

ON QUASI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS AND BI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS IN TERNARY Γ -SEMIRINGS

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Abstract : We introduce the notions of quasi-ternary Γ -ideal and bi-ternary Γ -ideal in ternary Γ -semirings and study some properties of these two ternary Γ -ideals. We also characterize regular ternary Γ -semiring in terms of these two subsystems of ternary Γ -semirings.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Good and Hughes [3] introduced the notion of bi-ideal and Steinfeld [5] introduced the notion of quasi-ideal. Sioson [4] studied some properties of quasi-ideals of ternary semigroups. In [1], Dixit and Dewan studied about the quasi-ideals and bi-ideals of ternary semigroups. Quasi-ideals are generalization of right ideals, lateral ideals, and left ideals whereas bi-ideals are generalization of quasi-ideals. In [2], we introduced the notion of ternary semiring. Syam Julius Rajendra, Madhusudhana Rao and Sajani Lavanya [6], introduced the completely regular ternary Γ -ideals in partially ordered ternary Γ -semiring. Our main purpose of this paper is to introduce the notions of quasi-ternary Γ -ideal and bi-ternary Γ -ideal in ternary Γ -semirings and study regular ternary Γ -semiring in terms of these two subsystems of ternary Γ -semirings.

II. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1: Let T and Γ be two additive commutative semigroups. T is said to be a **Ternary Γ -semiring** if there exist a mapping from $T \times \Gamma \times T \times \Gamma \times T$ to T which maps $(x_1, \alpha, x_2, \beta, x_3) \rightarrow [x_1 \alpha x_2 \beta x_3]$ satisfying the conditions :

- i) $[a \alpha [b \beta c \gamma] d \delta e] = [a \alpha [b \beta c \gamma d] \delta e] = [a \alpha b \beta [c \gamma d \delta e]]$
- ii) $[(a + b) \alpha c \beta d] = [a \alpha c \beta d] + [b \alpha c \beta d]$
- iii) $[a \alpha (b + c) \beta d] = [a \alpha b \beta d] + [a \alpha c \beta d]$
- iv) $[a \alpha b \beta (c + d)] = [a \alpha b \beta c] + [a \alpha b \beta d]$ for all $a, b, c, d \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Definition 2.2: An element 0 of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be an **absorbing zero** of T provided $0 + x = x = x + 0$ and $0 \alpha a \beta b = a \alpha 0 \beta b = a \alpha b \beta 0 = 0 \forall a, b, x \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Note 2.3 : Throughout this paper, T will always denote a ternary Γ -semiring with zero and unless otherwise stated a ternary Γ -semiring means a ternary Γ -semiring with zero.

Definition 2.4: Let T be ternary Γ -semiring. A non empty subset 'S' is said to be a **ternary sub Γ -semiring** of T if S is an additive subsemigroup of T and $a \alpha b \beta c \in S$ for all $a, b, c \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Note 2.5 : A non empty subset S of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a ternary sub Γ -semiring if and only if $S + S \subseteq S$ and $S \Gamma S \Gamma S \subseteq S$.

III. TERNARY Γ -IDEAL

Definition 3.1 : A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **zero divisor free (ZDF)** if for $a, b, c \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, [a \alpha b \beta c] = 0$ implies that $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ or $c = 0$.

Definition 3.2 : A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **multiplicatively left Γ -cancellative (MLC)** if $a \Gamma b \Gamma x = a \Gamma b \Gamma y$ implies that $x = y$ for all $a, b, x, y \in T$.

Definition 3.3: A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **multiplicatively laterally Γ -cancellative (MLLC)** if $a \Gamma x \Gamma b = a \Gamma y \Gamma b$ implies that $x = y$ for all $a, b, x, y \in T$.

Definition 3.4 :A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **multiplicatively right Γ -cancellative** (MRC) if $x\Gamma a\Gamma b = y\Gamma a\Gamma b$ implies that $x = y$ for all $a, b, x, y \in T$.

Definition 3.5 :A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **multiplicatively Γ -cancellative** (MC) if it is multiplicative left Γ -cancellative (MLC), multiplicative right Γ -cancellative (MRC) and multiplicative laterally Γ -cancellative (MLLC).

Theorem 3.6: A multiplicative Γ -cancellative ternary Γ -semiring T is zero divisor free.

Proof: Let T be a multiplicative Γ -cancellative ternary Γ -semiring and $a\Gamma b\Gamma c = 0$ for $a, b, c \in T$. Suppose $b \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$. Then by right Γ -cancellativity, $a\Gamma b\Gamma c = 0 = 0\Gamma b\Gamma c$ implies that $a = 0$. Similarly, we can show that $b = 0$ if $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$ or $c = 0$ if $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. Consequently, T is zero divisor free.

Definition 3.9 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **left ternary Γ -ideal** of T if (1) $a, b \in A$ implies $a + b \in A$. (2) $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ implies $b\alpha c\beta a \in A$.

Note 3.10 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T and $T\Gamma T\Gamma A \subseteq A$.

Definition 3.11 : A nonempty subset of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **lateral ternary Γ -ideal** of T if (1) $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$. (2) $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b\alpha a\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.12: A nonempty subset of A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T and $T\Gamma A\Gamma T \subseteq A$.

Definition 3.13 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a **right ternary Γ -ideal** of T if (1) $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$. (2) $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.14: A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T and $A\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq A$.

Definition 3.15: A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

(1) $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$

(2) $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b\alpha c\beta a \in A, b\alpha a\beta c \in A, a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.16 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is left ternary Γ -ideal, lateral ternary Γ -ideal and right ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Definition 3.17: A ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **proper ternary Γ -ideal** of T if A is different from T .

Definition 3.18: A left ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be the **principal left ternary Γ -ideal generated by a** if A is a left ternary Γ -ideal generated by $\{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. It is denoted by $L(a)$ or $\langle a \rangle_l$.

Theorem 3.19 : If T is a ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then

$\langle a \rangle_l = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na : r_i, t_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+ \right\}$. Where Σ denotes a finite sum and \mathbb{Z}_0^+ is

the set of all positive integer with zero.

Proof :Let $A = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na : r_i, t_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+ \right\}$. Let $a, b \in A$.

$a, b \in A$. $a = \sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na$ and $b = \sum r_j \alpha_j t_j \beta_j a + na$ for $r_i, t_i, r_j, t_j \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_j, \beta_j \in \Gamma$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$. Now $a + b = \sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na + \sum r_j \alpha_j t_j \beta_j a + na \Rightarrow a + b$ is a finite sum.

Therefore $a + b \in A$ and hence A is additive subsemigroup of T . For $t_1, t_2 \in T$ and $a \in A$.

Then $t_1 \alpha t_2 \beta a = t_1 \alpha t_2 (\sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na) = \sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i (t_1 \alpha t_2 \beta a) + n(t_1 \alpha t_2 \beta a) \in A$

Therefore $t_1 \alpha t_2 \beta a \in A$ and hence A is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Let L be a left ternary Γ -ideal of T containing a .

Let $r \in A$. Then $r = \sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na$ for $r_i, t_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$.

If $r = \sum r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na \in L$.

Therefore $A \subseteq L$ and hence A is a smallest left ternary Γ -ideal containing a .

Therefore $A = L(a) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i a + na : r_i, t_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in z_0^+ \right\}$.

Note 3.20 : if T is ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then $L(a) = T^e \Gamma T^e \Gamma a + na$.

Definition 3.21 : A nonempty subset of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **lateral ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $a, b \in A$ implies $a + b \in A$.
- (2) $b, c \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, a \in A$ implies $ba\alpha\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.22: A nonempty subset of A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T , $T\Gamma A\Gamma T \subseteq A$.

Definition 3.23 : A lateral ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be the **principal lateral ternary Γ -ideal generated by a** if A is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal generated by $\{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. It is denoted by $M(a)$ (or) $\langle a \rangle_m$.

Theorem 3.24 : If T is a ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then

$$\langle a \rangle_m = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i a \beta_i t_i + \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \alpha_j v_j \beta_j a \gamma_j p_j \delta_j q_j + na : r_i, t_i, u_j v_j p_j q_j \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_j, \beta_j, \gamma_j, \delta_j \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in z_0^+ \right\}, \text{ and } \Sigma \text{ denotes a}$$

finite sum and z_0^+ is the set of all positive integer with zero.

Definition 3.25 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a **right ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $a, b \in A$ implies $a + b \in A$.
- (2) $b, c \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, a \in A$ implies $aab\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.26 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T , $A\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq A$.

Definition 3.27 : A right ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **principal right ternary Γ -ideal generated by a** if A is a right PO-ternary Γ -ideal generated by $\{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. It is denoted by $R(a)$ (or) $\langle a \rangle_r$.

Theorem 3.28 : If T is a ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then

$$\langle a \rangle_r = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a \alpha_i r_i \beta_i t_i + na : r_i, t_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in z_0^+ \right\}, \Sigma \text{ denotes a finite sum and } z_0^+ \text{ is the set}$$

of all positive integer with zero.

Definition 3.29 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a **two sided ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $a, b \in A$ implies $a + b \in A$
- (2) $b, c \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, a \in A$ implies $b\alpha c\beta a \in A, aab\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.30: A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a two sided ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is both a left ternary Γ -ideal and a right ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Definition 3.31 : A two sided ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be the **principal two sided ternary Γ -ideal** provided A is a two sided ternary Γ -ideal generated by $\{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. It is denoted by $T(a)$ (or) $\langle a \rangle_t$.

Theorem 3.32 : If T is a ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then

$$\langle a \rangle_t = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i s_i \beta_i a + \sum_{j=1}^n a \alpha_j t_j \beta_j u_j + \sum_{k=1}^n l_k \alpha_k m_k \beta_k a \gamma_k p_k \delta_k q_k + na : r_i, s_i, t_j, u_j, l_k m_k, p_k, q_k \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_j, \beta_j, \alpha_k, \beta_k, \gamma_k, \delta_k \in \Gamma \text{ and } n \in Z_0^+ \right\} \text{ and } \Sigma \text{ denotes}$$

a finite sum and z_0^+ is the set of all positive integer with zero.

Definition 3.33 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $a, b \in A$ implies $a + b \in A$
- (2) $b, c \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, a \in A$ implies $b\alpha c\beta a \in A, b\alpha a\beta c \in A, a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.

Note 3.34 : A nonempty subset A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is left ternary Γ -ideal, lateral ternary Γ -ideal and right ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Definition 3.35 : A ternary Γ -ideal A of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **principal ternary Γ -ideal** provided A is a ternary Γ -ideal generated by $\{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. It is denoted by $J(a)$ (or) $\langle a \rangle$.

Theorem 3.36 : If T is a ternary Γ -semiring and $a \in T$ then

$$\langle a \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \alpha_i q_i \beta_i a + \sum_{j=1}^n a \alpha_j r_j \beta_j s_j + \sum_{k=1}^n t_k \alpha_k a \beta_k u_k + \sum_{l=1}^n v_l \alpha_l w_l \beta_l a \gamma_l x_l \delta_l y_l + na \right.$$

$$\left. : p_i, q_i, r_j, s_j, t_k, u_k, v_l, w_l, x_l, y_l \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_j, \beta_j, \alpha_k, \beta_k, \alpha_l, \beta_l, \gamma_l, \delta_l \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+ \right\}.$$

Where Σ denotes a finite sum and \mathbb{Z}_0^+ is the set of all positive integer with zero.

4. Quasi-ternary Γ -ideal and bi-ternary Γ -ideal in ternary Γ -semirings

Definition 4.1: An additive subsemigroup Q of a ternary Γ -semiring T is called a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if $Q\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$.

Note 4.2: Every quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a ternary Γ -sub semiring of T.

Lemma 4.3: Every left, right, and lateral ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Proof: Assume that Q is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T. Then $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$, but $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T) \cap Q\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$. Hence Q is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T. Similarly we can prove that the remaining parts.

Remark 4.4: The converse of Lemma 4.3 is not true, in general, that is, a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal may not be a left, a right, or a lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T. This follows from the following example.

Example 4.5: Let $T = M_2(\mathbb{Z}_0^-)$ be the ternary Γ -semiring of the set of all 2×2 square matrices over \mathbb{Z}_0^- , the set of all nonpositive integers and Γ be the set of all 2×2 square matrices over \mathbb{Z}^- , the set of all negative integers. Let

$$Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}.$$

Then we can easily verify that Q is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T, but Q is not a right

ternary Γ -ideal, a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, or a left ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Theorem 4.6: If Q is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T and S is a ternary Γ -sub semiring of T, then $Q \cap S$ is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of S.

Proof: Assume that $Q_1 = Q \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Since $Q_1 \subseteq Q$, it follows that $S\Gamma S\Gamma Q_1 \cap S\Gamma Q_1\Gamma S \cap Q_1\Gamma S\Gamma S \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cap T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cap Q\Gamma T \subseteq Q$. Since $Q_1 \subseteq S$ and S is a ternary Γ -subsemigroup of T. We have $S\Gamma S\Gamma Q_1 \cap S\Gamma Q_1\Gamma S \cap Q_1\Gamma S\Gamma S \subseteq S$. Then $S\Gamma S\Gamma Q_1 \cap S\Gamma Q_1\Gamma S \cap Q_1\Gamma S\Gamma S \subseteq Q_1$. Therefore Q_1 is quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of S.

Lemma 4.7. The intersection of arbitrary collection of quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Proof: Let $\{Q_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ be a family of Γ -ternary Γ -ideals of T and let $Q = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha$

Assume that Q is not empty. Since Q_α is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal for each $\alpha \in \Delta$. Then $Q_\alpha \Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q_\alpha \Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha \Gamma T) \cap (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha) \subseteq Q_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$.

Now for each $\alpha \in \Delta$ $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q = T\Gamma T\Gamma(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha$,

$T\Gamma Q\Gamma T = T\Gamma(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha)\Gamma T = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T$,

$T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T = T\Gamma T\Gamma(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha)\Gamma T\Gamma T = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T$, and

$T\Gamma T\Gamma Q = T\Gamma T\Gamma(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T$.

Then $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap Q\Gamma T\Gamma T$
 $\subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha \cap (T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap Q_\alpha\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq Q_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$.

Therefore $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha = Q$.

Therefore $Q = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} Q_\alpha$, is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem 4.8: An additive subsemigroup Q of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if Q is the intersection of a right ternary Γ -ideal, a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and a left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let R be a right ternary Γ -ideal, M be a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L be a left ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $Q = R \cap M \cap L$. Then, by Lemmas 4.3 and 4.7, we find that Q is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

The converse of Theorem 4.8 does not hold, in general. But, in particular, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.9: An additive subsemigroup Q of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if Q is the intersection of a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal, a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let R be a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal, M a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $Q = R \cap M \cap L$.

Then, by Theorem 4.8, it follows that Q is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Now it remains to show that Q is minimal.

If possible, let $Q \subseteq Q$ be any other quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Then, $Q\Gamma T\Gamma T$ is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T and $Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq R\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq R$.

Since R is a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $Q\Gamma T\Gamma T = R$.

Similarly, we can prove that $T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T = M$ and $T\Gamma T\Gamma Q = L$.

Therefore, $Q = R \cap M \cap L = Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$.

Consequently, $Q = Q$ and hence Q is a minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Conversely, let Q be a minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Then, $Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$. Let $q \in Q$.

Then, $q\Gamma T\Gamma T$ is a right ternary Γ -ideal, $(T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and $T\Gamma T\Gamma q$ is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Therefore, by Theorem 4.8, $q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q$ is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , and $q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q \subseteq Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$.

Since Q is a minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have

$q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q = Q$.

Now it remains to show that $q\Gamma T\Gamma T$, $(T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$, and $T\Gamma T\Gamma q$ are, respectively, a minimal right, a minimal lateral, and a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

If possible, let R be any right ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $R \subseteq q\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Then $R\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq R \subseteq q\Gamma T\Gamma T$.

Now, $R\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q \subseteq q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q = Q$.

Thus, by minimality of Q , we find that $Q = R\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma q$.

This implies that $Q \subseteq R\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Again, $q\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq (R\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq R\Gamma T\Gamma T$.

Thus, $q\Gamma T\Gamma T = R\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq R$ and hence $R = q\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Consequently, $q\Gamma T\Gamma T$ is a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal of T . Similarly, we can prove that $(T\Gamma q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ is a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal and $T\Gamma T\Gamma q$ is a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem 4.10: Any minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let M be a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T . We will show that M is a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let $m \in M$. Then, $T\Gamma m\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma m\Gamma T\Gamma T$ is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T and $T\Gamma m\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma m\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma M\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq M$. Since M is minimal, we have $M = T\Gamma M\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T$.

Now, $M\Gamma T\Gamma T = (T\Gamma M\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T = (T\Gamma M\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T + (T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma M\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq M$ and $T\Gamma T\Gamma M = T\Gamma T\Gamma T (T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T) = T\Gamma T\Gamma T (T\Gamma M\Gamma T) + T\Gamma T\Gamma T (T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq T\Gamma M\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq M$. This implies that M is both right ternary Γ -ideal and left ternary Γ -ideal of T . Consequently, M is a ternary Γ -ideal of T . Now it remains to show that M is a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T . If possible, let M be a ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $M \subsetneq M$. Since M is a ternary Γ -ideal of T , it is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T . By hypothesis, we have $M = M$. Consequently, M is a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Corollary 4.11. Any minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T is contained in a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let Q be a minimal quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Then, by theorem 4.9, $Q = R \cap M \cap L$, where R is a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal, M a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T . Clearly, $Q \subseteq M$. By theorem 4.10, it follows that M is a minimal ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem 4.12: Let x be an idempotent element of a ternary Γ -semiring T , that is, $x\Gamma x\Gamma x = x$. If R is a right ternary Γ -ideal, M a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L a left ternary Γ -ideal of T , then $R\Gamma x\Gamma x$, $x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x$, and $x\Gamma x\Gamma L$ are quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T .

Proof: To show $R\Gamma x\Gamma x$, $x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x$, and $x\Gamma x\Gamma L$ are quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T , it is sufficient to show that

$$\begin{aligned} R\Gamma x\Gamma x &= R \cap (T\Gamma x\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x, \\ x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x &= x\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap M \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x, \\ x\Gamma x\Gamma L &= x\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma x\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap L. \end{aligned}$$

For the first case, clearly we see that $R\Gamma x\Gamma x \subseteq R \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$. Let $a \in R \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

Then, $a \in R$ and $a \in T\Gamma T\Gamma x$. Now, $a \in T\Gamma T\Gamma x$ implies that $a = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i x$ for some $s_i, t_i \in T$ and $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$.

$$\text{Therefore, } a\alpha x\beta x = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i x \right) x\beta x = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i (x\alpha x\beta x) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \alpha_i t_i \beta_i x = a.$$

Thus, it follows that $a \in R\Gamma x\Gamma x$ and hence $R\Gamma x\Gamma x = R \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

Again, $a = a\alpha x\beta x \in T\Gamma x\Gamma T$ and $0 \in T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T$. So we find that $a \in (T\Gamma x\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T)$.

Thus, $R \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x \subseteq (T\Gamma x\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T)$. Consequently, $R\Gamma x\Gamma x = R \cap (T\Gamma x\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma x\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

For the second case, We see that $x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x \subseteq x\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap M \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

Let $a \in x\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap M \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$. Then, $a \in x\Gamma T\Gamma T$, $a \in M$, and $a \in T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

$$\text{Now, } a \in x\Gamma T\Gamma T \text{ and } a \in T\Gamma T\Gamma x \Rightarrow a = \sum_{i=1}^m x\alpha_i s_i \beta_i t_i = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \alpha_j v_j \beta_j x \text{ for some } s_i, t_i, u_j, v_j \in T$$

and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_j, \beta_j \in \Gamma$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x\alpha x\beta a\gamma x\delta x &= x\alpha x \left(\sum_{i=1}^m x\alpha_i s_i \beta_i t_i \right) \gamma x\delta x = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (x\alpha x\beta x) \alpha_i s_i \beta_i t_i \right) \gamma x\delta x \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^m x\alpha_i s_i \beta_i t_i \right) \gamma x\delta x = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_j \alpha_j v_j \beta_j x \right) \gamma x\delta x = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \alpha_j v_j \beta_j (x\gamma x\delta x) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \alpha_j v_j \beta_j x = a. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $a \in x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x$ and hence $x\Gamma x\Gamma M\Gamma x\Gamma x = x\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap M \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma x$.

The third case can be proved in the same way as in the first case.

Definition 4.13 : An element a of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **regular** if there exist $x \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta a = a$.

Definition 4.14 : A ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **regular ternary Γ -semiring** provided every element is regular.

Theorem 4.15: The following conditions in a ternary Γ -semiring T are equivalent:

(i) T is regular;

(ii) For any right ternary Γ -ideal R , lateral ternary Γ -ideal M and left ternary Γ -ideal L of T ,

$$R\Gamma M\Gamma L = R \cap M \cap L;$$

(iii) For $a, b, c \in T$, $\langle a \rangle_r \Gamma \langle b \rangle_m \Gamma \langle c \rangle_l = \langle a \rangle_r \cap \langle b \rangle_m \cap \langle c \rangle_l$;

(iv) For $a \in T$, $\langle a \rangle_r \Gamma \langle a \rangle_m \Gamma \langle a \rangle_l = \langle a \rangle_r \cap \langle a \rangle_m \cap \langle a \rangle_l$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose T is a regular ternary Γ -semiring.

Let R, M and L be a right ternary Γ -ideal, a lateral ternary Γ -ideal and a left ternary Γ -ideal of T respectively. Then clearly, $R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq R \cap M \cap L$. Now for $a \in R \cap M \cap L$, we have $a = a\alpha x\beta a$ for some $x \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. This implies that $a = a\alpha x\beta a = (a\alpha x\beta a)(x\alpha a\beta x)\delta (a\alpha x\beta a) \in R\Gamma M\Gamma L$. Thus we have $R \cap M \cap L \subseteq R\Gamma M\Gamma L$. So we find that $R\Gamma M\Gamma L = R \cap M \cap L$.

Clearly, (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) and (iii) \Rightarrow (iv).

To complete the proof, it remains to show that (iv) \Rightarrow (i).

Let $a \in T$. Clearly, $a \in \langle a \rangle_r \cap \langle b \rangle_m \cap \langle c \rangle_l = \langle a \rangle_r \Gamma \langle b \rangle_m \Gamma \langle c \rangle_l$.

Then we have, $a \in (a\Gamma T\Gamma T + na)\Gamma(T\Gamma a\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T + na)\Gamma(T\Gamma T\Gamma a + na) \subseteq a\Gamma T\Gamma a$.

So we find that $a \in a\Gamma T\Gamma a$ and hence there exists an elements $x \in T$ such that $a = a\alpha x\beta a$, for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. This implies that a is regular and hence T is regular.

Theorem 4.16. If, for every quasi-ternary Γ -ideal Q of T , $Q\Gamma Q\Gamma Q = Q$, then T is a regular ternary Γ -semiring.

Proof: If R is a minimal right ternary Γ -ideal, M a minimal lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L a minimal left ternary Γ -ideal of T , then, by Theorem 4.9, it follows that $R \cap M \cap L$ is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Now, by hypothesis,

$$R \cap M \cap L = [(R \cap M \cap L)\Gamma]^2(R \cap M \cap L) = (R \cap M \cap L)\Gamma(R \cap M \cap L)\Gamma(R \cap M \cap L) \subseteq R\Gamma M\Gamma L.$$

Again, clearly $R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq R \cap M \cap L$. So, $R \cap M \cap L = R\Gamma M\Gamma L$ and hence, by Theorem 4.15, T is a regular ternary Γ -semiring.

Definition 4.17: A ternary Γ -subsemiring B of a ternary Γ -semiring T is called a **bi-ternary Γ -ideal** of T if $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B$.

Lemma 4.18: Every quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof. Let Q be a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Then we see that $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q\Gamma(T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T \subseteq Q\Gamma T\Gamma T$, $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq T\Gamma(T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma Q \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q$, and $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Again $\{0\} \subseteq T\Gamma Q\Gamma T$. So, $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Consequently, it follows that $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$ and hence Q is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Note 4.19: The converse of Lemma 4.15 does not hold, in general, that is, a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T may not be a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Remark 4.20: Since every left, right, and lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , it follows that every left, right, and lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , but the converse is not true, in general.

Theorem 4.21: If B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T and S is a ternary Γ -subsemiring of T , then $B \cap S$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Lemma 4.22: If B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T and S_1, S_2 are two ternary Γ -subsemirings of T , then $B\Gamma S_1\Gamma S_2, S_1\Gamma B\Gamma S_2$, and $S_1\Gamma S_2\Gamma B$ are bi-ternary Γ -ideals of T .

Corollary 4.23: If B_1, B_2 , and B_3 are three bi-ternary Γ -ideals of a ternary Γ -semiring T , then $B_1\Gamma B_2\Gamma B_3$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Corollary 4.24: If Q_1, Q_2 , and Q_3 are three quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of a ternary Γ -semiring T , then $Q_1\Gamma Q_2\Gamma Q_3$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

In general, if B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T and C is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of B , then C is not a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . But, in particular, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.25. Let B be a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a ternary Γ -semiring T , and C a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of B such that $C\Gamma C\Gamma C = C$. Then C is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Since B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B$, and since C is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of B , $C\Gamma B\Gamma C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq C$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} C\Gamma T\Gamma C\Gamma T\Gamma C &= (C\Gamma C\Gamma C)\Gamma T\Gamma C\Gamma T\Gamma (C\Gamma C\Gamma C) \\ &= C\Gamma C\Gamma (C\Gamma T\Gamma C\Gamma T\Gamma C)\Gamma C\Gamma C \\ &\subseteq C\Gamma C\Gamma (B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B)\Gamma C\Gamma C \subseteq C\Gamma C\Gamma B\Gamma C\Gamma C \\ &= C\Gamma C\Gamma B\Gamma C\Gamma (C\Gamma C\Gamma C) \subseteq C\Gamma (C\Gamma B\Gamma C\Gamma B\Gamma C)\Gamma C \subseteq C\Gamma C\Gamma C = C. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.26 : An element a of a ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be Γ -invertible in T if there exists an element b in T (called the ternary Γ -semiring-inverse of a) such that $a\Gamma b\Gamma t = b\Gamma a\Gamma t = t\Gamma a\Gamma b = t\Gamma b\Gamma a = t$ for all $t \in T$.

Definition 4.27 : A ternary Γ -semiring (Γ -ring) T with $|S| \geq 2$ is said to be a ternary division Γ -semiring (Γ -ring, resp.) if every non-zero element of T is Γ -invertible.

Theorem 4.28: A ternary Γ -semiring T has no nonzero proper bi-ternary Γ -ideals if T is a ternary division Γ -semiring.

Proof: Let T be a ternary division Γ -semiring and B be a nonzero bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Let $a (\neq 0) \in B$. Then there exists $s (\neq 0) \in T$ such that $a\alpha s\beta x = s\alpha a\beta x = x\alpha a\beta s = x\alpha s\beta a = x$ for all $x \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. This implies that $T = B\Gamma T\Gamma T = T\Gamma T\Gamma B$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T &= B\Gamma T\Gamma T = B\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma B)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma B) \\ &= B\Gamma (B\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T\Gamma B\Gamma T)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma B)\Gamma B \\ &\subseteq B\Gamma (B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B)\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma B\Gamma B \subseteq B. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $B = T$ and hence T has no nonzero proper bi-ternary Γ -ideals.

The converse of Theorem 4.28 is not true, in general. However, in particular, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.29: A ternary Γ -semiring T is a ternary division Γ -semiring if T is MC and has nonzero proper bi-ternary Γ -ideals.

Proof: Let T be an MC ternary Γ -semiring and has no nonzero proper bi-ternary Γ -ideals.

Let $a (\neq 0) \in T$. Then, $a\Gamma T\Gamma x$ and $x\Gamma a\Gamma T$ are two bi-ternary Γ -ideals of T for any nonzero $x \in T$. Since T is MC, it is ZDF. So, $a\Gamma T\Gamma x \neq \{0\}$ and $x\Gamma a\Gamma T \neq \{0\}$.

By hypothesis, we have $a\Gamma T\Gamma x = x\Gamma a\Gamma T = T$ and hence for $x (\neq 0) \in T$, there exist $b, c \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$, such that $a\alpha b\beta x = x\alpha a\beta c = x$. Let y be any element of T .

Then there exist $d, e \in T$, $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\gamma d\delta x = x\gamma a\delta e = y$.

Thus, $a\alpha b\beta y = a\alpha b\beta (x\gamma a\delta e) = (a\alpha b\beta x)\gamma a\delta e = x\gamma a\delta e = y$ for all $y \in T$, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Now, $(y\alpha a\beta b)\gamma a\delta b = y\alpha (a\beta b\gamma a)\delta b = y\alpha a\delta b$.

Since T is MC, we find that $y\alpha a\beta b = y$ for all $y \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Similarly, we can show that $b\alpha a\beta y = y\alpha b\beta a = y$ for all $y \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Thus, we find that $a\alpha b\beta y = y\alpha a\beta b = b\alpha a\beta y = y\alpha b\beta a = y$ for all $y \in T$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and hence T is a ternary division Γ -semiring.

Theorem 4.30: Let X , Y , and Z be three ternary Γ -sub semirings of a ternary Γ -semiring T and $B = X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$. Then, B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal if at least one of X , Y , Z is a right, a lateral, or a left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let $B = X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$. Suppose X is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Then we find that $(X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)$
 $= X\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma Y\Gamma Z \subseteq X\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma Y\Gamma Z \subseteq (X\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma Y\Gamma Z \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$.

Consequently, $B = X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Now suppose that Y is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Then $(X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z) \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma Z \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma Z \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma Z \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$. This implies that $B = X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Again, if Z is a right ternary Γ -ideal of T , then

$$(X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma T\Gamma (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z) \subseteq (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq (X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma (Z\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$$
. Consequently, $B = X\Gamma Y\Gamma Z$ is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Similar proofs can be given for other cases.

Corollary 4.31: A ternary Γ -subsemiring B of T is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if $B = R\Gamma M\Gamma L$, where R is a right ternary Γ -ideal, M is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem 4.32: Let B be a ternary Γ -subsemiring of a ternary Γ -semiring T . If R is a right ternary Γ -ideal, M is a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L is a left ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq B \subseteq R\cap M\cap L$, then B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq (R\cap M\cap L)\Gamma T\Gamma (R\cap M\cap L)\Gamma T\Gamma (R\cap M\cap L) \subseteq R\Gamma (T\Gamma M\Gamma T)\Gamma L \subseteq R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq B$.

The following theorem gives a characterization of a regular ternary semiring S in terms of bi-ternary Γ -ideal and quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem 4.33: The following conditions in a ternary Γ -semiring T are equivalent:

- (i) T is regular,
- (ii) for every bi-ternary Γ -ideal B of T , $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B = B$,
- (iii) for every quasi-ternary Γ -ideal Q of T , $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q = Q$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose T is regular. Let B be a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let $b \in B$. Then there exists $x \in T$, such that $a = a\alpha x\beta a$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. This implies that $a = a\alpha x\beta a\gamma x\delta a \in B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B$. So we find that $B \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B$. Again, since B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B$. Consequently, $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B = B$. Clearly, (ii) \Rightarrow (iii), by using Lemma 4.18.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose (iii) holds. Let R be a right ternary Γ -ideal, M a lateral ternary Γ -ideal, and L a left ternary Γ -ideal of T . Then, $Q = R\cap M\cap L$ is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , by Theorem 4.8. By hypothesis, $Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q = Q$. Now, $R\cap M\cap L = Q = Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma Q \subseteq R\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma L \subseteq R\Gamma M\Gamma L$. Again, clearly $R\Gamma M\Gamma L \subseteq R\cap M\cap L$. So, $R\cap M\cap L = R\Gamma M\Gamma L$, and hence, by Theorem 4.15, T is a regular ternary Γ -semiring.

Theorem 4.34: A ternary Γ -sub semiring B of a regular ternary Γ -semiring T is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if $B = B\Gamma T\Gamma B$.

Proof: If $B = B\Gamma T\Gamma B$, then it is easy to see that B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Conversely, suppose that B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a regular ternary Γ -semiring T . Let $b \in B$, then there exists $x \in T$ such that $b = b\alpha x\beta b$, for $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. This implies that $b \in B\Gamma T\Gamma B$ and hence $B \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B$. Again, $B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B$. Thus we find that $B = B\Gamma T\Gamma B$.

Theorem 4.35: A ternary Γ -sub semiring B of a regular ternary Γ -semiring T is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if B is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let T be a regular ternary Γ -semiring. If B is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , then, from Lemma 4.18, it follows that B is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Conversely, let B be a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . From Theorem 4.15, we find that if T is a regular ternary Γ -semiring, then $R\cap M\cap L = R\Gamma M\Gamma L$ for any right ternary Γ -ideal R , any lateral ternary Γ -ideal M , and any left ternary Γ -ideal L .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & B\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma (T\Gamma B\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma B \\ &= B\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma (T\Gamma B\Gamma T + T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma B \\ &= B\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma B\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma B + B\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma B \\ &\subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B + B\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma B \\ &\subseteq B + B\Gamma T\Gamma B \text{ (since } B \text{ is a bi-ternary } \Gamma\text{-ideal)} = B + B \text{ (by Theorem 4.34)} \\ &\subseteq B. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, B is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

In view of Lemma 4.22 and Theorem 4.35, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.36: If Q_1 and Q_2 are two ternary Γ -sub semiring and Q_3 is a bi-ternary Γ -ideal of a regular ternary Γ -semiring T , then $Q_1\Gamma Q_2\Gamma Q_3$, $Q_1\Gamma Q_3\Gamma Q_2$, and $Q_3\Gamma Q_1\Gamma Q_2$ are quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T .

In view of Corollary 4.24 and Theorem 4.36, we have the following result.

Corollary 4.37: For any three quasi-ternary Γ -ideals Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 of a regular ternary Γ -semiring T , $Q_1\Gamma Q_2\Gamma Q_3$ is a quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Conclusion :

In this paper mainly we start the study of quasi-ternary Γ -ideals, bi-ternary Γ -ideals in ternary Γ -semirings. We characterize those ternary Γ -ideals.

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