

## PRIME RADICAL IN MATRIX SEMIRING $\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix}$

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**Abstract:** In this paper we obtain the prime radical of both sided  $\Gamma$ -semiring (Nobusawa  $\Gamma$ -semiring or  $\Gamma_N$ -semiring). Relation between the prime radicals of a  $\Gamma_N$ -semiring  $S$  and that of the matrix semiring  $\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix}$  is obtained.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1934, H. S. Vandiver[11] introduced the notion of semiring as an algebraic structure. The set of nonnegative integers is the most trivial example of semiring. In 1894, Richard Dedekind observed that the ideals of a commutative ring does not form a ring. This was the first nontrivial example of semirings. The concept of  $\Gamma$  was first introduced by Nobusawa[5] when he introduced the notion of  $\Gamma$ -ring. Rao introduced the notion of  $\Gamma$ -semiring[7]. Suppose  $(S, +)$  and  $(\Gamma, +)$  are two additive commutative monoids. If there exists a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ , (with  $(m, \gamma, n) \rightarrow m\gamma n \in S$ ), satisfying the following conditions: for all  $m, n, p \in S$  and for all  $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$ ,  $m\gamma(n + p) = m\gamma n + m\gamma p$ ;  $(m + n)\gamma p = m\gamma p + n\gamma p$ ;  $m(\gamma + \mu)n = m\gamma n + m\mu n$ ;  $m\gamma(n\mu p) = (m\gamma n)\mu p$ ;  $m\gamma 0 = 0\gamma m = 0$ ,  $0$  is the zero element of  $S$  and  $m\theta n = 0$ ,  $\theta$  is the zero element of  $\Gamma$  then  $S$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. If  $S$  is  $\Gamma$ -semiring,  $\Gamma$  is  $S$ -semiring and

$(a\alpha b)\beta c = a(\alpha b\beta)c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ ,  $(\alpha a\beta)b\gamma = \alpha(a\beta b)\gamma = \alpha a(\beta b\gamma)$ , for all  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  $s_1\alpha s_2 = s_1\beta s_2$  implies  $\alpha = \beta$  then  $S$  is a Nobusawa  $\Gamma$ -semiring or simply  $\Gamma_N$ -semiring[10]. Let  $F$  be the free additive commutative semigroup[4] generated by  $S \times \Gamma$ . Then the relation  $\rho$  on  $F$ , defined by  $\sum_{i=1}^m (x_i, \alpha_i)\rho \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j, \beta_j)$  if

and only if  $\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\alpha_i a = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j\beta_j a$  for all  $a \in S$  ( $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ) is a congruence on  $F$ .

Congruence class containing  $\sum_{i=1}^m (x_i, \alpha_i)$  is denoted by  $\sum_{i=1}^m [x_i, \alpha_i]$ . Then  $F/\rho$  is an additive commutative semigroup. Now  $F/\rho$  forms a semiring with the multiplication defined by  $(\sum_{i=1}^m [x_i, \alpha_i])(\sum_{j=1}^n [y_j, \beta_j]) = \sum_{i,j} [x_i\alpha_i y_j, \beta_j]$ . This semiring

is denoted by  $L$  and called the left operator semiring [2] of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ . Dually the right operator semiring  $R$  of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  has been defined. By using a Nobusawa  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  and its operator semirings  $L$  and  $R$ , we define the matrix semiring[9]  $S_2$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix}$ . Olson et al [6] studied a lot on radicals of semiring. Dutta et al studied the prime radical[1] of one sided  $\Gamma$ -semiring using its operator semirings[2]. In this paper we investigate the prime radical of a Nobusawa  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  and that of the matrix semiring  $\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix}$ . Readers are referred to [2, 3, 8, 10] for the requisite preliminaries on semiring and  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

### 2. Prime Radical in $\Gamma_N$ -Semiring

It is well known that prime radical[1]  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  of a semiring ( $\Gamma$ -semiring)  $S$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $S$  and prime radical  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  of an ideal  $I$  of  $S$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $S$  containing  $I$ . Dutta et al showed that if  $\mathcal{P}(L)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  are the prime radicals of the left and right operator semirings  $L$  and respectively of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  then  $\mathcal{P}(S) = \mathcal{P}(L)^+$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(S)^+' = \mathcal{P}(L)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(S) = \mathcal{P}(R)^*$  and  $\mathcal{P}(S)^{*'} = \mathcal{P}(R)$ .

**Proposition 1.** [1] *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring with  $R, L$  its right and left operator semiring respectively. Suppose  $\Lambda$  is the set of prime ideals of  $L$  and  $\Omega$  is the set of respective ideals of  $R$ . (i) If  $P \in \Omega$  then  $(P^*)^+' \in \Lambda$ . (ii) If  $Q \in \Lambda$  then  $(Q^+)^{*'} \in \Omega$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}(R), \mathcal{P}(L)$  be respectively the Prime radicals of  $R$  and  $L$ . Then  $[\mathcal{SP}(R), \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$  and  $[\Gamma, \mathcal{P}(L)S] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* By definition of  $( )^+$ , we obtain  $[\mathcal{P}(L)^+, \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$ . We have

$$\mathcal{P}(S) = \mathcal{P}(R)^* \text{ and } \mathcal{P}(S) = \mathcal{P}(L)^+.$$

Hence  $\mathcal{P}(L)^+ = \mathcal{P}(R)^*$ . Consequently,  $[\mathcal{P}(R)^*, \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $R\mathcal{P}(R) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  i.e.,  $[\Gamma, S]\mathcal{P}(R) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ . Hence  $[\Gamma, \mathcal{SP}(R)] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  whence  $\mathcal{SP}(R) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)^*$ . Consequently,  $[\mathcal{SP}(R), \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$ .

Now by using  $\mathcal{P}(L)^+ = \mathcal{P}(R)^*$  and definition of  $( )^*$  we obtain

$$[\Gamma, \mathcal{P}(L)^+] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R). \tag{2}$$

Since  $\mathcal{P}(L)$  is an ideal of  $L$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(L)L \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}(L)[S, \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$  whence  $[\mathcal{P}(L)S, \Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)$ . Hence by definition of  $( )^+$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(L)S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(L)^+$  whence  $[\Gamma, \mathcal{P}(L)S] \subseteq [\Gamma, \mathcal{P}(L)^+]$ . Hence by (2) we obtain  $[\Gamma, \mathcal{P}(L)S] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ . □

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma), \mathcal{P}(L)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  are the prime radicals of  $\Gamma, L$  and  $R$  respectively. Then:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(L))$  and  $\mathcal{P}(L) = {}^{+'}(\mathcal{P}(\Gamma))$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = {}^*(\mathcal{P}(R))$  and  $\mathcal{P}(R) = {}^{*'}(\mathcal{P}(\Gamma))$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\Lambda, \Omega$  be the collections of all prime ideals of  $\Gamma$  and  $L$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\Gamma) &= \bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} \Phi = \bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} {}^+({}^{+'}\Phi)({}^+({}^{+'}\Phi) = \Phi) = {}^+(\bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} {}^{+'}\Phi) \\ &\supseteq {}^+(\bigcap_{Q \in \Omega} Q)(\Phi \in \Lambda \Rightarrow {}^{+'}\Phi \in \Omega) = {}^+\mathcal{P}(L). \end{aligned}$$

Again

$${}^+\mathcal{P}(L) = {}^+(\bigcap_{Q \in \Omega} Q) = \bigcap_{Q \in \Omega} {}^+Q \supseteq (\bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} P)(Q \in \Omega \Rightarrow {}^+Q \in \Lambda) = \mathcal{P}(\Gamma).$$

Consequently,  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(L))$ .

By applying similar argument we deduce that  $\mathcal{P}(L) = {}^{+'}(\mathcal{P}(\Gamma))$ .

- (ii) The proofs are similar to the above. □

Following is an immediate corollary of the above theorem.

**Corollary 4.**  ${}^+(\mathcal{P}(L)) = {}^*(\mathcal{P}(R))$ .

**Theorem 5.** (i)  $\mathcal{P}({}^+P) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(P))$  and  $\mathcal{P}({}^*Q) = {}^*(\mathcal{P}(Q))$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$  and  $\mathcal{P}({}^*\Phi) = {}^*(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ , where  $P, Q, \Phi$  are respectively the ideals of  $L, R$  and  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}({}^+P)$  and  $A$  be any prime ideal of  $L$  containing  $P$ . Then  ${}^+P \subseteq {}^+A$ . Since  ${}^+A$  is a prime ideal of  $\Gamma$  and prime radical of an ideal is the intersection of all prime ideals containing the ideal,  $\mathcal{P}({}^+P) \subseteq {}^+A$  whence  $\alpha \in {}^+A$ . Hence  $[S, \alpha] \subseteq A$ . This together with the arbitrariness of  $A$  implies that  $[S, \alpha] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(P)$ . So  $\alpha \in {}^+(\mathcal{P}(P))$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{P}({}^+P) \subseteq {}^+(\mathcal{P}(P))$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\beta \in {}^+(\mathcal{P}(P))$ . Then

$$[S, \beta] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(P). \tag{1}$$

Let  $\Phi$  be any prime ideal of  $\Gamma$  containing  ${}^+P$ . Then  ${}^+({}^+P) \subseteq {}^+\Phi$ , i.e.,  $P \subseteq {}^+\Phi$ . Since  ${}^+\Phi$  is a prime ideal of  $L$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{P}(P) \subseteq {}^+\Phi$ . Hence by using (1) we see that  $[S, \beta] \subseteq {}^+\Phi$  whence  $\beta \in {}^+({}^+\Phi) = \Phi$ . So by the arbitrariness of  $\Phi$  and the definition of radical of an ideal we deduce that  $\beta \in \mathcal{P}({}^+P)$ . Consequently,  ${}^+(\mathcal{P}(P)) \subseteq \mathcal{P}({}^+P)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}({}^+P) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(P))$ .

The proof of the remaining part follows similarly.

(ii) Let  $l \in {}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ . Then

$$\Gamma l \subseteq (\mathcal{P}(\Phi)). \tag{2}$$

Let  $D$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  containing  ${}^+\Phi$ . Then  ${}^+({}^+\Phi) \subseteq {}^+D$ , i.e.,  $\Phi \subseteq {}^+D$ . Since  ${}^+D$  is a prime ideal of  $S$ , by using definition of prime radical of an ideal we deduce that  $\mathcal{P}(\Phi) \subseteq {}^+D$  and hence by using (2) we obtain  $\Gamma l \subseteq {}^+D$  whence  $l \in {}^+({}^+D) = D$ . So by arbitrariness of  $D$  we deduce that  $l \in \mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi)$ . Consequently,  ${}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi)) \subseteq \mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi)$ .

Conversely, let  $l \in \mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi)$  and  $V$  be a prime ideal of  $\Gamma$  containing  $\Phi$ . Then  ${}^+\Phi \subseteq {}^+V$ . Since  ${}^+V$  is a prime ideal of  $L$ ,  $\mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi) \subseteq {}^+V$ . So  $l \in {}^+V$ . This implies that  $\Gamma l \subseteq V$  whence by the arbitrariness of  $V$   $\Gamma l \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Phi)$ . So  $l \in {}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi) \subseteq {}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}({}^+\Phi) = {}^+(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ .

The proof of the remaining part follows similarly. □

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  be the prime radicals of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  and  $S$ -semiring  $\Gamma$  respectively. Then (i)  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(S))$ , (ii)  $\mathcal{P}(S) = S(\mathcal{P}(\Gamma))$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\Lambda, \Omega$  be the collection of all prime ideals of  $\Gamma$  and  $S$  respectively. Then

$$\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = \bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} \Phi = \bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} (\Gamma(S(\Phi))) = \Gamma\left(\bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} (S(\Phi))\right) \supseteq \Gamma\left(\bigcap_{P \in \Omega} P\right) = \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(S)).$$

Again

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{P}(S)) = \Gamma\left(\bigcap_{P \in \Omega} P\right) = \bigcap_{P \in \Omega} \Gamma(P) \supseteq \bigcap_{\Phi \in \Lambda} \Phi (P \in \Omega \Rightarrow \Gamma(P) \in \Lambda) = \mathcal{P}(\Gamma).$$

Consequently,

$$\mathcal{P}(\Gamma) = \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(S)).$$

(ii) Analogously, we obtain (ii). □

**Theorem 7.** *Suppose  $P, \Phi$  are respectively the ideals of  $S$  and  $\Gamma$ . Then (i)  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P)) = \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P))$  and (ii)  $\mathcal{P}(S(\Phi)) = S(\mathcal{P}(\Phi))$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P))$  and  $A$  be any prime ideal of  $S$  containing  $P$ . Then  $\Gamma(P) \subseteq \Gamma(A)$ . Since  $\Gamma(A)$  is a prime ideal of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma(P)$  is an ideal of  $\Gamma$ , we deduce that  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P)) \subseteq \Gamma(A)$ . Hence  $\alpha \in \Gamma(A)$ . Hence  $S\alpha S \subseteq A$ . This together with the arbitrariness of  $A$  implies that  $S\alpha S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(P)$ . Hence  $\alpha \in \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P))$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P)) \subseteq \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P))$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\beta \in \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P))$ . Then  $S\beta S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(P)$ . Let  $\Theta$  be any prime ideal of  $\Gamma$  containing  $\Gamma(P)$ . Then  $S(\Gamma(P)) \subseteq S(\Theta)$ , i.e.,  $P \subseteq S(\Theta)$ . Since  $S(\Theta)$  is a prime ideal of  $S$ , by using definition of prime radical of an ideal, we deduce that  $\mathcal{P}(P) \subseteq S(\Theta)$ . Hence  $S\beta S \subseteq S(\Theta)$  whence  $\beta \in \Gamma(S(\Theta)) = \Theta$ . So by arbitrariness of  $\Theta$  and by definition of prime radical of an ideal we deduce that  $\beta \in \mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P))$ . Thus  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P)) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma(P)) = \Gamma(\mathcal{P}(P))$ .

(ii) By applying similar argument we can prove (ii). □

### 3. Prime Radical in $\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $S$  be a Nobusawa  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $L$  and  $R$  be its left and right operator semirings. The matrix semiring  $S_2$  or

$$\begin{pmatrix} R & \Gamma \\ S & L \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & \gamma \\ s & l \end{pmatrix} : r \in R, l \in L, \gamma \in \Gamma, s \in S \right\}.$$

The addition and multiplication are defined as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 & \gamma_1 \\ s_1 & l_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} r_2 & \gamma_2 \\ s_2 & l_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 + r_2 & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \\ s_1 + s_2 & l_1 + l_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 & \gamma_1 \\ s_1 & l_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_2 & \gamma_2 \\ s_2 & l_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 r_2 + [\gamma_1, s_2] & r_1 \gamma_2 + \gamma_1 l_2 \\ s_1 r_2 + l_1 s_2 & [s_1, \gamma_2] + l_1 l_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $S$ . Then  $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I^* & \Gamma(I) \\ I & I^+ \end{pmatrix}$  is an ideal of  $S_2$ . Also every ideal of  $S_2$  is of the form  $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I^* & \Gamma(I) \\ I & I^+ \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

**Theorem 8.** [9] *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma_N$ -semiring and let  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  has right unity. Let  $I$  be a prime ideal of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ . Then  $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I^* & \Gamma(I) \\ I & I^+ \end{pmatrix}$  is a prime ideal of the semiring  $S_2$ .*

**Theorem 9.**  $\mathcal{P}(S_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}(R) & \mathcal{P}(\Gamma) \\ \mathcal{P}(S) & \mathcal{P}(L) \end{pmatrix}.$

*Proof.* Let  $P_2$  be a prime ideal of  $S_2$ . Then

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} P^* & \Gamma(P) \\ P & P^+ \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideals of  $S$  such that  $I\Gamma J \subseteq P$ . Then

$$I_2 J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I^* & \Gamma(I) \\ I & I^+ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J^* & \Gamma(J) \\ J & J^+ \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$I^* J^* + [\Gamma(I), J] \subseteq P^*, \tag{i}$$

$$I^* \Gamma(J) + \Gamma(I) J^+ \subseteq \Gamma(P), \tag{ii}$$

$$I J^* + I^+ J \subseteq P, \tag{iii}$$

$$[I, \Gamma(J)] + I^+ J^+ \subseteq P^+. \tag{iv}$$

So  $I_2 J_2 \subseteq P_2$ . Hence either  $I_2 \subseteq P_2$  or  $J_2 \subseteq P_2$ . So  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J \subseteq P$ .

Next let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $S$  and  $A$  and  $B$  be two ideals of  $S_2$  such that  $AB \subseteq P_2$ . Then there exist ideals  $I$  and  $J$  such that  $A=I_2$  and  $B=J_2$ . Hence

$$IJ^{*'} + I^{+'}J \subseteq P.$$

Now

$$IJ^{*'} + I^{+'}J = I[\Gamma, J] + [I, \Gamma]J = I\Gamma J = I\Gamma J.$$

So  $I\Gamma J \subseteq P$ . Hence  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J \subseteq P$ . So  $I_2 \subseteq P$  or  $J_2 \subseteq P$ . So  $P_2$  is a prime ideal of  $S_2$ . Again in [2] it is shown that  $P$  is prime (a) if and only if  $P^{*'}$  is prime (b) if and only if  $P^{+'}$  is prime and in [10] we shown that  $P$  is prime if and only if  $\Gamma(P)$  is prime.

Suppose  $\Lambda$  is the collection of all prime ideals in  $S_2$ . Then

$$\mathcal{P}(S_2) = \bigcap_{P_2 \in \Lambda} P_2 = \bigcap_{P_2 \in \Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} P^{*'} & \Gamma(P) \\ P & P^{+'} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bigcap_{P^{*'} \in \Delta} P^{*'} & \bigcap_{\Gamma(P) \in \Pi} \Gamma(P) \\ \bigcap_{P \in K} P & \bigcap_{P^{+'} \in \Omega} P^{+'} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\Delta, \Pi, K$  and  $\Omega$  are respectively the collection of all prime ideals of  $R, \Gamma, S$  and  $L$  □

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