

## Regular Ternary Semigroups

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### Abstract

Intriguing properties of regular ternary semigroups and completely regular ternary semigroups were discussed in the article.

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### Introduction

Los [1] concentrated a few properties of ternary semigroups and demonstrated that each ternary semigroup can be installed in a semigroup. Sioson [2] concentrated ideal theory in ternary semigroups. He likewise presented the thought of regular ternary semigroups and characterized them by utilizing the thought of quasi ideals. Santiago [3] built up the theory of ternary semigroups and semiheaps. Dutta and Kar [4,5] presented and concentrated the thought of regular ternary semirings. Jayalalitha et al. [6] presented and learned about the filters in ternary semigroups. As of late, various mathematicians have taken a shot at ternary structures. In this paper, we concentrate some intriguing properties of regular ternary semigroups and completely regular ternary semigroups.

### Definition 1

An element  $x$  in a ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be a regular if  $\exists$  an element  $a \in T \ni xax=x$  [2].

A ternary semigroup is said to be regular if all of its elements are regular.

### Theorem 1

The following conditions in a ternary semigroup  $T$  are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  is regular.
- (ii) For any right ideal  $R$ , lateral ideal  $M$  and left ideal  $L$  of  $T$ ,  $RML=R \cap M \cap L$ .

(iii) For  $x, y, z \in T$ ,  $\langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l = \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l$ .

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

**Proof**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose T is a regular ternary semigroup. Let R, M and L be a right ideal, a lateral ideal and a left ideal of T. Then clearly,  $RML \subseteq R \cap M \cap L$ . Now for  $x \in R \cap M \cap L$ , we have  $x=xax$  for some  $a \in T$ . This implies that  $x = xax = (xax)(axa)(xax) \in RML$ .

Thus, we have  $R \cap M \cap L \subseteq RML$ . So we find that  $RML = R \cap M \cap L$ .

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

It remains to show that (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

Let  $x \in T$ . Clearly,  $x \in \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle x \rangle_m \cap \langle x \rangle_l = \langle x \rangle_r \langle x \rangle_m \langle x \rangle_l$ .

Then we have,  $x \in (xTT \cup nx)(TxT \cup TTxTT \cup nx)(TTx \cup nx) \subseteq xTx$ .

So we find that  $x \in xTa$  and hence there exists an elements  $a \in T$  such that  $x=xax$ . This implies that  $x$  is regular and hence T is regular.

We note that every left and right ideal of a regular ternary semigroup may not be a regular ternary semigroup.

However, for a lateral ideal of a regular ternary semigroup, we have the following result:

**Lemma**

Every lateral ideal of a regular ternary semigroup T is a regular ternary semigroup.

**Proof**

Let L be a lateral ideal of regular ternary semigroup T. Then for each  $x \in L$  there exists  $a \in T$  such that  $x=xax$ . Now  $x=xax=xaxax=x(axa)x=xpx$  where  $p = axa \in L$ . This implies that L is a regular ternary semigroup.

**Definition 2**

An ideal A of a ternary semigroup T is said to be a regular ideal if  $A \cup RML = R \cap M \cap L$  for any right ideal  $R \supseteq A$ , lateral ideal  $M \supseteq A$  and left ideal  $L \supseteq A$ .

**Remark 1**

From Definition 2, it follows that T is always a regular ideal and any ideal that contains a regular ideal is also a regular ideal. Now if for any right ideal R, lateral ideal M and left ideal L; RML contains a regular ideal, then  $RML = R \cap M \cap L$

**Proposition**

A ternary semigroup T is a regular ternary semigroup if and only if  $\{0\}$  is a regular ideal of T.

**Proof**

Let  $P$  be the nuclear ideal of a ternary semigroup  $T$ . i.e., the intersection of all non-zero ideals of  $T$ ,  $P_r$  is the intersection of all non-zero right ideals of  $T$ ,  $P_m$  is the intersection of all non-zero lateral ideals of  $T$  and  $P_l$  is the intersection of all non-zero left ideals of  $T$ . Now if  $P = \{0\}$ , then clearly  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l$ .

**Theorem 2**

Let  $T$  be a ternary semigroup and  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l$ . Then  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup if and only if  $P$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ .

**Proof**

If  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l = \{0\}$ , then proof follows from proposition. So we suppose that,  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l \neq \{0\}$ . Let  $T$  be a regular ternary semigroup. Then from proposition, it follows that  $\{0\}$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ . Now,  $\{0\} \subseteq P = P_r = P_m = P_l$  implies that  $P$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ , by using Remark 1.

Conversely, let  $P$  be a regular ideal of  $T$ . Then  $P \cup RML = R \cap M \cap L$  for any right ideal  $R \supseteq P$ , lateral ideal  $M \supseteq P$  and left ideal  $L \supseteq P$  of  $T$ . Since  $PPP$  is a right ideal of  $T$  and  $P = P_r$ , we have  $P = P_r \subseteq PPP \subseteq RML$ .

Consequently,  $P \cup RML = RML$ . So  $RML = R \cap M \cap L$  and hence from Theorem 2, it follows that  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup.

**Corollary 1**

Let  $T$  be a ternary semigroup and  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l$ . Then  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup if and only if every ideal of  $T$  is regular.

**Proof**

Suppose  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup. Then from Theorem 2, it follows that  $P$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ . Now  $P = P_r = P_m = P_l$  implies that every non-zero ideal of  $T$  contains the regular ideal  $P$  of  $T$ . Consequently, by using Remark 1, we find that every ideal of  $T$  is regular.

Conversely, if every ideal of  $T$  is regular, then  $P$  is a regular ideal of  $T$  and hence from Theorem 2, it follows that  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup.

**Theorem 3**

The following conditions in a ternary semigroup  $T$  are equivalent:

(i)  $A$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ .

(ii) For  $x, y, z \in T$ ,  $A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l = A \cup (\langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l)$ .

(iii) For  $x \in T$ ,  $A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle x \rangle_m \langle x \rangle_l = A \cup (\langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle x \rangle_m \cap \langle x \rangle_l)$ .

(iv) For each  $x \in T \setminus A = A'$ ,  $x = \{a\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n xp_i x q_i x \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n x r_i s_i x u_i v_i x$  for some  $a \in A$  and  $p_i, q_i, r_i, s_i, u_i, v_i \in T$ .

**Proof**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose  $A$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ . We note that for  $x, y, z \in T$ ,  $A \subseteq (A \cup \langle x \rangle_r), (A \cup \langle y \rangle_m), (A \cup \langle z \rangle_l)$ .

Now  $A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l \subseteq (A \cup \langle x \rangle_r) \cap (A \cup \langle y \rangle_m) \cap (A \cup \langle z \rangle_l) = A \cup (A \cup \langle x \rangle_r) (A \cup \langle y \rangle_m) (A \cup \langle z \rangle_l)$  (since  $A$  is regular).  
 $\subseteq A \cup AAA \cup A \langle y \rangle_m A \cup A \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l \cup AA \langle z \rangle_l \cup \langle x \rangle_r AA \cup \langle x \rangle_r A \langle z \rangle_l \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l$   
 $\subseteq A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l$ .

Again  $\langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l \subseteq \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l$  implies that  $A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l \subseteq A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l$ .

So we find that  $A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \langle y \rangle_m \langle z \rangle_l = A \cup (\langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle y \rangle_m \cap \langle z \rangle_l)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Put  $y=z=x$  in (ii) we get (iii).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) We first note that  $\langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \rangle_r = A \cup \langle x \rangle_r = A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \cap T \cap T = A \cup \langle x \rangle_r TT$   
 $= A \cup (xTT \cup nx)TT = A \cup xTTTT \cup nxTT = A \cup \langle xTT \rangle_r = A \cup xTT$

Similarly we have,  $\langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_m \rangle_m = A \cup TxT \cup TTxTT$  and  $\langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_l \rangle_l = A \cup TTA$ .

Now  $\langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle x \rangle_m \cap \langle x \rangle_l \subseteq \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \rangle_r \cap \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_m \rangle_m \cap \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_l \rangle_l$   
 $\subseteq A \cup (\langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \rangle_r \cap \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_m \rangle_m \cap \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_l \rangle_l)$   
 $= A \cup (\langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_r \rangle_r \cdot \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_m \rangle_m \cdot \langle A \cup \langle x \rangle_l \rangle_l)$   
 $= A \cup (A \cup xTT)(A \cup TxT \cup TTxTT)(A \cup TTA)$   
 $\subseteq A \cup (xTxTx \cup xTTxTTx)$

Since,  $x \in \langle x \rangle_r \cap \langle x \rangle_m \cap \langle x \rangle_l$  there exists  $a \in A$  and  $p_i, q_i, r_i, s_i, u_i, v_i \in T$  such that

$$x = \{a\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n xp_i x q_i x \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n xr_i s_i x u_i v_i x .$$

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $R, M$  and  $L$  be any right, lateral and left ideal of  $T$  respectively such that  $R, M, L \supseteq A$ . Then clearly,  $A \cup RML \subseteq R \cap M \cap L$ . Again, let  $x \in R \cap M \cap L$ . Then by using condition (iv), we have

$x = \{a\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n xp_i x q_i x \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n xr_i s_i x u_i v_i x$  for some  $a \in A$  and  $p_i, q_i, r_i, s_i, u_i, v_i \in T$ . Since

$\bigcup_{i=1}^n xp_i x q_i x, \bigcup_{i=1}^n xr_i s_i x u_i v_i x \in RML, x \in A \cup RML$  and hence  $R \cap M \cap L \subseteq A \cup RML$ . Thus

$A \cup RML = R \cap M \cap L$ . Consequently,  $A$  is a regular ideal.

**Theorem 4**

Let  $A$  be a regular ideal of a ternary semigroup  $T$ . For any right ideal  $R$ , lateral ideal  $M$  and left ideal  $L$  of  $T$ , if  $RML \subseteq A$  then  $R \cap M \cap L \subseteq A$ .

**Proof**

Suppose for any right ideal  $R$ , lateral ideal  $M$  and left ideal  $L$  of  $T$ ,  $RML \subseteq A$ , where  $A$  is a regular ideal of  $T$ . Then  $A \subseteq (A \cup R), (A \cup M), (A \cup L)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } R \cap M \cap L &\subseteq (A \cup R) \cap (A \cup M) \cap (A \cup L) \\ &= A \cup ((A \cup R)(A \cup M)(A \cup L)) \quad [\text{Since } A \text{ is regular}] \\ &\subseteq A \cup AAA \cup AAL \cup AMA \cup AML \cup RAA \cup RAL \cup RMA \cup RML \\ &\subseteq A. \end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 4, we have the following results:

**Corollary 2**

A regular and strongly irreducible ideal of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is a prime ideal of  $T$ .

**Corollary 3**

Every regular ideal of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is a semi prime ideal of  $T$ .

**Theorem 5**

A ternary semigroup  $T$  is regular if and only if every ideal of  $T$  is idempotent.

**Proof**

Let  $T$  be a regular ternary semigroup and  $A$  be any ideal of  $T$ . Then  $A^3 = AAA \subseteq TTA \subseteq A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then there exists  $a \in T$  such that  $x = xax = xaxax$ . Since  $A$  is an ideal and  $x \in A$ ,  $axa \in A$ . Thus  $x = xax = xaxax \in A^3$ . Consequently,  $A \subseteq A^3$  and hence  $A^3 = AAA = A$  i.e.,  $A$  is idempotent.

Conversely, suppose that every ideal of  $T$  is idempotent. Let  $P, Q$  and  $R$  be three ideals of  $T$ . Then  $PQR \subseteq PTT \subseteq P$ ,  $PQR \subseteq TQT \subseteq Q$  and  $PQR \subseteq TTR \subseteq R$ . This implies that  $PQR \subseteq P \cap Q \cap R$ . Also,  $(P \cap Q \cap R)(P \cap Q \cap R)(P \cap Q \cap R) \subseteq PQR$ . Again, since  $(P \cap Q \cap R)$  is an ideal of  $T$ ,  $(P \cap Q \cap R)(P \cap Q \cap R)(P \cap Q \cap R) = P \cap Q \cap R$ . Thus  $P \cap Q \cap R \subseteq PQR$  and hence  $P \cap Q \cap R = PQR$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2,  $T$  is a regular ternary semigroup.

**Theorem 6**

A ternary semigroup  $T$  is left (resp. right) regular if and only if every left (resp. right) ideal of  $T$  is completely semiprime.

**Proof**

Let  $T$  be a left regular ternary semigroup and  $L$  be any left ideal of  $T$ . Suppose  $a^3 = aaa \in L$  for  $a \in T$ . Since  $T$  is left regular, there exists an element  $x \in T$  such that  $a = xaa = x(xaa)a = xx(aaa) \in TTL \subseteq L$ . Thus  $L$  is completely semiprime.

Conversely, suppose that every left ideal of  $T$  is completely semiprime. Now for any  $a \in T$ ,  $Taa$  is a left ideal of  $T$ . Then by hypothesis,  $Taa$  is a completely semiprime ideal of  $T$ . Now  $a^3 = aaa \in Taa$ . Since  $Taa$  is completely semiprime, it follows that  $a \in Taa$ . So there exists an element  $x \in T$  such that  $a = xaa$ . Consequently,  $a$  is left regular. Since  $a$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $T$  is left regular.

Equivalently, we can prove the Theorem for right regularity.

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**Definition 3**

A pair  $(p, q)$  of elements in a ternary semigroup  $T$  is known as an idempotent pair if  $pq(pqx) = pqx$  and  $(xpq)pq = xpq$  for all  $x \in T$  [3].

**Definition 4**

Two idempotent pairs  $(p, q)$  and  $(r, s)$  of a ternary semigroup  $T$  are known as an equivalent, if  $pqx = rsx$  and  $xpq = xrs$  for all  $x \in T$  [3].

In notation we write  $(p, q) \sim (r, s)$ .

**Definition 5**

An element  $x$  of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be completely regular if  $\exists$  an element  $a \in T \ni xax = x$  and the idempotent pairs  $(a, x)$  and  $(x, a)$  are equivalent.

If all the elements of  $T$  are completely regular, then  $T$  is called completely regular [3].

**Definition 6**

An element  $x$  of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is known as a left regular if  $\exists$  an element  $a \in T \ni axx = x$

**Definition 7**

An element  $x$  of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is said to be right regular if  $\exists$  an element  $a \in T \ni xxa = x$

**Theorem 7**

A ternary semigroup  $T$  is completely regular then  $T$  is left and right regular. [i.e.,  $x \in x^2T \cap Tx^2$  for all  $x \in T$ ].

**Proof**

Suppose T is a completely regular ternary semigroup. Let  $x \in T$ . Then  $\exists$  an element  $a \in T \ni xax = x$  and the idempotent pairs  $(x, a)$  and  $(a, x)$  are equivalent i.e.,  $xab = axb$  and  $bxa = bax$  for all  $b \in T$ . Now in particular, putting  $b=x$  we find that  $xax = axx$  and  $xaa = xax$ . This implies that  $x \in xxT$  and  $x \in Txx$ . Hence T is left and right regular.

**Theorem 8**

A ternary semigroup T is left and right regular then  $x \in x^2Tx^2$  for all  $x \in T$ .

**Proof**

Suppose that T is both left and right regular. Let  $x \in T$ . Then  $\exists p, q \in T \ni x = xxp$  and  $x = qxx$ . This implies that  $xpz = qxpxz = qxz$  for all  $z \in T$ .

Now  $x = xxp = x(xxp)p = x^2(xpp) = x^2(qxpp) = x^2(qxp) = x^2q(qxx)p = x^2 q^2(xxp) = x^2 q^2x = x^2 q^2qxx = x^2 q^3x^2 \in x^2Tx^2$ . Hence  $x \in x^2Tx^2$  for all  $x \in T$ .

**Theorem 9**

If T is ternary semigroup  $x \in x^2Tx^2$  for all  $x \in T$  then T is completely regular.

**Proof**

Suppose  $x \in x^2Tx^2$  for all  $x \in T$ . Then  $\exists a \in T \ni x = x^2ax^2$

Now  $x = x^2ax^2 = x(xax)x = xba$ , where  $b = xax \in T$ . This implies that T is regular. Also  $xbc = x(xax)c = x^2ax^2c$  and  $bxc = (xax)xc = x^2ax^2c$  for all  $c \in T$ . This shows that the idempotent pairs  $(x, b)$  and  $(b, x)$  are equivalent.

Consequently, T is a completely regular ternary semigroup.

**Definition 8**

A sub semigroup S of a ternary semigroup T is said to be a bi-ideal of T if  $STSTS \subseteq S$ .

**Theorem 10**

A ternary semigroup T is completely regular ternary semigroup if and only if every bi-ideal of T is completely semiprime.

**Proof**

Let T is a completely regular ternary semigroup. Let P be any bi-ideal of T. Let  $p^3 \in P$  for  $p \in T$ . Since T is completely regular, from Theorem 10, it follows that  $p \in p^2Tp^2$ . This implies that there exists  $x \in T$  such that  $p = p^2xp^2 = p(p^2xp^2)x(p^2xp^2)p = p^3(xp^2x)p(p^2xp^2)xp^3 = p^3(xp^2x)p^3(xp^2x)p^3 \in PTPTP \subseteq P$ . This shows that P is completely semiprime.

Conversely, assume that every bi-ideal of  $T$  is completely semiprime. Since every left and right ideal of a ternary semigroup  $T$  is a bi-ideal of  $T$ , it follows that every left and right ideal of  $T$  is completely semiprime. Consequently, we have from Theorem 6 that  $T$  is both left and right regular. Now by using Theorem 9, we find that  $T$  is a completely regular ternary semigroup.

### Theorem 11

If  $T$  is a completely regular ternary semigroup, then every bi-ideal of  $T$  is idempotent.

### Proof

Let  $T$  be a completely regular ternary semigroup and  $P$  be a bi-ideal of  $T$ . Clearly  $T$  is a completely regular ternary semigroup. Let  $p \in P$ . Then there exists  $x \in T$  such that  $p = p xp$ . This implies that  $p \in PTP$  and hence  $P \subseteq PTP$ . Also  $PTP \subseteq PTPTP \subseteq P$ . Thus we find that  $P = PTP$ . Again, we have from Theorem 11 that  $p \in p^2 T p^2 \subseteq P^2 T P^2$ . This implies that  $p \subseteq P^2 T P^2 = P(PTP)P = PPP \subseteq P$ . Hence  $P^3 \in P$ . Therefore every bi-ideal of  $P$  is idempotent.

### Conclusion

Ternary structures and their speculation, the purported  $n$ -ary structures bring certain expectations up in perspective of their conceivable applications in organic chemistry.

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