

NOTES ON GRADING MONOIDS

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ABSTRACT. Throughout this paper, a semigroup S will denote a torsion free grading monoid, and it is a non-zero semigroup with 0. The operation is written additively. The aim of this paper is to study semigroup version of an integral domain ([1],[3],[4] and [5]).

1. Introduction

Let S be an additive commutative semigroup with identity (denoted by 0), that is a monoid. A monoid S is said to be *cancellative* if $x + y = x + z$ with x, y and $z \in S$ implies $y = z$ and S is said to be *torsion-free* if $nx = ny$ with $x, y \in S$ and $n \in N$ implies $x = y$ where N denotes the set of all positive integers. A cancellative monoid is called a *grading monoid* [10,p.112]. In this paper, a semigroup S will denote a torsion free grading monoid, and it is a non-zero semigroup with 0. The operation is written additively.

A nonempty subset B of a semigroup S is called an *additive system* if it satisfies the following condition $b_1, b_2 \in B \Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 \in B$. For an additive system B , the *quotient semigroup* S_B is defined as follows: $\{s - b \mid s \in S, b \in B\}$. Especially, if $B = S$, then the quotient semigroup $S_S = \{s_1 - s_2 \mid s_1, s_2 \in S\}$ is called the *quotient group* of S , and is denoted by $q(S) = G$. T is called an *oversemigroup* of S if T is a subsemigroup of G containing S .

An *ideal* of S is a nonempty subset I of S such that $s + I = \{s + i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq I$ for each $s \in S$. For an ideal I, J of S , set $I^{-1} = \{x \in G \mid x + I \subseteq I\}$.

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S . Let J be an ideal of S . Set $rad(J) = \{s \in S \mid ns \in J \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}_0\}$. I is called a *radical ideal* of S if $I = rad(I)$. For each $x \in S$, set $(x) = x + S$. An ideal of S is principal if $I = (x)$. An ideal P of S is *prime* if $x + y \in P$ implies $x \in P$ or $y \in P$ for $x, y \in S$. An element s of S is called a unit if $s + u = 0$ for some $u \in S$. Also set $M = \{m \in S \mid m \text{ is a non-unit element of } S\}$. Then M is the unique maximal ideal of S . A semigroup S is called *valuation semigroup* if either $\alpha \in S$ or $-\alpha \in S$ for each $\alpha \in G$. Throughout this paper, we may refer to [6],[7],[8] and [9].

2. Results

A semigroup S is called *seminormal semigroup* if for each $x \in G$ such that there is a positive integer n with $mx \in S$ for all $m \geq n$ then $x \in S$, or equivalently, if $2\alpha, 3\alpha \in S$ for $\alpha \in G$ then $\alpha \in G$ (cf. [3],[6],[8] and [9]).

THEOREM 2.1. *Let S be a seminormal semigroup with quotient group G and I be an ideal of S . Then $(rad(I) : rad(I))$ is a seminormal and $(rad(I) : rad(I)) = \{x \in G \mid nx \in (S : I) \text{ for all } n \geq 1\}$.*

Proof. Clearly $(rad(I) : rad(I))$ is a subsemigroup of $(S : I)$. We first show that $(rad(I) : rad(I)) = \{x \in G \mid nx \in (S : I) \text{ for all } n \geq 1\}$. Let $x \in G$ such that $mx \in (S : I)$ for all $m \geq 1$ and $a \in rad(I)$. Then $na \in I$ for some positive integer n . Hence, for all $m \geq n$, $m(x + a) \in S$. By seminormality of S we have $x + a \in S$. Also $(n+1)(x+a) = (n+1)x + na + a \in (S : I) + I + rad(I) \subseteq rad(I)$. Thus $x+a \in rad(I)$. Therefore $x \in (rad(I) : rad(I))$. The converse inclusion is clear. Finally, we will show that $(rad(I) : rad(I))$ is seminormal. Let $nx \in (rad(I) : rad(I))$ for all $n \geq 1$. Since $nx \in (R : I)$ for all $n \geq 1$, we have $x \in (rad(I) : rad(I))$. Therefore $(rad(I) : rad(I))$ is seminormal semigroup.

COROLLARY 2.2. *If S is a seminormal semigroup and I is a radical ideal, then the semigroup $(I : I)$ is seminormal semigroup.*

THEOREM 2.3. *Let S be a seminormal semigroup with quotient group G and I be a prime ideal of S . Then P^{-1} is a subsemigroup of G if and only if $P^{-1} = (P : P)$.*

Proof. Since one direction is trivial, we assume P^{-1} is a subsemigroup of G and $P^{-1} \neq (P : P)$. Let $J = (S : P^{-1})$. We claim $J = P$. Since $P + P^{-1} \subseteq S$, we have $P \subseteq J$. Let $a \in J$, then $a + P^{-1} \subseteq S \subseteq (P : P)$ and so $(a + P^{-1}) + P = a + (P^{-1} + P) \subseteq P$. since P is prime and $P + P^{-1} \not\subseteq P$, $a \in P$. Whence, $J = P$. This is contradictsthe fact that $P^{-1} \neq (P : P)$.

THEOREM 2.4. *Let S be a seminormal semigroup with quotient group G and I be an ideal of S for which I^{-1} is a semigroup. Then*

- (1) $rad(I)^{-1} = (rad(I) : rad(I))$;
- (2) $I^{-1} = (rad(I) : I) = (J : I)$ for each prime $I \subseteq J$.

Proof. (1) since $rad(I) \subseteq S$, $(rad(I) : rad(I)) \subseteq rad(I)^{-1}$. To prove $rad(I)^{-1} \subseteq (rad(I) : rad(I))$, let $x \in (rad(I)^{-1})$ and $a \in rad(I)$. Then $na \in I$ for some positive integer n . Since $(rad(I)^{-1}) \subseteq I^{-1}$ and I^{-1} is a semigroup, we have $2nx \in I^{-1}$. Hence $2nx + na \in I^{-1} + I \subseteq S$, whence $2n(x + a) = (2nx + na) + na \in S + I$. Since $x + a \in S$, this implies that $x + a \in rad(I)$. Therefore $rad(I)^{-1} = (rad(I) : rad(I))$.

(3) It is enough to establish the inclusion $I^{-1} = (J : I)$. for each prime $I \subseteq J$ Let $x \in I^{-1}$. Since I^{-1} is a semigroup, we have $2x \in I^{-1}$, it follows that $2x + I \subseteq S$ and $2(x + I) = (2x + I) + I \subseteq I \subseteq J$. Since $x + I \subseteq S$, we have $x + I \subseteq J$. Thus $I + I^{-1} \subseteq J$, $I^{-1} \subseteq (J : I) \subseteq (S : I) = I^{-1}$, we have $I^{-1} = (J : I)$. Since this is true for each J , we have $I + I^{-1} \subseteq rad(I)$. Therefore $I^{-1} = (rad(I) : rad(I))$.

A prime ideal P of S is called *strongly prime* if $x, y \in G$ and $x + y \in P$ implies that $x \in P$ or $y \in P$. S is called *pseudo-valuation semigroup* if every prime ideal of S is strongly prime[3].

The following Lemma is useful restatement of definition of strongly prime ideal in semigroup S .

LEMMA 2.5. *Let P be a prime ideal of a semigroup with quotient group G . Then P is strongly prime ideal if and only if $-x + P \subseteq P$ for each $x \in G \setminus S$.*

Proof. Suppose that I is strongly prime. Letf $x \in G \setminus S$ and $p \in P$ Since $p = (p - x) + x \in P$ and P is strongly prime ideal, we have $(p - x) \in P$ or $x \in P$. Since $x \notin S$ we must have $p - x \in P$. Thus

$-x + P \subseteq P$. To prove opposite implication, assume $-x + P \subseteq P$ whenever $x \in G \setminus S$, and let $a + b \in P$. If $a, b \in S$ there is nothing to prove. Hence we may assume $a \notin S$ so that $-a + P \subseteq P$ and $b = -a + a + b \in P$. \square

THEOREM 2.6. *Let P be an ideal in semigroup S with quotient group G . Then following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) P is strongly prime;
- (2) $G \setminus P$ additive system;
- (3) P is prime and is comparable to each (principal) fractional ideal of S ;
- (4) $P : P$ is valuation semigroup with maximal ideal P ;
- (5) P is a prime ideal in some valuation oversemigroup of S .

Proof. Clearly (1) and (2) are equivalent. (1) \Rightarrow (3) Suppose that P is strongly prime ideal. Let $x \in G \setminus P$. Then $x + (-x + P) \subseteq P$. Since P is strongly prime, $-x + P \subseteq P$ and hence $P \subseteq x + P \subseteq x + S$. (3) \Rightarrow (2) Let $x, y \in S$. Suppose that $x + y \in P$. Now $x \in S$ implies $P \not\subseteq x + S$, So $-x + P \not\subseteq S$. Then $y = -x + (x + y) \in -x + P \subseteq S$. Similarly, $x \in S$. But then we get contradiction that either $x \in P$ or $y \in P$ since P is prime. (1) \Rightarrow (4). Suppose that $x \in G \setminus P$. From the proof of (1) \Rightarrow (3), we see that $-x + P \subset P$, and hence $-x \in (P : P)$. From this it easily follows that $P : P$ is a valuation semigroup with P as its maximal ideal. Finally, the implications (4) \Rightarrow (5) and (5) \Rightarrow (1) are obvious.

In the following Theorem we characterize pseudo-valuation semigroup with the maximal ideals

THEOREM 2.7. *Let (S, M) be a semigroup. The following statement are equivalent:*

- (1) S is pseudo-valuation semigroup
- (2) For each pair I, J of ideals of S , either $I \subseteq J$ or $M + J \subseteq M + I$;
- (3) For each pair I, J of ideals of S , either $I \subseteq J$ or $M + J \subseteq I$;
- (4) M is strongly prime.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Assume $I \not\subseteq J$. Let $a \in I \setminus J$. For each $b \in J$ we have $a - b \notin S$, so that $-(a - b) + M \subseteq M$ and $M + b \subseteq M + a \subseteq M + I$. It follows that $M + J \subseteq M + I$.

- (2) \Rightarrow (3) straightforward.
- (3) \Rightarrow (4) Let $a, b \in S$ with $a - b \notin S$. By Lemma 2.5, this is enough to show that $-(a - b) + M \subseteq M$. Since $a - b \notin S$ we have $(a) \not\subseteq (b)$ whence $M + b \subseteq (a)$ and $-(a - b) + M \subseteq S$. If $-(a - b) + M = S$ then $M = S + (a - b)$ and $a - b \notin S$, This is a contradiction. Hence $-(a - b) + M \subseteq M$. Therefore M is strongly prime ideal
- (4) \Rightarrow (1) Let $x \in G$, $x \notin S$, and let P be a prime ideal. Again, by Lemma 2.5, it is enough to show that $-x + P \subseteq P$. Let $p \in P$. Since $P \subseteq M$, we have $-x + p \in M$. Hence $-x + p - x \in M$, whence $2(-x + p) = (-x + p) + (-x + p) \in P$. Since P is prime and $-x + p \in S$, we therefore have $-x + p \in P$.

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