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1. INTRODUCTION :

Γ - semigroup was introduced by Sen and Saha [10] as a generalization of semigroup. Anjaneyulu. A [1], [2] and [3] initiated the study of pseudo symmetric ideals and radicals in semigroups. Giri and wazalwar [7] initiated the study of prime radicals in semigroups. Madhusudhana Rao, Anjaneyulu and Gangadhara Rao [8] initiated the study of pseudo symmetric Γ -ideals in Γ -semigroups. In this paper we introduce the notions of Γ -radicals in Γ -semigroup and characterize Γ -radicals in Γ -semigroups.

2. PRELIMINARIES :

DEFINITION 2.1: Let S and Γ be any two non-empty sets. S is called a Γ -semigroup if there exist a mapping from $S \times \Gamma \times S$ to S which maps $(a, \alpha, b) \rightarrow a\alpha b$ satisfying the condition : $(a\gamma b)\mu c = a\gamma(b\mu c)$ for all $a, b, c \in S$ and $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.2: Let S be a Γ -Semigroup. If A and B are subsets of S , we shall denote the set $\{ a\alpha b : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma \}$ by $A\Gamma B$.

DEFINITION 2.3: A Γ -Semigroup S is said to be *commutative* provided $a\gamma b = b\gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.4: If S is a commutative Γ -Semigroup then $a\Gamma b = b\Gamma a$ for all $a, b \in S$.

DEFINITION 2.5: Let S be a Γ -Semigroup. A nonempty subset T of S is said to be a Γ -subsemigroup of S if $a\gamma b \in T$, for all $a, b \in T$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.6: An element a of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *left identity* of S provided $a\alpha s = s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.7: An element a of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *right identity* of S provided $s\alpha a = s$ for all $s \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

DEFINITION 2.8: An element a of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *two sided identity* or an *identity* provided it is both a left identity and a right identity of S .

NOTATION 2.9: Let S be a Γ -Semigroup. If S has an identity, let $S^1 = S$ and if S does not have an identity, let S^1 be the Γ -Semigroup S with an identity adjoined, usually denoted by the symbol 1 .

DEFINITION 2.10: A nonempty subset A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *left Γ - ideal* provided $S\Gamma A \subseteq A$.

DEFINITION 2.11: A nonempty subset A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *right Γ - ideal* provided $A\Gamma S \subseteq A$.

DEFINITION 2.12: A nonempty subset A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *two sided Γ - ideal* or simply a *Γ - ideal* provided it is both a left and a right Γ -ideal of S .

DEFINITION 2.13: An element a of Γ - Semigroup S is said to be a *Γ - idempotent* provided $a\alpha a = a$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

NOTE 2.14: If an element a of Γ - Semigroup S is a *Γ - idempotent*, then $a\Gamma a = a$.

DEFINITION 2.15: A Γ - Semigroup S is said to be an *idempotent Γ - Semigroup* or a *band* provided every element in S is a Γ - idempotent.

DEFINITION 2.16: A Γ - ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *principal Γ - ideal* provided A is a Γ - ideal generated by single element a . It is denoted by $J[a] = \langle a \rangle$.

NOTE 2.17: If S is a Γ -Semigroup and $a \in S$, then $\langle a \rangle = \{a\} \cup a\Gamma S \cup S\Gamma a \cup S\Gamma a\Gamma S = S^1\Gamma a\Gamma S^1$.

DEFINITION 2.18: A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be *pseudo symmetric* provided $x, y \in S$, $x\Gamma y \subseteq A$ implies $x\Gamma s\Gamma y \subseteq A$, for all $s \in S$.

NOTE 2.19: A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is pseudo symmetric iff $x, y \in S$, $x\Gamma y \subseteq A$ implies $x\Gamma S^1\Gamma y \subseteq A$.

DEFINITION 2.20: A Γ -Semigroup S is said to be *pseudo symmetric* provided every Γ -ideal is a pseudo symmetric Γ -ideal.

THEOREM 2.21[8]: Every commutative Γ -semigroup is a pseudo symmetric Γ -semigroup.

COROLLARY 2.22 [8]: Let A is a pseudo symmetric Γ -ideal in a Γ -Semigroup S . Then for any natural number n , $(a\Gamma)^{n-1}a \subseteq A$ implies $(\langle a \rangle \Gamma)^{n-1} \langle a \rangle \subseteq A$.

3. PRIME Γ -IDEALS :

DEFINITION 3.1: A Γ - ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *prime Γ - ideal* provided $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$; X, Y are Γ - ideal of S , then either $X \subseteq A$ or $Y \subseteq A$.

DEFINITION 3.2: A Γ - ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *completely prime Γ - ideal* provided $x\Gamma y \subseteq A$; $x, y \in S$ implies either $x \in A$ or $y \in A$.

THEOREM 3.3 [8]: If P is a Γ - ideal of a Γ -Semigroup S , then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1) If $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$; A, B are Γ - ideals of S , then either $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.
- 2) If $a, b \in S$ such that $a\Gamma S^1\Gamma b \subseteq P$, then either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

DEFINITION 3.4: Let S be a Γ -semigroup. A nonempty subset A of S is said to be a *c-system* of S if for each $a, b \in A$ there exist an element $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha b \in A$.

THEOREM 3.5: Every Γ -subsemigroup of a Γ -semigroup is a *c-system*.

Proof : Let T be a Γ -subsemigroup of S . Then for all $a, b \in T$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$; $a\alpha b \in T$
 \Rightarrow for all $a, b \in T$ there exist $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha b \in T$ and hence T is a *c-system*.

THEOREM 3.6: A Γ -ideal P of a Γ -semigroup S is completely prime if and only if $S \setminus P$ is either a *c-system* of S or empty.

Proof : Suppose that P is a completely prime Γ -ideal of S and $S \setminus P \neq \emptyset$. Let $a, b \in S \setminus P$. Then $a \notin P, b \notin P$. Suppose if possible there exist no $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha b \in S \setminus P$. Then $a\Gamma b \subseteq P$. Since P is completely prime, either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. It is a contradiction. Therefore $S \setminus P$ is a *c-system*.

Conversely suppose that $S \setminus P$ is a *c-system* of S or $S \setminus P$ is empty. If $S \setminus P$ is empty then $P = S$ and hence P is completely prime. Assume that $S \setminus P$ is a *c-system* of S .

Let $a, b \in S$ and $a\Gamma b \subseteq P$. Suppose if $a \notin P$ and $b \notin P$. Then $a \in S \setminus P$ and $b \in S \setminus P$. Since $S \setminus P$ is a *c-system*, then there exist $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha b \in S \setminus P$. Thus $a\alpha b \notin P$ and hence $a\Gamma b \not\subseteq P$. It is a contradiction. Hence either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. Therefore P is a completely prime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 3.5 [8]: Every completely prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S is a prime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 3.6 [8]: Every completely prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S is a pseudo symmetric Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S .

THEOREM 3.7: Let S be a commutative Γ -semigroup. A Γ -ideal P of S is prime Γ -ideal if and only if P is a completely prime Γ -ideal.

Proof : Suppose that P is a prime Γ -ideal of Γ -semigroup S . Let $x, y \in S$ and $x\Gamma y \subseteq P$. Now $x\Gamma y \subseteq P, P$ is a prime Γ -ideal $\Rightarrow x\Gamma y\Gamma S^1 \subseteq P \Rightarrow x\Gamma S^1\Gamma y \subseteq P$. By theorem 3.3, either $x \in P$ or $y \in P$. Hence P is a completely prime Γ -ideal. Conversely suppose that P is a completely prime Γ -ideal of S . By theorem 3.5, P is a prime Γ -ideal of S .

DEFINITION 3.8: A non empty subset A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be an *m -system* provided for any $a, b \in A$, there exists an $x \in S$ and some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta b \in A$.

THEOREM 3.9: A Γ -ideal P of a Γ -semigroup S is a prime Γ -ideal of S if and only if $S \setminus P$ is an *m -system* of S or empty.

Proof : Suppose that P is a prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S and $S \setminus P \neq \emptyset$. Let $a, b \in S \setminus P$. Then $a \notin P, b \notin P$. Suppose if possible there exist no $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta b \in S \setminus P$. Then $a\Gamma S\Gamma b \subseteq P$. Since P is prime, either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. It is a contradiction. Therefore there exist an $x \in S$ and some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta b \in S \setminus P$ and hence $S \setminus P$ is an *m -system*.

Conversely suppose that $S \setminus P$ is either an *m -system* or $S \setminus P = \emptyset$. If $S \setminus P$ is empty then $P = S$ and hence P is prime. Assume that $S \setminus P$ is an *m -system* of S .

Let $a, b \in S$ and $a\Gamma S\Gamma b \subseteq P$. Suppose if possible $a \notin P, b \notin P$. Then $a, b \in S \setminus P$.

Since $S \setminus P$ is an *m -system*, there exists $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta b \in S \setminus P$.

Thus $a\alpha x\beta b \notin P$ and hence $a\Gamma S\Gamma b \not\subseteq P$. It is a contradiction.

Hence either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. Therefore P is a prime Γ -ideal of S .

DEFINITION 3.10: A Γ -semigroup S is said to be a globally idempotent Γ -semigroup if $S\Gamma S = S$.

THEOREM 3.11: If S is a globally idempotent Γ -semigroup then every maximal Γ -ideal of S is a prime Γ -ideal of S .

Proof : Let M be a maximal Γ -ideal of S . Let A, B be two Γ -ideals of S such that $A\Gamma B \subseteq M$. Suppose if possible $A \not\subseteq M, B \not\subseteq M$. Now $A \not\subseteq M \Rightarrow M \cup A$ is a Γ -ideal of S and $M \subseteq M \cup A \subseteq S$. Since M is maximal, $M \cup A = S$. Similarly $B \not\subseteq M \Rightarrow M \cup B = S$. Now $S = S\Gamma S = (M \cup A)\Gamma (M \cup B) = (M\Gamma M) \cup (M\Gamma B) \cup (A\Gamma M) \cup (A\Gamma B) \subseteq M \Rightarrow S \subseteq M$. Hence $M = S$. It is a contradiction. Therefore either $A \subseteq M$ or $B \subseteq M$. Hence M is prime.

DEFINITION 3.12: An element a of Γ -semigroup S is said to be *semisimple* provided $a \in \langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle$, i.e., $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle$.

DEFINITION 3.13: A Γ -semigroup S is said to be a *semisimple Γ -semigroup* provided every element is a semisimple.

THEOREM 3.14: If S is a globally idempotent Γ -semigroup with maximal Γ -ideals then S contains semisimple elements.

Proof : Suppose S is a globally idempotent Γ -semigroup with maximal Γ -ideals. Let M be a maximal Γ -ideal of S . Then by theorem 3.11, M is prime.

Now if $a \in S \setminus M$ then $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle \not\subseteq M$ and hence $S = M \cup \langle a \rangle = M \cup (\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle)$.

Therefore $a \in \langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle$. Thus a is semisimple. Therefore S contains semisimple elements.

4. SEMIPRIME Γ -IDEALS:

DEFINITION 4.1: A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *completely semiprime Γ -ideal* provided $x\Gamma x \subseteq A ; x \in S$ implies $x \in A$.

DEFINITION 4.2: A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be a *semiprime Γ -ideal* provided $x\Gamma S^l\Gamma x \subseteq A ; x \in S$ implies $x \in A$.

THEOREM 4.3 [8]: Every completely semiprime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 4.4 [8]: Every completely prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 4.5 [8]: Every prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 4.6: The nonempty intersection of any family of prime Γ -ideals of a Γ -semigroup S is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

Proof : Let $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ be a family of prime Γ -ideals of S such that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$. It is clear that

$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ is a Γ -ideal. Let $a \in S$, $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$. Then $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq A_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \Delta$.

Since A_α is prime, $a \in A_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \Delta$ and hence $a \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$.

Therefore $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ is a semiprime Γ -ideal.

THEOREM 4.7: The nonempty intersection of any family completely prime Γ -ideals of a Γ -semigroup S is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

Proof : Let $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ be a family of completely prime Γ -ideals of S such that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$.

It is clear that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ is a Γ -ideal. Let $a \in S$, $a\Gamma a \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$. Then $a\Gamma a \subseteq A_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \Delta$.

Since A_α is completely prime, $a \in A_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \Delta$ and hence $a \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$.

Therefore $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal.

THEOREM 4.8: Let S be a commutative Γ -semigroup. A Γ -ideal A of S is completely semiprime iff semiprime.

Proof : Suppose A is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal of S . By theorem 4.3, A is semiprime.

Conversely Suppose that A is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S . Let $x \in S$ and $x\Gamma x \subseteq A$.

Now $x\Gamma x \subseteq A \Rightarrow s\Gamma x\Gamma x \subseteq A$ for all $s \in S \Rightarrow x\Gamma s\Gamma x \subseteq A$ for all $s \in S \Rightarrow x\Gamma S\Gamma x \subseteq A \Rightarrow x \in A$, since A is semiprime. Therefore A is completely semiprime.

DEFINITION 4.9: A non empty subset A of a Γ -Semigroup S is said to be an n -system provided for any $a \in A$, there exists an $x \in S$ and some $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta a \in A$.

THEOREM 4.10: A Γ -ideal Q of a Γ -Semigroup S is a semiprime Γ -ideal iff $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system or empty.

Proof : Suppose that Q is a semiprime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S and $S \setminus Q \neq \emptyset$.

Let $a \in S \setminus Q$. Then $a \notin Q$. Suppose if possible there exist no $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta a \in S \setminus Q$. Then $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq Q$. Since Q is semiprime, $a \in Q$. It is a contradiction.

Therefore there exists an $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta a \in S \setminus Q$ and hence $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system.

Conversely suppose that $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system or $S \setminus Q = \emptyset$. If $S \setminus Q$ is empty then $Q = S$ and hence Q is semiprime. Assume that $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system of S .

Let $a \in S$ and $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq Q$. Suppose if possible $a \notin Q$. Then $a \in S \setminus Q$.

Since $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system, there exists an $x \in S$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ such that $a\alpha x\beta a \in S \setminus Q$. Thus $a\alpha x\beta a \notin Q$ and hence $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \not\subseteq Q$. It is a contradiction. Hence $a \in Q$. Therefore Q is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 4.11: If N is an n -system in a Γ -Semigroup S and $a \in N$, then there exists an m -system M in S such that $a \in M$ and $M \subseteq N$.

Proof: We construct a subset M of N as follows. Define $a_1 = a$. Since $a_1 \in N$ and $a_1\alpha x\beta a_1 \subseteq N$, for some $x \in S$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ and hence $(a_1\Gamma S\Gamma a_1) \cap N \neq \emptyset$. Let $a_2 \in (a_1\Gamma S\Gamma a_1) \cap N$. Since $a_2 \in N$, $(a_2\Gamma S\Gamma a_2) \cap N \neq \emptyset$ and so on. In general, if a_i has been defined with $a_i \in N$, choose a_{i+1} as an element of $(a_i\Gamma S\Gamma a_i) \cap N$. So, let $M = \{ a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots \}$. Now, $a \in M$ and $M \subseteq N$. We show that M is an m -system. Let $a_i, a_j \in M$ (for $i \leq j$). Then $a_{j+1} \in a_j\Gamma S\Gamma a_j \subseteq a_i\Gamma S\Gamma a_i \Rightarrow a_{j+1} = a_i\alpha x\beta a_j$, $x \in S$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. But $a_{j+1} \in M$, so $a_{j+1} = a_i\alpha x\beta a_j \in M$, for $x \in S$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Therefore M is an m -system.

THEOREM 4.12 [8]: Every completely semiprime Γ -ideal A in a Γ -Semigroup S is a pseudo symmetric Γ -ideal .

THEOREM 4.13 [8]: A Γ -ideal A of a Γ -semigroup S is completely prime Γ -ideal if and only if A is a prime Γ -ideal and A is a pseudo symmetric Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 4.14[8]: Every prime Γ -ideal P minimal relative to containing a completely semiprime Γ -ideal A in a Γ -semigroup S is completely prime.

5. PRIME Γ -RADICAL:

NOTATION 5.1: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then we associate the following four types of sets.

$A_1 =$ The intersection of all completely prime Γ -ideals of S containing A .

$A_2 = \{x \in S : (x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq A \text{ for some natural number } n \}$

$A_3 =$ The intersection of all prime ideals of S containing A .

$A_4 = \{x \in S : (\langle x \rangle \Gamma)^{n-1} \langle x \rangle \subseteq A \text{ for some natural number } n \}$

THEOREM 5.2: If A is a Γ - ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then $A \subseteq A_4 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_1$.

Proof: (i) $A \subseteq A_4$: Let $x \in A$. Then $(\langle x \rangle \Gamma)^0 \langle x \rangle \subseteq A$ and hence $x \in A_4$. $\therefore A \subseteq A_4$.

(ii) $A_4 \subseteq A_3$: Let $x \in A_4$. Then $(\langle x \rangle \Gamma)^{n-1} \langle x \rangle \subseteq A$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let P be any prime Γ -ideal of S containing A . Then $(\langle x \rangle \Gamma)^{n-1} \langle x \rangle \subseteq A \Rightarrow (\langle x \rangle \Gamma)^{n-1} \langle x \rangle \subseteq P$.

Since P is prime, $\langle x \rangle \subseteq P$ and hence $x \in P$. Since this is true for all prime Γ -ideals P containing A , $x \in A_3$. Therefore $A_4 \subseteq A_3$.

(iii) $A_3 \subseteq A_2$: Let $x \in A_3$. Suppose if possible $x \notin A_2$. Then $(x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \not\subseteq A$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider $T = \cup (x\Gamma)^{n-1}x$, where $x \in S$ and n is a natural number.

Let $a, b \in T$. Then $a \in (x\Gamma)^{r-1}x$, $b \in (x\Gamma)^{s-1}x$ for some $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore $a\Gamma b = (x\Gamma)^{r-1}x\Gamma(x\Gamma)^{s-1}x = (x\Gamma)^{r+s-1}x \subseteq T$. Therefore T is a Γ -subsemigroup of S and T is a c -system of S and $x \in T$. By theorem 3.4, $P = S \setminus T$ is a completely prime Γ -ideal of S and $x \notin P$. By theorem 3.5, P is prime Γ -ideal of S and $x \notin P$.

Therefore $x \notin A_3$. It is a contradiction. $\therefore x \in A_2$ and hence $A_3 \subseteq A_2$.

(iv) $A_2 \subseteq A_1$: Let $x \in A_2$. Now $x \in A_2 \implies (x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq A$ for some natural number n . Let P be any completely prime Γ -ideal of S containing A . Then $(x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq A \subseteq P \implies (x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq P \implies x \in P$. Therefore $x \in A_1$. Therefore $A_2 \subseteq A_1$. Hence $A \subseteq A_4 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_1$.

THEOREM 5.3: In a commutative Γ -semigroup S , $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4$.

Proof : By theorem 3.6, in a commutative Γ -semigroup S , a Γ -ideal P is a prime Γ -ideal iff P is a completely prime Γ -ideal. So $A_1 = A_3$. By theorem 5.2, $A_4 \subseteq A_2$.

Now $x \in A_2$ then $(x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq A$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By theorem 2.21, every commutative Γ -semigroup is pseudo symmetric. By theorem 2.22, $(\langle x \rangle\Gamma)^{n-1}\langle x \rangle \subseteq A \implies x \in A_4$. Therefore $A_2 \subseteq A_4$ and hence

$A_2 = A_4$. Now $A_2 \subseteq A_4$, $A_4 \subseteq A_3 \implies A_2 \subseteq A_3$. We have $A_3 \subseteq A_2$, $\implies A_2 = A_3$. Hence $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4$.

NOTE 5.4: In an arbitrary Γ -semigroup $A_1 \neq A_2 \neq A_3 \neq A_4$.

EXAMPLE 5.5: Let S be the free Γ -semigroup generated by two alphabets a, b . It is clear that $A = S\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma S$ is a Γ -ideal in S . Since $(a\Gamma)^3a \subseteq S\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma S = A$, We have $a \in A_2$. Evidently $(a\Gamma b\Gamma)^{n-1}a\Gamma b \not\subseteq S\Gamma a\Gamma a\Gamma S$ for all natural number n and thus $a\Gamma b \notin A_2$. Thus A_2 is not a Γ -ideal in S . Therefore $A_1 \neq A_2$ and $A_2 \neq A_3$.

EXAMPLE 5.6: Let S be the free Γ -semigroup over the countable infinite alphabet $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ and Γ as $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots\}$. Consider the Γ -ideal $A = \bigcup_{l(s)>1} (\langle s \rangle\Gamma)^{l(s)-1}\langle s \rangle$,

where $l(s)$ is the length of the word s . For any $s \in S$, $\langle x_l\Gamma s\Gamma x_l \rangle^{l(s)+1} \langle x_l\Gamma s\Gamma x_l \rangle \subseteq A$ and hence $x_l\Gamma s\Gamma x_l \subseteq A_4$ for all $s \in S$. If $A_3 = A_4$, then A_4 is a semiprime Γ -ideal and hence $x_l \in A_4$. Therefore $(\langle x_l \rangle\Gamma)^{n-1}\langle x_l \rangle \subseteq A$ for some natural number n .

Consider the word $t = x_1\alpha_1x_2\alpha_2x_1\alpha_3x_3\alpha_4x_1\dots\dots\alpha_{n-1}x_1\alpha_nx_{n+1}$. Now $t \in \langle x_l\Gamma \rangle^{n-1}\langle x_l \rangle \subseteq A$. So $t \in \langle s\Gamma \rangle^{l(s)-1}\langle s \rangle$ for some $s \in S$ with $l(s) > 1$. Thus in t , s occurs at least two times, which is a contradiction. So $A_3 \neq A_4$.

DEFINITION 5.7: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then the intersection of all prime Γ -ideals of S containing A is called **prime Γ -radical** or simply **Γ -radical** of A and it is denoted by \sqrt{A} or **rad A** .

DEFINITION 5.8: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then the intersection of all completely prime Γ -ideals of S containing A is called **complete prime Γ -radical** or simply **complete Γ -radical** of A and it is denoted by **c. rad A** .

NOTE 5.9: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S then **rad A = A_3** and **c. rad A = A_4** .

THEOREM 5.10: If $a \in \sqrt{A}$, then there exist a positive integer n such that $(a\Gamma)^{n-1}a \subseteq A$.

Proof : By theorem 5.2, $A_3 \subseteq A_2$ and hence $a \in \sqrt{A} = A_3 \subseteq A_2$. Therefore $(a\Gamma)^{n-1}a \subseteq A$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 5.11: If A is a Γ -ideal of a commutative Γ -semigroup S , then $rad A = c.rad A$

Proof : By theorem 5.3, $rad A = c.rad A$.

THEOREM 5.12: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S then $c.rad A$ is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

Proof : By theorem 4.7, $c.rad A$ is a completely semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 5.13: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S then \sqrt{A} is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

Proof : By theorem 4.5, \sqrt{A} is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S .

THEOREM 5.14: If A and B are any two Γ -ideals of a Γ -Semigroup S , then

- (i) $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \sqrt{A} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$.
- (ii) $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} = \sqrt{A \cap B} = \sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B}$.
- (iii) $\sqrt{\sqrt{A}} = \sqrt{A}$.

Proof: (i) Suppose that $A \subseteq B$. If P is a prime Γ -ideal containing B then P is a prime Γ -ideal containing A . Therefore $\sqrt{A} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$.

(ii) Let P be a prime Γ -ideal containing $A\Gamma B$. Then $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \cap B \subseteq P$. Therefore P is a prime Γ -ideal containing $A \cap B$.

Therefore $\sqrt{A \cap B} \subseteq \sqrt{A\Gamma B}$. Now let P be a prime Γ -ideal containing $A \cap B$.

Since A is a Γ -ideal of S , $A\Gamma B \subseteq A\Gamma S \subseteq A$. Since B is a Γ -ideal of S , $A\Gamma B \subseteq S\Gamma B \subseteq B$.

Therefore $A\Gamma B \subseteq A \cap B \subseteq P \Rightarrow A\Gamma B \subseteq P$.

Hence P is a prime Γ -ideal containing $A\Gamma B$. Therefore $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} \subseteq \sqrt{A \cap B}$.

Therefore $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} = \sqrt{A \cap B}$. Now $A\Gamma B \subseteq A$, $A\Gamma B \subseteq B \Rightarrow \sqrt{A\Gamma B} \subseteq \sqrt{A}$, $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$, by condition (i). Hence $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} \subseteq \sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B}$.

Let $x \in \sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B}$. Then $x \in \sqrt{A}$ and $x \in \sqrt{B}$.

Suppose if possible $x \notin \sqrt{A\Gamma B}$. Then there exists a prime Γ -ideal P containing $(A\Gamma B)$ and not containing x . $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \Rightarrow$ either $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.

If $A \subseteq P$ then P is a prime Γ -ideal containing A and not containing $x \Rightarrow x \notin \sqrt{A}$.

If $B \subseteq P$ then P is a prime Γ -ideal containing B and not containing $x \Rightarrow x \notin \sqrt{B}$.

It is a contradiction. Therefore $x \in \sqrt{A\Gamma B}$. Therefore $\sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B} \subseteq \sqrt{A\Gamma B}$.

Therefore $\sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B} = \sqrt{A\Gamma B}$. Hence $\sqrt{A\Gamma B} = \sqrt{A \cap B} = \sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B}$.

(iii) \sqrt{A} = The intersection of all prime Γ -ideals of S containing A .

Now $\sqrt{(\sqrt{A})} =$ The intersection of all prime Γ -ideals of S containing \sqrt{A} .
 $=$ The intersection of all prime Γ -ideals of S containing $A = \sqrt{A}$.

Therefore $\sqrt{(\sqrt{A})} = \sqrt{A}$.

THEOREM 5.15: If P is a prime Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S , then $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{n-1}P)} = P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof: We use induction on n , to prove $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{n-1}P)} = P$. First we prove that $\sqrt{P} = P$.

Since P is a prime Γ -ideal, $P \subseteq \sqrt{P} \subseteq P \Rightarrow \sqrt{P} = P$.

Assume that $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{k-1}P)} = P$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 \leq k < n$.

Now $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^kP)} = \sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{k-1}P\Gamma P)} = \sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{k-1}P \cap P)} = \sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{k-1}P)} \cap \sqrt{P}$
 $= \sqrt{P} \cap \sqrt{P} = P \cap P = P$. Therefore $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^kP)} = P$.

By induction $\sqrt{((P\Gamma)^{n-1}P)} = P$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 5.16: In a Γ -semigroup S with identity there is a unique maximal Γ -ideal M such that $\sqrt{((M\Gamma)^{n-1}M)} = M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof: Since S contains identity, S is a globally idempotent Γ -semigroup. Since M is a maximal Γ -ideal of S , by theorem 3.11, M is prime. By theorem 5.15, $\sqrt{((M\Gamma)^{n-1}M)} = M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 5.17: If A is a Γ -ideal of a Γ -semigroup S then $\sqrt{A} = \{x \in S : \text{every } m\text{-system of } S \text{ containing } x \text{ meets } A\}$ i.e, $\sqrt{A} = \{x \in S : M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$.

Proof: Suppose that $x \in \sqrt{A}$. Let M be an m -system containing x . Then $S \setminus M$ is a prime Γ -ideal of S and $x \notin S \setminus M$. If $M \cap A = \emptyset$ then $A \subseteq S \setminus M$. Since $S \setminus M$ is a prime Γ -ideal containing A , $\sqrt{A} \subseteq S \setminus M$ and hence $x \in S \setminus M$. It is a contradiction. Therefore $M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

Hence $x \in \{x \in S : M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$. Conversely suppose that $x \in \{x \in S : M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$.

Suppose if possible $x \notin \sqrt{A}$. Then there exists a prime Γ -ideal P such that $x \notin P$. Now $S \setminus P$ is an m -system and $x \in S \setminus P$. Therefore $A \subseteq P \Rightarrow S \setminus P \cap A = \emptyset \Rightarrow x \notin \{x \in S : M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$.

It is a contradiction. Therefore $x \in \sqrt{A}$. Thus $\sqrt{A} = \{x \in S : M(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$.

THEOREM 5.18: A Γ -ideal Q of Γ -Semigroup S is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S iff

$$\sqrt{(Q)} = Q.$$

Proof: Suppose that Q is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S . Clearly $Q \subseteq \sqrt{Q}$.

Suppose if possible $\sqrt{Q} \not\subseteq Q$. Let $a \in \sqrt{Q}$ and $a \notin Q$. Now $a \notin Q \Rightarrow a \in S \setminus Q$ and Q is semiprime. By theorem 4.10, $S \setminus Q$ is an n -system. By theorem 4.11, there exists an m -system M such that $a \in M \subseteq S \setminus Q$. Now $Q \subseteq S \setminus M$ and $a \notin S \setminus M$. By theorem 3.9, $S \setminus M$ is a prime Γ -ideal of S , It is a contradiction. Therefore $\sqrt{Q} \subseteq Q$. Hence $\sqrt{Q} = Q$. Conversely

Suppose that Q is a Γ -ideal of S such that $\sqrt{Q} = Q$. By theorem 5.13, \sqrt{Q} is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S . Therefore Q is semiprime.

COROLLARY 5.19 : **If A is a Γ - ideal of a Γ -Semigroup S , then $\sqrt{(A)}$ is the smallest semiprime Γ - ideal of S containig A .**

Proof: By the theorem 5.14, $\sqrt{(\sqrt{(A)})} = \sqrt{A}$ and hence by theorem 5.18, $\sqrt{(A)}$ is a semiprime Γ -ideal of S . Clearly $A \subseteq \sqrt{A}$. Let Q be any semiprime Γ - ideal of S containing A . By theorem 5.14, $A \subseteq Q \Rightarrow \sqrt{(A)} \subseteq \sqrt{(Q)}$. Since Q is semiprime. By theorem 5.18, $\sqrt{(Q)} = Q$. Therefore, $\sqrt{(A)} \subseteq Q$. Hence $\sqrt{(A)}$ is the smallest semiprime Γ - ideal of S containing A .

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