# ON THE DECOMPOSITION OF PRIME IDEALS OF ORDERED $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUPS INTO THEIR $\mathcal N$ -CLASSES

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we show that every ideal of an  $\mathcal{N}$ -class of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup does not contain proper prime ideals. Similar results on ordered semigroups were presented by Kehayopulu and Tsingelis in [2] and on semigroups can be founded in [3, II.2.11].

### 1. Preliminaries

In 1986, Sen and Saha [4] defined  $\Gamma$ -semigroup as a generalization of semigroup as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** Let S and  $\Gamma$  be two nonempty sets. Then S is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if there is a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \to S$ , written as  $(x, \gamma, y) \mapsto x\gamma y$ , such that  $(x\gamma y)\beta z = x\gamma(y\beta z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in S$  and all  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

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Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a semigroup and  $\Gamma$  be a nonempty set. For  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , let  $x\gamma y$  be defined by  $x\gamma y = x \cdot y$ . Then S is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

Let S be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For  $A, B \subseteq S$ , let

$$A\Gamma B = \{a\gamma b \mid a \in A, b \in B, \gamma \in \Gamma\}.$$

For  $x \in S$ , let  $A\Gamma x = A\Gamma\{x\}$  and  $x\Gamma A = \{x\}\Gamma A$ .

In [5], Sen and Seth introduced an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup as a generalization of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup as follows:

**Definition 1.2.** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is called an *ordered*  $\Gamma$ -semigroup (po- $\Gamma$ -semigroup) if there is a relation  $\leq$  on S such that  $x \leq y$  implies  $x\gamma z \leq y\gamma z$  and  $z\gamma x \leq z\gamma y$  for any  $x, y, z \in S$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

Let *S* be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. For  $x, y \in S$ , let  $x \le y$  if x = y. Then *S* is an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  be an ordered Γ-semigroup. A nonempty subset T of S is called a Γ-subsemigroup of S if  $T\Gamma T \subseteq T$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  be an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A nonempty subset I of S is called an *ideal* of S if the following hold:

- (i)  $S\Gamma I \subseteq I$  and  $I\Gamma S \subseteq I$ .
- (ii) If  $x \in I$  and  $y \in S$  such that  $y \le x$ , then  $y \in I$ .

**Definition 1.5.** An ideal *I* of an ordered Γ-semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  is said to be *prime* if for  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $x\gamma y \in I$  implies  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ .

In [1], the author introduced filters in ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroups as follows:

**Definition 1.6.** A  $\Gamma$ -subsemigroup F of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  is called a *filter* of S if the following hold:

- (i) For  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $x\gamma y \in F$  implies  $x \in F$  and  $y \in F$ .
- (ii) For  $x \in F$  and  $y \in S$ ,  $x \le y$  implies  $y \in F$ .

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An ideal (resp. filter) F of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is said to be *proper* if  $F \neq S$ .

Let  $F = \{F_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a nonempty family of filters of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$ . If  $\bigcap F \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap F \neq \emptyset$  is a filter of S. In fact: Assume that  $\bigcap F \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcap F \neq \emptyset$  is a  $\Gamma$ -subsemigroup of S. Let  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  be such that  $x\gamma y \in \Gamma$ . Since  $x\gamma y \in F_i$  for all  $i \in I$ , we have  $x \in \Gamma$  and  $y \in \Gamma$ . Let  $x \in \Gamma$  and  $y \in S$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . For  $i \in I$ , since  $x \in F_i$ , we obtain  $y \in F_i$ . Thus  $y \in \Gamma$ .

For an element x of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$ , let N(x) be the filter of S generated by x(N(x)) is the intersection of all filters of S containing x). The equivalent relation  $\mathcal{N}$  is defined on S by

$$\mathcal{N} = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid N(x) = N(y)\}.$$

For  $x \in S$ , the  $\mathcal{N}$  -class of S containing x will be denoted by  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ .  $\mathcal{N}$  is a congruence on S (that is, for  $x, y, z \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{N}$  implies  $(x\gamma z, y\gamma z) \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $(z\gamma x, z\gamma y) \in \mathcal{N}$ ). Using this fact, the set  $S/\mathcal{N} = \{(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \mid x \in S\}$  forms a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup defined by

$$(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \gamma(y)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x\gamma y)_{\mathcal{N}}$$

for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . For  $x, y \in S$ , the following hold:

- (1)  $(x, x\gamma x) \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Indeed: Since  $x\gamma x \in N(x)$ , we have  $N(x) \subseteq N(x\gamma x)$ . Since  $x\gamma x \in N(x\gamma x)$ , we obtain  $x \in N(x\gamma x)$ . Then  $N(x\gamma x) \subseteq N(x)$ .
- (2)  $(x\gamma y, y\beta x) \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ . In fact: Since  $x\gamma y \in N(x\gamma y)$ , we have  $x \in N(x\gamma y)$  and  $y \in N(x\gamma y)$ . Since  $y\beta x \in N(x\gamma y)$ , we have  $N(y\beta x) \subseteq N(x\gamma y)$ . Similarly,  $N(x\gamma y) \subseteq N(y\beta x)$ .
- (3)  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -subsemigroup of S. Indeed: Clearly,  $x \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y, z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $(y)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $(z)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , we have  $(y\gamma z)_{\mathcal{N}} = (y)_{\mathcal{N}} \gamma(z)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \gamma(x)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x\gamma x)_{\mathcal{N}} = (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Then  $y\gamma z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ .

The purpose of this paper is to show that every ideal of an  $\mathcal{N}$ -class of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup does not contain proper prime ideals. Similar results on ordered semigroups were presented by Kehayopulu and Tsingelis in [2].

### 2. Main Results

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  be an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $x, y \in S$ . If  $x \leq y$ , then  $(x, x\gamma y) \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $x \le y$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $x \in N(x)$  and  $x \le y$ , we have  $y \in N(x)$ . Since  $x\gamma y \in N(x)$ , we obtain  $N(x\gamma y) \subseteq N(x)$ . Since  $x\gamma y \in N(x\gamma y)$ , we have  $x \in N(x\gamma y)$ . Then  $N(x) \subseteq N(x\gamma y)$ . Therefore,  $N(x) = N(x\gamma y)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** An ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  does not contain proper filters if and only if S does not contain proper prime ideals.

- **Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  does not contain proper filters. Suppose that I is a proper prime ideal of S. Then  $S \setminus I \neq \emptyset$ . Note that  $S \setminus (S \setminus I)$  is a prime ideal of S. Moreover,  $S \setminus I$  is a filter. Indeed: Let  $x, y \in S \setminus I$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since  $x, y \notin I$  and I is prime, we have  $x\gamma y \notin I$ . Thus  $x\gamma y \in S \setminus I$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Since I is an ideal of S, it follows that for  $x, y \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$  implies  $x\gamma y \in I$ . Let  $x \in S \setminus I$  and  $y \in S$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . If  $y \in I$ , then  $x \in I$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $S \setminus I$  is a filter of S. By assumption,  $S \setminus I = S$ . Then  $I = \emptyset$ . A contradiction.
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that S does not contain proper prime ideals. Let T be a proper filter of S. Then  $S \setminus T \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in (S \setminus T) \Gamma S$  and  $z \notin S \setminus T$ . Then  $z = x \gamma y$  for some  $x \in S \setminus T$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $y \in S$ . Since  $z \in T$ ,  $x \gamma y \in T$ . Since T is filter, we have  $x \in T$  and  $y \in T$ . Thus  $x \in T$ . A contradiction  $(x \in S \setminus T)$ . This proves that  $(S \setminus T) \Gamma S \subseteq S \setminus T$ . Similarly,  $S\Gamma(S \setminus T) \subseteq S \setminus T$ . For  $x, y \in S$  and  $y \in \Gamma$ , if  $x, y \notin S \setminus T$ , then  $x \gamma y \notin S \setminus T$ . Therefore,  $S \setminus T$  is a prime ideal of S. Since  $S \setminus T = S$ , we obtain  $T = \emptyset$ . A contradiction.

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**Lemma 2.3.** Let T be a filter of an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  and  $z, x \in S$ . If  $x \in T \cap (z)_N$ , then  $(z)_N \subseteq T$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $x \in T \cap (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Since  $x \in (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , we have  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}} = (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , that is, N(x) = N(z). Let  $y \in (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Then N(y) = N(z) = N(x). So  $y \in N(x)$ . Since  $x \in T$ , we have  $N(x) \subseteq T$ . Thus  $y \in T$ .

Now, we prove the main result.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  be an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $z \in S$ . If I is an ideal of  $(z)_N$ , then I does not contain proper prime ideals of I.

**Proof.** Assume that *I* is an ideal of  $(z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . By Lemma 2.2, we shall show that *I* does not contain proper filters. Let *F* be a filter of *I* and  $a \in F$ . Let

$$T = \{ x \in S \, | \, a\Gamma a\Gamma x \subseteq F \}.$$

- (1)  $F = T \cap I$ . Indeed: Let  $y \in F$ . Clearly,  $y \in I$ . Since  $a\Gamma a \subseteq F$ , we have  $a\Gamma a\Gamma y \subseteq F$ . Then  $y \in T$ . Thus  $F \subseteq T \cap I$ . Let  $y \in T \cap I$ . Since  $y \in T$ , we have  $a\Gamma a\Gamma y \subseteq F$ . Since F is filter,  $y \in F$ . Then  $T \cap I \subseteq F$ .
  - (2) T is a filter of S. In fact: since  $a\Gamma a\Gamma a \subseteq F$ ,  $a \in T \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $x, y \in T$ . Since  $a\Gamma a\Gamma y \subseteq F$  and  $F \subseteq I \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , we have  $a\Gamma a\Gamma y \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Thus  $y\Gamma a \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Since  $a \in I$ , by assumption, we obtain  $y\Gamma a\Gamma a \subseteq I$ . Since  $(a\Gamma a)\Gamma(y\Gamma a\Gamma a)=(a\Gamma a\Gamma y)\Gamma(a\Gamma a)\subseteq F$ , we have  $y\Gamma a\Gamma a\subseteq F$ . Similarly,  $a\Gamma a\Gamma x \subseteq F$  implies  $a\Gamma x \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . For  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$(a\gamma x\beta y)_{\mathcal{N}} = (a\gamma x)_{\mathcal{N}}\beta(a\gamma y)_{\mathcal{N}} \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}.$$

This implies  $a\Gamma x\Gamma y \subseteq (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Therefore,  $a\Gamma a\Gamma x\Gamma y \subseteq I$ . This proves that  $a\Gamma a\Gamma x$ ,  $y\Gamma a\Gamma a \subseteq F$  implies  $(a\Gamma a\Gamma x)\Gamma(y\Gamma a\Gamma a) \subseteq F$ . Since  $(a\Gamma a\Gamma x\Gamma y)\Gamma(a\Gamma a) \subseteq F$ ,  $a\Gamma a\Gamma x\Gamma y \subseteq F$ . Then  $x\Gamma y \subseteq T$ . Let  $x \in T$  and  $y \in S$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Since  $a\Gamma a\Gamma x \subseteq F$ ,  $a\Gamma a\Gamma y \subseteq F$ . Then  $y \in T$ .

(3) Since  $a \in T \cap (z)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , by Lemma 2.3,  $(z)_{\mathcal{N}} \subseteq T$ . Then  $F = T \cap I$  = I.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $(S, \Gamma, \leq)$  be an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and I be prime ideal of S. Then

$$I = \bigcup \{(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \mid x \in I\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $t \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  for some  $x \in I$ . Since  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  is an ideal of  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ , by Theorem 2.4,  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  does not contain proper prime ideals. We claim that  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$  is a prime ideal of  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Using the claim,  $(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I = (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . Thus  $t \in I$ .

Clearly,  $\emptyset \neq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I \subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$ . We have

$$(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma((x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I) \subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma I$$

$$\subseteq (x\Gamma x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma I$$

$$= (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma I$$

$$\subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap S\Gamma I$$

$$\subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$$

and

$$((x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I)\Gamma(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}}\Gamma(x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I\Gamma(x)_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$\subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I\Gamma S$$
$$\subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I.$$

Let  $y \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$  and  $z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}}$  be such that  $y \leq z$ . Since  $y \in I$ ,  $z \in I$ . Then  $z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$ .

Let  $y, z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  be such that  $y\gamma z \subseteq (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$ . Since  $x\gamma y \in I$ ,  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ . Thus  $y \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$  or  $z \in (x)_{\mathcal{N}} \cap I$ .

Hence, we have the claim.

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