

## Some results on Greens relations in direct sum and product of rings.

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### Abstract

Green's relations in a semigroup are successful tools for studying their properties. These relations are introduced and studied also in rings. It is well known that every ring can be represented as a sub-direct sum of subdirectly irreducible rings. Our aim in this paper is to find the connection of Green's relations on direct sum and direct product of rings

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related to Green's relations in its components.

In this paper by a ring we mean an associative ring, which does not necessarily have identity element. The relations  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  in rings were first introduced and studied by Petro .

This relations are called Green's relations in rings because they mimic the relations  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  in semigroups, which were first introduced and studied by James Alexander Green (Green, 1951).

### 1. Introduction

We give some notions and present some auxiliary results that will be used through the paper. Some of the results and other basic notions may be found in [1], [5], [6]. First we give the definitions of Green's relations

Let  $A$  be a ring and let  $a \in A$ . The principal left (right) ideal  $((a)_l, (a)_r)$  generated by  $a$  is  $+ +$ , where  $I$  denotes the ring of all integers.

**Definition 1.** [2] Green's relations  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  in ring  $A$  are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} a\mathcal{L}b &\Leftrightarrow (a)_l = (b)_l, & \mathcal{L} \mathcal{R} \text{ on rings.} \\ a\mathcal{R}b &\Leftrightarrow (a)_r = (b)_r. \end{aligned}$$

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It is evident that  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are equivalence relations. Let  $\mathcal{L}_a(\mathcal{R}_a)$  be the equivalence class of  $a$

For sake of simplicity we use the following notations:

$$kx + ux = (k, u)x, \quad k \in I, \quad x, u \in A,$$

$\text{mod } \mathcal{L}(\text{mod } \mathcal{R})$  containing the element  $a \in A$ .

$$m'x + yv' = y(m', v'), \quad m' \in I, \quad y, v' \in A.$$

**Lemma 1.[2]** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $a, b, s \in A$ . Let  $k \in I$ , then the following implications hold.

$$\begin{aligned} a\mathcal{L}b &\Rightarrow a(k, s)\mathcal{L}b(k, s), \\ a\mathcal{R}b &\Rightarrow (k, s)a\mathcal{R}(k, s)b. \end{aligned}$$

**Leme 2.[2]** The Green's relations  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  in a ring  $A$  commute.

The join  $R \vee L$  is also of great importance and we denote it by  $\mathcal{D}$ . The above Lemma shows that  $\mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relations and also  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{L} \vee \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{R}$

The intersection  $H = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}$  of the equivalence relations  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  on the ring  $A$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}_a$  the equivalence class mod  $\mathcal{H}$  containing  $a$ . Also for principal ideals, we can define in a similar way as  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}$  another Green's relation which we denote it by  $\mathcal{J}$ . Throughout this paper, Green's relations in the multiplicative semigroup  $(A, \cdot)$  of the ring  $(A, +, \cdot)$  are denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(\cdot), \mathcal{L}(\cdot), \mathcal{H}(\cdot), \mathcal{D}(\cdot), \mathcal{J}(\cdot)$ , in order to distinguish them from Green's relations  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{J}$  in the ring  $(A, +, \cdot)$ .

For the same purpose the equivalence classes of an element  $a$  respect to Green's relations in the multiplicative semigroup of the ring  $(A, +, \cdot)$  are denoted  $\mathcal{R}_a(\cdot), \mathcal{L}_a(\cdot), \mathcal{H}_a(\cdot), \mathcal{D}_a(\cdot), \mathcal{J}_a(\cdot)$ .

The direct product construction in modules is very straightforward and probably familiar to the reader, the same hold in ring theory for rings considering it as a module.

**Definition 2.[1]** The direct product of a set  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  of rings denoted  $\prod_{i \in I} A_i$  is the "cartesian product" which is a ring endowed with componentwise operations  $(a_i) + (a'_i) = (a_i + a'_i)$  and  $(a_i)(a'_i) = (a_i a'_i)$  where  $a_i, a'_i \in A_i$  for all  $i$ .

**Definition 3.[1]** The direct sum  $\sum A_i$  of a set  $A_i : i \in I$  of rings is the set  $\{(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i : \text{almost all } a_i \text{ are } 0\}$ .

Thus the direct sum and direct product of  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  are the same if  $I$  is finite.

**Definition 4.[4]** A ring  $A$  is left (right)  $s$ -unital if for every element  $a$ , is left (right)  $s$ -unital, i.e.

$$\forall a \in A \Rightarrow a \in Aa(a \in aA) .$$

## Main results

**Proposition 1.** Let  $A_i$ , for  $i \in I$  be rings such that  $(a_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  then the following implications hold

- a)  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow a_i \mathcal{J} b_i, \forall i \in I,$
- b)  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow a_i \mathcal{R} b_i, \forall i \in I,$
- c)  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow a_i \mathcal{L} b_i \forall i \in I,$
- d)  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow a_i \mathcal{D} b_i \forall i \in I,$

$$e) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow a_i \mathcal{H} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

Proof. a) If  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow ((a_i)_{i \in I}) = ((b_i)_{i \in I})$  then for all  $i \in I$  there exist  $z \in \mathbb{Z}, x_{1i}, x_{2i}, x_{si}, x'_{si} \in A_i$ , such that

$$(a_i) = z(b_i) + (x_{1i})(b_i) + (b_i)(x_{2i}) + \sum_{s \in J(\text{finite})} (x_{si})(b_i)(x'_{si})$$

$$\text{Hence } \forall i \in I, a_i = zb_i + x_{1i}b_i + b_ix_{2i} + \sum_{s \in J} x_{si}b_ix'_{si}$$

Implications b) and c) can be proved in a similar way as implication a). While the last implication is a direct corollary of implications b) and c).

**Proposition 2.** Let  $A_i$  for  $i \in I(\text{finite})$  be s-unital rings and let  $A = \sum_{i \in I} A_i$  then

$$a) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{J} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

$$b) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{R} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

$$c) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{L} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

$$d) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{D} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

$$e) (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}(b_i)_{i \in I} \Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{H} b_i, \forall i \in I,$$

*Proof.* We only prove here the first assertion because the other ones can be proved similarly.

If  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(b_i)_{i \in I}$  then by using Proposition 1 we get that  $a_i \mathcal{J} b_i, \forall i \in I$

For the converse. Let  $A_i$  be s-unital rings and  $a_i \mathcal{J} b_i$  for all  $i \in I$ , then elements  $b_i$  satisfy the following equality

$$b_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} x_{ki} a_i y_{ki}, \text{ for } x_{ki}, y_{ki} \in A_i \text{ and } n_i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $I$  has a finite number of elements then it exists a natural number  $n = \max\{n_i \mid i \in I\}$ .

$$\text{We denote } x'_{ki} = \begin{cases} x_{ki} & k \leq n_i \\ 0 & k > n_i \end{cases}, y'_{ki} = \begin{cases} y_{ki} & k \leq n_i \\ 0 & k > n_i \end{cases}, \forall i \in I.$$

It is easy to prove that  $b_i = \sum_{k=1}^n x'_{ki} a_i y'_{ki}$ , for all  $i \in I$ . So we have that  $(b_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (x'_{ki})(a_i)(y'_{ki})$ ,

hence  $((b_i)_{i \in I}) \subseteq ((a_i)_{i \in I})$ . By commuting  $b_i$  with  $a_i$  we get that  $((a_i)_{i \in I}) \subseteq ((b_i)_{i \in I})$ , consequently  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(b_i)_{i \in I}$ .

The assertion e) follows from assertion b) and c).

**Corollary 1.** Let  $A_i$  be s-unital rings where  $I$  has a finite number of elements then

$$\mathcal{J}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} = \sum \mathcal{J}_{a_i}, \mathcal{R}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} = \sum \mathcal{R}_{a_i}, \mathcal{L}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} = \sum \mathcal{L}_{a_i}, \mathcal{D}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} = \sum \mathcal{D}_{a_i}, \mathcal{H}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} = \sum \mathcal{H}_{a_i}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\sum x_i$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{J}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i}$ . Then we have that  $\sum x_i \mathcal{J} \sum a_i$ . By using Proposition 2 we get that  $x_i \mathcal{J} a_i$  for all  $i \in I$ , thus  $\sum x_i \in \sum \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$ , hence  $\mathcal{J}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i} \subseteq \sum \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$

Conversely. Let  $\sum x_i$  be an arbitrary element of  $\sum \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$ . So we have that for all  $i \in I, x_i \in \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$ . Which imply that  $(\sum x_i) \mathcal{J} (\sum a_i)$ . Thus  $(\sum x_i) \in \mathcal{J}_{\sum_{i \in I} a_i}$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $A_i$  be left (right) s-unital rings for all  $i \in I$  and let  $(a_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  then

$$\begin{aligned} (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(b_i)_{i \in I} &\Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{L} b_i \forall i \in I, \\ ( (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}(b_i)_{i \in I} &\Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{R} b_i \forall i \in I ). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof :* We only prove the case for the left s-unital rings because the other case can be prove analogusly. Let  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(b_i)_{i \in I}$  then from Proposition 1 it follows that  $a_i \mathcal{L} b_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Conversely, let  $a_i \mathcal{L} b_i$  for all  $i \in I$ , we have that  $a_i = x_i b_i$  where  $x_i \in A_i$ , since  $A_i$  is a left s-unital ring. Hence we get that  $(a_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i)_{i \in I} (b_i)_{i \in I}$ , and  $((a_i)_{i \in I})_l \subseteq ((b_i)_{i \in I})_l$ . Similarly we can prove the other inclusion. Finally we get that  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(b_i)_{i \in I}$ .

**Corollary 2.** Let  $A_i$  be left (right) s-unital rings for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{a_i}$ ,  $(\mathcal{R}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}_{a_i})$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $A_i$  be s-unital rings for all  $i \in I$  and let  $(a_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}(b_i)_{i \in I} &\Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{D} b_i \forall i \in I ) \\ \text{b) } (a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}(b_i)_{i \in I} &\Leftrightarrow a_i \mathcal{H} b_i \forall i \in I \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}(b_i)_{i \in I}$  then it exists  $(c_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  such that  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(c_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $(c_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}(b_i)_{i \in I}$ , hence by using Proposition 3 we get that  $a_i \mathcal{L} c_i$  and  $c_i \mathcal{R} b_i$ , thus  $a_i \mathcal{D} b_i$ , for all  $i \in I$ .

Conversely. Let  $a_i \mathcal{D} b_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then it exists  $c_i \in A_i$  such that  $(a_i \mathcal{L} c_i)$  and  $(c_i \mathcal{R} b_i)$ , since  $A_i$  are s-unital rings, then from proposition 3 we have that  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}(c_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $(c_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}(b_i)_{i \in I}$  hence  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}(b_i)_{i \in I}$ .

**Corollary 3.** Let  $A_i$  be s-unital rings for all  $i \in I$  and let  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$  then  $\mathcal{D}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}_{a_i}$ ,

[3] S-unital semigroups are defined similarly as in rings.

**Leme 3** Let  $S_i$  be s-unital semigroups and  $(a_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} S_i$  then

$$\mathcal{J}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}_{a_i}, \mathcal{R}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{R}_{a_i}, \mathcal{L}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{a_i}, \mathcal{H}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_{a_i}, \mathcal{D}_{\prod_{i \in I} a_i} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{D}_{a_i}$$

*Proof:* Let  $S = \prod_{i \in I} S_i$ . Since for all  $i \in I$ ,  $S_i$  are s-unital it is easy to prove that for all  $b_i \in S_i$ ,  $J(b_i) = S_i b_i S_i$ .

If for all  $i \in I$ ,  $b_i \mathcal{J} a_i$  we have that  $a_i = y_i b_i x_i$  where  $y_i, x_i \in S_i$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} (a_i)_{i \in I} &= (y_i)_{i \in I} (b_i)_{i \in I} (x_i)_{i \in I} \\ \mathcal{J}_{(a_i)_{i \in I}} &\leq \mathcal{J}_{(b_i)_{i \in I}} \text{ thus } \mathcal{J}_{(b_i)_{i \in I}} = \mathcal{J}_{(a_i)_{i \in I}}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely. If  $(b_i)_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(a_i)_{i \in I}$  then  $(b_i)_{i \in I} = (y_i)_{i \in I} (a_i)_{i \in I} (x_i)_{i \in I}$  for  $(x_i)_{i \in I}, (y_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} S_i$ . Thus for all  $i \in I$  we have that  $b_i = y_i a_i x_i$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{b_i} \leq \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$ , hence  $\mathcal{J}_{b_i} = \mathcal{J}_{a_i}$ .

The proof is the same for the other relations  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}$ .

**Proposition 5.** Let  $A_i$  for  $i \in I$  be  $s$ -unital rings, where  $I$  is a finite set. Then the relations  $\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}$  in every ring  $A_i$  coincide with Green's relations  $\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}$  in their respective multiplicative semigroup if and only Green's relations in the ring  $A = \sum_{i \in I} A_i$  coincide with Green's relations in the multiplicative semigroup  $(A, \cdot)$

*Proof:* We first prove that  $\mathcal{J} \leq \mathcal{J}(\cdot)$ .

Let  $(\sum a_i)J(\sum b_i)$  then  $a_i J b_i$ , hence  $a_i J(\cdot) b_i$ , by using the above lemma we get that  $(\sum a_i)J(\cdot)(\sum b_i)$ . Thus  $J = J(\cdot)$ .

For the converse we have to prove that for all  $i \in I$ ,  $J_i = J_i(\cdot)$ . Let

$a_i J_i b_i$  for some  $i \in I$ . We denote  $(\bar{a}_i)$  the element of  $A$  such that the  $i$ -th coordinate is equal to  $a_i$  and everywhere else is zero. So, the following implications hold  $(\bar{a}_i)J(\bar{b}_i) \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_i)J(\cdot)(\bar{b}_i) \Rightarrow a_i J(\cdot) b_i$

Thus  $J_i = J_i(\cdot)$ .

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