# On (m, n)-quasi-ideals in LA-semigroups

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**Abstract.** Within the framework of the theory of (m, n)-quasi-ideals in *LA*-semigroups, we investigate the relations satisfied by (m, n)-quasi-ideals in regular *LA*-semigroups.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of (m, n)-quasi-ideal of a semigroup was introduced by R.Chinaram [8]. The notion of left almost semigroup (*LA*-semigroup) was first introduced by Kazin and Naseerudin [2]. In the present note, we define and study the (m, n)-ideals of an *LA*semigroup. We discuss a well some properties of (m, n)-quasi-ideals and investigate the relations of (m, n)-quasi-ideals in regular *LA*-semigroups.

# 2 Preliminaries and basic definitions

**Definition 2.1.** [2, p.2188] A groupoid  $(S, \cdot)$  is called an *LA-semigroup* or an *AG-groupoid*, if its satisfies left inversion law

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (c \cdot b) \cdot a$$
, for all  $a, b, c \in S$ .

Lemma 2.1. [4, p.1] In an LA-semigroup, a subset S satisfies the medial law if

$$(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd), \text{ for all } a, b, c, d \in S.$$

**Definition 2.2.** [6, p.1759] An element  $e \in S$  is called *left identity* if ea = a for all  $a \in S$ .

Lemma 2.2. [2, p.2188] If S is an LA-semigroup with left identity, then

$$a(bc) = b(ac), \text{ for all } a, b, c \in S.$$

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**Lemma 2.3.** [4, p.1] An LA-semigroup S with left identity satisfies the paramedial law if

$$(ab)(cd) = (dc)(ba), \text{ for all } a, b, c, d \in S.$$

**Definition 2.3.** [2, p.2188] An LA-semigroup S is called a *locally associative* LA-semigroup if its satisfies

$$(aa)a = a(aa), \text{ for all } a \in S.$$

If A and B are any subsets of a locally associative LA-semigroup S by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3 infers that  $(AB)^n = A^n B^n$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

In [2, p. 2188], the authors define powers of an element in a locally associative LA-semigroup S as follows:  $a^1 = a, a^{n+1} = a^n a$ , for  $n \ge 1$ . In a locally associative LA-semigroup S with left identity, the results  $a^m a^n = a^{m+n}, (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$  and  $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$  hold for all  $a, b \in S$ , where m and n are positive integers.

**Definition 2.4.** [3, p. 2] a) Let S be an LA-semigroup. A non-empty subset A of S is called an LA-subsemigroup of S if  $AA \subseteq A$ .

b) A non-empty subset A of an LA-semigroup S is called a *left (right) ideal* of S if  $SA \subseteq A(AS \subseteq A)$ . As usual, A is called an *ideal* if it is both left and right ideal.

c) A non-empty subset A of an LA-semigroup S is called a quasi-ideal of S if  $SA \cap AS \subseteq A$ .

# **3** (m, n)-quasi-ideals in LA-semigroups

In this section we define and study (m, n)-quasi-ideals of an LA-semigroup in a similar manner to (m, n)-quasi-ideals of semigroups.

**Definition 3.1.** A subset A of an LA-semigroup S is called an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S if  $S^m A \cap AS^n \subseteq A$ , where m and n are positive integers.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let S be an LA-semigroup and let  $T_i$  be an LA-subsemigroup of S for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} T_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} T_i$  is an LA-subsemigroup.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} T_i \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in \bigcap_{i \in I} T_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Since  $T_i$  is an *LA*-subsemigroup for all  $i \in I$ , we have  $ab \in T_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Hence  $ab \in \bigcap_{i \in I} T_i$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{i \in I} T_i$  is an *LA*-subsemigroup.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let S be an LA-semigroup and let  $Q_i$  be an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$  is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i \neq \emptyset$ . By Lemma 3.1, we have that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$  is an *LA*-semigroup of *S*. Further, let  $c \in S^m(\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i) \cap (\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i)S^n$ . Then c = xq = py for some  $x \in S^m, y \in S^n$  and  $p, q \in \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$ . Thus  $p, q \in Q_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . So  $c \in S^mQ_i \cap Q_iS^n$ , for all  $i \in I$ . Since  $Q_i$  is an (m, n)-quasi ideal of *S* for all  $i \in I$ , we have  $c \in Q_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Thus  $c \in \bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$ . Hence  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$  is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of *S*.

**Definition 3.2.** [2, p.2189] A subset A of an LA-semigroup S is called an (m, 0)-*ideal*((0, n)-ideal) of S if  $SA^m \subseteq A(A^nS \subseteq A)$  for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let S be an LA-semigroup and  $a \in S$ . Then the following statements hold true:

a)  $S^m a$  is an m-left ideal of S.

b)  $aS^n$  is an n-left ideal of S.

c)  $S^m a \cap a S^n$  is am (m, n)-quasi-ideal.

*Proof.* a) We have  $(S^m a)(S^m a) \subseteq S^m a$  and  $S^m(S^m a) \subseteq S^m a$ . Then (1) holds.

b) We have  $(aS^n)(aS^n) \subseteq aS^n$  and  $(aS^na)S^n \subseteq aS^n$ . Then (2) holds.

c) We have  $(S^m a \cap aS^n)(S^m a \cap aS^n) \subseteq S^m a \cap aS^n$  and  $S^m(S^m a \cap aS^n)S^n \subseteq S^m a \cap aS^n$ . Then (3) holds.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let S be an LA-semigroup. The following statements are true:

a) Let  $L_i$  be an m-left ideal of S for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$  is m-left ideal of S.

b) Let  $R_i$  be an n-right ideal of S for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} R_i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} R_i$  is n-right ideal of S.

*Proof.* Since  $L_i$  is an *m*-left ideal of *S* for all  $i \in I$ , we have  $S^m L_i \subseteq L_i$ . We will show that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$  is *m*-left ideal of *S*. Assume that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $c \ in S^m \bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$ ; then  $c \in S^m$  and  $c \in \bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$ . Thus  $S^m(\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$ . Hence  $\bigcap_{i \in I} L_i$  is an *m*-left of *S*. In a similar way one can show that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} R_i$  is an *n*-right ideal of *S*  $\Box$ 

Lemma 3.5. Let S be an LA-semigroup The following statements are true:

- a) Every m-left ideal of S is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.
- b) Every n-right ideal of S is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.

*Proof.* a) Let A be an m-left ideal of S; then  $S^m A \subseteq A$  and  $A \subseteq S$ . By considering

$$S^m A \cap A S^n \subseteq S^m A \subseteq A.$$

we infer that A is an (m, n)-quasi ideal of S.

b) Let B be an n-right ideal of S; then  $BS^n \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq S$ . By considering

$$BS^n \cap BS^n \subseteq BS^m \subseteq B.$$

we infer that B is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let S be an LA-semigroup and let a A be an m-left ideal and B a right-ideal of S. Then  $A \cap B$  is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.

*Proof.* By properties of A and B, we have  $A^m B^n \subseteq S^m A \cap BS^n \subseteq A \cap B$ . Thus  $A \cap B$  is non-empty. By Lemma 3.1, we get that  $A \cap B$  is a LA-subsemigroup of S.

We further show that  $A \cap B$  is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S. Since A is an m-left ideal and B is an right-ideal of S, we have  $S^m A \subseteq A$  and  $AS^n \subseteq A$ . By considering

$$(S^m(A \cap B)) \cap ((A \cap B)S^n \subseteq S^mA \cap BS^n \subseteq A \cap B.$$

we get that  $A \cap B$  is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.

**Theorem 3.7.** Every (m, n)-quasi-ideal Q of an LA-semigroup S is the intersection of some m-left ideal and some n-right ideal of S.

*Proof.* Let Q be an (m, n)-quasi ideal of S. Let  $L = Q \cap S^m Q$  and  $R = Q \cap QS^n$ . In order to show that L is an LA-semigroup of S, we consider  $a, b \in L$ .

Case 1:  $a, b \in Q$ . Since Q is an LA-semigroup of S, we have  $ab \in Q \subseteq L$ .

Case 2:  $a \in Q$  and  $b \in S^m Q$ . Then  $ab \in QS^m Q \subseteq S^m Q \subseteq L$ .

Case 3:  $a \in S^m Q$  and  $b \in Q$ . Then  $ab \in S^m Q^2 \subseteq S^m Q \subseteq L$ .

Case 4:  $a \in S^mQ$  and  $b \in S^mQ$ . Then  $ab \in S^mQS^mQ \subseteq S^mQ \subseteq L$ .

Then L is an LA-subsemigroup of S. Next, we have

$$S^m L = S^m (Q \cap S^m Q) = S^m Q \cap S^{2m} Q \subseteq S^m Q \subseteq L.$$

Hence L is an m-left ideal of S. Similarly, R is an n-right ideal of S. Since  $S^m Q \cap QS^n \subseteq Q$ , we have  $L \cap R = (Q \cap S^m Q) \cap (Q \cap QS^n) = Q \cap (S^m Q \cap QS^n) = Q$ , which infers  $Q = L \cap R$ .

We further study the relation of (m, n)-quasi-ideals in regular LA-semigroups.

**Definition 3.3.** [4, p.11] An element a of an *LA*-semigroup S is called a *regular* element of S, if there exists  $x \in S$  such that a = (ax)a; S is called *regular* if all its elements are regular.

Now we will state and prove the intersection property of regular LA-semigroups with (m, n)-quasi-ideals.

**Lemma 3.8.** Let S be an locally associative LA-semigroup. If S is regular and  $\emptyset \neq Q \subseteq S$ , then the following statements hold:

- a)  $Q \subseteq S^m Q$  where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .
- b)  $Q \subseteq QS^n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

*Proof.* a) Let P(n) be the statement  $Q \subseteq S^m Q$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and let  $x \in Q$ . Then there exists  $y \in S$  such that x = (xy)x, since S is a regular LA-semigroup. Thus  $(xy)x \in SQ$ . So  $x \in SQ$ . Therefore  $Q \subseteq SQ$ . Hence P(1) holds true.

We further show that P(k+1) holds true. Let P(k) hold true for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $Q \subseteq S^k Q$ . Since S is a locally associative LA-semigroup, we have  $SQ \subseteq S(S^k Q) = (SS^k)Q = S^{k+1}Q$ . So  $Q \subseteq S^{k+1}Q$ . Therefore P(k+1) is true. Hence  $Q \subseteq SQ$  where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

b) Let P(n) be the statement  $Q \subseteq QS^n$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and let  $x \in Q$ . Then there exists  $y \in S$  such that x = x(yx), since S is a regular LA-semigroup. Thus  $x(yx) \in QS$ . So  $x \in SQ$ . Therefore  $Q \subseteq QS$ . Hence P(1) holds true. Now we show that P(k+1) is true. To this aim, let P(k) be true for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $Q \subseteq S^kQ$ . Since S is a locally associative LA-semigroup, we have  $QS \subseteq (QS)S^k = Q(SS^k) =$  $QS^{k+1}$ . So  $Q \subseteq QS^{k+1}$ , and therefore P(k+1) is true. Hence  $Q \subseteq QS^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let S be an locally associative LA-semigroup. Then every regular LAsemigroup has the intersection property of (m, n)-quasi-ideals for any positive integers  $m, n \in N$ . *Proof.* Let Q be an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of a regular LA-semigroup S. Lemma 3.8 infers  $Q \subseteq S^n$ , and thus  $Q \cap QS^n = QS^n$ . Hence  $S^mQ \cap (Q \cap S^n) = S^mQ \cap QS^n$ . Therefore Q has the intersection property.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let S be a locally associative LA-semigroup and let S be a regular LA-semigroup. Then a non-empty subset A of S is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S if and only if it is the intersection of an m-left ideal and an n-right ideal.

Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let A be an (m, n)-quasi ideal of S; then  $S^m A \cap AS^n \subseteq A$ . Lemma 3.5 infers that  $S^m A$  is an m-left ideal and that  $AS^n$  is an n-right ideal of S. By Lemma 3.8, we have  $A \subseteq S^m A$  and  $A \subseteq AS^n$ . Then  $A \subseteq S^m A \cap AS^n$ . Hence  $A = S^m A \cap AS^n$ . Therefore A is the intersection of m-left ideal and an n-right ideal.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Let A be an intersection of an *m*-left ideal and an *n*-right ideal. By Theorem 3.6, we get that A is an (m, n)-quasi-ideal of S.

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