

## PRE-PRIME AND PRE-SEMIPRIME IDEALS IN $\Gamma$ -SEMIRINGS

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**Abstract:** The concepts of the pre-prime ideals and pre-semiprime ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semirings are introduced and some of their properties are studied here. Also the notions of pre-Noetherian and  $k$ -regular semiring ( $\Gamma$ -semiring) are introduced here.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

A semiring is a nonempty set  $S$  with two associative binary compositions '+' and '.' with an additive identity called zero of  $S$  such that '.' is distributive over '+' and  $a.0 = 0.a = 0$  for every  $a \in S$ . The notion of  $\Gamma$ -semiring was introduced by M.M.K. Rao [8]. Dutta et al [2] studied it via operator semirings. Sardar et al [9] observed the  $\Gamma$ -semiring from a different point of view. Olson et al (see [6,7]), by using the notion of  $k$ -ideals, introduced pre-prime ideals and pre-semiprime ideals in semirings. In this paper we have extended these ideas to  $\Gamma$ -semirings. We have found some interplays of these ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and its operator

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semirings. These are then used to obtain inclusion preserving bijection between the set of each type of the above mentioned ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semirings and the set of corresponding types of ideals in the operator semirings. The notions of pre-Noetherian,  $k$ -regular semirings and  $\Gamma$ -semirings are also introduced here.

For an ideal  $P$  of a semiring  $S$ , the  $k$ -closure or subtractive closure (Golan [5]) of  $I$  is denoted by  $\overline{P}$  and defined by  $\overline{P} = \{x \in S : x + i \in P, \text{ for some } i \in P\}$ .  $P$  is said to be a pre-prime (Olson et al [6]) ideal of  $S$  if  $IJ \subseteq \overline{P}$  implies  $I \subseteq \overline{P}$  or  $J \subseteq \overline{P}$ , where  $I, J$  are ideals of  $S$ . Any ideal  $P$  of a semiring  $S$  is pre-prime if and only if  $\overline{P}$  is prime in  $S$  (Olson et al [6]).  $P$  is said to be a pre-semiprime (Olson et al [7]) ideal of  $S$  if  $I^2 \subseteq \overline{P}$  implies  $I \subseteq \overline{P}$  where  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

For more on preliminaries we refer to the references and their references.

## 2. Pre-Prime Ideals in $\Gamma$ -Semiring

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $I$  be any ideal of  $S$ . Then the  $k$ -closure of  $I$  is denoted by  $\overline{I}$  and defined by  $\overline{I} = \{x \in S : x + i \in I, \text{ for some } i \in I\}$ .

**Note.** i)  $\overline{I}$  is the smallest  $k$ -ideal (Dutta et al [2]) containing  $I$ .

ii) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two ideals of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  with  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{B}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** An ideal  $P$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is said to be a pre-prime ideal of  $S$  if  $I\Gamma J \subseteq \overline{P}$  implies  $I \subseteq \overline{P}$  or  $J \subseteq \overline{P}$ , where  $I$  and  $J$  are ideals of  $S$ , i.e.,  $P$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $S$  if  $\overline{P}$  is a prime ideal (Dutta et al [1]) of  $S$ .

**Note.** For  $k$ -ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semiring the notions of prime and pre-prime are equivalent.

In this section  $S$  will denote a  $\Gamma$ -semiring with the unities (Dutta et al [2]) and  $L$  and  $R$  will denote respectively the left and right operator semirings (Dutta et al [2]) of  $S$  if otherwise not mentioned.

Now we obtain the following lemmas which play crucial role to the development of this paper.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $I$  be any ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\overline{I^{*'}} = \overline{I}^{*'}$  where  $I^{*'}$  is defined in Dutta et al [2] by

$$I^{*' := \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^m [\alpha_k, x_k] \in R : S \left( \sum_{k=1}^m [\alpha_k, x_k] \right) \subseteq I, \text{ i.e., } \sum_{k=1}^m s\alpha_k x_k \in I \text{ for all } s \in S \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\sum_{j=1}^n [\gamma_j, f_j]$  be the right unity of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ .

Let  $x \in \overline{I^{*'}}'$ . Then  $x + \sum_{k=1}^m [\alpha_k, y_k] \in I^{*'}'$ , for some  $\sum_{k=1}^m [\alpha_k, y_k] \in I^{*'}'$ .

Then for all  $s \in S$ ,  $sx + \sum_k s\alpha_k y_k \in I$ . Since  $\sum_k [\alpha_k, y_k] \in I^{*'}'$ ,  $\sum_k s\alpha_k y_k \in I$ , for all  $s \in S$ . Hence  $sx \in \overline{I}$ , for all  $s \in S$ . i.e.,  $x \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$ . Thus  $\overline{I^{*'}'} \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}'}$ .

Next let  $\sum_k [\alpha_k, y_k] \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$ . Then  $\sum_k s\alpha_k y_k \in \overline{I}$ , for all  $s \in S$ . Hence  $\sum_k s\alpha_k y_k + p \in I$ , for some  $p \in I$  and for all  $s \in S$ . Then in particular,  $\sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k + p \in I$ , for some  $p \in I$  and for all  $j$ . Hence  $[\alpha, \sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k + p] \in I^{*'}'$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for some  $p \in I$  and for all  $j$  (cf. Theorem 6.6 in Dutta et al [2]). So  $[\alpha, \sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k] + [\alpha, p] \in I^{*'}'$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for some  $p \in I$  and for all  $j$ .

Since  $I$  is an ideal and  $p \in I$ ; for all  $s \in S$ ,  $s\alpha p \in I$ , and so  $[\alpha, p] \in I^{*'}'$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . It follows that  $[\alpha, \sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k] \in I^{*'}'$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for all  $j$ . In particular  $[\gamma_j, \sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k] \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$  for all  $j$ . So summing over  $j$ ,  $\sum_j [\gamma_j, \sum_k f_j \alpha_k y_k] \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$ , i.e.,  $\left(\sum_j [\gamma_j, f_j]\right) \left(\sum_k [\alpha_k, y_k]\right) \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$ , i.e.,  $\sum_k [\alpha_k, y_k] \in \overline{I^{*'}'}$ . So  $\overline{I^{*'}'} \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}'}$ . Hence  $\overline{I^{*'}'} = \overline{I^{*'}'}$ . □

Applying similar argument as above and using Theorem 6.3 (Dutta et al [2]) instead of Theorem 6.6 (Dutta et al [2]), the left unity  $\sum_{i=1}^m [e_i, \delta_i]$  instead of the right unity  $\sum_{j=1}^n [\gamma_j, f_j]$  we can deduce the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $I$  be any ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\overline{I^{+'}} = \overline{I^{+'}}$ , where  $I^{+'}$  is defined in Dutta et al [2] by  $I^{+'} := \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^m [x_k, \alpha_k] \in L : \left(\sum_{k=1}^m [x_k, \alpha_k]\right) S \subseteq I \right\}$ .*

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $Q$  be any ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\overline{Q^*} = \overline{Q^*}$ , where  $Q^*$  is defined in Dutta et al [2] by  $Q^* = \{a \in S : [\Gamma, a] \subseteq Q, \text{ i.e., } [\alpha, a] \in Q \text{ for all } \alpha \in \Gamma\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\sum_{i=1}^m [e_i, \delta_i]$  be the left unity of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ .

Let  $x \in \overline{Q^*}$ . Then  $x+k \in Q^*$  for some  $k \in Q^*$ . So  $[\alpha, k] \in Q$  and  $[\alpha, x+k] \in Q$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . So  $[\alpha, x] + [\alpha, k] \in Q$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . It follows that  $[\alpha, x] \in \overline{Q}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Consequently,  $x \in \overline{Q^*}$ . So  $\overline{Q^*} \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$ . Next let  $x \in \overline{Q^*}$ . Then  $[\alpha, x] \in \overline{Q}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $[\alpha, x] + q \in Q$ , for some  $q \in Q$  and for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . In particular,  $[\delta_i, x] + q \in Q$ , for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ . So  $s\delta_i x + sq \in Q^*$  for all  $s \in S$  (cf. Theorem 6.6 Dutta et al [2]). Again  $sq \in Q^*$ , for all  $s \in S$ , as  $q \in Q$ . Then  $s\delta_i x \in \overline{Q^*}$ , for all  $s \in S$  and for all  $i$ . So in particular  $e_i \delta_i x \in \overline{Q^*}$ , for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ . Now summing over  $i$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m e_i \delta_i x \in \overline{Q^*}$ . So  $x \in \overline{Q^*}$ . So  $\overline{Q^*} \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$ . Hence  $\overline{Q^*} = \overline{Q^*}$ .  $\square$

Application of similar argument as above and use of Theorem 6.3 (Dutta et al [2]) and the right unity  $\sum_{j=1}^n [\gamma_j, f_j]$  instead of Theorem 6.6 (Dutta et al [2])

and the left unity  $\sum_{i=1}^m [e_i, \delta_i]$  respectively give the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $P$  be any ideal  $L$ . Then  $\overline{P^+} = \overline{P^+}$ , where  $P^+$  is defined in Dutta et al [2] by  $P^+ = \{a \in S : [a, \Gamma] \subseteq P\}$ .*

**Definition 2.7.** A  $\Gamma$ -semiring (semiring)  $S$  is said to be a pre-Noetherian  $\Gamma$ -semiring (respectively semiring) if for any ascending chain  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \dots$  of ideals of  $S$  the corresponding ascending chain  $\overline{I_1} \subseteq \overline{I_2} \subseteq \dots$  of ideals terminates.

**Proposition 2.8.** *If a  $\Gamma$ -semiring (semiring)  $S$  is Noetherian Dutta et al [4], then  $S$  is pre-Noetherian.*

**Theorem 2.9.**  *$S$  is pre-Noetherian if and only if  $L(R)$  is pre-Noetherian.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be pre-Noetherian and  $P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an ascending chain of ideals of  $L$ . Then  $P_1^+ \subseteq P_2^+ \subseteq \dots$  is ascending chain of ideals of  $S$  (cf. Theorem 6.3 Dutta et al [2]), i.e.,  $\overline{P_1^+} \subseteq \overline{P_2^+} \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of ideals of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is pre-Noetherian, there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\overline{P_n^+} = \overline{P_m^+}$ , for all  $n \geq m$ , i.e.,  $(\overline{P_n^+})^{+'} = (\overline{P_m^+})^{+'}$ , for all  $n \geq m$ . i.e.,  $(P_n^+)^{+'} = (P_m^+)^{+'}$  (cf. Lemma 2.4), for all  $n \geq m$ , i.e.,  $\overline{P_n} = \overline{P_m}$  (cf. Theorem 6.3 Dutta et al [2]), for all  $n \geq m$ . So  $L$  is pre-Noetherian.  $\square$

Similarly using Theorem 6.6 (Dutta et al [2]) and Lemma 2.3, we can show that  $R$  is pre-Noetherian.

Next let  $L$  be pre-Noetherian and  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$  be an ascending chain of ideals in  $S$ . Then  $A_1^{+'} \subseteq A_2^{+'} \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of ideals in  $L$  (cf. Theorem 6.3 Dutta et al [2]). So  $\overline{A_1^{+'}} \subseteq \overline{A_2^{+'}} \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of ideals in  $L$ . Since  $L$  is pre-Noetherian, there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\overline{A_i^{+'}} = \overline{A_m^{+'}}$ , for all  $i \geq m$ . So  $\left(\overline{A_i^{+'}}\right)^+ = \left(\overline{A_m^{+'}}\right)^+$ , for all  $i \geq m$ . So  $\overline{\left(A_i^{+'}\right)^+} = \overline{\left(A_m^{+'}\right)^+}$  (cf. Lemma 2.6), for all  $i \geq m$ , i.e.,  $\overline{A_i} = \overline{A_m}$  (cf. Theorem 6.3 Dutta et al [2]) for all  $i \geq m$ . Hence  $S$  is pre-Noetherian.

Similarly supposing  $R$  is pre-Noetherian we can prove (using Lemma 2.5 and Theorem 6.6 Dutta et al [2]) that  $S$  is pre-Noetherian. □

**Corollary 2.10.**  *$L$  is a pre-Noetherian semiring if and only if  $R$  is a pre-Noetherian semiring.*

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $Q$  be a pre-prime ideal of  $R(L)$ . Then  $Q^*$  (respectively  $Q^+$ ) is a pre-prime ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Q$  be a prime ideal of  $R$ . Then by Proposition 6.4 (Dutta et al [2]),  $Q^*$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Let  $A, B$  be two ideals of  $S$  with  $A\Gamma B \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$ . Then  $A\Gamma B \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$  (cf. Lemma 2.5). So  $[\Gamma, A\Gamma B] \subseteq \overline{Q}$  (cf. Definition of  $Q^*$  in Dutta et al [2]), i.e.,  $[\Gamma, A][\Gamma, B] \subseteq \overline{Q}$ . Since  $Q$  is pre-prime and  $[\Gamma, A], [\Gamma, B]$  are ideals of  $R$  (Dutta et al [2]),  $[\Gamma, A] \subseteq \overline{Q}$  or  $[\Gamma, B] \subseteq \overline{Q}$  (Olson et al [6]). So  $A \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$  or  $B \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$  which implies that  $A \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$  or  $B \subseteq \overline{Q^*}$  (cf. Lemma 2.5). So  $Q^*$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $S$ . Similarly using Lemma 2.6 and Proposition 6.1 (Dutta et al [2]) we can prove that if  $Q$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $L$  then  $Q^+$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $S$ . □

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $I$  be a pre-prime ideal of  $S$ . Then  $I^{*'} (respectively  $I^{+'})$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $R (respectively  $L$ ).$$*

*Proof.* By Proposition 6.5 (Dutta et al [2]),  $I^{*'} is an ideal of  $R$ . Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two ideals of  $R$  such that  $AB \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$ . Then  $AB \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$  (cf. Lemma 2.3). Then  $ARB \subseteq AB \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$ . So  $A[\Gamma, S]B \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$ . So  $(SA)\Gamma(SB) \subseteq \overline{I}$  (cf. Definition of  $\overline{I^{*'}}$  Dutta et al [2]). Since  $SA$  and  $SB$  are ideals of  $S$  (Dutta et al [2]) and  $I$  is a pre-prime ideal of  $S$ ,  $SA \subseteq \overline{I}$  or  $SB \subseteq \overline{I}$  (cf. Definition 2.2). So  $A \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$  or  $B \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$ , i.e.,  $A \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$  or  $B \subseteq \overline{I^{*'}}$  (cf. Lemma 2.3). So  $I^{*'}$  is a pre-prime ideal  $R$ .$

Similarly using Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 6.2 of Dutta et al [2] we can show that  $I^{+'}$  is a pre-prime ideal of L.  $\square$

Now by Propositions 2.11 and 2.12 and Theorem 6.6 (Dutta et al [2]) we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.13.** *There exists an inclusion preserving bijection between the pre-prime ideals of S and that of L (respectively R) via the mapping  $I \mapsto I^{+'}$  (respectively,  $I \mapsto I^{*'}$ ).*

The following theorem characterizes pre-prime ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Theorem 2.14.** *The following statements are equivalent for an ideal I of S.*

- i) *I is pre-prime.*
- ii) *For  $a, b \in S$  such that  $a\Gamma S\Gamma b \subseteq \overline{I}$  implies either  $a \in \overline{I}$  or  $b \in \overline{I}$ .*
- iii) *If  $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle$  are principal ideals of S such that  $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle b \rangle \subseteq \overline{I}$  then either  $a \in \overline{I}$  or  $b \in \overline{I}$ .*
- iv) *If U and V are two right (left) ideals of S such that  $UV \subseteq \overline{I}$ , then either  $U \subseteq \overline{I}$  or  $V \subseteq \overline{I}$ .*

*Proof.* Since I is pre-prime,  $\overline{I}$  is prime. So by Theorem 3.6 (Dutta et al [1]), the theorem follows.  $\square$

### 3. Pre-Semiprime Ideals in $\Gamma$ -Semirings

**Definition 3.1.** An ideal P of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring S is said to be a pre-semiprime ideal of S if  $I\Gamma I \subseteq \overline{P}$  implies  $I \subseteq \overline{P}$  where I is an ideal of S.

**Notes.** i) For k-ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semiring the notions of semiprime and pre-semiprime are equivalent.

ii) If P is a pre-semiprime ideal of a semiring with identity then P is also a pre-semiprime ideal of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring S where  $\Gamma = S$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let S be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Any ideal P of S is pre-semiprime if and only if  $\overline{P}$  is semiprime in S.*

**Note.** Any pre-prime ideal P of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring S is pre-semiprime in S.

In this section S will denote a  $\Gamma$ -semiring with the unities and L and R will denote the left and right operator semirings respectively of S if otherwise not

mentioned.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $Q$  be a pre-semiprime ideal of  $R$  (respectively  $L$ ). Then  $Q^*$  (respectively  $Q^+$ ) is a pre-semiprime ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Proposition 2.11. □

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring with the unities and  $I$  be a pre-semiprime ideal of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ . Then  $I^{*'} (respectively I^{+'})$  is a pre-semiprime ideal  $R$  (respectively  $L$ ).*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Proposition 2.12. □

**Theorem 3.5.** *There exists an inclusion preserving bijection  $I \longrightarrow I^{+'}$  ( $I \longrightarrow I^{*}'$ ) between the pre-semiprime ideals of  $S$  and that of  $L$  (respectively  $R$ ).*

*Proof.* The theorem follows from Propositions 3.3 and 3.4 and Theorem 6.3 of Dutta et al [2]. □

**Theorem 3.6.** *The following statements are equivalent for an ideal  $I$  of  $S$ .*

- i)  $I$  is pre-semiprime.
- ii) For  $a \in S$  such that  $a\Gamma S\Gamma a \subseteq \overline{I}$  implies  $a \in \overline{I}$ .
- iii) If  $\langle a \rangle$  is the principal ideal of  $S$  such that  $\langle a \rangle \Gamma \langle a \rangle \subseteq \overline{I}$  then  $a \in \overline{I}$ .
- iv) If  $U$  is a right (left) ideal of  $S$  such that  $U\Gamma U \subseteq \overline{I}$ , then  $U \subseteq \overline{I}$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 3.6 (Dutta et al [3]) the theorem follows. □

**Definition 3.7.** A  $\Gamma$ -semiring (resp. semiring)  $S$  is said to be  $k$ -regular if every  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  is semiprime.

**Theorem 3.8.** *A  $\Gamma$ -semiring (resp. semiring)  $S$  is  $k$ -regular if and only if every ideal of  $S$  is pre-semiprime.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be  $k$ -regular  $\Gamma$ -semiring (respectively semiring) and  $I$  be an ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\overline{I}$  is a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . So by definition of  $k$ -regularity,  $\overline{I}$  is semiprime. So  $I$  is pre-semiprime.

Next let every ideal of  $S$  be pre-semiprime and  $I$  be a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . Then by hypothesis,  $I$  is pre-semiprime. So  $\overline{I}$  is semiprime, i.e.,  $I$  is semiprime (since  $\overline{I} = I$ ). Hence  $S$  is  $k$ -regular. □

**Theorem 3.9.** *A  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is  $k$ -regular if and only if  $L$  (respectively*

$R$ ) is  $k$ -regular.

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be  $k$ -regular and  $I$  be any ideal of  $L$ . So  $I^+$  is an ideal of  $S$  (cf. Proposition 6.1 Dutta et al [2]). So  $I^+$  is pre-semiprime (cf. Theorem 3.8). Then  $(I^+)^+$  is pre-semiprime (cf. Proposition 3.4), i.e.,  $I$  is pre-semiprime (cf. Theorem 6.3 Dutta et al [2]). Hence  $L$  is  $K$ -regular (cf. Theorem 3.8).

Conversely, if  $L$  is  $k$ -regular then reversing the above argument we can prove that  $S$  is  $k$ -regular.

Similarly we can prove the theorem for  $R$ . □

**Corollary.**  $L$  is a  $k$ -regular semiring if and only if  $R$  is a  $k$ -regular semiring.

**Remark.** The above theorem can also be proved using Theorem 3.5.

**Concluding Remark.** Ideal theory of semirings differs from that of rings. To fill in this gap  $k$ -ideals and  $h$ -ideals were introduced in semirings. The notions of pre-prime ideals and pre-semiprime ideals are based on  $k$ -ideals. So they can also be called  $k$ -prime and  $k$ -semiprime ideals respectively. Keeping this in mind we have introduced the notions of  $h$ -prime and  $h$ -semiprime ideals in our next paper.

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