI-Q ideal, thus  $(f_s \circ \mathbb{S}) \tilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ f_s) \subseteq f_s$  and let  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \neq \emptyset_s$ . We need to show that for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$[(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$$

Since  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \subseteq (f_s \circ \mathbb{S}) \tilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ f_s) \subseteq f_s$ ,

it follows that  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \subseteq f_s$ .

From assumption  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \neq \emptyset_s$  is obvious. Then,

$$[(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s = (f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \neq \emptyset_s$$

implying that  $f_s$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

Here it is obvious that  $\emptyset_s$  is an SI-Q-ideal, since

$$(\emptyset_s \circ \mathbb{S}) \tilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ \emptyset_s) = \emptyset_s \tilde{\cap} \emptyset_s = \emptyset_s \subseteq \emptyset_s$$

but  $\emptyset_s$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal as

$$[(\emptyset_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ \emptyset_s)] \tilde{\cap} \emptyset_s = [\emptyset_s \tilde{\cap} \emptyset_s] \tilde{\cap} \emptyset_s = \emptyset_s$$

**Corollary 3.6** If  $f_s$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal, then  $f_s$  needs not be an SI-Q ideal.

**Example 3.7** In Example 3.2, it is shown that  $f_s$  and  $h_s$  are SI-almost Q-ideal; however,  $f_s$  and  $h_s$  are not SI-Q ideals. In fact,

$$[(f_s \circ \mathbb{S}) \tilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ f_s)](n) = [f_s(m) \cup f_s(n)] \not\subseteq f_s(n)$$

thus,  $f_s$  is not an SI-Q ideal. Similarly,

$$[(h_s \circ \mathbb{S}) \tilde{\cap} (\mathbb{S} \circ h_s)](n) = [h_s(m) \cup h_s(n)] \not\subseteq h_s(n)$$

thus,  $h_s$  is not an SI-Q ideal.

**Theorem 3.8** Every SI-almost Q-ideal is an SI-almost left (right/two-sided) ideal.

**Proof:** Assume that  $f_s$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Hence, for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $[(S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} (f_s \circ S_y)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$ . We need to show that  $(S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$  and  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$ . In fact,

$$\emptyset_s \neq [(S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} (f_s \circ S_y)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \subseteq (S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s$$

and

$$\emptyset_s \neq [(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \subseteq (f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_s$$

Since  $[(S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} (f_s \circ S_y)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$ , it is obvious that  $(S_x \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$  and  $(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s$ . Thus,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost left and SI-almost right ideal. Hence,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost two-sided ideal.

The converse of Theorem 3.8 is not true as shown by the following example:

**Example 3.9** We know that  $f_s$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal in Example 3.4; however,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost two-sided ideal. Now let's first show that  $f_s$  is an SI-almost left ideal. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} [(S_k \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{3, 7, 9\}), (c, \{7, 8\}), (y, \{3, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_s \\ [(S_c \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{3\}), (c, \{7\}), (y, \emptyset)\} \neq \emptyset_s \\ [(S_y \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{7\}), (c, \emptyset), (y, \{3\})\} \neq \emptyset_s \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost left ideal. Now let's show that  $f_s$  is an SI-almost right ideal. Since

$$\begin{aligned} [(f_s \circ S_k) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{3, 7, 9\}), (c, \{7, 8\}), (y, \{3, 5\})\} \neq \emptyset_s \\ [(f_s \circ S_c) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{3\}), (c, \{7\}), (y, \emptyset)\} \neq \emptyset_s \\ [(f_s \circ S_y) \tilde{\cap} f_s] &= \{(k, \{7\}), (c, \emptyset), (y, \{3\})\} \neq \emptyset_s \end{aligned}$$

$f_s$  is an SI-almost right ideal. Hence,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost two-sided ideal.

**Proposition 3.10** Let  $f_s$  be an idempotent SI-almost Q-ideal. Then,  $f_s$  is an SI-almost subsemigroup.

**Proof:** Assume that  $f_s$  is an idempotent SI-almost Q-ideal.

Then,  $f_s \circ f_s = f_s$  and for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s) \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset_s.$$

We need to show that

$$(f_S \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset_S &\neq [(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \\ &= [(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S] \tilde{\cap} f_S \\ &= [(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} (f_S \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \\ &\subseteq (f_S \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S \end{aligned}$$

hence  $(f_S \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$ , so  $f_S$  is an SI-almost subsemigroup.

**Proposition 3.11** Let  $f_S$  be an idempotent SI-almost Q-ideal. Then,  $f_S$  is an SI-almost weak interior ideal.

**Proof:** Assume that  $f_S$  is an idempotent SI-almost Q-ideal. Then,  $f_S \circ f_S = f_S$  and for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $[(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \neq \emptyset_S$ .

We need to show that for all  $x \in S$

$$(S_x \circ f_S \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S \text{ and } (f_S \circ f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$$

Since, for all  $x \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset_S &\neq [(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \subseteq (f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_S \\ &= (f_S \circ f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} f_S \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset_S &\neq [(f_S \circ S_y) \tilde{\cap} (S_x \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \subseteq (S_x \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S \\ &= (S_x \circ f_S \circ f_S) \tilde{\cap} f_S, \end{aligned}$$

$f_S$  is an SI-almost weak interior ideal.

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $f_S \subseteq h_S$  such that  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal, then  $h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Proof:** Assume that  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Hence, for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $[(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$ . We need to show that  $[(h_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ h_S)] \tilde{\cap} h_S \neq \emptyset_S$ . Indeed,

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \subseteq [(h_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ h_S)] \tilde{\cap} h_S$$

Since

$$[(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S,$$

thus,  $[(h_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ h_S)] \tilde{\cap} h_S \neq \emptyset_S$  implying that  $h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Theorem 3.13** Let  $f_S$  and  $h_S$  be SI-almost Q-ideals. Then,  $f_S \tilde{\cup} h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Proof:** Since  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal and  $f_S \subseteq f_S \tilde{\cup} h_S$ ,  $f_S \tilde{\cup} h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal by Theorem 3.12.

**Corollary 3.14** The finite union of SI-almost Q-ideals is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Corollary 3.15** Let  $f_S$  or  $h_S$  be SI-almost Q-ideal. Then,  $f_S \tilde{\cup} h_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Here note that if  $f_S$  and  $h_S$  are SI-

almost Q-ideals, then  $f_S \tilde{\cap} h_S$  needs not to be an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Example 3.16** Consider the SI-almost Q-ideals  $f_S$  and  $h_S$  in Example 3.2. Since,

$$f_S \tilde{\cap} h_S = \{(m, \emptyset), (n, \emptyset)\} = \emptyset_S$$

$f_S \tilde{\cap} h_S$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Lemma 3.17** Let  $x \in S$  and  $Y$  be a nonempty subset of  $S$ . Then,  $S_x \circ S_Y = S_{xY}$ . If  $X$  is a nonempty subset of  $S$  and  $y \in S$ , then it is obvious that  $S_X \circ S_y = S_{Xy}$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024b)

**Theorem 3.18** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $S$ . Then,  $A$  is an almost Q-ideal if and only if  $S_A$ , the soft characteristic function of  $A$ , is an SI-almost Q-ideal, where  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $\emptyset \neq A$  is an almost Q-ideal. Then,  $(Ax \cap yA) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x, y \in S$ , and so there exists  $k \in S$  such that  $k \in (Ax \cap yA) \cap A$ . Since,

$$\begin{aligned} [(S_A \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_A)] \tilde{\cap} S_A(k) &= (S_{Ax} \tilde{\cap} S_{yA})(k) \cap S_A(k) \\ &= (S_{Ax \cap yA})(k) \cap S_A(k) \\ &= (S_{(Ax \cap yA) \cap A})(k) \\ &= U \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $[(S_A \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_A)] \tilde{\cap} S_A \neq \emptyset_S$ . Thus,  $S_A$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal.

Conversely assume that  $S_A$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Hence, we have  $[(S_A \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_A)] \tilde{\cap} S_A \neq \emptyset_S$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . In order to show that  $A$  is an almost Q-ideal, we should prove that

$$A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } (Ax \cap yA) \cap A \neq \emptyset, \text{ for all } x, y \in S.$$

$A \neq \emptyset$  is obvious from assumption. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset_S &\neq [(S_A \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_A)] \tilde{\cap} S_A \Rightarrow \exists k \in S; \\ &[(S_A \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_A)] \tilde{\cap} S_A(k) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow \exists k \in S; (S_{Ax} \tilde{\cap} S_{yA})(k) \cap S_A(k) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow \exists k \in S; (S_{Ax \cap yA})(k) \cap S_A(k) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow \exists k \in S; (S_{(Ax \cap yA) \cap A})(k) \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow \exists k \in S; (S_{(Ax \cap yA) \cap A})(k) = U \\ &\Rightarrow k \in (Ax \cap yA) \cap A \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(Ax \cap yA) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Consequently,  $A$  is an almost Q-ideal.

**Lemma 3.19** Let  $f_S$  be a soft set over  $U$ . Then,  $f_S \subseteq S_{\text{supp}(f_S)}$  (Sezgin and İlgin, 2024a)

**Theorem 3.20** If  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal, then  $\text{supp}(f_S)$  is an almost Q-ideal.

**Proof:** Assume that  $f_S$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. Thus,  $[(f_S \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_S)] \tilde{\cap} f_S \neq \emptyset_S$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . In order to show that  $\text{supp}(f_S)$  is an almost Q-ideal, by Theorem 3.18, it is enough to show that  $S_{\text{supp}(f_S)}$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal. By Lemma 3.19,

$$[(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \subseteq [(S_{\text{supp}(f_s)} \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_{\text{supp}(f_s)})] \tilde{\cap} S_{\text{supp}(f_s)}$$

and  $[(f_s \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ f_s)] \tilde{\cap} f_s \neq \emptyset$ , it implies that

$$[(S_{\text{supp}(f_s)} \circ S_x) \tilde{\cap} (S_y \circ S_{\text{supp}(f_s)})] \tilde{\cap} S_{\text{supp}(f_s)} \neq \emptyset.$$

Consequently,  $S_{\text{supp}(f_s)}$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal and by Theorem 3.18,  $\text{supp}(f_s)$  is an almost Q-ideal. Here note that the converse of Theorem 3.20 is not true in general as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.21** We know that  $f_s$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal in Example 3.4 and it is obvious that  $\text{supp}(f_s) = \{k, c, y\} = S$ . It is obvious that  $[\text{supp}(f_s)\{x\} \cap \{y\}\text{supp}(f_s)] \cap \text{supp}(f_s) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . That is to say,  $\text{supp}(f_s)$  is an almost Q-ideal; although  $f_s$  is not an SI-almost Q-ideal.

**Definition 3.22** An SI-almost Q-ideal  $f_s$  is called a minimal if for any SI-almost Q-ideal  $h_s$  whenever  $h_s \subseteq f_s$ , then  $\text{supp}(h_s) = \text{supp}(f_s)$ .

**Theorem 3.23**  $A$  is a minimal almost Q-ideal if and only if  $S_A$ , the soft characteristic function of  $A$ , is a minimal SI-almost Q-ideal, where  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $A$  is a minimal almost Q-ideal. Thus,  $A$  is an almost Q-ideal, and so  $S_A$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal by Theorem 3.18. Let  $f_s$  be an SI-almost Q-ideal such that  $f_s \subseteq S_A$ . By Theorem 3.20,  $\text{supp}(f_s)$  is an almost Q-ideal, and by Note 2.6, and Corollary 2.10,

$$\text{supp}(f_s) \subseteq \text{supp}(S_A) = A.$$

Since  $A$  is a minimal almost Q-ideal,  $\text{supp}(f_s) = \text{supp}(S_A) = A$ . Thus,  $S_A$  is a minimal SI-almost Q-ideal by Definition 3.22.

Conversely, let  $S_A$  be a minimal SI-almost Q-ideal. Thus,  $S_A$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal, and  $A$  is an almost Q-ideal by Theorem 3.18. Let  $B$  be an almost Q-ideal such that  $B \subseteq A$ . By Theorem 3.18,  $S_B$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal, and by Theorem 2.11. (i),  $S_B \subseteq S_A$ . Since  $S_A$  is a minimal SI-almost Q-ideal,

$$B = \text{supp}(S_B) = \text{supp}(S_A) = A$$

by Corollary 2.10. Thus,  $A$  is a minimal almost Q-ideal.

**Definition 3.24** Let  $f_s$ ,  $g_s$ , and  $h_s$  be any SI-almost Q-ideals. If  $h_s \circ g_s \subseteq f_s$  implies that  $h_s \subseteq f_s$  or  $g_s \subseteq f_s$ , then  $f_s$  is called an SI-prime almost Q-ideal.

**Definition 3.25** Let  $f_s$  and  $h_s$  be any SI-almost Q-ideals. If  $h_s \circ h_s \subseteq f_s$  implies that  $h_s \subseteq f_s$ , then  $f_s$  is called an SI-semiprime almost Q-ideal.

**Definition 3.26** Let  $f_s$ ,  $g_s$ , and  $h_s$  be any SI-almost Q-ideals. If  $(h_s \circ g_s) \tilde{\cap} (g_s \circ h_s) \subseteq f_s$  implies that  $h_s \subseteq f_s$  or  $g_s \subseteq f_s$ , then  $f_s$  is called an SI-strongly prime almost Q-ideal.

It is obvious that every SI-strongly prime almost Q-ideal is an SI-prime almost Q-ideal, and every SI-prime almost Q-ideal is a soft semiprime almost Q-ideal.

**Theorem 3.27** If  $S_P$ , the soft characteristic function of  $P$ , is an SI-prime almost Q-ideal, then  $P$  is a prime almost Q-ideal, where  $\emptyset \neq P \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $S_P$  is an SI-prime almost Q-ideal. Thus,  $S_P$  is an SI-almost Q-ideal and thus,  $P$  is an almost Q-ideal by Theorem 3.18. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be almost Q-ideals such that  $AB \subseteq P$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.18,  $S_A$  and  $S_B$  are SI-almost Q-ideals, and by Theorem 2.11. (i) and (iii),  $S_A \circ S_B = S_{AB} \subseteq S_P$ . Since  $S_P$  is an SI-prime almost Q-ideal and  $S_A \circ S_B \subseteq S_P$ , it follows that  $S_A \subseteq S_P$  or  $S_B \subseteq S_P$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.11. (i),  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$ . Consequently,  $P$  is a prime almost Q-ideal.

**Theorem 3.28** If  $S_P$ , the soft characteristic function of  $P$ , is an SI-semiprime almost Q-ideal, then  $P$  is a semiprime almost Q-ideal, where  $\emptyset \neq P \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.27.

**Theorem 3.29** If  $S_P$ , the soft characteristic function of  $P$ , is an SI-strongly prime almost Q-ideal, then  $P$  is a strongly prime almost Q-ideal, where  $\emptyset \neq P \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.27.

## 4. Conclusions

In this study, we introduced the concept of soft intersection almost quasi-ideal and its generalization “soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideal” and studied their basic properties. We illustrate that every soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is a soft intersection weakly almost quasi-ideal; and that every soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is a soft intersection almost ideal of semigroup; nevertheless, the converses do not hold as demonstrated with counterexamples. Also, it was shown that an idempotent soft intersection almost quasi-ideal is both a soft intersection almost weak interior ideal and a soft intersection almost subsemigroup. We obtained the relations between soft intersection almost quasi-ideal of a semigroup and almost quasi-ideal of a semigroup according to minimality, primeness, semiprimeness, and strongly primeness with the theorem that if a nonempty set  $A$  is almost quasi-ideal, then its soft characteristic function is soft intersection almost quasi-ideal and vice versa. In the following studies, many types of soft intersection almost ideals, consisting of interior ideal, bi-ideal, bi-interior ideal, bi-quasi ideal, quasi-interior ideal, and bi-quasi-interior ideal of semigroups may be examined.

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