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# Weakly Prime and Weakly primary ideals in gamma seminearrings

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**Abstract.** We introduce and discuss the weakly prime and weakly primary ideals of a gamma seminearrings with illustrative examples. We also present few of characterizations of these ideals.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of seminearring was introduced by W. G. van Hoorn et al. in [1]. Seminearfields have been introduced in [5]. As a generalization of seminearrings that is Γ-seminear-rings were introduced in [2]. Subsequently, prime and semiprime ideals in gamma seminearrings have been explored in [3]. In a sequel, we introduce the notion of weakly prime and weakly primary ideals Γ-seminearring and few of their characterizations. We recall some useful concepts for the sake of completeness. A nonempty set R with two binary operations " + "(addition) and "." (multiplication) is called a seminearring if it satisfies (i) (R, +) and (R, .) are semigroups; (ii) (x+y).z = x.z + y.z for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . In 2005, Krishna & Chatterjee [4], introduced the condition of minimality of generalized linear sequential machines using the theory of near-semirings. Near-semirings have proven to be useful in studying automata and formal languages. Following [3], Γ-seminearring is a triple  $(R, +, \Gamma)$  where, (i) Γ is a non-empty set of binary operators on R such that for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , (R, +, .) is a seminearring, (ii)  $x\alpha(y\beta z) = (x\alpha y)\beta z$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Similarly, let R be a Γ-seminearring, a subsemigroup A of (R, +) is called a left (resp., right) ideal of R if  $R\Gamma A \subseteq A$  (resp.,  $A\Gamma R \subseteq A$ ). A left and right ideal is called an ideal. Let

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R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring and  $I, J \subseteq R$ . We denote it by  $I\Gamma J = \{a\alpha b \mid a, b \in R \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma\}$ . A mapping  $f: R \to R'$  between two gamma seminearrings is called a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring homomorphism ( $\Gamma$ -homomorphism), if f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) and  $f(x\gamma y) = f(x)\gamma f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Let R and R' be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearrings and  $f: R \to R'$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring homomorphism. Then, (i)  $f(I_1\Gamma I_2) = f(I_1)\Gamma f(I_2)$  for all  $I_1, I_2 \in R$ , (ii)  $f^{-1}(J_1)\Gamma f^{-1}(J_2) = f^{-1}(J_1\Gamma J_2)$  for all  $J_1, J_2 \in R'$ .

# 2. Weakly prime and weakly primary ideals in $\Gamma$ -seminearrings

In this section we introduce the notion of weakly prime and weakly primary ideals in  $\Gamma$ -seminearrings. By an ideal we mean two-sided ideal unless otherwise stated. We begin with the following definition.

**Definition 1.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring. A proper ideal P of R is called weakly prime if for ideals I and J,  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq P$  implies  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J \subseteq P$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let P be a proper ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R. The following statements are equivalent.

- (i) P is weakly prime.
- (ii) For ideals I and J of R,  $0 \neq (I\Gamma J) \subseteq P$  implies  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J \subseteq P$ .
- (iii) For elements i and j in R,  $i \notin P$  and  $j \notin P$  implies  $0 \neq (i)\Gamma(j) \not\subseteq P$ .

*Proof.* Following definition1, clearly (i) and (ii) are equivalent. Now,  $(i) \Longrightarrow (iii)$  Let P be a weakly prime,  $i \notin P$  and  $j \notin P$ . Assume  $0 \neq (i) \Gamma(j) \subseteq P \Rightarrow (i) \subseteq P$  or  $(j) \subseteq P$ . Hence,  $i \in P$  or  $j \in P$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $0 \neq (i)\Gamma(j) \nsubseteq P$ .  $(iii) \Longrightarrow (i)$  Assume that  $I \nsubseteq P$  and  $J \nsubseteq P$ . Then there exists  $i \in I \setminus P$  and  $j \in J \setminus P$ . Hence,  $0 \neq (i)\Gamma(j) \subseteq 0 \neq I\Gamma J$  but  $0 \neq (i)\Gamma(j) \nsubseteq P$  by (iii). Thus,  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \nsubseteq P$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, 1\}$ .

+	0	1	e	a	b	c
0	0	1	e	a	a	c
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
e	e	1	e	1	1	e
a	a	1	1	a	a	a
b	a	1	1	a	a	a
c	c	1	e	a	a	c

$\alpha$	0	1	e	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	e	a	b	c
e	0	e	e	0	c	c
a	0	a	0	a	a	0
b	0	b	0	a	a	0
c	0	c	0	0	0	0

 $P = \{0, a, b\}$  of a seminearring R is a weakly prime ideal but not a prime ideal, since  $c\alpha c = 0$  and  $c \notin P$ . On the other hand, consider a prime ideal  $Q = \{0, e, c\}$  of R. It is easy to show that Q is a weakly prime ideal. For this, let I and J are ideals of R, where  $I = \{0, e, c\}$  and  $J = \{0, a, b\}$ . Then,  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq Q \Longrightarrow I \subseteq Q \Longrightarrow Q$  is a weakly prime ideal. Hence every prime ideal of a gamma seminearring is a weakly prime ideal.

**Example 2.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, 1\}$  as defined in example 1. Let  $S = \{0, 1, e, a, c\} \subseteq R$  be a  $\Gamma$ -sub-seminearring of R with  $\Gamma = \{1, \alpha\}$ . Clearly, in S the ideals  $I = \{0, a\}$  and  $J = \{0, c\}$  are weakly prime ideals but not prime.

**Proposition 2.** Let P be a proper ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R and  $\{0 \neq a\alpha r\beta b : r \in R, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\} \subseteq P$  if and only if  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ , then P is a weakly prime ideal.

*Proof.* Let I and J are ideals of R with  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq P$ . Let  $I \nsubseteq P$ , and for  $a \in I \setminus P$ ,  $b \in J$ , we have  $\{0 \neq a\alpha r\beta b : r \in R, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma\} \subseteq I\Gamma J \neq 0 \subseteq P$ . Since  $a \notin P$  and  $b \in P \Rightarrow J \subseteq P$ . Hence, P is a weakly prime ideal.

**Proposition 3.** Intersection of finite numbers of weakly prime ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R which are totally ordered by inclusion is a weakly prime ideal.

*Proof.* Let  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in\Lambda}$  be the family of weakly prime ideals which are totally ordered by

inclusion. Suppose I and J be ideals of R. If  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq \cap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} P_{\alpha}$ , then  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Suppose that there exists  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $I \nsubseteq P_{\alpha}$ . Then,  $J \subseteq P_{\alpha}$  and hence  $J \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for all  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . We assume that there exist  $\gamma < \alpha$  such that  $J \subseteq P_{\gamma}$ . Then,  $I \subseteq P_{\gamma}$  and hence  $I \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ , which is impossible. Hence,  $J \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for any  $\beta \in \Lambda$ . Thus,  $\cap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} P_{\alpha}$  is a weakly prime ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R.

Below we provide an illustrative example.

**Example 3.** Let  $S = \{0, 1, e, a, c\}$  with  $\Gamma = \{1, \alpha\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring defined in the tables given below.

+	0	1	e	a	c
0	0	1	e	a	c
1	1	1	1	1	1
e	e	1	e	1	e
a	a	1	1	a	a
c	c	1	e	a	c

$\alpha$	0	1	e	a	c
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	e	a	c
e	0	e	e	0	c
a	0	a	0	a	0
c	0	c	0	0	0

Consider  $P_1 = \{0, c\}$  and  $P_2 = \{0, e, c\}$  are the weakly prime ideals of R and are totally ordered by inclusion as well. Since,  $P_1 \cap P_2 = P_1$ , which is a weakly prime ideal of R. Hence,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} P_{\alpha}$  is a weakly prime ideal.

**Proposition 4.** Let I be an ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R with  $R + I \subseteq I$  and  $I + R \subseteq I$ . Let P be a proper ideal of R containing I and  $\psi : R \to R/I$  be the canonical epimorphism. Then, P is a weakly prime ideal if and only if  $\psi(P)$  is a weakly prime.

Proof. Let P be a weakly prime ideal of R. Suppose  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are ideals in R/I such that  $0 \neq J_1\Gamma J_2 \subseteq \psi(P)$ . Assume that  $\psi^{-1}(J_1) = I_1$  and  $\psi^{-1}(J_2) = I_2$ . Then,  $0 \neq I_1\Gamma I_2 = 0 \neq \psi^{-1}(J_1)\Gamma \psi^{-1}(J_2) \subseteq 0 \neq \psi^{-1}(J_1\Gamma J_2) \subseteq 0 \neq \psi^{-1}(\pi(P)) = P$ . Since P is a weakly prime ideal, it implies  $I_1 \subseteq P$  or  $I_2 \subseteq P$ . Hence,  $J_1 = \psi(\psi^{-1}(J_1)) = \psi(I_1) \subseteq \psi(P)$  or  $J_2 = \psi(\psi^{-1}(J_2)) = \psi(J_2) \subseteq \psi(P)$ . Hence,  $\psi(P)$  is a weakly prime. Conversely, suppose  $\psi(P)$  be a weakly prime ideal and let  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  are ideals of R such that  $0 \neq I_1\Gamma I_2 \subseteq P$ . Then,  $0 \neq \psi(I_1)\Gamma\psi(I_2) = 0 \neq \psi(I_1\Gamma I_2) \subseteq \psi(P)$ . Since  $\psi(P)$  is a weakly prime ideal, it implies that  $\psi(I_1) \subseteq \psi(P)$  or  $\psi(I_2) \subseteq \psi(P)$ . Thus,  $I_1 \subseteq P$  or  $I_2 \subseteq P$ , and hence P is a weakly prime ideal of a Γ-seminearring R.

**Definition 2.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring and M be a non-empty subset of R. We call M an m-system if for  $a, b \in M$ , there exist  $a_1 \in (a), b_1 \in (b)$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $0 \neq a_1 \alpha b_1 \in M$ .

**Proposition 5.** Let P be a proper ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R. Then, P is a weakly prime ideal if and only if  $R \setminus P$  is m-system.

Proof. Let P be a weakly prime ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R. Consider  $a, b \in R \setminus P$  and  $0 \neq (a)\Gamma(b) \not\subseteq P$ . Let  $a_1 \in (a)$ ,  $b_1 \in (b)$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $0 \neq a_1\alpha b_1 \notin P$ , i.e.,  $a_1\alpha b_1 \in R \setminus P$ . Thus,  $R \setminus P$  is an m-system. Conversely, suppose  $R \setminus P$  is an m-system and let  $a, b \in R \setminus P$ . Then, there exist  $a_1 \in (a)$ ,  $b_1 \in (b)$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $a_1\alpha b_1 \in R \setminus P$ . Thus,  $0 \neq (a)\Gamma(b) \not\subseteq P$  and hence P is a weakly prime ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R.

**Definition 3.** A subset A of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R is a subtractive, if  $a \in A$  and  $a + b \in A$  implies  $b \in A$ .

**Proposition 6.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring whose all ideals are subtractive, and let P be a proper ideal of R. Then, P is a weakly prime if and only if for any ideals I, J of R,  $P \subset I$  and  $P \subset J$  implies  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \nsubseteq P$ .

Proof. Suppose for any ideals I, J of  $R, P \subset I$  and  $P \subset J$  implies  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \nsubseteq P$ . Let us suppose that  $I \nsubseteq P$  and  $J \nsubseteq P$ . Then there exist  $i \in I \setminus P$  and  $j \in J \setminus P$  and hence  $P \subset P + (i)$ . By hypothesis,  $0 \neq (P + (i))\Gamma(P + (j)) \nsubseteq P$  and so there exist  $i' \in (i)$ ,  $j' \in (j), p, p' \in P$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $0 \neq (p+i')\alpha(p'+j') \notin P$ . Since,  $0 \neq p\alpha(p'+j') \in P$ ,  $0 \neq i'\alpha(p'+j') \notin P$  and P is an ideal, then  $i' \notin P$  and  $p' + j' \notin P$ . Thus,  $i' \notin P$  and  $j' \notin P$  because P is subtractive. It implies  $0 \neq (i')\Gamma(j') \nsubseteq P$ . But  $0 \neq (i')\Gamma(j') \subseteq 0 \neq I\Gamma J \neq P$ . Hence, P is a weakly prime ideal. The converse is obvious by the definition of a weakly prime ideal of a Γ-seminearring.

**Theorem 1.** Let M be an m-system of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R whose each ideal is a subtractive. Let I be an ideal with  $I \cap M = \emptyset$ . Then, there exists a weakly prime ideal P such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap M = \emptyset$ .

Proof. Let  $\Im = \{J: J \text{ is an ideal of } R, I \subseteq J \text{ and } J \cap M \neq \emptyset\}$ . Then,  $\Im \neq \emptyset$  and let  $\{J_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a chain in I which is ordered under set inclusion. Then,  $I \subseteq \cap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} J_{\alpha}$  and  $(\cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} J_{\alpha}) \cap M = \cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (J_{\alpha} \cap M) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} J_{\alpha} \in I$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $\Im$  has a maximal element say P. We also claim that P is a weakly prime ideal. If  $P \subset K_1$  and  $P \subset K_2$ , then there exist  $k_1 \in K_1 \cap M$ ,  $k_2 \in K_2 \cap M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $0 \neq (k_1)\alpha(k_2) \subseteq 0 \neq K_1\Gamma K_2$  and there exist  $k'_1 \in (k_1)$  and  $k'_2 \in (k_2)$  such that  $0 \neq k'_1\alpha k'_2 \in M$ . Thus,  $0 \neq k'_1\alpha k'_2 \in 0 \neq K_1\Gamma K_2 \cap M$ . Since  $P \cap M = \emptyset$ ,  $(K_1\Gamma K_2) \nsubseteq P$ . Hence, P is a weakly prime ideal.

Now we present few results about such a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R in which each ideal is weakly prime.

**Proposition 7.** Every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R is a weakly prime if and only if for any ideals I, J, K of R,  $I\Gamma J = I$ ,  $I\Gamma J = J$ ,  $I\Gamma J = K$  where K is the ideal contained in both I and J, or  $I\Gamma J = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that every ideal of R is a weakly prime. Let I, J are ideals of a Γ-seminearring R. If  $I\Gamma J \neq R$ , then  $I\Gamma J$  is a weakly prime. If  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq I\Gamma J$ , then we have  $I \subseteq I\Gamma J$  or  $J \subseteq I\Gamma J$  i.e.,  $I = I\Gamma J$  or  $J = I\Gamma J$ . If  $I\Gamma J = K$  then clearly  $K = I \cap J$  is a weakly prime ideal then by proposition3,  $K \subset I$  and  $K \subset J$ . Finally, if  $I\Gamma J = R$ , then we have I = J = R and hence  $R\Gamma R = R$ .

Conversely, let L be any proper ideal of R and suppose that  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq L$  for ideals I and J of R. Then, we have either  $I = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$  or  $J = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$ . And if  $K = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$ , where  $K \subset I \cap J$  and hence  $K \cap I \subseteq I$  and  $K \cap J \subseteq L$ .

**Example 4.** Refer to the  $\Gamma$ -seminearring S defined by tables in example 3. Clearly, S has four ideals,  $I = \{0, a\}$ ,  $J = \{0, c\}$ ,  $K = \{0, e, c\}$  and  $L = \{0, a, c\}$ . Now,  $I\Gamma J = \{0\}$ ,  $I\Gamma K = \{0\}$ ,  $I\Gamma L = I$ ,  $J\Gamma I = \{0\}$ ,  $J\Gamma K = \{0\}$ ,  $J\Gamma L = \{0\}$ ,  $K\Gamma I = \{0\}$ ,  $K\Gamma J = J$ ,  $K\Gamma L = J$  where  $J \subset K$  and  $J \subset L$ ,  $L\Gamma I = I$ ,  $L\Gamma J = \{0\}$ ,  $L\Gamma K = \{0\}$ . Hence, we can check easily that every ideal of S is a weakly prime ideal.

Corollary 1. Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring in which every ideal of R is a weakly prime. Then for any ideal I of R, either  $I\Gamma I = I^2 = I$  or  $I\Gamma I = I^2 = 0$ .

**Example 5.** Refer to example 4, since  $I = \{0, a\}$  be the weakly prime ideal of S and hence  $I\Gamma I = I^2 = I$ . Also, for another weakly prime ideal  $J = \{0, c\}$  of S we have  $J\Gamma J = J^2 = 0$ .

In the above example the ideal  $K = \{0, e, c\}$  we have  $K\Gamma K = K^2 = \{0, e\}$  which is a subset of  $\Gamma$ -seminearring but not an ideal. And for the ideal  $L = \{0, a, c\}$  we have  $L\Gamma L = L^2 = \{0, a\}$  which is a weakly prime ideal of S.)

**Proposition 8.** Suppose that every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R is a weakly prime. If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two maximal ideals of R then  $M_1\Gamma M_2 = 0$  or  $M_1\Gamma M_2 = N = M_1 \cap M_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose every ideal of a Γ-seminearring R is a weakly prime ideal. Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be the two distinct maximal ideals. Since,  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a weakly prime and hence  $M_1\Gamma M_2 \subseteq M_1\cap M_2$ , we must have  $M_1\Gamma M_2 = 0$  and similarly  $M_2\Gamma M_1 = 0$ , or  $M_2\Gamma M_1 = N$ , being every ideal a weakly prime ideal of R, the result follows from proposition3.

**Example 6.** Refer to the  $\Gamma$ -seminearring S defined in tables of an example  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let  $I = \{0, a, c\}$  and  $J = \{0, e, c\}$  be the two maximal ideals of S. Clearly  $I\Gamma J = 0$  and  $J\Gamma I = \{0, c\} = I \cap J = \{0, c\}$ .

Corollary 2. Let every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminear-ring R is a weakly prime. Then, every nonzero ideal of R/N(R) is prime.

Corollary 3. Suppose that every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminear-ring R is a weakly prime. Then  $(N(R))\Gamma(N(R))=0$  and every prime ideal P(R) contains N(R). There are three possibilities.

- (a) N(R) = R.
- (b) N(R) = P(R) is the smallest prime ideal and all other prime ideals are idempotent and are linearly ordered. If  $N(R) \neq 0$ , then it is the only non-idempotent prime ideal. (c) N(R) = P(R) is not a prime ideal. And in such case there exist two nonzero minimal prime ideals  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  with  $N(R) = J_1 \cap J_2$  and  $J_1 \Gamma J_2 = \{0\}$  or  $(d), J_2 \Gamma J_1 = \{0\}$  or (c). All other ideals containing N(R) also contain  $J_1 + J_2$  and they are linearly ordered.

We elaborate the above proposition in the below example.

**Example 7.** Refer to the  $\Gamma$ -seminearring S defined in tables of an example S. In S,  $N(S) = \{0, c\}$  and we have  $(N(S))^2 = (N(R)) \Gamma(N(R)) = \{0, c\}^2 = \{0\}$ . As, N(S) = P(S) is not a prime ideal and possibility (c) of the above corollary S is valid for this i.e., there exist two nonzero minimal prime ideals  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  with  $N(R) = J_1 \cap J_2$  and  $J_1 \Gamma J_2 = \{0\}$  and  $J_2 \Gamma J_1 = \{c\} = \{0, c\}$ . All other ideals containing N(R) also contain  $J_1 + J_2$  and are linearly ordered. Let  $J_1 = \{0, a, c\}$  and  $J_2 = \{0, e, c\}$  be the minimal prime ideals of S. We have  $N(S) = \{0, c\} = J_1 \cap J_2$  and  $J_1 J_2 = J_2 J_1 = 0$ . Beside these two ideals another ideal of S is S itself and clearly it contains N(S) and also  $J_1 + J_2$  where  $J_1 + J_2 = S$ .

**Example 8.** Let  $T = \{0, a, b\}$  be a right seminearring under the operations defined in given below tables.

+	0	a	b
0	0	a	b
a	a	a	a
b	b	b	b

	0	a	b
0	0	0	0
a	0	a	a
b	0	a	b

Here  $N(T) = P(T) = \{0\}$  and it is the smallest prime ideal. Possibility (b) of above corollary3 is valid for this seminearring.

**Definition 4.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring under the mapping from  $R \times \Gamma \times R$  into R, say f, and D be the set of all destributive elements of R, i.e.,  $D = \{d \in R \mid d\alpha(a+b) =$ 

 $d\alpha a + d\alpha b$  for all  $a, b \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then R is called distributively generated (in short, d.g.) if the set D is non empty subset of R which  $f_{D \times \Gamma \times D} : D \times \Gamma \times D \to D$  and  $(\langle D, + \rangle) = (R, +)$  where  $\langle D \rangle = \{\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i d_i \mid m, \alpha_i \in N \text{ and } d_i \in D \text{ for all } i \}$ . In fact,  $\langle D \rangle = \{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i \mid n \in N \text{ and } d_i \in D\}$  where all  $d_i$ 's in  $\sum d_i$  may not be distinct. In addition,  $(\langle D, + \rangle) = (R, +)$  means that every element in R can be written as a finite sum of destributive elements.

**Example 9.** Refer to the  $\Gamma$ -seminearring S defined in tables of an example 3. Let  $D = \{0, 1\}$ , where all elements of D are distributive elements of R i.e.,  $D = \{d \in R \mid d\alpha(a+b) = d\alpha a + d\alpha b$  for all  $a, b \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma\}$ . S is called distributively generated because the set  $D = \{0, 1\}$  is a nonempty subset of R which satisfies  $f_{D \times \Gamma \times D} : D \times \Gamma \times D \to D$  and (< D >, +) = (R, +).

**Theorem 2.** Let R be a distributively generated  $\Gamma$ -seminearring.

- (1) If A is weakly prime ideal of R and B is a nonempty subset of R. Then,  $A\Gamma B$  is a weakly prime ideal of R.
  - (2) If A and B are weakly prime ideals of R, then  $A\Gamma B$  is an ideal of R.

**Example 10.** Refer to the  $\Gamma$ -seminearring S defined in tables of an example  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let  $A = \{0, a\}$  be a weakly prime ideal of R and  $B = \{1, e\}$  be a nonempty subset of R. Clearly  $A\Gamma B = \{0, a\}$  is a weakly prime ideal of S. Let  $C = \{0, c\}$  be another weakly prime ideal. Also  $A\Gamma C = \{0\}$  and it is a minimal prime ideal of S.

## Weakly primary ideals

**Definition 5.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring. A proper ideal P of R is said to be a weakly primary ideal if  $0 \neq p\gamma q \in P$  implies  $p \in P$  or  $q^n \in P$ .

+	0	1	e	a	b	c
0	0	1	e	a	a	c
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
e	e	1	e	1	1	e
a	a	1	1	a	a	a
b	a	1	1	a	a	a
c	c	1	e	a	a	c

$\alpha$	0	1	e	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	e	a	b	c
e	0	e	e	0	c	c
a	0	a	0	a	a	0
b	0	b	0	a	a	0
c	0	c	0	0	0	0

**Example 11.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, 1\}$  defined in example 1. Here  $I = \{0, a\}$ ,  $J = \{0, a, c\}$  are weakly primary ideals but not a weakly prime. Clearly,  $b\alpha b = a \in I$  but  $b^2 = a \in I$ . Similarly, J is also a weakly primary but not a weakly prime ideal. neither prime because in J, as  $e.b = c \in J$ . Clearly,  $e, b \notin J$  but  $b^2 = a \in J$ .

**Proposition 9.** Every weakly prime ideal is a weakly primary ideal but converse is not true.

**Example 12.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, 1\}$ . In R the ideal  $I = \{0, a, b\}$  is weakly prime and also by above proposition it is weakly primary but it is not prime b/c  $c\alpha c = 0$  and  $c \notin I$ . Another ideal  $J = \{0, a\}$  is weakly primary but not weakly prime neither prime b/c  $b\alpha b = a \in I$ . Clearly,  $b \notin I$  but  $b^2 = a \in I$ .

**Proposition 10.** Intersection of finite numbers of weakly primary ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R which are totally ordered by inclusion is a weakly primary ideal.

Proof. Let  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in\Lambda}$  be the family of weakly primary ideals which are totally ordered by inclusion. Suppose I and J be ideals of R. If  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq \cap_{{\alpha}\in\Lambda} P_{\alpha}$ , then  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ , for all  ${\alpha} \in \Lambda$ . Suppose that there exists  ${\alpha} \in \Lambda$  such that  $I \nsubseteq P_{\alpha}$ . Then,  $J^n \subseteq P_{\alpha}$  and hence  $J^n \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for all  ${\beta} \geq {\alpha}$ . We assume that there exist  ${\gamma} < {\alpha}$  such that  $J^n \subseteq P_{\gamma}$ . Then,  $I \subseteq P_{\gamma}$  and hence  $I \subseteq P_{\alpha}$ , which is impossible. Hence,  $J^n \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for any  ${\beta} \in \Lambda$ . Thus,  $\cap_{{\alpha} \in \Lambda} P_{\alpha}$  is a weakly primary ideal of a Γ-seminearring R.

**Example 13.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, 1\}$ . Here  $I = \{0, a\}, J = \{0, a, c\}$  are weakly primary ideals but not weakly prime and  $K = \{0, a, b, c\}$  is prime and hence weakly primary because every prime ideal is weakly primary. Clearly, these ideals are totally ordered by inclusion i.e.  $I \subseteq J \subseteq K$ . Since,  $I \cap J \cap K = I = \{0, a\}$ , which is also a primary ideal b/c  $b.b = a \in I$ . Clearly,  $b \notin I$  but  $b^2 = a \in I$ .

**Proposition 11.** Every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R is a weakly primary if and only if for any ideals I, J, K of R,  $I\Gamma J = I$ ,  $I\Gamma J = J$ ,  $I\Gamma J = K$  where K is the ideal contained in both I and J or either in I or in J i.e.  $K \subseteq I$ , J or  $K \subseteq I$  or  $K \subseteq J$ , or  $I\Gamma J = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that every ideal of R is a weakly prime. Let I, J are ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R. If  $I\Gamma J \neq R$ , then  $I\Gamma J$  is a weakly prime. If  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq I\Gamma J$ , then we have  $I \subseteq I\Gamma J$  or  $J^n \subseteq I\Gamma J$  i.e.,  $I = I\Gamma J$  or  $J^n = I\Gamma J$ . If  $I\Gamma J = K$  then clearly  $K = I \cap J$  is a weakly primary ideal then,  $K \subset I$  and  $K \subset J^n$ . Finally, if  $I\Gamma J = R$ , then we have I = J = R and hence  $R\Gamma R = R$ .

Conversely, let L be any proper ideal of R and suppose that  $0 \neq I\Gamma J \subseteq L$  for ideals I and J of R. Then, we have either  $I = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$  or  $J^n = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$ . And if  $K = I\Gamma J \subseteq L$ , where  $K \subset I \cap J$  and hence  $K \cap I \subseteq I$  and  $K \cap J \subseteq L$ .

**Example 14.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a Γ-seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{1, \alpha\}$ . As R has six different ideals i.e.  $I = \{0, a\}, J = \{0, c\}, K = \{0, e, c\}, L = \{0, a, c\}, M = \{0, a, b\}$ , and

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 $N=\{0,a,b,c\}.$  Now,  $I\Gamma I=I,\ I\Gamma J=\{0\},\ I\Gamma K=\{0\},\ I\Gamma L=I,\ I\Gamma M=I,\ I\Gamma N=I,\ J\Gamma I=\{0\},\ J\Gamma J=\{0\},\ J\Gamma J=\{0\},\ J\Gamma K=\{0\},\ J\Gamma M=\{0\},\ J\Gamma M=\{0\},\ K\Gamma I=\{0\},\ K\Gamma I=\{0\},\ K\Gamma J=J,\ K\Gamma K=K,\ K\Gamma L=J,\ K\Gamma M=J\ \text{where}\ J\subseteq K\ ,\ K\Gamma N=J,\ \text{where}\ J\subseteq K\ \text{and}\ J\subseteq N,\ L\Gamma I=I,\ L\Gamma J=\{0\},\ L\Gamma K=\{0\},\ L\Gamma L=I,\ \text{where}\ I\subseteq L,\ L\Gamma M=I\ \text{where}\ I\subseteq L\ \text{and}\ I\subseteq M,\ L\Gamma N=I,\ \text{where}\ I\subseteq L\ \text{ond}\ I\subseteq M,\ M\Gamma M=I,\ \text{where}\ I\subseteq M\ \text{and}\ I\subseteq M.$  Hence, we can easily check that every ideal of R is weakly primary.

**Proposition 12.** Suppose that every ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -seminearring R is a weakly primary. If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two maximal ideals of R then either  $M_1\Gamma M_2=0$  or  $M_1\Gamma M_2=N=M_1\cap M_2$ .

**Example 15.** Let  $R = \{0, 1, e, a, b, c\}$  be a  $\Gamma$ - seminearring with  $\Gamma = \{1, \alpha\}$ . Let  $I = \{0, a, b, c\}$  and  $J = \{0, e, c\}$  be the two maximal ideals of R. Clearly  $I\Gamma J = \{0\}$  and  $J\Gamma I = \{0, c\} = I \cap J$ .

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