THE CHARACTERIZATIONS OF WEAKLY PRIME IDEAL ELEMENTS IN Ve-SEMIGROUPS

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1. Introduction.

Recently, Kehayopulu([1]) proved the characterizations of a weakly prime ideals(Theorem 2, [1]) and weakly semiprime(Theorem 4, [1]) of a Ve-semigroup S:

THEOREM A(THEOREM 2, [1]). Let S be a Ve-semigroup and t an ideal element of S. The following are equivalent:

- i) t is weakly prime.
- ii) If $a, b \in S$ such that $aeb \le t$, then $a \le t$ or $b \le t$.
- iii) If $a, b \in S$ such taht $r(l(a))r(l(a)) \le t$, then $a \le t$ or $b \le t$.
- iv) If x_1, x_2 are right ideal elements of S such that $x_1 x_2 \leq t$, then $x_1 \leq t$ or $x_2 \leq t$.
- v) If y_1, y_2 are left ideal elements of S such that $y_1y_2 \leq t$, then $y_1 \leq t$ or $y_2 \leq t$.
- vi) If x is a right ideal element, y a left ideal element of S and $xy \le t$, then $x \le t$ or $y \le t$.

THEOREM B(THEOREM 4, [1]). Let S be a Ve-semigroup and t an ideal element of S. The following are equivalent:

- i) t is weakly semiprime.
- ii) For every $a \in S$ such that $aea \le t$, we have $a \le t$,
- iii) for every $a \in S$ such that $(r(l(a))^2 \le t$, we have $a \le t$.
- iv) For every right ideal element x of S such that $x^2 \le t$, we have $a \le t$.

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v) For every left ideal elements y of S, such that $y^2 \le t$, we have a < t.

The aim of this paper is to give some improvement of Theorem A. By some modifications of the proofs of our main result, we have Theorem B, easily.

DEFINITION 1[2, 3]. A $\vee e$ -semigroup S is a semilattice under \vee with the greatest element e and at the same time a semigroup such that

$$a(b \lor c) = ab \lor ac$$
 and $(a \lor b)c = ac \lor ba$.

NOTATION. In Ve-semigroup S,

$$l(a) = ea \lor a$$
 and $r(a) = ae \lor a$.

DEFINITION 2[4]. An element t of a Ve-semigroup S is said to be a left(resp. right) ideal element if $et \leq t$ (resp. $te \leq t$) for the great element $e \in S$.

An element t of a V-semigroup S is said to be an ideal element if it is a right and left ideal element.

DEFINITION 3[2, 3]. An element t of a Ve-semigroup S is said to be weakly(resp. left weakly, right weakly) prime if for any pair a, b of ideal (resp. left ideal, right ideal) elements of S such that $ab \leq t$, then we have $a \leq t$ or $b \leq t$.

DEFINITION 4[1, 3]. An element t of a Ve-semigroup S is said to be weakly semiprime if for any ideal element a of S such that $a^2 \leq t$, we have a < t.

THEOREM 1. Let S be a Ve-semigroup and t be an ideal element of S. The following are equivalent:

- (1) t is weakly prime.
- (2) If $a, b \in S$ such that $aeb \le t$, then $a \le t$ or $b \le t$.

- (3) If $a, b \in S$ such taht $r(l(a))r(l(b)) \le t$, then $a \le t$ or $b \le t$.
- (4) If x is a right ideal element of S such that $xy \le t$ for any element $y \in S$, then $x \le t$ or $y \le t$.
- (5) If y is a left ideal element of S such that $xy \leq t$ for any element $x \in S$, then $x \leq t$ or $y \leq t$.
- (6) If x_1, x_2 is right ideal elements of S such that $xy \leq t$, then $x_1 \leq t$ or $x_2 \leq t$.
- (7) If y_1, y_2 is a left ideal elements of S such that $xy \leq t$, then $y_1 \leq t$ or $y_2 \leq t$.
- (8) If x is a right ideal element and y is a left ideal elemnt of S such that $xy \le t$, then $x \le t$ or $y \le t$.

Proof. (1) \Longrightarrow (2). Assume that $aeb \le t$ for any two elements a and b in S. Since t is an ideal element, we have

$$(eae)(ebe) \le e(aeb)e \le ete \le t.$$

Since eae and ebe are ideal elements, we get

$$eae \leq t \text{ or } ebe \leq t.$$

If $eae \leq t$, then

$$(r(l(a))^3 = (eae \lor ae \lor ea \lor a)^3$$

$$\leq e(eae \lor ae \lor ea \lor a)e$$

$$\leq eae \leq t.$$

Since t is weakly prime, $r(l(a)) \le t$ or $r(l(a))^2 \le t$. In any case, $r(l(a)) \le t$ so $a \le r(l(a)) \le t$.

We can easily prove that $ebe \leq t$ implies $b \leq t$ by similar method to above.

(2)
$$\Longrightarrow$$
 (3). Suppose that $r(l(a))r(l(b)) \le t$. Then we have $aeb \le eae^2be \lor eaebe \lor eae^2b \lor eaeb$

$$\lor ae^{2}be \lor aebe \lor a^{2}b \lor aeb$$
 $\lor eaebe \lor eabe \lor eaeb \lor eab$
 $\lor aebe \lor abe \lor aeb \lor ab$
 $=(eae \lor ae \lor ea \lor a)(ebe \lor be \lor eb \lor b)$
 $=r(l(a))r(l(b)) < t$.

By hypothesis, $a \le t$ or $b \le t$.

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (4)$. Let x be a right ideal element of S such that $xy \leq t$ for any $y \in S$. Then we have

$$r(l(x))r(l(y)) = (exe \lor xe \lor ex \lor x)(eye \lor ye \lor ey \lor y)$$

$$= exe^{2}ye \lor exeye \lor exe^{2}y \lor exey$$

$$\lor xe^{2}ye \lor xeye \lor xe^{2}y \lor xey$$

$$\lor exeye \lor exye \lor exey \lor exy$$

$$\lor xeye \lor xye \lor xey \lor xy$$

$$\leq exye \lor exy \lor xye \lor xy$$

$$\leq ete \lor et \lor te \lor t$$

$$\leq t,$$

since x is a right ideal element and t an ideal element. By hypothesis $x \le t$ or $y \le t$.

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (5)$. Let y be a left ideal element of S such that $xy \leq t$ for any $x \in S$. Then as the froof of above, we get

$$r(l(x))r(l(y)) = (exe \lor xe \lor ex \lor x)(eye \lor ye \lor ey \lor y)$$

$$= exe^{2}ye \lor exeye \lor exe^{2}y \lor exey$$

$$\lor xe^{2}ye \lor xeye \lor xe^{2}y \lor xey$$

$$\lor exeye \lor exye \lor exey \lor exy$$

$$\lor xeye \lor xye \lor xey \lor xy$$

$$\leq exye \lor exy \lor xye \lor xy$$

$$\leq exye \lor exy \lor xye \lor xy$$

$$\leq ete \lor et \lor te \lor t$$

$$\leq t,$$

since y is a left ideal element and t an ideal element. By hypothesis $x \leq t$ or $y \leq t$.

- $(4) \Longrightarrow (6)$ and $(5) \Longrightarrow (7)$. It is obvious.
- $(6) \Longrightarrow (8), (7) \Longrightarrow (8)$ and $(8) \Longrightarrow (1)$. It is obvious from Theorem A.

By some modifications of the proof of the above Theorem, we have Theorem B(Theorem 4, [1]) as Corollary to Theorem 1.

COROLLARY 2. Let S be a Ve-semigroup and t be an ideal of S. The following are equivalent:

- (1) t is weakly semiprime.
- (2) If $aea \le t$ for any $a \in S$, then $a \le t$.
- (3) If $(r(l(a)))^2 \le t$ for any $a \in S$, then $a \le t$.
- (4) If $x^2 \leq t$ for any right ideal element $x \in S$, then $x \leq t$.
- (5) If $y^2 \le t$ for any left ideal element $y \in S$, then $y \le t$.

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