

## ON JACOBSON RADICAL OF A $\Gamma$ -SEMIRING

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**Abstract.** We introduce the notions of Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring and characterize them via operator semirings.

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### 1. Introduction

As a continuation of our previous paper on primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings, [9], we introduce here the notions of Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring followed by their different characterizations. We obtain the relation between the Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  and that of the right operator semiring  $R$  of  $S$ , which we use to obtain characterizations of Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring analogous to familiar results of the ring theory and semiring theory, [5]. Then, with the help of the notion of subdirect sum of  $\Gamma$ -semiring, introduced at the outset in a similar way to that in  $\Gamma$ -ring, [6], and using the result that "a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semisimple if and only if its right operator semiring  $R$  is semisimple", a number of characterizations of semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring is obtained.

For preliminaries of semirings,  $\Gamma$ -semirings, operator semirings of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\Gamma$ -rings we refer to [4], [9], [1], [6] and references therein.

Throughout this paper a  $\Gamma$ -semiring is assumed to be with zero, the left unity, the right unity. It is also assumed that a  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule is additively cancellative.

### 2. Subdirect sum of $\Gamma$ -semirings

Let  $S_i$  be a  $\Gamma_i$ -semiring for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then an ordered pair  $(\theta, \phi)$  of mappings  $(\theta : S_1 \rightarrow S_2, \phi : \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2)$  is called a *homomorphism* of  $S_1$  into  $S_2$  if (i)  $\theta$  is a semigroup homomorphism from  $S_1$  into  $S_2$ ; (ii)  $\phi$  is semigroup isomorphism from  $\Gamma_1$  onto  $\Gamma_2$ ; (iii) for every  $x, y \in S_1$ , every  $\alpha \in \Gamma_1$ ,  $\theta(x\alpha y) = \theta(x)\phi(\alpha)\theta(y)$ ; (iv)  $\theta(0_{S_1}) = 0_{S_2}$ .  $(\theta, \phi)$  is said to be onto if  $\theta$  is also onto. Then the *kernel* of  $(\theta, \phi)$ , denoted by  $\ker\theta$ , defined by  $\ker\theta = \{x \in S_1 : \theta(x) = 0\}$ .  $\ker\theta$  is a  $k$ -ideal of  $S_1$ . If  $S_1$  is additively cancellative then  $\ker\theta$  is an  $h$ -ideal. Let  $(\theta, \phi)$  be a

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homomorphism of a  $\Gamma_1$ -semiring  $S_1$  onto a  $\Gamma_2$ -semiring  $S_2$ .  $(\theta, \phi)$  is called a *semi-isomorphism* from  $S_1$  onto  $S_2$  if  $\ker\theta = \{0\}$ . If  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = \Gamma$  and  $\phi$  is the identity mapping, then we henceforth write  $\phi = \tau$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(\theta, \tau)$  be a homomorphism from  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S_1$  onto  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S_2$  with the kernel  $K$ . Then  $S_1/K$  is semiisomorphic to  $S_2$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is a matter of routine verification.  $\square$

For a proper ideal  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  the  $\Gamma$ -congruence on  $S$ , denoted by  $\sigma_A$ , defined as  $s\sigma_A s'$  if and only if  $s + a_1 + z = s' + a_2 + z$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and for some  $z \in S$ , is called the *Izuka  $\Gamma$ -congruence* on  $S$  defined by the ideal  $A$ . We denote the Izuka  $\Gamma$ -congruence class of an element  $r$  of  $S$  by  $r[/math>]A and denote the set of all such  $\Gamma$ -congruence classes of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  by  $S[/math>]A. If the Izuka  $\Gamma$ -congruence  $\sigma_A$ , defined by  $A$ , is proper i.e.  $0[/math>]A  $\neq$   $S$  then  $S[/math>]A is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring with the following operations:  $s[/math>]A +  $s'[/math>]A =  $(s + s')[/math>]A and  $(s[/math>]A) $\alpha$ ( $s'[/math>]A) =  $(s\alpha s')[/math>]A for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . We call this  $\Gamma$ -semiring the *Izuka factor  $\Gamma$ -semiring* of  $S$  by  $A$ .$$$$$$$$$$

If in Theorem 2.1, the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S_1$  is additively cancellative, then  $K$  is an  $h$ -ideal of  $S_1$  and the Izuka factor  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S_1[/math>]K is semi-isomorphic to  $S_2$ .$

Let  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of  $\Gamma$ -semirings indexed by the nonempty set  $I$ . Then the Cartesian product  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  is the set of all functions  $x : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i$  such that the value of  $x$  at  $i \in I$  is  $x_i \in S_i$ ,  $i \in I$ . We identify  $x$  with  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ . Now we define addition (+) and multiplication (.) on  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  as follows:  $(x_i)_{i \in I} + (y_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i + y_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $(x_i)_{i \in I} \alpha (y_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i \alpha y_i)_{i \in I}$  for all  $(x_i)_{i \in I}, (y_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} S_i$  and for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . With these operations  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  is a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. We call this  $\Gamma$ -semiring the complete direct sum of the family  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\Gamma$ -semirings. If for all  $i \in I$ ,  $S_i$  is with the zero element  $0_i$  then the complete direct sum  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  is also with the zero element  $(0_i)_{i \in I}$ . (ii) If each  $S_i$  is additively regular then so is  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$ . Let  $S = \prod_{i \in I} S_i$ . We associate with each  $k \in I$  a pair of mappings  $(\theta_k, \tau)$  on the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  onto the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S_k$  as follows:  $\theta_k((x_i)_{i \in I}) = x_k$  and  $\tau(\alpha) = \alpha$  for all  $(x_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} S_i$  and for  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Clearly,  $(\theta_k, \tau)$  is a homomorphism of  $S$  onto  $S_k$ . We call  $(\theta_k, \tau)$ , for all  $k \in I$ , the *k-th canonical projection* of  $S$  onto  $S_k$ . If  $T$  is a sub $\Gamma$ -semiring of  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  then  $\theta_k(T)$  is a sub $\Gamma$ -semiring of  $S_k$  for all  $k \in I$ . A sub $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  of the complete direct sum  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i = S$  of the family  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\Gamma$ -semirings is said to be a *subdirect sum* of the family  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  if for each  $k \in I$  the  $k$ -the canonical projection  $(\theta_k, \tau)$  of  $S$  restricted to  $T$  is such that  $\theta_k(T) = S_k$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *A  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  with zero is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum  $T$  of (additively cancellative)  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $S_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , with zero elements  $0_i$  if and only if for each  $i \in I$  there exists a  $k$ -ideal ( $h$ -ideal)  $P_i$  of  $S$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} P_i = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be semi-isomorphic to  $T$  and  $(f, g)$  be the semi-isomorphism of  $S$  onto  $T$ . Since  $T$  is a subdirect sum of  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $(S_i)_{i \in I}$ , then for each

$i \in I$ , the  $i$ -th projection  $(\theta_i, \tau)$  of  $\prod_{i \in I} S_i$  is such that  $\theta_i(T) = S_i$ . Then  $(\theta_i \circ f, \tau) = (\phi_i, \tau)$  (say) is an epimorphism of  $S$  onto  $S_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Let  $P_i = \ker \phi_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $P_i$  is a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  for all  $i \in I$ . Now let  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i$ . Then  $\phi_i(x) = 0$  for all  $i \in I$  implies that  $\theta_i(f(x)) = 0$  for all  $i \in I$  and so  $f(x) = 0$ . Hence  $x \in \ker f$ . Since  $f$  is a semi-isomorphism,  $x = 0$  whence  $\bigcap_{i \in I} P_i = \{0\}$ .

Conversely, suppose for all  $i \in I$  there exists a  $k$ -ideal  $P_i$  of  $S$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} P_i = \{0\}$ . We prove that  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of the family  $\{S/P_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\Gamma$ -semirings. Let us define a pair of mapping  $(f, \tau)$  from the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  to the complete direct sum  $\prod_{i \in I} (S/P_i)$  by  $f(x)(i) = x/P_i$  for all  $x \in S$ , for all  $i \in I$  and  $\tau$  is as usual the identity semigroup isomorphism on  $\Gamma$ . Clearly,  $(f, \tau)$  is a homomorphism of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  into the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $\prod_{i \in I} (S/P_i)$ . Let  $x \in \ker f$ . Then,  $f(x)(i) = 0/P_i$  for all  $i \in I$  implies that  $x/P_i = 0/P_i$  for all  $i \in I$ , whence  $x \in P_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . So  $x = 0$ . Hence  $\ker f = \{0\}$ . Also,  $f(S) = T$  (say) is a subring of  $\prod_{i \in I} (S/P_i)$ . Hence  $(f, \tau)$  is a semi-isomorphism of  $S$  onto  $T$ . Now, for the  $i$ -th projection map  $(\theta_i, \tau)$ ,  $\theta_i(T) = \theta_i(f(S)) = \{f(s)(i) : s \in S\} = \{s/P_i : s \in S\} = S/P_i$ , implying that  $T$  is a subdirect sum of the family  $\{S/P_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\Gamma$ -semirings. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Similarly, we can prove the theorem when  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $S_i, i \in I$ , are aditively cancellative. Then  $k$ -ideals will be replaced by  $h$ -ideals and the Bourne factor  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $S/P_i$  by Izuka factor  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $S[/]P_i$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be two  $\Gamma$ -semirings with right operator semirings  $R$  and  $R'$ , respectively. Suppose that there exists a homomorphism  $(f, \tau)$  of the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  onto the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S'$ . Then  $R'$  is semi-isomorphic to  $R/(\ker f)^*$ .*

*Proof.* Let us define a mapping  $\bar{f} : R \rightarrow R'$  by  $\bar{f}(\sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i]) = \sum_i [\alpha_i, f(x_i)]$  for  $\sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R$ . If  $\sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] = \sum_j [\gamma_j, y_j]$  in  $R$  then  $\sum_i s \alpha_i x_i = \sum_j s \gamma_j y_j$  for all  $s \in S$ , whence  $\sum_i f(s) \alpha_i f(x_i) = \sum_j f(s) \gamma_j f(y_j)$  for all  $s \in S$ . Since  $f : S \rightarrow S'$  is surjective, it follows that  $\sum_i y \alpha_i f(x_i) = \sum_j y \gamma_j f(y_j)$  for all  $y \in S'$ , implying that  $\sum_i [\alpha_i, f(x_i)] = \sum_j [\gamma_j, f(y_j)]$ . Thus  $\bar{f}$  is well-defined. Clearly,  $\bar{f}$  is a semiring homomorphism of  $R$  to  $R'$ . Let  $\sum_{i=1}^m [\alpha_i, y_i] \in R'$ . Then there exists  $x_i \in S$  such that  $f(x_i) = y_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  (since  $f$  is onto). So  $\sum_{i=1}^m [\alpha_i, y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^m [\alpha_i, f(x_i)] = \bar{f}(\sum_{i=1}^m [\alpha_i, x_i])$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^m [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R$ . Hence,  $\bar{f}$  is surjective and so  $R/\ker \bar{f}$  is semi-isomorphic to  $R'$  (by the fundamental homomorphism theorem of semiring).

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \bar{f} &= \left\{ \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R : \sum_i [\alpha_i, f(x_i)] = 0_{R'} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R : \sum_i y \alpha_i f(x_i) = 0_{S'} \quad \text{for all } y \in S' \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R : \sum_i f(x) \alpha_i f(x_i) = 0_{S'} \quad \text{for all } x \in S \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\{ \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R : f\left(\sum_i x\alpha_i x_i\right) = 0_S, \text{ for all } x \in S \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] \in R : \sum_i x\alpha_i x_i \in \ker f \text{ for all } x \in S \right\} = (\ker f)^{*'} .
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Using Lemma 3.13, [9], we can prove that  $R_{S/\ker f}$  is isomorphic to  $R/(\ker f)^{*'}$  but later we need the very method of proof employed above.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R$  be its right operator semiring. Then  $S$  is additively cancellative if and only if so is  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be additively cancellative and let  $\sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] + \sum_j [\beta_j, y_j] = \sum_i [\alpha_i, x_i] + \sum_k [\gamma_k, z_k]$  in  $R$  then  $\sum_i s\alpha_i x_i + \sum_j s\beta_j y_j = \sum_i s\alpha_i x_i + \sum_k s\gamma_k z_k$  for all  $s \in S$ . Since  $S$  is additively cancellative,  $\sum_j s\beta_j y_j = \sum_k s\gamma_k z_k$  for all  $s \in S$ . Hence  $\sum_j [\beta_j, y_j] = \sum_k [\gamma_k, z_k]$ , which implies that  $R$  is cancellative. Conversely, suppose  $R$  is additively cancellative and  $x + y = x + z$  in  $S$ . This implies that  $[x, \alpha] + [y, \alpha] = [x, \alpha] + [z, \alpha]$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  i.e.  $[y, \alpha] = [z, \alpha]$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . So  $y\alpha s = z\alpha s$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . In particular,  $\sum_{j=1}^n y\gamma_j f_j = \sum_{j=1}^n z\gamma_j f_j$  where  $\sum_{j=1}^n [\gamma_j, f_j]$  is the right unity of  $S$ . This implies that  $y = z$ . Hence  $S$  is additively cancellative.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R$  be its right operator semiring. Then  $\{0_S\}^{*' } = \{0_R\}$  and  $\{0_R\}^* = \{0_S\}$ .*

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of additively cancellative  $\Gamma$ -semirings and let  $R_i$  be the right operator semiring of  $S_i$ . Suppose that the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Then the right operator semiring  $R$  of  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ .*

*Proof.* By the proof of Theorem 2.2, for each  $i \in I$ , there exists a homomorphism  $(\phi_i, \tau)$  of  $S$  onto  $S_i$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \ker \phi_i = \{0\}$ , where each  $\ker \phi_i$  is an  $h$ -ideal of  $S$ . Now, let us define a mapping  $\bar{\phi}_i : R \rightarrow R_i$  by  $\bar{\phi}_i(\sum_j [\alpha_j, x_j]) = \sum_j [\alpha_j, \phi_i(x_j)]$  for all  $i \in I$  and for all  $\sum_j [\alpha_j, x_j] \in R$ . Then for each  $i \in I$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_i$  is a surjective semiring homomorphism of  $R$  onto  $R_i$  and  $\ker \bar{\phi}_i = (\ker \phi_i)^{*'}$  (by the proof of Theorem 2.3). This implies that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \ker \bar{\phi}_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} (\ker \phi_i)^{*' } = (\bigcap_{i \in I} \ker \phi_i)^{*' } = \{0_S\}^{*' } = \{0_R\}$  (by Lemma 2.1). Hence by Theorem 2.2, [7],  $R$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of the family  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  of semirings.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of additively cancellative primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings. If a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  then the right operator semiring  $R$  of  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of a family of additively cancellative primitive semirings.*

*Proof.* Let  $R_i$  be the right operator semiring of  $S_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then by Theorem 3.17, [9], and Theorem 2.17,  $R_i$  is a primitive and additively cancellative semiring for all  $i \in I$ . Now, by Theorem 2.5,  $R$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3. Jacobson radical of $\Gamma$ -semiring

Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $I$  be the set of all irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodules. Then  $J(S) = \bigcap_{M \in I} A_S(M)$  is called the *Jacobson radical* of  $S$ . If  $I$  is empty, then  $S$  itself is considered as  $J(S)$  and in that case we say that  $S$  is a radical  $\Gamma$ -semiring. The zeroid  $Z(S)$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is contained in  $J(S)$  since  $Z(S) \subseteq A_S(M)$  for all  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule  $M$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then  $J(S)$  is an  $h$ -ideal of  $S$  and also a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* The proposition follows from the fact that  $A_S(M)$  is an  $h$ -ideal of  $S$  (Proposition 3.9, [9]). Since every  $h$ -ideal is also a  $k$ -ideal,  $J(S)$  is also a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R$  be its right operator semiring. Then  $J(S) = J(R)^*$  and  $J(R) = J(S)^{*\prime}$  where  $J(R) = \bigcap A_R(M)$ , intersection runs over all irreducible  $R$ -semimodules ([5])  $M$  and  $A_R(M) = \{x \in R : xM = \{0\}\}$ .*

*Proof.* Since " $M$  is an irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule if and only if  $M$  is an irreducible  $R$ -semimodule" (Proposition 3.8, [9]) and  $A_S(M)^{*\prime} = A_R(M)$  and  $A_R(M)^* = A_S(M)$ , where  $M$  is an irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule or  $R$ -semimodule (Proposition 3.10, [9]),  $J(S)^{*\prime} = (\bigcap_{M \in I} A_S(M))^{*\prime} = \bigcap_{M \in I} A_S(M)^{*\prime} = \bigcap_{M \in I} A_R(M) = J(R)$ , where  $I$  is the set of all irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodules and hence the set of all irreducible  $R$ -semimodules. Since  $J(S)$  is an  $h$ -ideal of  $S$  (Theorem 3.1), so by Theorem 6.14 ([1])  $J(R)^* = (J(S)^{*\prime})^* = J(S)$ .  $\square$

Now we have the following characterization of the Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring:

**Theorem 3.2.** *The Jacobson radical of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is the intersection of all primitive  $h$ -ideals of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. We know that an  $h$ -ideal  $P$  of  $S$  is primitive if and only if  $P = A_S(M)$  for some irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule  $M$  (Theorem 3.18, [9]). Now  $A_S(M)$  is an ideal of  $S$  for any  $\Gamma S$ -semimodule  $M$  (by Proposition 3.9, [9]). So the theorem follows from the definition of Jacobson radical.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $P$  is an ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ , then  $J(P) = P \cap J(S)$ , where  $J(P)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $P$  considered as a  $\Gamma$ -semiring.*

*Proof.* We first observe that  $P^{*'}$  is the right operator semiring of  $P$  ([3]) considered as a  $\Gamma$ -semiring (in fact  $R = S^{*'}$ ). Hence, by Theorem 3.1,  $J(P^{*'}) = J(P)^{*'}$  and so  $(J(P^{*'}))^* = (J(P)^{*'})^* = J(P)$  (by Theorem 6.6, [1]). Now, by Proposition 6.5 ([1]),  $P^{*'}$  is an ideal of the right operator semiring  $R$  of  $S$ . So by Theorem 2 ([5]),  $J(P^{*'}) = P^{*'} \cap J(R)$ , which implies that  $(J(P^{*'}))^* = (P^{*'} \cap J(R))^*$ , which implies that  $J(P) = (P^{*'})^* \cap J(R)^* = P \cap J(S)$  (using Theorem 6.6 [1] and Theorem 3.1). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then  $J(S)$ , considered as a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, is a radical  $\Gamma$ -semiring, i.e.  $J(J(S)) = J(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Follows immediately from Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R$  be its right operator semiring. Let  $Q$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $(J(Q^*))^{*'} = J(Q)$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 6.4 ([1]),  $Q^*$  is an ideal of  $S$ . So by Theorem 3.3,  $J(Q^*) = Q^* \cap J(S)$  which implies that  $(J(Q^*))^{*'} = (Q^*)^{*'} \cap (J(S))^{*'} = Q \cap J(R)$  (using Theorem 6.6 [1] and Theorem 3.1)  $= J(Q)$  (by Theorem 2 [5]).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.**  *$J(Q^*) = J(Q)^*$  for any ideal  $Q$  of  $R$ , where  $R$  is the right operator semiring of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$ .*

*Proof.*  $J(Q) = (J(Q^*))^{*'}$  (using Theorem 3.4). So  $J(Q)^* = ((J(Q^*))^{*'})^* = J(Q^*)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. If  $S\Gamma x\Gamma S \subseteq J(S)$  then  $x \in J(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S\Gamma x\Gamma S \subseteq J(S)$ . Then  $[\Gamma, S\Gamma x\Gamma S] \subseteq [\Gamma, J(S)] \subseteq J(S)^{*'}$  (since  $S\Gamma J(S) \subseteq J(S)$ ,  $J(S)$  being an ideal)  $= J(R)$  (using Theorem 3.1) implying that  $[\Gamma, S][\Gamma, x][\Gamma, S] \subseteq J(R)$  implying that  $R[\alpha, x]R \subseteq J(R)$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . So by Theorem 5 ([5]),  $[\alpha, x] \in J(R)$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . This implies that  $x \in J(R)^* = J(S)$  (using Theorem 3.1). This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. Semisimple $\Gamma$ -semiring

A  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is said to be *semisimple* if its Jacobson radical  $J(S) = \{0\}$ . Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $P$  be a (left, right) ideal of  $S$ .  $P$  is said to be *strongly seminilpotent* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $(P\Gamma)^{n-1}P \subseteq Z(S)$ , where  $(P\Gamma)^{n-1} = (P\Gamma)(P\Gamma)\dots(n-1)$  times,  $(P\Gamma)^0P = P$  and  $Z(S)$  is the zeroid of  $S$ .  $P$  is said to be *strongly nilpotent* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $(P\Gamma)^{n-1}P = \{0\}$ . A strongly nilpotent (left, right) ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring is strongly seminilpotent.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $P$  be a strongly seminilpotent right ideal of  $S$ . Then  $P \subseteq J(S)$ .*

*Proof.* If possible, suppose  $P \not\subseteq J(S) = \bigcap_{M \in I} A_S(M)$ , where  $I$  is the set of all irreducible  $\Gamma S$ -semimodules. Then there exists an  $M \in I$  such that  $P \not\subseteq A_S(M)$ . This implies that  $M\Gamma P \neq \{0\}$ . Since  $P$  is strongly seminilpotent, there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $(P\Gamma)^{n-1}P \subseteq Z(S)$ . This implies that for  $p_j \in P$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and for  $\gamma_j \in \Gamma$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ )  $p_1\gamma_1 p_2\gamma_2 \dots p_{n-1}\gamma_{n-1} p_n + z = z$  for some  $z \in S$ , which implies that  $m\alpha(p_1\gamma_1 p_2\gamma_2 \dots p_{n-1}\gamma_{n-1} p_n) + m\alpha z = m\alpha z$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for all  $m \in M$ , which implies that  $m\alpha(p_1\gamma_1 p_2\gamma_2 \dots p_{n-1}\gamma_{n-1} p_n) = \{0\}$  (since  $M$  is additively cancellative) for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and for all  $m \in M$ . This implies that  $M\Gamma(P\Gamma)^{n-1}P = \{0\}$ . If this relation is true for  $n = 1$  then  $M\Gamma P = \{0\}$  – contrary to  $M\Gamma P \neq \{0\}$ . Hence there exists  $m \in M$  and a positive integer  $k$  such that  $m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^{k-1}P \neq \{0\}$  and  $m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^k P = \{0\}$ . Let  $\nu (\neq 0) \in m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^{k-1}P \subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is irreducible, there exist  $a_i, b_j \in S$ ,  $\alpha_i, \beta_j \in \Gamma$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ;  $r, t$  are positive integers; such that  $m + \sum_{i=1}^r \nu \alpha_i a_i = \sum_{j=1}^t \nu \beta_j b_j$ . So  $m\delta p + \sum_{i=1}^r \nu \alpha_i a_i \delta p = \sum_{j=1}^t \nu \beta_j b_j \delta p$  for all  $\delta \in \Gamma$  and for all  $p \in P$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^r \nu \alpha_i a_i \delta p, \sum_{j=1}^t \nu \beta_j b_j \delta p \in m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^{k-1}P\Gamma S\Gamma P \subseteq m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^{k-1}P\Gamma P$  (since  $P$  is a right ideal of  $S$ )  $= m\Gamma(P\Gamma)^k P = \{0\}$ . Hence  $m\delta p = 0$  for all  $\delta \in \Gamma$  and for all  $p \in P$  implies that  $M\Gamma P = \{0\}$  – a contradiction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.1.** *If a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semisimple then it does not have any non-zero strongly seminilpotent right ideal and consequently,  $S$  does not have any strongly nilpotent right ideal.*

*Proof.* Follows easily from Theorem 4.1 and the remark made above the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *A  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semisimple if and only if its right operator semiring  $R$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* Let the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  be semisimple. Then its Jacobson radical  $J(S) = \{0_S\}$  implies that  $J(S)^{*'} = \{0_S\}^{*'}$  implies that  $J(R) = \{0_R\}$  (using Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 2.1). Hence  $R$  is a semisimple semiring ([5]). Converse follows by reversing the above argument.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R$  be its right operator semiring. Let  $P$  be an ideal of  $S$  and  $R_{S[\!/]P}$  be the right operator semiring of the Izuka factor  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S[\!/]P$ . Then  $R_{S[\!/]P}$  and  $R[\!/]P^{*'}$  are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* Easy modification of the proof of Lemma 3.13 ([9]).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then both  $S/J(S)$  and  $S[/]J(S)$  are semisimple, i.e.  $J(S/J(S)) = \{J(S)\}$  and  $J(S[/]J(S)) = \{J(S)\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $R, R_{S/J(S)}$  be respectively the right operator semirings of  $S$  and  $S/J(S)$ . By Lemma 3.13 ([9]),  $R_{S/J(S)}$  and  $R/J(S)^{*'}$  are isomorphic. Now by Theorem 3.1,  $J(S)^{*'} = J(R)$ . So  $R_{S/J(S)}$  and  $R/J(R)$  are isomorphic. Again by Theorem 3 ([5]),  $R/J(R)$  is a semisimple semiring and so  $R_{S/J(S)}$  is a semisimple semiring. Hence, by Theorem 4.2,  $S/J(S)$ , is semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.  $\square$

In a similar fashion, using Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.2, we can prove that  $S[/]J(S)$  is semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.

**Theorem 4.4.** *If a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semisimple then  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings. Conversely, if a  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of additively cancellative primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings, then  $S$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* Let the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  be semisimple. Then  $J(S) = \{0\}$ . Since by Theorem 3.2,  $J(S) = \bigcap_{k \in \Lambda} P_k$  where  $\{P_k\}_{k \in \Lambda}$  is the family of all primitive  $h$ -ideals of  $S$ ,  $\bigcap_{k \in \Lambda} P_k = \{0\}$ , where each  $P_k$  is a  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  (since each  $h$ -ideal is a  $k$ -ideal). Then by the proof of the converse part of Theorem 2.2,  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $\{S/P_k\}_{k \in \Lambda}$ , each of which is primitive since each  $P_k$  is a primitive ideal.

Conversely, suppose that the  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $S$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum  $T$  of additively cancellative primitive  $\Gamma$ -semirings  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Let  $R$  be the right operator semiring of  $S$  and  $R_i$  be the right operator semiring of  $S_i$ ,  $i \in I$ . Then by the proof of Theorem 2.6,  $R$  is semi-isomorphic to a subdirect sum of additively cancellative semirings  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.3 ([7]),  $J(R) = \{0\}$ . Hence  $R$  is a semisimple semiring ([5]) and so by Theorem 4.2,  $S$  is a semisimple  $\Gamma$ -semiring.  $\square$

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