

Minimality and Maximality of Ordered Quasi-Ternary Γ -Ideals in Ordered Ternary Γ -Semirings

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Abstract — Our aim in this paper is to develop a body of results on the minimality and maximality of ordered quasi- Γ -ideals in ordered ternary Γ -semirings, that can be used like the more classical results on unordered structures.

Index Terms — ordered ternary Γ -semiring, ordered quasi- Γ -ideal, minimality and maximality.

I. INTRODUCTION

The literature of ternary algebraic system was introduced by Lehmer [18] in 1932. He investigated certain ternary algebraic systems called triplexes which turn out to be ternary groups. The notion of ternary semigroups was known to Banach. He showed by an example that a ternary semigroup does not necessarily reduce to an ordinary semigroup. We can see that any semigroup can be reduced to a ternary semigroup. The study of ordered ternary semigroups began about 2000 by several authors, for example, Iampan [15], Chinram [8], and Akram and Yaqoob [1]. The theory of different types of ideals in (ordered) semigroups and in (ordered) ternary semigroups was studied by several researches such as: In 1965, Sioson [25] studied ideal theory in ternary semigroups. He also introduced the notion of regular ternary semigroups and characterized them by using the notion of quasi-ideals. In 1995, Dixit and Dewan [11] studied the properties of quasi-ideals and bi-ideals in ternary semigroups. In 1998, the concept and notion of ordered quasi-ideals in ordered semigroups was introduced by Kehayopulu [17]. In 2000, Cao and Xu [4] characterized minimal and maximal left ideals in ordered semigroups, and gave some characterizations of minimal and maximal left ideals in ordered semigroups. In 2002, Arslanov and Kehayopulu [2] gave some characterizations of minimal and maximal ideals in ordered semigroups. In 2004, Iampan and Siripitukdet [16] characterized (0-)minimal and maximal ordered left ideals in ordered Γ -semigroups, and gave some characterizations of (0-)minimal and maximal ordered left ideals in ordered Γ -semigroups. In 2007, Iampan [13] characterized (0-)minimal and maximal lateral ideals in ternary semigroups. In 2008, Iampan [14] characterized (0-)minimal and maximal ordered quasi-ideals in ordered semigroups, and gave some characterizations of (0-)minimal and maximal ordered quasiideals in ordered semigroups. Dutta, Kar and Maity [12] studied some interesting

properties of regular ternary semigroups, completely regular ternary semigroups, intra-regular ternary semigroups and characterized them by using various ideals of ternary semigroups. In 2009, Bashir and Shabir [3] introduced the notions of pure ideals, weakly pure ideals in ternary semigroups. They also defined purely prime ideals of a ternary semigroup and studied some properties of these ideals. In 2010, Iampan [15] introduced the concept of ordered ideal extensions in ordered ternary semigroups. In 2011, Saelee and Chinram [21] studied rough, fuzzy and rough fuzzy bi-ideals in ternary semigroups. In 2012, Changphas [5] studied minimal quasi-ideals in ternary semigroups. Choosuwan and Chinram [9] gave some characterizations of minimal and maximal quasi-ideals in ternary semigroups. Chinram, Baupradist and Saelee [7] characterized minimal and maximal bi-ideals in ordered ternary semigroups. Daddi and Pawar introduced the concepts of ordered quasi-ideals, ordered bi-ideals in ordered ternary semigroups, and studied their properties. Lekkoksung and Lekkoksung [19] gave some characterizations of intra-regular ordered ternary semigroups in terms of bi-ideals and quasi-ideals, bi-ideals and left ideals, and bi-ideals and right ideals in ordered ternary semigroups. Changphas [6] studied the properties of quasi-ideals and bi-ideals in ordered ternary semigroups. In 2013, Sanborisoot and Changphas [22] introduced the concepts of pure ideals, weakly pure ideals and purely prime ideals in ordered ternary semigroups. The notion of quasi-ideals in semigroups was first introduced by Steinfeld [25] in 1956, and it has been widely studied. In 1956, Steinfeld [26] gave some characterizations of 0-minimal quasi-ideals in semigroups. The concept of a (0-)minimal and a maximal one-sided ideal or ideal is the really interested and important thing in the many algebraic structures. The main purpose of this paper is to develop a body of results on the minimality and maximality of ordered quasi-ideals in ordered ternary semigroups, that can be used like the more classical results on unordered structures which studied by Choosuwan and Chinram [9]. In 2015 Sajani Lavanya, Madhusudhana Rao and Syam Julius Rajendra [23] introduced the notion of quasi ternary Γ -ideals and bi-ternary Γ -ideals in ternary Γ -semirings.

Before going to prove the main results we need the following definitions that we use later.

Definition I.1[27]: 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) $[[aab\beta c]\gamma d\delta e] = [a\alpha[b\beta c\gamma d]\delta e] = [aab\beta[c\gamma d\delta e]]$
- 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) $[aab\beta(c + d)] = [aab\beta c] + [aab\beta d]$ for all $a, b, c, d \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Obviously, every ternary semiring T is a ternary Γ -semiring. Let T be a ternary semiring and Γ be a commutative ternary semigroup. Define a mapping $T \times \Gamma \times T \times \Gamma \times T \rightarrow T$ by $aab\beta c = abc$ for all $a, b, c \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Then T is a ternary Γ -semiring.

Note I.2[27]: Let $(T, \Gamma, +, [])$ be a ternary Γ -semiring. For nonempty subsets A_1, A_2 and A_3 of T , let $[A\Gamma B\Gamma C] = \{\sum aab\beta c : a \in A, b \in B, c \in C, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\}$. For $x \in T$, let $[x\Gamma A_1\Gamma A_2] = \{[x\alpha] \Gamma A_1 \Gamma A_2\}$. The other cases can be defined analogously.

Note I.3 [27]: Let T be a ternary semiring. If A, B are two subsets of T , we shall denote the set $A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ and $2A = \{a + a : a \in A\}$.

Definition I.4 [27]: A ternary Γ -semiring T is called an **ordered ternary Γ -semiring** if there is a partial order \leq on T such that $x \leq y$ implies that (i) $a + c \leq b + c$ and $c + a \leq c + b$ (ii) $[a\alpha c\beta d] \leq [b\alpha c\beta d]$, $[c\alpha a\beta d] \leq [c\alpha b\beta d]$ and $[c\alpha d\beta a] \leq [c\alpha d\beta b]$ for all $a, b, c, d \in T$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Note I.5 [27]: For the convenience we write $x_1\alpha x_2\beta x_3$ instead of $[x_1\alpha x_2\beta x_3]$

Notation I.6 [27]: Let T be PO-ternary Γ -semiring and S be a nonempty subset of T . If H is a nonempty subset of S , we denote $\{s \in S : s \leq h \text{ for some } h \in H\}$ by $(H)_s$.

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Note I.8 [27]: $(H)_T$ and $[H]_T$ are simply denoted by (H) and $[H]$ respectively.

Definition I.9 [27]: Let T be PO-ternary Γ -semiring. A nonempty subset 'S' is said to be a **PO-ternary Γ -sub semi ring** of T if

- (i) S is an additive sub semi group of T ,
- (ii) $aab\beta c \in S$ for all $a, b, c \in S, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.
- (iii) $T \in T, s \in S, t \leq s \Rightarrow t \in S$.

Note I.10 [27]: A nonempty subset S of a po-ternary Γ -semiring T is a po-ternary Γ -sub semi ring of T iff (1) $S + S \subseteq S$ (2) $S\Gamma S\Gamma S \subseteq S$, (2) $(S) \subseteq S$.

Theorem I.11 [27]: Let S be po-ternary Γ -semi ring and $A \subseteq S, B \subseteq S$. Then (i) $A \subseteq (A)$, (ii) $([A]) = (A)$, (iii) $(A)\Gamma(B)\Gamma(C) \subseteq (A\Gamma B\Gamma C)$ and (iv) $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \subseteq (B)$, (v) $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow [A] \subseteq [B]$, (vi) $(A \cap B) = (A) \cap (B)$, (vii) $(A \cup B) = (A) \cup (B)$.

Definition I.12: An element z of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **zero element** if (1) $z\alpha x\beta y = x\alpha z\beta y = x\alpha y\beta z = z$ for all $x, y \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and (2) z

$\leq x$ for all $x \in T$. If $z \in T$ is a zero element, it is denoted by 0.

Definition I.13 [27]: A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **left PO-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 $b\alpha c\beta a \in A$.
- (3) $t \in T, a \in A, t \leq a \Rightarrow t \in A$.

Note I.14 [27]: A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a left PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive subsemigroup of T , $T\Gamma T\Gamma A \subseteq A$ and $(A) \subseteq A$.

Definition I.15 [27] : A nonempty subset of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **lateral PO-ternary 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 $b\alpha a\beta c \in A$.
- (3) $t \in T, a \in A, t \leq a \Rightarrow t \in A$.

Note I.16 [27]: A nonempty subset of A of a PO-ternary semiring T is a lateral PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive sub semi group of T , $T\Gamma A\Gamma T \subseteq A$ and $(A) \subseteq A$.

Definition I.17 [27] : A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a **right PO-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 $a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.
- (3) $t \in T, a \in A, t \leq a \Rightarrow t \in A$.

Note I.18 [27] : A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a right PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if A is additive sub semi group of T , $A\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq A$ and $(A) \subseteq A$.

Definition I.19 [27]: A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a **two sided PO-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 $b\alpha c\beta a \in A, a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.
- (3) $t \in T, a \in A, t \leq a \Rightarrow t \in A$.

Note I.20 [27] : A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a two sided PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is both a left PO-ternary Γ -ideal and a right PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Definition I.21 [27] : A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be **PO-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 $b\alpha c\beta a \in A, b\alpha a\beta c \in A, a\alpha b\beta c \in A$.
- (3) $t \in T, a \in A, t \leq a \Rightarrow t \in A$.

Note I.22 [27] : A nonempty subset A of a PO-ternary Γ -semiring T is a PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is left PO-ternary Γ -ideal, lateral PO-ternary Γ -ideal and right PO-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

II. ORDERED QUASI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS AND ORDERED BI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS

Definition II.1: An additive sub semi group Q of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be an **ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$,
- (2) $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$, and
- (3) $Q \subseteq Q$.

Note II.2: We can easily prove that $\{0\}$ is the smallest ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T with a zero element and it is called a zero ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T. Moreover, $0 \in Q$ for all ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal Q of T.

Definition II.3: An ordered ternary Γ -sub semi ring B of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be an **ordered bi-Ternary Γ -ideal** of T if

- (1) $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B$, and
- (2) $B \subseteq B$.

Lemma II.4: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semi ring. Then the following statements hold.

- (1) Every ordered left, ordered lateral and ordered right ternary Γ -ideal of T is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.
- (2) The intersection of an ordered left, an ordered lateral and an ordered right ternary Γ -ideal of T is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.
- (3) Every ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T is an ordered bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Proof: (1) Let L, R and M be an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T, respectively. (1) We see that $(L) = L$, $(R) = R$ and $(M) = M$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } (T\Gamma T\Gamma L) \cap (T\Gamma L\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma L\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (L\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma L) \subseteq (L) = L, \\ (T\Gamma T\Gamma R) \cap (T\Gamma R\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma R\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (R\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ \subseteq (R\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq (R) = R, \text{ and} \\ (T\Gamma T\Gamma M) \cap (T\Gamma M\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (T\Gamma T\Gamma M) \\ \subseteq (T\Gamma M\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq (M \cup T\Gamma M\Gamma T) \\ \subseteq (M \cup M) = (M) = M. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, L,R and M are ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T.

(2) Suppose that $Q = L\cap M \cap R$ and let $l \in L$, $m \in M$ and $r \in R$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \alpha\beta l \in RML \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma L\cap T\Gamma M\Gamma T \cap R\Gamma T\Gamma T \\ \subseteq L\cap M \cap R = Q, \text{ so } Q \neq \emptyset. \text{ We see that} \\ (Q) = (L\cap M \cap R) \subseteq (L) \cap (M) \cap (R) = L\cap M \cap R = Q. \\ \text{Thus } (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q) \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q) \\ \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma L) \cap (T\Gamma M\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma M\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (R\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ \subseteq (L) \cap (M) \cap (R) = L\cap M \cap R = Q. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T.

(3) Let B be an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T. Then $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma B$, $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma B\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T$ and $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq B\Gamma T\Gamma T$. Since B is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T, we have $B\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma B \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma B \cap (T\Gamma B\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap B\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma B) \cap (T\Gamma B\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma B\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (B\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq B$ and $(B) = B$. Hence, B is an ordered bi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Theorem II.5: Let A be a nonempty subset of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T. Then the following statements hold.

- (1) $(T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $(A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T, respectively.

(2) $(T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $(A\Gamma T \cup A)$ and $(T\Gamma A \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A \cup A)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T containing A, respectively.

Proof: (1) Suppose that $s, t \in (T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, then there exist $x_i, y_i, x_j, y_j \in T$, $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$ and $a \in A$ such that

$$s \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \alpha_i y_i \beta_i a \text{ and } t \leq \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \alpha_j y_j \beta_j a.$$

Since T is a PO-ternary Γ -semiring and $T\Gamma T\Gamma A$ is a left PO-ternary Ternary Γ -ideal of T.

$$\text{We have } s + t \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \alpha_i y_i \beta_i a + \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \alpha_j y_j \beta_j a \in T\Gamma T\Gamma A \text{ and}$$

hence $s + t \in (T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$. Similarly we can show that $s + t \in (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $s + t \in (A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$. Therefore $(T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $(T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are additive sub semi groups of T.

Since $A \neq \emptyset$, we have $(T\Gamma T\Gamma A) \neq \emptyset$, $(A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \neq \emptyset$ and $(T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \neq \emptyset$.

We see that $((T\Gamma T\Gamma A)) = (T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $((A\Gamma T\Gamma T)) = (A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $((T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)) = (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$.

Thus $T\Gamma T\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma A) = (T)\Gamma (T)\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma A) \subseteq ((T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma A) \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T\Gamma T &= (A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T)\Gamma (T) \\ &\subseteq (A\Gamma T\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T)) \subseteq (A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \text{ and} \\ T\Gamma (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T \\ &= (T)\Gamma (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma (T) \\ &\subseteq (T\Gamma (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T))\Gamma T \\ &\subseteq (T\Gamma (T\Gamma A\Gamma T)\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma T) \\ &= ((T\Gamma T\Gamma T)\Gamma A\Gamma (T\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ &\subseteq (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $(A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T, respectively.

(2) The proof is almost similar to the proof of (1).

Theorem II.6: If Q is an ordered quasi- Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T, then it is the intersection of an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Proof: Assume that Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T and let $L = (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cup Q)$, $R = (Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cup Q)$ and $M = (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cup Q)$. By Theorem II.5(2), we have L, R and M are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T containing Q, respectively. Thus $Q \subseteq L\cap M \cap R$. Since Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L\cap M \cap R &= (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q \cup Q) \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \\ &\quad \cup Q) \cap (Q\Gamma T\Gamma T \cup Q) \\ &= ((T\Gamma T\Gamma Q) \cap (T\Gamma Q\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ &\quad \cap (Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)) \cup Q \subseteq Q \cup (Q) = Q. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $Q = L\cap M \cap R$, so Q is the intersection of an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Theorem II.7: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring. Then the intersection of arbitrary nonempty family of ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T is either empty or an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T.

Proof. Let $\{Q_i \mid i \in I\}$ be a nonempty family of ordered

quasi- Γ -ideals of T and let $Q = \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i \neq \emptyset$. We claim

that Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T. Since Q_i is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T for all $i \in I$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ & \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ & \subseteq Q_i \text{ for all } i \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$

$$\subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i = Q \text{ and}$$

$$Q = \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i \right) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i = Q.$$

Hence, Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Definition II.8: Let A be an additive sub semi group of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T . The intersection of all ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T containing A is called the **ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal** of T generated by A and is denoted by $Q(A)$. Moreover, $Q(A)$ is the smallest ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T containing A . If $A = \{a\}$, we also write $Q(\{a\})$ as $Q(a)$.

Theorem II.9: Let A be an additive sub semigroup of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T . Then $Q(A) = (A)\cup((T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\Gamma T\Gamma T))$. In particular,

$Q(a) = (a)\cup((T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T))$ for all $a \in T$.

Proof: By Theorem II.5 (2), we have $(A\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A)$, $(A\cup A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(A\cup T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T containing A , respectively.

By Lemma II.4 (2), we have $(A\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(A\cup T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\cup A\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T containing A . Thus

$$Q(A) \subseteq (A\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(A\cup T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\cup A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ = (A)\cup((T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\Gamma T\Gamma T)).$$

By the proof of Theorem II.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (A)\cup((T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\Gamma T\Gamma T)) \\ & = (A\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(A\cup T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\cup A\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ & \subseteq (Q(A)\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma(Q(A)))\cap(Q(A)\cup T\Gamma(Q(A))\Gamma T \\ & \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma(Q(A))\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q(A)\cup(Q(A))\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq Q(A). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $Q(A) = (A)\cup((T\Gamma T\Gamma A)\cap(T\Gamma A\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma A\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(A\Gamma T\Gamma T))$.

III. MINIMALITY OF ORDERED QUASI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS IN ORDERED TERNARY Γ -SEMRINGS

In this section, we characterize the relationship between the minimality of ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals and a quasi-simple and a 0-quasi-simple ordered ternary Γ -semirings.

Definition III.1: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element. Then T is said to be **quasi-simple** if T has no proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals.

Theorem III.2: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) T is quasi-simple.
- (2) $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) = T$ for all $a \in T$.
- (3) $Q(a) = T$ for all $a \in T$.

Proof: (1) \Rightarrow (2) Assume that T is quasi-simple and let $a \in T$. By Theorem II.5 (1), we have $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)$, $(a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideals of T , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), we have $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ is an ordered

quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since T is quasi-simple, we have $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) = T$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Assume that $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) = T$ for all $a \in T$. Let $a \in T$. Then $(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) = T$.

By Theorem II.9, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T & = (T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ & \subseteq (a)\cup(T\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap(T\Gamma a\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \\ & = Q(a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $T = Q(a)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Assume that $Q(a) = T$ for all $a \in T$. Let Q be an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T and let $a \in Q$. Then $Q(a) = T$, and so $Q(a) \subseteq Q \subseteq T$. Hence, $T = Q$. Therefore, T is quasi-simple.

Definition III.3: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element, $T\Gamma T\Gamma T \neq \{0\}$ and $|T| > 1$. Then T is called **0-quasi-simple** if T has no nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals.

Theorem III.4: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element, $T\Gamma T\Gamma T \neq \{0\}$ and $|T| > 1$. Then T is 0-quasi-simple if and only if $Q(a) = T$ for all $a \in T \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof: Assume that T is 0-quasi-simple and let $a \in T \setminus \{0\}$. Then $Q(a) \neq \{0\}$.

Since T is 0-quasi-simple, we have $Q(a) = T$.

Conversely, assume that $Q(a) = T$ for all $a \in T \setminus \{0\}$. Let Q be a nonzero ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T and $a \in Q \setminus \{0\}$. Then $Q(a) = T$ and $Q(a) \subseteq Q \subseteq T$.

This implies that $T = Q$. Hence, T is 0-quasi-simple.

Definition III.5: An ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal Q of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T without a zero element is said to be a **minimal ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal** of T if there is no an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $A \subset Q$. Equivalently, if for any ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $A \subseteq Q$, we have $A = Q$.

Note III.6: We also define a **minimal ordered left**, a **minimal ordered lateral** and a **minimal ordered right ternary Γ -ideal** of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element in the same way of a minimal ordered quasi- Γ -ideal.

Theorem III.7: Let Q be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T without a zero element. Then Q is a minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T if and only if it is the intersection of a minimal ordered left, a minimal ordered right and a minimal ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Assume that Q is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Then $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$.

By Theorem II.5 (1), $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)$, $(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ and $(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since Q is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) = Q$. We claim that $(T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)$ is a minimal ordered left Ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let L be an ordered left Ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $L \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)$. Then $(T\Gamma T\Gamma L) \subseteq (L) = L \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)$.

Thus $(T\Gamma T\Gamma L)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma Q)\cap(T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma T\Gamma Q\Gamma T\Gamma T)\cap(Q\Gamma T\Gamma T) = Q$.

Since $(T \cap TFL) \cap (TFQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap Q \cap TTT) \cap (Q \cap TTT)$ is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T and Q is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $(T \cap TFL) \cap (TFQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap Q \cap TTT) \cap (Q \cap TTT) = Q$. Thus $Q \subseteq (T \cap TFL)$ and so $(T \cap TFL) \subseteq (T \cap TTT) \subseteq (T \cap TTT) \subseteq (T \cap TTT) = (T \cap TFL) \subseteq L$. Hence, $L = (T \cap TFL)$. Therefore, $(T \cap TFL)$ is a minimal ordered left Ternary Γ -ideal of T . A similar proof holds for the other two cases, $(Q \cap TTT)$ and $(TFQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap Q \cap TTT)$ are minimal ordered right and minimal ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively.

Conversely, let $Q = L \cap M \cap R$ where L , R and M are a minimal ordered left, a minimal ordered right and a minimal ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), we have Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let A be an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. By Theorem 2.5 (1), we have $(T \cap TFA)$, $(A \cap TTT)$ and $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively.

Now, $(T \cap TFA) \subseteq (T \cap TFL) \subseteq (T \cap TFL) \subseteq (L) = L$. Since L is a minimal ordered left Ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $(T \cap TFA) = L$. Similarly, $(A \cap TTT) = R$ and $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) = M$. Since A is an ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have

$$Q = L \cap M \cap R \\ = (T \cap TFA) \cap (TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) \cap (A \cap TTT) \\ \subseteq A.$$

This implies that $A = Q$. Hence, Q is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Definition III.8: A nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal Q of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T with a zero element is said to be a **0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal** of T if there is no a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $A \subset Q$. Equivalently, if for any nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $A \subseteq Q$, we have $A = Q$.

Note III.9: We also define a 0-minimal ordered left, a 0-minimal ordered lateral and a 0-minimal ordered right ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element in the same way of a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal.

Theorem III.10: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element. Then the intersection of a 0-minimal ordered left, a 0-minimal ordered right and a 0-minimal ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T is either $\{0\}$ or a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let $Q = L \cap M \cap R \neq \{0\}$ where L , R and M are a 0-minimal ordered left, a 0-minimal ordered right and a 0-minimal ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), we have Q is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let A be a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. By Theorem II.5 (1), we have $(T \cap TFA)$, $(A \cap TTT)$ and $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT)$ are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary Γ -ideal of T , respectively. Thus we have the following two cases:

Case 1: $(T \cap TFA) = \{0\}$, $(A \cap TTT) = \{0\}$, or $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) = \{0\}$.

If $(T \cap TFA) = \{0\}$, then $(T \cap TFA) = \{0\} \subseteq A$. Thus A is a nonzero ordered left ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since $A \subseteq$

$Q \subseteq L$ and L is a 0-minimal ordered left ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $A = L$. This implies that $A = Q$. Similarly, if $(A \cap TTT) = \{0\}$ or $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) = \{0\}$, then $A = Q$.

Case 2: $(T \cap TFA) \neq \{0\}$, $(A \cap TTT) \neq \{0\}$, and $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) \neq \{0\}$.

Now, $(T \cap TFA) \subseteq (T \cap TFL) \subseteq (T \cap TFL) \subseteq (L) = L$. Since L is a 0-minimal ordered left ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $(T \cap TFA) = L$.

Similarly, $(A \cap TTT) = R$ and $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) = M$. Since A is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have

$$Q = L \cap M \cap R \\ = (T \cap TFA) \cap (TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) \cap (A \cap TTT) \\ \subseteq A.$$

This implies that $A = Q$. Hence, Q is a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem III.11: Let Q be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T without a zero element. If Q is quasi-simple, then Q is a minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Assume that Q is quasi-simple and let A be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. Now,

$$(Q \cap QFA) \cap (QFA \cap Q \cup Q \cap QFA \cap Q) \cap (A \cap Q \cap Q) \\ \subseteq (T \cap TFA) \cap (TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) \cap (A \cap TTT) \subseteq A$$

and $(A) \cap Q \subseteq (A) = A$. Thus A is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of Q . Since Q is quasi-simple, we have $A = Q$. Hence, Q is a minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem III.12: Let Q be a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T with a zero element. If Q is 0-quasi-simple, then Q is a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Assume that Q is 0-quasi-simple and let A be a nonzero ordered quasi ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. Now,

$$(Q \cap QFA) \cap (QFA \cap Q \cup Q \cap QFA \cap Q) \cap (A \cap Q \cap Q) \\ \subseteq (T \cap TFA) \cap (TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap A \cap TTT) \cap (A \cap TTT) \subseteq A$$

and $(A) \cap Q \subseteq (A) = A$. Thus A is a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of Q . Since Q is 0-quasi-simple, we have $A = Q$. Hence, Q is a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem III.13: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element having proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals. Then every proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T is minimal if and only if the intersection of any two distinct proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals is empty.

Proof: Let Q_1 and Q_2 be two distinct proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T . By assumption, we have that Q_1 and Q_2 are minimal. If $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \neq \emptyset$, then by Theorem II.7, $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_1$ and Q_1 is minimal, we have $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = Q_1$. Since $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_2$ and Q_2 is minimal, we have $Q_1 = Q_1 \cap Q_2 = Q_2$. That is a contradiction. Hence, $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = \emptyset$.

Conversely, let Q be a proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T and let A be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. Then A is a proper ordered quasi ternary Γ -ideal of T . If $A \neq Q$, then by assumption, $A = A \cap Q = \emptyset$. That is a

contradiction. Hence, $A = Q$. Therefore, Q is a minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem III.14: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element having nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals. Then every nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T is 0-minimal if and only if the intersection of any two distinct nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals is $\{0\}$.

Proof: Let Q_1 and Q_2 be two distinct proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T . By assumption, we have that Q_1 and Q_2 are minimal. If $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \neq \emptyset$, then by Theorem II.7, $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_1$ and Q_1 is 0-minimal, we have $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = Q_1$. Since $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \subseteq Q_2$ and Q_2 is 0-minimal, we have $Q_1 = Q_1 \cap Q_2 = Q_2$. That is a contradiction. Hence, $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = \emptyset$.

Conversely, let Q be a proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T and let A be a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $A \subseteq Q$. Then A is a proper ordered quasi ternary Γ -ideal of T . If $A \neq Q$, then by assumption, $A = A \cap Q = \{0\}$. That is a contradiction. Hence, $A = Q$. Therefore, Q is a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

IV. MAXIMALITY OF ORDERED QUASI-TERNARY Γ -IDEALS IN ORDERED TERNARY Γ -SEMRINGS

In this section, we characterize the relationship between the maximality of ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals and the union \mathcal{U} of all proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals in ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element and the union \mathcal{U}_0 of all nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals in ordered ternary Γ -semirings with a zero element.

Definition IV.1: A proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal Q of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T is said to be a **maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal** of T if there is no a proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $Q \subset A$. Equivalently, if for any proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $Q \subseteq A$, we have $A = Q$. Equivalently, if for any ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal A of T such that $Q \subset A$, we have $A = T$.

Theorem IV.2: Let Q be a proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T . If either

- (1) $T \setminus Q = \{a\}$ for some $a \in T$ or
- (2) $T \setminus Q \subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma b\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma\Gamma T)$ for all $b \in T \setminus Q$,

then Q is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Let A be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $Q \subset A$.

Case 1:
 $T \setminus Q = \{a\}$ for some $a \in T$. Since $Q \subset A$, we have $\emptyset \neq A \setminus Q \subseteq T \setminus Q = \{a\}$. Thus $A \setminus Q = \{a\}$. Hence, $A = Q \cup (A \setminus Q) = Q \cup \{a\} = Q \cup (T \setminus Q) = T$.

Case 2:
 $T \setminus Q \subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma b\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma\Gamma T)$ for all $b \in T \setminus Q$. Let $b \in A \setminus Q \subseteq T \setminus Q$ because $A \setminus Q \neq \emptyset$. Thus
 $T \setminus Q \subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma b\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma\Gamma T)$
 $\subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma A) \cap (T\Gamma A\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma A\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (A\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq A$.

Hence, $T = Q \cup (T \setminus Q) \subseteq Q \cup A = A$. This implies that $A = T$. Therefore, Q is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Theorem IV.3: If Q is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T and $QUQ(a)$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T for all $a \in T \setminus Q$, then either

- (1) $T \setminus Q \subseteq \{a\}$ and $aaa\beta a \in Q$ for some $a \in T \setminus Q$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and $(T\Gamma\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma b\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$ for all $b \in T \setminus Q$ or
- (2) $T \setminus Q \subseteq Q(a)$ for all $a \in T \setminus Q$.

Proof: Assume that Q is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T and $QUQ(a)$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T for all $a \in T \setminus Q$. Then we consider the following two cases:

Case 1: $(T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$ for some $a \in T \setminus Q$.

Then $aaa\beta a \in (T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq Q$, so $aaa\beta a \in Q$.

By Theorem 2.9, we have

$$QU(a) = (QU((T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T))) \cup \{a\} = QU(((T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T)) \cup \{a\}) = QUQ(a).$$

Thus $QU(a)$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since $a \in T \setminus Q$, we have $Q \subset QU(a)$. Since Q is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T , we have $QU(a) = T$. Thus $T \setminus Q \subseteq \{a\}$. Next, we let $b \in T \setminus Q$. Then $b \leq a$. Thus

$$(T\Gamma\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma b\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T) \subseteq Q.$$

Case 2: $(T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T) \not\subseteq Q$ for all $a \in T \setminus Q$. Let $a \in T \setminus Q$.

Then $Q \subset QUQ(a)$. Since $QUQ(a)$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T and Q is maximal, we have $QUQ(a) = T$. Hence, $T \setminus Q \subseteq Q(a)$.

Lemma IV.4: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element. Then $T = \mathcal{U}$ if and only if $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in T$.

Proof: Assume that $T = \mathcal{U}$ and let $a \in T$. Then $a \in \mathcal{U}$, so $a \in Q$ for some proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal Q of T . Hence, $Q(a) \subseteq Q \neq T$, that is $Q(a) \neq T$. Conversely, assume that $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in T$. Then $Q(a) \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ for all $a \in T$, so $a \in \mathcal{U}$ for all $a \in T$. Hence, $T = \mathcal{U}$.

Theorem IV.5: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring without a zero element. Then one and only one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

- (1) \mathcal{U} is not an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .
- (2) $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in T$.
- (3) There exists $a \in T$ such that $Q(a) = T$, $\{a\} \not\subseteq (T\Gamma\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma\Gamma a\Gamma\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma\Gamma T)$, and $aaa\beta a \in \mathcal{U}$, T is not quasi-simple, $T \setminus \mathcal{U} = \{x \in T \mid Q(x) = T\}$, and \mathcal{U} is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .
- (4) $T \setminus \mathcal{U} \subseteq Q(a)$ for all $a \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$, T is not quasi-simple, $T \setminus \mathcal{U} = \{x \in T \mid Q(x) = T\}$, and \mathcal{U} is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: Assume that \mathcal{U} is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . We consider the following two cases:

Case 1: $\mathcal{U} = T$. By Lemma 4.4, the condition (2) holds.

Case 2: $\mathcal{U} \neq T$. Then T is not quasi-simple. We claim that \mathcal{U} is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Let Q be an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T such that $\mathcal{U} \subset Q$.

If $Q \neq T$, then $Q \subseteq \mathcal{U}$. That is a contradiction. Thus $Q = T$, so \mathcal{U} is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Next, assume that A is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Then $A \neq T$, so $A \subseteq \mathcal{U} \subset T$. Since A is maximal, we have $A = \mathcal{U}$. Therefore, \mathcal{U} is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T . Since $\mathcal{U} \neq T$, we have $Q(a) = T$ for all $a \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$ and $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in \mathcal{U}$. Thus $T \setminus \mathcal{U} = \{x \in T \mid Q(x) = T\}$ and so $\mathcal{U} \cup Q(x) = T$ is an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T for all $x \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$. By Theorem 4.3, we have the following two cases:

(i) $T \setminus \mathcal{U} \subseteq (a)$ and $aaa\beta a \in \mathcal{U}$ for some $a \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$, and $(T\Gamma T\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma b\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ for all $b \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$ or

(ii) $T \setminus \mathcal{U} \subseteq Q(a)$ for all $a \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}$.

Assume (i) holds. Then $T = Q(a)$.

If $(a) \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$, then by Theorem 2.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T &= Q(a) \\ &= (a) \cup ((T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)) \\ &= (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq \mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mathcal{U} = T$. That is a contradiction.

Hence, $(a) \not\subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$, so the condition (3) holds.

Assume (ii) holds. Then the condition (4) holds.

Note IV.6: For an ordered ternary Γ -semiring T with a zero element, the union of all nonzero proper ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals of T is denoted by \mathcal{U}_0 .

Lemma IV.7: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element. Then $T = \mathcal{U}_0$ if and only if $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in T$.

Proof: The proof is almost similar to the proof of Lemma IV.4.

Theorem IV.8: Let T be an ordered ternary Γ -semiring with a zero element. Then one and only one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

- (1) \mathcal{U}_0 is not an ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .
- (2) $Q(a) \neq T$ for all $a \in T$.
- (3) There exists $a \in T$ such that $Q(a) = T$, $(a) \not\subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$, and $aaa\beta a \in \mathcal{U}_0$, T is not 0-quasi-simple, $T \setminus \mathcal{U}_0 = \{x \in T \mid Q(x) = T\}$, and \mathcal{U}_0 is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .
- (4) $T \setminus \mathcal{U}_0 \subseteq Q(a)$ for all $a \in T \setminus \mathcal{U}_0$, T is not 0-quasi-simple, $T \setminus \mathcal{U}_0 = \{x \in T \mid Q(x) = T\}$, and \mathcal{U}_0 is the unique maximal ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideal of T .

Proof: The proof is almost similar to the proof of Theorem IV.5.

CONCLUSIONS

In this paper mainly we start the study of ordered quasi-ternary Γ -ideals, in po-ternary Γ -semirings. We characterize minimality and maximality of ordered quasi ternary Γ -ideals in ternary Γ -semirings.

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