

## SEMIRINGS SATISFYING THE IDENTITIES

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study the properties of semirings satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ . We establish that  $a + b = ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  if  $(S, \cdot)$  is band.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION:

A triple  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is called a semiring if  $(S, +)$  is a semigroup;  $(S, \cdot)$  is semigroup;  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(b + c)a = ba + ca$  for every  $a, b, c$  in  $S$ . A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is said to be a totally ordered semiring if the additive semigroup  $(S, +)$  and multiplicative semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  are totally ordered semigroups under the same total order relation. An element  $x$  in a totally ordered semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  is non-negative ( non-positive ) if  $x^2 \geq x(x^2 \leq x)$ . A totally ordered semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  is said to be non-negatively (non-positively) ordered if every one of its elements is non-negative (non-positive).  $(S, \cdot)$  is positively (negatively) ordered in strict sense if  $xy \geq x$  and  $xy \geq y$  ( $xy \leq x$  and  $xy \leq y$ ) for every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$ . A semigroup  $(S, +)$  is said to be a band if  $a + a = a$  for all  $a$  in  $S$ . A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is said to satisfy Integral Multiple Property (IMP) if  $a^n = na$  for all  $a$  in  $S$  where the positive integer  $n$  depends on the element  $a$ . A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  with additive identity zero which is multiplicative zero is said to be zero square ring if  $x^2 = 0$  for all  $x \in S$ . Zeroid of a semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is the set of all  $x$  in  $S$  such that  $x + y = y$  or  $y + x = y$  for some  $y$  in  $S$ . We may also term this as the zeroid of  $(S, +, \cdot)$ . A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is said to be a Positive Rational Domain (PRD) if and only if  $(S, \cdot)$  is an abelian group. A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  with additive identity zero is said to be zerosumfree semiring if  $x + x = 0$  for all  $x \in S$ . A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  said to satisfy a mono semiring if  $a + b = ab$  for every  $a, b$  in  $S$ .

### 2. Semirings satisfying the identity $a + ab = b$ for all $a, b$ in $S$ :

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a zero square semiring with additive identity 0. If  $S$  satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  then  $S^2 = \{0\}$ .

**Proof:** consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow (a + ab) b = b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + ab^2 = b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + a \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (\text{since } (S, +, \cdot) \text{ is a zero square semiring})$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 0$$

Also  $a + ab = b$

$$\Rightarrow b(a + ab) = b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow ba + b(ab) = b^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow ba + b \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ba + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = 0$$

$$\therefore ab = ba = 0$$

Hence  $S^2 = \{0\}$

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a semiring and satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ . If  $(S, \cdot)$  is a band, then

(i)  $a + ab = a + b = ab = b$  and  $a(a + b) = a(ab) = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ .

(ii)  $(S, +)$  is band

**Proof:** (i) consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + a^2b = b \quad (\text{since } (S, \cdot) \text{ is a band})$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a + ab) = b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = b$$

Also  $a + ab = b$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = b$$

Therefore  $a + ab = a + b = ab = b$

And also  $a(a + b) = a^2 + ab = a + ab = b$

$$a(ab) = a^2b = b$$

Therefore  $a(a + b) = a(ab) = b$

(ii) Suppose  $a + a \cdot a = a$ , for all  $a$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a + a^2 = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a = a \quad (\text{since } (S, \cdot) \text{ is a band})$$

This is evident from the following example:

**Example:**

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

•	a	b	c
a	a	b	c
b	a	b	c
c	a	b	c

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a semiring satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  and let  $S$  contain multiplicative identity 1. Assume that either  $a$  or  $b$  can be the multiplicative identity but not both. Then the following are true.

(i)  $1 + b = b$  and  $ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

(ii)  $S$  is a mono semiring

(iii)  $(S, +)$  is a commutative

(iv)  $(S, \cdot)$  is a band

(v)  $a^n + b^n = a + b$  for all  $n \geq 1$

**Proof:** (i). Given that  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a semiring

Let 1 is the multiplicative identity of  $S$

Let S satisfy the condition  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in S

Since  $1 \in S$ ,  $1 + 1.b = b$ , for all  $b \in S$

$$1 + b = b, \text{ for all } b \in S$$

Consider  $a + ab = b$

$$a(1 + b) = b$$

$$ab = b \quad \text{-----} \rightarrow \text{(I)}$$

$$\therefore a + ab = ab$$

**(ii)** Consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in S

$$\Rightarrow a + a + ab = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a(1 + b) = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = a + b$$

Hence S is a mono semiring.

**(iii)** To show that  $(S, +)$  is commutative

Since  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in S

$$\Rightarrow a + ab + a = b + a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + a = b + a$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + a = b + a \quad \text{(since S is mono semiring)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(b + 1) = b + a$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = b + a \quad \text{(since S is mono semiring, } b.1 = b + 1, \text{ for all } 1, b \text{ in S,)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = b + a$$

**(iv)** Consider  $a + a^2 = a(1 + a)$

$$= a.a$$

$$= a^2$$

Taking  $a = b$  in  $a + ab = b$ , for all  $a, b$  in S

$$\Rightarrow a + a.a = a, \text{ for all } a \text{ in S}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a^2 = a$$

$$\therefore a^2 = a + a^2 = a \Rightarrow a = a^2$$

Hence  $(S, \cdot)$  is a band

**(v)**  $a^2 + b^2 = a + b$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 = a^2.a + b^2.b = a + b$$

Similarly  $a^n + b^n = a + b$ , for all  $n \geq 1$

**Note:** - If both  $a$  and  $b$  is equal to 1 then  $S$  reduces to a singleton set

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a semiring and let  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ . If  $(S, +)$  is right cancellative then

(i)  $(S, +)$  is a band

(ii)  $(S, \cdot)$  is a band if  $S$  satisfies IMP

**Proof:** (i) Consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + a^2b = ab$$

But  $a^2 + a^2b = b$  for all  $a^2, b$  in  $S$

$$\therefore ab = b \text{ for all } a, b \text{ in } S$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = a + a + b$$

By using  $(S, +)$  is right cancellative

$$\Rightarrow a = a + a \longrightarrow (I)$$

$\therefore (S, +)$  is a band

(ii)  $a = a + a = 2a$  ( $\because$  From (I))

$$a + a = 2a + a = 3a$$

Continuing like this

$$\Rightarrow na = a \longrightarrow (II)$$

Implies  $S$  satisfies IMP, i.e.  $a^2 = na \longrightarrow (III)$

$\therefore$  From (II) and (III),  $a^2 = a$  for all  $a$  in  $S$

Hence  $(S, \cdot)$  is a band

**Theorem 2.5:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a zerosumfree semiring with additive identity zero. Then  $S$  satisfies the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  if and only if  $S$  is a mono semiring.

**Proof:** Assume  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a + a + ab = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + ab = a + b \quad (\text{since } S \text{ is a zerosumfree semiring})$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = a + b$$

$$\therefore S \text{ is a mono semiring}$$

Conversely

Assume  $S$  is a mono semiring

$$\text{Suppose } a + a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a + b = 0 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a + b = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab = b \text{ for all } a, b \text{ in } S$$

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a zerosumfree semiring satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ . Then  $S$  is a zero square semiring.

**Proof:** consider  $a + a.a = a$  for all  $a$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a + a + a^2 = a + a$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 0$$

$\therefore S$  is a zero square semiring

**Theorem 2.7:** Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a PRD satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$ . Then the following are true

(a)  $(ab^{-1})^{-1} = ab^{-1} + a + b$

(b)  $a + a = a^{-1}$  for all  $a$  in  $S$ . In particular  $a = a^{-1}$  if  $(S, +)$  is a band

(c)  $(1 + a^{-1}) = (1 + a)(b^{-1} + 1)$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

**Proof:** (a) Suppose  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}(a + ab) = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}a + a^{-1}ab = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + b = a^{-1}b \longrightarrow (I)$$

Consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow (a + ab)b^{-1} = bb^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} + a = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} + a + b = 1 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} + a + b = a^{-1}b \quad (\because \text{from (I)})$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} + a + b = (b^{-1}a)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} + a + b = (ab^{-1})^{-1} \quad (\text{since } S \text{ is PRD})$$

Hence  $(ab^{-1})^{-1} = ab^{-1} + a + b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

(b) Suppose  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b^{-1}(a + ab) = (a^{-1}b^{-1})b$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-1} + 1 = a^{-1} \longrightarrow (II) \quad (\text{since } (S, \cdot) \text{ is an abelian group})$$

Also  $a + ab = b$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-1}(a + ab) = b^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-1}a + a = 1 \longrightarrow (III)$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-1} + b^{-1}a + a = b^{-1} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-1} + b^{-1}a + a = a^{-1} \quad (\because \text{from (II)})$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a = a^{-1} \text{ for all } a \text{ in } S \quad (\text{since } b^{-1} + b^{-1}a = a \text{ for all } b^{-1}, a \text{ in } S)$$

In particular, if  $(S, +)$  is band

$$\Rightarrow a + a = a \quad \text{and} \quad a + a = a^{-1}$$

$\therefore a = a^{-1}$  for all in  $S$

(c) Adding (II) and (III) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + a^{-1} &= b^{-1}a + a + b^{-1} + 1 \\ &= ab^{-1} + a.1 + 1.b^{-1} + 1.1 \\ &= a(b^{-1} + 1) + 1(b^{-1} + 1) \\ &= (a + 1)(b^{-1} + 1) \text{ for all } a, b \text{ in } S \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Ordering on $a + ab = b$ for all $a, b$ in $S$ :

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a totally ordered semiring satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  and  $(S, +)$  is commutative. If  $(S, +)$  is non-negatively ordered (non-positively ordered), then  $(S, \cdot)$  is p.t.o (n.t.o).

**Proof:** Assume  $(S, +)$  is non-negatively ordered

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a + a &\geq a \\ \Rightarrow a + a + ab &\geq a + ab \\ \Rightarrow a + b &\geq b \longrightarrow (I) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $a + b < a$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a + b + ab &\leq a + ab \\ \Rightarrow a + ab + b &\leq b \quad (\text{since } (S, +) \text{ is commutative}) \\ \Rightarrow b + b &\leq b \end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction to  $(S, +)$  is non-negatively ordered

Therefore  $a + b \geq a \longrightarrow (II)$

From (I) and (II) we have,  $a + b \geq a$  and  $a + b \geq b$

Therefore  $(S, +)$  is p.t.o

Similarly, we can prove that  $(S, +)$  is n.t.o if  $(S, +)$  is non-positively ordered

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a totally ordered semiring satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  and  $(S, +)$  is commutative. If  $(S, \cdot)$  is non-negatively ordered (non-positively ordered), then  $(S, \cdot)$  is p.t.o (n.t.o).

**Proof:** Suppose  $ab < a$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ab^2 &\leq ab < a \\ \Rightarrow ab^2 &\leq a \\ \Rightarrow ab^2 + ab &\leq a + ab \\ \Rightarrow (ab + a)b &\leq b \\ \Rightarrow b^2 &\leq b \quad (\text{since } (S, +) \text{ is commutative}) \end{aligned}$$

Which is contradiction to  $(S, \cdot)$  non-negatively ordered

Therefore  $ab \geq a \longrightarrow (I)$

Also  $b = a + ab$

Implies  $ab = a^2 + a^2b = b$  for all  $a^2, b$  in  $S$

Therefore  $ab = b$

Obviously  $ab \geq b \longrightarrow (II)$

From (I) and (II) we have,  $(S, \cdot)$  is p.t.o

Similarly, we can prove that  $(S, \cdot)$  is n.t.o if  $(S, \cdot)$  is non-positively ordered

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a t.o semiring satisfying the identity  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$  and  $(S, +)$  is band. If  $(S, \cdot)$  is p.t.o(n.t.o), then  $(S, +)$  is p.t.o(n.t.o).

**Proof:** Suppose  $(S, +)$  is band

Consider  $a + ab = b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow a + (a + a) b = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab + ab = b$$

$$\Rightarrow b + ab = b \longrightarrow \text{(I)}$$

Assume  $(S, \cdot)$  is p.t.o

Which implies  $ab \geq a$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab \geq a + a$$

$$\Rightarrow b \geq a + a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \geq a + (a + a)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \geq a + a \quad (\text{since } (S, +) \text{ is band})$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \geq a \longrightarrow \text{(II)}$$

Now  $a + b \geq a$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + ab \geq a + ab$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \geq b \longrightarrow \text{(III)} \quad (\because \text{from (I)})$$

From (II) and (III) we have  $(S, +)$  is p.t.o

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