# Quasi-ideal in Ternary semigroup

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## Abstract

Sioson<sup>[9]</sup> in 1965 defined the left, right, lateral and quasi-ideal in ternary semigroup. Continuing that we discuss here the properties of ideals, quasi-ideals, minimal quasi-ideals and bi-ideals.

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#### Introduction

D.H.Lehmer<sup>[6]</sup> gave the definition of ternary semigroup in 1932 as-

A non-empty set T is called a ternary semigroup if a ternary operation [] on T is defined and satisfies the associative law

 $[[x_1x_2x_3]x_4x_5] = [x_1[x_2x_3x_4]x_5] = [x_1x_2[x_3x_4x_5]] \forall x_i \in T \forall i, 1 \le i \le 5$ 

Banach showed by an example that the ternary semigroup does not necessarily reduce to an ordinary semigroup.

While Los<sup>[7]</sup> showed that any ternary semigroup however may be embedded in an ordinary semigroup in such a way that the operation in the ternary semigroup is an (ternary) extension of the (binary) operation of the semigroup.

So many mathematicians Dudek<sup>[3]</sup>, Feizullaer<sup>[4]</sup>, Kim and Roush<sup>[5]</sup> and Sioson<sup>[9]</sup> did the work on ternary semigroup.

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- Sioson<sup>[9]</sup> gave the following definitions:
- **Definition 2.1:** A left (right, lateral) ideal of a ternary semigroup T is a non-empty subset L(R,M) of T such that  $[TTL] \subseteq L([RTT] \subseteq R, [TMT] \subseteq M)$ .
- **Definition 2.2:** A non-empty subset of T is an ideal of T if it is left , lateral and right ideal of T.
- **Definition 2.3:** For each element t in T , the left, right and lateral ideal generated by 't' are respectively given as:
- (t)<sub>L</sub>= {t}∪ [T T t]
- (t)<sub>R</sub> = {t}U[ t T T]
- $(t)_{M} = \{t\} \cup [T t T] \cup [T T t T T].$



**Remark 2.5 :** Every right, left and lateral ideal is a quasi-ideal. But every quasi-ideal is not a right, a left and a lateral ideal of T. This follows from the example.

**Example 2.6**: 
$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$
 is a ternary semigroup under matrix multiplication. But

 $Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a quasi-ideal of T, which is neither a left, nor a right nor a lateral ideal of T.

**Definition 2.7:** A ternary sub semigroup is a subset S of a ternary semigroup T such that [SSS]⊆S.

**Definition 2.8 :** A ternary semigroup T is a ternary group if

 $\forall x,y,z \in T, \exists$  unique a,b,c in T such that [xab]=c, [ayb]=c and [abz]=c.

contd.

**Definition 2.9 :** A ternary semigroup T is with 0 if  $[000] = 0 = [0ab] = [a0b] = [ab0] = [00a] = [0b0] = [00c] \quad \forall a,b,c \in T.$ **Definition 2.10 :** An element a in T is idempotent if [aaa] = a. **Definition 2.11:** A ternary semigroup T is with identity if there exists an

idempotent element e in T such that [aae] = a = [aea] = [eaa]  $\forall$  a  $\in$  T.

**Proposition 2.12:** The intersection of a quasi-ideal Q and a ternary sub semigroup A of a ternary semigroup T is either empty or a quasi-ideal.

**Proposition 2.13:** Let Q be a non-empty subset of a ternary semigroup T, then the following are true:

(a)  $Q \cup [TTQ]$  is the smallest left ideal of T containing Q.

(b) QU [QTT] is the smallest right ideal of T containing Q.

(c) Q  $\cup$  [TQT]  $\cup$  [TTQTT] is the smallest lateral ideal of T containing Q.

(d) If Q is a quasi-ideal of T, then

 $\mathsf{Q} = \mathsf{Q} \cup \{ [\mathsf{TTQ}] \cap ( [\mathsf{TQT}] \cup [\mathsf{TTQTT}]) \cap [\mathsf{QTT}] \}.$ 

**Proposition 2.14:** Let X be a non- empty subset of a ternary semi group T, then

(X)<sub>q</sub> = (X∪ [TTX]) ∩ (X∪[TXT]∪[TTXTT]) ∩ (X∪[XTT])
=X ∪ { [TTX] ∩ ( [TXT] ∪ [TTXTT]) ∩ [XTT]} is the smallest quasi-ideal containing X.

## **Bi-ideal in Ternary semigroup**

**Definition 3.1:** A ternary sub semigroup B of a ternary semigroup T is a bi-ideal if [BTBTB]⊆B.

**Proposition 3.2:** Every quasi-ideal of a ternary semigroup T is a bi-ideal.

**Proof:** Let Q be a quasi-ideal of T. Then Q is a ternary sub semigroup of T. Now  $[QTQTQ] \subseteq [Q[TTT]T] \subseteq [QTT]$ .

Similarly,  $[QTQTQ] \subseteq \{[TQT] \cup [TTQTT]\}$  and  $[QTQTQ] \subseteq [TTQ]$ .

Thus  $[QTQTQ] \subseteq [QTT] \cap \{[TQT] \cup [TTQTT]\} \cap [TTQ] \subseteq Q.$ 

- **Proposition 3.3:** Let A be an ideal and Q be a quasi-ideal of T , then  $A \cap Q$  is a bi- as well as a quasi-ideal of T.
- **Proof:**  $[A \cap Q \ A \cap Q] \subseteq [AAA] \cap [QQQ] \subseteq A \cap Q$  implies  $A \cap Q$  is a ternary sub semigroup of T. Also,  $[A \cap Q \ T \ A \cap Q] \subseteq [A \ [TAT]A] \cap [QTQTQ] \subseteq [AAA] \cap Q \subseteq A \cap Q$ .

- **Proposition 3.4:** Let X and Y be non-empty subsets of a ternary semigroup T , then N=[XTY] is a bi-ideal of T.
- **Proposition 3.5:** The intersection of an arbitrary set of bi-ideals of T is either empty or a bi-ideal of T.

**Proposition 3.6:** Every left, right or lateral ideal of T is a bi-ideal of T.

**Proposition 3.7:** Let Q be a subset of a ternary semigroup T and Y be a proper non-empty subset of T such that

- (1)  $[TTQ] \cup [TQT] \cup [QTT] \cup [TTQTT] \subseteq Y$ (2)  $Y \subseteq Q$ .
- Then Y is an ideal of T. Moreover, Y is a bi-ideal of T.
- The following example shows that both or either of the conditions (1) and (2) of above proposition are not satisfied then T is neither a left nor a right nor a lateral nor a quasi and nor a bi-ideal of T.
- **Example:** Let  $T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  be a ternary semigroup under multiplication.
- Case1: If we take  $Y = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , then Q is a quasi-ideal of T and
  - $[TTQ]\cup[TQT]\cup[QTT]\cup[TTQTT]=\left\{\begin{pmatrix}0&0\\0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}1&0\\0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&1\\0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&1\\0&0\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&0\\0&1\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&0\\0&1\end{pmatrix},\begin{pmatrix}0&0\\1&0\end{pmatrix}\right\} \nsubseteq Y.$
- Neither of [TTY], [TYT], [TTYTT], [YTT] is in Y. So, Y is not an ideal of T.  $[TTY] \cap ([TYT] \cup [TTYTT]) \cap [YTT] \not\subseteq Y$ . Thus, Y is not a quasi-ideal of T.

Case 2: Take Y=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and Q=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  implies Y  $\subseteq$  Q and [TTQ]U[TQT]U[QTT]U[TTQTT]⊈ Y. Since  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin Y$ , so Y is not a quasi-ideal of T. [YTYTY]⊈Y, Y is not a bi-ideal of T. Case3: Take Y=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and Q=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ [TTQ]U[TQT]U[QTT]U[TTQTT]=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subseteq Y$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in [TTY], \{[TYT] \cup [TTYTT]\}, [YTT] and <math>\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin Y.$ So, Y is not an ideal of T.

Similarly, Y is neither a quasi nor a bi-ideal of T.

- **Proposition 3.8:** Let X, Y and Z be three non-empty subsets of a ternary semigroup T and N=[XYZ]. Then N is a bi-ideal of T if one of the following conditions holds:
- (1) X,  $Y \subseteq Z$  and Z is a bi-ideal of T.
- (2) Y, Z  $\subseteq$  X and X is a bi-ideal of T.
- (3) Z, X  $\subseteq$  Y and Y is a bi-ideal of T.
- (4) At least one of X,Y,Z is a right ,or a left, or a lateral ideal of T.
- **Definition 3.9** <sup>[9]</sup>: An element 't' in a ternary semigroup T is regular if there exists x,y in T such that [t x t y t] = t.
- If all elements of T are regular, then T is said to be regular ternary semigroup.

We use definition 3.9 to show that a bi-ideal need not be a quasi-ideal.

**Example 3.10:** Let T be not a regular ternary semigroup and X,Y,Z be a minimal right, a minimal lateral and a minimal left ideal of T respectively. Then N=[XYZ] is a bi-ideal of T but N is not a quasi-ideal of T.

**Proof:** If possible, let N=[XYZ] be a quasi-ideal of T.  $[XYZ]\subseteq[XTT]\subseteq X$ ,  $[XYZ]\subseteq Y$ ,  $[XYZ]\subseteq Z$ . So  $[XYZ]\subseteq X \cap Y \cap Z$  and  $X \cap Y \cap Z$  is a minimal quasi-ideal <sup>[9]</sup> of T which implies  $[XYZ]=X \cap Y \cap Z$ , and hence T is a regular ternary semigroup <sup>[9]</sup>. So, our assumption is false.

**Proposition 3.11:** In a regular ternary semigroup, every bi-ideal is a quasi-ideal. **Proof:** Sioson<sup>[9]</sup> shows that a subset Q of a regular ternary semigroup T is a quasi-ideal if and only if  $[QTQTQ] \cap [QTTQTTQ] \subseteq Q$ .

- **Proposition 3.12:** Let C be a non-empty subset of a ternary semigroup T. Then CU[CCC]U[CTCTC] is the smallest bi-ideal of T containing C.
- **Proof:** Let x ,y,  $z \in CU[CCC]U[CTCTC]$  be arbitrary elements.
- x, y, z  $\in$  C or x, y, z  $\in$  [CCC] or x, y, z  $\in$  [CTCTC]. Clearly,[ $xt_9yt_{10}z$ ]  $\in$  CU[CCC]U[CTCTC] for  $t_9$ ,  $t_{10}\in$  T.
- Hence CU[CCC]U[CTCTC] is a bi-ideal of T containing C.
- Suppose there exists a bi-ideal R of T containing C such that
- $R \subseteq C \cup [CCC] \cup [CTCTC] \subseteq R \cup [RRR] \cup [RTRTR] \subseteq R.$
- R= CU[CCC]U[CTCTC] is the smallest bi-ideal containing C.

#### Minimal Quasi-ideal in Ternary semigroup

Here, we are concerning the ternary semigroup without 0 and has at least one idempotent. Henceforth every ternary semigroup with an idempotent element and without 0 is denoted by T.

Remark 4.1: If e is an idempotent element of T, then
(1) [eTT] is a minimal right ideal of T containing e.
(2) [TeT] is a minimal lateral ideal of T containing e.
(3) [TTe] is a minimal left ideal of T containing e.

**Remark 4.2:** If e is an idempotent element of T, then

 $[eTeTe] = [eTT] \cap [TeT] \cap [TTe].$ 

- **Proposition 4.3:** A quasi-ideal Q of T is minimal if and only if it is generated by any of its elements.
- **Proposition 4.4:** A quasi-ideal Q of T is minimal if and only if Q is a ternary subgroup of T. **Proposition 4.5:** Every minimal quasi-ideal Q of T can be written in the form Q=[eTeTe] where e is the identity of Q.
- **Proposition 4.6:** Let e be an idempotent element contained in a minimal left ideal L (minimal lateral ideal M and minimal right ideal of R) of T, then [eeL]([eeMee], [Ree]) is a ternary subgroup of T.
- **Proof:** According to Sioson<sup>[9]</sup> [eeL], [eeMee] and [Ree] are the quasi-ideals of T.
- Since [Leeheeh] is the left ideal of T and [Leeheeh]⊆L for some h in L.
- Therefore, minimality of L implies [Leeheeh]=L.
- $\Rightarrow$ [ee[Leeheeh]]=[eeL] for some h in L.
- Thus, there exists a k in L such that [[eek][eeh][eeh]]=[eee]=e.
- Hence[eeL] is a ternary subgroup and hence a minimal quasi-ideal of T.

**Proposition 4.7:** Let Q be a minimal quasi-ideal of T, then[eQs] and[sQe] are minimal quasi-ideals of T where s is any element of T and e is the identity element of Q.

**Proposition 4.8:** Let  $Q_1, Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  be the minimal quasi-ideals of T with identities  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  respectively. Then

 $[e_1 Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 e_3] = [e_1 TT] \cap [Te_2 T] \cap [TTe_3].$ 

**Proposition 4.9:** Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be the minimal quasi-ideals of T with identities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  respectively. Then

 $[e_{1}Te_{1}Te_{2}Te_{2}Te_{2}e_{2}Te_{1}e_{1}] = Q_{1.}$  $[e_{2}Te_{2}Te_{1}Te_{1}Te_{1}e_{1}Te_{2}e_{2}] = Q_{2.}$ 

- Now, we give simple but important results which we will use later.
- Since  $e_1$  is the identity of  $Q_1$ , therefore there exists  $s'_1$ ,  $s'_2$ ,  $t'_1$ ,  $t'_2$  and  $t'_3$  in T such that
- (A)  $[e_1 \ e_1 \ [e_1 s'_1 \ e_1] \ e_1 \ [e_1 s'_2 \ e_2] e_2 e_2 [t'_1 e_2 \ t'_2 e_2 e_2] e_2 [e_2 \ t'_3 e_1] e_1] = e_1.$ Thus,  $[e_1 e_1 s_1 e_1 s_2 e_2 e_2 t_1 e_2 t_2 e_1] = e_1.$
- (B) Similarly, there exists  $t_1, t_2, s_1$  and  $s_2$  in T such that

 $[e_2e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2] = e_2.$ 

(C) Let e be the identity of T, then  $[ett] = t = [tet] = [tte] \quad \forall t \in T$ 

and [eet] = [ete] = [tee] = t  $\forall t \in T$ .

**Proposition 4.10:** All the minimal quasi-ideals of T are isomorphic.

**Proof:** Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be the minimal quasi-ideals of T with identities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  respectively. Define a map  $\psi: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_2$  as

 $\psi([e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1]) = [e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2] \forall [e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1] \in Q_1$ where  $t_1, t_2, x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2 \in T$ .

(A)  $\Rightarrow$  there exists  $t_1, t_2, s_1$  and  $s_2$  in T such that  $[e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1] = e_1$ .

And  $\psi[e_1 x_1 e_1 x_2 e_1] = \psi[e_1 y_1 e_1 y_2 e_1]$ 

 $\Rightarrow [e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2] = [e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1y_1e_1y_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2]$ 

Applying  $[e_1e_1s_1]$ ,  $[e_1s_2e_2]$  on the left-hand side and  $[t_1e_2t_2]$ ,  $e_1$  on the right hand side under the ternary operation, we get

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[e_1 x_1 e_1 x_2 e_1] = [e_1 y_1 e_1 y_2 e_1]
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Thus  $\psi([[e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1][e_1y_1e_1y_2e_1][e_1z_1e_1z_2e_1]])$ 

=[ $[e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2][e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1y_1e_1y_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2][e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1y_1e_1y_2e_1e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2e_2]].$ 

=  $[\psi[e_1x_1e_1x_2e_1] \psi[e_1y_1e_1y_2e_1] \psi[e_1z_1e_1z_2e_1]]$ . Thus,  $\psi$  is a homomorphism.

Define a map  $\varphi: Q_2 \to Q_1$  as  $\varphi([e_2x_1e_2x_2e_2]) = [e_1s_1e_1s_2e_2x_1e_2x_2e_2e_2t_1e_2t_2e_1e_1] \forall [e_2x_1e_2x_2e_2] \in Q_2$ . Then  $\psi * \varphi = I_{Q_1}$  and  $\varphi * \psi = I_{Q_2}$ .

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#### Conclusion

A (binary) semigroup is a ternary semigroup but a ternary semigroup does not necessarily reduce to a (binary) semigroup.

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