

Generalized Rough Approximations in Ordered LA-semigroups

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the concept of generalized rough set theory is applied to the theory of ordered LA-semigroups by using pseudoorder and some of their combined results have been shown. Properties of rough two-sided ideals, rough bi-ideals and rough prime ideals in ordered LA-semigroups have been studied and discussed on the basis of pseudoorder of relations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of rough sets was introduced by Pawlak in his paper [10]. The rough set theory has emerged as another major mathematical approach for managing uncertainty that arises from inexact, noisy or incomplete information. In connection with algebraic structures, Biswas and Nanda [2], introduced the notion of rough subgroups, and Kuroki [7], introduced rough ideals in semigroups. Yaqoob et al. [1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17] presented some results on roughness in semigroups and Γ -semihypergroups. Xiao and Zhang [12], introduced rough prime ideals and rough fuzzy prime ideals in semigroups.

The concept of an AG-groupoid was first given by Kazim and Naseeruddin in 1972 and they called it left almost semigroup (LA-semigroup), see [4]. Holgate called it left invertive groupoid [3]. An LA-semigroup is a groupoid having the left invertive law

$$(ab)c = (cb)a, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in S.$$

In an LA-semigroup [4], the medial law holds

$$(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd), \text{ for all } a, b, c, d \in S.$$

An LA-semigroup with right identity becomes a commutative monoid [8]. The connection of a commutative inverse semigroup with an LA-semigroup has been given in [9] as, a commutative inverse semigroup (S, \circ) becomes an LA-semigroup (S, \cdot) under $a \cdot b = b \circ a^{-1}$, for all $a, b \in S$. A commutative semigroup with identity comes from LA-semigroup by the use of a right identity.

The concept of an ordered LA-semigroup was first given by Shah et al. [11] and then Khan and Faisal in [5], applied theory of fuzzy sets to ordered LA-semigroups.

In this paper we used pseudoorder to define lower and upper approximations of an ordered LA-semigroup. Use of pseudoorder to define lower and upper approximations and related term of an algebraic structure e.g. LA-semigroup makes it more strongre than a linear order in the sense of bringing it more closer to an interval rather than a line which tends to its fuzzyfication. We proved that the lower and upper approximations of an LA-subsemigroup (resp., left ideal, right ideal, two-sided ideal, bi-ideal, prime ideal) in an ordered LA-semigroup is an LA-subsemigroup (resp., left ideal, right ideal, two-sided ideal, bi-ideal, prime ideal).

2. PRELIMINARIES AND BASIC DEFINITIONS

Definition 2.1 ([5]). An ordered LA-semigroup (po-LA-semigroup) is a structure (S, \cdot, \leq) in which the following conditions hold:

- (i) (S, \cdot) is an LA-semigroup,
- (ii) (S, \leq) is a poset (reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive),
- (iii) for all a, b and $x \in S$, $a \leq b$ implies $ax \leq bx$ and $xa \leq xb$.

Example 2.2 ([5]). Consider an open interval $\mathbb{R}_0 = (0, 1)$ of real numbers under the binary operation of multiplication. Define $a * b = ba^{-1}r^{-1}$, for all $a, b, r \in \mathbb{R}_0$, then it is easy to see that $(\mathbb{R}_0, *, \leq)$ is an ordered LA-semigroup under the usual order " \leq " and we have called it a real ordered LA-semigroup.

For a non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S , we define

$$[A] = \{t \in S \mid t \leq a, \text{ for some } a \in A\}.$$

For $A = \{a\}$, we usually write it as (a) .

Definition 2.3 ([5]). A non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S , is called an LA-subsemigroup of S , if $A^2 \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.4 ([5]). A non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a left (right) ideal of S , if

- (i) $SA \subseteq A$ ($AS \subseteq A$),
- (ii) If $a \in A$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$, then $b \in A$.

Equivalently, a non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a left (right) ideal of S if $(SA] \subseteq A$ ($(AS] \subseteq A$).

A non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a two sided ideal of S if it is both a left and a right ideal of S .

Definition 2.5 ([5]). An LA-subsemigroup A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a bi-ideal of S , if

- (i) $(AS)A \subseteq A$,
- (ii) If $a \in A$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$, then $b \in A$.

Definition 2.6 ([5]). An LA-subsemigroup A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called an interior ideal of S , if

- (i) $(SA)S \subseteq A$,
- (ii) If $a \in A$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$, then $b \in A$.

Definition 2.7 ([5]). Let S be an ordered LA-semigroup. A non-empty subset A of S is called a prime, if $xy \in A$ implies $x \in A$ or $y \in A$, for all $x, y \in S$. Let A be an ideal of S . If A is prime subset of S , then A is called prime ideal.

Definition 2.8 ([5]). A non-empty subset A of an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a quasi-ideal of S , if

- (i) $AS \cap SA \subseteq A$,
- (ii) If $a \in A$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$, then $b \in A$.

Definition 2.9. A relation θ on an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a pseudoorder, if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $\leq \subseteq \theta$,
- (ii) θ is transitive, that is, $(a, b), (b, c) \in \theta$ implies $(a, c) \in \theta$, for all $a, b, c \in S$,
- (iii) θ is compatible, that is, if $(a, b) \in \theta$, then $(ax, bx) \in \theta$ and $(xa, xb) \in \theta$, for all $a, b, x \in S$.

An equivalence relation θ on an ordered LA-semigroup S is called a congruence relation, if $(a, b) \in \theta$, then $(ax, bx) \in \theta$ and $(xa, xb) \in \theta$, for all $a, b, x \in S$.

A congruence θ on S is called complete, if $[a]_{\theta}[b]_{\theta} = [ab]_{\theta}$, for all $a, b \in S$. Where $[a]_{\theta}$ is the congruence class containing the element $a \in S$.

3. ROUGH SUBSETS IN ORDERED LA-SEMIGROUPS

Let X be a non-empty set and θ be a binary relation on X . By $\wp(X)$ we mean the power set of X . For all $A \subseteq X$, we define θ_- and $\theta_+ : \wp(X) \rightarrow \wp(X)$ by

$$\theta_-(A) = \{x \in X : \forall y, x\theta y \Rightarrow y \in A\} = \{x \in X : \theta N(x) \subseteq A\},$$

and

$$\theta_+(A) = \{x \in X : \exists y \in A, \text{ such that } x\theta y\} = \{x \in X : \theta N(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Where $\theta N(x) = \{y \in X : x\theta y\}$. $\theta_-(A)$ and $\theta_+(A)$ are called the lower approximation and the upper approximation operations, respectively. (cf. [6])

Example 3.1 ([1]). Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\theta = \{(a, a), (b, b), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b), (c, c)\}$. Then $\theta N(a) = \{a\}$; $\theta N(b) = \{b, c\}$; $\theta N(c) = \{a, b, c\}$; $\theta_-(\{a\}) = \{a\}$; $\theta_-(\{b\}) = \emptyset$; $\theta_-(\{c\}) = \emptyset$; $\theta_-(\{a, b\}) = \{a\}$; $\theta_-(\{a, c\}) = \{a\}$; $\theta_-(\{b, c\}) = \{b\}$; $\theta_-(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{a\}) = \{a, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{b\}) = \{b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{c\}) = \{b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$; $\theta_+(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$.

Theorem 3.2 ([10]). Let θ and λ be relations on X . If A and B are non-empty subsets of S . Then the following hold:

- (1) $\theta_-(X) = X = \theta_+(X)$,
- (2) $\theta_-(\emptyset) = \emptyset = \theta_+(\emptyset)$,
- (3) $\theta_-(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \theta_+(A)$,
- (4) $\theta_+(A \cup B) = \theta_+(A) \cup \theta_+(B)$,
- (5) $\theta_-(A \cap B) = \theta_-(A) \cap \theta_-(B)$,

- (6) $A \subseteq B$ implies $\theta_-(A) \subseteq \theta_-(B)$,
- (7) $A \subseteq B$ implies $\theta_+(A) \subseteq \theta_+(B)$,
- (8) $\theta_-(A \cup B) \supseteq \theta_-(A) \cup \theta_-(B)$,
- (9) $\theta_+(A \cap B) \subseteq \theta_+(A) \cap \theta_+(B)$.

Definition 3.3. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be a non-empty subset of S . Then the sets

$$\theta_-(A) = \{x \in S : \forall y, x\theta y \Rightarrow y \in A\} = \{x \in S : \theta N(x) \subseteq A\}$$

and

$$\theta_+(A) = \{x \in S : \exists y \in A, \text{ such that } x\theta y\} = \{x \in S : \theta N(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

are called the θ -lower approximation and the θ -upper approximation of A .

Example 3.4. We consider a set $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ with the following operation ”.” and the order ” \leq ” :

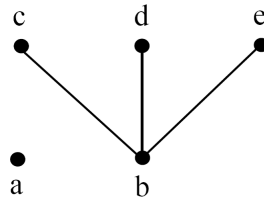
.	a	b	c	d	e
a	a	a	a	a	a
b	a	b	b	b	b
c	a	b	d	e	c
d	a	b	e	c	d
e	a	b	c	d	e

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (b, c), (b, d), (b, e), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e)\}.$$

We give the covering relation ” \prec ” and the figure of S as follows:

$$\prec := \{(b, c), (b, d), (b, e)\}$$

Then S is an ordered LA-semigroup because the elements of S satisfies left invertive



law. Now let

$$\theta = \{(a, a), (a, d), (b, b), (b, c), (b, d), (b, e), (c, c), (d, d), (e, c), (e, d), (e, e)\}$$

be a complete pseudoorder on S , such that

$$\theta N(a) = \{a, d\}, \theta N(b) = \{b, c, d, e\} \text{ and } \theta N(c) = \{c\}, \theta N(d) = \{d\}, \theta N(e) = \{c, d, e\}.$$

Now for $A = \{a, b, d\} \subseteq S$,

$$\theta_-(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a, d\} \text{ and } \theta_+(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a, b, c, d, e\}.$$

Thus, $\theta_-(\{a, b, d\})$ is θ -lower approximation of A and $\theta_+(\{a, b, d\})$ is θ -upper approximation of A .

For a non-empty subset A of S , $\theta(A) = (\theta_-(A), \theta_+(A))$ is called a rough set with respect to θ if $\theta_-(A) \neq \theta_+(A)$.

Theorem 3.5. *Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A and B are non-empty subsets of S . Then*

$$\theta_+(A)\theta_+(B) \subseteq \theta_+(AB).$$

Proof. Let c be any element of $\theta_+(A)\theta_+(B)$. Then $c = ab$ where $a \in \theta_+(A)$ and $b \in \theta_+(B)$. Thus there exist elements $x, y \in S$ such that

$$x \in A \text{ and } a\theta x ; y \in B \text{ and } b\theta y.$$

Since θ is a pseudoorder on S , $ab\theta xy$. As $xy \in AB$, we have

$$c = ab \in \theta_+(AB).$$

So $\theta_+(A)\theta_+(B) \subseteq \theta_+(AB)$. □

Definition 3.6. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S , then for each $a, b \in S$, $\theta N(a)\theta N(b) \subseteq \theta N(ab)$. If

$$\theta N(a)\theta N(b) = \theta N(ab),$$

then θ is called complete pseudoorder.

Theorem 3.7. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A and B are non-empty subsets of S . Then*

$$\theta_-(A)\theta_-(B) \subseteq \theta_-(AB).$$

Proof. Let c be any element of $\theta_-(A)\theta_-(B)$. Then $c = ab$ where $a \in \theta_-(A)$ and $b \in \theta_-(B)$. Thus we have $\theta N(a) \subseteq A$ and $\theta N(b) \subseteq B$. Since θ is complete pseudoorder on S , we have

$$\theta N(ab) = \theta N(a)\theta N(b) \subseteq AB,$$

which implies that $ab \in \theta_-(AB)$. So $\theta_-(A)\theta_-(B) \subseteq \theta_-(AB)$. □

Theorem 3.8. *Let θ and λ be pseudoorders on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be a non-empty subset of S . Then*

$$(\theta \cap \lambda)_+(A) \subseteq \theta_+(A) \cap \lambda_+(A).$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. □

Theorem 3.9. *Let θ and λ be pseudoorders on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be a non-empty subset of S . Then*

$$(\theta \cap \lambda)_-(A) = \theta_-(A) \cap \lambda_-(A).$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. □

4. ROUGH IDEALS IN ORDERED LA-SEMIGROUPS

Definition 4.1. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset A of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough LA-subsemigroup of S , if $\theta_+(A)$ (resp., $\theta_-(A)$) is an LA-subsemigroup of S .

Theorem 4.2. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be an LA-subsemigroup of S . Then

- (1) $\theta_+(A)$ is an LA-subsemigroup of S ,
- (2) If θ is complete, then $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, an LA-subsemigroup of S .

Proof. (1) Let A be an LA-subsemigroup of S . Then by Theorem 3.2(3),

$$\emptyset \neq A \subseteq \theta_+(A).$$

By Theorem 3.2(7) and Theorem 3.5, we have

$$\theta_+(A)\theta_+(A) \subseteq \theta_+(AA) \subseteq \theta_+(A).$$

Thus $\theta_+(A)$ is an LA-subsemigroup of S , that is, A is a θ -upper rough LA-subsemigroup of S .

(2) Let A be an LA-subsemigroup of S . Then by Theorem 3.2(6) and Theorem 3.7, we have

$$\theta_-(A)\theta_-(A) \subseteq \theta_-(AA) \subseteq \theta_-(A).$$

Thus $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, an LA-subsemigroup of S , that is, A is a θ -lower rough LA-subsemigroup of S . □

The following example shows that the converse of above theorem does not hold.

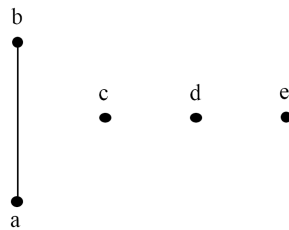
Example 4.3. We consider a set $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ with the following operation "." and the order " \leq ":

.	a	b	c	d	e
a	a	a	a	a	a
b	a	b	b	b	b
c	a	b	d	e	c
d	a	b	c	d	e
e	a	b	e	c	d

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e)\}$$

We give the covering relation " \prec " and the figure of S as follows:

$$\prec := \{(a, b)\}$$



Here S is not an ordered semigroup because $c = c \cdot (d \cdot e) \neq (c \cdot d) \cdot e = d$. Then S is an ordered LA-semigroup because the elements of S satisfies left invertive law. Now let

$$\theta = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, b), (c, c), (c, d), (c, e), (d, c), (d, d), (d, e), (e, c), (e, d), (e, e)\}$$

be a complete pseudoorder on S , such that

$$\theta N(a) = \{a, b\}, \theta N(b) = \{b\} \text{ and } \theta N(c) = \theta N(d) = \theta N(e) = \{c, d, e\}.$$

Now for $\{a, b, c\} \subseteq S$,

$$\theta_-(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b\} \text{ and } \theta_+(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c, d, e\}.$$

It is clear that $\theta_-(\{a, b, c\})$ and $\theta_+(\{a, b, c\})$ are both LA-subsemigroups of S but $\{a, b, c\}$ is not an LA-subsemigroup of S .

Definition 4.4. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset A of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough left ideal of S , if $\theta_+(A)$ (resp., $\theta_-(A)$) is a left ideal of S .

Similarly, we can define θ -upper, θ -lower rough right ideal and θ -upper, θ -lower rough two-sided ideals of S .

Theorem 4.5. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be a left (right, two-sided) ideal of S . Then

- (1) $\theta_+(A)$ is a left (right, two-sided) of S ,
- (2) If θ is complete, then $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a left (right, two-sided) of S .

Proof. (1) Let A be a left ideal of S . By Theorem 3.2(1), $\theta_+(S) = S$.

(i) Now by Theorem 3.5, we have

$$S\theta_+(A) = \theta_+(S)\theta_+(A) \subseteq \theta_+(SA) \subseteq \theta_+(A).$$

(ii) Let $a \in \theta_+(A)$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$. Then there exist $y \in A$, such that $a\theta y$ and $b\theta a$. Since θ is transitive, $b\theta y$ implies $b \in \theta_+(A)$. Thus $\theta_+(A)$ is a left ideal of S , that is, A is a θ -upper rough left ideal of S .

(2) Let A be a left ideal of S . By Theorem 3.2(1), $\theta_-(S) = S$.

(i) Now by Theorem 3.7, we have

$$S\theta_-(A) = \theta_-(S)\theta_-(A) \subseteq \theta_-(SA) \subseteq \theta_-(A).$$

(ii) Let $a \in \theta_-(A)$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$. Then $[a]_\theta \subseteq A$ and $b\theta a$. This implies that $[a]_\theta = [b]_\theta$. Since $[a]_\theta \subseteq A$, $[b]_\theta \subseteq A$. Thus $b \in \theta_-(A)$. So $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a left ideal of S , that is, A is a θ -lower rough left ideal of S . The other cases can be proved in a similar way. \square

Definition 4.6. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset A of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough bi-ideal of S , if $\theta_+(A)$ (resp., $\theta_-(A)$) is a bi-ideal of S .

Theorem 4.7. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is a bi-ideal of S , then it is a θ -upper rough bi-ideal of S .

Proof. Let A be a bi-ideal of S .

(i) By Theorem 3.5, we have

$$(\theta_+(A)S)\theta_+(A) = (\theta_+(A)\theta_+(S))\theta_+(A) \subseteq \theta_+((AS)A) \subseteq \theta_+(A).$$

(ii) Let $a \in \theta_+(A)$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$. Then there exist $y \in A$, such that $a\theta y$ and $b\theta a$. Since θ is transitive, so $b\theta y$ implies $b \in \theta_+(A)$.

From this and Theorem 4.2(1), we have $\theta_+(A)$ is a bi-ideal of S , that is, A is a θ -upper rough bi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 4.8. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is a bi-ideal of S , then $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Let A be a bi-ideal of S .

(i) By Theorem 3.7, we have

$$(\theta_-(A)S)\theta_-(A) = (\theta_-(A)\theta_-(S))\theta_-(A) \subseteq \theta_-((AS)A) \subseteq \theta_-(A).$$

(ii) Let $a \in \theta_-(A)$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$. Then $[a]_\theta \subseteq A$ and $b\theta a$. This implies that $[a]_\theta = [b]_\theta$. Since $[a]_\theta \subseteq A$, $[b]_\theta \subseteq A$. Thus $b \in \theta_-(A)$.

From this and Theorem 4.2(2), we obtain that $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a bi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 4.9. *Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A and B are a right and a left ideal of S respectively, then*

$$\theta_+(AB) \subseteq \theta_+(A) \cap \theta_+(B).$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. \square

Theorem 4.10. *Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is a right and B is a left ideal of S , then*

$$\theta_-(AB) \subseteq \theta_-(A) \cap \theta_-(B).$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. \square

Definition 4.11. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset A of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough interior ideal of S , if $\theta_+(A)$ (resp., $\theta_-(A)$) is an interior ideal of S .

Theorem 4.12. *Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is an interior ideal of S , then A is a θ -upper rough interior ideal of S .*

Proof. The proof of this theorem is similar to the Theorem 4.7. \square

Theorem 4.13. *Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is an interior ideal of S , then $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, an interior ideal of S .*

Proof. The proof of this theorem is similar to the Theorem 4.8. \square

We call A a rough interior ideal of S if it is both a θ -lower and θ -upper rough interior ideal of S .

Definition 4.14. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset Q of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough quasi-ideal of S , if $\theta_+(Q)$ (resp., $\theta_-(Q)$) is a quasi-ideal of S .

Theorem 4.15. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If Q is a quasi-ideal of S , then Q is a θ -lower rough quasi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Let Q be a quasi-ideal of S .

(i) Now by Theorem 3.2(5) and Theorem 3.7, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_-(Q)S \cap S\theta_-(Q) &= \theta_-(Q)\theta_-(S) \cap \theta_-(S)\theta_-(Q) \\ &\subseteq \theta_-(QS) \cap \theta_-(SQ) \\ &= \theta_-(QS \cap SQ) \\ &\subseteq \theta_-(Q). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let $a \in \theta_-(Q)$ and $b \in S$ such that $b \leq a$. Then $[a]_\theta \subseteq Q$ and $b\theta a$. This implies that $[a]_\theta = [b]_\theta$. Since $[a]_\theta \subseteq Q$, $[b]_\theta \subseteq Q$. Thus $b \in \theta_-(Q)$. So we obtain that $\theta_-(Q)$ is a quasi-ideal of S , that is, Q is a θ -lower rough quasi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 4.16. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Let L and R be a θ -lower rough left ideal and a θ -lower rough right ideal of S , respectively. Then $L \cap R$ is a θ -lower rough quasi-ideal of S .*

Proof. The proof is straightforward. \square

Definition 4.17. Let θ be a pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . Then a non-empty subset A of S is called a θ -upper (resp., θ -lower) rough prime ideal of S , if $\theta_+(A)$ (resp., $\theta_-(A)$) is a prime ideal of S .

Theorem 4.18. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S . If A is a prime ideal of S , then A is a θ -upper rough prime ideal of S .*

Proof. Since A is a prime ideal of S , it follows from Theorem 4.5(1), that $\theta_+(A)$ is an ideal of S . Let $xy \in \theta_+(A)$ for some $x, y \in S$. Then

$$\theta N(xy) \cap A = \theta N(x)\theta N(y) \cap A \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus there exist elements

$$x' \in \theta N(x) \text{ and } y' \in \theta N(y), \text{ such that } x'y' \in A.$$

Since A is a prime ideal of S , we have $x' \in A$ or $y' \in A$. So $\theta N(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ or $\theta N(y) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, and thus $x \in \theta_+(A)$ or $y \in \theta_+(A)$. Hence $\theta_+(A)$ is a prime ideal of S . \square

Theorem 4.19. *Let θ be a complete pseudoorder on an ordered LA-semigroup S and A be a prime ideal of S . Then $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a prime ideal of S .*

Proof. Since A is an ideal of S , by Theorem 4.5(2), we have, $\theta_-(A)$ is an ideal of S . Let

$$xy \in \theta_-(A) \text{ for some } x, y \in S.$$

Then

$$\theta N(xy) \subseteq A, \text{ which implies that } \theta N(x)\theta N(y) \subseteq \theta N(xy) \subseteq A.$$

We suppose that $\theta_-(A)$ is not a prime ideal of S . Then there exists $x, y \in S$ such that $xy \in \theta_-(A)$ but $x \notin \theta_-(A)$ and $y \notin \theta_-(A)$. Thus $\theta N(x) \not\subseteq A$ and $\theta N(y) \not\subseteq A$. So there exists $x' \in \theta N(x)$, $x' \notin A$ and $y' \in \theta N(y)$, $y' \notin A$. Hence

$$x'y' \in \theta N(x)\theta N(y) \subseteq A.$$

Since A is a prime ideal of S , we have $x' \in A$ or $y' \in A$. It contradicts our supposition. This means that $\theta_-(A)$ is, if it is non-empty, a prime ideal of S . \square

We call A a rough prime ideal of S , if it is both a θ -lower and a θ -upper rough prime ideal of S .

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.18 and Theorem 4.19 does not hold.

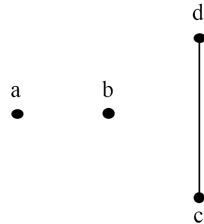
Example 4.20. We consider a set $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ with the following operation \cdot and the order \leq :

\cdot	a	b	c	d
a	c	c	c	d
b	a	c	c	d
c	c	c	c	d
d	d	d	d	d

$$\leq := \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (c, d), (d, d)\}$$

We give the covering relation \prec and the figure of S as follows:

$$\prec := \{(c, d)\}$$



Here S is not an ordered semigroup because $a = b \cdot (b \cdot a) \neq (b \cdot b) \cdot a = c$. Then S is an ordered LA-semigroup because the elements of S satisfies left invertive law. Now let

$$\theta = \{(a, a), (a, c), (a, d), (b, b), (b, c), (b, d), (c, c), (c, d), (d, d)\}$$

be a complete pseudoorder on S , such that

$$\theta N(a) = \{a, c, d\}, \theta N(b) = \{b, c, d\}, \theta N(c) = \{c, d\} \text{ and } \theta N(d) = \{d\}.$$

Now for $\{b, d\} \subseteq S$,

$$\theta_-(\{b, d\}) = \{d\} \text{ and } \theta_+(\{b, d\}) = \{a, b, c, d\}.$$

It is clear that $\theta_-(\{b, d\})$ and $\theta_+(\{b, d\})$ are prime ideals of S . The subset $\{b, d\}$ is not an ideal and hence not a prime ideal.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The properties of ordered LA-semigroups in terms of rough sets have been discussed. Then through pseudoorders, it is proved that the lower and upper approximations of two-sided ideals (resp., bi-ideals and prime ideals) in ordered LA-semigroups becomes two-sided ideals (resp., bi-ideals and prime ideals).

In our future studies, following topics may be considered:

1. Rough prime bi-ideals of ordered LA-semigroups,
2. Rough fuzzy ideals in ordered LA-semigroups,
3. Rough fuzzy prime bi-ideals of ordered LA-semigroups.

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