

## A note on finitely generated ideal-simple commutative semirings

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*Abstract.* Many infinite finitely generated ideal-simple commutative semirings are additively idempotent. It is not clear whether this is true in general. However, to solve the problem, one can restrict oneself only to parasemifields.

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It is known that every finitely generated commutative ring is a Hilbert ring. Using this (and some other classical results) one easily shows that a (commutative) field is finite provided that it is finitely generated as a ring. Now, a ring is finitely generated if and only if it is finitely generated as a semiring; a ring is ideal-simple if and only if it is congruence-simple. Of course, simple commutative rings are just fields and zero-multiplication rings of finite prime order. Consequently, every finitely generated simple commutative ring is finite. On the other hand, setting  $a \oplus b = \min(a, b)$  and  $a \odot b = a + b$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we get an infinite commutative semiring that is both ideal- and congruence-simple and that is finitely generated. This semiring is additively idempotent and it is known that every infinite finitely generated congruence-simple commutative semiring is additively idempotent. On the other hand, it seems to be an open problem whether this remains true in the ideal-simple case. The aim of this short note is to reduce the question to a special case of semirings — those whose multiplicative semigroups are groups (such semirings are called parasemifields in the present note). We are going to show that the following two statements are equivalent.

- (a) *Every infinite finitely generated ideal-simple commutative semiring is additively idempotent.*
- (b) *Every (commutative) parasemifield that is finitely generated as a semiring is additively idempotent.*

(Notice that (a) implies (b) trivially.)

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## 1. Introduction

A *semiring* is a non-empty set supplied with two associative operations (addition and multiplication) where the addition is commutative and the multiplication distributes over the addition from both sides. A semiring is a *ring* if the addition defines an abelian group.

Let  $S$  be a semiring. A non-empty subset  $I$  of  $S$  is an *ideal* if  $(I+I) \cup SI \cup IS \subseteq I$ . The semiring is called *ideal-simple* if  $S$  is non-trivial and  $I = S$  whenever  $I$  is an ideal containing at least two elements. The semiring  $S$  is called *congruence-simple* if there are just two congruences on  $S$ .

The following lemma is obvious.

**1.1 Lemma.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (i)  $R$  is ideal-simple as a ring.
- (ii)  $R$  is ideal-simple as a semiring.
- (iii)  $R$  is congruence-simple as a ring.
- (iv)  $R$  is congruence-simple as a semiring.

(And then  $R$  is called simple.)

Every two element semiring is both ideal- and congruence-simple and it is easy to see there are exactly ten two element semirings (up to isomorphism). The following eight of them are commutative:

$\mathbb{S}_1$	$\mathbb{S}_2$
$\begin{array}{c ccc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccc} \cdot & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$
$\mathbb{S}_3$	$\mathbb{S}_4$
$\begin{array}{c ccc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccc} \cdot & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$
$\mathbb{S}_5$	$\mathbb{S}_6$
$\begin{array}{c ccc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccc} \cdot & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$
$\mathbb{S}_7$	$\mathbb{S}_8$
$\begin{array}{c ccc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccc} \cdot & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$

Notice that  $\mathbb{S}_1$  and  $\mathbb{S}_2$  are additively constant,  $\mathbb{S}_3, \mathbb{S}_4, \mathbb{S}_5$  and  $\mathbb{S}_6$  are additively idempotent and  $\mathbb{S}_7$  and  $\mathbb{S}_8$  are rings. Moreover,  $\mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_3, \mathbb{S}_4$  and  $\mathbb{S}_7$  are multiplicatively constant and  $\mathbb{S}_2, \mathbb{S}_5, \mathbb{S}_6$  and  $\mathbb{S}_8$  are multiplicatively idempotent.

The following lemma is easy to prove.

**1.2 Lemma.** *Let  $S$  be a non-trivial semiring containing an element  $w$  such that  $T = S \setminus \{w\}$  is a subgroup of the multiplicative semigroup of  $S$ .*

- (i) *If  $w$  is multiplicatively neutral (i.e.,  $w = 1_S$ ), then  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $S$ .*
- (ii) *If  $w$  is multiplicatively absorbing but not additively absorbing, then  $w$  is additively neutral (i.e.,  $w = 0_S$ ) and either  $S$  is a division ring or  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $S$ .*
- (iii) *If  $|S| \geq 3$  and  $w$  is neither multiplicatively neutral nor multiplicatively absorbing then there exists  $v \in T$  such that  $wx = vx$  and  $xw = xv$  for every  $x \in S$ .*

## 2. Introduction continued

Only commutative semirings will be dealt with in the rest of the paper, and hence the word ‘semiring’ will always mean a commutative semiring.

In this note, a semiring  $S$  will be called a *parasemifield* if the multiplicative semigroup of  $S$  is a non-trivial group. Clearly, each parasemifield is ideal-simple (in fact, ideal-free).

A non-trivial semiring  $S$  will be called a *semifield* if there exists an element  $w \in S$  such that  $w$  is multiplicatively absorbing (then  $w$  is determined uniquely) and the set  $S \setminus \{w\}$  is a subgroup of the multiplicative semigroup of  $S$ . Clearly, every semifield is ideal-simple.

We have the following basic classification of ideal-simple semirings (see e.g. [1, 11.2]):

**2.1 Theorem.** *A semiring  $S$  is ideal-simple if and only if it is of at least (and then just) one of the following five types:*

- (1)  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_3, \mathbb{S}_4$ ;
- (2)  $S$  is a zero-multiplication ring of finite prime order;
- (3)  $S$  is a field;
- (4)  $S$  is a proper semifield;
- (5)  $S$  is a parasemifield.

**2.2 Proposition** ([1, 14.3]). *Every infinite finitely generated congruence-simple semiring is additively idempotent.*

**2.3 Proposition** ([1, 14.5]). *No infinite finitely generated ideal-simple semiring is additively cancellative.*

**2.4 Example.** (i) The parasemifield  $\mathbb{Q}^+ \times \mathbb{Q}^+$  (where  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the field of rational numbers) is ideal-simple but not congruence-simple.

(ii) Denote by  $W$  the set of real numbers of the form  $m - n\sqrt{2}$ , where  $m, n$  are non-negative integers and  $m + n \geq 1$ . Put  $a \oplus b = \min(a, b)$  and  $a \odot b = a + b$  for

all  $a, b \in W$ . Then  $W(\oplus, \odot)$  is an infinite finitely generated congruence-simple semiring that is not ideal-simple. This semiring is additively idempotent and multiplicatively cancellative.

### 3. Semifields

In the following three lemmas, let  $S$  be a non-trivial semiring and let  $w \in S$  be such that  $T = S \setminus \{w\}$  is a subgroup of the multiplicative semigroup  $S(\cdot)$ .

**3.1 Lemma.** *If  $1_T w = w$  then  $Sw = w$  (i.e.,  $w$  is multiplicatively absorbing) and  $S$  is a semifield.*

PROOF: If  $aw = v \neq w$  for some  $a \in T$ , then  $w = 1_T w = a^{-1}aw = a^{-1}v \in T$ , a contradiction. Consequently,  $Tw = w$  and it remains to show that  $w = w$ .

Assume that  $w = u \in T$ . Then  $1_T = u^{-1}u = u^{-1}uw = ww = u$  according to the preceding part of the proof, and therefore  $w = 1_T$  and  $a = a1_T = aw = ww = 1_T$  for every  $a \in T$ . Thus we have shown that  $S = \{w, 1_T\}$  and that  $S$  has the following multiplication table:

	$w$	$1_T$
$w$	$1_T$	$w$
$1_T$	$w$	$1_T$

Therefore  $w(w + 1_T) = ww + w1_T = 1_T + w$ , a contradiction since  $wz \neq z$  for every  $z \in S$ . □

**3.2 Lemma.** *Assume that  $1_T w = z \in T$  and  $w \in T$ . Then*

- (i)  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $S$ ;
- (ii) if  $|T| = 1$  then  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_3, \mathbb{S}_4, \mathbb{S}_7$ ;
- (iii) if  $|T| \geq 2$  then  $T$  is a parasemifield (and so  $T$  is infinite);
- (iv)  $aw = az$  for every  $a \in T$ ;
- (v)  $ww = zz$ ;
- (vi)  $Sw \subseteq T$  and  $T$  is an ideal of  $S$ ;
- (vii) if  $a \in T$  then either  $w + a = z + a \in T$  or  $w + a = w$  and  $z + a = z$ ;
- (viii) if  $w + w \in T$  then  $w + w = z + z$ ;
- (ix) if  $w + w = w$  then  $S$  is additively idempotent.

PROOF: If  $a, b \in T$  are such that  $a + b = w$ , then  $w = a + b = a1_T + b1_T = (a + b)1_T = w1_T = z$ , a contradiction. Thus  $T + T \subseteq T$  and  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $S$ . Further,  $aw = a1_T w = az, a \in T$ , and  $ww = w1_T w = wz = zz$ . The rest is easy. □

**3.3 Lemma.** *Assume that  $1_T w = z \in T$  and  $ww = w$ . Then*

- (i)  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $S$ ;
- (ii) if  $|T| = 1$  then  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_2, \mathbb{S}_5, \mathbb{S}_6, \mathbb{S}_8$ ;

- (iii) if  $|T| \geq 2$  then  $T$  is a parasemifield (and so  $T$  is infinite);
- (iv)  $z = 1_T$ ;
- (v)  $wv = v$  for every  $v \in S$  (i.e.,  $w = 1_S$ );
- (vi)  $T$  is an ideal of  $S$ ;
- (vii) if  $a \in T$  then either  $w + a = 1_T + a \in T$  or  $w + a = w$  and  $1_T + a = 1_T$ ;
- (viii) if  $w + w \in T$  then  $w + w = 1_T + 1_T$ ;
- (ix) if  $w + w = w$  then  $S$  is additively idempotent.

PROOF: Similar to that of 3.2. □

**3.4 Lemma.** *Let  $S$  be a non-trivial semiring and let  $w_1, w_2 \in S$  be such that both  $T_1 = S \setminus \{w_1\}$  and  $T_2 = S \setminus \{w_2\}$  are subgroups of the multiplicative semigroup  $S(\cdot)$ . Then either  $w_1 = w_2$  or  $|S| = 2$  and  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_2, \mathbb{S}_5, \mathbb{S}_6, \mathbb{S}_8$ .*

PROOF: Assume that  $w_1 \neq w_2$ . If  $|S| = 2$  then  $S = \{1_{T_1}, 1_{T_2}\}$ , and hence  $S$  is multiplicatively idempotent. If  $|S| \geq 3$  then  $T_1 \cap T_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Now,  $w_1 \in T_2$  and there is  $a \in T_2$  such that  $w_1 a \in T_1 \cap T_2$ . Moreover,  $w_1 a b = 1_{T_1}$  for some  $b \in T_1$  and  $c w_1 = 1_{T_2}$  for some  $c \in T_2$ . Then  $c 1_{T_1} = c w_1 a b = 1_{T_2} a b = a b$  and  $1_{T_2} 1_{T_1} = w_1 c 1_{T_1} = w_1 a b = 1_{T_1}$ . Similarly we get  $1_{T_2} 1_{T_1} = 1_{T_2}$ , and therefore  $1_{T_1} = 1_{T_2} = 1_T$  is a multiplicatively neutral element of  $S$ . Then every element from  $S$  has an inverse, and so  $S$  is a group, a contradiction (see 3.1 and 3.2). □

**3.5 Proposition.** *Let  $S$  be a non-trivial semiring and let  $w \in S$  be such that the set  $S \setminus \{w\}$  is a subgroup of  $S(\cdot)$ . Then  $S$  is a semifield (i.e.,  $Sw = w$ ) in each of the following cases:*

- (1)  $1_T w = w$ ;
- (2)  $w w = w$  and  $1_T w \neq 1_T$ ;
- (3)  $S \not\cong \mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_7$ ,  $S$  is not additively idempotent and  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is not isomorphic to a subsemiring of  $S$ ;
- (4)  $S$  is finite,  $S \not\cong \mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_7$  and  $S$  is not additively idempotent.

PROOF: Combine 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. □

#### 4. Semifields continued

**4.1.** Let  $T$  be a parasemifield. Then  $0 \notin T$ ; let  $S = T \cup \{0\}$ ,  $x + 0 = x = 0 + x$  and  $x0 = 0 = 0x$  for every  $x \in S$ . In this way we get a semifield (containing  $T$  as a semiring), which will be denoted  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  in the sequel.

- 4.1.1 Lemma.** (i)  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  is additively idempotent (resp. additively cancellative) if and only if  $T$  is such.
- (ii) A subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  generates  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  as a semiring if and only if  $0 \in M$  and  $M \cap T$  generates  $T$  as a semiring (then  $|M| \geq 2$ ).
  - (iii)  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  is a finitely generated semiring if and only if  $T$  is such.
  - (iv)  $\mathbb{X}(T)$  is not a one-generated semiring; it is a two-generated semiring if and only if  $T$  is a one-generated semiring.

PROOF: Easy to see.  $\square$

**4.2.** Let  $A(\cdot)$  be a non-trivial abelian group,  $o \notin A$ ,  $S = A \cup \{o\}$ ,  $x + o = o = o + x$ ,  $x \in S$ ;  $a + a = a$  and  $a + b = o$ ,  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \neq b$ . Moreover,  $xo = o = ox$ ,  $x \in S$ . In this way we get an additively idempotent semifield which will be denoted as  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$ .

- 4.2.1 Lemma.** (i) A subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$  generates  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$  as a semiring if and only if  $M \cap A$  generates  $A(\cdot)$  as a semigroup.  
(ii)  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$  is a finitely generated semiring if and only if  $A(\cdot)$  is a finitely generated group.  
(iii)  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$  is a one-generated semiring if and only if  $A(\cdot)$  is a one-generated semigroup. This is equivalent to the fact that  $A(\cdot)$  is a finite cyclic group.  
(iv)  $\mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$  is generated by a two-element set containing the unit element if and only if  $A(\cdot)$  is a finite cyclic group (see (iii)).

PROOF: Easy to see.  $\square$

**4.3.** Let  $T$  be a parasemifield,  $o \notin T$ ,  $S = T \cup \{o\}$ ,  $x + o = o + x = xo = ox = o$  for every  $x \in S$ . In this way we get a semifield which will be denoted as  $\mathbb{U}(T)$ .

- 4.3.1 Lemma.** (i)  $\mathbb{U}(T)$  is additively idempotent if and only if  $T$  is such.  
(ii) A subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{U}(T)$  generates  $\mathbb{U}(T)$  as a semiring if and only if  $o \in M$  and  $M \cap T$  generates  $T$  as a semiring (then  $|M| \geq 2$ ).  
(iii)  $\mathbb{U}(T)$  is a finitely generated semiring if and only if  $T$  is such.  
(iv)  $\mathbb{U}(T)$  is not a one-generated semiring; it is a two-generated semiring if and only if  $T$  is a one-generated semiring.

PROOF: Easy to see.  $\square$

**4.4.** Let  $T$  be a parasemifield and let the multiplicative group  $T(\cdot)$  be a proper subgroup of an abelian group  $A(\cdot)$ ,  $o \notin A$ . Put  $S = A \cup \{o\}$  and define

- a)  $x + o = o = o + x$ ,  $x \in S$ ;  
b)  $a + b = o$ ,  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a^{-1}b \notin T$ ;  
c)  $c + d = (1_T + c^{-1}d)c = (1_T + d^{-1}c)d$ ,  $c, d \in A$ ,  $c^{-1}d \in T$ .

Moreover, put  $xo = o = ox$ ,  $x \in S$ . In this way we get a semifield which will be denoted as  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$ .

- 4.4.1 Lemma.** (i)  $T$  is a subsemiring of  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$ .  
(ii)  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is additively idempotent if and only if  $T$  is such.  
(iii) A subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  generates it as a semiring if and only if  $M \setminus \{o\}$  generates  $S$ .

PROOF: Easy to see.  $\square$

**4.4.2 Lemma.** *If the semiring  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in A$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , then the factorgroup  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is generated by the cosets  $a_1T, \dots, a_mT$  as a semigroup.*

PROOF: Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $a = b_1 + \dots + b_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $b_j = a_1^{k_{1,j}} \dots a_m^{k_{m,j}}$ ,  $k_{i,j} \geq 0$ . If  $b_{j_1}^{-1}b_{j_2} \notin T$  for some  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq n$ , then  $b_{j_1} + b_{j_2} = o$  and so  $a = o$ , a contradiction. Thus  $b_{j_1}^{-1}b_{j_2} \in T$ , and so  $b_j = c_j b_1$ ,  $c_j \in T$ . Then  $a = cb_1$ ,  $c = c_1 + \dots + c_n$  and  $aT = b_1T$ . The rest is clear.  $\square$

**4.4.3 Lemma.** *Let  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in A$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , be such that the factorgroup  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is generated by the cosets  $a_1T, \dots, a_mT$  as a semigroup. Denote by  $B$  the subsemigroup of  $A(\cdot)$  generated by the elements  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ . Then for every  $a \in A$  there are  $b \in B$  and  $c \in T$  such that  $a = bc$ .*

PROOF: Obvious.  $\square$

**4.4.4 Lemma.** *If  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is a finitely generated semiring then  $T$  is also.*

PROOF: Let the semiring be generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in A$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . Denote by  $B$  the subsemigroup of  $A(\cdot)$  generated by these elements. Then  $C = BB^{-1} \cap T$  is a finitely generated subgroup of  $T(\cdot)$ , and hence the subsemiring  $T_1$  of  $T$  generated by  $C$  is a finitely generated semiring. It remains to show that  $T = T_1$ .

Let  $a \in T$ . Then  $a = b_1 + \dots + b_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $b_j \in B$ ,  $b_j = c_j b_1$ ,  $c_j = b_j b_1^{-1} \in C$  (see the proof of 4.4.2), and therefore  $a = cb_1$ ,  $c = c_1 + \dots + c_n \in T_1$ . Of course,  $b_1 = c^{-1}a \in B \cap T \subseteq C \subseteq T_1$  and so  $a, b_1, \dots, b_n \in T_1$ .  $\square$

**4.4.5 Lemma.**  *$\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is a finitely generated semiring if and only if  $T$  is a finitely generated semiring and  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is a finitely generated group.*

PROOF: Combine 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 4.4.4.  $\square$

**4.4.6 Remark.** Assume that  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is generated by a single element  $s$  as a semiring, denote  $1_{\mathbb{W}} = 1_{\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))}$ . We have  $s \in A$ ;  $B = \{s, s^2, s^3, \dots\}$  is the subsemigroup of  $A(\cdot)$  generated by  $s$  and  $BB^{-1} = \{\dots, s^{-3}, s^{-2}, s^{-1}, 1_{\mathbb{W}}, s, s^2, s^3, \dots\}$  is the subgroup generated by  $s$ . Notice that  $s \neq 1_{\mathbb{W}}$ .

(i) For every  $a \in A$  there are  $m \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_m$  such that  $a = s^{k_1} + s^{k_2} + \dots + s^{k_m} = s^{k_1}b$ ,  $b = 1_{\mathbb{W}} + s^{k_2-k_1} + \dots + s^{k_m-k_1}$ . Since  $a \neq o$ , we have  $s^{k_2-k_1}, \dots, s^{k_m-k_1} \in T$  and so  $b \in T$ . Moreover, if  $a \in T$  then  $s^{k_1} = ab^{-1} \in T$  and consequently  $s^{k_1}, s^{k_2}, \dots, s^{k_m} \in T$ .

(ii) It follows from (i) that  $D = B \cap T \neq \emptyset$  and so  $D$  is a subsemigroup and  $C = DD^{-1}$  a subgroup of  $T(\cdot)$ . Consequently, there is  $n \geq 0$  such that  $C = \{\dots, s^{-3n}, s^{-2n}, s^{-n}, 1_{\mathbb{W}}, s^n, s^{2n}, s^{3n}, \dots\}$ .

(iii) Denote by  $T_1$  the subsemiring of  $T$  generated by  $s^{-n}$  and  $s^n$ . It follows from (i) and (ii) that  $T_1 = T$ . Consequently,  $n \geq 1$  and  $T$  is a two-generated semiring.

(iv) The factorgroup  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is generated by the coset  $sT$  as a semigroup. Thus  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is a finite cyclic group.

(v) Proceeding similarly as above, one can show that (iii) and (iv) remain true if  $\mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$  is generated by  $1_{\mathbb{W}}$  and  $s$  as a semiring.

**4.5 Theorem.** *Let  $S$  be a semifield and let  $w \in S$  be such that  $w$  is multiplicatively absorbing and  $T = S \setminus \{w\}$  is a subgroup of  $S(\cdot)$ . Then just one of the following eight cases takes place:*

- (1)  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_2$  (and  $w$  is bi-absorbing);
- (2)  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_5$  (and  $w$  is additively neutral);
- (3)  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_6$  (and  $w$  is bi-absorbing);
- (4)  $T$  is a subparasemifield of  $S$  and  $S \simeq \mathbb{X}(T)$  (and  $w$  is additively neutral);
- (5)  $|S| \geq 3$  and  $S \simeq \mathbb{V}(T(\cdot))$  (and  $w$  is bi-absorbing and  $S$  is additively idempotent);
- (6)  $T$  is a subparasemifield of  $S$  and  $S \simeq \mathbb{U}(T)$  (and  $w$  is bi-absorbing);
- (7)  $T_1 = \{a \in T \mid a + 1_T \neq w\}$  is a subparasemifield of  $S$ ,  $T_1 \neq T$ , and  $S \simeq \mathbb{W}(T_1, T(\cdot))$  (and  $w$  is bi-absorbing);
- (8)  $S$  is a field.

PROOF: Easy (use 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3). □

## 5. Summary

**5.1 Summary.** Combining 2.1, 4.5, 4.1.1 (i), (iii), 4.2, 4.3.1 (i), (iii), 4.4.1(ii) and 4.4.4, we conclude that the following two assertions are equivalent.

- (a) *Every infinite finitely generated ideal-simple semiring is additively idempotent.*
- (b) *Every parasemifield that is finitely generated as a semiring is additively idempotent.*

**5.2 Remark.** Let  $F$  be a field. If  $F$  is a finitely generated ring then  $F$  is finite. If  $F$  is finite then the multiplicative group  $F \setminus \{0\}$  is cyclic, and hence  $F$  is generated by one element as a semiring.

**5.3 Remark.** Let  $S$  be a one-generated ideal-simple semiring. Combining 2.1, 4.5, 4.1.1(iv), 4.2.1(iii), 4.3.1(iv), 4.4.6 and 5.2, we get that one of the following cases takes place:

- (1)  $S \simeq \mathbb{S}_1, \mathbb{S}_3, \mathbb{S}_4$ ;
- (2)  $S$  is a zero multiplication ring of finite prime order;
- (3)  $S$  is a finite field;
- (4)  $S \simeq \mathbb{V}(A(\cdot))$ , where  $A(\cdot)$  is a non-trivial finite cyclic group;
- (5)  $S \simeq \mathbb{W}(T, A(\cdot))$ , where  $T$  is a two-generated parasemifield and  $A(\cdot)/T(\cdot)$  is a (non-trivial) finite cyclic group;
- (6)  $S$  is a parasemifield.



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