

## On bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals in $\Gamma$ -semigroups

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### Abstract

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In 1952, R. A. Good and D. R. Hughes introduced the notion of bi-ideals of semigroups and in 1981, the concept of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups was introduced by M. K. Sen. We have known that  $\Gamma$ -semigroups are a generalization of semigroups. In this research, the notion of bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups is introduced. We show that bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups are a generalization of bi-ideals in semigroups and we give some properties for bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups. We give the two definitions as follows : A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is called a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if  $M$  is the unique bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  and a bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $B$  of  $M$  is called a minimal bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  if  $B$  does not properly contain any bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . We show that a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal  $B$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$  is a minimal bi-  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

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ในปี 1952 อาร์. เอ. กูด และ ดี. อาร์. ฮิวส์ ได้นำเสนอแนวคิดเรื่องอุดมคติในของกึ่งกลุ่มและในปี 1981 แนวความคิดเรื่อง  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มถูกนำเสนอโดยเย็น เค เช่น เรายังว่า  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มเป็นนัยทั่วไปของกึ่งกลุ่ม ในการวิจัยนี้  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มได้รับการแนะนำ เราได้แสดงว่า  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มเป็นนัยทั่วไปของอุดมคติในกึ่งกลุ่มและเราให้สมบัติบางอย่างของ  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่ม เราให้บทนิยามสองบทดังต่อไปนี้ เราเรียก  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่ม  $M$  ว่า  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มเชิงเดียวใน ถ้า  $M$  เป็น  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติในเพียงหนึ่งเดียวท่านั้นของ  $M$  และ เราเรียก  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $B$  ของ  $M$  ว่า  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติในเล็กสุดเฉพาะกลุ่ม ถ้า  $B$  ไม่บรรจุ  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $C$  ของ  $M$  ซึ่ง  $B \neq C$  เราแสดงว่า  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติใน  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มเป็น  $\Gamma$ -อุดมคติในเล็กสุดเฉพาะกลุ่ม ก็ต่อเมื่อ  $B$  ว่า  $\Gamma$ -กึ่งกลุ่มเชิงเดียวใน

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## Preliminaries

In 1952, R. A. Good and D. R. Hughes have introduced the notion of bi-ideals of semigroups (Good and Hughes, 1952). The first author has studied some properties of bi-ideals in semigroups (Chinram, 2005). Let  $S$  be a semigroup. A subsemigroup  $B$  of  $S$  is called a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $BSB \subseteq B$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let  $S = [0,1]$ . Then  $S$  is a semigroup under the usual multiplication. Let  $B = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . Then  $B$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ . We have that  $BSB = [0, \frac{1}{4}] \subseteq B$ . Therefore  $B$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$ .

**Example 1.2.** Let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the set of all positive integers. Then  $\mathbf{N}$  is a semigroup under the usual multiplication. Let  $B = 2\mathbf{N}$ . Thus  $BNB = 4\mathbf{N} \subseteq 2\mathbf{N} = B$ . Hence  $B$  is a bi-ideal of  $\mathbf{N}$ .

In 1981, the concept of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups was introduced by M. K. Sen. Let  $M$  and  $\Gamma$  be any two nonempty sets. If there exists a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$ , written the image of  $(a, \gamma, b)$  by  $a\gamma b$ ,  $M$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if  $M$  satisfies the identities  $(a\gamma b)\mu c = a\gamma(b\mu c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$  (Sen, 1981, Sen and Saha, 1986, Saha, 1987). Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of  $M$ .  $K$  is called a sub  $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$  if  $a\gamma b \in K$  for all  $a, b \in K$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Example 1.3.** Let  $M = [0,1]$  and  $\Gamma = \{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \text{ is a positive integer} \}$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup under the usual multiplication. Next, let  $K = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . We have that  $K$  is a nonempty subset of  $M$  and  $a\gamma b \in K$  for all  $a, b \in K$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then  $K$  is a sub  $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .

**Example 1.4.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ . Define a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$  by  $a1b = ab$  for all  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

From Example 1.4, we have seen that every semigroup is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup where  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ . Then  $\Gamma$ -semigroups are a generalization of semigroups.

In this research, we generalize bi-ideals of semigroups to bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups.

## Main results

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A sub  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $B$  of  $M$  is called a *bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal* of  $M$  if  $B\Gamma M \Gamma B \subseteq B$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup, and  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ . Define a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$  by  $a1b = ab$  for all  $a, b \in S$ . From Example 1.4, we have known that  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $B$  be a bi-ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . Thus  $BSB \subseteq B$ . Since  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ ,  $B\Gamma S\Gamma B = BSB \subseteq B$ . Hence  $B$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

Example 2.1 implies that bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups are a generalization of bi-ideals in semigroups (for a suitable  $\Gamma$ ).

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $B_i$  a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $B_i$  a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  for all  $i \in I$ . Assume that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ . Then  $a, b \in B_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Since  $B_i$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  for all  $i \in I$ ,  $a\gamma b \in B_i$  and  $a\gamma m\mu b \in B_i$ .  $\Gamma M \Gamma B_i \subseteq B_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Therefore  $a\gamma b \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $a\gamma m\mu b \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ . Hence  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

In Theorem 2.1,  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \neq \emptyset$  is a necessary condition. Let  $M = (0, 1)$  and  $\Gamma = \{1\}$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup under the usual multiplication. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all positive integers. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $B_n = (0, \frac{1}{n})$ . It is easy to prove that  $B_n$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  but  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n = \emptyset$ .

Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$ . Let  $\mathfrak{I} = \{B / B \text{ is a bi-}\Gamma\text{-ideal of } M \text{ containing } A\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{I} \neq \emptyset$  because  $M \in \mathfrak{I}$ . Let  $(A)_b = \bigcap_{B \in \mathfrak{I}} B$ . It is clearly seen that  $A \subseteq (A)_b$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $(A)_b$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Moreover,  $(A)_b$  is the smallest bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  containing  $A$ .  $(A)_b$  is called the bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  generated by  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$ . Then

$$(A)_b = A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A.$$

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $M$ . Let  $B = A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A$ . Clearly,  $A \subseteq B$ . We have that  $B\Gamma B = (A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)\Gamma(A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A) \subseteq A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq B$ . Hence  $B$  is a sub  $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$ .

Since  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup, all elements in  $B\Gamma M\Gamma B = (A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)\Gamma M\Gamma(A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)$  are in the form of  $a_1\gamma m\mu a_2$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$  and  $m \in M$ . Thus  $B\Gamma M\Gamma B \subseteq$

$A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq B$ . Therefore  $B$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

Let  $C$  be any bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  containing  $A$ . Since  $C$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semigroup of  $M$  and  $A \subseteq C$ ,  $A\Gamma A \subseteq C$ . Since  $C$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $A \subseteq C$ ,  $A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq C$ . Therefore  $B = A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq C$ .

Hence  $B$  is the smallest bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  containing  $A$ . Therefore  $(A)_b = B = A \cup A\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A$ , as required.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all positive integers and  $\Gamma = \{5\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{N}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup under usual addition.

- (i) Let  $A = \{2\}$ . We have that  $(A)_b = \{2\} \cup \{9\} \cup \{15, 16, 17, \dots\}$ .
- (ii) Let  $A = \{3, 4\}$ . We have that  $(A)_b = \{3, 4\} \cup \{11, 12, 13\} \cup \{17, 18, 19, \dots\}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $B$  be a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $A$  a nonempty subset of  $M$ . Then the following statements are true.

- (i)  $B\Gamma A$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .
- (ii)  $A\Gamma B$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Proof.** (i) We have that  $(B\Gamma A)\Gamma(B\Gamma A) = (B\Gamma A\Gamma B)\Gamma A$  and  $(B\Gamma A)\Gamma M\Gamma(B\Gamma A) = (B\Gamma A\Gamma M\Gamma B)\Gamma A$ . Since  $B$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ ,  $(B\Gamma A)\Gamma(B\Gamma A) = (B\Gamma A\Gamma B)\Gamma A \subseteq B\Gamma A$  and  $(B\Gamma A)\Gamma M\Gamma(B\Gamma A) = (B\Gamma A\Gamma M\Gamma B)\Gamma A \subseteq (B\Gamma M\Gamma B)\Gamma A \subseteq B\Gamma A$ . Therefore  $B\Gamma A$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

The proof of (ii) is similar to the proof of (i).

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  be bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $M$ . Then  $B_1\Gamma B_2\Gamma \dots \Gamma B_n$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Proof.** We will prove the corollary by mathematical induction. By Theorem 2.3,  $B_1\Gamma B_2$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Next, let  $n$  be any positive integer such that  $k < n$  and assume  $B_1\Gamma B_2\Gamma \dots \Gamma B_k$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . We have that  $B_1\Gamma B_2\Gamma \dots \Gamma B_k\Gamma B_{k+1} = (B_1\Gamma B_2\Gamma \dots \Gamma B_k)\Gamma B_{k+1}$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  by Theorem 2.3.

Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.  $M$  is called a *bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup* if  $M$  is the unique bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal

of  $M$ . A bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal  $B$  of  $M$  is called a *minimal bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal* of  $M$  if  $B$  does not properly contain any bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $\Gamma = G$ . Then  $G^n = G$  and  $gG = G = Gg$  for all  $g \in G$ . Then  $G$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup under the usual binary operation. It is easy to see that  $G$  is the unique bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $G$ . Then  $G$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Then  $M$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $M = m\Gamma M\Gamma m$  for all  $m \in M$ , where  $m\Gamma M\Gamma m$  means  $\{m\}\Gamma M\Gamma\{m\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Assume that  $M$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $m \in M$ . By Theorem 2.3,  $m\Gamma M\Gamma m$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Then  $M = m\Gamma M\Gamma m$ .

Assume that  $M = m\Gamma M\Gamma m$  for all  $m \in M$ . Let  $B$  be a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Let  $b \in B$ . By assumption,  $M = b\Gamma M\Gamma b \subseteq B\Gamma M\Gamma B \subseteq B$ . Hence  $M = B$ . Therefore  $M$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $B$  a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Then  $B$  is a minimal bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $B$  a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ .

Assume that  $B$  is a minimal bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Let  $C$  be a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $B$ . Then  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq C$ . Since  $B$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ , by Theorem 2.3,

$C\Gamma B\Gamma C$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ . Since  $B$  is a minimal bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq B$ ,  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C = B$ . Hence  $B = C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq C$ , this implies  $B = C$ . Then  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Assume that  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $C$  be a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$  such that  $C \subseteq B$ . Then  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq C\Gamma M\Gamma C \subseteq C$ . Therefore  $C$  is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $B$ . Since  $B$  is a bi-simple  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,  $C = B$ . Hence  $B$  is a minimal bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $M$ , as required.

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