

## EUCLIDEAN PARTIAL SEMIRINGS

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ABSTRACT. The partial functions under disjoint-domain sums and functional composition is a partial semiring, an algebraic structure possessing a natural partial ordering, an infinitary partial addition and a binary multiplication, subject to a set of axioms. In this paper we study the Euclidean partial semirings.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Partially defined infinitary operations occur in the contexts ranging from integration theory to programming language semantics. The study of  $pfn(D, D)$  (the set of all partial functions of a set  $D$  to itself),  $Mfn(D, D)$  (the set of all multi functions of a set  $D$  to itself) and  $Mset(D, D)$  (the set of all total functions of a set  $D$  to the set of all finite multi sets of  $D$ ) play an important role in the theory of computer science, and to abstract these structures Manes and Benson[1] introduced the notion of sum ordered partial semirings (so-rings). In this paper we introduced the notion of left Euclidean norm and Dale norm on a partial semiring and we generalize the results of Euclidean semirings studied by Golan[3] to partial semirings.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we collect some important definitions, results and examples for our use in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [5] *A partial semiring is a quadruple  $(R, \Sigma, \cdot, 1)$ , where  $(R, \Sigma)$  is a partial monoid,  $(R, \cdot, 1)$  is a monoid with multiplicative operation  $\cdot$  and unit 1, and the additive and multiplicative structures obey the following distributive laws. If  $\Sigma(x_i : i \in I)$  is defined in  $R$ , then for all  $y$  in  $R$ ,  $\Sigma(y \cdot x_i : i \in I)$  and  $\Sigma(x_i \cdot y : i \in I)$  are defined and*

$$y \cdot [\Sigma_i x_i] = \Sigma_i (y \cdot x_i); [\Sigma_i x_i] \cdot y = \Sigma_i (x_i \cdot y).$$

**Definition 2.2.** [2] *Let  $R$  be a partial semiring. A subset  $N$  of  $R$  is said to be a partial ideal of  $R$  if the following are satisfied*

- (1). *if  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is a summable family in  $R$  and  $x_i \in N$  for every  $i \in I$  then  $\Sigma x_i \in N$ ,*
- (2). *if  $x \in N$  and  $r \in R$  then  $xr, rx \in N$ .*

**Remark 2.3.** [2] *The set of all partial ideals of a partial semiring is a complete lattice, in which meet and join of a family*

$$\{I_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta\}, \Sigma I_\alpha = \{x \in R \mid x = \Sigma_\alpha r_\alpha x_\alpha s_\alpha, x_\alpha \in I, r_\alpha, s_\alpha \in R\}.$$

**Example 2.4.** [2] *Consider the partial semiring  $\text{pfn}(D, D)$ . Let  $a$  be a fixed element in  $D$ . Then  $N = \{f \in \text{Pfn}(D, D) \mid \text{dom}(f) \subseteq \{a\}\}$  is a right partial ideal of  $\text{Pfn}(D, D)$ .*

**Definition 2.5.** [2] *Let  $N$  and  $P$  be partial ideals of a partial semiring  $R$ . Then we define  $NP = \{x \in R \mid x = \Sigma_i a_i b_i \text{ for some } a_i \in N, b_i \in P\}$ .*

## 3. EUCLIDEAN PARTIAL SEMIRINGS

We denote the set of all right divisors of ' $a$ ' in the partial monoid  $(R, \cdot)$  by  $RD(a)$ . i.e.,  $RD(a) = \{b \in R \mid a \in Rb\} = \{b \in R \mid Ra \subseteq Rb\}$ . We denote the set  $\{b \in R \mid a \cdot b = 1 = b \cdot a\}$  by  $U(R)$  and the set  $\{a \in R \mid a \cdot a = a\}$  by  $I^\times(R)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** *If  $R$  is a partial semiring then*

- (i).  $b \in RD(a)$  if and only if  $RD(b) \subseteq RD(a)$ ,
- (ii).  $U(R) \subseteq RD(1_R) \subseteq RD(a)$ .

*Proof.* (i). Suppose  $b \in RD(a)$ . Then  $a \in Rb$ . Now for any  $x \in RD(b)$ ,  $Rb \subseteq Rx$  and hence  $a \in Rx$ .  $\Rightarrow x \in RD(a)$ . Hence  $RD(b) \subseteq RD(a)$ .

Conversely suppose  $RD(b) \subseteq RD(a)$ . Since  $b \in RD(b)$ ,  $b \in RD(a)$ .

(ii). Let  $x \in U(R)$ . Then  $\exists y \in R \ni xy = 1 = yx \in Rx$  and hence  $x \in RD(1_R)$ . Now let  $x \in RD(1_R)$  then  $1 \in Rx$ .  $\Rightarrow Rx = R$ .  $\Rightarrow a \in Rx$  and hence  $x \in RD(a)$ . Hence the remark.  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a partial semiring and  $a \in R$ . Then ' $a$ ' is said to be irreducible from right if and only if it satisfy*

- (i).  $a \notin U(R)$ , and
- (ii).  $RD(a) = U(R) \cup \{a\}$ .

In the partial semirings  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $pfn(D, D)$ , every nonzero element is irreducible from right.

**Example 3.3.** *Consider the partial semiring  $Mat_D(R)$ , the set of  $D \times D$  matrices over  $R$ . Take  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $R = \mathbb{N}$ . Then the only elements of  $Mat_D(R)$  having determinant 1 which are irreducible from right are  $[a_{ij}]$  and  $[b_{ij}]$  where*

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = b \text{ and } j = a, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = a \text{ and } j = b, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a partial semiring  $R$ . Then the set of common right divisors of  $A$  is  $CRD(A) = \bigcap \{RD(a) \mid a \in A\} = \{b \in R \mid RA \subseteq Rb\}$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $R$  be a partial semiring. Then an element  $b \in CRD(A)$  is said to be a greatest common right divisor of  $A$  if and only if  $CRD(A) = RD(b)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $A$  is a nonempty subset of a partial semiring  $R$  then an element  $b$  of  $R$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $A$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i).  $RA \subseteq Rb$ ,
- (ii). if  $c \in R$  satisfies  $RA \subseteq Rc$  then  $Rb \subseteq Rc$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $b$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $A$ .

- (i). Since  $b \in CRD(A)$ ,  $b \in RD(a) \forall a \in A \Rightarrow Ra \subseteq Rb \forall a \in A$  and hence  $RA \subseteq Rb$ .
- (ii). Suppose  $c \in R \ni RA \subseteq Rc$ . Then  $c \in CRD(A) = RD(b)$  and hence  $Rb \subseteq Rc$ .

Conversely suppose that the conditions (i) and (ii) are satisfied. By (i),  $b \in CRD(A)$ . Now for any  $x \in RD(b)$ ,  $b \in Rx \Rightarrow b = rx$  and  $b \in CRD(A) \Rightarrow b = rx \in RD(a) \forall a \in A \Rightarrow a \in Rrx \subseteq Rx \forall a \in A \Rightarrow x \in RD(a) \forall a \in A \Rightarrow x \in CRD(A)$  and hence  $RD(b) \subseteq CRD(A)$ . Now for any  $c \in CRD(A)$ ,  $RA \subseteq Rc \Rightarrow Rb \subseteq Rc$  (by (ii)).  $\Rightarrow c \in RD(b)$  and hence  $CRD(A) \subseteq RD(b)$ . Hence  $b$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** If every left partial ideal of a partial semiring  $R$  is principal then every nonempty subset of  $R$  has a greatest common right divisor.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $R$ . Since  $RA$  is a left partial ideal of  $R$ , we have  $RA = Rb$  for some  $b \in R$ . Now let  $c \in R \ni RA \subseteq Rc$ . Then  $Rb \subseteq Rc$ . Then by theorem 3.6,  $b$  is the greatest common right divisor of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be elements of a partial semiring  $R$ . If  $d$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $\{a, b\}$  and  $e$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $\{c, d\}$  then  $e$  is a greatest common right divisor of  $\{a, b, c\}$ .*

*Proof.* By definition,  $RD(e) = RD(d) \cap RD(c) = RD(a) \cap RD(b) \cap Rd(c) = CRD(\{a, b, c\})$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 3.9.** *If  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of a partial semiring  $R$  and  $(a, b)$  is a summable family in  $R$  then  $CRD(\{a, b\}) \subseteq CRD(\{a + b, b\})$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x \in CRD(\{a, b\}) = RD(a) \cap RD(b)$ ,  $a \in Rx$  and  $b \in Rx$ .  $\Rightarrow a + b \in Rx$  and hence  $x \in RD(a + b) \cap RD(b) = CRD(\{a + b, b\})$ . Hence the remark.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $R$  be a partial semiring. Then the following are equivalent*

- (i).  $CRD(\{a, b\}) = CRD(\{a + b, b\})$  for all  $a, b \in R \ni a + b$  exists in  $R$ ,
- (ii). every principal left partial ideal of  $R$  is subtractive.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $CRD(\{a, b\}) = CRD(\{a + b, b\})$  for all  $a, b \in R \ni a + b$  exists in  $R$ . Let  $Rd$  be a principal left partial ideal of  $R$  and let  $x, x + y \in Rd$ . Then  $d \in RD(x)$  and  $d \in RD(x + y)$ .  $\Rightarrow d \in CRD(\{x + y, x\}) = CRD\{x, y\}$ .  $\Rightarrow d \in RD(y)$  and hence  $y \in Rd$ . Hence  $Rd$  is subtractive.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose every principal left partial ideal of  $R$  is subtractive. Let  $a, b \in R \ni a + b$  exists in  $R$  and let  $x \in CRD(\{a + b, b\})$ . Then  $x \in RD(a + b)$  and  $x \in RD(b)$ .  $\Rightarrow a + b \in Rx$  and  $b \in Rx$ .  $\Rightarrow a \in Rx$  and hence  $x \in RD(a) \cap RD(b) = CRD(\{a, b\})$ . Hence  $CRD(\{a, b\}) = CRD(\{a + b, b\})$  for all  $a, b \in R \ni a + b$  exists in  $R$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.11.** A partial semiring  $R$  is said to be *PLIS-semiring* if it satisfies any one of the following equivalent conditions:

- (i).  $CRD(\{a, b\}) = CRD(\{a + b, b\})$  for all  $a, b \in R \ni a + b$  exists in  $R$ ,
- (ii). every principal left partial ideal of  $R$  is subtractive.

Note that the partial semirings  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}$  are PLIS-semirings. The following is an example of a partial semiring which is not PLIS-semiring.

**Example 3.12.** Let  $S = (\mathbb{R}^+ \times \{0\}) \cup (\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^+)$ . Define  $\Sigma$  on  $S$  by

$$\Sigma x_i = \begin{cases} x_j, & \text{if } x_i = 0 \ \forall i \neq j, \text{ for some } j, \\ (a + a', 0), & \text{if } x_i = (a, 0), \ x_j = (a', 0) \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ (0, b + b'), & \text{if } x_i = (0, b) \text{ or } (b, 0), \ x_j = (0, b') \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ \text{undefined,} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and  $\cdot$ , defined on  $R$  by  $(a, 0) \cdot (a', 0) = (aa', 0) = (0, a) \cdot (a', 0)$  and  $(0, b) \cdot (0, b') = (0, bb') = (b, 0) \cdot (0, b') \ \forall a, a', b, b' \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then  $R = S \times \mathbb{N}$  is a partial semiring. Now  $H = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \{0\}$  is a principal left partial ideal of  $R$ . Since  $(0, b, 0) \in H$ ,  $(b, 0, 0) + (0, b, 0) = (0, 2b, 0) \in H$ . But  $(b, 0, 0) \notin H$ . Hence  $H$  is not subtractive. Hence  $R$  is not a PLIS-semiring.

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $R$  be a partial semiring. Then a mapping  $\delta : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is said to be a *left Euclidean norm* on  $R$  if it satisfies the following condition:

If  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $R$  with  $b \neq 0$  and  $\delta(a) \geq \delta(b)$  then  $\exists q, r \in R \ni a = qb + r$  with  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$ .

**Definition 3.14.** A partial semiring  $R$  is said to be *left Euclidean* if and only if there exists a left Euclidean norm defined on  $R$ .

The partial semiring  $\mathbb{N}$  is left Euclidean if we define the left Euclidean norm  $\delta$  by  $\delta : n \mapsto n$  or  $\delta : n \mapsto n^2$ .

**Remark 3.15.** *If  $\delta$  is a left Euclidean norm on a partial semiring  $R$ , then we can extend  $\delta$  to  $\delta'$  from  $R$  to  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  by defining  $\delta'(0) = \infty$  and  $\delta'(a) = \delta(a) \forall a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ . Conversely if  $\delta' : R \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  is a function satisfying the condition: for any  $a, b \in R \ni \delta'(a) \geq \delta'(b) \ni \exists q, r \in R \ni a = qb + r$  with  $r = 0$  or  $\delta'(r) < \delta'(b)$ , then its restriction is a left Euclidean norm on  $R$ .*

**Theorem 3.16.** *If  $\delta$  is a left Euclidean norm defined on a partial semiring  $R$  then there exists a left Euclidean norm  $\delta^*$  satisfying*

- (i).  $\delta^*(a) \leq \delta(a) \forall a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , and
- (ii).  $\delta^*(b) \leq \delta(rb) \forall b, r \in R \ni rb \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\delta^* : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by  $\delta^*(a) = \min\{\delta(ra) \mid ra \neq 0\} \forall 0 \neq a \in R$ . Then  $\delta^*(a) \leq \delta(a) \forall a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $\delta^*(b) \leq \delta(rb) \forall b, r \in R \ni rb \neq 0$ .

Now we prove that  $\delta^*$  is a left Euclidean norm:

Let  $a, b \in R \setminus \{0\} \ni \delta^*(a) \geq \delta^*(b) = \min\{\delta(rb) \mid rb \neq 0\}$ . Then  $\exists s \in R \ni \delta^*(b) = \delta(sb)$ . By (i),  $\delta(a) \geq \delta^*(a) \geq \delta^*(b) = \delta(sb)$ .  $\Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni a = q(sb) + r$  where  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(sb)$ . Suppose  $\delta(r) < \delta(sb)$ . Then  $\delta^*(r) \leq \delta(r) < \delta(sb) = \delta^*(b)$ .  $\Rightarrow \exists qs, r \in R \ni a = (qs)b + r$  where  $r = 0$  or  $\delta^*(r) < \delta^*(b)$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

**Definition 3.17.** *Let  $(R, \delta)$  be a left Euclidean partial semiring. Then  $\delta$  is said to be submultiplicative norm if it satisfies the following condition:*

$$\delta(b) \leq \delta(rb) \forall 0 \neq b \in R, r \in R \ni rb \neq 0.$$

**Definition 3.18.** *A left Euclidean norm  $\delta$  defined on a partial semiring  $R$  is said to be multiplicative norm if and only if  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)\delta(b) \forall a, b \in R \ni ab \neq 0$ .*

In the left Euclidean partial semiring  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta$  defined by  $\delta : n \mapsto n$  or  $\delta : n \mapsto n^2$  is a submultiplicative and multiplicative norm.

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $R$  be a partial semiring and  $\delta : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a submultiplicative Euclidean norm. If  $M_\delta = \{r \in R \mid \delta(r) \leq \delta(a) \forall 0 \neq a \in R\}$  is a minimal element of  $\text{im}(\delta)$  then*

- (i).  $1_R \in M_\delta$ ,
- (ii). if  $a \in M_\delta$  then  $\exists q \in R \ni 1 = qa$ ,
- (iii).  $M_\delta \cap I^\times(R) = \{1_R\}$ ,
- (iv).  $U(R) \subseteq M_\delta$ , with equality holding if  $R$  is commutative.

*Proof.* (i). Since  $\delta$  is submultiplicative norm,  $\delta(1_R) \leq \delta(a) \forall 0 \neq a \in R$  and hence  $1_R \in M_\delta$ .

(ii). Let  $a \in M_\delta$ . Then  $\delta(a) \leq \delta(b) \forall 0 \neq b \in R. \Rightarrow \delta(a) \leq \delta(1_R). \Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni 1_R = qa + r$  with  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(a)$ . Since  $a \in M_\delta$ ,  $\delta(a) \leq \delta(r)$  for  $0 \neq r \in R$  and hence  $r = 0$ . Hence  $1_R = qa$ .

(iii). Let  $c \in M_\delta \cap I^\times(R)$ . Then  $c \in M_\delta$  and  $c^2 = c$ . By (ii),  $\exists q \in R \ni 1_R = qc = qc^2 = 1_R c = c$ . Hence  $M_\delta \cap I^\times(R) = \{1_R\}$ .

(iv). Let  $a \in U(R)$ . Then  $\exists b \in R \ni 1_R = ba$ . Since  $\delta$  is submultiplicative norm,  $\delta(a) \leq \delta(ba) = \delta(1_R)$  and by (i),  $\delta(1_R) \leq \delta(a). \Rightarrow \delta(a) = \delta(1_R) \leq \delta(b) \forall 0 \neq b \in R$  and hence  $a \in M_\delta$ .

Suppose  $R$  is commutative and let  $a \in M_\delta$ . By (ii),  $\exists q \in R \ni 1 = qa = aq$  and hence  $a \in U(R)$ . Hence  $M_\delta = U(R)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.20.** *If  $\gamma : R \rightarrow S$  is an epimorphism of partial semirings  $R, S$  and  $\delta$  is a left Euclidean norm on  $R$  then  $\exists$  a left Euclidean norm  $\delta'$  on  $S$  defined by  $\delta'(c) = \min\{\delta(a) \mid a \in \gamma^{-1}(c)\} \forall 0 \neq c \in S$ .*

*Proof.* Define  $\delta' : S \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by  $\delta'(c) = \min\{\delta(a) \mid a \in \gamma^{-1}(c)\} \forall 0 \neq c \in S$ . Let  $c, d \in S \ni d \neq 0$  with  $\delta'(c) \geq \delta'(d)$ .  $\Rightarrow \exists a, 0 \neq b \in R \ni \gamma(a) = c, \gamma(b) = d$  where  $b$  is such that  $\delta(b) = \min\{\delta(y) \mid y \in \gamma^{-1}(d)\}$ . Since  $\delta'(c) \geq \delta'(d)$ ,  $\min\{\delta(x) \mid x \in \gamma^{-1}(c)\} \geq \min\{\delta(y) \mid y \in \gamma^{-1}(d)\}$ .  $\Rightarrow \delta(a) \geq \delta(b)$ .  $\Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni a = qb + r$  where



$r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$ .  $\Rightarrow c = \gamma(a) = \gamma(qb + r) = \gamma(q)d + \gamma(r)$  where  $\gamma(r) = 0$  or  $\delta'(\gamma(r)) = \min\{\delta(a) \mid a \in \gamma^{-1}(\gamma(r))\} \leq \delta(r) < \delta(b) = \delta'(d)$ . Hence  $\delta'$  is a Euclidean norm on  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.21.** *If  $R$  is a left Euclidean partial semiring then every subtractive left partial ideal of  $R$  is principal.*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be the Euclidean norm defined on  $R$  and  $I$  be a subtractive left partial ideal of  $R$ . Take  $\mathcal{C} = \{\delta(a) \mid a \in I\}$ . Then by Zorn's lemma,  $\mathcal{C}$  has a minimal element. Let it be  $\delta(b)$ . Suppose  $I \neq Rb$ . Then  $\exists a \in I \ni a \notin Rb$ .  $\Rightarrow \delta(b) \leq \delta(a)$  (by the minimality of  $\delta(b)$ ).  $\Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni a = qb + r$  with  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$ . Suppose  $r = 0$  then  $a = qb \in Rb$ , a contradiction.  $\Rightarrow \delta(r) < \delta(b)$ . Since  $qb + r = a \in I$  and  $b \in I$ , we have  $r \in I$ .  $\Rightarrow r \in I$  and  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $I = Rb$  is a principal left partial ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.22.** *The following conditions on a left Euclidean partial semiring are equivalent:*

- (i).  $R$  is a PLIS-semiring,
- (ii). *there exists a left Euclidean norm  $\delta$  defined on  $R$  satisfying the condition that if  $a = qb + r$  for  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$  then  $a \notin Rb$ .*

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $R$  is a PLIS-semiring. Since  $R$  is left Euclidean partial semiring,  $\exists$  a left Euclidean norm  $\delta$  on  $R$ . By theorem 3.16,  $\exists$  a left Euclidean norm  $\delta^*$  defined on  $R \ni \delta^*(b) \leq \delta(rb) \forall r, b \in R \ni rb \neq 0$ . Now suppose  $a = qb + r \in Rb$  for  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\delta^*(r) < \delta^*(b)$ . Since  $R$  is PLIS-semiring,  $Rb$  is subtractive.  $\Rightarrow r \in Rb$ .  $\Rightarrow r = cb$  for some  $c \in R$ .  $\Rightarrow \delta^*(r) = \delta^*(cb) = \delta(cb) \geq \delta^*(b)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $a \notin Rb$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose the condition (ii) is valid and let  $t \in CRD(\{a+b, b\})$ .  $\Rightarrow a+b = dt$  and  $b = et$  for some  $d, e \in R$ .  $\Rightarrow a + et = dt \in Rt$ . Then by (ii),  $\delta(r) \geq \delta(t)$

$\forall r \in R \setminus \{0\}. \Rightarrow \delta(a) \geq \delta(t). \Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni a = qt + r$  where  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(t)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow dt = a + b = qt + r + et$ . Suppose  $\delta(r) < \delta(t)$ . Then by (ii),  $dt \notin Rt$ , a contradiction. Hence  $r = 0$ .  $\Rightarrow a = qt$ .  $\Rightarrow t \in RD(a) \cap RD(b) = CRD(\{a, b\})$ .  
Hence  $R$  is PLIS-semiring.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.23.** *If  $R$  is a left Euclidean PLIS-semiring then any nonempty finite subset  $A$  of  $R$  has a greatest common right divisor.*

*Proof.* By theorem 3.8, it is enough to prove that  $\exists$  a greatest common right divisor for any  $a, b$  in  $A$ . For  $a = b = 0$ , the greatest common right divisor is 0. Suppose  $b \neq 0$ . By theorem 3.22,  $\exists$  a left Euclidean norm  $\delta$  on  $R \ni$  if  $a = qb + r$  for  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$  then  $a \notin Rb$ . Since  $\delta$  is a left Euclidean norm on  $R$ ,  $\exists q_1, r_1 \in R \ni a = q_1b + r_1$  where  $r_1 = 0$  or  $\delta(r_1) < \delta(b)$ . If  $r_1 = 0$  then  $a = q_1b \in Rb$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\exists q_1, 0 \neq r_1 \in R \ni a = q_1b + r_1$  where  $\delta(r_1) < \delta(b)$ . Continuing this process, we get  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, q_{n+1}, 0 \neq r_1, 0 \neq r_2, \dots, 0 \neq r_n \in R$  such that  $a = q_1b + r_1, b = q_2r_1 + r_2, \dots, r_{n-2} = q_nr_{n-1} + r_n, r_{n-1} = q_{n+1}r_n$  and  $\delta(b) > \delta(r_1) > \dots > \delta(r_n)$ . This process of selecting  $q_i, r_i$  is terminated after a finitely many steps. Then  $r_{n-1} = q_{n+1}r_n, r_{n-2} = (q_nq_{n+1} + 1)r_n, \dots, b = (q_2q_3 \dots q_nq_{n+1} + \dots + q_2 + q_{n+1})r_n \Rightarrow r_n \in RD(b)$ . Now  $a = q'r_n$  for some  $q' \in R$  and hence  $r_n \in RD(a) \Rightarrow r_n \in RD(a) \cap RD(b) = CRD(\{a, b\})$ . Let  $d \in CRD(\{a, b\})$ . Then  $d \in CRD(\{q_1b + r_1, b\}) \Rightarrow d \in CRD(\{r_1, b_1\})$  and hence  $d \in RD(r_1)$ . Similarly  $d \in RD(r_2), \dots, d \in RD(r_n)$ . Hence  $CRD(\{a, b\}) = RD(r_n)$ . Therefore  $r_n$  is the greatest common right divisor of  $\{a, b\}$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 3.24.** *If  $R$  is a partial semiring then  $P(R) = \{0_R\} \cup \{r + 1_R \mid r \in R\}$  is a partial subsemiring of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $0_R, 1_R \in P(R)$ . Let  $(r_i : i \in I)$  be a summable family in  $R \ni r_i \in P(R), i \in I$ . Then  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i$  exists and  $r_i = s_i + 1_R$  for some  $s_i \in R, i \in I$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{i \in I} r_i = \sum_{i \in I} (s_i + 1_R) = (\sum_{i \in I} s_i + \sum_{i \neq k} 1_R) + 1_R \in P(R)$ . Hence  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i \in P(R)$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2 \in P(R)$ . Then  $r_1 = s_1 + 1_R, r_2 = s_2 + 1_R$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in R$ .  
 $\Rightarrow r_1 r_2 = (s_1 + 1_R)(s_2 + 1_R) = (s_1 s_2 + s_1 + s_2) + 1_R \in P(R)$ . Hence  $P(R)$  is a partial subsemiring of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.25.** A partial semiring  $R$  is said to be antisimple if  $P(R) = R$ .

The partial semiring  $\mathbb{N}$  is antisimple whereas  $pfn(D, D)$  is not a antisimple partial semiring.

**Definition 3.26.** Let  $R$  be a commutative antisimple partial semiring. Then a function  $\delta : R \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is said to be Dale norm if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i).  $\delta(a) = 0$  if and only if  $a = 0_R$ ,
- (ii). If  $\Sigma_{i \in I} a_i$  exists then  $\delta(\Sigma_{i \in I} a_i) \geq \delta(a_i)$  for any  $i \in I$ ,
- (iii).  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)\delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in R$ ,
- (iv). If  $a \in R$  and  $0 \neq b \in R$  then there exists  $q, r \in R \ni a = qb + r$ , where  $r = 0$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(b)$ .

The functions defined by  $n \mapsto n$  or  $n \mapsto n^2$  is a Dale norm on the partial semiring  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Remark 3.27.** If  $R$  is a commutative antisimple partial semiring and  $\delta$  is a Dale norm on  $R$  then  $R$  is entire.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in R \ni ab = 0_R$ . Then  $\delta(ab) = \delta(0_R) = 0. \Rightarrow \delta(a)\delta(b) = 0. \Rightarrow \delta(a) = 0$  or  $\delta(b) = 0. \Rightarrow a = 0_R$  or  $b = 0_R$  and hence  $R$  is entire.  $\square$

Clearly every Dale norm defined on a partial semiring  $R$  is a left Euclidean norm. The following is an example of a partial semiring  $R$  in which  $\delta$  is a left Euclidean norm but not Dale norm.

**Example 3.28.** Consider the partial semiring  $R = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  in which  $\Sigma$  defined on  $R$  by

$$\Sigma x_i = \begin{cases} x_j, & \text{if } x_i = 0 \ \forall i \neq j, \text{ for some } j, \\ 0, & \text{if } x_i = x_j = a \text{ for some } i, j \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ 1, & \text{if } x_i = a, \ x_j = b \text{ for some } i, j \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ a, & \text{if } x_i = x_j = 1 \text{ or } b \text{ for some } i, j \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ b, & \text{if } x_i = 1, \ x_j = a \text{ for some } i, j \ \& \ x_k = 0 \ \forall k \neq i, j \\ \text{undefined,} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and  $\cdot$  defined on  $R$  by the following table:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | 0 | a | b | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a | 0 | 0 | a | a |
| b | 0 | a | 1 | b |
| 1 | 0 | a | b | 1 |

Then  $R$  is a commutative antisimple partial semiring. Now  $\delta : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $\delta(1) = \delta(b) = 2$  and  $\delta(a) = 3$  is a left Euclidean norm which cannot be converted to a Dale norm.

**Theorem 3.29.** If  $R$  is a commutative antisimple partial semiring and  $\delta$  is a Dale norm defined on  $R$  then

(i).  $U(R) = \{a \in R \mid \delta(a) = 1\}$ ,

(ii).  $R$  is a division partial semiring if and only if  $\delta(R)$  is finite.

*Proof.* (i). Note that  $\delta(1_R) = \delta(1_R \cdot 1_R) = \delta(1_R) \cdot \delta(1_R)$  and hence  $\delta(1_R) = 1$ . Let  $a \in U(R)$ . Then  $\exists b \in R \ni ab = 1_R \Rightarrow \delta(ab) = \delta(a)\delta(b) = \delta(1_R) = 1 \Rightarrow \delta(a) = 1$  and  $\delta(b) = 1$  and hence  $a \in \{c \in R \mid \delta(c) = 1\}$ . Now let  $a \in \{c \in R \mid \delta(c) = 1\}$ . Then  $\delta(a) = 1 = \delta(1_R) \Rightarrow \exists q, r \in R \ni 1_R = qa + r$ , where  $r = 0_R$  or  $\delta(r) < \delta(a)$ . Suppose  $\delta(r) < \delta(a) = 1$ . Then  $\delta(r) = 0$  and hence  $r = 0_R \Rightarrow 1_R = qa$  and hence  $a \in U(R)$ . Hence  $U(R) = \{a \in R \mid \delta(a) = 1\}$ .

(ii). Suppose  $R$  is a division partial semiring and let  $0 \neq \delta(a) \in \delta(R)$ . Then  $0_R \neq a \in R$ .  $\exists b \in R \ni ab = 1_R \Rightarrow \delta(ab) = \delta(1_R) = 1 \Rightarrow \delta(a) = 1$  and  $\delta(b) = 1$ .  $\delta(R) = \{0, 1\}$ , a finite set.

Conversely suppose that  $\delta(R)$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $\exists$  a nonunit  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\delta(r) > 1$  and  $r^k$  is nonunit for all  $k \geq 1 \Rightarrow \delta(r^k) = \delta(r)\delta(r^{k-1}) > \delta(r^{k-1}) \forall k > 1$  and hence  $\delta(R)$  is not finite, a contradiction. Hence  $R$  is division partial semiring.  $\square$

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