

Some Special Seminear-ring Structures II

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce the concepts of P_k and P_k' seminear-rings where ' k ' is a positive integer and study some of their properties. We also discuss certain properties of P_l and P_l' seminear-rings and also obtain their characterizations.

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1.Introduction

This paper is a continuation of the authors' earlier paper⁶. In the previous paper⁶ properties of $P(r,m)$ seminear-rings have been discussed. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce the concept of P_k and P_k' seminear-rings. By a seminear-ring ' R ' we mean only a **right seminear-ring** $(R, +, \cdot)$ with an absorbing zero as defined⁶. We write ab to denote the product $a \cdot b$ for any two elements a, b in R . For terms and notations used

but left undefined we refer to¹⁻³.

We recall⁶ that a function $f: R \rightarrow R$ is a mate function if $x = xf(x)x$ for all x in R .

1.1. Notations :

- (i) $E = \{e \in R / e^2 = e\}$ - set of all idempotents of R .
- (ii) $C(R) = \{r \in R / rx = xr \text{ for all } x \in R\}$ - centre of R .
- (iii) $L = \{x \in R / x^k = 0 \text{ for some positive integer 'k'}\}$ - set of all nilpotent elements of R .

1.2. Preliminary results:

We freely make use of the following results from⁶ and designate them as K(1), K(2), K(3) and K(4).

K(1): A seminear-ring R has no non-zero nilpotent elements if and only if $x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ for all x in R . (This result in prob⁵ 14, P.9 in respect of rings is valid for R as well).

K(2): If R admits a mate function f , then $xf(x)$, $f(x)x \in E$ and $Rx = Rf(x)x$ and $xR = xf(x)R$ for all x in R (Proposition⁶ 3.2).

K(3): A mate function 'f' of R is called a P_3 mate function if for every x in R , $xf(x) = f(x)x$ (Definition⁶ 4.2)

K(4): If R is a $P(1,2)$ seminear-ring i.e. $xR = Rx^2$ for all $x \in R$ then $E \subseteq C(R)$ (Theorem⁶ 4.18).

2. P_k and P_k' seminear-ring :

In this section we define P_k and P_k' seminear-rings and give certain examples of such seminear-rings.

Definition 2.1. A seminear-ring R is called a P_k seminear-ring (P_k' seminear-ring) if there exists a positive integer 'k' such that $x^k R = xRx$ ($Rx^k = xRx$) for all x in R .

Examples 2.2.

(i) Let $R = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$. We define the semigroup operations "+" and "." in R as follows.

+	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	a	b	c	d
a	a	a	a	a	a
b	b	a	b	b	b
c	c	a	b	c	c
d	d	a	b	c	d

.	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a	a	a
b	0	a	b	b	b
c	0	a	b	c	c
d	0	a	b	c	d

Then $(R, +, .)$ is a P_k as well as a P_k' seminear-ring for all positive integer k .

(ii) Let $R = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$. We define the semigroup operations "+" and "." in R as follows.

+	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	a	b	c	d
a	a	a	b	d	d
b	b	b	b	d	d
c	c	d	d	c	d
d	d	d	d	d	d

.	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a	a	a
b	0	a	b	b	b
c	0	a	b	b	b
d	0	a	d	d	d

Then $(R, +, .)$ is a P_k seminear-ring for all positive integers k but not a P_k' seminear-ring for any positive integer k .

(iii) The direct product^{4,5} of any two seminear-fields is a P_k as well as a P_k' seminear-ring.

Theorem 2.3. Any homomorphic image of a $P_k(P_k')$ seminear-ring is a $P_k(P_k')$ seminear-ring.

Proof. The proof is straight forward.

Similar to the definitions of left normal

and right normal seminear-ring (Definition⁶ 2.5) we define the following:

Definition 2.4. Let ‘ r ’ be a positive integer. We say that R is a left- r -normal (right- r -normal) seminear-ring if $a \in Ra^r (a \in a^r R)$ for all ‘ a ’ in R .

Example 2.5.

- (a) The seminear-ring of example 2.2(i) is a left- r -normal as well as a right- r -normal seminear-ring.
- (b) Trivially any Boolean seminear-ring is a left- r -normal as well as a right- r -normal seminear-ring.

Proposition 2.6. Every left- r -normal (right- r -normal) seminear-ring is a left (right) normal seminear-ring.

Proof. Let R be a left- r -normal seminear-ring with $r \geq 2$. Clearly then for all $a \in R$, $a \in Ra^r = (Ra^{r-1})a \subseteq Ra$. i.e. $a \in Ra$. Therefore R is a left normal seminear-ring.

Proof is similar when R is a right- r -normal seminear-ring.

We shall now discuss some elementary properties of $P_k(P_k')$ seminear-ring.

Proposition 2.7. A left identity (right identity) of a $P_k(P_k')$ seminear-ring is also a right identity(left identity).

Proof. Let R be a P_k seminear-ring. Let ‘ e ’ be a left identity of R . Then $x = ex$ for all $x \in R$. Now $e^k R = eRe \Rightarrow eR = eRe$. Then there exists $y \in R$ such that, $x = ex = eye =$

$(ey)e = ye$. Hence $xe = (ye)e = ye^2 = ye = x$. i.e. $x = ex = xe$. Therefore ‘ e ’ is a right identity as well.

Let R be a P_k seminear-ring and ‘ e ’ be a right identity of R . Then $x = xe$ for all $x \in R$. Now $Re^k = eRe \Rightarrow Re = eRe$. Then there exists $y' \in R$ such that, $x = xe = ey'e = e(y'e) = ey'$. Hence $ex = e(ey') = e^2y' = ey' = x$. i.e. $x = xe = ex$. It follows that ‘ e ’ is also a left identity.

Remark 2.8. A right identity^{8,9} of a P_k seminear-ring need not be a left identity. The following example substantiates this. We consider the seminear-ring $R = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$ where the semigroup operations ‘+’ and ‘.’ in R are defined as follows.

+	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	a	b	c	d
a	a	a	b	d	d
b	b	b	b	d	d
c	c	d	d	c	d
d	d	d	d	d	d

.	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a	a	a
b	0	b	b	b	b
c	0	c	c	c	c
d	0	d	d	d	d

Here a, b, c, d are right identities but none is a left identity.

Theorem 2.9. A $P_k (P_k')$ seminear-ring R has a mate function if and only if R is a right- k -normal (left- k -normal) seminear-ring.

Proof. Let R be a P_k seminear-ring. Then $x^k R = xRx$ for all x in R . If R has a mate function 'f' then $x = xf(x)x \in xRx (= x^k R)$ and this implies $x \in x^k R$. i.e. R is a right- k -normal seminear-ring.

Conversely let R be a right- k -normal P_k seminear-ring. Therefore $x \in x^k R (= xRx)$ for all x in R . Then there exists some y in R such that $x = xyx$. Clearly then $x = xf(x)x$ where we set $f(x)=y$. It follows that f is a mate function for R .

The proof is similar when R is a P_k' seminear-ring.

Theorem 2.10. Let R be a P_k or a P_k' seminear-ring. If R admits mate functions then R has no non-zero nilpotent elements i.e. $L = \{0\}$.

Proof. Let R admit a mate function 'f'. We shall show that $x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ for x in R (1)

Case (i): Let R be a P_1 seminear-ring, i.e. $xR = xRx$ for all x in R . We have $x = xf(x)x \in xRx$. But $xRx = (xR)x = (xRx)x = xRx^2 = (xR)x^2$. Then there exists $y \in R$ such that $x = xyx^2$. Consequently (1) holds.

Case (ii): Let R be a P_k seminear-ring with $k > 1$. Now $x^k R = xRx$ for all x in R . Since $x = xf(x)x \in xRx = x^k R$, $x = x^k y$ for some 'y' in R . If $k = 2$, then $x = x^2 y$. If $k > 2$, we write $x = x^2 (x^{k-2} y)$ and therefore (1) is true.

Case (iii): Let R be a P_1' seminear-

ring, i.e. $Rx = xRx$ for all x in R . Therefore $x = xf(x)x \in xRx = x(Rx) = x(xRx) = x^2 Rx \Rightarrow x = x^2(Rx)$. Then there exists $y \in R$ such that $x = x^2 yx$. Thus (1) holds good.

Case (iv): Let R be a P_k' seminear-ring with $k > 1$. Now $Rx^k = xRx$ for all x in R . Since $x = xf(x)x \in xRx = Rx^k$, we get $x = y2 x^k$ for some $y2$ in R . If $k = 2$, then $x = y'x^2$. If $k > 2$, we write $x = (y'x^{k-2}) x^2$ and again (1) holds.

Now K(1) guarantees that, in all the four cases, $L = \{0\}$.

Theorem 2.11. Let R be a $P(1,2)$ seminear-ring with a mate function f . Then R is a

(a) P_k seminear-ring for all positive integer k .

(b) P_k' seminear-ring for all positive integer k .

Proof. Since R is a $P(1,2)$ seminear-ring, K(4) demands that every idempotent is central. i.e. $E \subseteq C(R)$.

(a) *Case (i):* Let $k = 1$. For all x in R , $xR = x(f(x)xR) = x(Rf(x)x)$ (since $E \subseteq C(R)$) $= xRx$ (By K(2)) i.e. $xR = xRx$. Hence R is a P_1 seminear-ring.

Case (ii): For $k > 1$ and for any $x \in R$, $x^k R = x(x^{k-1} R) \subseteq xR = xRx$ (using the result for $k=1$). Therefore $x^k R \subseteq xRx$. Also $xRx = xRx f(x)x = x(Rx f(x))x = x(xf(x)R)x$ (since $E \subseteq C(R)$) $= x(xR)x$ (By K(2)) $= x^2 R = x(xRx) = x(x^2 Rx) = x^3 Rx$. Repeating this process, we obtain $xRx = x^k Rx \subseteq x^k R$ for all positive integers

k . Therefore $xRx \subseteq x^kR$. Thus $xRx = x^kR$ for all x in R . Hence R is P_k seminear-ring for any positive integer k .

(b) *Case(i)*: Let $k = 1$. For all x in R , $Rx = Rx f(x)x = (Rx f(x))x = (x f(x)R)x$ (since $E \subseteq C(R) = xRx$ (By K(2)). i.e. $Rx = xRx$. Hence R is a P_1 ' seminear-ring.

Case (ii): Let $k > 1$. Since $E \subseteq C(R)$ we have for all y, x in R , $yx^k = (yx)x^{k-1} = (yxf(x)x)x^{k-1} = (xf(x)yx)x^{k-1} = (xf(x)yx^{k-1})x \in xRx$. Therefore $Rx^k \subseteq xRx$. Also $xyx = (xf(x)x)yx = xyf(x)x^2 = (xf(x)x)yf(x)x^2 = xy(f(x))^2x^3$. Repeating this process, we obtain $xyx = xy(f(x))^{k-1}x^k \in Rx^k$ for all positive integers k . Therefore $xRx \subseteq Rx^k$. Thus $xRx = Rx^k$ for all x in R . Hence R is P_k ' seminear-ring for any positive integer k .

Remark 2.12. We observe that a P_k seminear-ring need not be a $P(1,2)$ seminear-ring. For example, we consider the seminear-ring $R = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$ where the semigroup operations “+” and “.” in R are defined as follows.

+	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	a	b	c	d
a	a	a	b	d	d
b	b	b	b	d	d
c	c	d	d	c	d
d	d	d	d	d	d
.	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a	a	a
b	0	a	b	b	b
c	0	a	b	c	d
d	0	a	d	d	d

Here $(R, +, .)$ is a P_k seminear-ring for all positive integers k . Even though the identity function serves as a mate function for R , it is not a $P(1, 2)$ seminear-ring.

Proposition 2.13. Let R admit a P_3 mate function ‘ f ’. Then every right ideal (left ideal) of a P_k (P_k ’) seminear-ring R is a completely semi prime ideal.

Proof. *Case (i)*: If $k = 1$. Let I be a right ideal of R and let $a^2 \in I$. Then $a = af(a)a = a(f(a)a) = a(af(a))$ (since f is a P_3 mate function) $= a^2f(a) \in IR \subseteq I$. i.e. $a \in I$ and the result follows.

Case (ii): Let $k > 1$. For $a \in R$, $a = af(a)a \in aRa = (a^kR)$ and therefore there exists $y \in R$ such that $a = a^ky$. When $k = 2$, $a^2 \in I \Rightarrow a = a^2y \in IR \subseteq I$. i.e. $a^2 \in I \Rightarrow a \in I$. When $k > 2$, $a^2 \in I \Rightarrow a = a^2(a^{k-2}y) \in IR \subseteq I$. i.e. $a \in I$ and the desired result follows.

The proof is similar when R is a P_k ' seminear-ring.

Theorem 2.14. Any ideal of an left- k -normal P_k ' (right- k -normal P_k) seminear-ring R is also an left- k -normal P_k ' (right- k -normal P_k) seminear-ring in its own right.

Proof. Since R is a left- k -normal P_k ' seminear-ring Proposition 2.9 guarantees the existence of a mate function f for R . Let M be an ideal of R . Therefore $f(x)xf(x) \in RMR \subseteq M$ for all x in M . Thus we can define a map $g: M \rightarrow M$ such that $g(x) = f(x)xf(x)$ for all $x \in M$. Obviously then $xg(x)x = x$ and therefore g is a

mate function for M .

Now let $x, a \in M$. Since $Rx^k = xRx$ there exists $b \in R$ such that $ax^k = xbx = x(bxg(x))x \in x(RM)x \subseteq xMx$. Therefore $Mx^k \subseteq xMx \dots\dots\dots(1)$.

Also since $xax \in xRx = Rx^k$, there exists $y \in R$ such that $xax = yx^k$. Again $xax = xg(x)(xax) = xg(x)yx^k = y_2 x^k$ where $y_2 = xg(x)y \in MR \subseteq M$. Therefore $xMx \subseteq Mx^k \dots\dots\dots(2)$.

From (1) and (2) we get $Mx^k = xMx$ for all $x \in M$. i.e. M is a P_k ' seminear-ring. Since M has a mate function 'g' then M is a left- k -normal seminear-ring as well (from Proposition 2.9).

The proof is similar when R is a right- k -normal P_k seminear-ring.

Definition⁷ 2.15. A seminear-ring R is said to fulfill the right(left) Ore condition with respect to a given subsemigroup 'A' of $(R, .)$ if for every $a \in A, r \in R$ there exist $a_1 \in A, r_1 \in R$ such that $ra_1 = ar_1(a_1r = r_1a)$.

Proposition 2.16. Let R be a $P_k(P_k')$ seminear-ring. Then R satisfies left (right) Ore condition.

Proof. Let A be any subsemigroup of R and let $a \in A, r \in R$. Since $a^kR = aRa$ there exists $y \in R$ such that $a^k r = aya$. i.e. $a_1 r = ar_1$ where $a_1 = a^k \in A$ and $r_1 = ya \in R$ and R fulfills the left Ore condition.

In a similar fashion we can prove that

the P_k ' seminear-ring fulfills the right Ore condition.

3. Properties of P_1 and P_1' seminear-rings:

We furnish below simple characterizations of P_1 and P_1' seminear-ring.

Theorem 3.1. Let R be a seminear-ring with a mate function f . Then we have

- (i) every left ideal of R is a right ideal of R if and only if R is a P_1 seminear-ring.
- (ii) every right ideal of R is a left ideal of R if and only if R is a P_1' seminear-ring.

Proof. Since R is a seminear-ring with a mate function f .

(i). Assume that every left ideal of R is a right ideal of R . By the assumption, Rx being a left ideal for every $x \in R$, is also a right ideal of R . Therefore $(Rx)R \subseteq Rx$. Since f is a mate function $x = xf(x)x$. From this we get $xR = xf(x)xR \in xRxR \subseteq xRx \dots\dots\dots(1)$.

Clearly $xRx \subseteq xR \dots\dots\dots(2)$. From (1) and (2) we get $xR = xRx$ for all $x \in R$. i.e. R is a P_1 seminear-ring.

Conversely, let A be any left ideal of R , then $RA \subseteq A$. Let $a \in A$ and $y \in R$, we have $ay \in aR = aRa \Rightarrow ay = ay'a$ (for some y' in R) $= (ay')a \in Ra$. This forces $ay \in RA \subseteq A \Rightarrow AR \subseteq A$ and hence A is an ideal.

(ii). Assume that every right ideal of R is a left ideal of R . By the assumption xR , being a right ideal for every $x \in R$, is also a left ideal

of R . Therefore $R(xR) \subseteq xR$. Since f is a mate function $x = xf(x)x$. From this we get $Rx = Rx f(x)x \in RxRx \subseteq xRx$(1).

Clearly $xRx \subseteq Rx$(2). From (1) and (2) we get $xR = xRx$ for all $x \in R$. i.e. R is a P_1' seminear-ring.

Conversely, let A be a right ideal of R , then $AR \subseteq A$. Let $a \in A$ and $y \in R$, we have $ya \in Ra = aRa \Rightarrow ya = ay'a$, for some y' in $R = a(y'a) \in aR$. This forces $ya \in AR \subseteq A \Rightarrow RA \subseteq A$. Hence A is an ideal.

*Definition*⁷ 3.2. A seminear-ring R is said to have Insertion of Factors Property-IFP for short - if for $x, y \in R$, $xy = 0 \Rightarrow xry = 0$ for all r in R . If in addition, $xy = 0 \Rightarrow yx = 0$ for x, y in R we say R has $(*, \text{IFP})$.

Theorem 3.3. Let R be a left normal P_1' seminear-ring. Then

- (i) $(M \cap N) = MN$ where M and N are ideals of R
- (ii) Any prime ideal is a completely prime ideal.
- (iii) R has $(*, \text{IFP})$

Proof. Since R is left normal P_1' seminear-ring. Proposition 2.9 guarantees that R has a mate function f .

(i). If M, N are ideals of R then $(M \cap N)^2 = (M \cap N)(M \cap N) \subseteq M \cap N$. Also for all 'a' in $M \cap N$, $a = a(f(a)a) \in (M \cap N)(M \cap N)$. This forces $(M \cap N) = (M \cap N)^2$. Further, $(M \cap N)$

$$= (M \cap N)(M \cap N) \subseteq MN.$$

To prove the reverse inclusion, let us take $y \in MN$. Clearly then $y \in MN \subseteq N$. Also $y = xx'$ for some x in M and x' in N . This demands that $y \in xR$. Hence $y \in xR \subseteq MR \subseteq M$. Thus $y \in M \cap N$ and the desired result follows.

(ii). Let P be a prime ideal of R and let $ab \in P$. Therefore $Rab \subseteq RP \subseteq P$.

Since Ra and Rb are ideals of R . Then $Ra \cap Rb = RaRb$ (using the result(i)).

Also $Ra = Ra \cap R = RaR$. Hence $Rab = RaRb = Ra \cap Rb$.

This yields, $RaRb = (Rab) \subseteq P$ and since P is prime, $Ra \subseteq P$ or $Rb \subseteq P$. Therefore $(a =) af(a)a \in P$ or $(b =) bf(b)b \in P$ and the desired result follows.

(iii). Since R has a mate function 'f'. Theorem 2.10 guarantees that R has no non-zero nilpotent elements. If $xy = 0$ then $(yx)^2 = (yx)(yx) = y(xy)x = 0$. This implies $yx = 0$. Again for all $r \in R$, $(xry)^2 = (xry)(xry) = xr(yx)ry = 0$. Therefore $xry = 0$. Consequently R has $(*, \text{IFP})$.

We conclude this paper with the following Remark.

Remark 3.4. We observe, in view of Theorem 2.9, that the three results in Theorem 3.8 hold good for a right normal P_1 seminear-ring.

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