

## SOME EMBEDDINGS THEOREMS FOR $(n,2)$ -RINGS

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In this paper we generalize two embedding theorems for rings. Any commutative  $(n,2)$ -semiring can be embedded isomorphically in a commutative  $(n,2)$ -ring and every  $(n,2)$ -ring  $R$  can be embedded in the  $(n,2)$ -ring of square matrices of order  $n$  with elements from  $R$ .

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This paper is a continuation of our previous papers [1] and [2].

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to give a construction for  $(n,2)$ -rings of quotient of a commutative  $(n,2)$ -semiring, which generalizes a well known theorem: any commutative semiring can be embedded isomorphically in to a commutative ring. An application of the classical theorem is the extension of the semiring of natural numbers to the ring of integers.

We use the standard notions of  $n$ -semigroups,  $n$ -groups,  $(n,m)$ -semirings and  $(n,m)$ -rings, as they appear, for example, in [3], [8], [1].

Let  $R$  be a set. Through the paper we will make use of notations: we will often write  $a^n$  instead  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ ; if  $k$  consecutive terms coincide we use the short notation  $\langle a \rangle$ . A set  $R$  together with an  $n$ -ary operation  $(\cdot)_o : R^n \rightarrow R$  is called  $n$ -semigroup if for any  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and all  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n-1} \in R$  the following associativity laws hold:  $((a_1^n)_o, a_{n+1}^{2n-1})_o = (a_1^k (a_{k+1}^{k+n})_o a_{k+n+1}^{2n-1})_o$ .

An  $n$ -group  $(R, (\cdot)_o)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup in which the equations  $(a_1^{i-1}, x, a_{i+1}^n)_o = a_i$  have a unique solution in  $R$  for arbitrary  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$  and for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

An  $n$ -semigroup ( $n$ -group)  $(R, (\cdot)_o)$  is called semicommutative (commutative) if  $(a_1, a_2^{n-1}, a_n)_o = (a_n, a_2^{n-1}, a_1)_o$  (respectively  $(a_1^n)_o = (a_{\sigma(1)}^{\sigma(n)})_o$ ) for any set of elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$  (for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ ).

An  $n$ -semigroup  $(R, (\cdot)_o)$  is called  $i$ -cancellative with respect to  $S \subseteq R$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , if for all  $s_j \in S$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i\}$ ,  $a, b \in R$ , the following implication holds:  $(s_1^{i-1}, a, s_{i+1}^n)_o = (s_1^{i-1}, b, s_{i+1}^n)_o \Rightarrow a = b$ , and cancellative with respect to  $S$ , if it is  $i$ -cancellative for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

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

$n$ -group the sequence  $\binom{(i-1)}{n} \bar{a}^{(n-i-1)}$

In an  $n$ -semigroup  $(R, \circ)$  an element  $e \in R$  is called a neutral element if

$$\binom{(i-1)}{n} e^{(n-i)}_o = a, \text{ for all } a \in R \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

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

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:  $(\bar{a}_i^n)_o = (\bar{a}_1^n)_o$  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

is to consider the pair  $(\cdot)_o : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}; (k_1^n)_o = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i + 1$  and the  $n$ -ary operation  $* : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}; k_1 * k_2 = (n-1)k_1 k_2 + k_1 + k_2$ . It is easy to verify that  $(\cdot)_o$  is a commutative and cancellative  $n$ -semigroup and  $*$  is a binary operation. Therefore  $(\mathbb{N}, \cdot, *)$  is an  $(n, 2)$ -ring. The neutral element of  $(\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  is zero and the identity of  $(\mathbb{N}, *)$  is one. The  $n$ -ary addition  $\circ$  is defined by  $(a_1 \circ a_2 \circ \dots \circ a_n)_o = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$ .

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

If  $A_k = (a_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $[A]_o = (a_{ij}^1)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$  is a querelement of  $A$  and  $[A]_o \circ [B]_o = [A \circ B]_o$ .

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, B = (b_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$ ,  $a_{ij} = (a_{ij}^1, a_{ij}^2, \dots, a_{ij}^n)_o$ ,  $b_{ij} = (b_{ij}^1, b_{ij}^2, \dots, b_{ij}^n)_o$ .

If  $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$  and  $C = (c_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$  then  $[A]_o \circ [C]_o = ([A \circ C]_o)_o = ((a_{ij}^1 \circ c_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m})_o$ .

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

It is easy to proof that  $(\mathcal{M}_m(R), \circ, +)$  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  $(R, (\cdot)_n, \cdot)$  be a commutative  $(n, 2)$ -semiring. As in [7], [5] we define an equivalence " $\sim$ " on  $R^n$  by  $as_2^n \sim bt_2^n \Leftrightarrow (a, t_2^n)_o = (b, s_2^n)_o$ . 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

$$\frac{a}{s_2^n} = \frac{(at_2^n)_0}{(s_2^n t_2)_0 t_2^n}, \quad \forall t_2^n \in R$$

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

$$\left( \frac{a_1}{s_{1,2}^{1,n}}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{s_{1,n}^n} \right) = \frac{(a_i^n)_c}{(s_{1,2}^{-n,2})_c, (s_{1,3}^{-n,3})_c, \dots, (s_{1,n}^{-n,n})_c}$$

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

$$\frac{a}{s_2^2} \cdot \frac{b}{t_2^2} = \frac{(((\dots((ab, s_2 t_2, \dots, s_2 t_n)_o, s_3 t_2, \dots, s_3 t_n)_o, \dots)_o, s_n t_2, \dots, s_n t_n)_o}{(at_2, \dots, at_n, bs_2)_o, bs_3, \dots, bs_n}$$

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

Using Theorem 1.5, [7] we have that  $(R_{R^{n-1}}, \oplus)$  is a commutative  $n$ -group with querelement of  $\frac{a}{\omega^n}$ .

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{s_2^n}\right) = \frac{(\dots((\alpha, s_2^n)_\diamond, s_2^n)_\diamond, \dots, s_2^n)_\diamond}{(n-1)}.$$

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

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

$$\text{Additive} - (\alpha(a_1), \dots, \alpha(a_n))_{+^n} = \left( \frac{(a_1, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o}{\frac{(n-1)}{s}}, \dots, \frac{(a_n, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o}{\frac{(n-1)}{s}} \right)_{+} + \text{Multiplicative} - ((a_1, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o, \dots, (a_n, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o)_o$$

and  $\alpha(a \cdot b) = \alpha(a) + \alpha(b)$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(a) * \alpha(b) &= \frac{(a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o * (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o}{(a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o} = \frac{(n-1)}{s} \\
&= \frac{(((a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o, \dots)_o, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o}{((a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s, \dots, (a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s, (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s, \dots, (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s)_o} \\
&= \frac{(((a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o, \dots)_o, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o}{((a, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s, (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s)_o, (b, \frac{(n-1)}{s})_o \cdot s} \\
&= \frac{((a \cdot b, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{s}, \frac{(n-1)^2}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)^2}{s \cdot s})_o)}{(a \cdot s, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, b \cdot s, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s})_o, b \cdot s, \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{s \cdot s}} \\
&= \frac{((a \cdot b, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{s \cdot s})_o)}{((a \cdot b, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{s \cdot s})_o, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, a \cdot s, b \cdot s, \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{s \cdot s})_o} \\
&= \frac{((a \cdot b), \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{s \cdot s})_o}{((a \cdot b), \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s}, \frac{(n-1)}{s \cdot s})_o} = \alpha(a \cdot b)
\end{aligned}$$

by using associativity, commutativity of operation  $\circ$ , and distributivity operation "•" with respect to  $\circ$ .

If  $\alpha(a) = \alpha(b)$ , therefore  $\frac{(a, \frac{(n+1)}{s})_o}{\frac{(n-1)}{s}} = \frac{(b, \frac{(n+1)}{s})_o}{\frac{(n-1)}{s}}$ , that is

$$\left( \left( a_i \right)_{\alpha}^{(n-1)}, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \right)_\beta = \left( \left( b_i \right)_{\alpha}^{(n-1)}, \frac{(n-1)}{s} \right)_\beta \text{ if } n \neq 1 \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

by using cancellative properties we have  $a = b$ , hence  $\alpha$  is an injective  $(n, 2)$ -semiring homomorphism.  $\square$

It has the following universal property which determines the  $(n, 2)$ -ring  $(R_{R^{n-1}}, 0, +, *)$  up to isomorphism:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(R, (\cdot)_\diamond, \cdot)$  be a commutative  $(n, 2)$ -semiring. If  $R_{R^{n-1}}$  is the  $(n, 2)$ -ring above constructed, and  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R_{R^{n-1}}$  is canonical homomorphism defined in Theorem 1, then for any  $(n, 2)$ -ring homomorphism  $\beta : R \rightarrow R'$ , where  $(R', [\cdot], \diamond)$  is a commutative  $(n, 2)$ -ring, there exists an unique ring-homomorphism  $\gamma : R_{R^{n-1}} \rightarrow R'$ , such that  $\gamma \circ \alpha = \beta$ .

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  $(\mathcal{M}_m(R), [\cdot]_*, \cdot)$  an  $(n, 2)$ -ring from Example 3. The mapping  $f: R \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_m(R)$

$$f(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a & a & \cdots & a \\ a & a & \cdots & a \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a & a & \cdots & a \\ \bar{a} & \bar{a} & \cdots & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

is one-one correspondence between the elements of  $R$  and those of  $\mathcal{M}_m(R)$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a \cdot b, a \cdot \bar{b})_o &= a \cdot (b, \bar{b})_o = a \cdot b && \text{by Eq. 2.7(1)} \\ (\bar{a} \cdot b, \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b})_o &= \bar{a} \cdot (b, \bar{b})_o = \bar{a} \cdot b = \bar{a} \cdot b. && \text{by Eq. 2.7(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

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

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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$$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = \begin{pmatrix} A \cdot B & A \cdot B \cdot C \\ A \cdot B & A \cdot B \cdot C \\ A \cdot B & A \cdot B \cdot C \\ A \cdot B & A \cdot B \cdot C \end{pmatrix} =$$