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# f - Prime Radical in Ternary Semigroup

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study some results on f-prime ideals f-completely prime ideals, f-prime radical and f-completely prime radical in ternary semigroups. Here we prove the results, (i) An ideal P of ternary semigroup S is completely f-prime if and only if  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup or empty. (ii) If S is an idempotent ternary semigroup, then every maximal ideal M of S is a *f*-prime ideal.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a semigroup is very simple and plays a large role in the development of Mathematics. The theory of semigroups is similar to group theory and ring theory. The algebraic theory of semigroups was developed by CLIFFORD [3] and PRESTON [9]. Here we generalised the structure for ternary semigroup is studied by M.L. Santiago and S. Sri Bala [11] and prime ideals in ternary semigroup was introduced by S. Bashir and M. Shabir [1], here we start with some basic definitions that are required to give the results.

- **Definition 1.1.** A System S with a ternary operation \* is called ternary semigroup if \* is associative operation.
- **Definition 1.2.** A ternary semigroup S is said to be finite if the cardinality of S is finite.
- **Definition 1.3.** A ternary semigroup S is said to be commutative if a\*(b\*c)=(a\*b)\*c, for all  $a,b,c\in S$ .
- **Definition 1.4.** An element *e* of a commutative ternary semigroup *S* is said to be identity of *S* if, e \* e \* a = a, for all  $a \in S$ .
- **Definition 1.5.** A nonempty subset A of a ternary semigroup S is said to be a ternary sub-semigroup of S if

for  $a, b, c \in A \Rightarrow a * b * c \in A$ .

**Note.** For convenience we write ab instead of a \* b.

- **Definition 1.6.** A nonempty subset I of a ternary semigroup S is said to be a left ideal of S if  $ISS \subseteq I$ .
- **Definition 1.7.** A nonempty subset I of a ternary semigroup S is said to be a right ideal of S if  $SSI \subseteq I$ .
- **Definition 1.8.** A nonempty subset I of a ternary semigroup S is said to be a lateral ideal of S if  $SIS \subseteq I$ .
- **Definition 1.9.** A nonempty subset I of a ternary semigroup S is said to be an ideal of S if it is left, right and lateral ideal.
- **Definition 1.10.** A proper ideal M of a ternary semigroup S is said to be a maximal ideal if it is not properly contained in any proper ideal of S.
- **Definition 1.11.** An ideal I of a ternary semigroup S is said to be an idempotent ideal if  $I^2 = I$ .
- **Definition 1.13.** A ternary semigroup S is said to be an idempotent ternary semigroup if  $S^3 = S$ .
- **Definition 1.14.** An ideal A of a commutative ternary semigroup S is said to be a principal ideal if A is generated by single
- **Definition 1.15.** an element a of a ternary semigroup S is said to be idempotent if  $a^3 = a$ .
- **Definition 1.16.** An ideal P of a ternary semigroup S is said to be completely prime if

 $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $abc \in P$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ .

**Definition 1.17.** An ideal P of a ternary semigroup S is said to be prime

if A, B, C are ideals in S with  $ABC \subseteq P$  implies  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  or  $C \subseteq P$ .

**Definition 1.18.** If A is an ideal of a ternary semigroup S, then the intersection of all prime ideals containing A is called prime radical of A and it is denoted by rad(A) or  $\sqrt{A}$ .

**Definition 1.19.** If A is an ideal of a ternary semigroup S, then the intersection of all completely prime ideals containing A is called completely prime radical of A and it is denoted by c.rad(A)

## II. f-prime radical and completely f-prime radicals

Throughout this paper S denotes ternary semigroup and f is a function from S into S such that,

- i)  $x \in f(S)$  implies  $f(x) \subseteq f(S)$ ;
- ii) A is an ideal in S implies f(x) is an ideal in S.

**Definition 2.1.** An ideal P of S is said to be f-prime ideal if A, B, C are ideals in S with

$$f(A).f(B).f(C) \subseteq P$$
 implies  $f(A) \subseteq P$  or  $f(B) \subseteq P$  or  $f(C) \subseteq P$ , were

$$f(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} f(x), f(B) = \bigcup_{x \in B} f(x), f(C) = \bigcup_{x \in C} f(x).$$

**Definition 2.2.** An ideal P of S is said to be completely f-prime if f(x), f(y),  $f(z) \subseteq S$  with

 $f(x).f(y).f(z) \subseteq P$  implies  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$  or  $z \in P$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** An ideal P of S is completely f-prime if and only if  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup or empty.

Proof. Let P be a completely f-prime ideal of S with  $S \setminus P \neq \phi$ .

Let  $a, b, c \in S$  with  $a \notin P, b \notin P, c \notin P$ .

Suppose that, f(a), f(b),  $f(c) \subseteq S \setminus P$ , then  $f(a) \not\subseteq P$ ,  $f(b) \not\subseteq P$ ,  $f(c) \not\subseteq P$ .

If possible, suppose that f(a). f(b).  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

As *P* is completely *f*-prime either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ . A contradiction.

Hence  $f(a).f(b).f(c) \nsubseteq P$  i.e.  $f(a).f(b).f(c) \subseteq S \setminus P$ .

Thus  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup.

Conversely, suppose that  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup of S or empty.

If  $S \setminus P$  is empty, then P = S, hence P is completely f-prime.

Suppose that  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup of S.

Let f(a). f(b).  $f(c) \subseteq P$ , where f(a), f(b),  $f(c) \subseteq S$ .

Suppose that  $f(a), f(b), f(c) \subseteq P$ , then  $f(a), f(b), f(c) \subseteq S \setminus P$ .

As  $S \setminus P$  is ternary sub-semigroup,  $f(a).f(b).f(c) \subseteq S \setminus P$ . A contradiction.

Hence either  $f(a) \subseteq P$  of  $f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

Therefore  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ . Hence P is completely f-prime ideal of S.

**Theorem 2.4.** Every completely f-prime ideal in S is f-prime.

Proof. Let P be completely f-prime ideal in ternary semigroup S.

Let A, B, C be ideals in S such that  $f(A).f(B).f(C) \subseteq P$ .

If possible, suppose that,  $f(a) \nsubseteq P$ ,  $f(b) \nsubseteq P$  and  $f(c) \nsubseteq P$ .

Then there exists  $x \in f(a) \backslash P$ ,  $y \in f(b) \backslash P$  and  $z \in f(c) \backslash P$ 

Now  $f(a).f(b).f(c) \subseteq f(A)f(B)f(C) \subseteq P$ .

As P is completely f-prime,  $f(a) \subseteq P$  or  $f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

Therefore,  $x \in f(a) \subseteq P$  or  $y \in f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $z \in f(c) \subseteq P$ . A contradiction.

Therefore  $f(a) \subseteq P, \forall a \in A \text{ or } f(b) \subseteq P, \forall b \in B \text{ or } f(c) \subseteq P, \forall c \in C$ .

So  $f(A) \subseteq P$  or  $f(B) \subseteq P$  or  $f(C) \subseteq P$ .

Hence P is f-prime ideal/

**Theorem 2.5.** If P is a prime ideal in commutative ternary semigroup S, then the following conditions are equivalent:

1) *P* is *f*-prime ideal;

- 2) If f(a), f(b),  $f(c) \subseteq S$  such that f(a). f(b).  $f(c) \subseteq P$ , then either  $f(a) \subseteq P$  or  $f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $f(c) \subseteq P$ Р.
- 3) If f(a), f(b) and f(c) are principal ideals in S such that  $(f(a)) \cdot (f(b)) \cdot (f(c)) \subseteq P$ , then either  $f(a) \subseteq P$  or  $f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

Proof. 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2) Let f(a), f(b),  $f(c) \subseteq S$  such that f(a). S. f(b). S.  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

So,  $S. f(a). S. f(b). S. f(c). S \subseteq SPS \subseteq P$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(S. f(a). S)(S. f(b). S)(S. f(c). S) \subseteq P.$ 

Since P is f-prime, either S. f(a).  $S \subseteq P$  or S. f(b).  $S \subseteq P$  or S. f(c).  $S \subseteq P$ .

Suppose that,  $S. f(a). S \subseteq P$  and f(A) = (f(a)), then

$$(f(A))^3 = (f(A)).(f(A)).(f(A)) \subseteq S. f(a).S \subseteq P.$$

Therefore,  $f(A) \subseteq P \Rightarrow f(A) = f(a) \subseteq P$ .

Similarly, if  $S. f(b). S \subseteq P \Rightarrow f(b) \subseteq P$  and  $S. f(c). S \subseteq P \Rightarrow f(c) \subseteq P$ .

Thus either  $f(a) \subseteq P$  or  $f(b) \subseteq P$  or  $f(c) \subseteq P$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow 3)$  Let  $(f(a)).(f(b)).(f(c)) \subseteq P$ 

$$\Rightarrow f(a).S.f(b).S.f(c) \subseteq (f(a)).(f(b)).(f(c)) \subseteq P$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a).S.f(b).S.f(c) \subseteq P$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(b) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(c) \subseteq P.$$

3)  $\Rightarrow$  1) Let f(a), f(b) and f(c) are principal ideals of S such that,

$$(f(a)).(f(b)).(f(c)) \subseteq P$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(b) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(c) \subseteq P.$$

 $\Rightarrow$  *P* is *f* prime ideal of *S*.

**Theorem 2.6.** If S is an idempotent ternary semigroup, then every maximal ideal M of S is a f-prime ideal.

Proof. Let *M* be maximal ideal of *S*.

Lat A, B and C be ideals of S such that f(A). f(B).  $f(C) \subseteq M$ .

If possible, suppose that  $f(A) \nsubseteq M$ ,  $f(B) \nsubseteq M$  and  $f(C) \nsubseteq M$ .

Now,  $f(A) \nsubseteq M \Rightarrow M \cup f(A) = S$ , similarly  $M \cup f(B) = S$  and  $M \cup f(C) = S$ .

Now as S is idempotent ternary semigroup,

$$S = S^{3} = (M \cup f(A)).(M \cup f(B)).(M \cup f(C))$$

$$= M^{3} \cup M^{2}.f(C) \cup M.f(B).M \cup f(A).M^{2} \cup M.f(B).f(C)$$

$$\cup f(A).M.f(C) \cup f(A).f(B).M \cup f(A).f(B).f(C) \subseteq M$$

Hence, M = S. A contradiction.

Therefore,  $f(A) \subseteq M$  or  $f(B) \subseteq M$  or  $f(C) \subseteq M$ .

Hence M is f-prime ideal.

**Definition 2.7.** If A is an ideal of S, then the intersection of all completely f-prime ideals containing A is called completely fprime radical of A and it is denoted by c.f.rad(A).

**Definition 2.8.** If A is an ideal of S, then the intersection of all f-prime ideals containing A is called f-prime radical of A and it is denoted by f.rad(A).

**Theorem 2.9.** If A is an ideal of S, then f.rad(f.rad(A)) = f.rad(A) and

$$c.f.rad(c.f.rad(A)) = c.f.rad(A).$$

Proof. Let A is an ideal of S.

We have, f.rad(A) = The intersection of all f-prime ideals of S containing  $A = A^*$  (say).

Now,  $f.rad(f.rad(A)) = f.rad(A^*)$ 

= The intersection of all f-prime ideals of S containing  $A^*$ 

= The intersection of all 
$$f$$
-prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$   
=  $A^* = f.rad(A)$ .

Similarly, c.f.rad(c.f.rad(A)) = c.f.rad(A).

**Theorem 2.10.** Let A and B be two ideals of S. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $f.rad(A) \subseteq f.rad(B)$  and

 $c.f.rad(A) \subseteq c.f.rad(B)$ .

Proof. Let  $A \subseteq B$ , and P be f-prime ideal containing B, then P is f-prime ideal containing A.

Therefore  $f.rad(A) \subseteq f.rad(B)$ .

Similarly,  $c.f.rad(A) \subseteq c.f.rad(B)$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** If A, B and C are ideals of S, then

$$f.rad(A.B.C) = f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) = f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C)$$
 and

$$c.f.rad(A.B.C) = c.f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) = c.f.rad(A) \cap c.f.rad(B) \cap c.f.rad(C).$$

Proof. Let *P* be a *f*-prime ideal of *S* containing *A.B.C.* 

As P is f-prime 
$$\Rightarrow f(A).f(B).f(C) \subseteq P$$

$$\Rightarrow f(A) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(B) \subseteq P \text{ or } f(C) \subseteq P.$$

$$\Rightarrow A \subseteq P \text{ or } B \subseteq P \text{ or } C \subseteq P.$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B \cap C \subseteq P$$
.

Therefore *P* is *f*-prime ideal containing  $A \cap B \cap C$ .

Therefore 
$$f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) \subseteq f.rad(A.B.C) - - - - - (I)$$

Now, let *P* is *f*-prime ideal containing  $A \cap B \cap C$ .

Then 
$$A.B.C \subseteq P \Rightarrow A.B.C \subseteq A \cap B \cap C \subseteq P$$
.

Hence *P* is *f*-prime ideal containing *A*. *B*. *C*.

Therefore, 
$$f.rad(A.B.C) \subseteq f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) - - - - - - (II)$$

Thus from (I) and (II), 
$$f.rad(A.B.C) = f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) - - - - (III)$$

Now  $A.B.C \subseteq A, A.B.C \subseteq B$  and  $A.B.C \subseteq C$ 

$$\Rightarrow f.rad(A.B.C) \subseteq f.rad(A), f.rad(A.B.C) \subseteq f.rad(B) \text{ and } f.rad(A.B.C) \subseteq f.rad(C)$$

$$\Rightarrow f.rad(A.B.C) \subseteq f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C) -----(IV)$$

Let  $x \in f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C)$ .

Therefore,  $x \in f.rad(A)$ ,  $x \in f.rad(B)$  and  $x \in f.rad(C)$ .

If possible, suppose that  $x \notin f.rad(A.B.C)$ .

Then there exists a f-prime ideal P containing A. B. C with  $x \notin P$ .

Now  $A.B.C \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  or  $C \subseteq P$ .

If 
$$A \subseteq P$$
, as  $x \notin P \Rightarrow x \notin A \Rightarrow x \notin f.rad(A)$ .

Similarly,  $x \notin f.rad(B)$  and  $x \notin f.rad(C)$ . A contradiction.

Therefore,  $x \in f.rad(A.B.C)$ 

Therefore, 
$$f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C) \subseteq f.rad(A.B.C). ----(V)$$

So, by (IV) and (V)

$$f.rad(A.B.C) = f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C)$$
.

Hence, we get,

$$f.rad(A.B.C) = f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) = f.rad(A) \cap f.rad(B) \cap f.rad(C)$$

Similarly, 
$$c.f.rad(A.B.C) = c.f.rad(A \cap B \cap C) = c.f.rad(A) \cap c.f.rad(B) \cap c.f.rad(C)$$
.

**Theorem 2.12.** If P is a f-prime ideal of S, then  $f.rad(P^{2n-1}) = P$ , were n is a positive integer.

Proof. We prove this result by applying mathematical induction on n.

Since *P* is *f*-prime ideal  $P \subseteq f.rad(P) \subseteq P \Rightarrow f.rad(P) = P$ .

Hence result holds for n = 1.

Suppose that,  $f.rad(P^{2k-1}) = P$  for all positive integers  $k \le n$ .

Now, 
$$f.rad(P^{2k+1}) = f.rad(P^k.P^k.P)$$
  
=  $f.rad(P^k) \cap f.rad(P^k) \cap f.rad(P)$   
=  $f.rad(P) \cap f.rad(P) \cap f.rad(P) = f.rad(P)$ .

Hence, result holds for n = 2k + 1.

Thus, by mathematical induction,  $f.rad(P^{2n-1}) = P$ , were n is a positive integer.

**Theorem 2.13.** In a ternary semigroup with identity there is a unique maximal ideal M such that,  $f.rad(M^{2n-1}) = M$ , for all  $n \in$  $\mathbb{N}.$ 

Proof. Since  $e \in S$ , e, e,  $S = S \Rightarrow S^3 = S \Rightarrow S$  is idempotent ternary semigroup.

Since M is maximal ideal in S, by theorem 2.6, M is f-prime ideal. Hence by Theorem 2.12,  $f.rad(M^{2n-1}) = M$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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