

FILIAL SEMIGROUPS AND SEMIGROUP RINGS

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In this note we define what are called filial semigroups and obtain conditions for a semigroup ring  $RS$  to be filial. R. Andruszkiewicz in [1] calls a ring  $R$  to be filial if the relation ideal in  $R$  is transitive, that is if a subring  $J$  is an ideal in a subring  $I$ , and  $I$  is an ideal in  $R$ , then  $J$  is an ideal in  $R$ . For more properties of filial rings please refer [1].

Definition 1. A semigroup  $S$  is called filial if there exists at least one subsemigroup  $J$  and if  $J$  is an ideal in a subsemigroup  $I$  and  $I$  is an ideal in  $S$  then  $J$  is an ideal in  $S$ .

Example. Take  $S = \{(0,0,0), (0,0,1), (0,1,0), (1,0,0)\}$  under usual componentwise multiplication  $J = \langle (0,0,0), (0,0,1) \rangle$ ,  $I = \langle (0,0,0), (0,0,1), (0,1,0) \rangle$  and  $J$  are subsemigroups and  $J$  is an ideal in  $I$  and  $S$ ; and  $I$  is an ideal in  $S$ . So  $S$  is filial semigroup.

It is nice to note that if  $S$  is an idempotent semigroup in which product of any distinct elements is zero, then  $S$  is filial. We say if every pair of subsemigroups satisfying the inclusion relation is transitive then  $S$  is strongly filial. Clearly the class of semigroups defined above is strongly filial.

Definition 2. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  a semigroup. The semigroup ring  $RS$  is called filial if there exists at least one subring  $J$  which is an ideal in a subring  $I$ , and  $I$  is an ideal in  $RS$ , then  $J$  is an ideal of  $RS$ .

Example. Take  $S = \{(0,0,0), (0,1,0), (1,0,0), (0,0,1)\}$  and  $Z_2 = (0,1)$ .  $Z_2S$  is a filial ring.

Remark. If every pair of subrings satisfying a inclusive relation satisfies the transitivity condition, then  $RS$  is said to be strongly filial.

Theorem 3. Let  $K$  be a field and  $S$  a filial semigroup. Then the semigroup ring  $KS$  is filial.

Proof.  $S$  be a filial semigroup, let  $J \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} I \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} S$  then  $KJ \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} KI \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} KS$  is such that the subring  $KJ$  is an ideal of the subring  $KI$  and  $KS$  and  $KI$  is an ideal of  $KS$ . Hence  $KS$  is filial.

Theorem 4. Let  $R$  be a filial ring.  $S$  any semigroup; then  $RS$  is a filial semigroup ring.

Proof. Given  $R$  is filial. Hence  $J \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} I \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} R$  is such that the subring  $J$  is an ideal of the subring  $I$ , and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and  $J$  is an ideal  $R$ . Take  $JS \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} IS \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} RS$ . Clearly  $RS$  is filial.

Example. Let  $S$  be any semigroup  $Z$  ring of integers.  $ZS$  is filial  $J = \langle 4 \rangle$ ,  $I = \langle 2 \rangle$ ,  $J \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} I \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} Z$  so  $JS \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} IS \underset{\neq}{\subseteq} ZS$ . Hence  $ZS$  is filial.

Theorem 5. Let  $S$  be a semigroup of order  $p$  and  $Z_p = (0,1,2,\dots,p-1)$ ,  $Z_pS$  is filial ( $p$ -a prime).

Proof. Let  $\omega(Z_pS) = \left\{ \alpha = \sum \alpha_i s_i \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha_i \in Z_p \\ s_i \in S \\ \sum \alpha_i = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

is the augmentation ideal of  $Z_pS$ . Let  $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p)$ . let  $J = \{0, n(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_p) \mid 1 \leq n \leq p-1\}$ . Then  $J$  is a subring and ideal of  $Z_pS$ .  $J$  is also an ideal of  $\omega(Z_pS)$ . So  $Z_pS$  is filial.

Problem 1. Let  $Z_p = (0,1,2,\dots,p-1)$ ,  $p$  s prime  $S$  a nonfilial semigroup with  $|S| = n$ ,  $(n,p) = 1$ . Is  $Z_pS$  filial?

Problem 2. Let  $R$  be nonfilial ring and  $S$  a nonfilial semigroup. Can  $RS$  be filial?

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