



Interior ideals in Γ -semirings

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Abstract

The concepts of an interior ideal, minimal interior ideal and an interior-simple Γ -semiring are defined. Various properties of an interior ideal and minimal interior ideal of a Γ -semiring are studied. Some characterizations of a minimal interior ideal and an interior-simple Γ -semiring are discussed.

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1. Introduction

Γ -semiring is a generalization of a semiring. Rao [7] defined and studied Γ -semiring. Dutta and Sardar [1] studied different types of ideals in a Γ -semiring. Quasi-ideals and bi-ideals in a Γ -semiring were studied by Author [2–4]. Lajos [6] defined the concept of an interior ideal in a semigroup. Interior ideal in a semigroup was studied by Szasz [8, 9]. Interior ideals in ordered semigroups and the interior ideal elements in poe-semigroups were discussed by Kehayopulu [5].

The concepts of an interior ideal and minimal interior ideal in a Γ -semiring are introduced in this paper. Some properties of an interior ideal and minimal interior ideal of a Γ -semiring are proved. Some characterizations of a minimal interior ideal are studied. Also the notion of an interior-simple Γ -semiring is defined. Some properties and characterizations of an interior-simple Γ -semiring are furnished. For the concepts in a Γ -semiring see Dutta and Sardar [1] and Jagatap and Pawar [2, 4].

Now onwards S denotes a Γ -semiring with absorbing zero unless otherwise stated.

2. Interior Ideals

Here we define the notion of an interior ideal of a Γ -semiring S .

Definition 2.1. A non-empty subset I of a Γ -semiring S is an interior ideal of S if I is an additive subsemigroup of S and $S\Gamma I\Gamma S \subseteq I$.

Example : Let $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Define two binary operations $+$ and \cdot on S as follows:

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	2
2	2	3	4	2	3
3	3	4	2	3	4
4	4	3	2	4	2

.	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	3	2
3	0	3	3	3	3
4	0	4	2	3	4

For $\Gamma = S$, both S and Γ are additive commutative semigroups. A mapping $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ is defined as $a\alpha b =$ usual product of a, α, b ; for all $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then S forms a Γ -semiring. $\{0\}$, $\{0, 3\}$, $\{0, 2, 3, 4\}$ and S are interior ideals of S .

Remark 2.2. Every ideal is an interior ideal of S but not conversely.

For this consider the following example.

Example : Let $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Two binary operations $+$ and \cdot are defined on S such as

$+$	a	b	c	d
a	a	c	b	d
b	c	d	d	d
c	b	d	d	d
d	d	d	d	d

\cdot	a	b	c	d
a	a	c	b	d
b	c	d	d	d
c	b	d	d	d
d	d	d	d	d

For $\Gamma = S$, both S and Γ are additive commutative semi-groups. A mapping $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ is defined as $x\alpha y =$ usual product of x, α, y ; for all $x, y \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then S forms a Γ -semiring. Here $\{b, d\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are interior ideals of S . But $\{b, d\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are neither left ideals nor right ideals of S .

Theorem 2.3. Let X be any non-empty subset of S . Then $S\Gamma X\Gamma S$ is an interior ideal of S .

Corollary 2.4. If $a \in S$, then $S\Gamma a\Gamma S$ is an interior ideal of S .

Theorem 2.5. Let X be any non-empty subset of S . Then $(X)_i = N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S$, where N_0 is the set of non-negative integers.

Proof. Let $T = N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S$. For any $x \in X, x = 1x + 0 \in N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S = T$. Therefore $X \subseteq T$. Let $a, b \in T = N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S$. Hence we have $a = a_1 + a_2, b = b_1 + b_2$; $a_1, b_1 \in N_0X, a_2, b_2 \in S\Gamma X\Gamma S$. Therefore $a_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p n_i x_i, n_i \in N_0, x_i \in X$ and $b_1 = \sum_{j=1}^q m_j y_j, m_j \in N_0, y_j \in X$. Hence $a_1 + b_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p n_i x_i + \sum_{j=1}^q m_j y_j$. This shows that $a_1 + b_1 \in N_0X$. Clearly $a_2 + b_2 \in S\Gamma X\Gamma S$. Now $a + b = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2) = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) \in N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S = T$. Therefore T is an additive subsemigroup of S . Then $S\Gamma T\Gamma S = S\Gamma(N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S)\Gamma S \subseteq N_0(S\Gamma X\Gamma S) + S\Gamma X\Gamma S \subseteq S\Gamma X\Gamma S \subseteq T$. Therefore T is an interior ideal of S . Let M be an interior ideal of S containing X . Then we have $N_0X \subseteq M, S\Gamma X\Gamma S \subseteq M$. Therefore $T = N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S \subseteq M$. This shows that T is the smallest ideal of S containing X . Hence $T = (X)_i = N_0X + S\Gamma X\Gamma S$. \square

Corollary 2.6. If $a \in S$, then $(a)_i = N_0a + S\Gamma a\Gamma S$.

Theorem 2.7. Arbitrary Intersection of interior ideals of S is an interior ideal of S provided it is non-empty.

Proof. Let $\{A_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$ (Δ denotes any indexing set) be the family of interior ideals of S and $T = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$ be a non-empty set. Clearly T is a subsemigroup of $(S, +)$. Therefore $S\Gamma T\Gamma S = S\Gamma(\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i)\Gamma S \subseteq S\Gamma A_i\Gamma S \subseteq A_i$, for all $i \in \Delta$. Hence $S\Gamma T\Gamma S \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$. Therefore $T = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} A_i$ is an interior ideal of S . \square

Corollary 2.8. The set of all interior ideals of S forms a Moore family.

Theorem 2.9. If I is an interior ideal and T is a sub- Γ -semiring of S , then $I \cap T$ is an interior ideal of T .

Proof. Let I be an interior ideal and T be a sub- Γ -semiring of S . Then clearly $I \cap T$ is a subsemigroup of $(T, +)$. Therefore $T\Gamma(I \cap T)\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma I\Gamma T \subseteq I$. Also $T\Gamma(I \cap T)\Gamma T \subseteq T\Gamma T\Gamma T \subseteq T$. Hence $T\Gamma(I \cap T)\Gamma T \subseteq I \cap T$. Hence $I \cap T$ is an interior ideal of T . \square

Theorem 2.10. If S is regular, then $I = S\Gamma I\Gamma S$, for every interior ideal I of S .

Proof. Let S be regular and I be an interior-ideal of S . Take any $a \in I$. Therefore $a \in a\Gamma S\Gamma a$. Hence $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S\Gamma a)\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq S\Gamma I\Gamma S$. Thus $I \subseteq S\Gamma I\Gamma S$. But $S\Gamma I\Gamma S \subseteq I$ always. Therefore $I = S\Gamma I\Gamma S$. \square

Theorem 2.11. Following statements are equivalent in S .

- 1) S is regular.
- 2) For a quasi ideal Q and an ideal J of $S, Q \cap J = Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q$.
- 3) For a quasi ideal Q and an interior ideal I of $S, Q \cap I = Q\Gamma I\Gamma Q$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let Q be a quasi-ideal and J be an ideal of S . Now $Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q \subseteq Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q \subseteq Q$ and $Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q \subseteq J$. Hence $Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q \subseteq Q \cap J$. Take any $a \in Q \cap J$. Therefore $a \in a\Gamma S\Gamma a$. Hence $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S\Gamma a)\Gamma S\Gamma (a\Gamma S\Gamma a) \subseteq (Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q)\Gamma (S\Gamma J\Gamma S)\Gamma Q \subseteq Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q$. Thus we get $Q \cap J \subseteq Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q$. Therefore $Q\Gamma J\Gamma Q = Q \cap J$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Implication holds, since every ideal is an interior ideal, .

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Take Q be any quasi-ideal of S . Therefore by (3), $Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q = Q \cap S$. Hence $Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q = Q$. Therefore S is regular (see Theorem 3.2 in [3]). \square

Theorem 2.12. Following conditions are equivalent in S .

- 1) S is regular.
- 2) For an interior ideal I and a bi-ideal B of $S, I \cap B = B\Gamma I\Gamma B$.
- 3) For an interior ideal I and a quasi-ideal Q of $S, I \cap Q = Q\Gamma I\Gamma Q$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let B be a bi-ideal and I be an interior ideal of S . Now $B\Gamma I\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B \subseteq B$. Therefore $B\Gamma I\Gamma B \subseteq S\Gamma I\Gamma S \subseteq I$. Hence we get $B\Gamma I\Gamma B \subseteq B \cap I$. Let $a \in B \cap I$. Hence $a \in a\Gamma S\Gamma a$. Therefore $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S\Gamma a)\Gamma S\Gamma (a\Gamma S\Gamma a) \subseteq (B\Gamma S\Gamma B)\Gamma (S\Gamma I\Gamma S)\Gamma B \subseteq B\Gamma I\Gamma B$. Thus $B \cap I \subseteq B\Gamma S\Gamma B$. Hence $B\Gamma S\Gamma B = B \cap I$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) As every quasi-ideal is a bi-ideal, implication holds.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let Q be a quasi-ideal of S . By (3), $Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q = Q \cap S$, since S itself is an interior ideal. Hence $Q\Gamma S\Gamma Q = Q$. Therefore S is regular (see Theorem 3.2 in [3]). \square

Theorem 2.13. Following statements in S are equivalent.

- 1) S is regular.
- 2) $B \cap I \cap L \subseteq B\Gamma I\Gamma L$, for a bi-ideal B , left ideal L and interior ideal I of S .



- 3) $Q \cap I \cap L \subseteq Q \cap I \cap L$, for a quasi-ideal Q , left ideal L and interior ideal I of S .
- 4) $B \cap I \cap R \subseteq R \cap I \cap B$, for a bi-ideal B , right ideal R and interior ideal I of S .
- 5) $Q \cap I \cap R \subseteq R \cap I \cap Q$, for a quasi-ideal Q , right ideal R and interior ideal I of S .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Take any $a \in B \cap I \cap L$. Therefore $a \in a\Gamma S \Gamma a$. Hence

$$a\Gamma S \Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S \Gamma a)\Gamma S \Gamma (a\Gamma S \Gamma a) \subseteq (B\Gamma S \Gamma B)\Gamma (S\Gamma I \Gamma S)\Gamma L \subseteq B\Gamma I \Gamma L.$$

- Thus we get $B \cap I \cap L \subseteq B\Gamma I \Gamma L$.
 (2) \Rightarrow (3) Clearly implication holds.
 (3) \Rightarrow (1) For a right ideal R and a left ideal L of S , by (3) we have $R \cap S \cap L \subseteq R \cap S \cap L$. Hence $R \cap L \subseteq R \cap S \cap L \subseteq R \cap L$. But always $R \cap L \subseteq R \cap L$ holds. Thus we get $R \cap L = R \cap L$. Therefore S is a regular Γ -semiring (see Theorem 3.2 in [3]).
 (1) \Rightarrow (4) Let $a \in B \cap I \cap R$. Hence $a \in a\Gamma S \Gamma a$. Therefore $a\Gamma S \Gamma a \subseteq (a\Gamma S \Gamma a)\Gamma S \Gamma (a\Gamma S \Gamma a) \subseteq R \Gamma (S \Gamma I \Gamma S) \Gamma (B \Gamma S \Gamma B) \subseteq R \Gamma I \Gamma B$. Hence $B \cap I \cap R \subseteq R \Gamma I \Gamma B$.
 (4) \Rightarrow (5) Clearly implication follows.
 (5) \Rightarrow (1) For a right ideal R and a left ideal L of S , by (5) we have $L \cap S \cap R \subseteq R \cap S \cap L$. Hence $R \cap L \subseteq R \cap S \cap L \subseteq R \cap L$. But always $R \cap L \subseteq R \cap L$. Therefore $R \cap L = R \cap L$. Hence S is a regular Γ -semiring (see Theorem 3.2 in [3]). \square

Theorem 2.14. *In an intra-regular Γ -semiring an ideal and an interior ideal coincide.*

Proof. Let S be an intra-regular Γ -semiring. If a non-empty subset I of S is an ideal of S , then clearly I is an interior ideal of S . Suppose that a non-empty subset I of S is an interior ideal of S . Hence $I \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma I \Gamma S$. Therefore $S \Gamma I \subseteq S \Gamma (S \Gamma I \Gamma I \Gamma S) \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$ and $I \Gamma S \subseteq (S \Gamma I \Gamma I \Gamma S) \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$. Hence I is an ideal of S . \square

Definition 2.15. *An interior ideal I of S is semiprime if for any interior ideal A of S , $A^2 = A \Gamma A \subseteq I$ implies $A \subseteq I$.*

Definition 2.16. *An interior ideal I of S is completely semiprime if for any $a \in S$, $a \Gamma a \subseteq I$ implies $a \in I$.*

Theorem 2.17. *In an intra-regular Γ -semiring a proper interior ideal is semiprime.*

Proof. Let S be an intra-regular Γ -semiring and P be a proper interior ideal of S . Take A is any interior ideal of S such that $A \Gamma A \subseteq P$. For any $a \in A$, we have $a \in S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$. Hence $S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma P \Gamma S \subseteq P$. Thus $A \subseteq P$. Therefore P is a semiprime interior ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.18. *S is intra-regular if and only if each interior ideal of S is completely semiprime.*

Proof. Suppose that S is intra-regular. Let P be a proper interior ideal of S . For any element a of S , $a \Gamma a \subseteq P$. Then we have $a \in S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$. Therefore $S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma P \Gamma S \subseteq P$. Hence $a \in P$. Therefore P is a completely semiprime interior ideal of S . Conversely, assume that each interior ideal of S is completely semiprime. Take any $a \in S$. We have $S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$

is an interior ideal of S . Therefore by assumption $S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$ is completely semiprime. Hence $(a \Gamma a) \Gamma (a \Gamma a) \subseteq S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$ implies $a \Gamma a \subseteq S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$. Hence $a \in S \Gamma a \Gamma a \Gamma S$. Hence S is intra-regular. \square

Theorem 2.19. *If S is regular, then S is duo if and only if every bi-ideal of S is an ideal of S .*

Theorem 2.20. *If S is regular, then a non-empty subset of S is an ideal if and only if it is an interior ideal.*

Proof. Let S be regular. If a non-empty subset I of S is an ideal of S , then I is an interior ideal of S . Conversely, suppose that a non-empty subset I of S is an interior ideal of S . Hence $I \subseteq I \Gamma S \Gamma I$. Therefore $S \Gamma I \subseteq S \Gamma (I \Gamma S \Gamma I) \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$ and $I \Gamma S \subseteq (I \Gamma S \Gamma I) \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$. Therefore I is an ideal of S . \square

From Theorems 2.19 and 2.20 we have,

Theorem 2.21. *If S is regular and duo, then a non-empty subset of S is a bi-ideal if and only if it is an interior ideal.*

Corollary 2.22. *If S is regular and duo, then a non-empty subset of S is a quasi-ideal if and only if it is an interior ideal.*

3. Interior-Simple Γ -semiring

Definition 3.1. *S is said to be an interior-simple Γ -semiring if S has no non zero proper interior ideal.*

That is S is an interior-simple Γ -semiring if S and $\{0\}$ are the only interior ideal of S .

Theorem 3.2. *In S following statements are equivalent.*

- 1) S is an interior-simple Γ -semiring.
- 2) $S \Gamma a \Gamma S = S$, for all $0 \neq a \in S$.
- 3) $(a)_i = S$, for all $0 \neq a \in S$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose that S is an interior-simple Γ -semiring. For any $0 \neq a \in S$, $S \Gamma a \Gamma S$ is an interior ideal of S and $S \Gamma a \Gamma S \subseteq S$. Hence $S = S \Gamma a \Gamma S$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) suppose that $S = S \Gamma a \Gamma S$, for $0 \neq a \in S$. Let I be an interior ideal of S . For any $0 \neq b \in I$, $S = S \Gamma b \Gamma S$ by (2). Hence $S \Gamma b \Gamma S \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$. Therefore $S \subseteq I$. Thus $S = I$. Hence S is an interior-simple Γ -semiring.

(1) \Rightarrow (3) Suppose that S be an interior-simple Γ -semiring. For any $0 \neq a \in S$, $(a)_i = N_0 a + S \Gamma a \Gamma S$. But $S \Gamma a \Gamma S = S$. Therefore $(a)_i = N_0 a + S \subseteq S$. By (1), we have $(a)_i = S$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) let I be an interior ideal of S . Then for any $0 \neq a \in I$, $(a)_i = S$ by (3). Hence $S = (a)_i \subseteq I$. Therefore $I = S$. Hence S is an interior-simple Γ -semiring. \square

Theorem 3.3. *Let I be an interior ideal and T be a sub- Γ -semiring of S . If T is interior-simple with $T \setminus \{0\} \cap I \neq \emptyset$, then $T \subseteq I$.*

Proof. Let T be an interior-simple Γ -semiring with $T \setminus \{0\} \cap I \neq \emptyset$ and $a \in T \setminus \{0\} \cap I$. Hence $T \Gamma a \Gamma T = T$ by Theorem 3.2. Therefore $T = T \Gamma a \Gamma T \subseteq T \Gamma I \Gamma T \subseteq S \Gamma I \Gamma S \subseteq I$. Thus $T \subseteq I$. \square



4. Minimal Interior Ideals

Definition 4.1. An interior ideal I of S is said to be a minimal interior ideal of S if I does not contain any other proper non zero interior ideal of S .

Theorem 4.2. If I is an interior ideal of S , then following statements are equivalent.

- (1) I is a minimal interior ideal of S .
- (2) $I = S\Gamma a\Gamma S$, for all $0 \neq a \in I$.
- (3) $I = (a)_i$, for all $0 \neq a \in I$.

Proof. Let I be an interior ideal of S .

- (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $0 \neq a \in I$. Therefore $S\Gamma a\Gamma S \subseteq S\Gamma I\Gamma S \subseteq I$. But $S\Gamma a\Gamma S$ is an interior ideal of S . Therefore we have, $I = S\Gamma a\Gamma S$.
- (2) \Rightarrow (1) Let J be any interior ideal of S contained in I . For any $0 \neq a \in J$, $I = S\Gamma a\Gamma S$. $I = S\Gamma a\Gamma S \subseteq S\Gamma J\Gamma S \subseteq J$. Therefore we have $I = J$. Hence I is a minimal interior ideal of S .
- (1) \Rightarrow (3) Take any $0 \neq a \in I$. Then $(a)_i \subseteq I$. But I is a minimal interior ideal of S . Hence we have $I = (a)_i$.
- (3) \Rightarrow (1) Let J be any interior ideal of S contained in I . For any $0 \neq x \in J$, $I = (x)_i$. $I = (x)_i \subseteq J$. Therefore $I = J$. Hence I is a minimal interior ideal of S . □

Theorem 4.3. A proper interior ideal of S is minimal if and only if the intersection of any two distinct proper interior ideals is empty.

Proof. Assume that any proper interior ideal of S is minimal. Let A and B be any two distinct proper interior ideals of S . Suppose that $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Therefore $A \cap B$ is an interior ideal of S . Then we have $A \cap B \subseteq A$ and $A \cap B \subseteq B$. But by hypothesis A and B are minimal interior ideals of S . Therefore $A \cap B = A$ and $A \cap B = B$. Thus we get $A = B$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Conversely, assume that the intersection of any two distinct proper interior ideals is empty. Then no any proper interior ideal of S is contained in any other proper interior ideal. That is each proper interior ideal of S is a minimal interior ideal of S . □

Theorem 4.4. Let R be a minimal right ideal and L be a minimal left ideal of a duo Γ -semiring S , then $L\Gamma R$ is a minimal interior ideal of S .

Proof. Let R be a minimal right ideal and L be a minimal left ideal of a duo Γ -semiring S . Take $I = L\Gamma R$. Therefore $S\Gamma(L\Gamma R)\Gamma S \subseteq L\Gamma R$. Hence $I = L\Gamma R$ is an interior ideal of S . Let J be an interior ideal of S such that $J \subseteq I$. Since, $S\Gamma J$ is a left ideal and $J\Gamma S$ is a right ideal of S . Then $S\Gamma J \subseteq S\Gamma I = S\Gamma L\Gamma R \subseteq L$. Similarly we can show that $J\Gamma S \subseteq R$. But L is a minimal left ideal and R is a minimal right ideal of S . Therefore $S\Gamma J = L$ and $J\Gamma S = R$. Hence $I = L\Gamma R = S\Gamma J\Gamma S \subseteq S\Gamma J\Gamma S \subseteq J$. Thus we get $I = J$. Therefore $I = L\Gamma R$ is a minimal interior ideal of S . □

Theorem 4.5. If I is an interior ideal of S , then I is a minimal interior ideal of S if and only if $(a)_i = (b)_i$, for all $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$.

Proof. Assume that I is a minimal interior ideal of S . Take any $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$. Hence by Theorem 4.2, $I = (a)_i$; and $I = (b)_i$. Therefore $(a)_i = (b)_i$, for all $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$. Conversely assume that $(a)_i = (b)_i$, for all $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$. Let J be any interior ideal of S such that $J \subseteq I$. Let $0 \neq x \in J$. For any $0 \neq y \in I$, we have $(x)_i = (y)_i$. Since $y \in (y)_i$ always. Hence $y \in (x)_i \subseteq J$. Therefore $I \subseteq J$. Thus we get $I = J$. Hence I is a minimal interior ideal of S . □

Definition 4.6. The Green's relation \mathfrak{L} , \mathfrak{R} , and \mathfrak{H} on S are defined as follows

- (1) $a\mathfrak{L}b$ if and only if $(a)_l = (b)_l$.
- (2) $a\mathfrak{R}b$ if and only if $(a)_r = (b)_r$.
- (3) $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{L} \cap \mathfrak{R}$.

Definition 4.7. A Green's relation \mathfrak{T} on S is defined as for any $a, b \in S$, $a\mathfrak{T}b$ if and only if $(a) = (b)$.

Definition 4.8. A relation \mathfrak{J} on S is defined as for any $a, b \in S$, $a\mathfrak{J}b$ if and only if $(a)_i = (b)_i$.

Remark 4.9. $\mathfrak{T} \subseteq \mathfrak{J}$

Theorem 4.10. If I is an interior ideal of S , then I is a minimal interior ideal of S if and only if I is a \mathfrak{J} -class.

Proof. Let I be an interior ideal of S . Assume that I is a minimal interior ideal of S . Take any $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$. Hence by Theorem 4.2, $I = (a)_i$; and $I = (b)_i$. Therefore $(a)_i = (b)_i$. This shows that $a\mathfrak{J}b$. Thus I is a \mathfrak{J} class. Conversely assume that I is a \mathfrak{J} class. Then we have, $(a)_i = (b)_i$, for all $a, b \in I$. Therefore $(a)_i = (b)_i$, for all $0 \neq a, 0 \neq b \in I$. Hence by the Theorem 4.5, I is a minimal interior ideal of S . □

Theorem 4.11. If S is regular, then $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{J}$.

Proof. Let S be a regular Γ -semiring. For any $a, b \in S$, $a\mathfrak{J}b$. Therefore $(a)_i = (b)_i$. Hence by Theorem 2.20, $(a) = (b)$. Therefore $a\mathfrak{T}b$. Hence $\mathfrak{J} \subseteq \mathfrak{T}$. But $\mathfrak{T} \subseteq \mathfrak{J}$ always. Thus we get $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{J}$. □

Proof of following theorem follows from proof of Theorem 4.11

Theorem 4.12. If S is intra-regular, then $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{J}$.

From Theorem 4.10 and Theorem 4.11 we have

Theorem 4.13. If S is regular and I is an interior ideal of S , then I is a minimal interior ideal of S if and only if I is a \mathfrak{T} class.

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