# On Properties of Generalized Bi- $\Gamma$ -Ideals of $\Gamma$ -Semirings

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Abstract—The notion of  $\Gamma$ -semirings was introduced by Murali Krishna Rao as a generalization of the notion of  $\Gamma$ -rings as well as of semirings. We have known that the notion of  $\Gamma$ -semirings is a generalization of the notion of semirings. In this paper, extending Kaushik, Moin and Khan's work, we generalize the notion of generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings and investigate some related properties of generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals.

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

**THE** notion of  $\Gamma$ -semirings was introduced and studied in 1995 by Murali Krishna Rao [10] as a generalization of the notion of  $\Gamma$ -rings as well as of semiring, and the notion of generalized bi-ideals was first introduced for rings in 1970 by Szász [12], [13] and then for semigroups by Lajos [8]. Many types of ideals on the algebraic structures were characterized by several authors such as: In 2000, Dutta and Sardar [3] studied the characterization of semiprime ideals and irreducible ideals of Γ-semirings. In 2004, Sardar and Dasgupta [11] introduced the notions of primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings and primitive ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings. In 2008, Kaushik, Moin and Khan [7] introduced and studied bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semirings, Pianskool, Sangwirotjanapat and Tipyota [9] introduced and studied valuation  $\Gamma$ -semirings and valuation  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, and Chinram [1] gave some properties of quasi-ideals in  $\Gamma$ semirings. In 2009, Jagatap and Pawar [6] introduced the concept of minimal quasi-ideal in  $\Gamma$ -semirings. Some properties of minimal quasi-ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semirings are provided. In 2010, Ghosh and Samanta [5] studied the relation between the fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings and that of operator semiring. In 2011, Dutta, Sardar and Goswami [4] introduced different types of operations on fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings and proved subsequently that these operations give rise to different structures such as complete lattice, modular lattice on some restricted class of fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ semirings. In 2012, Bektaş, Bayrak and Ersoy [2] introduced and studied the characterization of soft  $\Gamma$ -semirings and soft sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring.

The concept of ideals for many types of  $\Gamma$ -semirings is the really interested and important thing in  $\Gamma$ -semirings. Therefore, we will introduce and study generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings in the same way as of bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings which was studied by Kaushik, Moin and Khan [7].

To present the main results we first recall the definition of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring which is important here and discuss some elementary definitions that we use later.

**Definition I.1.** [10] Let M and  $\Gamma$  be two additive commutative semigroups. Then M is called a  $\Gamma$ -semiring if there exists a mapping  $\cdot: M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$  (the image  $\cdot(a,\alpha,b)$  to be denoted by  $a\alpha b$  for all  $a,b,c \in M$  and  $\alpha,\beta \in \Gamma$ ) satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $a\alpha(b+c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$ ,
- $(2) (a+b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c,$
- (3)  $a(\alpha + \beta)b = a\alpha b + a\beta b$ ,
- (4)  $a\alpha(b\beta c) = (a\alpha b)\beta c$

for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, A and B nonempty subsets of M, and  $\Lambda$  a nonempty subset of  $\Gamma$ . Then we define

$$A + B := \{a + b \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

and

$$A\Lambda B := \bigg\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i b_i \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, a_i \in A, b_i \in B \text{ and }$$
 
$$\lambda_i \in \Lambda \text{ for all } i \bigg\}.$$

If  $A = \{a\}$ , then we also write  $\{a\} + B$  as a + B, and  $\{a\} \Lambda B$  as  $a \Lambda B$ , and similarly if  $B = \{b\}$  or  $\Lambda = \{\lambda\}$ .

**Example I.2.** [6] Let  $\mathbb Q$  be set of rational numbers. Let (S,+) be the commutative semigroup of all  $2\times 3$  matrices over  $\mathbb Q$  and  $(\Gamma,+)$  commutative semigroup of all  $3\times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb Q$ . Define  $W\alpha Y$  usual matrix product of  $W,\alpha$  and Y for all  $W,Y\in S$  and for all  $\alpha\in\Gamma$ . Then S is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring but not a semiring.

**Example I.3.** [6] Let  $\mathbb N$  be the set of natural numbers and  $\Gamma=\{1,2,3\}$ . Then  $(\mathbb N,\max)$  and  $(\Gamma,\max)$  are commutative semigroups. Define the mapping  $\mathbb N\times\Gamma\times\mathbb N\to\mathbb N$ , by  $a\alpha b=\min\{a,\alpha,b\}$  for all  $a,b\in\mathbb N$  and  $\alpha\in\Gamma$ . Then  $\mathbb N$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Example I.4.** [6] Let  $\mathbb Q$  be set of rational numbers and  $\Gamma = \mathbb N$  the set of natural numbers. Then  $(\mathbb Q,+)$  and  $(\mathbb N,+)$  are commutative semigroups. Define the mapping  $\mathbb Q \times \Gamma \times \mathbb Q \to \mathbb Q$ , by  $a\alpha b$  usual product of  $a,\alpha,b$ ; for all  $a,b\in\mathbb Q$  and  $\alpha\in\Gamma$ . Then  $\mathbb Q$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Example I.5.** [2] For consider the additively abelian groups  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{2, 4, 6\}$ . Let  $\cdot : \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \Gamma \times \mathbb{Z}_8 \to \mathbb{Z}_8$ ,  $(y, \alpha, s) = y\alpha s$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

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**Definition I.6.** A nonempty subset A of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is called

- (1) a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M if (A, +) is a subsemigroup of (M, +) and  $a\gamma b \in A$  for all  $a, b \in A$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- (2) a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of M if (A,+) is a subsemigroup of (M,+), and  $x\gamma a\in A$  and  $a\gamma x\in A$  for all  $a\in A, x\in M$  and  $\gamma\in\Gamma$ .
- (3) a *quasi-* $\Gamma$ *-ideal* of M if A is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M and  $A\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma A \subseteq A$ .
- (4) a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M if A is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M and  $A\Gamma M\Gamma A\subseteq A$ .
- (5) a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M if  $A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq A$ .

**Remark I.7.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. We have the following:

- (1) Every quasi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal.
- (2) Every bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**Definition I.8.** A  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is called a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring if M is the unique generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

# II. MAIN RESULTS

Before the characterizations of generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings for the main results, we give some auxiliary results which are necessary in what follows. By Lemma I.7 (2) and [7], we have the following lemma.

**Lemma II.1.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $a \in M$ . Then  $a\Gamma M$  and  $M\Gamma a$  are generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of M.

**Lemma II.2.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\{B_i \mid i \in I\}$  a nonempty family of generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of M with  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

*Proof:* For all  $i \in I$ , we have

$$\left(\bigcap_{i\in I} B_i\right) \Gamma M \Gamma \left(\bigcap_{i\in I} B_i\right) \subseteq B_i \Gamma M \Gamma B_i \subseteq B_i.$$

Thus

$$\left(\bigcap_{i\in I} B_i\right) \Gamma M \Gamma \left(\bigcap_{i\in I} B_i\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{i\in I} B_i.$$

Hence  $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Lemma II.3.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq M$ . Then

$$A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A \tag{1}$$

is the smallest generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing A.

*Proof:* Let  $B = A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A$ . Then  $A \subseteq B$ . Therefore

 $B\Gamma M\Gamma B$ 

- $= (A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)\Gamma M\Gamma (A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)$
- $\subseteq [A(\Gamma M\Gamma)(A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)] \cup$  $[A\Gamma M\Gamma A(\Gamma M\Gamma)(A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A)]$
- $\subseteq [A(\Gamma M\Gamma)A \cup A(\Gamma M\Gamma)A\Gamma M\Gamma A] \cup \\ [A\Gamma M\Gamma A(\Gamma M\Gamma)A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A(\Gamma M\Gamma)A\Gamma M\Gamma A]$
- $\subseteq [A\Gamma M\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A] \cup [A\Gamma M\Gamma A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A]$
- $= A\Gamma M\Gamma A$
- $\subseteq \quad A \cup A \Gamma M \Gamma A$
- = B.

Thus  $B=A\cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. We shall show that B is the smallest generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing A. Let C be a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing A. Then

$$A\Gamma M\Gamma A \subseteq C\Gamma M\Gamma C \subseteq C$$
.

Thus

$$B = A \cup A \Gamma M \Gamma A \subseteq C.$$

Hence B is the smallest generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing A.

By Lemma II.3, let (A) be the smallest generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing A. Therefore

$$(A) = A \cup A\Gamma M\Gamma A. \tag{2}$$

It is also very common to denote the smallest generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M containing  $\{a\}$  as (a).

**Lemma II.4.** Let T be a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M,  $a \in M$  and  $(a\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $(a\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap T$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

Proof: Consider

 $(a\Gamma T\Gamma a \cap T)\Gamma T\Gamma (a\Gamma T\Gamma a \cap T)$ 

- $\subseteq \quad [(a\Gamma T\Gamma a)\Gamma T \cap T\Gamma T]\Gamma (a\Gamma T\Gamma a \cap T)$
- $\subseteq [(a\Gamma T\Gamma a)\Gamma T \cap T]\Gamma(a\Gamma T\Gamma a \cap T)$
- $\subseteq [[(a\Gamma T\Gamma a\Gamma T)\Gamma(a\Gamma T\Gamma a)] \cap [T\Gamma(a\Gamma T\Gamma a \cap T)]]$
- $\subseteq [(a\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap (T\Gamma a\Gamma T\Gamma a)]\cap T$
- $\subseteq$   $(a\Gamma T\Gamma a)\cap T$ .

Hence  $(a\Gamma T\Gamma a) \cap T$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

**Lemma II.5.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $a \in M$ . Then  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

Proof: Consider

$$(a\Gamma M\Gamma a)\Gamma M\Gamma (a\Gamma M\Gamma a) = a\Gamma (M\Gamma a\Gamma M\Gamma a\Gamma M)\Gamma a \subseteq a\Gamma M\Gamma a$$

Hence  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Proposition II.6.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and T a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M. Then every subset of T containing  $M\Gamma T$  is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M.

*Proof:* Let A be a subset of T such that  $M\Gamma T \subseteq A$ . Then

$$A\Gamma A \subseteq M\Gamma T \subseteq A$$
.

Hence A is a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M.

**Proposition II.7.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and T a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Then every subset of T containing  $M\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

 $\mathit{Proof} \text{: } \mathrm{Let}\ B$  be a subset of T such that  $M\Gamma T \cup T\Gamma M \subseteq B.$  Then

$$M\Gamma B\subseteq M\Gamma T\subseteq M\Gamma T\cup T\Gamma M\subseteq B$$

and

$$B\Gamma M \subseteq T\Gamma M \subseteq T\Gamma M \cup M\Gamma T \subseteq B$$
.

Hence B is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Proposition II.8.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and T a quasi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Then every subset of T containing  $T\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma T$  is a quasi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

 $\mathit{Proof:}$  Let C be a subset of T such that  $T\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma T \subseteq C.$  Then

$$C\Gamma C \subseteq T\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma T \subseteq C$$

and

$$C\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma C \subseteq T\Gamma M \cap M\Gamma T \subseteq C.$$

Hence C is a quasi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Proposition II.9.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and T a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Then every subset of T containing  $T\Gamma M\Gamma T$  and all of its images is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

*Proof:* Let D be a subset of T such that  $T\Gamma M\Gamma T\subseteq D$  and  $D\Gamma D\subseteq D.$  Then

$$D\Gamma M\Gamma D \subseteq T\Gamma M\Gamma T \subseteq D.$$

Hence D is a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Proposition II.10.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and T a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Then every subset of T containing  $T\Gamma M\Gamma T$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

 $\textit{Proof:} \ \, \text{Let} \,\, E \,\, \text{be a subset of} \,\, T \,\, \text{such that} \,\, T\Gamma M\Gamma T \subseteq E.$  Then

$$E\Gamma M\Gamma E \subseteq T\Gamma M\Gamma T \subseteq E.$$

Hence E is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Theorem II.11.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) M is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.
- (2)  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a=M$  for all  $a\in M$ .
- (3) (a) = M for all  $a \in M$ .

*Proof*:  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Assume that M is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $a \in M$ . By Lemma II.5, we have  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Since M is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring, we have  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a = M$ .

 $(2)\Rightarrow (3)$  Assume that  $a\Gamma M\Gamma a=M$  for all  $a\in M$  and let  $a\in M$ . Then, by (2), we have

$$(a) = \{a\} \cup a\Gamma M\Gamma a = \{a\} \cup M = M.$$

 $(3)\Rightarrow (1)$  Assume that (a)=M for all  $a\in M$ , and let A be a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M and  $a\in A$ . Then  $(a)\subseteq A$ . By assumption, we have

$$M = (a) \subseteq A \subseteq M$$
.

Thus M = A. Therefore M is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Lemma II.12.** Let B be a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M and T a sub- $\Gamma$ -semiring of M. If T is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring such that  $T \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then  $T \subseteq B$ .

*Proof:* Assume that T is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring such that  $T \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and let  $a \in T \cap B$ . By Lemma II.3, we have  $\{a\} \cup a\Gamma T\Gamma a$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of T. Since T is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring, we have  $\{a\} \cup a\Gamma T\Gamma a = T$ . Thus

$$T = \{a\} \cup a\Gamma T\Gamma a \subseteq B \cup B\Gamma M\Gamma B \subseteq B \cup B \subseteq B.$$

Hence  $T \subseteq B$ .

**Theorem II.13.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, B a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M and  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq M$ . Then  $B\Gamma A$  and  $A\Gamma B$  are generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of M.

*Proof:* Since B is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M, we have

$$(B\Gamma A)\Gamma M\Gamma (B\Gamma A) = (B\Gamma (A\Gamma M)\Gamma B)\Gamma A \subseteq (B\Gamma M\Gamma B)\Gamma A \subseteq B\Gamma A$$

and

$$(A\Gamma B)\Gamma M\Gamma (A\Gamma B) = A\Gamma (B\Gamma (M\Gamma A)\Gamma B) \subseteq A\Gamma (B\Gamma M\Gamma B) \subseteq A\Gamma B.$$

Therefore  $B\Gamma A$  and  $A\Gamma B$  are generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of M.

**Theorem II.14.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and B a bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Then B is a minimal generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M if and only if B is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

*Proof:* Assume that B is a minimal generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. By assumption, B is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Let C be a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of B. Then

$$C\Gamma B\Gamma C \subseteq C \subseteq B.$$
 (3)

Since B is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M and by Theorem II.13, we have  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C$  is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Since B is a minimal generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M, we get  $C\Gamma B\Gamma C=B$ . Thus, by (3), we have B=C. Hence B is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

Conversely, assume that B is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Let C be a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M such that  $C\subseteq B$ . Then

$$C\Gamma B\Gamma C\subseteq C\Gamma M\Gamma C\subseteq C.$$

Thus C is a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of B. Since B is a GB-simple  $\Gamma$ -semiring, we have B=C. Hence B is a minimal generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M.

**Theorem II.15.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring having a proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal. Then every proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M is minimal if and only if the intersection of any two distinct proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals is empty.

*Proof:* Assume that every proper generalized bi-Γ-ideal of M is minimal and let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two distinct proper generalized bi-Γ-ideals of M. By assumption, we have  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are minimal. We shall show that  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $B_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset$ . By Lemma II.2, we have  $B_1 \cap B_2$  is a proper generalized bi-Γ-ideal of M. Since  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B_1$  and  $B_1 \cap B_2 \subseteq B_2$ , we get  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_1$  and  $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_2$ . Thus  $B_1 = B_2$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ .

Conversely, assume that the intersection of any two distinct proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals is empty. Let B be a proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M and C a generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals of M such that  $C \subseteq B$ . Suppose that  $C \neq B$ . Then C is a proper generalized bi- $\Gamma$ -ideal of M. Since  $C \subset B$  and by assumption, we have  $C = C \cap B = \emptyset$  which is a contradiction. Therefore C = B, so B is minimal.

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