

## STRUCTURAL THEOREMS FOR $(m, n)$ -QUASI-IDEAL SEMIGROUPS \*

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**Abstract.** The definitions of  $(m, n)$ -ideal and  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal on a semigroup are given in [5]. They have been studied in many papers, recently in papers [7], [8] and [9]. In this paper we introduce the notion of an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup and consider some general properties of this class of semigroups. Also, we introduce the notion of an  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup and give its structural description. In section 3 we describe a class of  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroups by matrix representation.

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### 1. Introduction and some general properties for $(m, n)$ -quasi ideal semigroups

Let  $S$  be a semigroup,  $a \in S$ , then by  $\langle a \rangle$  we denote *monogenic subsemigroup* on  $S$  generated by  $a$ . Either  $\langle a \rangle$  is isomorphic to the natural numbers  $N$  under addition or there exist positive integers  $r, m$  such that  $\langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^r, \dots, a^{r+m-1}\}$  with  $K_a = \{a^r, a^{r+1}, \dots, a^{r+m-1}\}$  a cyclic group of order  $m$ . The integers  $r$  and  $m$  are called *index* and *period* of  $\langle a \rangle$ , respectively. A semigroup  $S$  is *periodic* if all its monogenic subsemigroups are finite. By  $|\langle a \rangle|$  we denote the cardinal of  $\langle a \rangle$ .

By  $E(S)$  we denote a set of all idempotents on  $S$ .

For nondefined notions we refer to [2] and [3].

A subsemigroup  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal on  $S$  if  $A^m S A^n \subseteq A$ , where  $m, n \in N \cup \{0\}$  ( $A^0 S A^n = S A^n$ ,  $A^m S A^0 = A^m S$ ), [5].

A semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal semigroup if each subsemigroup of  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal on  $S$ , [11, 13].

**Definition 1.1.** A subsemigroup  $Q$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal on  $S$  if  $Q^m S \cap S Q^n \subseteq Q$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  ( $Q^0 S \cap S Q^n = S Q^n$ ,  $Q^m S \cap S Q^0 = Q^m S$ ).

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**Remark 1.1.** Let  $Q$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal on  $S$ , then

$$Q^m S Q^n = Q^m S Q^n \cap Q^m S Q^n \subseteq Q^m S \cap S Q^n \subseteq Q$$

and so  $Q$  is an  $(m, n)$  ideal on  $S$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup if each subsemigroup of  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal on  $S$ .

For  $m = 1, n = 0$  ( $m = 0, n = 1$ ) we have right (left) ideal semigroups considered in [4] and [5]. For  $m = n = 1$  we have quasi-ideal semigroups.

It is clear that if  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup, then each subsemigroup of  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup as well.

**Remark 1.2.** By Remark 1 we conclude that a class of  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroups is a subclass of the class of  $(m, n)$ -ideal semigroups.

**Remark 1.3.** Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup,  $a \in S$ , then

$$a^m S \cap S a^n \subseteq \langle a \rangle^m S \cap S \langle a \rangle^n \subseteq \langle a \rangle.$$

The following proposition is proved in [11].

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -ideal semigroup. Then the following statements are true:

- (i)  $S$  is periodic,  $K_a = \{e\}$ ,  $e$  is zero in  $\langle a \rangle$  for every  $a \in S$  and  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 2m + 2n + 1$ ;
- (ii) The set  $E(S)$  is a rectangular band and an ideal of  $S$ ;
- (iii)  $S$  is a disjoint union of the maximal unipotent subsemigroups  $S_e = \{x \in S \mid (\exists p \in \mathbb{N}) x^p = e, e \in E(S)\}$  and  $e$  is zero in  $S_e$ .

**Remark 1.4.** By Remark 2 the above proposition is valid for  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroups.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup, then for every  $a \in S$  is  $|\langle a \rangle| \leq 2 \max\{m, n\} + 1$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 1  $\langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^p = e\}$  and  $|\langle a \rangle| = p$ . Suppose that  $p > 2m + 2k + 1 = 2n + 2s + 1$  where  $k, s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  are minimal such that  $m + k = n + s$ . Let  $B = \{a^2, a^4, \dots, a^p\}$ , then  $B$  is a subsemigroup and  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $\langle a \rangle$ . So

$$B^m a \cap a B^n \subseteq B^m \langle a \rangle \cap \langle a \rangle B^n \subseteq B$$

and

$$\{a^{2m+1}, \dots, a^{2m+2k+1}, \dots, a^p\} \cap \{a^{2n+1}, \dots, a^{2n+2s+1}, \dots, a^p\} \subseteq B.$$

Now  $a^{2m+2k+1} = a^{2m+2s+1} \in B$  where  $k, s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  are minimal such that  $m + k = n + s$  and  $a^{2m+2k+1} \neq a^p$  which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $p \leq 2m + 2k + 1 = 2m + 2s + 1$  or  $p \leq \max\{m, n\} + 1$ .  $\square$

**2. A structural theorems for  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup**

Let  $P$  be a partial semigroup, then  $Q \subseteq P$  is a partial subsemigroup of  $P$  if for  $x, y \in Q$  and  $xy \in P$  it follows that  $xy \in Q$ . Then if  $Q^m P \cap P Q^n \subseteq Q$  we say that  $Q$  is a partial  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $P$ .

A partial semigroup  $P$  is a partial  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup if each partial subsemigroup of  $P$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal.

A partial semigroup  $P$  is called a power breaking partial semigroup if for every  $a \in P$  there exists some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^k \notin P$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let semigroup  $S = \{i, j, k, m, n, p, q, e, f, g, h\}$  be a given by the following table:

	$i$	$j$	$k$	$m$	$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$f$	$g$	$h$
$i$	$j$	$k$	$m$	$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$j$	$k$	$m$	$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$k$	$m$	$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$m$	$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$n$	$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$p$	$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$q$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$f$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$f$	$f$	$h$
$g$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$g$	$g$	$e$
$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$h$	$f$	$f$	$h$

Then  $S$  is a  $(4, 1)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup,  $E(S) = \{e, f, g, h\}$  is a rectangular band and an ideal of  $S$  and set  $P = \{i, j, k, m, n, p, q\}$  is a power breaking partial  $(4, 1)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup, then  $S = P \cup E(S)$  where  $P$  is a partial power breaking  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup and  $E(S)$  is a rectangular band and an ideal of  $S$ , i.e.  $S$  is a retractive extension of the rectangular band  $E(S)$  by the partial power breaking  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup  $P$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup, then by Remark 1.2 and Proposition 1.1 we have that  $S$  is a periodic semigroup,  $E(S)$  is a rectangular band and an ideal of  $S$  and  $P = S \setminus E(S)$  is a power breaking partial semigroup.

Let  $Q$  be a subsemigroup of  $P$ . We denote by  $R = \langle Q \rangle$  a subsemigroup of  $S$  generated by  $Q$ . Then  $R$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $S$ , and so

$$Q^m P \cap P Q^n \subseteq R^m S \cap S R^n \subseteq R,$$

whence

$$Q^m P \cap P Q^n \subseteq R \setminus E(S) = Q.$$

Hence,  $Q$  is a partial  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $P$  and so  $P$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup.

By Proposition 1 the mapping  $\varphi : S \rightarrow E(S)$  defined by  $\varphi(a) = e_a$ , where  $e_a$  is a zero in  $\langle a \rangle$ , is a retraction.  $\square$

Next, we give the following construction.

**Construction 1.** Let  $P$  be a power breaking partial  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup,  $E$  be a rectangular band,  $P \cap E \neq \emptyset$  and  $\varphi$  be a partial homomorphism from  $P$  into  $E$ . Let us put  $\varphi(e) = e$  for each  $e \in E$ . Then the mapping  $\varphi : S = P \cup E \rightarrow E$  is a surjective.

Let us define an operation  $\cdot$  on  $S$  by

$$x \cdot y = \begin{cases} xy, & \text{if } x, y \in P \text{ and } xy \text{ is defined in } P, \\ \varphi(x)\varphi(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup which will be denoted by  $[P, E, \varphi]$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *The semigroup  $S = [P, E, \varphi]$  given by the above construction is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup.*

*Proof.* Let  $Q$  be a subsemigroup of  $S$  and  $Q^* = Q \setminus E$ . Let  $s \in Q^m S \cap S Q^n$ . Then it is  $s = pd = tq$  where  $p = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m \in Q^m$ ,  $q = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n \in Q^n$ ,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in Q$  and  $d, t \in S$ . It is enough to consider the following cases:

1.  $p, q \in Q^*$ ,  $d, t \in P$

- 1.1.  $s = pd = tq \in P$ , then  $s \in (Q^*)^m P \cap P (Q^*)^n \subseteq Q^*$  since  $P$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal partial semigroup.

- 1.2.  $s = pd = tq \in E$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} s &= s^2 = pdtq = \varphi(p)\varphi(d)\varphi(t)\varphi(q) = \varphi(p)\varphi(q) \\ &= \varphi(p^{\max\{m, n\}+1})\varphi(q) = \varphi(p^{\max\{m, n\}+1}q) = p^{\max\{m, n\}+1}q \in Q. \end{aligned}$$

Other cases can be considered analogously. Hence,  $Q$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $S$  and so  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup.  $\square$

**Definition 2.1.** A subsemigroup  $Q$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal of  $S$  if

$$Q^m S \cap S Q^n \subseteq Q \quad \text{and} \quad Q^n S \cap S Q^m \subseteq Q$$

where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . A semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup if each subsemigroup of  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal of  $S$ .

It is clear that a class of  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroups is a subclass of a class of  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroups. Putting  $n = 1$ , we have  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroups.

If  $P$  is a partial semigroup then the notions of  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal and  $(m, n)$ -duo quasi-ideal partial semigroup are defined analogously by the above.

The semigroup  $S$  given in Example 1 is an  $(4, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup and  $P = S \setminus E(S)$  is an  $(4, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal partial semigroup.

Let in Construction 1  $P$  be an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal power breaking partial semigroup. Then we prove the following

**Theorem 2.3.** *A semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup if and only if  $S \cong [P, E, \varphi]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup. The proof that  $S = P \cup E(S)$  where  $P$  is a partial power breaking  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup and  $E(S)$  is a rectangular band and an ideal of  $S$  is analogous with the proof in Theorem 1.

Let  $\varphi : S = P \cup E(S) \rightarrow E(S)$  be a mapping defined by  $\varphi(x) = e_x$  such that  $e_x$  is the idempotent in  $\langle x \rangle$ . Since a class of  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroups is a subclass of a class of  $(m, 1)$ -duo ideal semigroup, we have that mapping  $\varphi$  is epimorphism [9].

The operation on  $S$  is defined in the following way:

$$xy = \begin{cases} xy, & \text{as in } P \text{ if } x, y \in P \text{ and } xy \text{ is defined in } P, \\ z = \varphi(z) = \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It follows that the operation on  $S$  is defined in the same way as Construction 1, and so  $S \cong [S, P, \varphi]$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $S \cong [P, E, \varphi] = T$  where  $P$  is an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal power breaking partial semigroup. The proof that  $T$  is an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup is analogous with the proof of Theorem 2. Consequently,  $S$  is an  $(m, 1)$ -duo quasi-ideal semigroup.  $\square$

### 3. The matrix representation for $(m, n)$ -quasi ideal semigroups

In this section we describe the class of  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroups by matrix representation.

**Construction 2.** Let  $E = I \times Y$  be a rectangular band and let  $Q$  be a partial  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal power breaking semigroup such that  $E \cap Q = \emptyset$ . Let  $\xi : p \rightarrow \xi_p$  be a mapping from  $Q$  into the semigroup  $T(I)$  of all mappings from  $I$  into itself and  $\eta : p \rightarrow \eta_p$  be a mapping from  $Q$  into  $T(J)$ .

For all  $p, q \in Q$  let:

$$(i) \quad pq \in Q \implies \xi_{pq} = \xi_p \xi_q, \quad \eta_{pq} = \eta_p \eta_q$$

$$(ii) \quad pq \notin Q \implies \xi_p \xi_q = \text{cons.}, \eta_p \eta_q = \text{cons.},$$

Let us define a multiplication on  $S = E \cup Q$  with:

- (a)  $(i, j)(k, l) = (i, l)$ ,
- (b)  $p(i, j) = (i\xi_p, j)$ ,
- (c)  $(i, j)p = (ij\eta_p)$ ,
- (d)  $pq = r \in Q \implies pq = r \in S$ ,
- (e)  $pq \notin Q \implies pq = (i\xi_q \xi_p, j\eta_p \eta_q)$ .

Then  $S$  with this multiplication is a semigroup, [1], [6] and [12, 14].

A subsemigroup  $B$  of  $S$  is of the form  $B = E_B \cup Q_B$ , where  $E_B = I_B \times J_B$ , ( $I_B \subseteq I, J_B \subseteq J$ ) is a rectangular band and  $Q_B$  is a partial subsemigroup of  $Q$ .

If for  $p, q \in Q_B, p \in Q_B^m, q \in Q_B^n$  the following condition holds:

$$(iii) \quad \xi_p : I \longrightarrow I_B, \eta_q : J \longrightarrow J_B$$

then a semigroup which is constructed in this way will be denoted by  $M(I, J, Q, \xi, \eta)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Semigroup  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup if and only if  $S$  is isomorphic to some  $M(I, J, Q, \xi, \eta)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup, then  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal semigroup. By Theorem, [1], we have that  $S$  is isomorphic to a semigroup  $M(I, J, Q, \xi, \eta)$ .

Conversely, let  $S = M(I, J, Q, \xi, \eta)$  and let  $B$  be a subsemigroup of  $S$ . Then  $B = E_B \cup Q_B$ , where  $E_B = I_B \times J_B$ , ( $I_B \subseteq I, J_B \subseteq J$ ) is a rectangular band and  $Q$  is a partial subsemigroup of  $Q$ .

We will prove that  $B$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal of  $S$ .

Since  $E_B$  is an ideal in  $B$ , we have

$$B^2 = (E_B \cup Q_B)(E_B \cup Q_B) = E_B^2 \cup E_B Q_B \cup Q_B E_B \cup Q_B^2 = E_B \cup Q_B^2,$$

and so, by induction, we conclude that  $B^p = (E_B \cup Q_B)^p = E_B \cup Q_B^p$  for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} B^m S \cap S B^n &= (E_B \cup Q_B)^m S \cap S (E_B \cup Q_B)^n \\ &= (E_B \cup Q_B^m) S \cap S (E_B \cup Q_B^n) \\ &= (E_B S \cap S E_B) \cup (E_B S \cap S Q_B^n) \cup (Q_B^m \cap S E_B) \cup (Q_B^m \cap S Q_B^n). \end{aligned}$$

Now we will consider the set

$$E_B S \cap S E_B = \{ea = be \mid e, f \in E_B, a, b \in S\}.$$

Since  $E = I \times J$  is a rectangular band and ideal on  $S$  we have

$$ea = e^2 a = eea = ebf = e(eb)f = ef \in E_B.$$

Hence

$$(3.1) \quad E_B S \cap S E_B \subseteq E_B.$$

We will consider the set

$$E_B S \cap S Q_B^n = \{ea = bq \mid e \in E_B, a, b \in S, q \in Q_B^n\}.$$

Then  $ea = bq \in E$ . Let this be  $e = (i, j) \in E_B = I_B \times J_B$ . We have the following cases:

(2.1) If  $a, b \in Q, q \in Q_B^n \subseteq Q_B$  then  $(i, j)a = bq$  and

$$(i, j)a = (i, j)^2 a = (i, j)bq = (i, j\eta_b)q = (i, j\eta_b\eta_q),$$

so by (iii) it follows that

$$(i, j\eta_a) = (i, j\eta_b\eta_q) \in E_B \subseteq B.$$

(2.2) If  $a, b \in Q, q \in E_B$ , then it is case (1).

(2.3) Let  $a \in E, b \in Q, q \in Q_B$ , then  $a = (k, l)$  and  $(i, j)(k, l) = bq$ . Now

$$(i, l)^2 = (i, l)bq = (i, l\eta_b\eta_q) \in E_B.$$

(2.4) Let  $a \in Q, b \in E, q \in Q_B$ , then  $b = (k, l)$  and  $(i, j)a = (k, l)q$ . Now

$$(i, j\eta_a) = (i, j\eta_a)^2 = (i, j\eta_a)(k, l\eta_q) = (i, l\eta_q) \in E_B.$$

(2.5) Let  $a, b \in E, q \in Q_B$ , then  $a = (k, l), b = (k', l'), (i, j)(k, l) = (k', l')q$  and

$$(i, l) = (k', l'\eta_q) \implies (i, l'\eta_q) \in E_B.$$

(2.6) If  $a \in E, b \in Q, q \in E_B$ , then it is case (1).

(2.7) If  $a \in Q, b \in E, q \in E_B$ , then it is case (1).

(2.8) If  $a, b \in E, q \in E_B$ , then it is case (1).

By the above it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad E_B S \cap S Q_B^n \subseteq E_Q \subseteq B.$$

Similarly we have that

$$(3.3) \quad Q_B^m S \cap SE_B \subseteq B.$$

Finally, we will consider the set

$$Q_B^m S \cap SQ_B^n = \{pa = bq \mid p \in Q_B^m, q \in Q_B^n, a, b \in S\}$$

Then we have the following cases:

(4.1) If  $p, q \in Q_B$ ,  $a, b \in Q$  then

$$pa = bq \in Q_B^m Q \cap QQ_B^n \subseteq Q_B \subseteq B.$$

(4.2) If  $p, q \in Q_B$ ,  $a, b \in Q$  and  $pa = bq \in E$ , then by (e) it follows

$$pa = (i\xi_a \xi_p, j\eta_p \eta_a) = bq = (i\xi_q \xi_b, j\eta_b \eta_q)$$

and so by (iii) we have

$$pa = bq = pabq = (i\xi_a \xi_p, j\eta_b \eta_q) \in E_B \subseteq B.$$

(4.3) If  $p \in E_B$ ,  $a, b \in Q$ ,  $b \in Q_B$  then it is case (2).

(4.4) From  $p, q \in Q_B$ ,  $a \in E$ ,  $b \in Q$  follows  $bq \in E$  and, for  $a = (i, j)$  and (e), it follows that  $pa = (i\xi_p, j)$ ,  $bq = (i\xi_q \xi_b, j\eta_b \eta_q)$ . So

$$pa = bq = pabq = (i\xi_p, j\eta_b \eta_q) \in E_B \subseteq B.$$

(4.5) If  $p, q \in Q_B$ ,  $a \in Q$ ,  $b = (i, j) \in E$  then  $pa = (i\xi_a \xi_p, j\eta_p \eta_a) = bq = (i, j\eta_q)$  and so  $(i\xi_a \xi_p, j\eta_q) \in E_B$ .

(4.6) If  $p = (i, j) \in E_B$ ,  $a = (k, l) \in E$ ,  $b \in Q$ ,  $q \in Q_B$  then it is case (2).

(4.7) If  $p = (i, j) \in E_B$ ,  $a \in Q$ ,  $b \in E$ ,  $q \in Q_B$  then it is case (2).

(4.8) If  $p = (i, j) \in E_B$ ,  $a, b \in Q$ ,  $q = (k, l) \in E_B$  then it is case (1).

(4.9) If  $p \in Q_B$ ,  $a = (k, l) \in E$ ,  $b \in Q$ ,  $q \in E_B$  then it is case (3).

(4.10) If  $p \in Q_B$ ,  $a \in Q$ ,  $b \in E$ ,  $q \in E_B$  then it is case (3).

(4.11) If  $p \in Q_B$ ,  $a = (i, j) \in E$ ,  $b = (k, l) \in E$ ,  $q \in E_B$  then  $pa = p(i, j) = (i\xi_p, j) = bq = (k, l)q = (k, l\eta_q)$  and so

$$pa = bq = (i\xi_p, l\eta_q) \in E_B \subseteq B.$$

(4.12) If  $p \in E_B$ ,  $a, b \in E$ ,  $q \in Q_B$  then it is case (2).



(4.13) If  $p, q \in E_B$ ,  $a \in E$ ,  $b \in Q$  then it is case (1).

(4.14) If  $p, q \in E_B$ ,  $a \in Q$ ,  $b \in E$  then it is case (1).

(4.15) If  $p \in Q_B$ ,  $a, b \in E$ ,  $q \in E_B$  then it is case (3).

(4.16) If  $p, q \in E_B$ ,  $a, b \in E$  then it is case (1).

There are no other cases. Hence

$$(3.4) \quad Q_B^m S \cap S Q_B^n \subseteq B.$$

By (1), (2), (3) and (4) we have that  $B^m S \cap S B^n \subseteq B$ ,  $B$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $S$  and  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -quasi-ideal semigroup.  $\square$

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