

A sequence a_i^{n-1} is called right (left) unit in the n -semigroup $(R, (\cdot)_o)$ if for any $x \in R$ we have $(x, a_1^{n-1})_o = x$ ($(a_1^{n-1}, x)_o = x$). In an n -group $(R, (\cdot)_o)$ the unique solution of the equation $\begin{pmatrix} (n-1) \\ a \quad x \end{pmatrix}_o = a$ is called the querelement of a and is denoted by \bar{a} . In an

n -group the sequence $\begin{pmatrix} (n-1) \\ \bar{a} \quad a \end{pmatrix}_o$ is a right and left unit for any $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$.

In an n -semigroup $(R, (\cdot)_o)$ an element $e \in R$ is called a neutral element if $\begin{pmatrix} (n-1) \\ e \quad a \quad (n-1) \\ e \quad a \quad e \end{pmatrix}_o = a$, for all $a \in R$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

An algebraic structure $(R, (\cdot)_o, +)$ is called an $(n, 2)$ -semiring $n \geq 2$ if $(R, (\cdot)_o)$ is a commutative and cancellative n -semigroup, $(R, +)$ is a binary semigroup and the multiplication is both left and right distributive with respect to n -ary addition. A neutral element of $(R, +)$ (if it exists) is called an identity. If $(R, (\cdot)_o)$ is a commutative n -group then an $(n, 2)$ -semiring $(R, (\cdot)_o, +)$ is called an $(n, 2)$ -ring [1].

An $(n, 2)$ -ring (semiring) is called commutative or cancellative if the semigroup (R, \cdot) then an $(n, 2)$ -ring (semiring) is called commutative or cancellative if the semigroup (R, \cdot) has that property. In an $(n, 2)$ -ring the following relations hold: $(a_i^n)_o = (\bar{a}_i^n)_o$ and $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{a} \cdot b = a \cdot \bar{b}$ for all $a_i, a, b \in R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 1. The set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} together with an n -ary operation

$(\cdot)_o : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}; (k_1^n)_o = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i + 1$ and a binary operation

$$* : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}; k_1 * k_2 = (n-1)k_1 k_2 + k_1 + k_2$$

is a commutative and cancellative $(n, 2)$ -semiring with identity element $0 \in \mathbb{N}$ and without zero element.

Example 2. The set of integers \mathbb{Z} together the above operations is a commutative and cancellative $(n, 2)$ -ring because for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ there is the querelement $\bar{k} = (2-n)k - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Example 3. Let $\mathcal{M}_m(R) = \{A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \mid a_{ij} \in R; 1 \leq i, j \leq m\}$, $m \equiv 1 \pmod{n-1}$ be the set of all square matrices of the order m with elements of $(n, 2)$ -ring $(R, (\cdot)_o, +)$. We define an n -ary and a binary operations such that:

If $A_k = (a_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$(A_1^n)_+ = (b_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, \quad b_{ij} = (a_{ij}^1, a_{ij}^2, \dots, a_{ij}^n)_o.$$

If $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$ and $C = (c_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$

$$A * C = (d_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, \quad d_{ij} = ((a_{i1}c_{1j}, a_{i2}c_{2j}, \dots, a_{in}c_{nj})_o, \dots, a_{im}c_{mj})_o.$$

It is easy to proof that $(\mathcal{M}_m(R), \{+, +\})$ is an $(n, 2)$ -ring.

2. The main results

Theorem 1. Any commutative $(n, 2)$ -semiring can be embedded in a commutative $(n, 2)$ -ring.

Proof. Let $(R, ({}_a, \cdot))$ be a commutative $(n, 2)$ -semiring. As in [7], [5] we define an equivalence " \sim " on R^n by $as_2^n \sim bt_2^n \Leftrightarrow (a, t_2^n)_a = (b, s_2^n)_c$. The equivalence class of the n -uple as_2^n is denoted by $\frac{a}{s_2^n}$, while the factor-set R^n / \sim is denoted $R_{R^{n-1}}$. As consequences of the above definition note that

$$\frac{a}{s_2^n} = \frac{(at_2^n)_c}{(s_2^n t_2)_c t_3^n}, \quad \forall t_2^n \in R$$

We define the n -ary operation $(\cdot)_+ : (R_{R^{n-1}})^n \rightarrow R_{R^{n-1}}$ by

$$\left(\frac{a_1}{s_{12}^n}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{s_{n2}^n} \right)_+ = \frac{(a_1^n)_c}{(s_{12}^n)_c, (s_{13}^n)_c, \dots, (s_{1n}^n)_c}$$

and a binary operation $+$: $(R_{R^{n-1}})^2 \rightarrow R_{R^{n-1}}$ by

$$\frac{a}{s_2^n} + \frac{b}{t_2^n} = \frac{((\dots((ab, s_2 t_2, \dots, s_2 t_n)_a, s_3 t_2, \dots, s_3 t_n)_a, \dots)_a, s_n t_2, \dots, s_n t_n)_a}{(at_2, \dots, at_n, bs_2)_c, bs_3, \dots, bs_n}$$

It is easy to verify that these operations are well defined.

Using Theorem 1.5, [7] we have that $(R_{R^{n-1}}, (\cdot)_+)$ is a commutative n -group with neutral element $\frac{a}{s_2^n}$,

$$\left(\frac{a}{s_2^n} \right) = \frac{(\dots((a, s_2^n)_a, s_2^n)_a, \dots, s_2^n)_a}{(n-1)}$$

The multiplication in $R_{R^{n-1}}$ is associative and distributive with respect to n -ary addition $(\cdot)_+$, therefore $(R_{R^{n-1}}, (\cdot)_+, +)$ is a commutative $(n, 2)$ -ring.

Let us define $\alpha : R \rightarrow R_{R^{n-1}}$, $\alpha(a) = \frac{(a, s)_a^{(n-1)}}{(n-1)}$, $(\forall) s \in R$. The mapping is correct definite and it is an homomorphism of the $(n, 2)$ -semirings. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\left(\frac{a}{s_2^n} + \frac{b}{t_2^n}\right) &= \alpha\left(\frac{(a_1, s)_a^{(n-1)}, (b_1, t)_a^{(n-1)}}{(n-1)}\right) \\ &= \frac{((a_1, s)_a^{(n-1)}, (b_1, t)_a^{(n-1)})_a}{(n-1)} \\ &= \frac{((a_1^n)_c, s^{[1]})_c}{(n-1)} = \frac{((a_1^n)_c, s)_c^{(n-1)}}{(n-1)} = \alpha\left(\frac{(a_1^n)_c}{s}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We remark that the commutativity of n -ary additive operation may be replaced by a weaker condition, namely semicommutativity.

We can state now the sequel result:

Theorem 3. Any $(n, 2)$ -ring can be embedded in an $(n, 2)$ -ring of matrices.

Proof. Let $(R, (\cdot)_o, \cdot)$ be an $(n, 2)$ -ring and $(M_n(R), [+, *])$ is an $(n, 2)$ -ring from Example 3. The mapping $f: R \rightarrow M_n(R)$

$$f(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a & a & \dots & a \\ a & a & \dots & a \\ \bar{a} & \bar{a} & \dots & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

is one - one correspondence between the elements of R and those of $M_n(R)$.

Moreover, because $(a_1^n)_o = (\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n)_o$ we have $f((a_1^n)_o) = [f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)]$ and by distributivity of " \cdot " with respect to $(\cdot)_o$ and by the properties of the querelement in an $(n, 2)$ -ring we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o &= a \cdot (b, \bar{b})_o = a \cdot b \\ (\bar{a} \cdot b, \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b})_o &= \bar{a} \cdot (b, \bar{b})_o = \bar{a} \cdot b = \overline{a \cdot b}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) * f(b) &= \begin{pmatrix} a & a & \dots & a \\ a & a & \dots & a \\ \bar{a} & \bar{a} & \dots & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} b & b & \dots & b \\ b & b & \dots & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{b} & \dots & \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o & \dots & (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o & \dots & (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o \\ (\bar{a} \cdot b, \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b})_o & \dots & (\bar{a} \cdot b, \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b})_o \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a \cdot b & a \cdot b & \dots & a \cdot b \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a \cdot b & a \cdot b & \dots & a \cdot b \\ \bar{a} \cdot b & \bar{a} \cdot b & \dots & \bar{a} \cdot b \end{pmatrix} = f(a \cdot b). \end{aligned}$$

The results can be extended to (n, m) -rings as well as to generalized $(n, 2)$ rings where the addition is only semicommutative.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} (d \cdot a) & \dots & (d \cdot a) \\ (d \cdot n \cdot d \cdot a) & \dots & (d \cdot n \cdot d \cdot a) \\ (d \cdot n \cdot d \cdot a) & \dots & (d \cdot n \cdot d \cdot a) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d \cdot a & \dots & d \cdot a \\ d \cdot a & \dots & d \cdot a \\ d \cdot a & \dots & d \cdot a \end{pmatrix}$$