



## On quasi-ternary hyperideals and bi-ternary hyperideals in ternary hypersemirings

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**ABSTRACT:** In this article we introduce the notion of quasi-ternary hyperideal in ternary hypersemirings which is the generalization of one-sided hyperideal and study some properties of it. Also, we obtain some characterizations of quasi-ternary hyperideals in a ternary hypersemiring. Again, we introduce the notion of bi-ternary hyperideals of ternary hypersemiring and relation between quasi-ternary hyperideals and bi-ternary hyperideals is established. We characterize regular ternary hypersemirings in terms of quasi-ternary hyperideals and bi-ternary hyperideals. Lastly, we introduce the notions of prime quasi-ternary hyperideals and semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideals in a ternary hypersemiring.

**Key Words:** Ternary hypersemirings, quasi-ternary hyperideal, minimal left (right, lateral) hyperideal, bi-ternary hyperideal, regular ternary hypersemirings, prime quasi-ternary hyperideal.

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### 1. Introduction

In the beginning of 19th century a new branch of mathematics was opened by the pathfinder F. Marty [17], which was known to be Hyperstructures Theory. After that many mathematicians and researchers like Corsini [3,4,5], De salvo [9], Dehkordi et al. [10], Krasner [14] introduced and studied different type of hyperstructures. These days an astounding progression of algebraic hyperstructure theory has been observed. The theory of hyperstructure has many applications. In [6], P. Corsini and V. Leoreanu-Fotea and in [8] B. Davvaz and V. Leoreanu-Fotea points out their applications in different fields like theoretical physics, computer science etc. In 1982, R. Rota [20] introduced a special type of hyperstructure  $(H, +, \otimes)$  in which  $+: H \times H \rightarrow H$  is a binary mapping and  $\otimes: H \times H \rightarrow P(H)$  is a binary hyperoperation satisfying the following conditions: (1)  $h_1 \otimes (h_2 \otimes h_3) = (h_1 \otimes h_2) \otimes h_3$ , (2)  $(h_1 + h_2) \otimes h_3 \subseteq h_1 \otimes h_2 + h_1 \otimes h_3$  (3)  $h_1 \otimes (h_2 + h_3) \subseteq h_1 \otimes h_2 + h_1 \otimes h_3$ , (4)  $(-h_1) \otimes h_2 = h_1 \otimes (-h_2) = -(h_1 \otimes h_2)$  for all  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in H$ , is called multiplicative hyperring. In [7], U. Dasgupta studied multiplicative hypersemirings in his Ph.D thesis, which is a generalization of multiplicative hyperrings. Ternary semiring were introduced by Dutta and Kar [12], which is a generalized concept of ternary ring introduced by W. G. Lister [15]. In 2015, Salim et al. [22] presented the class of multiplicative ternary hyperring, which is a generalization of multiplicative hyperring. Again, in [26], Tamang et al. generalized the concept of multiplicative ternary hyperring and bring up ternary hypersemiring.

In [25], Steinfeld introduced the notion of quasi-ideals. Quasi-ideals of semirings were studied by Dönges in [13], Sionson [24] and Dixit et al. [11] studied some properties of quasi-ideals and bi-deals of ternary semigroups. Naka and Hila [18], studied the structure of ternary semihypergroups in terms of quasi-hyperideals and bi-hyperideals. Many other reserachers like T. Changphas and B. Davvaz [2], S. Omid and B. Davvaz [19], S. Abdullah et al. [1], Rao [21], Shao [23] also studied the quasi-hyperideals in ordered semihypergroups, ordered  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroups,  $\Gamma$ -semihypergroups and ordered semihyperrings. In this paper, we raise special type of hyperideals in ternary hypersemirings which is a generalized notion of

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one-sided hyperideal, called quasi-ternary hyperideal and bi-ternary hyperideal in ternary hypersemirings and investigate their properties. We obtain some characterizations of quasi-ternary hyperideals and bi-ternary hyperideals in ternary hypersemirings. Also, we prove that in a regular ternary hypersemiring the notions of quasi-ternary hyperideal and bi-ternary hyperideal are equivalent. Finally we mention the prime quasi-ternary hyperideal and semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideal and characterize them.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** Let  $A$  be a nonempty set and a mapping  $\otimes : A \times A \times A \longrightarrow \wp^*(A)$  is called a ternary hyperoperation on  $A$ , where  $\wp^*(A)$  is the set of all nonempty subsets of  $A$ . The image of  $(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in A \times A \times A$  will be denoted by  $a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes a_3$  (which is known to be ternary hyperproduct of  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$ ).

**Definition 2.2** [26] Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring, that is, a commutative semigroup  $(T, +)$  together with a ternary hyperproduct ' $\otimes$ ' satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $(t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes t_3) \otimes t_4 \otimes t_5 = t_1 \otimes (t_2 \otimes t_3 \otimes t_4) \otimes t_5 = t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes (t_3 \otimes t_4 \otimes t_5)$
- (ii)  $(t_1 + t_2) \otimes t_3 \otimes t_4 \subseteq t_1 \otimes t_3 \otimes t_4 + t_2 \otimes t_3 \otimes t_4$ ;
- (iii)  $t_1 \otimes (t_2 + t_3) \otimes t_4 \subseteq t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes t_4 + t_1 \otimes t_3 \otimes t_4$ ;
- (iv)  $t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes (t_3 + t_4) \subseteq t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes t_3 + t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes t_4$  for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5 \in T$ ,

Instead of ' $\subseteq$ ' if ' $=$ ' holds, then  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called strongly distributive ternary hypersemiring.

We have the following remark.

**Remark 2.1** [22] For  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$  such that  $|t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes t_3| = 1$ , then the concepts of ternary hypersemirings and ternary semirings are identical.

Thus from the above remark we can say that the class of ternary hypersemirings is the generalized concept of the class of ternary semirings.

**Example 2.1** Consider the ternary semiring  $(\mathbb{Z}_0^-, +, \cdot)$  of the set of all negative integers with respect to the usual addition and multiplication of integers. Corresponding to any subset  $A$  of the set of negative integers, there exists a ternary hypersemiring induced by  $A$  is  $(\mathbb{Z}_A^-, +, \cdot)$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_A^- \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_0^-$  and for any  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}_A^-$ ,  $+$  is the usual addition of integers and  $x \otimes y \otimes z = \{x \cdot a \cdot y \cdot b \cdot z : a, b \in A\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** [26] Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and ' $0$ ' be an additive identity element of  $T$ . Then ' $0$ ' is called a zero (strong zero) if  $0 \in t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes 0 = t_1 \otimes 0 \otimes t_2 = 0 \otimes t_1 \otimes t_2$  (resp.  $\{0\} = t_1 \otimes 0 \otimes t_2 = 0 \otimes t_1 \otimes t_2 = t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes 0$ ) for all  $t_1, t_2 \in T$ .

**Definition 2.4** [26] An additive subsemigroup  $S$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called a ternary subhypersemiring of  $T$  if  $s_1 \otimes s_2 \otimes s_3 \subseteq S$  for all  $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S$ .

**Definition 2.5** [26] An additive subsemigroup  $A$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is said to be a right hyperideal (a lateral hyperideal or a left hyperideal) of  $T$ , if  $a \otimes t_1 \otimes t_2 \subseteq A$  (resp.  $t_1 \otimes a \otimes t_2 \subseteq A$  or  $t_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes a \subseteq A$ ) for all  $a \in A$  and for all  $t_1, t_2 \in T$ .

An additive subsemigroup  $A$  which is a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal and a left hyperideal of  $T$ , then  $A$  is called a hyperideal of  $T$ .

Let  $T$  be a ternary hypersemiring. If  $I, J$  and  $K$  are nonempty subsets of  $T$ , then  $I \otimes J \otimes K = \bigcup \left\{ \sum_{finite} a_i \otimes b_i \otimes c_i : a_i \in I, b_i \in J, c_i \in K \right\}$ .

**Proposition 2.1** [26] *Let 't' be an element of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . Then the principal right hyperideal generated by 't' is denoted by  $\langle t \rangle_r$ , defined by*

$$\langle t \rangle_r = t \otimes T \otimes T + \{kt : k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+\}$$

*The principal lateral hyperideal generated by 't' is denoted by  $\langle t \rangle_m$ , defined by*

$$\langle t \rangle_m = T \otimes t \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes t \otimes T \otimes T + \{kt : k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+\}$$

*The principal left hyperideal generated by 't' is denoted by  $\langle t \rangle_l$ , defined by*

$$\langle t \rangle_l = T \otimes T \otimes t + \{kt : k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+\}$$

*The principal hyperideal generated by 't' is denoted by  $\langle t \rangle$ , defined by*

$$\langle t \rangle = T \otimes T \otimes t + t \otimes T \otimes T + T \otimes t \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes t \otimes T \otimes T + \{kt : k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+\}$$

**Proposition 2.2** *Let A be a nonempty subsets of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . Then,*

- *The principal right hyperideal generated by A is defined by*

$$\langle A \rangle_r = A \otimes T \otimes T + A.$$

- *The principal left hyperideal generated by A is defined by*

$$\langle A \rangle_l = T \otimes T \otimes A + A.$$

- *The principal lateral hyperideal generated by A is defined by*

$$\langle A \rangle_m = T \otimes A \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes A \otimes T \otimes T + A.$$

- *The principal hyperideal generated by A is defined by*

$$\langle A \rangle = A \otimes T \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes A + T \otimes A \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes A \otimes T \otimes T + A.$$

**Definition 2.6** [26] *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. Then  $t \in T$  is said to be idempotent if  $t \otimes t \otimes t = \{t\}$ .*

Through this paper,  $T$  will be a ternary hypersemiring with zero.

### 3. Quasi-ternary hyperideal in ternary hypersemirings

**Definition 3.1** *An additive subsemigroup  $Q$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if  $Q \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q$ .*

**Remark 3.1** • *In a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ , the improper hyperideal  $T$  and trivial hyperideal  $\langle 0 \rangle$  both are quasi-ternary hyperideals of  $T$ .*

- *In a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ , every quasi-ternary hyperideal is a ternary subhypersemiring of  $T$ .*

**Example 3.1**  $(\mathbb{Z}_5^-, +, \cdot)$  is a ternary semiring. Let  $A = \{2, 3\}$ . On  $\mathbb{Z}_5^-$ , ' $\otimes$ ' defined as follows  $z_1 \otimes z_2 \otimes z_3 = \{z_1 \cdot a_1 \cdot z_2 \cdot a_2 \cdot z_3 : a_1, a_2 \in A\}$  for all  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_5^-$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_5^-, +, \otimes)$  is a ternary hypersemiring. Let  $Q = \{0, -2, -3\}$ . Then  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_5^-$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $T$  be a ternary hypersemiring, then*

- (a) Every left, right and lateral hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .
- (b) The intersection of ternary subhypersemiring  $S$  of  $T$  and the quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  of  $T$  is either empty or a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ .
- (c) The intersection of family of quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $S$  is either empty or a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ .

**Proof:** (a) It is obvious.

(b) Let  $Q \cap S$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$ . Now  $((Q \cap S) \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes (Q \cap S) \otimes S + S \otimes S \otimes (Q \cap S) \otimes S \otimes S) \cap S \otimes S \otimes (Q \cap S) \subseteq (S \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes S \otimes S + S \otimes S \otimes S \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes S \otimes S) \subseteq S \otimes S \otimes S \subseteq S$ . Again  $((Q \cap S) \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes (Q \cap S) \otimes S + S \otimes S \otimes (Q \cap S) \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes S \otimes (Q \cap S)) \subseteq (Q \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes Q \otimes S + S \otimes S \otimes Q \otimes S \otimes S) \cap (S \otimes S \otimes Q) \subseteq (Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap (T \otimes T \otimes Q) \subseteq Q$ . Consequently  $Q \cap S$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ .

(c) Let  $\{Q_i : i \in I\}$  be a family of quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Suppose that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $(\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i) \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes (\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i) \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes (\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i) \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes (\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i) \subseteq Q_i \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes Q_i \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q_i \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes Q_i \subseteq Q_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{i \in I} Q_i$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.2** Quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemirings  $(T, +, \otimes)$  may not be a right hyperideal or a lateral hyperideal or a left hyperideal of  $T$ .

To justify the above remark we give the following example.

**Example 3.2** Consider the semigroup  $(M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-), +)$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_0^-$  is set of all non-positive integers.

Let  $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Let  $\otimes$  be a ternary hyperoperation on  $(M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-), +)$  defined by  $a \otimes b \otimes c = \{a \cdot i \cdot b \cdot j \cdot c : i, j \in A\}$  where  $a, b, c \in (M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-), +)$ . Then  $(M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-), +, \otimes)$  is a ternary hypersemiring. Let  $Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}$ . Then we can easily verify that  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal, but  $Q$  is not a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal or a left hyperideal of  $(M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-), +, \otimes)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $Q$  be a ternary subhypersemiring of  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . If  $Q$  is the intersection of a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal and a left hyperideal, then  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

**Proof:** Let  $Q$  be an additive subsemigroup of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  and  $Q = I \cap J \cap K$ , where  $I$  is a right hyperideal,  $J$  is a lateral hyperideal and  $K$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then by Lemma 3.1, we can say that  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.3** From Theorem 3.1, we can say that  $Q$  has an intersection property.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $t$  be an element of  $T$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (i)  $T \otimes T \otimes t$  is a left hyperideal.
- (ii)  $T \otimes t \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes t \otimes T \otimes T$  is a lateral hyperideal.
- (iii)  $t \otimes T \otimes T$  is a right hyperideal,
- (iv)  $(T \otimes T \otimes t) \cap (T \otimes t \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes t \otimes T \otimes T) \cap (t \otimes T \otimes T)$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal.

**Proof:** (i) Since  $T \circ T \circ (T \circ T \circ t) \subseteq (T \circ T \circ T) \circ T \circ t \subseteq T \circ T \circ t$ , then  $T \circ T \circ t$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ .

(ii) and (iii) are similar to (i).

(iv) It follows from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. An additive subsemigroup  $Q$  of ternary hypersemiring  $T$  is a minimal quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$  if and only if  $Q = I \cap J \cap K$ , where  $I$  is a minimal right hyperideal,  $J$  a minimal lateral hyperideal and  $K$  is a minimal left hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $Q = I \cap J \cap K$ , where  $I$  is a minimal right hyperideal,  $J$  is a minimal lateral hyperideal and  $L$  is a minimal left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then by Theorem 3.1, we have that  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Now we show that  $Q$  is minimal. Suppose  $Q' \subseteq Q$  be any other quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Then  $Q' \circ T \circ T$  is a right hyperideal of  $T$  and  $Q' \circ T \circ T \subseteq Q \circ T \circ T \subseteq I \circ T \circ T \subseteq I$ . Then we have  $Q' \circ T \circ T = I$ , since  $I$  is a minimal right hyperideal of  $T$ . Again for a minimal lateral hyperideal  $J$  of  $T$ , we get  $T \circ Q' \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q' \circ T \circ T = J$  and for a minimal left hyperideal  $K$  of  $T$  we get  $T \circ T \circ Q' = K$ . Therefore  $Q = I \cap J \cap K = Q' \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ Q' \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q' \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ Q' \subseteq Q'$ . Thus  $Q = Q'$  and hence the quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  is minimal in  $T$ .

For the converse, we have  $(Q \circ T \circ T) \cap (T \circ Q \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ T) \cap (T \circ T \circ Q) \subseteq Q$ . Let  $q \in Q$ . Then by Lemma 3.2,  $I = q \circ T \circ T$  is a right hyperideal,  $J = (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T)$  is a lateral hyperideal and  $K = T \circ T \circ q$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Therefore by Theorem 3.1,  $I \cap J \cap K$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Now  $q \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ q \subseteq Q \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ Q \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ Q \subseteq Q$ . By minimality of  $Q$ , we obtain  $q \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ q = Q$ . Now we show that  $q \circ T \circ T$  is a right minimal hyperideal of  $T$ ,  $(T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T)$  is a lateral minimal hyperideal of  $T$  and  $T \circ T \circ q$  is a left minimal hyperideal of  $T$ . Suppose that  $I$  be any right hyperideal of  $T$  such that  $I \subseteq q \circ T \circ T$ . Then  $I \circ T \circ T \subseteq I \subseteq q \circ T \circ T$ . Now  $I \circ I \circ T \cap (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ q \subseteq q \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ q = Q$ . By minimality of  $Q$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $S$ , we obtain  $I \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ q = Q$ . This implies that  $Q \subseteq I \circ T \circ T$ . Again  $q \circ T \circ T \subseteq Q \circ T \circ T \subseteq (I \circ T \circ T) \circ T \circ T \subseteq I \circ T \circ T$ . Thus  $q \circ T \circ T \subseteq I \circ T \circ T \subseteq I$  and hence  $I = q \circ T \circ T$ . Hence  $q \circ T \circ T$  is a minimal right hyperideal of  $T$ . Similarly we can prove that  $(T \circ q \circ T + T \circ T \circ q \circ T \circ T)$  and  $T \circ T \circ q$  are minimal lateral hyperideal and minimal left hyperideal of  $T$  respectively.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $I$  be a minimal lateral hyperideal of  $T$ . Then  $I$  is a minimal hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** First of all, we show that  $I$  is both right and left hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . Let  $a \in I$ . Then,  $T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T$  is a lateral hyperideal of  $T$  and  $T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T \subseteq T \circ I \circ T + T \circ T \circ I \circ T \circ T \subseteq I$ . By minimality of  $I$  in a ternary hypersemiring of  $T$ , we get  $I = T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T$ . Now  $I \circ T \circ T = (T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T) \circ T \circ T \subseteq T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T \subseteq I$  and  $T \circ T \circ I = T \circ T \circ (T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T) \subseteq T \circ a \circ T + T \circ T \circ a \circ T \circ T \subseteq I$ . Thus  $I$  is both right and left hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . Now it remains to show that  $I$  is a minimal hyperideal of  $T$ . If possible, let  $I'$  be any other hyperideal of  $T$  such that  $I' \subseteq I$ . Since  $I'$  is a hyperideal of  $T$ , then it is a lateral hyperideal also. By hypothesis, we have  $I' = I$ . Consequently  $I$  is a minimal hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $Q$  be a minimal quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Then  $Q$  contained in a minimal hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** For a right hyperideal  $R$ , a lateral hyperideal  $M$  and a left hyperideal  $L$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ , we have  $Q = R \cap M \cap L$ , by Theorem 3.2. Then  $Q \subseteq M$ . From Proposition 3.1, it follows that  $M$  is a minimal hyperideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Quasi-ternary hyperideals and regularity of ternary hypersemiring

**Definition 4.1** [26] An element 't' of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called regular if  $t \in t \otimes T \otimes t$ .

Then  $t \in \sum_{i=1}^n t \otimes t_i \otimes t$  for  $t_i \in T (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ .

A ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called regular if each of its elements is regular. If  $T$  is strongly distributive ternary hypersemiring, an element  $t \in T$  is regular if only if there exists  $a \in T$  such that  $t \in t \otimes a \otimes t$ .

**Definition 4.2** A ternary subhypersemiring  $B$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is called a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if  $B \otimes T \otimes B \otimes T \otimes B \subseteq B$ .

**Lemma 4.1** Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $Q$  be a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Then  $Q$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

**Proof:** Since  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ , then we have  $Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \subseteq Q \otimes T \otimes T$ ,  $Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq T \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes Q \subseteq T \otimes T \otimes Q$  and  $Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T$ . Again  $\{0\} \in T \otimes Q \otimes T$ , so  $Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T$ . Consequently, it follows that  $Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q$  (since  $Q$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal) and hence  $Q$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  is a regular;
- (ii) For any right hyperideal  $U$ , lateral hyperideal  $V$  and left hyperideal  $W$  of  $T$ ,  $U \otimes V \otimes W = U \cap V \cap W$ ;
- (iii) Each right hyperideal  $U$ , each lateral hyperideal  $V$  and each left hyperideal  $W$  of  $T$  satisfies
  - (a)  $U \otimes U \otimes U = U$ ;
  - (b)  $V \otimes V \otimes V = V$ ;
  - (c)  $W \otimes W \otimes W = W$ ;
  - (d)  $U \otimes V \otimes W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ ;
- (iv) The set  $\mathcal{Q}$  of all quasi-ternary hyperideals of  $T$  is a regular ternary hypersemigroup with respect to ternary hyperoperation ' $\otimes$ ';
- (v)  $Q = Q \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes Q$ , for any quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $T$  be a regular ternary hypersemiring. Let  $U$  be a right hyperideal of  $T$ ,  $V$  be a lateral hyperideal of  $T$  and  $W$  be a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Clearly  $U \otimes V \otimes W \subseteq U \cap V \cap W$  (1). Suppose  $t \in U \cap V \cap W \subseteq T$ . Now regularity of  $T$  implies that  $t \in t \otimes T \otimes t \Rightarrow t \in (t \otimes T \otimes t) \otimes (T \otimes t \otimes T) \otimes (t \otimes T \otimes t) \subseteq U \otimes V \otimes W$ . Thus we have  $U \cap V \cap W \subseteq U \otimes V \otimes W$  (2). From (1) and (2), it follows that  $U \cap V \cap W = U \otimes V \otimes W$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) For (a), let  $U$  be a right hyperideal of  $T$  and  $\langle U \rangle_l = U + T \otimes T \otimes U$  be a left hyperideal of  $T$ . By (2),  $U = U \cap \langle U \rangle_m \cap \langle U \rangle_l = U \otimes \langle U \rangle_m \otimes \langle U \rangle_l \subseteq U \otimes U \otimes U \subseteq U$ . Hence  $U \otimes U \otimes U = U$ .

Similarly we can prove (b) and (c). For (d), by Theorem 3.1,  $U \otimes V \otimes W = U \cap V \cap W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the set of all quasi-ternary hyperideals of  $T$ . Let  $\langle Q \rangle_r$  be a right hyperideal of  $S$ . Then by (iii)(a),  $Q \subseteq \langle Q \rangle_r = \langle Q \rangle_r \otimes \langle Q \rangle_r \otimes \langle Q \rangle_r \subseteq Q \otimes T \otimes T$ . Again, if we consider  $\langle Q \rangle_m$  be a lateral hyperideal and  $\langle Q \rangle_l$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ , then  $\langle Q \rangle_m = T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T + Q$  and  $\langle Q \rangle_l = T \otimes T \otimes Q + Q$  respectively. Then by (iii)(a), (b) we have  $Q \subseteq T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T$  and  $Q \subseteq T \otimes T \otimes Q$  respectively. Since  $Q$  is quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ , then  $Q \subseteq Q \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q$ . Hence  $Q = Q \otimes T \otimes T \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap T \otimes T \otimes Q \dots (A)$ . Let

$Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  be three quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  and  $U = Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3 \circ T \circ T$  be right hyperideal of  $T$ ,  $V = T \circ Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3 \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3 \circ T \circ T$  be a lateral hyperideal of  $T$  and  $W = T \circ T \circ Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3$  be a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then by (iii)(d),  $U \circ V \circ W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Now by (A), we get  $U \circ V \circ W = (U \circ V \circ W) \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ (U \circ V \circ W) \circ T + T \circ T \circ (U \circ V \circ W) \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ (U \circ V \circ W) \subseteq U \circ V \circ W \subseteq Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3$  (1) by using Lemma 4.1. Therefore  $Q_1 \circ Q_2 \circ Q_3$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ . Obviously  $\circ$  is associative on  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{Q}$  is ternary hypersemigroup.

Again  $Q = Q \circ T \circ T \cap (T \circ Q \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ T) \cap T \circ T \circ Q = Q \circ T \circ T \circ (T \circ Q \circ T + T \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ T) \circ T \circ T \circ Q$  by (1)  $\subseteq Q \circ T \circ Q$ . i.e  $Q \subseteq Q \circ T \circ Q$ . Thus  $Q$  is regular in  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Consequently  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a regular ternary hypersemigroup.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) For each quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  of  $T$  such that  $Q \subseteq Q \circ T \circ Q$ , since  $Q$  is a regular in  $\mathcal{Q}$ , then it implies that  $Q \subseteq Q \circ T \circ Q \subseteq Q \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ Q \subseteq Q$  by Lemma 4.1.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) For each element  $t \in T$ , by Theorem 3.1,  $\langle t \rangle_r \cap \langle t \rangle_m \cap \langle t \rangle_l$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Now by (v)  $t \in \langle t \rangle_r \cap \langle t \rangle_m \cap \langle t \rangle_l \subseteq (\langle t \rangle_r \cap \langle t \rangle_m \cap \langle t \rangle_l) \circ T \circ (\langle t \rangle_r \cap \langle t \rangle_m \cap \langle t \rangle_l) \circ T \circ (\langle t \rangle_r \cap \langle t \rangle_m \cap \langle t \rangle_l) \subseteq \langle t \rangle_r \circ T \circ \langle t \rangle_m \circ T \circ \langle t \rangle_l \subseteq t \circ T \circ t \circ T \circ t \subseteq t \circ T \circ t$ . i.e  $t \in t \circ T \circ t$ . Hence  $t \in T$  is regular in  $T$ . Consequently  $T$  is a regular ternary hypersemiring.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3** A hyperideal  $I$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(R, +, \circ)$  is called idempotent if  $I \circ I \circ I = I$ .

**Theorem 4.2** If every quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \circ)$  is idempotent, then  $T$  is regular.

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a right hyperideal,  $V$  be a lateral hyperideal and  $W$  be a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then by Lemma 3.1,  $U \cap V \cap W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Obviously  $U \circ V \circ W \subseteq U \cap V \cap W$ . Now by hypothesis  $U \cap V \cap W = (U \cap V \cap W) \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \subseteq U \circ V \circ W$ . Thus  $U \cap V \cap W = U \circ V \circ W$ . Then by Theorem 4.1,  $T$  is a regular ternary hypersemiring.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2** Every lateral hyperideal  $M$  of a regular ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \circ)$  is a regular ternary subhypersemiring.

**Proof:** Each element  $m \in M \subseteq T$  is regular in  $T$ , so  $m \in m \circ T \circ m \subseteq m \circ (T \circ m \circ T) \circ m \subseteq m \circ M \circ m$  (since  $M$  is lateral hyperideal of  $T$  and  $T \circ m \circ T \subseteq M$ ). This follows that  $M$  is a regular ternary subhypersemiring.  $\square$

**Remark 4.1** Since every right (lateral, left) hyperideal of  $T$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ , then it follows that every right(resp. lateral, left) hyperideal of  $T$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ , but the converse is not true.

**Proposition 4.1** The intersection of a bi-ternary hyperideal and a ternary subhypersemiring of a ternary hypersemiring  $(S, +, \circ)$  is again a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $S$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal and  $T$  be a ternary subhypersemiring of ternary hypersemiring  $S$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B} = B \cap T$ . Now  $(B \cap T) \circ T \circ (B \cap T) \circ T \circ (B \cap T) \subseteq (B \cap T) \circ S \circ (B \cap T) \circ S \circ (B \cap T) \subseteq B \circ S \circ B \circ S \circ B \subseteq B$  and  $(B \cap T) \circ T \circ (B \cap T) \circ T \circ (B \cap T) \subseteq T \circ (T \circ T \circ T) \circ T \subseteq T \circ T \circ T \subseteq T$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{B} \circ T \circ \mathfrak{B} \circ T \circ \mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3** Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . If  $T_1, T_2$  are two ternary subhypersemiring of  $S$ , then  $B \circ T_1 \circ T_2$ ,  $T_1 \circ T_2 \circ B \circ T_1 \circ T_2$  and  $T_1 \circ T_2 \circ B$  are bi-ternary hyperideals of  $T$ .

**Corollary 4.1** If  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$  are bi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \circ)$ , then  $B_1 \circ B_2 \circ B_3$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of ternary hypersemiring  $T$ .



**Corollary 4.2** *If  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  are quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ , then  $Q_1 \otimes Q_2 \otimes Q_3$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring,  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  and  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $\mathfrak{B}$  such that  $B \otimes B \otimes B = B$ . Then  $B$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** We have  $\mathfrak{B} \otimes T \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes T \otimes \mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ , since  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Again since  $B$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal in  $\mathfrak{B}$ , then  $B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B \subseteq B$ .

Now  $B \otimes T \otimes B \otimes T \otimes B = (B \otimes B \otimes B) \otimes T \otimes B \otimes T \otimes (B \otimes B \otimes B) = B \otimes B \otimes (B \otimes T \otimes B \otimes T \otimes B) \otimes B \otimes B \subseteq B \otimes B \otimes (\mathfrak{B} \otimes T \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes T \otimes \mathfrak{B}) \otimes B \otimes B \subseteq B \otimes B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B \otimes B = B \otimes B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B \otimes (B \otimes B \otimes B) \subseteq B \otimes (B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B \otimes \mathfrak{B} \otimes B) \otimes B \subseteq B \otimes B \otimes B = B$ . Hence the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be ternary subhypersemirings of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B} = A \otimes B \otimes C$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if at least one of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  is a right, a lateral and a left hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $\mathfrak{B} = A \otimes B \otimes C$ . Suppose that  $A$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq (T \otimes T \otimes A) \otimes B \otimes C \\ \subseteq A \otimes B \otimes C. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathfrak{B} = A \otimes B \otimes C$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

Suppose that  $B$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq A \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq A \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq A \otimes (T \otimes A \otimes B) \otimes C \\ \subseteq A \otimes B \otimes C. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\mathfrak{B} = A \otimes B \otimes C$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

Again, if  $C$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes T \otimes (A \otimes B \otimes C) \\ \subseteq (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \otimes T \\ \subseteq (A \otimes B \otimes C) \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes T \\ \subseteq A \otimes B \otimes (C \otimes T \otimes T) \\ \subseteq A \otimes B \otimes C. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mathfrak{B} = A \otimes B \otimes C$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

Other cases are also similar to above.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3** *The ternary hyperproduct of a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal and a left hyperideal of  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Corollary 4.4** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a regular ternary hypersemiring. Then  $R \cap M \cap L$  is bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ , for any right hyperideal  $R$ , lateral hyperideal  $M$  and left hyperideal  $L$  of  $T$ .*



**Proof:** It follows from Theorem 4.1 and Proposition 4.2.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $B$  be a ternary subhypersemiring. If  $B$  satisfies the condition that  $U \circ V \circ W \subseteq B \subseteq U \cap V \cap W$ , where  $U$  is a right hyperideal,  $V$  is a lateral hyperideal and  $W$  is a left hyperideal of  $T$ , then  $B$  is a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** It follows from  $B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B \subseteq (U \cap V \cap W) \circ T \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \circ T \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \subseteq U \circ (T \circ V \circ T) \circ W \subseteq U \circ V \circ W \subseteq B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $T$  is regular;
- (ii) every hyperideal  $I$  of  $T$  is an idempotent;
- (iii)  $B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B = B$ , for every bi-ternary hyperideal  $B$  of  $T$ ;
- (iv)  $Q \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ Q = Q$ , for every quasi-ternary hyperideal  $Q$  of  $T$ ;

**Proof:** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) Clearly  $I \circ I \circ I \subseteq I$ . Since  $T$  is regular ternary hypersemiring, then for  $x \in I \subseteq T$  implies that  $x \in x \circ T \circ x \subseteq x \circ (T \circ x \circ T) \circ x \subseteq I \circ I \circ I$ . Thus  $I \circ I \circ I = I$ .

For the converse, let  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $W$  be a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal and a left hyperideal of  $T$  respectively. Obviously  $U \circ V \circ W \subseteq U \cap V \cap W$ . Again  $U \cap V \cap W = (U \cap V \cap W) \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \circ (U \cap V \cap W) \subseteq U \circ V \circ W$ . Thus  $U \circ V \circ W = U \cap V \cap W$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.1,  $T$  is a regular ternary hypersemiring.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Suppose  $S$  is regular ternary hypersemiring. Let  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Then  $B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B \subseteq B$  (1). Let  $b \in B \subseteq T$ . Then  $b \in b \circ T \circ b \subseteq b \circ T \circ b \circ T \circ b \subseteq B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B$ , that is,  $B \subseteq B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B$  (2). From (1) and (2), it follows that  $B = B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) It follows from the Lemma 4.1.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose the condition (iv) holds. Let  $U$  be a right hyperideal,  $V$  be a lateral hyperideal and  $W$  be a left hyperideal of  $T$ . Then by Theorem 3.1,  $Q = U \cap V \cap W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . By hypothesis,  $Q \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ Q = Q$ . Now  $U \cap V \cap W = Q = Q \circ T \circ Q \circ T \circ Q \subseteq U \circ T \circ V \circ T \circ W \subseteq U \circ V \circ W$ . Again, clearly  $U \circ V \circ W \subseteq U \cap V \cap W$ . Therefore  $U \cap V \cap W = U \circ V \circ W$ . Hence by Theorem 4.1,  $T$  is a regular ternary hypersemiring.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $B$  be a ternary subhypersemiring of  $T$ . Then  $B$  is bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if and only if  $B = B \circ S \circ B$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  and  $b \in B \subseteq T$ , then  $b \in b \circ T \circ b \subseteq B \circ T \circ B$ . Thus  $B \subseteq B \circ T \circ B$ . Again,  $B \circ T \circ B \subseteq B \circ T \circ B \circ T \circ B \subseteq B$ . Hence  $B = B \circ T \circ B$ .

Converse is straightforward.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6** *Let  $(T, +, \circ)$  be a regular ternary hypersemiring. Then the notions of bi-ternary hyperideals of ternary hypersemirings and quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemirings are equivalent.*

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of regular ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . Then by Theorem 4.1,  $U \cap V \cap W = U \circ V \circ W$ , where  $U, V, W$  are a right hyperideal, a lateral hyperideal, and a left hyperideal

of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  respectively. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
B \circledast T \circledast T \cap (T \circledast B \circledast T + T \circledast T \circledast B \circledast T \circledast T) \cap T \circledast T \circledast B \\
&= B \circledast T \circledast T \circledast (T \circledast B \circledast T + T \circledast T \circledast B \circledast T \circledast T) \circledast T \circledast T \circledast B \\
&\subseteq B \circledast (T \circledast T \circledast T) \circledast B \circledast (T \circledast T \circledast T) \circledast B + \\
&\quad B \circledast (T \circledast T \circledast T) \circledast T \circledast B \circledast (T \circledast T \circledast T) \circledast T \circledast B \\
&\subseteq B \circledast T \circledast B \circledast T \circledast B + B \circledast T \circledast T \circledast B \circledast T \circledast T \circledast B \\
&\subseteq B + B \circledast T \circledast B \\
&\subseteq B + B \\
&\subseteq B
\end{aligned}$$

since  $B$  is bi-ternary hyperideal and using the Theorem 4.5. Consequently  $B$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .

Converse part follows from Lemma 4.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7** *Let  $(T, +, \circledast)$  be a regular ternary hypersemiring. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two ternary subhypersemirings of  $T$  and  $C$  be a bi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ , then  $A \circledast B \circledast C$ ,  $A \circledast C \circledast B$  and  $C \circledast A \circledast B$  are quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ .*

**Proof:** The theorem follows from Lemma 4.3 and Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.5** *For any three quasi-ternary hyperideals  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  of a regular ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \circledast)$ ,  $A \circledast B \circledast C$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** Corollary follows from Corollary 4.2 and Theorem 4.7.  $\square$

In [16], Mandal et al. studied prime hyperideals in ternary hypersemiring. Now we introduce the notions of prime and semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideals in ternary hypersemirings.

**Definition 4.4** *Let  $(T, +, \circledast)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $Q$  be ternary subhypersemiring. Then  $Q$  is called a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if  $U \circledast V \circledast W \subseteq Q$  implies  $U \subseteq Q$  or  $V \subseteq Q$  or  $W \subseteq Q$  for any three quasi-ternary hyperideals  $U, V$  and  $W$  of  $T$ .*

*A ternary subhypersemiring  $Q$  of  $T$  is called a semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideal if  $A \circledast A \circledast A \subseteq Q$  implies  $A \subseteq Q$  for any quasi-ternary hyperideal  $A$  of  $S$ .*

**Remark 4.2** *Every prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  is a semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . But the converse is not true.*

**Example 4.1** Let  $T = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}_0^-)$  be a set all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_0^-$ . Let  $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . On  $T$ , '+' is a matrix addition and ' $\circledast$ ' defined as follows:  $\alpha \circledast \beta \circledast \gamma = \{\alpha \cdot a_1 \cdot \beta \cdot a_2 \cdot \gamma : a_1, a_2 \in A\}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in T$ . Then  $(T_A, +, \circledast)$  forms a ternary hypersemiring. Let  $Q = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in 15\mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}$  be a semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideal but not prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T_A$ , since  $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}$ ,  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in 3\mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}$  and  $C = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in 5\mathbb{Z}_0^- \right\}$  are quasi-ternary hyperideals of  $S$  such that  $A \circledast B \circledast C \subseteq Q$  but  $A \not\subseteq Q$ ,  $B \not\subseteq Q$  and  $C \not\subseteq Q$ .

**Proposition 4.4** *Let  $(T, +, \circledast)$  be a ternary hypersemiring and  $t \in T$ . The principal quasi-ternary hyperideal generated by  $t$  is denoted by  $\langle t \rangle_q = (t \circledast T \circledast T) \cap (T \circledast a \circledast T + T \circledast T \circledast a \circledast T \circledast T) \cap (T \circledast T \circledast a) + \{nt : t \in T, n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+\}$ .*

**Proposition 4.5** *If a ternary subhypersemiring  $Q$  of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal, then  $Q$  is a right hyperideal or a lateral hyperideal or a left hyperideal of  $T$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $Q$  be a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . We have  $(Q \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \otimes (T \otimes T \otimes Q) \subseteq (Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap (T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T) \cap (T \otimes T \otimes Q) \subseteq Q$ . Then by the hypothesis,  $Q \otimes T \otimes T \subseteq Q$  or  $T \otimes Q \otimes T + T \otimes T \otimes Q \otimes T \otimes T \subseteq Q$  or  $T \otimes T \otimes Q \subseteq Q$ . Hence  $Q$  is a right or a lateral or a left hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.6** *A ternary subhypersemiring  $Q$  of a commutative ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if and only if for any  $x, y, z \in T$ ,  $x \otimes y \otimes z \in Q$  implies  $x \in Q$  or  $y \in Q$  or  $z \in Q$ .*

**Theorem 4.8** *Let  $Q$  be a quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $Q$  is prime;
- (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in T$  such that  $\langle x \rangle_q \otimes \langle y \rangle_q \otimes \langle z \rangle_q \subseteq Q$  implies  $x \in Q$  or  $y \in Q$  or  $z \in Q$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $Q$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal and let  $\langle x \rangle_q \otimes \langle y \rangle_q \otimes \langle z \rangle_q \subseteq Q$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\langle x \rangle_q$ ,  $\langle y \rangle_q$  and  $\langle z \rangle_q$  are quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Therefore  $\langle x \rangle_q \subseteq Q$  or  $\langle y \rangle_q \subseteq Q$  or  $\langle z \rangle_q \subseteq Q \Rightarrow x \in Q$  or  $y \in Q$  or  $z \in Q$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) quasi-ternary hyperideals of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$  are idempotent;
- (ii) For any three quasi-ternary hyperideals  $U, V, W$  of  $T$ ,  $U \cap V \cap W \subseteq U \otimes V \otimes W$  with  $U \cap V \cap W \neq \phi$ ;
- (iii) For any  $t \in T$ ,  $\langle t \rangle_q = \langle t \rangle_q \otimes \langle t \rangle_q \otimes \langle t \rangle_q$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) It is obvious that  $U \cap V \cap W$  is a quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $T$ . By the conjecture,  $U \cap V \cap W = (U \cap V \cap W) \otimes (U \cap V \cap W) \otimes (U \cap V \cap W) \subseteq U \otimes V \otimes W$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) and (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) are obvious.  $\square$

**Definition 4.5** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. A non-empty subset  $A$  of  $T$  is said to be  $m_q$ -system if for any  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $(\langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle b \rangle_q \otimes \langle c \rangle_q) \cap A \neq \phi$*

**Definition 4.6** *Let  $(T, +, \otimes)$  be a ternary hypersemiring. A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $T$  is said to be  $n_q$ -system if for any  $a \in A$ ,  $(\langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle a \rangle_q) \cap A \neq \phi$*

**Theorem 4.10** *Let  $Q$  be a quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . Then  $Q$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if and only if  $Q^c$  (complement of  $Q$ ) is an  $m_q$ -system.*

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Q$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ . Assume that  $Q^c$  is an  $m_q$ -system, if not, then there exist  $a, b, c \in Q^c$  such that  $(\langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle b \rangle_q \otimes \langle c \rangle_q) \cap Q^c = \phi \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle b \rangle_q \otimes \langle c \rangle_q \subseteq Q$ . Then by Theorem 4.8,  $a \in Q$  or  $b \in Q$  or  $c \in Q$ . So we arrive a contradiction. Hence  $Q^c$  is an  $m_q$ -system.

Conversely, let  $Q^c$  is an  $m_q$ -system. Suppose  $\langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle b \rangle_q \otimes \langle c \rangle_q \subseteq Q \nRightarrow a \in Q$  or  $b \in Q$  or  $c \in Q$ . Then  $a, b, c \in Q^c \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle_q \otimes \langle b \rangle_q \otimes \langle c \rangle_q \cap Q^c \neq \phi$ , a contradiction. Hence  $a, b, c \in Q$ . Then by Theorem 4.8,  $Q$  is a prime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11** *Let  $Q$  be a quasi-ternary hyperideal of a ternary hypersemiring  $(T, +, \otimes)$ . Then  $Q$  is a semiprime quasi-ternary hyperideal of  $T$  if and only if  $Q^c$  is an  $n_q$ -system.*

**Proof:** Parallel proof of the Theorem 4.10.  $\square$

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