

# Minimality and Maximality of Ordered Quasi-Ternary $\Gamma$ -Ideals in Ordered Ternary $\Gamma$ -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- $\Gamma$ -ideals in ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings, that can be used like the more classical results on unordered structures.

**Index Terms** — ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring, ordered quasi- $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semigroups, and gave some characterizations of (0-)minimal and maximal ordered left ideals in ordered  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideals and bi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideals in ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings.

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

**Definition I.1[27]:** Let  $T$  and  $\Gamma$  be two additive commutative semigroups.  $T$  is said to be a **Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Let  $T$  be a ternary semiring and  $\Gamma$  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  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Note I.2[27]:** Let  $(T, \Gamma, +, [ ])$  be a ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is called an **ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $(H)_s$ .

**Notation I.7 [27]:** Let  $T$  be PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $T$ . If  $H$  is a nonempty subset of  $S$ , we denote  $\{s \in S : h \leq s \text{ for some } h \in H\}$  by  $[H]_s$ .

**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  $\Gamma$ -semiring. A nonempty subset 'S' is said to be a **PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a po-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be **left PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a left PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a **right PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a right PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a **two sided PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a two sided PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  if and only if it is both a left PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and a right PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Definition I.21 [27] :** A nonempty subset  $A$  of a PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be **PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  if and only if it is left PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal, lateral PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and right PO-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**II. ORDERED QUASI-TERNARY  $\Gamma$ -IDEALS AND ORDERED BI-TERNARY  $\Gamma$ -IDEALS**

**Definition II.1:** An additive sub semi group Q of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring T is said to be an **ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring T with a zero element and it is called a zero ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T. Moreover,  $0 \in Q$  for all ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal Q of T.

**Definition II.3:** An ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -sub semi ring B of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring T is said to be an **ordered bi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semi ring. Then the following statements hold.

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

**Proof:** (1) Let L, R and M be an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

(3) Let B be an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

**Theorem II.5:** Let A be a nonempty subset of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $T\Gamma T\Gamma A$  is a left PO-ternary Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideals of T, respectively.

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

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

**Proof:** Assume that Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideals of T containing Q, respectively. Thus  $Q \subseteq L\cap M \cap R$ . Since Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

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

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

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

that Q is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T. Since  $Q_i$  is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Definition II.8:** Let  $A$  be an additive sub semi group of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$ . The intersection of all ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $T$  containing  $A$  is called the **ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  generated by  $A$  and is denoted by  $Q(A)$ . Moreover,  $Q(A)$  is the smallest ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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

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

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 $\Gamma$ -IDEALS IN ORDERED TERNARY $\Gamma$ -SEMRINGS

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

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

**Theorem III.2: Let  $T$  be an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideals.

**Theorem III.4: Let  $T$  be an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $Q$  of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  without a zero element is said to be a **minimal ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  if there is no an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of  $T$  such that  $A \subset Q$ . Equivalently, if for any ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal** of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring without a zero element in the same way of a minimal ordered quasi- $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**Theorem III.7: Let  $Q$  be an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  without a zero element. Then  $Q$  is a minimal ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .**

**Proof:** Assume that  $Q$  is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Since  $Q$  is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Let  $L$  be an ordered left Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $(T \cap TFL) \cap (TQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap TQ \cap TTT) \cap (Q \cap TTT)$  is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  and  $Q$  is a minimal ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ , we have  $(T \cap TFL) \cap (TQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap TQ \cap TTT) \cap (Q \cap TTT) = Q$ . Thus  $Q \subseteq (T \cap TFL)$  and so  $(T \cap TQ) \subseteq (T \cap TTT \cap (T \cap TFL)) \subseteq (T \cap TTT \cap L) = (T \cap TFL) \subseteq L$ . Hence,  $L = (T \cap TQ)$ . Therefore,  $(T \cap TQ)$  is a minimal ordered left Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . A similar proof holds for the other two cases,  $(Q \cap TTT)$  and  $(TQ \cap T \cup TTT \cap TQ \cap TTT)$  are minimal ordered right and minimal ordered lateral Ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), we have  $Q$  is an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Let  $A$  be an ordered quasi-Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  such that  $A \subseteq Q$ . By Theorem 2.5 (1), we have  $(T \cap TFA)$ ,  $(A \cap TTT)$  and  $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap TFA \cap TTT)$  are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral Ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ , respectively.

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

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

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

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

**Theorem III.10: Let  $T$  be an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  is either  $\{0\}$  or a 0-minimal ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ , respectively. By Lemma II.4 (2), we have  $Q$  is an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Let  $A$  be a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  such that  $A \subseteq Q$ . By Theorem II.5 (1), we have  $(T \cap TFA)$ ,  $(A \cap TTT)$  and  $(TFA \cap T \cup TTT \cap TFA \cap TTT)$  are an ordered left, an ordered right and an ordered lateral ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ , respectively. Thus we have the following two cases:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Proof:** Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be two distinct proper ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  and let  $A$  be an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  such that  $A \subseteq Q$ . Then  $A$  is a proper ordered quasi ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

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

**Proof:** Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be two distinct proper ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  and let  $A$  be a nonzero ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  such that  $A \subseteq Q$ . Then  $A$  is a proper ordered quasi ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**IV. MAXIMALITY OF ORDERED QUASI-TERNARY  $\Gamma$ -IDEALS IN ORDERED TERNARY  $\Gamma$ -SEMRINGS**

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

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

**Theorem IV.2:** Let  $Q$  be a proper ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Theorem IV.3:** If  $Q$  is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  and  $QUQ(a)$  is an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  and  $QUQ(a)$  is an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Since  $a \in T \setminus Q$ , we have  $Q \subset QU(a)$ . Since  $Q$  is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Let  $Q$  be an ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Next, assume that  $A$  is a maximal ordered quasi-ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $(T\Gamma T\Gamma b) \cap (T\Gamma b\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma b\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (b\Gamma T\Gamma T) \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  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  $(a) \subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ , then by Theorem 2.9, we have

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

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

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

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

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

**Lemma IV.7:** Let  $T$  be an ordered ternary  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .
- (2)  $Q(a) \neq T$  for all  $a \in T$ .
- (3) There exists  $a \in T$  such that  $Q(a) = T$ ,  $(a) \not\subseteq (T\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma T) \cap (a\Gamma T\Gamma T)$ , 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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -ideals, in po-ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings. We characterize minimality and maximality of ordered quasi ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideals in ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings.

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