

## Some Results on Subtractive Ideals in Semirings

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### Abstract

In this article some results on  $\phi$ -prime and subtractive ideals in semirings are investigated.

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## 1 Introduction

This paper is concerned with generalizing some results of ring theory to semiring theory. Throughout this paper a semiring will be defined as follows: A semiring is a set  $R$  together with two binary operations called addition “+” and multiplication “.” such that  $(R, +)$  is a commutative semigroup and  $(R, \cdot)$  is semigroup; connecting the two algebraic structures are the distributive laws:  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(b + c)a = ba + ca$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .

We shall assume that  $(R, +, \cdot)$  has an absorbing zero  $0$ , that is  $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$  and  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$  holds for all  $a \in R$ . A subset  $I$  of a semiring  $R$  is called an ideal of  $R$  if for  $a, b \in I$ , and  $r \in R$ ,  $a + b \in I$  and  $ra \in I$ . Throughout this paper we let the semiring  $R$  commutative with identity  $1$ . Let  $R$  be a semiring, a subtractive ideal  $I$  is a ideal of  $R$  such that if  $x, x + y \in I$ ,

then  $y \in I$  ( So  $\{0_R\}$  is a subtractive ideal of  $R$ ). A prime ideal of  $R$  is a proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  in which  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  whenever  $ab \in P$ . The collection of all ideal of  $R$  denoted by  $I(R)$  and the collection of all proper ideal of  $R$  denoted by  $I^*(R)$ . The ideal  $I$  is said to be  $\phi$ - prime ideal if  $ab \in I - \phi(I)$ , then  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$  where  $\phi$  is the function  $\phi : I(R) \longrightarrow I(R) \cup \{\phi\}$ .

## 2 Main Results

**Remarks.** We can consider  $\phi(I) \subseteq I$  because we have  $I - \phi(I) = I - (\phi(I) \cap I)$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** Every prime ideal is  $\phi$ - prime ideal.

**Definition 1.2.** For two functions  $\psi_1, \psi_2 : I(R) \longrightarrow I(R) \cup \{\phi\}$  we set  $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$  if  $\psi_1(I) \subseteq \psi_2(I)$  for all  $I \in I(R)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a semiring.

Define the following functions  $\phi_\alpha : I(R) \longrightarrow I(R) \cup \{\phi\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\phi & \quad \phi(J) = \phi \\ \phi_0 & \quad \phi(J) = 0 \\ \phi_2 & \quad \phi(J) = J^2 \\ \phi_n & \quad \phi(J) = J^n \\ \phi_w & \quad \phi_w(J) = \cap J^n \\ \phi_1 & \quad \phi(J) = J \end{aligned}$$

observe that  $\phi_\phi \leq \phi_0 \leq \phi_w \leq \dots \leq \phi_{n+1} \leq \phi_n \leq \dots \leq \phi_2 \leq \phi_1$ .

**Leema 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a semiring and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  also  $\psi_1, \psi_2 : I(R) \longrightarrow I(R) \cup \{\phi\}$  be two functions such that  $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$ . If  $I$  is a  $\psi_1$ - prime ideal, then  $I$  is a  $\psi_2$ - prime ideal.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $ab \in I - \psi_2(I)$  where  $a, b \in R$ . since  $\psi_1(I) \subseteq \psi_2(I)$ ,  $I - \psi_2(I) \subseteq I - \psi_1(I)$ . Hence  $ab \in I - \psi_1(I)$  so,  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

In the following proposition,  $R_{n \times n}$  and  $\phi_{n \times n}(I_{n \times n})$  denote the collection of Matrixs  $n \times n$  with entry respectively in  $R$  and  $\phi(I)$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $R$  be a semiring and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  also  $I_{n \times n}$  be a  $\phi_{n \times n}$ - prime ideal of  $R_{n \times n}$ . Then  $I$  is a  $\phi$ - prime ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $ab \in I - \phi(I)$  where  $a, b \in R$ , then we have  $aE_{11}bE_{11} \subseteq I_{n \times n} - \phi_{n \times n}(I_{n \times n})$ , hence  $aE_{11} \subseteq I_{n \times n}$  or  $bE_{11} \subseteq I_{n \times n}$ , so  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $I$  be a subtractive  $\phi$ - prime ideal of semiring  $R$ . Then  $I^2 \subseteq \phi(I)$  of  $I$  is a prime ideal.

**Proof.** Let  $I^2 \not\subseteq \phi(I)$  and  $ab \in I$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . If  $ab \notin \phi(I)$ , then  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$  ( $I$  is a  $\phi$ - prime ideal). So, assume that  $ab \in \phi(I)$ . If  $aI \not\subseteq \phi(I)$ , then there exists  $x \in I$  such that  $ax \notin \phi(I)$ . Hence  $a(x + b) \in I - \phi(I)$  and then we have  $a \in I$  or  $b + x \in I$ . Thus  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ , since  $I$  is subtractive ideal.

Therefore let  $aI \subseteq \phi(I)$ . Now we have two case first assume  $bI \not\subseteq \phi(I)$ . Thus, there exists  $y \in I$  such that  $by \notin \phi(I)$  and hence we have  $(a + y)b \in I - \phi(I)$ , therefore  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$  since  $I$  is subtractive ideal. Second case assume that  $bI \subseteq \phi(I)$ . because  $I^2 \not\subseteq \phi(I)$  therefore there exists  $r, s \in I$  such that  $rs \notin \phi(I)$ . Hence  $(a + r)(b + s) \in I - \phi(I)$ , so,  $a + r \in I$  or  $b + s \in I$ . Thus  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$  because  $I$  is subtractive ideal.

**Definition 3.2.** The semiring  $R$  is said to be  $\phi$ - semiprime if for every  $n \in N$  and ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I^2 \subseteq \phi(I)$  implies that  $I \subseteq \phi(I)$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $R$  be a  $\phi$ - semiprime semiring and  $I$  a subtractive ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is a  $\phi$ - prime ideal if and only if  $I = \phi(I)$  or  $I$  is a prime ideal.

**Proof.** Apply Lemma 3.2 and Definition 3.2.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $I$  be a subtractive  $\varphi$ - prime ideal of  $R$  and  $\varphi \leq \varphi_3$ . Then  $I$  is a  $\varphi_w$ - prime ideal.

**Proof.** If  $I$  is a prime ideal then we have no things for prove because for every  $\varphi$ ,  $I$  is  $\varphi$ - prime. Now, suppose that  $I^2 \subseteq \phi(I)$ , then we have  $I^2 \subseteq \varphi(I) \subseteq \varphi_3(I) = I^3$  because  $\varphi \leq \varphi_3$ . Therefore  $\varphi(I) = I^n$  for every  $n \in N$ , hence  $I$  is  $\varphi_n$ - prime for every  $n \geq 2$ , thus  $I$  is  $\varphi_w$ - prime.

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