

On purity of ideals of n -ary semigroups

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Abstract

We begin by defining interior ideals of n -ary semigroups, followed by the introduction of j -pure ideals and interior pure ideals within this algebraic framework. Subsequently, we provide characterizations of softly left regular, softly right regular, and softly intra regular n -ary semigroups ($n \geq 3$) through the analysis of various purity conditions on their associated ideals.

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1. Introduction

A semigroups, a nonempty set with an associative binary operation, fundamental algebraic structures, serving as building blocks for more complex algebraic systems. One method to generalize the algebraic structure of a semigroup involves replacing the binary operation with an n -ary operation. “The algebraic structure with an n -ary operation was first studied by Kasner [11] in 1904”. Later, in 1928, Dörnte [6] investigated the notion of an “ n -ary group”. On n -ary semigroups, “Sioson [14] studied properties of i -ideals of n -ary semigroups, introduced the notion of regular n -ary semigroups, and characterized regular n -ary semigroups using of their ideals”. In 1980, “Dudek and Groździńska [7] gave more results of regular n -ary semigroups”. Moreover, a new kind of elements, namely, “potent elements of an n -ary semigroup where

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$n \geq 3$ was introduced and studied by Dudek [10]”. In 2020, Daengsaen and Leeratanavalee [4] first introduced the concepts of “softly left regularity, softly right regularity, and softly intra-regularity of ordered n -ary semihypergroups and also investigated their related properties”. Furthermore, in 2021, “Daengsaen, Leeratanavalee, and Davvaz [5] defined the notion of a j -hyperideal of an n -ary semihypergroup, investigated the maximality [minimality] of j -hyperideals, and gave a construction of the j -hyperideal generated by a nonempty subset of an n -ary semihypergroup”. Moreover, research on N -ary relation fuzzy-soft sets provides another perspective within the fuzzy-soft set framework [2]. During that year, Pornsurat, Palakawong na Ayutthaya and Pibajjommee [13] also gave the construction of the canonical j -ideal derived from a nonempty subset of “ordered n -ary semigroups”. Concepts of purities are fascinating properties of ideals of semigroups that can be used as a valuable tool for characterizing various types of regularities within semigroup structures. Several algebraic properties related to pure ideals and purely prime ideals in semigroups were studied by Ahsan and Takahashi [1] following their introduction of these notions in 1989. Subsequently, Changphas and Sanborisoot [3] extended the concept of pure ideals by defining left [right] pure and left [right] weakly pure ideals within ordered semigroups, providing characterizations for these new structures.

In this work, we first examine the concepts of j -pure and interior pure ideals, then explore the connections between j -pure ideals and i -ideals. Finally, we utilize these purity properties to provide complete characterizations of softly left regular, softly right regular, and softly intra-regular n -ary semigroups for $n \geq 3$.

2. Preliminaries

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$. The pair $(S, \circ)$ constitutes an “ n -ary groupoid” provided S is a nonempty set and $\circ: S^n \rightarrow S$ is an n -ary operation, with $n \geq 2$. Given $i, j \in [n]$ with $i \leq j$. The block $t_i, \dots, t_j \in S$ is written as t_i^j . If $t_i = t_{i+1} = \dots = t_j = t$, the block is written as t^{j-i+1} . Additionally, $\{t, z\}^j$ means $\underbrace{t, z, \dots, t, z}_{j \text{ terms}}$. We set the notations t^0 and t_i^j where $j < i$ as the empty symbols.

For example, $\circ(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i, \underbrace{y, \dots, y}_{j \text{ terms}}, t_{i+j+1}, \dots, t_n)$ can be written by $\circ(t_1^i, y, t_{i+j+1}^n)$.

In the case of sequences of nonempty subsets of S , we also designate their notations as those of sequences of elements defined above. For example, if $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ is the sequence of nonempty subsets of an n -ary groupoid $(S, \circ)$, then it is simply written as Y_1^n . So, we define

$$\circ(Y_1^n) = \{\circ(t_1^n) | t_i \in Y_i, i \in [n]\}.$$

For $i \in [n]$, if $Y_i = \{t_i\}$, we replace the singleton in the i -th argument by t_i , yielding $f(Y_1^{i-1}, t_i, Y_{i+1}^n)$.

An n -ary operation $\circ$ on $(S, \circ)$ is *associative* if, no matter which position the inner operation $\circ$ is applied, the result is the same. Formally, for any $i, j \in [n]$, $i \leq j$ and $t_1, \dots, t_{2n-1} \in S$, it must fulfill the identity:

$$\circ (t_1^{i-1}, \circ (t_i^{n+i-1}), t_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = \circ (t_1^{j-1}, \circ (t_j^{n+j-1}), t_{n+j}^{2n-1}).$$

“An n -ary semigroup is an n -ary groupoid $(S, \circ)$ where $\circ$ is associative”. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m \geq 2$. We define the map $\circ_m$ by

$$\circ_m (t_1^{m(n-1)+1}) = \underbrace{\circ (\dots, \circ (t_1^n, t_{n+1}^{2n-1}), \dots)}_{m \text{ terms}}, t_{(m-1)(n-1)+2}^{m(n-1)+1}$$

for any $t_1, \dots, t_{j(n-1)+1} \in S$.

Let $(S, \circ)$ be an n -ary semigroup. We set the notation $\circ_0(t) = t$ and $\circ_0(Z) = Z$ for any $t \in S$, $\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq S$, respectively.

We adopt the convention that the n -ary semigroup $(S, \circ)$ is denoted by S . By definition, $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$ is an n -ary subsemigroup of S if $\circ(a_1^n) \in Y$ whenever $a_1^n \in Y$. Many notations occurring above can be found in [7, 8, 9, 10].

Definition 2.1: “A nonempty subset I of S is designated an i -ideal if $\circ_{i-1}^{n-i}(S, I, S) \subseteq I$ ”. The subset I qualifies as an ideal when it is simultaneously an i -ideal for all positions $i \in [n]$.

Now, we denote $ID(S)$ the set of all ideals of S .

Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. For any $i \in [n]$, the i -ideal of S generated by Y , denoted $J_i(Y)$, is the smallest i -ideal of S which contains Y (equivalently, $J_i(Y) = \cap \{K \in ID(S) | Y \subseteq K\}$). If $Y = \{t\}$, we write $J_i(t)$.

“An n -ary semigroup structurally embeds into an n -ary semihypergroup provided its induced hyperoperation yields only singleton sets”. Moreover, every n -ary semigroup naturally satisfies the definition of an ordered n -ary semigroup when the partial order relation is taken to be equality. So, by constructions of “the i -hyperideal in an n -ary semihypergroup [4] and of the i -ideal in an ordered n -ary semigroup [13] which are generated by its nonempty subsets”, the ensuing theorem is established.

Theorem 2.2: Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. Then

$$J_i(Y) = \bigcup_{\rho=1}^{n-1} \circ_\rho \left(\overset{\rho(i-1)}{S}, Y, \overset{\rho(n-i)}{S} \right) \cup Y.$$

The following remark can be obtained as a special case of its extensions in [4] and [13].

Remark 2.3: Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$ and $i \in [n]$. Then

$$\bigcup_{\rho=1}^{n-1} \circ_\rho \left(\overset{\rho(i-1)}{S}, Y, \overset{\rho(n-i)}{S} \right)$$

is an i -ideal of S .

Corollary 2.4: *Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. Then the results are established.*

- (i) $J_1(Y) = \circ(Y, S^{n-1}) \cup Y$.
- (ii) $J_n(Y) = \circ(S^{n-1}, Y) \cup Y$.
- (iii) *If $i \in [n]$ and $i = \frac{n+1}{2}$ is an integer, then*

$$J_i(Y) = \circ(S^{i-1}, Y, S^{n-i}) \cup \circ_2(S^{n-1}, Y, S^{n-1}) \cup Y.$$

Given $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$, the ideal of S generated by Y , denoted $J(Y)$, is the least ideal of S that contains Y . We abbreviate $J(\{t\})$ as $J(t)$. Its construction is investigated as follows.

Theorem 2.5: *Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. Then*

$$J(Y) = \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{n-\rho}) \cup \circ_2(S^{n-1}, Y, S^{n-1}) \cup Y.$$

Proof: Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$ and $J = \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{n-\rho}) \cup \circ_2(S^{n-1}, Y, S^{n-1}) \cup Y$.

First, we show that $J \in ID(S)$. We assert that $\circ(S^{i-1}, J, S^{n-i}) = \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ_2(S^{i+\rho-2}, Y, S^{2n-i-\rho}) \cup \circ_3(S^{n+i-2}, Y, S^{2n-i-1}) \cup \circ(S^{i-1}, Y, S^{n-i})$. Our argument now branches into the cases below.

Case: either $i = 1$ or $i = n$. Assume that $i = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \circ(J, S) &= \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ_2(S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{2n-1-\rho}) \cup \circ_3(S^{n-1}, Y, S^{2n-2}) \cup \circ(Y, S^{n-1}) \\ &= \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(S^{\rho-1}, Y, \circ(S), S^{n-1-\rho}) \cup \circ_2(S^{n-1}, Y, \circ(S), S^{n-2}) \cup \circ(Y, S^{n-1}) \\ &\subseteq \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{n-\rho}) \cup \circ_2(S^{n-1}, Y, S^{n-1}) \cup \circ(Y, S^{n-1}) \\ &\subseteq J. \end{aligned}$$

If $i = n$, then the proof is analogous.

Case: $i \neq 1$ and $i \neq n$. If $i + \rho - 2 \geq n$ and $2n - i - \rho < n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ_2(S^{i+\rho-2}, Y, S^{2n-i-\rho}) \cup \circ_3(S^{n+i-2}, Y, S^{2n-i-1}) \cup \circ(S^{i-1}, Y, S^{n-i}) \\ = \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(\circ(S), S^{i+\rho-2-n}, Y, S^{2n-i-\rho}) \cup \circ(S^{i-2}, \circ(S), Y, \circ(S), S^{n-i-1}) \cup \circ(S^{i-1}, Y, S^{n-i}) \\ \subseteq \cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ(S^{i+\rho-1-n}, Y, S^{2n-i-\rho}) \cup \circ(S^{i-1}, Y, S^{n-i}) \\ \subseteq J. \end{aligned}$$

If $i + \rho - 2 < n$ and $2n - i - \rho \geq n$, then the result follows analogously.

If instead $2n - i - \rho < n$, then the condition $i + \rho - 2 < n$ implies $i + \rho = n + 1$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bigcup_{\rho=1}^n \circ_2 \left(\overset{i+\rho-2}{S}, Y, \overset{2n-i-\rho}{S} \right) \cup \circ_3 \left(\overset{n+i-2}{S}, Y, \overset{2n-i-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ \left(\overset{i-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-i}{S} \right) \\ &= \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ \left(\overset{i-2}{S}, \circ \left(\overset{n}{S} \right), Y, \circ \left(\overset{n}{S} \right), \overset{n-i-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ \left(\overset{i-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-i}{S} \right) \\ &\subseteq \circ \left(\overset{i-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-i}{S} \right) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{J}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have established that $\mathcal{J} \in ID(S)$ and contains Y . To show it is the smallest such ideal, let K be any other ideal of S with $Y \subseteq J$. Since $K \in ID(S)$ and by the meaning of $\mathcal{J}$, we arrive $\mathcal{J} \subseteq K$. Therefore, $\mathcal{J} \in ID(S)$ which is generated by Y .

The following definition could be considered as a particular case of one defined on ordered n -ary semihypergroups [5].

Definition 2.6: An element $s \in S$ is called

- (i) *softly left-regular* if $s = \circ_2(t_1^{n-1}, s, t_n^{2n-3}, s)$ for some $t_1^{2n-3} \in S$,
- (ii) *softly right-regular* if $s = \circ_2(s, t_1^{n-2}, s, t_{n-1}^{2n-3})$ for some $t_1^{2n-3} \in S$,
- (iii) *softly intra-regular* if $s = \circ_3(t_1^{n-1}, s, t_n^{2n-3}, s, t_{2n-2}^{3n-4})$ for some $t_1^{3n-4} \in S$.

The semigroup S is *softly regular* (in all three senses: *left*, *right*, and *intra-regular*) if and only if every element in S is also softly regular in those respective manners.

We note that in a ternary semigroup [12], softly left (right) regularity and lightly left (right) regularity are coincidence.

The ensuing remark is a direct consequence of Definition 2.6.

Remark 2.7: For any given n -ary semigroup S , the assertions below are valid.

- (i) S is softly left regular iff $s \in \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, s, \overset{n-2}{S}, s \right)$ for each $s \in S$.
- (ii) S is softly right regular iff $s \in \circ_2 \left(s, \overset{n-2}{S}, s, \overset{n-1}{S} \right)$ for each $s \in S$.
- (iii) S is softly intra-regular iff $s \in \circ_3 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, s, \overset{n-2}{S}, s, \overset{n-1}{S} \right)$ for each $s \in S$.

Evidently, softly left-regular or softly right-regular n -ary semigroups are softly intra-regular.

3. Main results

Initializing our study, we define interior ideals within n -ary semigroups ($n \geq 3$). Also, we formalize the concepts of j -pure and interior pure ideals. Using these tools, we characterize the structure of n -ary semigroups that are softly left, right, and intra-regular in terms of their ideal purity.

Definition 3.1: Let $\emptyset \neq E \subseteq S$. Then E is called an interior ideal of S if $\circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{E}, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \subseteq E$.

Here, we set $Int(S)$ the set of all interior ideals of S . Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. Denote $I(Y)$ the interior ideals of S generated by Y , i.e., $I(Y) = \cap \{M \in Int(S) | Y \subseteq M\}$. We give the construction of $I(Y)$ as follows.

Theorem 3.2: Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$. Then $I(Y) = Y \cup \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right)$.

Proof: Let $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq S$ and $J = Y \cup \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right)$. First, we demonstrate J an interior ideal of S . We consider

$$\begin{aligned} \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{J}, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) &= \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ_4 \left(\overset{2n-2}{S}, Y, \overset{2n-2}{S} \right) \\ &= \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ_2 \left(\overset{n}{\circ(S)}, \overset{n-2}{S}, Y, \overset{n-2}{S}, \overset{n}{\circ(S)} \right) \\ &\subseteq \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \cup \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \\ &\subseteq J. \end{aligned}$$

So, $J \in Int(S)$. Next, let $K \in Int(S)$ with $Y \subseteq K$. Then $Y \cup \circ_2 \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, Y, \overset{n-1}{S} \right) \subseteq K$. Therefore, $I(Y) = J$.

Definition 3.3: Let $j \in [n]$ and $E \in ID(S)$. Then E is called j -pure ideal if $t \in \circ_{n-1} \left(\overset{(n-1)(j-1)}{E}, t, \overset{(n-1)(n-j)}{E} \right)$ for any $t \in E$.

We say that $A \in ID(S)$ is defined as a l -pure ideal if $t \in \circ \left(t, \overset{n-1}{A} \right)$ for any $t \in A$, and analogously, it is an n -pure ideal if $t \in \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{A}, t \right)$ for any $t \in A$.

Throughout the remainder, S is taken an n -ary semigroup with $n \geq 3$. Here, we present a characterization of an n -pure ideal of S in terms of its n -ideals, given below as Lemma 3.4.

Lemma 3.4: Let $Z \in ID(S)$. Then Z is n -pure iff $E \cap L \subseteq \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{Z}, L \right)$ for any n -ideal L of S .

Proof: Let $Z \in ID(S)$ be n -pure and L an n -ideal of S and $t \in Z \cap L$. Then $t \in \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{Z}, L \right)$.

Conversely, assume that $Z \cap L \subseteq \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{Z}, L \right)$ for any n -ideal L of S . Let $c \in Z$. By Corollary 2.4, we arrive

$$\begin{aligned} t &\in Z \cap J_n(c) \\ &= \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{Z}, J_n(c) \right) \\ &= \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{Z}, \circ \left(\overset{n-1}{S}, c \right) \cup t \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \circ (Z, \circ (S, c)) \cup \circ (Z, c) \\
&= \circ (Z, \circ (Z, S), c) \cup \circ (Z, c) \\
&\subseteq \circ (Z, c).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, Z is an n -pure.

Following the duality implied by the lemma, a characterization is presented: An ideal is 1-pure in an n -ary semigroup precisely via its 1-ideals.

Lemma 3.5: Let $I \in ID(S)$. Then I is 1-pure iff $I \cap R \subseteq \circ (R, I)$ for any 1-ideal R of S .

Definition 3.6: Let $J \in ID(S)$. Then J is called interior pure if $t \in \circ_2 (J, d, J)$ for any $d \in J$.

Next lemma provides a characterization of interior pure ideals based on interior ideals in S .

Lemma 3.7: Let $C \in ID(S)$. Then C is interior pure iff $C \cap Y \subseteq \circ_2 (C, Y, C)$ for any $Y \in Int(S)$ of S .

Proof: Let C be interior pure. Let $Y \in Int(S)$ and $t \in C \cap Y$. By assumption, we get that $t \in \circ_2 (C, Y, C)$.

Conversely, assume that $C \cap Y \subseteq \circ_2 (C, Y, C)$ for any $Y \in Int(S)$ of S . Let $t \in C$. By Theorem 3.2, we arrive that

$$\begin{aligned}
t &\in C \cap I(t) \\
&= \circ_2 (C, t \cup \circ_2 (S, t, S), C) \\
&= \circ_2 (C, t, C) \cup \circ_4 (C, S, t, S, C) \\
&= \circ_2 (C, t, C) \cup \circ_2 (C, \circ (C, S), t, \circ (S, C), C) \\
&\subseteq \circ_2 (C, t, C) \cup \circ_2 (C, t, C) \\
&= \circ_2 (C, t, C).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, C is interior pure.

We next present a theorem that characterizes a softly left-regular n -ary semigroups using its n -pure ideals.

Theorem 3.8: S is softly left regular iff any ideal of S is n -pure.

Proof: Let S be softly left regular. Let $Z \in ID(S)$ and L be an n -ideal of S . Let $t \in Z \cap L$. By assumption, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 t &\in {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, t, S^{n-2}, t) \\
 &\subseteq {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, t, S^{n-2}, t), S^{n-2}, t) \\
 &= {}_{\circ_4} (S^{2n-2}, \{t, S^{n-2}\}^2, t) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\subseteq {}_{\circ_{2n-2}} (S^{n^2-2n+1}, \{t, S^{n-2}\}^{n-1}, t) \\
 &= {}_{\circ} ({}_{\circ_{n-1}} (S^{n^2-2n+1}, t), {}_{\circ} (S^{n-2}, t, S), {}_{\circ} (S^{n-3}, t, S), \dots, {}_{\circ} (S^2, t, S^{n-3}), {}_{\circ} (S^{n-2}, t, S^{n-2}), t) \\
 &\subseteq {}_{\circ} (Z^{n-1}, L).
 \end{aligned}$$

So, $Z \cap L \subseteq {}_{\circ} (Z^{n-1}, L)$. By Lemma 3.4, Z is n -pure.

For the converse, we consider the case where every ideal of S is n -pure. Let $c \in S$. By assumption, Corollary 2.4, Theorem 2.5 and Lemma 3.4, it turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &\in J(Z) \cap J_n(c) \\
 &\subseteq {}_{\circ} (J^{n-1}(c), J_n(Z)) \\
 &\subseteq {}_{\circ} (J(c), S^{n-2}, J_n(c)) \\
 &= {}_{\circ} (\cup_{\rho=1}^n {}_{\circ} (S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{n-\rho}) \cup {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-1}) \cup c, S^{n-2}, {}_{\circ} (S^{n-1}, c) \cup c)
 \end{aligned}$$

These six cases are considered.

Case 1: If $z \in {}_{\circ} (z, S^{n-2}, z)$, then $c \in {}_{\circ} (c, S^{n-2}, z) \subseteq {}_{\circ} ({}_{\circ} (c, S^{n-2}, c), S^{n-2}, c) \subseteq {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c)$.

Case 2: If $c \in {}_{\circ} (c, S^{n-2}, {}_{\circ} (S^{n-1}, c))$, then $c \in {}_{\circ} (c, {}_{\circ} (S^n, S^{n-3}, c)) \subseteq {}_{\circ} (c, S^{n-2}, c) \subseteq {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c)$.

Case 3: If $c \in {}_{\circ} ({}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-1}), S^{n-2}, c)$, then $c \in {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, {}_{\circ} (S^n, S^{n-3}, c)) \subseteq {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c)$.

Case 4: If $c \in {}_{\circ} ({}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, z, S^{n-1}), S^{n-2}, {}_{\circ} (S^{n-1}, c))$, then $c \in {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, {}_{\circ_2} (S^{2n-1}, S^{n-3}, c)) \subseteq {}_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c)$.

Case 5: If $c \in {}_{\circ} (\cup_{\rho=1}^n {}_{\circ} (S^{\rho-1}, c, S^{n-\rho}), S^{n-2}, c)$, then $c \in {}_{\circ} ({}_{\circ} (S^{\rho-1}, c, S^{n-\rho}), S^{n-2}, c)$ for some $j \in [n]$.

If $\rho \neq 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &\in_{\circ_2} (S^{\rho-1}, c, S^{2n-\rho-2}, c) \\
 &\subseteq_{\circ_2} (S^{\rho-1}, \circ_2 (S^{\rho-1}, c, S^{2n-\rho-2}, c), S^{2n-\rho-2}, c) \\
 &=_{\circ_4} (S^{2(\rho-1)}, \{c, S^{2n-\rho-2}\}^2, c) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\subseteq_{\circ_{2n-2}} (S^{(n-1)(\rho-1)}, \{c, S^{2n-\rho-2}\}^{n-1}, c) \\
 &=_{\circ_{2n-2}} (S^{(n-1)(\rho-1)}, c, S^{2n-\rho-2}, \{c, S^{2n-\rho-2}\}^{n-2}, c) \\
 &=_{\circ_2} (\circ_{\rho-2} (S^{\rho n - \rho - 2n + 3}, S^{n-2}, c, \circ_{2n-2-\rho} (S^{2n^2 - 4n - \rho n + \rho + 3}, S^{n-3}, c) \\
 &\subseteq_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c).
 \end{aligned}$$

If $\rho = 1$, then we also obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &\in_{\circ_2} (c, S^{2n-3}, z) \\
 &\subseteq_{\circ_{2n-2}} (\{c, S^{2n-3}\}^{n-1}, c) \\
 &=_{\circ_{2n-2}} (\{c, S^{2n-3}\}^{n-2}, c, S^{2n-3}, c) \\
 &=_{\circ_2} (\circ_{2n-5} (S^{2n^2 - 7n + 6}, S^{n-2}, c, \circ^n (S)^{n-3}, c) \\
 &\subseteq_{\circ_2} (S^{n-1}, z, S^{n-2}, c).
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 6: If $z \in_{\circ} (\circ (S^{\rho-1}, Y, S^{n-\rho}, S^{n-2}, S^{n-1}), S^{\circ} (S, c))$, then the proof proceeds analogously to the previous cases proofs.

The conditions established in Cases 1 to 6, supported by Remark 2.7, are sufficient to prove that S is softly left regular.

From the dual perspective of Theorem 3.8, one adopts the concept of a 1-pure ideal to characterize a softly right regular n -ary semigroup as follows.

Theorem 3.9: S is softly right regular iff every ideal of S is 1-pure.

The following result is given as a characterization of a softly intra-regular n -ary semigroup using its interior pure ideals.

Theorem 3.10: S is softly intra-regular iff any ideal of S is interior pure.

Proof: Let S be softly intra-regular, $I \in ID(S)$ and $Z \in Int(S)$. Let $c \in I \cap Z$. By assumption, we arrive that

$$c \in_{\circ_3} (S^{n-1}, c, S^{n-2}, c, S^{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \subseteq \circ_3 (S, \circ_3 (S, c, S, c, S), S, c, S) \\
& = \circ_6 (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^2) \\
& \vdots \\
& \subseteq \circ_{3n} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^n) \\
& = \circ_{3n} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, c, S) \\
& \subseteq \circ_{3n} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, \circ_3 (S, c, S, c, S), S) \\
& = \circ_{3n+3} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, S, c, S, c, S) \\
& \subseteq \circ_{3n+3} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, S, c, S, \circ_3 (S, c, S, c, S), S) \\
& = \circ_{3n+6} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, \{S, c, S\}^2, c, S) \\
& \vdots \\
& \subseteq \circ_{6n-3} (S, c, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, S, \{S, c, S\}^{n-1}, c, S) \\
& = \circ_2 (\circ_n (S, c), \circ (S, c, S), \circ_2 (S, c, S), \circ_2 (S, c, S), \dots, \circ_2 (S, c, S), \\
& \circ_5 (S, c, S, S, S, c, S), \circ_2 (S, c, S), \dots, \circ_2 (S, c, S), \circ_2 (S, c, S), \\
& \circ (S, c, S), \circ_n (c, S)) \\
& \subseteq \circ_2 (I, Z, I).
\end{aligned}$$

So, $I \cap Z \subseteq \circ_2 (I, Z, I)$. By Lemma 3.7, I is interior pure.

Conversely, assume that all ideals of S are interior pure. Let $c \in S$. By assumption, Lemma 3.7, Theorem 2.5 and 3.2, it provides that

$$\begin{aligned}
c & \in J(c) \cap I(c) \\
& \subseteq \circ_2 (J(c), I(c), J(c)) \\
& \subseteq \circ_2 (J(c), S, J(c)) \\
& = \circ_2 (\bigcup_{\rho=1}^n \circ (S, c, S)^{\rho-1} \cup \circ_2 (S, c, S)^{n-1} \cup c, S, \bigcup_{\beta=1}^n \circ (S, c, S)^{\beta-1} \cup \circ_2 (S, c, S)^{n-1} \cup c)
\end{aligned}$$

These nine cases are considered.

Case 1: If $c \in \circ_2 (c, S, c)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
c & \in \circ_2 (c, S, c) \subseteq \circ_2 (\circ_2 (c, S, c), S, \circ_2 (c, S, c)) \\
& = \circ_3 (\circ (c, S), S, c, \circ (S), S, c, S, \circ (S, c)) \\
& \subseteq \circ_3 (S, c, S, c, S).
\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: If $c \in \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S}))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S})) \\ &\subseteq \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{2n-3}{\circ_2} (c, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S})), \overset{n-1}{S})) \\ &= \circ_3 (\overset{2n-2}{\circ_2} (c, \overset{n-2}{S}), \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{2n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-3}{S}), \overset{n}{S}, c, \overset{n-2}{\circ} (S), \overset{n-2}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S}). \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: If $c \in \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \bigcup_{\beta=1}^n \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S}))$, then $c \in \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S}))$ for some $\beta \in [n], \beta \neq n$. Then it proceeds

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in \circ_2 (c, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S})) \\ &= \circ_3 (c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_3 (c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, \circ_3 (c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S}), \overset{n-\beta}{S}) \\ &= \circ_6 (\{c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}\}^2, c, \overset{2(n-\beta)}{S}) \\ &\vdots \\ &\subseteq \circ_{3n-3} (\{c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}\}^{n-1}, c, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\ &= \circ_{3n-3} (\{c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}\}^{n-2}, c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, c, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_{3n-3} (\{c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}\}^{n-2}, \circ_3 (c, \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta}{S}), \overset{2n+\beta-4}{S}, c, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_{3n} (\overset{2n^2-5n+\beta n-\beta+3}{S}, c, \overset{3n-4}{S}, c, \overset{n^2-n-\beta n+\beta}{S}) \\ &= \circ_3 (\overset{2n^2-6n+\beta n-\beta+5}{\circ_{2n+\beta-4}} (\overset{n-2}{S}), \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{2(n-1)+1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-3}{S}), \overset{n-3}{S}, c, \overset{n-\beta-1}{\circ} (S)) \\ &\quad (\overset{n^2-2n-\beta n+\beta+2}{S}, \overset{n-2}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S}). \end{aligned}$$

If $\beta = n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in \circ_3 (c, \overset{3n-4}{S}, c) \\ &\subseteq \circ_6 (\{c, \overset{3n-4}{S}\}^2, c) \\ &\vdots \\ &\subseteq \circ_{3n} (\{c, \overset{3n-4}{S}\}^n, c) \\ &= \circ_{3n} (\{c, \overset{3n-4}{S}\}^{n-2}, c, \overset{3n-4}{S}, c, \overset{3n-4}{S}, c) \\ &\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{3n^2-10n+8}{\circ_{3n-7}} (\overset{n-2}{S}), \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{2n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-3}{S}), \overset{n-3}{S}, c, \overset{2n-1}{\circ_2} (\overset{n-2}{S}), \overset{n-2}{S}) \\ &\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, c, \overset{n-2}{S}, c, \overset{n-1}{S}). \end{aligned}$$

Case 4: If $c \in \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, c)$, then the proof proceeds analogously to the proof of Case 2.

Case 5: If $c \in \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}))$, then $c \in \circ_6 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}) = \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \circ_3 (\overset{3n-2}{S}), \overset{n-3}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}) \subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-2}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})$.

Case 6: If $c \in \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \cup_{\beta=1}^n \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-\beta}{S}))$, then $c \in \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{n-\beta}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-\beta}{S}))$ for some $\beta \in [n]$.

If $\beta \neq n$, then it turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}
c &\in \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{n-\beta}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-\beta}{S})) \\
&\subseteq \circ_2 (\circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{n-1}{S}, \circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{n-\beta}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-\beta}{S})), \overset{n-\beta}{S}) \\
&= \circ_{10} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{2(n-\beta)}{S}\}^2, \overset{n-\beta}{S}) \\
&= \circ_{10} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{3n+\beta-5}{c}, \overset{2(n-\beta)}{S}\}^2, \overset{n-\beta}{S}) \\
&\vdots \\
&\subseteq \circ_{5n-5} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{3n+\beta-5}{c}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}\}^{n-1}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\
&= \circ_{5n-5} (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{3n+\beta-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \{\overset{3n+\beta-5}{S}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}\}^{n-2}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\
&\subseteq \circ_{5n-5} (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n^2-10n+\beta n-\beta+5}{S}, \overset{n^2-n-\beta n+\beta}{c}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S}) \\
&= \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n^2-11n+\beta n-\beta+8}{c}, \overset{n-3}{S}, \circ_{n-\beta-1} (\overset{n^2-2n-\beta n+\beta+2}{S}, \overset{n-2}{S})) \\
&\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-2}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}).
\end{aligned}$$

If $\beta = n$, then it turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}
c &\in \circ_5 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, c) \\
&\subseteq \circ_{10} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}\}^2, c) \\
&\vdots \\
&\subseteq \circ_{5n} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}\}^n, c) \\
&= \circ_{5n} (\{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}\}^{n-2}, \{\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{4n-5}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}\}^2, c) \\
&\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-2}{S}, \circ_{5n-10} (\overset{5n^2-15n+11}{S}), \overset{n-3}{c}, \overset{4n-3}{S}, \overset{n-2}{c}, \overset{3n-2}{S}) \\
&\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-2}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}).
\end{aligned}$$

Case 7: If $c \in \circ_2 (\cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S})) \overset{n-\rho}{S}, c)$, then the proof proceeds analogously to the proof of Case 3.

Case 8: If $c \in \circ_2 (\cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ_2 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}))$, then the proof proceeds analogously to the proof of Case 6.

Case 9: If $c \in \circ_2 (\cup_{\rho=1}^n \circ (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \cup_{\beta=1}^n \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}))$, then $c \in \circ_2 (\circ (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}))$ for some $\beta, \rho \in [n]$. We proceed by considering the subsequent four subcases.

If $\rho \neq 1$ and $\beta \neq n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
c &\in \circ_2 (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}) \\
&\subseteq \circ_2 (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})) \\
&= \circ_8 (\overset{2(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{S})^2 \\
&= \circ_8 (\overset{2(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^2 \\
&\vdots \\
&\subseteq \circ_{4n-4} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-1} \\
&= \circ_{4n-4} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S} \\
&\subseteq \circ_{4n-4} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S} \\
&\quad \circ_2 (\circ (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{2n-3}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}, \circ (\overset{\beta-1}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}), \overset{n-1}{S}) \\
&= \circ_{4n} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{2(n-\beta)}{S} \\
&\subseteq \circ_{4n} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S} \\
&\quad \circ_4 (\overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}), \overset{2(n-\beta)}{S} \\
&= \circ_{4n+4} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{2n-3}{S}, \overset{\beta-1}{S} \\
&\quad \{ \overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S} \}^2, \overset{3(n-\beta)}{S}, \overset{n-1}{S} \\
&\vdots \\
&\subseteq \circ_{8n-12} (\overset{(n-1)(\rho-1)}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S})^{n-2}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S}, \overset{n-\beta}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S} \\
&\quad \{ \overset{\rho-1}{S}, \overset{n-\rho}{c}, \overset{3n+\beta-\rho-4}{S} \}^{n-2}, \overset{(n-1)(n-\beta)}{S} \\
&= \circ_3 (\overset{n-2}{S}, \overset{n-2}{c}, \overset{kn-2n-\rho+3}{S}), \overset{n-3}{S}, \circ_{n+\beta-\rho-12} (\overset{7n^2+(\beta-\rho-19)n+(\rho-\beta+12)}{S}), \overset{n-2}{c}, \\
&\quad \circ_{n-\beta-1} (\overset{n^2-2n-\beta n+\beta+2}{S}), \overset{n-2}{S} \\
&\subseteq \circ_3 (\overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-2}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}, \overset{n-1}{c}, \overset{n-1}{S}).
\end{aligned}$$

If $\rho = 1$ and $\beta \neq n$, then $c \in \circ_4 (c, S, S, c, S) = \circ_3 (c, \circ_n(S), S, S, c, S) \subseteq \circ_3 (c, S, S, c, S)$. The proof runs identically to the proof of Case 3.

If $\rho \neq 1$ and $\beta = n$, then the argument mirrors that of the preceding case.

If $\rho = 1$ and $\beta = n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in \circ_2 (\circ^{n-1}(c, S), S, \circ^{n-1}(S, c)) \\ &= \circ_4 (c, S, S, c) \\ &= \circ_2 (c, \circ^n(S), \circ^n(S), c) \\ &\subseteq \circ_2 (c, S, S, c). \end{aligned}$$

The proof runs identically to the proof of Case 1. Combining Cases 1 through 9 and Remark 2.7, it turns out that S is softly intra-regular.

4. Conclusions

This study introduces j -pure ideals and interior pure ideals in the context of n -ary semigroups. The main result shows that an n -ary semigroup is softly left [right] regular and softly intra-regular if and only if all of its ideals are n -pure, 1-pure, and interior pure, respectively. Furthermore, we propose as open problems the generalization of these results to j -pure ideals where $1 < j < n$ for $n \geq 3$.

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