

## 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  $P_I$  and  $P_I'$  seminear-rings and also obtain their characterizations.

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### 1.Introduction

This paper is a continuation of the authors' earlier paper<sup>6</sup>. In the previous paper<sup>6</sup> 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 defined<sup>6</sup>. 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 to<sup>1-3</sup>.

We recall<sup>6</sup> 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 from<sup>6</sup> 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 prob<sup>5</sup> 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  $R$  (Proposition<sup>6</sup> 3.2).

K(3): A mate function ' $f$ ' of  $R$  is called a  $P_3$  mate function if for every  $x$  in  $R$ ,  $xf(x) = f(x)x$  (Definition<sup>6</sup> 4.2)

K(4): If  $R$  is a  $P(1,2)$  seminear-ring i.e.  $xR = Rx^2$  for all  $x \in R$  then  $E \subseteq C(R)$  (Theorem<sup>6</sup> 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<sup>4,5</sup> 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 (Definition<sup>6</sup> 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<sup>8,9</sup> 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  $xRx \subseteq x^k R$ . Thus  $xRx = x^k R$  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  $R$ ,  $Rx = Rx f(x)x = (Rx f(x))x = (xf(x)R)x$  (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)  $= a^2 f(a) \in IR \subseteq I$ . i.e.  $a \in I$  and the result follows.

*Case (ii)*: Let  $k > 1$ . For  $a \in R$ ,  $a = af(a)a \in aRa = (a^k R)$  and therefore there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $a = a^k y$ . When  $k = 2$ ,  $a^2 \in I \Rightarrow a = a^2 y \in IR \subseteq I$ . 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  $Mx^k \subseteq xMx$  .....(1) .

Also since  $xax \in xRx = Rx^k$ , there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $xax = yx^k$ . Again  $xax = xg(x)(xax) = xg(x)yx^k = y2 x^k$  where  $y2 = xg(x)y \in MR \subseteq M$ . Therefore  $xMx \subseteq Mx^k$  .....(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.

*Definition<sup>7</sup> 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  $a^kr = aya$ . i.e.  $a_1r = ar_1$  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  $xR = xf(x)xR \in xRxR \subseteq xRx$ .....(1).

Clearly  $xRx \subseteq xR$ .....(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  $Rx = Rx f(x)x \in RxRx \subseteq xRx \dots (1)$ .

Clearly  $xRx \subseteq Rx \dots (2)$ . 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 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 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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