

IDEAL SEMIRINGS AND THE IDEAL EXTENSION PROPERTY FOR SEMIRINGS

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Abstract: Suppose that \mathbf{R} is a semiring. In this paper, we define the ideal extension property, ideal semiring, the congruence extension property for semiring \mathbf{R} and prove that \mathbf{R} has the ideal extension property if and only if every subsemiring of \mathbf{R} has the ideal extension property. We prove that if \mathbf{R} has the ideal extension property then the homomorphic image of \mathbf{R} has the ideal extension property. Also, we show that if \mathbf{R} is an ideal semiring then the homomorphic image of \mathbf{R} is an ideal semiring and it is proved that each ideal semiring with the congruence extension property has the ideal extension property.

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1. Introduction

Definition 1.1. Let $R \neq \emptyset$ be a set with $+$ and \cdot as binary operations on R , named addition and multiplication, respectively. Then $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a semiring if the following conditions are satisfied:

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- 1 $(R, +)$ is a commutative semigroup;
- 2 (R, \cdot) is a semigroup;
- 3 Both operations are connected by the distributive laws $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ and $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$ for all $a, b, c \in R$.

Definition 1.2. A subset H of a semiring R is called a subsemiring provided that H is a semiring under both binary operations on R .

Definition 1.3. Let R be a semiring. An equivalence relation ρ on the semiring R is called congruence if

$$(\forall s, t, a \in R)(s, t) \in \rho \implies (a + s, a + t) \in \rho$$

and

$$(\forall s, t, a \in R)(s, t) \in \rho \implies (a \cdot s, a \cdot t) \in \rho$$

and $(s \cdot a, t \cdot a) \in \rho$.

Definition 1.4. For a semiring $(R, +, \cdot)$ and a non-empty subset A of R , we define the following subset of R :

$$\langle A \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^n a_v : n \in \mathbb{N}, a_v \in A \right\}$$

The subset $\langle A \rangle$ is called the subset of R generated by A .

Definition 1.5. A non-empty subset I of a semiring R will be called an ideal if $a, b \in I$ and $r \in R$ imply that $a + b \in I$ and $ra \in I$ and $ar \in I$.

2. Ideal Semirings and Ideal Extension Property for Semirings

Definition 2.1. Let R be a semiring. R has the ideal extension property provided that for each subsemiring H of R and each ideal J of H there exists an ideal K of R such that $K \cap H = J$.

Theorem 2.2. Let R be a semiring. Then R has the ideal extension property if and only if every subsemiring of R has the ideal extension property.

Proof. Let every subsemiring of R has the ideal extension property. Since R is a subsemiring of itself, R has the ideal extension property. Now, Suppose that R has the ideal extension property. Let H be a subsemiring of R and L be a subsemiring of H and J be an ideal of L . Since L is also a subsemiring of R and R has the ideal extension property, there exists an ideal K of R such that $K \cap L = J, K \cap H$ is an ideal of H and we have $K \cap HL = K \cap L = J$, it follows that H has the ideal extension property.

Example 2.3. Let $R = \{a, b, c\}$. Then R with addition and multiplication defined by the following Cayley tables is a semiring.

+	a	b	c
a	a	b	c
b	b	b	c
c	c	c	c

.	a	b	c
a	a	b	c
b	a	b	c
c	c	c	c

Let $R_1 = \{a\}, R_2 = \{b\}, R_3 = \{c\}, R_4 = \{a, b\}, R_5 = \{a, c\}, R_6 = \{b, c\}$ and $R_7 = \{a, b, c\}$. Then R_1, R_2, \dots, R_7 are subsemirings of R . Let $I_1 = \{a\}, I_2 = \{b\}, I_3 = \{c\}, I_5 = \{c\}, I_6 = \{c\}$ and $I_7 = \{a, b, c\}$. Then I_1 is the only ideal of R_1, I_2 is the only ideal of R_2, I_3 is the only ideal of R_3, R_4 has not any ideal, I_5 is the only ideal of R_5, I_6 is the only ideal of R_6 and I_7 is the only ideal of R_7 . Let $J_1 = \{c\}, J_2 = \{a, b, c\}$. Then J_1, J_2 and J_3 are ideals of R and we have $J_2 \cap R_1 = I_1, J_2 \cap R_2 = I_2, J_2 \cap R_3 = I_3, J_1 \cap R_5 = I_5, J_1 \cap R_6 = I_6, J_2 \cap R_7 = I_7$. It follows that R has the ideal extension property.

Example 2.4. Let $R = (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ be the semiring of all integer number under usual addition and multiplication. Let $H = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $J = \{0, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, \dots\} = H - \{1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 11\}$. Then H is a subsemiring of R and J is an ideal of H . Suppose that there exists an ideal K of R such that $K \cap H = J$. Then there exists $m \geq 0$ in \mathbb{Z} such that $K = m\mathbb{Z}$. It follows that $K \cap H = mH$, but $J \neq mH$. This contradiction establishes that R does not have the ideal extension property.

Corollary 2.5. *In view of 2.2 and 2.4, the rational numbers \mathbb{Q} does not have the ideal extension property.*

Theorem 2.6. *Let R be a semiring if R has the ideal extension property then any homomorphic image of R has the ideal extension property.*

Proof. Let R be a semiring with the ideal extension property. Let $\Psi : R \rightarrow R^*$ be a homomorphism of semiring R onto a semiring R^* . Suppose that H^* be a subsemiring of R^* and J^* be an ideal of H^* . Let $H = \Psi^{-1}(H^*)$ and let $J = \Psi^{-1}(J^*)$. Then H is a subsemiring of R and J is an ideal of H . By hypothesis, there exists an ideal K of R such that $K \cap H = J$. Let $K^* = \psi(K)$. Then since Ψ is onto, we have that K^* is an ideal of R^* .

Now, we show that $K^* \cap H^* = J^*$. Let $x \in K^* \cap H^*$. Then $\Psi^{-1}(x) \subset K$ and $\Psi^{-1}(x) \subset H$. Therefore, $\Psi^{-1}(x) \subset K \cap H = J$. Then $x \in \Psi(J) = J^*$.

To establish the other inclusion let $a \in J^*$. Then $\Psi^{-1}(a) \subset J = K \cap H$. Therefore, $a \in \Psi(K \cap H) \subset \Psi K \cap \Psi H = K^* \cap H^*$. It follows that $K^* \cap H^* = J^*$. We conclude that R^* has the ideal extension property.

Definition 2.7. Let R be a semiring and let ρ be a congruence on R . Then ρ is called an ideal congruence provided that there exists an ideal J of R such that $\rho = (J \times J) \cup \Delta_R$ (where Δ_R denotes the diagonal relation on R).

Definition 2.8. A semiring R is said to be an ideal semiring provided that each congruence on R is an ideal congruence.

Theorem 2.9. *Let R be a semiring. If R is an ideal semiring then the homomorphic image of R is an ideal semiring.*

Proof. Suppose that R is an ideal semiring. Let $\Psi : R \rightarrow S$ be a homomorphism of R onto a semiring S and let ρ be a congruence on S . Define $\alpha = \{(a, b) \in (R \times R) : (\Psi(a), \Psi(b)) \in \rho\}$. Then α is a congruence on R . By assumption, R is an ideal semiring. Consequently there exists an ideal J of R such that $\alpha = (J \times J) \cup \Delta_R$. Let $K = \Psi(J)$. Then K is an ideal of S .

We claim that $\rho = (K \times K) \cup \Delta_S$. Assume that $(\Psi(a), \Psi(b)) \in \rho$. Therefore $(a, b) \in \alpha$. If $a \neq b$, then $(a, b) \in (J \times J)$ and $(\Psi(a), \Psi(b)) \in (K \times K)$. If $a = b$ then $(\Psi(a), \Psi(b)) \in \Delta_S$. Thus $\rho \subset (K \times K) \cup \Delta_S$.

Let $(s, t) \in (K \times K)$. Then there exists $(a, b) \in (J \times J)$ such that $s = \Psi(a)$ and $t = \Psi(b)$. Then $(a, b) \in \alpha$ and we have $(s, t) \in \rho$. It follows that $\rho = (K \times K) \cup \Delta_S$ and S is an ideal semiring.

3. Congruence Extension Property for Semirings

Definition 3.1. Let R be a semiring. R has the congruence extension property provided that for each subsemiring H of R and each congruence ρ on H there exists a congruence α on R such that $\alpha \cap (H \times H) = \rho$. The congruence α is called an extension of ρ .

Theorem 3.2. Let H be a subsemiring of a semiring R and ρ be a congruence on H and $\langle \rho \rangle$ be a congruence on R generated by ρ . Then ρ has an extension to R if and only if $\langle \rho \rangle$ is an extension.

Proof. If $\langle \rho \rangle$ is an extension of congruence ρ to R , it is clear that ρ has an extension to R . Let α be an extension of congruence ρ to R . We must establish that $\rho = \langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H)$. Since $\rho \subset \langle \rho \rangle$ and $\rho \subset (H \times H)$ it follows that $\rho \subset \langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H)$. Since α is an extension of congruence ρ to R , it follows that $\alpha \cap (H \times H) = \rho \subset \langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H)$.

We claim that $\langle \rho \rangle \subset \alpha$. Let there exists $x \in (R \times R)$ such that $x \in \langle \rho \rangle$ and $x \notin \alpha$. Then we have $x = \sum_{v=1}^n a_v$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where $a_v \in \rho, 1 \leq v \leq n$. Since $\alpha \cap (H \times H) = \rho, a_v \in \alpha, 1 \leq v \leq n$ and so $x = \sum_{v=1}^n a_v \in \alpha$. This contradiction implies that $\langle \rho \rangle \subset \alpha$ and it follows that $\langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H) \subset \alpha \cap (H \times H) = \rho$. We conclude that $\rho = \langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H)$. Therefore, to establish the existence of an extension it suffices to show that $\langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H) \subset \rho$.

Theorem 3.3. Let R be an ideal semiring. If R has the congruence extension property, then R has the ideal extension property.

Proof. Let R be an ideal semiring which has the congruence extension property, let H be a subsemiring of R and J be an ideal of H . Then $\rho = (J \times J) \cup \Delta_H$ is a congruence on H . Since R has the congruence extension property, there exists an extension $\langle \rho \rangle$ of ρ to R . Since R is an ideal semiring there exists an ideal K of R such that $\langle \rho \rangle = (K \times K) \cup \Delta_R$. Since $\rho = \langle \rho \rangle \cap (H \times H)$, we conclude that $J = K \cap H$. Therefore R has the ideal extension property.

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