



Equivalent Identities on Semirings

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Abstract: In this paper mainly we have obtained equivalent conditions on semirings, regular semirings and Idempotent semirings.

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**Introduction:**

M.K.Sen, Y.Q.Guo and K.P.Shum proved identities on Idempotent semirings in their paper entitled "A Class of Idempotent semirings" [1]. In this paper we obtained certain Identities on regular semirings and also we have obtained certain equivalences on semirings, regular semirings, and Idempotent semirings. We also obtained results such as $x + x \approx x$,

$$xy + yx + xy \approx xy, y + yx + y \approx y, xyx + xy + xyx \approx xyx,$$

$$yxy + xyx + yxy \approx yxy, x + xyx + x \approx x$$

Using the identities $x^2 \approx x$,

$$x + xy + x \approx x, x + yx + x \approx x.$$

Also by using Greens relation (i.e, $\mathcal{L}^+, \mathcal{R}^+, \mathcal{D}^+$). We have obtained results for

$$a + ab + a = a, a + ba + a = a, b + ab + b = b, ba + b + ba = ba.$$

Besides this we have also proved the equivalent conditions for idempotent semirings like,

$$x^2 \approx x; x + xy + x \approx x \Leftrightarrow x + x \approx x; y + yx + y \approx y,$$

$$xyx + xy + xyx \approx xyx \Leftrightarrow xy + yx + xy \approx xy,$$

$$xy + x + xy \approx xy; y + xy + y \approx y \Leftrightarrow (x + y)(y + x)(x + y) \approx xy.$$

First we start with the following Preliminaries

Def 1: Semiring :- A semiring $(S, +, \cdot)$ is an algebra with two binary operations $+$ and \cdot . Such that both the additive reduct $(S, +)$ and the multiplicative reduct (S, \cdot) are semigroups and such that the following distributive law holds,

$$x(y + z) \approx xy + xz, (x + y)z \approx xz + yz.$$

Def 2: Invertible element in a semiring :- An element ' a ' in a semiring ' S ' is said to be invertible if there exists an element ' x ' in ' S ', such that

$$(a) \quad axa = a; \quad xax = x. \quad (b) \quad a+x+a = a; \quad x+a+x = x.$$

In this ' a ' and ' x ' are called invertible elements in ' S '.

Theorem 1:- A semiring which satisfies the identities

$$x^2 \approx x, x + xy + x \approx x, x + yx + x \approx x,$$

then it satisfies $x + x \approx x, xy + yx + xy \approx xy, yx + xy + yx \approx yx$.

Proof :- Let S be a semiring which satisfies the above identities.

Then for $a, b \in S$,

$$(a+a) = (a+a)^2 = (a+a)(a+a) = a(a+a) + a(a+a) = a.a+a.a+a.a = a+a+a+a = a+a = a$$

$$\text{and } (ab + ba + ab) = (ab + ba + ab)^2$$

$$= ab(ab + ba + ab) + ba(ab + ba + ab) + ab(ab + ba + ab)$$

$$= (ab + aba + ab) + (bab + (bab)a + bab) + (ab + (ab)a + ab)$$

$$= ab + b(ab) + ab = ab.$$

$$\text{also } (ba + ab + ba) = (ba + ab + ba)^2$$

$$= (ba + ab + ba)(ba + ab + ba)$$

$$= ba(ba + ab + ba) + ab(ba + ab + ba) + ba(ba + ab + ba)$$

$$= ba.ba + ba.ab + ba.ba + ab.ba + ab.ab + ab.ba + ba.ba + ba.ab + ba.ba$$



$$= (ba + bab + ba) + (aba + ab + aba) + (ba + bab + ba)$$

$$= ba + aba + ba = ba.$$

Remark:- From the above theorem it is observed that 'ab' and 'ba' are invertible elements in 'S'.

Lemma 2:- 'If 'S' is a semiring which satisfies (i) $a^2 = a$; (ii) $a+ab+a = a$, $a+ba+a = a$, then 'ab' is invertible in 'S'.

Proof:- By using theorem1, we have $ab + ba + ab = ab$ and $ba + ab + ba = ba$. S' is a semiring which satisfies (i) $a^2 = a$; (ii) $a+ab+a = a$, $a+ba+a = a$,

then 'ab' is invertible in 'S'.

Now, $ab.ba.ab = ab$ and $ba.ab.ba = ba$.

$$ab.ba.ab = ab.ab = ab. \text{ Also } ba.ab.ba = ba.ba = ba.$$

hence 'ab' is invertible in 'S'.

Def 3: Regular element in a semiring in 'S' :- An element $a \in S$ is said to be regular if there exists $x \in S$ such that $axa = a$ and $a+xa+a = a$. S' is regular, If every element in 'S' is called regular semiring.

Theorem 3:- In a semiring (S, +, .) if the following identities hold

- (a) $x^2 \approx x$, (b) $x + xy + x \approx x$, (c) $x + yx + x \approx x$, then the following holds
- (1) $x + x \approx x$, (2) $xy + yx + xy \approx xy$, (3) $yx + xy + yx \approx yx$, (4) $xyx + xy + xyx \approx xyx$
- (5) $y + yx + y \approx y$, (6) $y + xy + y \approx y$, (7) $yxy + yx + yxy \approx yxy$
- (8) $yxy + xyx + yxy \approx yxy$, (9) $xyx + yxy + xyx \approx xyx$, (10) $x + xyx + x \approx x$,
- (11) $y + yxy + y \approx y$, (12) $x + yxy + x \approx x$, (13) $y + xyx + y \approx y$.

Proof:- proofs of (1), (2) and (3) are clear from theorem-1

(4) we have,

$$(aba + ab + aba) = (aba + ab + aba)^2 = (aba + ab + aba) (aba + ab + aba)$$

$$= aba.aba + aba.ab + aba.aba + ab.aba + ab.ab + ab.aba + aba.aba + aba.ab + aba.aba$$

$$= aba + ab + aba + aba + ab + aba + aba + ab + aba$$

$$= aba + ab.ab + aba + aba + ab.ab + aba + aba + ab.ab + aba$$

$$= aba + aba + aba = aba + aba = aba.$$

$$(5) y + yx + y \approx y \text{ as } b + ba + b = (b + ba + b)(b + ba + b) = b.$$

$$(6) y + xy + y \approx y \text{ as } b + ab + b = (b + ab + b)(b + ab + b) = b.$$

$$(7) yxy + yx + yxy \approx yxy$$

$$bab + ba + bab = (bab + ba + bab)(bab + ba + bab)$$

$$= bab.bab + bab.ba + bab.bab + ba.bab + ba.ba + ba.bab$$

$$+ bab.bab + bab.ba + bab.bab$$

$$= bab + (bab)a + (bab) + (bab) + ba + (bab) + babab + baba + bab$$

$$= bab + ba + bab + bab + (bab)a + bab$$

$$= bab + ba + bab = bab.$$

$$(8) yxy + xyx + yxy \approx yxy$$

$$bab + aba + bab = (bab + aba + bab)(bab + aba + bab)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{bab.bab} + \text{bab.aba} + \text{bab.bab} + \text{aba.bab} + \text{aba.aba} + \text{aba.bab} \\
 &\quad + \text{bab.bab} + \text{bab.aba} + \text{bab.bab} \\
 &= \text{bab} + (\text{bab})a + (\text{bab}) + \text{ab} + (\text{ab})a + \text{ab} + \text{bab} + (\text{bab})a + (\text{bab}) \\
 &= \text{bab} + \text{ab} + \text{bab} = \text{bab}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(9) $xyx + yxy + xyx \approx xyx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{aba} + \text{bab} + \text{aba} = (\text{aba} + \text{bab} + \text{aba})(\text{aba} + \text{bab} + \text{aba}) \\
 &= \text{aba.aba} + \text{aba.bab} + \text{aba.aba} + \text{bab.aba} + \text{bab.bab} + \text{bab.aba} \\
 &\quad + \text{aba.aba} + \text{aba.bab} + \text{aba.aba} \\
 &= \text{aba} + (\text{aba})b + \text{aba} + \text{ba} + (\text{ba})b + (\text{ba}) + \text{aba} + (\text{aba})b + \text{aba} \\
 &= \text{aba} + \text{ba} + \text{aba} = \text{aba} + \text{ba.ba} + \text{aba} = \text{aba} + \text{b(aba)} + \text{aba} = \text{aba}, \\
 &\text{as } x + yx + x \approx x.
 \end{aligned}$$

(10) $x + xyx + x \approx x$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a + \text{aba} + a = (a + \text{aba} + a)(a + \text{aba} + a) \\
 &= a + \text{aba} + a + \text{aba} + \text{aba} + a + \text{aba} + a \\
 &= a + a(\text{ba}) + a + \text{aba} + a + a(\text{ba}) + a \\
 &= a + a(\text{ba}) + a + a(\text{ba}) + a = a + a(\text{ba}) + a = a
 \end{aligned}$$

(11) $y + yxy + y \approx y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &b + \text{bab} + b = (b + \text{bab} + b)(b + \text{bab} + b) \\
 &= b + b(\text{ab}) + b + \text{bab} + \text{babab} + \text{bab} + b + b(\text{ab}) + b \\
 &= b + \text{bab} + \text{bab} + b + b(\text{ab}) + b \\
 &= b + b(\text{ab}) + b + b(\text{ab}) + b = b + b(\text{ab}) + b = b
 \end{aligned}$$

(12) $x + yxy + x \approx x$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a + \text{bab} + a = (a + \text{bab} + a)(a + \text{bab} + a) \\
 &= a + \text{ab} + a + \text{ba} + \text{ba} + \text{ba} + a + \text{ab} + a \\
 &= a + \text{ba} + a + \text{ab} + a = a + \text{ab} + a = a.
 \end{aligned}$$

(13) $y + xyx + y \approx y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &b + \text{aba} + b = (b + \text{aba} + b)(b + \text{aba} + b) \\
 &= b + \text{ba} + b + \text{ab} + \text{aba} + \text{ab} + b + \text{ba} + b \\
 &= b + \text{ab} + \text{aba} + \text{ab} + b + \text{ba} + b \\
 &= b + \text{ab} + (\text{ab})a + \text{ab} + b + \text{ba} + b \\
 &= b + \text{ab} + b + \text{ba} + b = b + \text{ab} + b = b
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have obtained certain results on regular semirings using Green's equivalences \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{R} , \mathcal{D}

$$(a,b) \in \mathcal{L}^+ \Leftrightarrow a + b = a ; b + a = b.$$

$$(a,b) \in \mathcal{R}^+ \Leftrightarrow a + b = b ; b + a = a$$



$$(a,b) \in \mathcal{D}^+ \Leftrightarrow a + b + a = a ; b + a + b = b.$$

Lemma 4:- In a regular semiring 'S' if for $a,b \in S$ with $(a,ab) \in \mathcal{L}^+$, then $ab + a + ab = ab$,

$$\text{as } (a,ab) \in \mathcal{L}^+ \Rightarrow a + ab = a ; ab + a = ab.$$

Now, $ab + a = ab + a + ab = ab$, and also $a + ab + a = a$

Lemma 5:- In a regular semiring 'S' if for $a,b \in S$ with $(a,ba) \in \mathcal{L}^+$, then $ba + a + ba = ba$.

$$\text{as } (a,ba) \in \mathcal{L}^+ \Rightarrow a + ba = a ; ba + a = ba.$$

Now, $ba + a = ba + a + ba = ba$, and also $a + ba + a = a$

Lemma 6:- In a regular semiring 'S' if for $a,b \in S$ with $(b,ab) \in \mathcal{L}^+$, then $b + ab = b$,

$$ab + b = ab. \quad ab + b + ab = ab \text{ and also } b + ab + b = b.$$

hence $(b,ab) \in \mathcal{L}^+ \Rightarrow ab + b + ab = ab$.

Lemma 7:- In a regular semiring 'S' if for $a,b \in S$ with $(b,ba) \in \mathcal{L}^+$, then $b + ab = b$,

$$ba + b = ba. \quad ba + b = ba + b + ba = ba.$$

Hence $ba + b + ba = ba$, and $b + ba + b = ba$.

From the above it is observed that the relation ' \mathcal{L} ' is an equivalence relation which is compatible with multiplication. It is also observed that every element in ' \mathcal{L} ' has an inverse in 'S'

Theorem 8:- In a semiring $(S, +, \cdot)$ the following are equivalent,

$$(1) \quad x+xy+x \approx x ; xy + x + xy \approx xy.$$

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{D}^+ \text{ is the least distributive congruence.}$$

$$xy + yx + xy \approx xy.$$

Proof :- (1) \Rightarrow (2), $ab + ba + ab = aba + (aba)b + aba = aba = ab$.

$$\text{Also, } ab + ba + ab = (aba)b + (aba) + (aba)b = (aba)b = ab.$$

Or

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2), \text{ as, } a + ab + a = a, \Rightarrow a \mathcal{L}^+ ab.$$

and $ab + a + ab = ab$ and also $a + ab = ab$ and $ab + a = a. \Rightarrow a \mathcal{R}^+ ab$.

hence $a \mathcal{D}^+ ab \Rightarrow ba \mathcal{D}^+ ab \Rightarrow ab + ba + ab = ab; ba + ab + ba = ba$.

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1), ab + ba + ab = ab \Rightarrow ab \mathcal{D}^+ ba,$$

Claim :- $a + ab + a = a ; ab + a + ab = ab$

Since $ab \mathcal{D}^+ ba \Rightarrow a. ab \mathcal{D}^+ aba \Rightarrow ab \mathcal{D}^+ aba \Rightarrow ab + aba + ab = ab$.

Hence $a + ab + a = a$.

Now claim :- $ab + a + ab = ab$.

Since $ab \mathcal{D}^+ ba$

$$\Rightarrow a. ab \mathcal{D}^+ aba \Rightarrow ab \mathcal{D}^+ aba \Rightarrow ab + aba + ab = ab \Rightarrow abab + aba + abab = abab$$

$$\Rightarrow (aba)b + aba + (aba)b = (aba)b.$$

hence (2) \Rightarrow (1) holds.



hence (1) and (2) are equivalent.

Def 4:- A Semiring with set of Idempotents is called a **band**.

Def 5:- A commutative semiring with set of Idempotents is called a **semilattice**.

Lemma 9:- In a commutative semiring 'S', the following holds

$$(1) \quad xy + x + xy \approx x, \text{ as}$$

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

$$(2) \quad yx + y + yx \approx yx, \text{ as}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ba + b + ba &= ba + a = a + ba + aa = a + (b + a).a + a.a = a.a + (b + a).a + a.a \\ &= a + (b + a).a + a = a. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 10:- For an Idempotent semiring 'S', the following are equivalent,

$$(1) \quad x^2 \approx x ; x + xy + x \approx x$$

$$(2) \quad x + x \approx x ; y + yx + y \approx y.$$

Proof:- (1) \Rightarrow (2)

Let (1) holds,

$$\text{Now, } a + a = (a + a)^2 = (a + a)(a + a) = a + a(a + a) + a = a.$$

$$\text{also, } b + ba + b = b + ab + b = b + b(b + a) + b = b.$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1),

$$\text{Now } (a + a)^2 = (a + a)(a + a) = a + a(a + a) + a = a.$$

$$\text{But } a + a = a \Rightarrow a^2 = a, \text{ and also } a + ab + a = a + a(a + b) + a = a.$$

Hence (1) and (2) are equivalent.

Theorem 11:- For an Idempotent semiring 'S', the following are equivalent

$$(1) \quad xyx + xy + xyx \approx xyx$$

$$(2) \quad xy + yx + xy \approx xy.$$

Proof:- It is clear.

Theorem 12:- For an Idempotent semiring 'S' the following are equivalent

$$(1) \quad xy + x + xy \approx xy ; y + xy + y \approx y.$$

$$(2) \quad (x + y)(y + x)(x + y) \approx xy.$$

Proof:- (1) \Rightarrow (2)

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)(b + a)(a + b) &= (a.b + a.a + b.b + b.a)(a + b) \\ &= aba + abb + aaa + aab + bba + bbb + baa + bab \\ &= aba + ab + a + ab + ba + b + ba + ba \\ &= ab + a + ab + b + ab \\ &= ab + b + ab = ab \end{aligned}$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1)

$$\text{Now} \quad ab + a + ab = ab + a + ab + ab + a + ab$$



$$= (a.b + a.a + b.b + b.a)(a + b)$$

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

Theorem 13:- For an Idempotent semiring 'S' the following are equivalent,

- (1) $(x + y)(y + x)(x + y) \approx xy$
- (2) $xy + x + xy \approx xy$; $y + xy + y \approx y$.
- (3) $xy + yx + xy \approx xy$

Proof:- It is Obvious.

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