

## Characterizing regular posemirings by ordered high-(quasi,bi)-ideals

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we study the notions of an ordered high-quasi-ideal and ordered high-bi-ideal of a posemiring and show that ordered high-quasi-ideals and ordered high-bi-ideals coincide in regular posemirings. Then we give characterizations of regular posemirings, regular duo-posemirings and left(right) regular posemirings by their high-quasi-ideals and high-bi-ideals.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of quasi-ideal for rings was introduced in 1953 by Steinfeld [13, 14, 15]. Iseki [5] introduced this concept for semirings without zero and studied some properties. Dones [3] studied quasi-ideals of a semiring with zero and connections between left(right) ideals, bi-ideals and quasi-ideals. Later, Shabir et al. [12] have studied some properties of quasi-ideals, using quasi-ideals to characterize regular and intra-regular semirings and regular duo-semirings. As a generalization of quasi-ideals of semirings the quasi-ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semirings were investigated by many authors: see [1, 2, 6]. In 2011, the notion of an ordered semiring (posemiring) was introduced by Gan and Jiang [4] as a semiring with a partially ordered relation on the semiring such that the relation is compatible

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to the operations of the semirings and the concept of a left(right) ordered ideal, a minimal ordered ideal, and a maximal ordered ideal was defined. The Mandal [9] studied fuzzy ideals in a posemiring with the least element zero and gave a characterization of regular posemirings by their fuzzy ideals. In this paper, the concept of *high-quasi-ideal*, *high-bi-ideal* in posemirings and some new characterizations for regular posemirings are presented. A *posemiring* is a system  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  consisting of a non-empty set  $S$ , two binary operations  $+, \cdot$  on  $S$  and a partial order relation on  $S$  such that  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a semiring (i.e. an algebraic structure similar to a ring but without the requirement that each element must have an additive inverse), and for every  $a, b, x \in S$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) If  $a \leq b$ , then  $a + x \leq b + x$  and  $x + a \leq x + b$ ,
- (ii) If  $a \leq b$ , then  $a \cdot x \leq b \cdot x$  and  $x \cdot a \leq x \cdot b$ .

As usual, we omit the operation “.” between every two elements  $a, b \in S$  and write  $ab$  provided that no confusion arises. A posemiring  $S$  is said to be *additively commutative* if  $a + b = b + a$  for all  $a, b \in S$ . An element  $0 \in S$  is said to be an *absorbing zero* if  $0a = 0 = a0$  and  $a + 0 = a = 0 + a$  for all  $a \in S$ . Throughout this paper, the word posemiring shall mean an additively commutative posemiring with an absorbing zero  $0$  unless otherwise stated. For subposets  $A$  and  $B$  of a posemiring  $S$ , let  $AB := \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,  $[A] := \{s \in S \mid s \leq a \text{ for some } a \in A\}$  and  $(a) := \{s \in S \mid s \leq a\}$  for every  $a \in S$ . Also, for subposets  $A$  and  $B$  of a posemiring  $S$ , we denote:

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}, \\ \Sigma A &= \{\Sigma_{i \in I} a_i \in S \mid a_i \in A \text{ and } I \text{ is a finite subset of } \mathbb{N}\}, \\ \Sigma AB &= \{\Sigma_{i \in I} a_i b_i \mid a_i \in A, b_i \in B \text{ and } I \text{ is a finite subset of } \mathbb{N}\}, \\ \mathbb{N}a &= \Sigma\{a\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $A = \{a\}$ , then we denote  $\Sigma A = \Sigma a$ . By a *subposemiring* of a posemiring  $S$  we mean a subsemiring of  $S$  which is also a subposet under the inherited order relation of  $S$ .

*Remark 1.1.* For a posemiring  $S$  and non-empty subsets  $A, B$  of  $S$ , we have the following:

- (i)  $\Sigma(A) \subseteq (\Sigma A)$ , (ii)  $\Sigma(\Sigma A) = \Sigma A$ , (iii)  $A(\Sigma B) \subseteq \Sigma AB$  and  $(\Sigma A)B \subseteq \Sigma AB$ ,
- (iv)  $\Sigma(A\Sigma B) \subseteq \Sigma AB$  and  $\Sigma(\Sigma A)B \subseteq \Sigma AB$ , (v)  $\Sigma(A + B) = \Sigma A + \Sigma B$ .

We note that, for every  $A \subseteq S$ ,  $\Sigma A = A$  if and only if  $A + A \subseteq A$  ( $(A, +)$  is a subsemigroup of  $(S, +)$ ). (See [7, 8])

Recall from [10, 11, 12] that If  $S$  is a posemiring, then a non-empty subset  $Q$  of  $S$  is called a *quasi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $Q + Q \subseteq Q$ ,  $(\Sigma SQ) \cap (\Sigma QS) \subseteq Q$  and  $(Q) \subseteq Q$ . Also, a non-empty subset  $B$  of a posemiring  $S$  is called a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $B + B \subseteq B$ ,  $\Sigma BSB \subseteq B$  and  $(B) \subseteq B$ .

By a left ordered ideal(right ordered ideal) of a posemiring  $S$ , we mean a non-empty subset  $A$  of  $S$  if the following conditions are satisfied( see[4]):

- (1)  $A$  is a left ideal(right ideal) of  $S$ ,
- (2) If  $x \leq a$  for some  $a \in A$  then  $x \in A$ (i.e.,  $A = (A]$ ).

We call  $A$  an ordered ideal if it is both left ordered ideal and right ordered ideal of  $S$ .

The right ordered ideal, left ordered ideal, ideal, quasi-ideal and bi-ideal generated by a subset  $A$  of a posemiring  $S$  will be denoted by  $R(A), L(A), I(A), Q(A)$  and  $B(A)$ , respectively. If  $A = \{a\}$ , then we denote  $R(A), L(A), I(A), Q(A)$  and  $B(A)$  by  $R(a), L(a), I(a), Q(a)$  and  $B(a)$ , respectively.

If  $S$  is a posemiring, then  $R(a) = (\Sigma a + \Sigma aS]$ ,  $L(a) = (\Sigma a + \Sigma Sa]$ ,  $I(a) = (\Sigma a + \Sigma Sa + \Sigma aS + \Sigma SaS]$ ,  $Q(a) = (\Sigma a + ((\Sigma aS] \cap (\Sigma Sa]))$  and  $B(a) = (\Sigma a + \Sigma a^2 + \Sigma aSa]$ .

Here we generalize the notions of bi-ideal and quasi-ideal as high-bi-ideal and high-quasi-ideal, respectively. Firstly, for each subset  $A$  of a posemiring  $S$  we denote:

$$(A]^* := \{s \in S \mid s \leq a^n \text{ for some } a \in A \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty subsets of posemiring  $S$ . Clearly,  $A \subseteq (A]^*$ ,  $((A]^*)^* = (A]^*$ ,  $(A \cap B]^* \subseteq (A]^* \cap (B]^*$  and  $(A \cup B]^* = (A]^* \cup (B]^*$  and  $A \subseteq B$  implies that  $(A]^* \subseteq (B]^*$  as well.

If  $S$  has an identity then we have the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 1.2.** For a posemiring  $S$  and non-empty subsets  $A, B$  and  $C$  of  $S$ , we have:

- (i)  $\Sigma(A]^* \subseteq (\Sigma A]^*$ ,
- (ii)  $\Sigma(\Sigma A) = \Sigma A$ ,
- (iii)  $A(\Sigma B) \subseteq \Sigma AB$  and  $(\Sigma A)B \subseteq \Sigma AB$ ,
- (iv)  $\Sigma(A\Sigma B) \subseteq \Sigma AB$  and  $\Sigma(\Sigma A)B \subseteq \Sigma AB$ ,
- (v)  $\Sigma(A + B) = \Sigma A + \Sigma B$ ,
- (vi)  $A(B]^* \subseteq (A]^*(B]^* \subseteq (AB]^*$  and  $(A]^*B \subseteq (A]^*(B]^* \subseteq (AB]^*$ ,
- (vii)  $A + (B]^* \subseteq (A]^* + (B]^* \subseteq (A + B]^*$  and  $(A]^* + B \subseteq (A]^* + (B]^* \subseteq (A + B]^*$ ,
- (viii)  $A(B + C]^* \subseteq (AB + AC]^*$  and  $(A + B]^*C \subseteq (AC + BC]^*$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $S$  be a posemiring and  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$ . If  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA]^*$  then,  $\Sigma A^2 \subseteq (\Sigma ASA]^*$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA]^*$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma A^2 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA]^* A \\
 &\subseteq \Sigma((\Sigma A^2)A + (\Sigma ASA)A]^* \\
 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma ASA]^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma ASA))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma(\Sigma A^3) + \Sigma(\Sigma ASA))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma ASA]^* \\
 &= (\Sigma AAA + \Sigma ASA]^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma ASA + \Sigma ASA]^* \\
 &= (\Sigma ASA]^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a posemiring  $S$  then,

- (i)  $(\Sigma SA]^*$  is a left ordered ideal of  $S$ ,
- (ii)  $(\Sigma AS]^*$  is a right ordered ideal of  $S$ ,
- (iii)  $(\Sigma SAS]^*$  is an ordered ideal of  $S$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $x, y \in (\Sigma SA]^*$  then  $x \leq a^m$  and  $y \leq b^n$  for some  $a, b \in \Sigma SA$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and so  $x + y \leq a^m + b^n \leq (a + b)^{m+n}$ . By considering  $a + b = c \in \Sigma SA$  and  $m + n = k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,  $x + y \in (\Sigma SA]^*$ . Also,  $S(\Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (S\Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SSA]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SA]^*$  and  $((\Sigma SA]^*)^* = (\Sigma SA]^*$ . Hence,  $(\Sigma SA]^*$  is a left ordered ideal of  $S$ .

- (ii) and (iii) can be proved similar to (i).

□

**Corollary 1.5.** Let  $S$  be a posemiring then for every  $a \in S$ ,

- (i)  $(Sa]^*$  is a left ordered ideal of  $S$ ,
- (ii)  $(aS]^*$  is a right ordered ideal of  $S$ ,
- (iii)  $(\Sigma SaS]^*$  is an ordered ideal of  $S$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a posemiring  $S$  then,

- (i)  $L(A) = (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$ ,
- (ii)  $R(A) = (\Sigma A + \Sigma AS]^*$ ,
- (iii)  $I(A) = (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA + \Sigma AS + \Sigma SAS]^*$ .

**Proof.** (i) Since  $S$  has an absorbing zero then for every  $a \in A$ ,  $a = a + 0 \in \Sigma A + \Sigma SA \subseteq (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$ . Hence,  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$ . Let  $x, y \in (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$  then  $x \leq a^m$  and  $y \leq b^n$  for some  $a, b \in \Sigma A + \Sigma SA$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $a = a_1 + b_1$  and  $b = a_2 + b_2$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in \Sigma A$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in \Sigma SA$ . It is easy to show that  $a_1 + a_2 \in \Sigma A$  and  $b_1 + b_2 \in \Sigma SA$ . Clearly,  $x + y \leq a^m + b^n \leq (a + b)^{m+n}$ . By considering  $a + b = c \in \Sigma A + \Sigma SA$  and  $m + n = k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,  $x + y \in (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$ . Also,  $S(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (S(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA))^* \subseteq (S\Sigma A + S\Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SA + \Sigma SSA]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SA + \Sigma SA]^* = (\Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$ . Since  $((\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*)^* = (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$  so  $L$  is a left ordered ideal of  $S$ . Let  $K$  be a left ordered ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$  so  $\Sigma A \subseteq K$  and  $\Sigma SA \subseteq K$ . Hence  $\Sigma A + \Sigma SA \subseteq K$  which implies that  $(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^* \subseteq (K]^* = K$ . Therefore,  $(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA]^*$  is the smallest left ordered ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .

(ii) and (iii) can be proved similar to (i). □

*As a special case of Lemma 1.6, if  $A = \{a\}$  then we have the following corollary: Let  $S$  be a posemiring then for every  $a \in S$ ,*

- (i)  $L(a) = (\Sigma a + Sa]^*$ ,
- (ii)  $R(a) = (\Sigma a + aS]^*$ ,
- (iii)  $I(a) = (\Sigma a + Sa + aS + \Sigma SaS]^*$ .

*An element  $e$  of a posemiring  $S$  is said to be an identity if  $ea = a = ae$  for all  $a \in S$ . If  $S$  has an identity, then we denote  $1$  as the identity of  $S$ . It is not difficult to show that if  $S$  has an identity, then  $L(A) = (\Sigma SA]^*$ ,  $R(A) = (\Sigma AS]^*$  and  $I(A) = (\Sigma SAS]^*$  for every  $A \subseteq S$ . In particular, we have  $L(a) = (Sa]^*$ ,  $R(a) = (aS]^*$  and  $I(a) = (\Sigma SaS]^*$  for every  $a \in S$ .*

## 2. ORDERED HIGH- QUASI- IDEAL IN POSEMIRINGS

*We present a notion of an ordered high- quasi- ideal and an ordered high- bi- ideal of a posemiring. Then, in a posemiring with an identity, we show that every ordered high- quasi- ideal can be expressed as an intersection of an ordered left ideal and an ordered right ideal.*

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose that  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  be a posemiring and let  $(Q, +)$ ,  $(B, +)$  and  $(I, +)$  are subposemirings of  $(S, +)$  then  $Q$  is said to be an *ordered high- quasi- ideal* of  $S$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $(\Sigma SQ]^* \cap (\Sigma QS]^* \subseteq Q$ ,
- (ii) If  $x \leq q^n$  for some  $q \in Q$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $x \in Q$  ( i.e.,  $Q = (Q]^*$ ). Also,

$B$  is said to be an *ordered high- bi- ideal* of  $S$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $B + B \subseteq B$  and  $\Sigma BSB \subseteq B$ ,
- (ii) If  $x \leq b^n$  for some  $b \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $x \in B$  ( i.e.,  $B = (B]^*$ ). Also,

$I$  is said to be an *ordered high-interior-ideal* of  $S$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $I + I \subseteq I$  and  $\Sigma S I S \subseteq I$ ,
- (ii) If  $x \leq i^n$  for some  $i \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $x \in I$  ( i.e.,  $I = (I]^*$ ).

We give some characterizations of regular posemirings using their ordered high-bi-ideals and ordered high-quasi-ideals. Clearly, every one-sided ordered ideal of a posemiring  $S$  is an ordered high-quasi-ideal of  $S$ . For a subset  $A$  of a posemiring  $S$ , we denote the ordered high-quasi-ideal and ordered high-bi-ideal generated by  $A$  by  $Q^*(A)$  and  $B^*(A)$ , respectively. If  $A = \{a\}$ , we denote  $Q^*(A)$  and  $B^*(A)$  by  $Q^*(a)$  and  $B^*(a)$ , respectively.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $S$  be a posemiring and  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $S$  then,

$$Q^*(A) = (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))^*.$$

**Proof.** Let  $Q = (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))^*$ . Since  $S$  has an absorbing zero, we have  $a = a + 0 \in \Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*)) \subseteq Q$  for every  $a \in A$  hence  $A \subseteq Q$ . Let  $x, y \in Q$  then,  $x \leq a^m$  and  $y \leq b^n$  for some  $a, b \in \Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $a = a_1 + b_1$  and  $b = a_2 + b_2$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in \Sigma A$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in (\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*$ . It is clear that  $x + y \leq a^m + b^n \leq (a + b)^{m+n}$ . By considering  $a + b = c \in \Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*)$  and  $m + n = k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,  $x + y \in (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))^*$  and so,  $x + y \in Q$ . We have,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Sigma S Q]^* \cap (\Sigma Q S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma S Q]^* \\ & = (\Sigma S (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))^*)^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma S (\Sigma A + (\Sigma S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma (S \Sigma A + S (\Sigma S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma S A + (\Sigma S S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma S A + \Sigma S S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma S A + \Sigma S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma S A]^*])^* \\ & \subseteq ((\Sigma S A]^*])^* \\ & = (\Sigma S A]^*. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show that  $(\Sigma S Q]^* \cap (\Sigma Q S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma A S]^*$ . Thus,  $(\Sigma S Q]^* \cap (\Sigma Q S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^* \subseteq \Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*)) \subseteq Q$ . Since  $(Q]^* = Q$ , we obtain that  $Q$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ . Let  $Q'$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ . We have,  $(\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma S Q']^* \cap (\Sigma Q' S]^* \subseteq Q'$ . So,  $\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*) \subseteq Q'$ . Hence,  $Q = (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma S A]^* \cap (\Sigma A S]^*))^* \subseteq (Q')^* = Q'$ . Therefore,  $Q$  is the smallest ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .  $\square$

Let  $S$  be a posemiring and  $A = \{a\}$  be a subset of  $S$  then,

$$Q^*(a) = (\mathbb{N}a + ((\Sigma Sa]^* \cap (\Sigma aS]^*))^*.$$

It is clear that every left ordered ideal( right ordered ideal and ordered ideal) of a posemiring  $S$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ . Moreover, each ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  is a subposemiring of  $S$ ; indeed,  $QQ \subseteq (QQ]^* \subseteq (SQ]^* \cap (QS]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SQ]^* \cap (\Sigma QS]^* \subseteq Q$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . We define binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $S$  by the following equations:

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

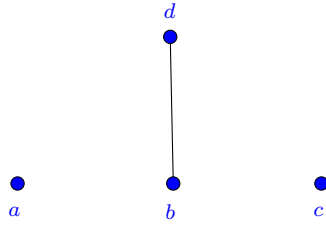
$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$c$
$d$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$

then  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is an additively commutative semiring with an absorbing zero  $a$ . We define a binary ordering relation on  $S$  by:

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (b, d)\}.$$

We give the covering relation and the figure of  $S$  by:

$$\prec := \{(b, d)\}$$



now  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  is a posemiring. Let  $Q = \{a, b\}$  we have  $(\Sigma SQ]^* \cap (\Sigma QS]^* = \{a, b, c\} \cap \{a, b\} = Q$  and  $(Q]^* = Q$ . Hence,  $Q$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  but is not a left ordered ideal of  $S$ , since  $SQ = \{a, b, c\} \not\subseteq Q$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $S$  be a posemiring and  $\{Q_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of ordered high- quasi- ideals of  $S$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *The intersection of a left ordered ideal  $L$  and a right ordered ideal  $R$  of a posemiring  $S$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ .*

**Proof.**  $L \cap R$  is a subsemigroup of  $(S, +)$  so by Lemma 1.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Sigma S(L \cap R))^* \cap (\Sigma(L \cap R)S)^* \subseteq (\Sigma S(L \cap R))^* \\ & = (\Sigma(SL \cap SR))^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma SL)^* \\ & \subseteq L, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Sigma S(L \cap R))^* \cap (\Sigma(L \cap R)S)^* \subseteq (\Sigma(L \cap R)S)^* \\ & = (\Sigma(LS \cap RS))^* \\ & \subseteq (\Sigma RS)^* \\ & \subseteq R. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(\Sigma S(L \cap R))^* \cap (\Sigma(L \cap R)S)^* \subseteq L \cap R$ . Let  $s \in S$  such that  $s \leq x^n$  for some  $x \in L \cap R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $s \in (L \cap R]^* \subseteq (L]^* \cap (R]^* = L \cap R$ .  $\square$

Let  $S$  be a posemiring then, the following statements hold:

- (i)  $(\Sigma SA]^* \cap (\Sigma AS]^*$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ , for every  $A \subseteq S$ ,
- (ii)  $(\Sigma Sa]^* \cap (\Sigma aS]^*$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ , for every  $a \in S$ .

**Proof.** (i) By Lemma 1.3  $(\Sigma SA]^*$  and  $(\Sigma AS]^*$  are a left and a right ordered ideal of  $S$ , respectively. Then by Theorem 2.5  $(\Sigma SA]^* \cap (\Sigma AS]^*$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ .

- (ii) It is a particular case of (i).  $\square$

Now, we will show that the converse of Theorem 2.5 is true if  $S$  contain an identity by the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring with identity then, every ordered high- quasi- ideal  $Q$  of  $S$  can be written in the form  $Q = R \cap L$  for some right ordered ideal  $R$  and left ordered ideal  $L$  of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $S$  has an identity and  $Q$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  then,  $R(Q) = (\Sigma QS]^*$  and  $L(Q) = (\Sigma SQ]^*$ . Clearly,  $Q \subseteq R(Q) \cap L(Q)$  and  $R(Q) \cap L(Q) = (\Sigma QS]^* \cap (\Sigma SQ]^* \subseteq Q$ . Hence,  $Q = R(Q) \cap L(Q)$ .  $\square$



## 3. REGULARITY OF POSEMIRINGS

*In this section, we show that in regular posemirings the converse of Theorem 2.5 is true and ordered high- quasi- ideals coincide with ordered high- bi- ideals. Then we give characterizations of regular posemirings, regular duo-posemirings, left regular and right regular posemirings by their ordered high- quasi- ideals.*

**Definition 3.1.** An element  $a$  of a posemiring  $S$  is said to be *regular* if  $a \leq axa$  for some  $x \in S$ . A posemiring  $S$  is said to be *regular* if every element  $a \in S$  is regular. (see[9])

*The following lemma is characterizations of regular posemiring which directly follows from Definition 3.1.*

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is regular,
- (ii)  $A \subseteq (\Sigma ASA]^*$  for every  $A \subseteq S$ ,
- (iii)  $a \in (aSa]^*$  for every  $a \in S$ .

*Now, we will show that the converse of Theorem 2.5 is true in regular posemirings.*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Every ordered high- quasi- ideal of a regular posemiring  $S$  can be written in the form  $Q = R \cap L$  for some right ordered ideal  $R$  and left ordered ideal  $L$  of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $Q$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ . By Lemma 1.6, we have  $R(Q) = (\Sigma Q + \Sigma QS]^*$  and  $L(Q) = (\Sigma Q + \Sigma SQ]^*$ . Obviously,  $Q \subseteq R(Q) \cap L(Q)$ . Let,  $q \in Q$  since  $S$  is regular so  $q \in (qSq]^* \subseteq (QSQ]^* \subseteq (QS]^* \subseteq (\Sigma QS]^*$ . So,  $Q \subseteq (\Sigma QS]^*$ . Since  $Q + Q \subseteq Q$  then  $\Sigma Q = Q$ . Obviously  $(\Sigma QS]^* \subseteq (\Sigma Q + \Sigma QS]^* = (Q + \Sigma QS]^* \subseteq ((\Sigma QS]^* + \Sigma QS]^* \subseteq (\Sigma QS]^*$  which implise that  $R(Q) = (\Sigma QS]^*$ . Similarly,  $L(Q) = (\Sigma SQ]^*$ . Hence,  $R(Q) \cap L(Q) = (\Sigma QS]^* \cap (\Sigma SQ]^* \subseteq Q$ . Therefore,  $Q = R(Q) \cap L(Q)$ . □

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every ordered high- quasi- ideal of a posemiring  $S$  is an ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $Q$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  then  $\Sigma QSQ \subseteq \Sigma QS \subseteq (\Sigma QS]^*$  and  $\Sigma QSQ \subseteq \Sigma SQ \subseteq (\Sigma SQ]^*$ . So  $\Sigma QSQ \subseteq (\Sigma SQ]^* \cap (\Sigma QS]^* \subseteq Q$ . Hence,  $Q$  is an ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$ . □

*By following example we show that converse of the Theorem 3.4 is not generally true.*

**Example 3.5.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ . We define binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $S$  by the following equations

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

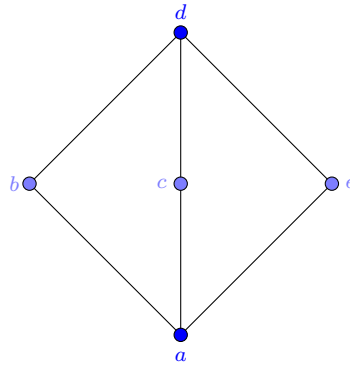
$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$d$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$e$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$

then  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is an additively commutative semiring with an absorbing zero  $a$ . We define a binary ordering relation on  $S$  by

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e), (a, b), (a, c), (a, e), (a, d), (b, d), (c, d), (e, d)\}.$$

We give the covering relation and the figure of  $S$  by:

$$< := \{(a, b), (a, c), (a, e), (b, d), (c, d), (e, d)\}$$



now,  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  is a posemiring but is not regular, since  $d \not\leq dxd$  for every  $x \in S$ . Let  $B = \{a, e\}$  then  $B$  is an ordered high- bi- ideal but not an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ , since,  $(\Sigma SB)^* \cap (\Sigma BS)^* = \{a, b\} \not\subseteq B$ .

*We show that in regular posemirings, ordered high- bi- ideals and ordered high- quasi- ideals are coincide by the following theorem:*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $S$  be a regular posemiring then, ordered high- bi- ideals and ordered high- quasi- ideals coincide in  $S$ .*

**Proof.** By the Theorem 3.4, every ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  is an ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$ . We show that every ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ . Let  $B$  be an ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$  and  $a \in (\Sigma SB]^* \cap (\Sigma BS]^*$ . By Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 1.2, we obtain  $a \in (aSa]^* \subseteq ((\Sigma BS]^* S (\Sigma SB]^*)^* \subseteq ((\Sigma BSS]^* (\Sigma SB]^*)^* \subseteq ((\Sigma BS)(\Sigma SB))^* \subseteq (\Sigma (BS(\Sigma SB)))^* \subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma BSSB))^* \subseteq (\Sigma BSB]^* \subseteq B$ . Hence,  $B$  is an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $S$  be a regular posemiring then, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is regular,
- (ii)  $(\Sigma RL]^* = R \cap L$  for every right ordered ideal  $R$  and left ordered ideal  $L$  of  $S$ ,
- (iii)  $B = (\Sigma BSB]^*$  for every ordered high- bi- ideal  $B$  of  $S$ ,
- (iv)  $Q = (\Sigma QSQ]^*$  for every ordered high- quasi- ideal  $Q$  of  $S$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\implies$  (ii) suppose  $S$  be a posemiring. Let  $R$  and  $L$  be a right ordered ideal and a left ordered ideal of  $S$ , respectively. So  $(\Sigma RL]^* \subseteq (\Sigma R]^* = R$  and  $(\Sigma RL]^* \subseteq (\Sigma L]^* = L$ . Hence,  $(\Sigma RL]^* \subseteq R \cap L$ . Let  $a \in R \cap L$ , since  $S$  is regular,  $a \leq axa$  for some  $x \in S$ . Obviously,  $a \in (aSa]^* = ((a)Sa]^* \subseteq (RL]^* \subseteq (\Sigma RL]^*$ . Therefore,  $(\Sigma RL]^* = R \cap L$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii) Let  $B$  be an ordered high- bi- ideal of  $S$ . It is clear that  $(\Sigma BSB]^* \subseteq B$ . By assumption (ii) we have  $B \subseteq R(B) \cap L(B) = (\Sigma R(B)L(B))^*$ . By Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.3, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &\subseteq (\Sigma B + \Sigma BS]^* \cap (\Sigma B + \Sigma SB]^* \\
 &= (\Sigma ((\Sigma B + \Sigma BS]^* (\Sigma B + \Sigma SB]^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma ((\Sigma B + \Sigma BS)(\Sigma B + \Sigma SB)))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma B(\Sigma B + \Sigma SB) + \Sigma BS(\Sigma B + \Sigma SB)))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma B^2 + \Sigma BSB + \Sigma BSB + \Sigma BSSB))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma (\Sigma B^2 + \Sigma BSB))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma (\Sigma B^2) + \Sigma (\Sigma BSB))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma B^2 + \Sigma BSB]^* \\
 &\subseteq ((\Sigma BSB]^* + \Sigma BSB]^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma BSB]^*
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv) It is obvious according to the Theorem 3.4.

(iv)  $\implies$  (i) Let  $a \in S$  then  $Q^*(a) = (Q^*(a)SQ^*(a))^*$ . By Corollary 2 and Lemma 1.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &\in (\mathbb{N}a + ((Sa)^* \cap (aS)^*))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma((\mathbb{N}a + ((Sa)^* \cap (aS)^*))^* S(\mathbb{N}a + ((Sa)^* \cap (aS)^*))^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((\mathbb{N}a + (aS)^*)^* S(\mathbb{N}a + (Sa)^*)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((\mathbb{N}a + aS)^* S(\mathbb{N}a + Sa)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(((\mathbb{N}a + aS)S)^* (\mathbb{N}a + Sa)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((aS)^* (\mathbb{N}a + Sa)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(aS(\mathbb{N}a + Sa)))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma aSa)^* \\
 &= (aSa)^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.2,  $S$  is regular. □

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $S$  be a regular posemiring then the following statements are hold:*

(i) *Every ordered high- quasi- ideal  $Q$  of  $S$  can be written in the form  $Q = R \cap L = (RL)^*$  for some right ordered ideal  $R$  and left ordered ideal  $L$  of  $S$ ,*

(ii)  *$(Q^2)^* = (Q^3)^*$  for every ordered high- quasi- ideal  $Q$  of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** (i) It is obvious by Theorem 3.3 and 3.7.

(ii) Let  $Q$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ . Clearly,  $((QQ)Q)^* \subseteq (QQ)^*$ . Let  $x \in (QQ)^*$  then  $x \leq (q_1 q_2)^n$  for some  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $S$  is regular there exist  $s \in S$  where  $x \leq (q_1 q_2)^n \leq (q_1 q_2)^n s (q_1 q_2)^n \leq q_1^n q_2^n s q_1^n q_2^n \leq (q_1 q_2 s q_1 q_2)^n$  such that  $q_1 q_2 s q_1 q_2 \in QQSQQ$ . Hence,  $x \in (Q(QSQ)Q)^* \subseteq (QQQ)^*$ . Therefore,  $(Q^2)^* = (Q^3)^*$ . □

**Definition 3.9.** A posemiring  $S$  is said to be a *duo-posemiring* if every one-sided(right or left) ordered ideal of  $S$  is an ordered ideal of  $S$ .

*We note that every multiplicatively commutative posemiring is a duo-posemiring, but the converse is not generally true.*

**Example 3.10.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ . We define binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $S$  by the following equations:

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

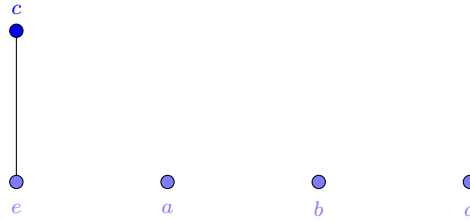
$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$e$	$c$	$e$	$c$
$c$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$
$d$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$e$	$c$
$e$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$

then  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is an additively commutative semiring with an absorbing zero  $a$ . Also we define a binary ordering relation on  $S$  by:

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e), (e, c)\},$$

the covering relation and the figure of  $S$  is given by

$$\prec := \{(e, c)\}$$



since  $bd \neq db$  so  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  is a posemiring but is not multiplicatively commutative. We have all one-sided ordered ideals of  $S$  which are as follows:

$$\{a\}, \{a, c\}, \{ac, e\}, \{a, b, c, e\}, \{a, c, d, e\}, S.$$

It is not difficult to check that all of them are ordered ideals of  $S$ . This show that  $S$  is a duo-posemiring.

**Lemma 3.11.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is a duo-posemiring,
- (ii)  $R(A) = L(A)$  for each  $A \subseteq S$ ,

(ii)  $R(a) = L(a)$  for each  $a \in S$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\implies$  (ii) and (ii)  $\implies$  (iii) are obvious.

(iii)  $\implies$  (i) Suppose  $L$  be a left ordered ideal of  $S$  and let  $x \in L$ ,  $s \in S$ . By assumption (iii) we have  $xs \in R(x)S \subseteq R(x) = L(x) \subseteq L(L) = L$ . So  $L$  is a right ordered ideal of  $S$ . Similarly, every right ordered ideal of  $S$  is a left ordered ideal of  $S$ . Therefore,  $S$  is a duo-posedoring.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $S$  be a duo-posedoring then  $S$  is regular if and only if  $(\Sigma Q_1 Q_2)^* = Q_1 \cap Q_2$  for every two ordered high- quasi- ideals  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $S$  is a regular posedoring. Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be ordered high- quasi- ideals of  $S$ . By Theorem 3.3  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  can be written in the forms  $Q_1 = R_1 \cap L_1$  and  $Q_2 = R_2 \cap L_2$  for some  $R_1, R_2$  and  $L_1, L_2$  which are right ordered ideals and left ordered ideals of  $S$ , respectively. Since  $S$  is a duo-posedoring and  $R_1, R_2, L_1$  and  $L_2$  are ordered ideals of  $S$  which implies that  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are ordered ideals of  $S$ . By Theorem 3.7 we have  $(\Sigma Q_1 Q_2)^* = Q_1 \cap Q_2$ .

Conversely, assume  $(\Sigma Q_1 Q_2)^* = Q_1 \cap Q_2$  for every two ordered high- quasi- ideals  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  of  $S$ . Let  $A \subseteq S$ , obviously  $A \subseteq Q^*(A) \cap Q^*(A) = (\Sigma Q^*(A) Q^*(A))^*$  and by Lemmas 1.2, 1.3 and 2.2 we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &\subseteq (\Sigma((\Sigma A + ((\Sigma SA)^* \cap (\Sigma AS)^*))^* . (\Sigma A + ((\Sigma SA)^* \cap (\Sigma AS)^*))^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((\Sigma A + (\Sigma AS)^*)^* . (\Sigma A + (\Sigma SA)^*)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((\Sigma A + \Sigma AS)^* (\Sigma A + \Sigma SA)^*))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma((\Sigma A + \Sigma AS)(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA)))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA) + \Sigma AS(\Sigma A + \Sigma SA)))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA + \Sigma ASA + \Sigma ASSA))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma(\Sigma A^2) + \Sigma(\Sigma ASA))^* \\
 &= (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma ASA)^* \\
 &\subseteq ((\Sigma ASA)^* + \Sigma ASA)^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma ASA)^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.2  $S$  is a regular posedoring.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $S$  be a duo-posedoring then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(i)  $S$  is regular,

(ii)  $(\Sigma L_1 L_2]^* = L_1 \cap L_2$  and  $(\Sigma R_1 R_2]^* = R_1 \cap R_2$  for every two left ordered ideals  $L_1, L_2$  and right ordered ideals  $R_1, R_2$  of  $S$ ,

(iii)  $(\Sigma R L]^* = R \cap L = (\Sigma L R]^*$ , for every right ordered ideal  $R$  and left ordered ideal  $L$  of  $S$ .

**Proof.** By considering Theorem 3.7, it is obvious.  $\square$

**Definition 3.14.** An element  $a$  of a posemiring  $S$  is said to be *left regular*(*right regular*) if  $a \leq xa^2(a \leq a^2x)$  for some  $x \in S$ . A posemiring  $S$  is said to be *left regular*(*right regular*) if every element  $a \in S$  is left regular(right regular).

**Example 3.15.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ . We define binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $S$  by the following equations:

$+$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$
$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$
$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$
$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$

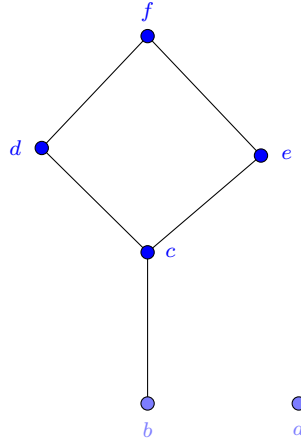
$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$d$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$d$	$b$	$d$
$e$	$a$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$f$	$a$	$e$	$e$	$f$	$e$	$f$

then  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a semiring with an absorbing zero  $a$ . We define a binary ordering relation on  $S$  by:

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e), (f, f), (b, c), (b, e), (b, f), (c, d), (c, e), (c, f), (d, f), (e, f)\},$$

the covering relation and the figure of  $S$  is given by:

$$\prec := \{(b, c), (c, d), (c, e), (d, f), (e, f)\}$$



now,  $(S, +, \cdot, \leq)$  is a posemiring. Clearly,  $a, b, d, e$  and  $f$  are left regular. We consider  $c \leq ec^2 = eb = e$  which implies that  $S$  is left regular.  $S$  is not regular, since there is not exist  $x \in S$  such that  $c \leq cxc$ .

**Example 3.16.** Consider the posemiring  $S = (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \max, \min, \leq)$  where  $\leq$  is the natural order relation on numbers. Since,  $n \leq \min\{n, n, n\}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $S$  is a regular, left regular and right regular posemiring.

*The following lemmas are obvious:*

**Lemma 3.17.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is left regular,
- (ii)  $A \subseteq (\Sigma SA^2)^*$  for each  $A \subseteq S$ ,
- (iii)  $a \in (Sa^2)^*$  for each  $a \in S$ .

**Lemma 3.18.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $S$  is right regular,
- (ii)  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 S)^*$  for each  $A \subseteq S$ ,
- (iii)  $a \in (a^2 S)^*$  for each  $a \in S$ .

**Definition 3.19.** Let  $T$  be a non-empty subset of a posemiring  $S$  then  $T$  is said to be *semiprime* if for every  $a \in S$ ,  $a^2 \in T$  implies that  $a \in T$ .

*We note that a non-empty subset  $T$  of a posemiring  $S$  is semiprime if and only if for every  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq S$ ,  $A^2 \subseteq T$  implies that  $A \subseteq T$ . Considering that  $T$  is semiprime,  $\emptyset \neq A^2 \subseteq T$  and  $a \in A$ , then  $a^2 \in T$  and so  $a \in T$  hence,  $A \subseteq T$ .*

**Theorem 3.20.** *Let  $S$  be a posemiring then  $S$  is left regular and right regular if and only if every ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$  is semiprime.*



**Proof.** Suppose  $Q$  be an ordered high- quasi- ideal of  $S$ . Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$  such that  $A^2 \subseteq Q$ . Since  $S$  is a left regular and right regular, by Lemmas 3.17 and 3.18 we have  $A \subseteq (\Sigma SA^2]^*$  and  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 S]^*$ , respectively. Hence,  $A \subseteq (\Sigma SA^2]^* \cap (\Sigma A^2 S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SQ]^* \cap (\Sigma QS]^* \subseteq Q$ . Therefore,  $Q$  is semiprime. Conversely, assume that every ordered high- quasi- ideal  $Q$  of  $S$  is

semiprime. Let  $A \subseteq S$ . Considering Lemma 2.2, we have,  $Q^*(A^2) = (\Sigma A^2 + ((\Sigma SA^2]^* \cap (\Sigma A^2 S]^*))^*$ . Since  $A^2 \subseteq Q^*(A^2)$  and  $Q^*(A^2)$  is semiprime so  $A \subseteq Q^*(A^2) = (\Sigma A^2 + ((\Sigma SA^2]^* \cap (\Sigma A^2 S]^*))^*$  that implies

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + ((\Sigma SA^2]^* \cap (\Sigma A^2 S]^*))^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + (\Sigma SA^2]^*)^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma SA^2]^*. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma A^2 &\subseteq \Sigma A(\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma SA^2]^* \\ &\subseteq \Sigma(A\Sigma A^2 + A\Sigma SA^2]^* \\ &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma ASA^2]^* \\ &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma SA^2]^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A^3) + \Sigma(\Sigma SA^2))^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma SA^2]^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma SA^2 + \Sigma SA^2]^* \\ &= (\Sigma SA^2]^* \end{aligned}$$

and so  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma SA^2]^* \subseteq ((\Sigma SA^2]^* + \Sigma SA^2]^* \subseteq (\Sigma SA^2]^*$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.17,  $S$  is left regular. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + ((\Sigma SA^2]^* \cap (\Sigma A^2 S]^*))^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + (\Sigma A^2 S]^*)^* \\ &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma A^2 S]^*. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma A^2 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma A^2 S]^* A \\
 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^2 A + (\Sigma A^2 S) A]^* \\
 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma A^2 S A]^* \\
 &\subseteq \Sigma(\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma A^2 S]^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma(\Sigma A^3) + \Sigma(\Sigma A^2 S))^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma A^3 + \Sigma A^2 S]^* \\
 &\subseteq (\Sigma A^2 S + \Sigma A^2 S]^* \\
 &= (\Sigma A^2 S]^*
 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $A \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 + \Sigma A^2 S]^* \subseteq ((\Sigma A^2 S]^* + \Sigma A^2 S]^* \subseteq (\Sigma A^2 S]^*$ .

Therefore, by Lemma 3.18,  $S$  is right regular.

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