

### Primary Decomposition in A $\Gamma$ -Semigroup

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper the terms P-primary, primary decomposition of a  $\Gamma$ -ideal, reduced primary decomposition of a  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S are introduced. If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideals in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then it is proved that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$  is also a P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. If a  $\Gamma$ -ideal A in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S has a primary decomposition, then it is proved that A has a reduced primary decomposition. Further it is proved that every  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a (left, right) duo noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S has a reduced (right, left) primary decomposition. If A and B are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then it is proved that  $A^l(B) = \{x \in S : \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A\}$  and  $A^r(B) = \{x \in S : B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A\}$  are  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S containing A. Further it is proved that (1) if A is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then  $A^l(B)$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal, (2) if A is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then  $A^r(B)$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. It is proved that if Q is a P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and if  $A \not\subseteq P$ , then  $Q^l(A) = Q^r(A) = Q$  and also if  $A \subseteq P$  and  $A \not\subseteq Q$ , then  $\sqrt{(Q^l(A))} = \sqrt{(Q^r(A))} = \sqrt{Q}$ . If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B$  are  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then it is

proved that  $\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right)^l(B) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (A_i)^l(B)$ . Further if a  $\Gamma$ -ideal A in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S has two reduced (one sided) primary decompositions;  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k = B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_s$ , where  $A_i$  is  $P_i$ -primary and  $B_j$  is  $Q_j$ -primary, then it is proved that  $k = s$  and after reindexing if necessary  $P_i = Q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION :

$\Gamma$ -semigroup was introduced by Sen and Saha [16] as a generalization of semigroup. Satyanarayana[14], [15] initiated the study of primary ideals in commutative semigroups and obtained primary decomposition theorem in commutative noetherian semigroups. Anjaneyulu. A [1], [2] and [3] initiated the study of primary ideals, semiprimary ideals in general semigroups and obtained primary decomposition theorem for ideals in a duo noetherian semigroups. Madhusudhana Rao, Anjaneyulu and Gangadhara Rao [8], and [11] initiated the study of  $\Gamma$ -ideals, prime  $\Gamma$ -radicals, Primary  $\Gamma$ -ideals and semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups. In this paper we establish a ‘primary decomposition theorem’ in duo noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroups. Also we obtain a necessary condition to have a unique reduced primary decomposition for a  $\Gamma$ -ideal in an arbitrary  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES :

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

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

**DEFINITION 2.3** : A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be *commutative  $\Gamma$ -semigroup* 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  $\Gamma$ -semigroup then  $a \Gamma b = b \Gamma a$  for all  $a, b \in S$ .

**NOTE 2.5** : Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $a, b \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $aaaab$  is denoted by  $(a\alpha)^2 b$  and consequently  $a \alpha a \alpha a \alpha \dots (n \text{ terms}) b$  is denoted by  $(a\alpha)^n b$ .

**DEFINITION 2.6** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *left  $\Gamma$ -ideal* of  $S$  if  $s \in S, a \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma$  implies  $s\alpha a \in A$ .

**NOTE 2.7** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a left  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$  iff  $S\Gamma A \subseteq A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.8** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *right  $\Gamma$ -ideal* of  $S$  if  $s \in S, a \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma$  implies  $a\alpha s \in A$ .

**NOTE 2.9** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a right  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$  iff  $A\Gamma S \subseteq A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.10** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *two sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal* or simply a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  if  $s \in S, a \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma$  imply  $s\alpha a \in A, a\alpha s \in A$ .

**NOTE 2.11** : A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a two sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal iff it is both a left  $\Gamma$ -ideal and a right  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.12 :** The nonempty intersection of any two (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.13 :** The nonempty intersection of any family of (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.14 :** The union of any two (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.15 :** The union of any family of (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a (left or right)  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.16 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *proper  $\Gamma$ -ideal* of  $S$  if  $A$  is different from  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.17 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *trivial  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided  $S \setminus A$  is singleton.

**DEFINITION 2.18 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided  $A$  is a proper  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  and is not properly contained in any proper  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.19 :** If  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with unity  $1$  then the union of all proper  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  is the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.20 :** A  $\Gamma$ - semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *left duo  $\Gamma$ - semigroup* provided every left  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$  is a two sided  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.21 :** A  $\Gamma$ - semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *right duo  $\Gamma$ - semigroup* provided every right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  is a two sided  $\Gamma$ - ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.22 :** A  $\Gamma$ - semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *duo  $\Gamma$ - semigroup* provided it is both a left duo  $\Gamma$ - semigroup and a right duo  $\Gamma$ - semigroup.

**THEOREM 2.23 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if and only if  $x\Gamma S^1 = S^1\Gamma x$  for all  $x \in S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.24 :** A  $\Gamma$ - ideal  $P$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *completely prime  $\Gamma$ - ideal* provided  $x, y \in S$  and  $x\Gamma y \subseteq P$  implies either  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ .

**DEFINITION 2.25 :** A  $\Gamma$ - ideal  $P$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *prime  $\Gamma$ - ideal* provided  $A, B$  are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  and  $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \Rightarrow$  either  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$ .

**THEOREM 2.26 :** A  $\Gamma$ - ideal  $P$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ - ideal iff  $a, b \in S$  such that  $a\Gamma S^1\Gamma b \subseteq P$ , then either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ .

**THEOREM 2.27 :** Every completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.28 :** Let  $S$  be a commutative  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $P$  of  $S$  is prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal if and only if  $P$  is a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**DEFINITION 2.29 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *completely semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided  $x\Gamma x \subseteq A$  ;  $x \in S$  implies  $x \in A$ .

**THEOREM 2.30 :** Every completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a completely semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.31 :** The nonempty intersection of any family completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a completely semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.32 :** A  $\Gamma$ - ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided  $x \in S$ ,  $x\Gamma S^l\Gamma x \subseteq A$  implies  $x \in A$ .

**THEOREM 2.33 :** Every completely semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.34 :** Let  $S$  be a commutative  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is completely semiprime iff semiprime.

**THEOREM 2.35 :** Every prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 2.36 :** The nonempty intersection of any family of prime  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is a semiprime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**NOTATION 2.37 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then we associate the following four types of sets.

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

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

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

$A_4 = \{x \in S : (<x>\Gamma)^{n-l}<x> \subseteq A \text{ for some natural number } n \}$

**THEOREM 2.38 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then  $A \subseteq A_4 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_1$ .

**THEOREM 2.39 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  then  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4$ .

**DEFINITION 2.40 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then the intersection of all prime  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$  is called *prime  $\Gamma$ -radical* or simply  *$\Gamma$ -radical* of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $\sqrt{A}$  or *rad  $A$* .

**DEFINITION 2.41 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then the intersection of all completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  containing  $A$  is called *complete prime  $\Gamma$ -radical* or simply *complete  $\Gamma$ -radical* of  $A$  and it is denoted by *c. rad  $A$* .

**NOTE 2.42 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  then *rad  $A$*  =  $A_3$  and *c.rad  $A$*  =  $A_4$ .

**THEOREM 2.43 :** If  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then *rad  $A$*  = *c.rad  $A$*

**THEOREM 2.44 :** If  $A$  and  $B$  are any two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -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)  $\sqrt{\sqrt{A}} = \sqrt{A}$ .

**THEOREM 2.45 :** If A and B are any two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then

- (i)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow c.rad A \subseteq c.rad B$ .
- (ii)  $c.rad (A\Gamma B) = c.rad (A\cap B) = c.rad (A) \cap c.rad (B)$ .
- (iii)  $c.rad (c.rad A) = c.rad A$ .

### 3. PRIMARY IDEALS:

**DEFINITION 3.1 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal A of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is said to be a *left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided

- i) If X, Y are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A$  then  $X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .
- ii)  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of S.

**DEFINITION 3.2:** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal A of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is said to be a *right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided

- i) If X, Y are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $X \not\subseteq A$  then  $Y \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .
- ii)  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of S.

**DEFINITION 3.3 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal A of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is said to be a *primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal* provided A is both a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**THEOREM 3.4 :** Let A be a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S. Then X, Y are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$  if and only if  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

**Proof :** Suppose that X, Y are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$ ,  $Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A$ . Now  $y \notin A \Rightarrow \langle y \rangle \not\subseteq A$ .

By supposition  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $\langle y \rangle \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Therefore  $x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Conversely suppose that  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Let X, Y be two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A$ .

Suppose if possible  $X \not\subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin \sqrt{A}$ .

Since  $Y \not\subseteq A$ , let  $y \in Y$  so that  $y \notin A$ .

Now  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{A}$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore  $X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

**THEOREM 3.5 :** Let A be a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S. Then X, Y are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $X \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow Y \subseteq \sqrt{A}$  if and only if  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $x \notin A \Rightarrow y \in \sqrt{A}$ .

**Proof :** Suppose that  $X, Y$  are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A, X \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow Y \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $x, y \in S, \langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $x \notin A$ . Now  $x \notin A \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \not\subseteq A$ .

By supposition  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $\langle x \rangle \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow \langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Therefore  $y \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Conversely suppose that  $x, y \in S, \langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $x \notin A \Rightarrow y \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$  such that  $X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $X \not\subseteq A$ .

Suppose if possible  $Y \not\subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Then there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \notin \sqrt{A}$ .

Since  $X \not\subseteq A$ , let  $x \in X$  so that  $x \notin A$ .

Now  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $x \notin A \Rightarrow y \in \sqrt{A}$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore  $Y \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

**THEOREM 3.6 :** Let  $S$  be a commutative  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $A$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1)  $A$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

2)  $X, Y$  are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S, X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

3)  $x, y \in S, x\Gamma y \subseteq A, y \notin A \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Suppose that  $A$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

Then  $A$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

So by definition 3.1, we get  $X, Y$  are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S, X\Gamma Y \subseteq A, Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose that  $X, Y$  are two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S, X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $x, y \in S, x\Gamma y \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A$ .

$x\Gamma y \subseteq A \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$ . Also  $y \notin A \Rightarrow \langle y \rangle \not\subseteq A$ .

Now  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $\langle y \rangle \not\subseteq A$ . Therefore by assumption  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A} \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Suppose assume that  $x, y \in S, x\Gamma y \subseteq A, y \notin A$  then  $x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be two  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S, X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$  and  $Y \not\subseteq A$ .

$Y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow$  there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \notin A$ . Suppose if possible  $X \not\subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin \sqrt{A}$ . Now  $x\Gamma y \subseteq X\Gamma Y \subseteq A$ .

Therefore  $x\Gamma y \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A, x \notin \sqrt{A}$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore  $X \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $x, y \in S, x\Gamma y \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . Suppose that  $y \notin \sqrt{A}$ .

Now  $x\Gamma y \subseteq \sqrt{A} \Rightarrow (x\Gamma y\Gamma)^{m-1}(x\Gamma y) \subseteq A \Rightarrow (x\Gamma)^{m-1}x\Gamma(y\Gamma)^{m-1}y \subseteq A$ .

Since  $y \notin \sqrt{A}, (y\Gamma)^{m-1}y \not\subseteq A$ .

Now  $(x\Gamma)^{m-1}x\Gamma(y\Gamma)^{m-1}y \subseteq A, (y\Gamma)^{m-1}y \not\subseteq A \Rightarrow (x\Gamma)^{m-1}x \subseteq \sqrt{A} \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{(\sqrt{A})} = \sqrt{A}$ .

$\sqrt{A}$  is a completely prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal and hence  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

Therefore  $A$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Similarly  $A$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

Hence  $A$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**NOTE 3.7 :** In an arbitrary  $\Gamma$ -semigroup a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal is not necessarily a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**EXAMPLE 3.8 :** Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{x, y, z\}$ . Define a binary operation  $\cdot$  in  $S$  as shown in the following table.

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

Define a mapping from  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$  by  $a\alpha b = ab$ , for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

It is easy to see that  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Now consider the  $\Gamma$ -ideal,  $\langle a \rangle = S^1\Gamma a\Gamma S^1 = \{a\}$ .

Let  $p\Gamma q \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ ,  $p \notin \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow q \in \sqrt{\langle a \rangle} \Rightarrow (q\Gamma)^{n-1}q \subseteq \langle a \rangle$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $b\Gamma c \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ ,  $c \notin \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow b \in \sqrt{\langle a \rangle}$ . Therefore  $\langle a \rangle$  is left primary.

If  $b \notin \langle a \rangle$  then  $(c\Gamma)^{n-1}c \not\subseteq \langle a \rangle$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow c \notin \sqrt{\langle a \rangle}$ .

Therefore  $\langle a \rangle$  is not right primary.

**THEOREM 3.9 :** Every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is left primary if and only if every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.1.

**Proof :** If every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is left primary, then clearly every  $\Gamma$ -ideal satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.1.

Conversely suppose that every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.1.

Let  $A$  be any  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ . Suppose that  $x, y \in S$  and  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

If  $y \notin \sqrt{A}$ , then by our supposition  $x \in \sqrt{(\sqrt{A})} = \sqrt{A}$ .

Therefore  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Hence  $A$  is left primary.

**THEOREM 3.10 :** Every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is right primary if and only if every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.2.

**Proof :** If every  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is right primary, then clearly every  $\Gamma$ -ideal satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.2.

Conversely suppose that every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  satisfies condition (i) of definition 3.2.

Let  $A$  be any  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ . Suppose that  $x, y \in S$  and  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

If  $x \notin \sqrt{A}$  then by our supposition  $y \in \sqrt{(\sqrt{A})} = \sqrt{A}$ .

Therefore  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Hence  $A$  is left primary.

**DEFINITION 3.11 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be *left primary* provided every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 3.12 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be *right primary* provided every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 3.13 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be *primary* provided every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**THEOREM 3.14 :** Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with identity and let  $M$  be the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ . If  $\sqrt{A} = M$  for some  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ , then  $A$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

*Proof :* suppose that  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $y \notin A$ .

If  $x \notin \sqrt{A}$  then  $\langle x \rangle \not\subseteq \sqrt{A} = M$ .

By theorem 2.19,  $M$  is the union of all proper  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$ , we have  $\langle x \rangle = S$  and hence  $\langle y \rangle = \langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore  $x \in \sqrt{A}$ .

Let  $x, y \in S$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$  and  $\langle y \rangle \not\subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Since  $M$  is the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal, we have  $\langle x \rangle = S$ .

Hence  $\langle y \rangle = \langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ . It is a contradiction. Therefore  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ .

Similarly if  $\langle x \rangle \not\subseteq \sqrt{A}$ , then  $\langle y \rangle \subseteq \sqrt{A}$  and hence  $\sqrt{A} = M$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

Thus  $A$  is left primary. By symmetry it follows that  $A$  is right primary.

Therefore  $A$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**NOTE 3.15:** If a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  has no identity, then the theorem 3.14, is not true, even if the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  has a unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal. In example 3.8,  $\sqrt{\langle a \rangle} = M$  where  $M = \{a, b\}$  is the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal. But  $\langle a \rangle$  is not a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**THEOREM 3.16:** If  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup with identity, then for any natural number  $n$ ,  $(M\Gamma)^{n-1}M$  is primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  where  $M$  is the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof :* Since  $M$  is the only prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal containing  $(M\Gamma)^{n-1}M$ , we have  $\sqrt{((M\Gamma)^{n-1}M)} = M$  and hence by theorem 3.14,  $(M\Gamma)^{n-1}M$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**NOTE 3.17:** If  $S$  has no identity then theorem 3.16, is not true. In example 3.8,  $M = \{a, b\}$  is the unique maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideal, but  $M\Gamma M = \{a\}$  is not primary.

**DEFINITION 3.18 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be *semiprimary* provided  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 3.19 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -semigroup* provided every  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  is a semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**THEOREM 3.20 :** (1) Every left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is a semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideal  
(2) Every right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is a semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

*Proof :* By the definition of a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup, every left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal is a semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. By the definition of a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup, every right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal is a semiprimary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.



**4. PRIMARY DECOMPOSITION IN A  $\Gamma$ -SEMIGROUP :**

**DEFINITION 4.1 :** Let P be any prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S. A primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal A in S is said to be **P-primary** or P is a **prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal belonging to A** provided  $\sqrt{A} = P$ .

**THEOREM 4.2 :** If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideals in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S, then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$  is also a P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**Proof :** Let  $A = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Now  $\sqrt{A} = \sqrt{\bigcap A_i} = \bigcap \sqrt{A_i} = P$ . So  $\sqrt{A}$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Suppose  $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $b \notin A$ . So  $b \notin A_i$  for some  $i$ . Now Suppose  $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq A_i$  and  $b \notin A_i$ . Since  $A_i$  is a P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal, we have  $a \in \sqrt{A_i} = P = \sqrt{A}$ . So A is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Similarly we can show that A is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. Thus A is a P-primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**DEFINITION 4.3 :** A  $\Gamma$ -ideal A in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is said to have a ( **left, right** ) **primary decomposition** if  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  where each  $A_i$  is a ( left, right ) primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal. If no  $A_i$  contains  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{i-1} \cap A_{i+1} \cap \dots \cap A_n$  and the  $\Gamma$ -radicals  $P_i$  of the  $\Gamma$ -ideals  $A_i$  are all distinct, then the primary decomposition is said to be **reduced**. If  $P_i$  is minimal in the set  $\{ P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \}$  then  $P_i$  is said to be **isolated prime**.

**THEOREM 4.4 :** If a  $\Gamma$ -ideal A in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S has a primary decomposition, then A has a reduced primary decomposition.

**Proof :** If  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  where each  $A_i$  is primary and some  $A_i$  contains  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{i-1} \cap A_{i+1} \cap \dots \cap A_n$ , then  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{i-1} \cap A_{i+1} \cap \dots \cap A_n$  is also a primary decomposition. By thus eliminating the superfluous  $A_i$  reindexing we have  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k$  with no  $A_i$  containing the intersection of other  $A_j$ . Let  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_r$  be the distinct prime  $\Gamma$ -ideals in the set  $\sqrt{A_1}, \sqrt{A_2}, \dots, \sqrt{A_k}$ . Let  $A_i^1, 1 \leq i \leq r$  be the intersection of all  $A_j$ 's belonging to the prime  $P_i$ . By theorem 4.2, each  $A_i^1$  is primary for  $P_i$ . Clearly no  $A_i^1$  contains the intersection of all other  $A_j^1$ . Therefore  $A = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^r A_i^1$  and hence A has a reduced primary decomposition.

**NOTE 4.5 :** In an arbitrary  $\Gamma$ -semigroup it is not necessarily true that every  $\Gamma$ -ideal has a primary decomposition even if the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup is finite.

**EXAMPLE 4.6 :** Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{x, y, z\}$ . Define a binary operation  $\cdot$  in S as shown in the following table.

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

Define a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$  by  $a\alpha b = ab$ , for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

It is easy to see that  $S$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Now consider the  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\langle a \rangle = S^1\Gamma a\Gamma S^1 = \{a\}$ .

Let  $p\Gamma q \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ ,  $p \notin \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow q \in \sqrt{\langle a \rangle} \Rightarrow (q\Gamma)^{n-1}q \subseteq \langle a \rangle$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $b\Gamma c \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ ,  $c \notin \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow b \in \langle a \rangle$ . Therefore  $\langle a \rangle$  is left primary.

If  $b \notin \langle a \rangle$  then  $(c\Gamma)^{n-1}c \notin \langle a \rangle$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow c \notin \sqrt{\langle a \rangle}$ .

Therefore  $\langle a \rangle$  is not right primary. In the  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are the only primary  $\Gamma$ -ideals and hence  $\{a\}$  has no primary decomposition.

**DEFINITION 4.7 :** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  is said to be a *noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroup* if ascending chain of  $\Gamma$ -ideals becomes stationary.

i.e., if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of  $\Gamma$ -ideals of  $S$ , then there exists a natural number  $m$  such that  $A_m = A_n$  for all natural numbers  $n \geq m$ .

**THEOREM 4.8 :** Every  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a (left, right) duo noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  has a reduced (right, left) primary decomposition.

*Proof :* Let  $\Sigma$  be the collection of all  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $S$  which has no primary decomposition. If  $\Sigma$  is not empty, then since  $S$  is noetherian,  $\Sigma$  contains maximal elements. Let  $C$  be a maximal element in  $\Sigma$ . Clearly  $C$  is not primary. Suppose that  $C$  is not left primary. Then there exists elements  $a, b$  in  $S$  such that  $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq C$ ,  $b \notin C$  and  $a \notin \sqrt{C}$ . Since  $S$  is a duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and hence by theorem 2.39,  $\sqrt{C} = \{x \in S : (x\Gamma)^{n-1}x \subseteq C \text{ for some natural number } n\}$ . Therefore  $(a\Gamma)^{n-1}a \notin C$  and hence  $(a\gamma)^{n-1}a \notin C$  for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . For any natural number  $n$ , write  $B_n = \{x \in S : (a\gamma)^n x \in C\}$ . Let  $x \in B_n$  and  $s \in S$ .  $x \in B_n \Rightarrow (a\gamma)^n x \in C$ .  $(a\gamma)^n x \in C$ ,  $s \in S \Rightarrow (a\gamma)^n x \gamma s \in C \Rightarrow x \gamma s \in B_n$ . Therefore  $B_n$  is a right  $\Gamma$ -ideal in  $S$ . Since  $S$  is duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,  $B_n$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal in  $S$ . Now  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of  $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $S$ . Since  $S$  is noetherian there is a natural number  $k$  such that  $B_k = B_i$  for all  $i \geq k$ . Since  $b \in B_k$ , we have  $B_k$  contains  $C$  properly. Write  $D = (a\gamma)^k S \cup C$ . Since  $S$  is a duo  $\Gamma$ -semigroup,  $D$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal in  $S$  and containing  $C$  properly. Now we prove that  $C = B_k \cap D$ . Clearly  $C \subseteq B_k \cap D$ . If  $x \in B_k \cap D$  and  $x \notin C$ , then  $x = (a\gamma)^k y$  for some  $y \in S$ . Since  $x \in B_k$ , we have  $(a\gamma)^k x \in C$ . Therefore  $(a\gamma)^{2k} y = (a\gamma)^k (a\gamma)^k y = (a\gamma)^k x \in C$ . Therefore  $(a\gamma)^{2k} y \in C$ . So  $y \in B_{2k} = B_k$ . Thus  $x = (a\gamma)^k y \in C \Rightarrow x \in C$ . It is a contradiction. So  $B_k \cap D \subseteq C$  and hence  $C = B_k \cap D$ . Since  $B_k$  and  $D$  contains  $C$  properly and  $C$  is maximal in  $\Sigma$ ,  $B_k$  and  $D$  have primary decompositions and hence  $C$  has a primary decomposition. It is a contradiction. Thus  $C$  is left primary. Similarly we can prove that  $C$  is right primary. Hence  $C$  is primary. It is a condition. Therefore  $\Sigma$  is empty. Thus every  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a duo noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroup has a primary decomposition and hence by theorem 4.4, every  $\Gamma$ -ideal has a reduced primary decomposition.

**COROLLARY 4.9 :** Every  $\Gamma$ -ideal in a commutative noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  has a reduced primary decomposition.

**THEOREM 4.10 :** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\Gamma$ -ideals in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A^l(B) = \{x \in S : \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A\}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .

*Proof :* Let  $x \in A^l(B)$ ,  $s \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

$x \in A^l(B) \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$ . Now  $\langle s \gamma x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A \Rightarrow s \gamma x \in A^l(B)$ .

And  $\langle x \gamma s \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A \Rightarrow x \gamma s \in A^l(B)$ .

Therefore  $s \gamma x, x \gamma s \in A^l(B)$ . Hence  $A^l(B)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .

**THEOREM 4.11 :** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\Gamma$ -ideals in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A^r(B) = \{x \in S : B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A\}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .

*Proof :* Let  $x \in A^r(B)$ ,  $s \in S$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

$x \in A^r(B) \Rightarrow B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A$ . Now  $B \Gamma \langle s \gamma x \rangle \subseteq B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A \Rightarrow s \gamma x \in A^r(B)$ .

And  $B \Gamma \langle x \gamma s \rangle \subseteq B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A \Rightarrow x \gamma s \in A^r(B)$ .

Therefore  $s \gamma x, x \gamma s \in A^r(B)$ . Hence  $A^r(B)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $S$  containing  $A$ .

**THEOREM 4.12 :** If  $A$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then  $A^l(B)$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

*Proof :* If  $B \subseteq A$ , then clearly  $A^l(B) = S$ . Suppose  $B \not\subseteq A$ . Let  $b \in B \setminus A$ . Let  $x \in A^l(B)$ .

Then  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$ . So  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq A$ . Since  $b \notin A$ , We have  $x \in \sqrt{A}$  and hence

$\sqrt{(A^l(B))} = \sqrt{A}$ . Let  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A^l(B)$  and  $y \notin A^l(B)$ . Now  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$ .

If  $x \notin \sqrt{(A^l(B))} = \sqrt{A}$ , then  $\langle y \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$  and hence  $y \in A^l(B)$ . It is a contradiction.

So  $x \in \sqrt{(A^l(B))}$ . Therefore  $A^l(B)$  is a left primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**THEOREM 4.13 :** If  $A$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then  $A^r(B)$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

*Proof :* If  $B \subseteq A$ , then clearly  $A^r(B) = S$ . Suppose  $B \not\subseteq A$ . Let  $b \in B \setminus A$ . Let  $x \in A^r(B)$ .

Then  $B \Gamma \langle x \rangle \subseteq A$ . So  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq A$ . Since  $b \notin A$ , We have  $x \in \sqrt{A}$  and hence

$\sqrt{(A^r(B))} = \sqrt{A}$ . Let  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma \langle y \rangle \subseteq A^r(B)$  and  $x \notin A^r(B)$ . Now  $\langle y \rangle \Gamma \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$ .

If  $y \notin \sqrt{(A^r(B))} = \sqrt{A}$ , then  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A$  and hence  $x \in A^r(B)$ , a contradiction.

So  $y \in \sqrt{(A^r(B))}$ . Therefore  $A^r(B)$  is a right primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal.

**THEOREM 4.14 :** If  $Q$  is a  $P$ -primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and if  $A \not\subseteq P$ , then  $Q^l(A) = Q^r(A) = Q$  and also if  $A \subseteq P$  and  $A \not\subseteq Q$ , then  $\sqrt{(Q^l(A))} = \sqrt{(Q^r(A))} = \sqrt{Q}$ .

*Proof :* Clearly  $Q \subseteq Q^l(A)$ . Let  $x \in Q^l(A)$ . Then  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma A \subseteq Q$ . Since  $A \not\subseteq P$ , there exists  $a \in A \setminus P$ . Now  $\langle x \rangle \Gamma A \subseteq Q$  and  $a \notin \sqrt{Q}$ . So  $x \in Q$ . Therefore  $Q^l(A) = Q$ .

Similarly we can show that  $Q^r(A) = Q$ . The proof of the second part is evident.

**THEOREM 4.15 :** If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$   $B$  are  $\Gamma$ -ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$ , then

$$\left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right)^l (B) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (A_i)^l (B).$$

**Proof :**  $x \in \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right)^l (B) \Leftrightarrow \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq \bigcap A_i \Leftrightarrow \langle x \rangle \Gamma B \subseteq A_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

$\Leftrightarrow x \in A_i^l(B)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^l(B)$ . Similarly we can show that if  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^l(B)$ .

Then  $x \in (\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)^l (B)$ . Therefore  $\left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right)^l (B) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (A_i)^l (B)$ .

**THEOREM 4.16 :** Suppose a  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $A$  in a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup  $S$  has two reduced (one sided) primary decompositions  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k = B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_s$ , where  $A_i$  is  $P_i$ -primary and  $B_j$  is  $Q_j$ -primary. Then  $k = s$  and after reindexing if necessary  $P_i = Q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Further if each  $P_i$  is an isolated prime, then  $A_i = B_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Proof :** Let  $P_k$  be the maximal element in the set  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k, Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_s$ .

Now we show that  $P_k$  occurs among  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_s$ .

For this it is enough to show that  $P_k \subseteq Q_j$  for some  $j$ . If  $A_k \subseteq Q_j$  for some  $j$ ,  $P_k = \sqrt{A_k} \subseteq Q_j$ .

Suppose  $A_k \not\subseteq Q_j$  for all  $j$ . Then by theorem 4.12,  $B_j^l(A_k) = B_j$  for all  $j$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } A^l(A_k) &= (B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_s)^l(A_k) \\ &= B_1^l(A_k) \cap B_2^l(A_k) \cap \dots \cap B_s^l(A_k), \text{ by using theorem 4.12,} \\ &= B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_s = A. \end{aligned}$$

But on the other hand if  $1 \leq i < k$ , then  $P_k \not\subseteq P_i$  and therefore  $A_k \not\subseteq P_i$ , so that  $A_i^l(A_k) = A_i$  and  $A_k^l(A_k) = S$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So we have } A^l(A_k) &= (A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k)^l(A_k) = A_1^l(A_k) \cap A_2^l(A_k) \cap \dots \cap A_k^l(A_k) \\ &= A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}$ . Therefore  $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}$ .

It is a contradiction to the fact that given decomposition is reduced.

Thus  $A_k \subseteq Q_j$  for some  $j$  and hence  $P_k \subseteq Q_j$ . Therefore  $P_k = Q_j$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $P_k = Q_s$ . Let  $B = A_k \cap B_s$ . By theorem 4.2,  $B$  is a primary  $\Gamma$ -ideal and  $P_k = Q_s (= P$  say) is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal belonging to  $B$ . Since  $P \not\subseteq P_i$  for all  $i, 1 \leq i < k$  and  $B \subseteq A_k$ , we have  $A_i^l(B) = A_i$  and  $A_k^l(B) = S$ .

Therefore  $A^l(B) = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}$ .

Similarly we can show that  $A^l(B) = B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_{s-1}$ .

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Hence  $A'(B) = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1} = B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_{s-1}$  are two reduced primary decompositions for  $A'(B)$ .

By continuing the above process, we get  $k = s$  and  $P_i = Q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Suppose  $P_i$ 's are isolated primes.

If  $A_1 \not\subseteq B_1$  then since  $B_1$  is primary and  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots \cap B_k \subseteq B_1$ ,

we have  $A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_k \subseteq \sqrt{B_1} = P_1$ .

Now  $P_2 \cap P_3 \cap \dots \cap P_k = \sqrt{A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k} = P_1$ .

Since  $P_1$  is a prime  $\Gamma$ -ideal,  $P_i \subseteq P_1$  for some  $1 < i \leq k$ .

It is a contradiction to the fact that  $P_1$  is an isolated prime.

So  $A_1 \subseteq B_1$ . Similarly we can show that  $B_1 \subseteq A_1$ . Therefore  $A_1 = B_1$ .

By continuing in this way we get  $A_i = B_i$  for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

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