

## Generalized soft bi-ideals over semigroups

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### Abstract

In this paper, we present the concept of a generalized soft bi-ideal over a semigroup  $S$ . Moreover, we investigate relations among soft ideals over  $S$ . Furthermore, we characterize regular and intra-regular semigroups in terms of generalized soft bi-ideals.

## 1 Introduction and basic definitions

A semigroup is an algebraic structure consisting of a nonempty set  $S$  with an associative binary operation on it. A subset  $\phi \neq A \subseteq S$  is called a sub-semigroup of  $S$  if  $A^2 \subseteq A$ , a left (right) ideal of  $S$  if  $SA \subseteq A$  ( $AS \subseteq A$ ) and a two-sided ideal (or simply ideal) of  $S$  if it is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ . A nonempty subset  $B \subseteq S$  is called a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$  if  $BSB \subseteq B$  [5]. Some significant applications of semigroup theory exist in many fields like finite state machines, automata, and coding theory. Therefore, semigroups and related structures were investigated in fuzzy settings [8]

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and recently in (fuzzy soft) soft settings [1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12]. The concepts of soft semigroups and soft ideals were introduced in [2, 3] as a collection of subsemigroups (ideals) of a semigroup. As a result, we define the concept of a generalized soft bi-ideal over a semigroup  $S$ . We investigate relations between soft ideals and generalized soft bi-ideal and characterize regular and intra-regular semigroups in terms of generalized soft bi-ideals.

**Definition 1.1.** [7] Let  $E$  be a set of parameters,  $P(S)$  the power set of  $S$  and  $A \subseteq E$ . The pair  $(F, A)$  is called a soft set over  $S$ , where  $F$  is a mapping  $F : A \rightarrow P(S)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [3] Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over  $S$ . Then  $(G, B)$  is called a soft subset of  $(F, A)$ , denoted by  $(G, B) \sqsubseteq (F, A)$ , if  $B \subseteq A$  and  $G(b) \subseteq F(b)$  for all  $b \in B$ . These two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  are equal iff  $(G, B) \sqsubseteq (F, A)$  and  $(F, A) \sqsubseteq (G, B)$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [3] Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over  $S$ . The restricted intersection of  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$ ,  $(F, A) \cap (G, B)$ , is a soft set  $(H, C)$  defined as  $H(c) = F(c) \cap G(c)$  for all  $c \in C = A \cap B$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [3] Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over  $S$ . The restricted union of  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$ , denoted by  $(F, A) \sqcup (G, B)$ , is a soft set  $(H, C)$  defined as  $H(c) = F(c) \cup G(c)$  for all  $c \in C = A \cap B$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [3] If  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  are soft sets over  $(S, \star)$ , then  $(F, A) \star (G, B)$  is a soft set  $(H, A \times B)$ , where  $H(a, b) = F(a) \star G(b)$ , for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ .

## 2 Generalized soft bi-ideals

In this section, we define the generalized soft bi-ideals over a semigroup  $S$  and investigate relations among soft ideals.

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over  $S$ . The soft product of  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$ ,  $(F, A) \diamond (G, B)$ , is defined as the soft set  $(FG, C)$  where  $FG(c) = F(c)G(c)$  for all  $c \in C = A \cap B$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [3] A soft set  $(F, A)$  over  $S$  is called a soft semigroup if  $(F, A) \diamond (F, A) \subseteq (F, A)$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** [3] A soft set  $(F, A)$  is a soft semigroup (ideal) over  $S$  if and only if,  $\forall a \in A, F(a) \neq \phi$  is a subsemigroup (an ideal) of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a semigroup. A soft set  $(F, A)$  over  $S$  is called a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$  if

$$(F, A) \diamond (S, A) \diamond (F, A) \subseteq (F, A)$$

We observe that every soft bi-ideal over  $S$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ . The following example shows that the opposite direction does not hold in general.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a semigroup with the following table:

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$
$x$	$x$	$x$	$x$	$x$
$y$	$x$	$x$	$x$	$x$
$z$	$x$	$x$	$y$	$x$
$w$	$x$	$x$	$y$	$y$

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$  and let  $(F, A)$  be a soft set over  $S$  defined by

$$F(a) = \{x, y\}, \quad F(b) = \{x, z\}.$$

Then  $(F, A)$  is not soft semigroup since

$$F(a)F(a) = \{x, w\}\{x, w\} = \{x, y\} \not\subseteq F(a).$$

Hence  $(F, A)$  is not soft bi-ideal over  $S$ . On the other hand, we have

$$F(a)SF(a) = \{x\} \subseteq F(a)$$

$$F(b)SF(b) = \{x\} \subseteq F(b);$$

that is,  $(F, A) \diamond (S, A) \diamond (F, A) \subseteq (F, A)$ . Therefore,  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft set over  $S$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ ,
2. For all  $a \in A, F(a) \neq \phi$  is a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ . Then

$$(F, A) \circ (S, A) \circ (F, A) \subseteq (F, A).$$

It follows that  $F(a)SF(a) \subseteq F(a)$  for all  $a \in A$  which means that  $F(a)$  is a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$ , whenever  $F(a) \neq \phi$ .

Conversely, if  $F(a) = \phi$  for all  $a \in A$ , then  $F(a)SF(a) = \phi \subseteq F(a)$  for otherwise  $F(a) \neq \phi$  is a generalized bi-ideal over  $S$  and so  $F(a)SF(a) \subseteq F(a)$ . Hence

$$(F, A) \circ (S, A) \circ (F, A) \subseteq (F, A).$$

This shows that  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft quasi-ideal over  $S$ . Then  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $(F, A)$  is a soft quasi-ideal over  $S$ . By Proposition 4.2 in [3],  $(F, A)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be generalized soft bi-ideals over  $S$ . Then  $(F, A) \sqcap (G, B)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $(F, A) \sqcap (G, B) = (H, A \cap B)$  is a nonempty soft set over  $S$ . By hypotheses,  $F(c)$  and  $G(c)$  are generalized bi-ideals of  $S$  for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Let  $x, y \in H(c)$  and  $z \in S$ . Then  $x, y \in F(c)$  and  $x, y \in G(c)$ . Hence,

$$xzy \in H(c)SH(c) \subseteq F(c)SF(c) \subseteq F(c)$$

and

$$xzy \in H(c)SH(c) \subseteq G(c)SG(c) \subseteq G(c).$$

Thus  $xzy \in F(c) \cap G(c) = H(c)$ ; that is,  $H(c)SH(c) \subseteq H(c)$  for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Therefore,  $(F, A) \sqcap (G, B)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $(S, \star)$  be a semigroup and let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over  $S$ . Then  $(F, A) \star (G, B)$  is a soft bi-ideal over  $S$  if  $(G, B)$  is a soft generalized bi-ideal over  $S$ .*

**Proof.** By definition 1.5,  $H(a, b) = F(a) \star G(b)$ , for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Assume that  $H(a, b) \neq \phi$  and  $G(b)$  is a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$ , for all  $b \in B$ . Then

$$F(a) \star G(b) \star F(a) \star G(b) \subseteq F(a) \star G(b) \star S \star G(b) \subseteq F(a) \star G(b).$$

Thus  $F(a) \star G(b)$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ ; that is,  $(F, A) \star (G, B)$  is a soft semigroup over  $S$ . Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(a) \star G(b) \star S \star F(a) \star G(b) &\subseteq F(a) \star G(b) \star S \star S \star G(b) \\ &\subseteq F(a) \star G(b) \star S \star G(b) \subseteq F(a) \star G(b) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $F(a) \star G(b)$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$ , for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Consequently,  $(F, A) \star (G, B)$  is a soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be generalized soft bi-ideals over  $S$ . Then  $(F, A) \diamond (G, B)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .*

**Proof.** By definition 2.1, we can write  $(F, A) \diamond (G, B) = (FG, C)$ . Let  $x, y \in FG(c)$  and  $z \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} xzy \in FG(c)SFG(c) &= F(c)G(c)SF(c)G(c) \\ &\subseteq F(c)G(c)SSG(c) \\ &\subseteq F(c)G(c)SG(c) \subseteq F(c)G(c) = FG(c). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $FG(c)$  is a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$  for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Therefore, the product  $(F, A) \diamond (G, B)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

### 3 Regular and intra-regular semigroups

A semigroup  $S$  is called regular (intra-regular) if for all  $a \in S$  there exists  $x \in S$  (there are  $x, y \in S$ ) such that  $a = axa$  ( $a = xa^2y$ )[3]. The following result shows that the concepts of soft bi-ideals and generalized soft bi-ideals over a regular semigroup coincide.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft set over a regular semigroup. Then the following statements are equivalent*

- (a)  $(F, A)$  is a soft bi-ideal over  $S$ ,
- (a)  $(F, A)$  is a soft generalized bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Proof.**  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$  is straightforward by the definition. Suppose  $(F, A)$  is a soft generalized bi-ideal over  $S$ . Hence  $F(a)$  is a generalized bi-ideal of  $S$ , for all  $a \in A$ . By Definition 2.4,  $(F, A)$  is a soft semigroup over  $S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, for  $x, y \in F(a)$ , there exist  $u, v \in S$  such that  $x = xux$  and  $y = yvy$ . Hence  $xy = xuxyvy = x(xuyv)y \in F(a)$ ; that is,  $F(a)F(a) \subseteq F(a)$ . Thus  $(F, A)$  is a soft semigroup over  $S$ . Consequently,  $(F, A)$  is a soft bi-ideal over  $S$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft generalized bi-ideal over a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $S$  is regular if and only if*

$$(F, A) \diamond (S, A) \diamond (F, A) = (F, A)$$

**Proof.** First, suppose that  $(F, A)$  is a soft generalized bi-ideal over  $S$  and  $x \in F(a)$ , for  $a \in A$ . Then there exists  $z \in S$  such that  $x = xzx$ , as  $S$  is regular. So  $x = xzx$  is an element of  $F(a)SF(a)$  and hence  $F(a)SF(a) \supseteq F(a)$  since  $F(a)SF(a) \subseteq F(a)$ . Thus, for all  $a \in A$ ,  $F(a)SF(a) = F(a)$ ; that is,  $(F, A) \diamond (S, A) \diamond (F, A) = (F, A)$ . For the other direction, consider the soft set  $(G, S)$  over  $S$  defined by  $G(x) = xS^1$ , for all  $x \in S$ . Then  $(G, S)$  is a soft quasi-ideal [3] and consequently is a soft generalized bi-ideal over  $S$ . By hypothesis, we obtain  $G(x) = G(x)SG(x)$ . From Theorem 3.1.2 in [8], it follows that  $S$  is regular.

Using soft bi-ideals and generalized soft bi-ideals over a semigroup  $S$ , we give a characterization of regular semigroups.

**Theorem 3.3.** *A semigroup  $S$  is regular  $\Leftrightarrow$*

$$(G, A) \sqcap (F, B) \sqsubseteq (G, A) \diamond (F, B)$$

for every generalized soft bi-ideal  $(G, A)$  and soft left ideal  $(F, B)$  over  $S$ , where  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ .

**Proof.**  $(\Rightarrow)$  We write  $(G, A) \sqcap (F, B) = (H, A \cap B)$  and  $(G, A) \diamond (F, B) = (GF, A \cap B)$  such that

$$H(c) = G(c) \cap F(c), \quad GF(c) = G(c)F(c) \quad \forall c \in A \cap B.$$

Now, Let  $z \in G(c) \cap F(c)$ . Then  $z \in G(c)$  and  $z \in F(c)$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $w \in S$  such that  $z = zwz \in G(c)SF(c) \subseteq G(c)F(c) = GF(c)$ . Hence  $(G, A) \sqcap (F, B) \sqsubseteq (G, A) \diamond (F, B)$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Assume that  $A = B = S$  and the soft sets  $(G, S)$  and  $(F, S)$  are defined by  $G(x) = xS \cup x = xS^1$  and  $F(x) = Sx \cup x = S^1x$ . Then  $(G, S)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal since it is a soft right ideal and  $(F, S)$  is a soft left ideal over  $S$ . By hypothesis,

$$x \in G(x) \cap F(x) \subseteq G(x)F(x) = xS^1S^1x \subseteq xS^1x.$$

That is, for all  $x \in S$ , there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $x = xyx$ . This means  $S$  is a regular semigroup.

**Theorem 3.4.** *A semigroup  $S$  is regular  $\Leftrightarrow$*

$$(G, A) \sqcap (F, B) = (G, A) \diamond (F, B) \diamond (G, A), \tag{3.1}$$

for every soft interior ideal  $(F, B)$  and a generalized soft bi-ideal  $(G, A)$  over  $S$ .

**Proof.**  $(\Rightarrow)$  Assume that  $G(c)$  and  $F(c)$  are generalized bi-ideal and interior ideal of  $S$ , respectively, for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Then

$$G(c)F(c)G(c) \subseteq G(c)SG(c) \subseteq G(c)$$

and

$$G(c)F(c)G(c) \subseteq SF(c)S \subseteq F(c)$$

Thus  $G(c)F(c)G(c) \subseteq F(c) \cap G(c)$ , for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Hence

$$(G, A) \diamond (F, B) \diamond (G, A) \sqsubseteq (G, A) \sqcap (F, B).$$

Now, let  $z \in G(c) \cap F(c)$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $w \in S$  such that  $z = zwz$ . Hence

$$z = (zwz)wz = z(wzw)z \in G(c)F(c)G(c).$$

Thus  $G(c) \cap F(c) \subseteq G(c)F(c)G(c)$ , for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . Therefore,

$$(G, A) \sqcap (F, B) = (G, A) \diamond (F, B) \diamond (G, A).$$

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that condition (1) holds. Then

$$(G, A) = (G, A) \sqcap (S, A) = (G, A) \diamond (S, A) \diamond (G, A).$$

By Theorem 3.2,  $S$  is a regular semigroup.

**Theorem 3.5.** *A semigroup  $S$  is regular and intra-regular  $\Leftrightarrow$*

$$(F, A) \sqcap (G, B) \sqsubseteq (F, A) \diamond (G, B),$$

for every generalized soft bi-ideals  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over  $S$ , where  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $(\Rightarrow)$  holds and  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  are generalized soft bi-ideals over  $S$ . Let  $z \in F(c) \cap G(c) \quad \forall c \in A \cap B$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $w \in S$  such that  $z = zwz$ . In addition, since  $S$  is intra-regular, there are  $x, y \in S$  such that  $z = xz^2y$ . Hence

$$z = zwz = zwzwz = zw(xz^2y)wz = (zwxz)(zywz) \in F(c)G(c) = FG(c).$$

Thus  $F(c) \cap G(c) \subseteq FG(c)$  for all  $c \in A \cap B$ . That is,  $(F, A) \sqcap (G, B) \sqsubseteq (F, A) \diamond (G, B)$ .

Let  $(H, C)$  be any soft bi-ideal over  $S$ . Then  $(H, C)$  is a soft semigroup over  $S$  and so

$$(H, C) \diamond (H, C) \sqsubseteq (H, C).$$

Since  $(H, C)$  is a generalized soft bi-ideal over  $S$ , by hypotheses, we obtain

$$(H, C) \diamond (H, C) \supseteq (H, C).$$

Thus  $(H, C) \diamond (H, C) = (H, C)$  and theorem 166 in [2] implies that  $S$  is a regular and an intra-regular semigroup.  $\square$

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