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## Dedekind Multiplication Semimodules

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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce the concept of Dedekind semimodules and study the related concepts, such as the class of  $D_1$  semimodules, and Dedekind multiplication semimodules. And thus study the concept of the embedding of a semimodule in another semimodule.

**Keywords:** Semirings, semimodules, invertible subsemimodules, Dedekind semirings, Dedekind semimodules, multiplication semimodules.

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### الخلاصة

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### Introduction

In ring theory, an ideal  $I$  of a commutative ring with identity  $R$  is said to be invertible if  $I'I = R$  where  $I' = \{x \in R_S : xI \subseteq R\}$  and  $R_S$  is the total quotient ring of  $R$ . The concept of an invertible submodule was introduced by Naoum and Al-Alwan [1] as a generalization of the concept of an invertible ideal.

A semiring is a non-empty set  $R$  together with two binary operations addition (+) and multiplication ( $\cdot$ ) such that  $(R, +)$  is a commutative monoid with identity element  $0$ ;  $(R, \cdot)$  is a monoid with identity element  $1 \neq 0$ ;  $r0 = 0r = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ ;  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(b + c)a = ba + ca$  for every  $a, b, c \in R$ . We say that  $R$  is a commutative semiring if the monoid  $(R, \cdot)$  is commutative. Let  $(M, +)$  be an additive abelian monoid with additive identity  $0_M$ . Then  $M$  is called an  $R$ -semimodule if there exists a scalar multiplication  $R \times M \rightarrow M$  denoted by  $(r, m) \mapsto rm$ , such that  $(rr')m = r(r'm)$ ;  $r(m + m') = rm + rm'$ ;  $(r + r')m = rm + r'm$ ;  $1m = m$  and  $r0_M = 0_M = 0m$  for all  $r, r' \in R$  and all  $m, m' \in M$ .

Throughout this paper  $R$  will denote a commutative semiring with identity,  $M$  is unitary (left)  $R$ -semimodule. This paper consists four sections. Section 1 is devoted to introducing the concept of invertible subsemimodules of semimodule as a generalization of the concept of an invertible ideal in semiring. We will also find out some properties of this invertible subsemimodules. A non-zero

semimodule  $M$  is a Dedekind semimodule if each non-zero subsemimodule of  $M$  is invertible.

Section 2 argues multiplication semimodules. We show that every multiplicatively cancellative multiplication semimodule is finitely generated.

Section 3 discusses Dedekind multiplication semimodules. We show that if  $M$  is a faithful multiplication  $R$ -semimodule, then  $M$  is a Dedekind semimodule iff  $R$  is a Dedekind semiring.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $R$ -semimodules, and  $H = \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ . Here's a question that shows : when does  $H$  contain a monomorphism?. If  $H$  contains a monomorphism we say that  $A$  embeds in  $B$ .

It was proved by Low and Smith [2] that if  $A$  is a torsionless multiplication  $R$ -module then  $A$  embeds in  $R$  iff  $\exists \beta \in A^* = \text{Hom}_R(A, R)$  such that  $\text{ann}(R\beta) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ .

Indeed if  $A$  is not a multiplication semimodule then this condition is not sufficient see Remark 3.2.

Here the importance of the invertible subsemimodules in obtaining the sufficient condition for the existence of a monomorphism.

In the last section we establish that if  $A$  is any semimodule, with  $\bigcap_{\beta \in H} \ker \beta = (0)$  and  $T_H \subseteq T_B$ , and if there is a cyclic invertible subsemimodule  $Rf$  in  $H$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphism.

### 1. Invertible Subsemimodules and Invertible Ideals

In this section we introduce the concept of invertible subsemimodule of a semimodule as a kind of generalization of the concept of invertible ideal in semiring.

**Remark (1.1):** Let  $R$  be a commutative semiring with identity 1. A set  $S \subseteq R$  is said to be a multiplicatively closed set of  $R$  provided that if  $a, b \in S$ , then  $ab \in S$ . The localization of  $R$  at  $S$  ( $R_S$ ) is defined in the following way:-

First define the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $R \times S$  by  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ , if  $sad = sbc$  for some  $s \in S$ . Then put  $R_S$  the set of all equivalence classes of  $R \times S$  and define addition and multiplication on  $R_S$  respectively by  $[a, b] + [c, d] = [ad + bc, bd]$  and  $[a, b] \cdot [c, d] = [ac, bd]$ , where  $[a, b]$  also denoted by  $a/b$ , we mean the equivalence class of  $(a, b)$ . It is, then, easy to see that  $R_S$  with the mentioned operations of addition and multiplication on  $R_S$  in above is a semiring [3, 4].

**Definition (1.2):** In Remark 1.1, if  $S$  is the set of all not zero-divisors of  $R$ . Then, the total quotient semiring  $Q(R)$  of the semiring  $R$  is defined as the localization of  $R$  at  $S$ . Note that  $Q(R)$  is also an  $R$ -semimodule. If  $R$  is a semidomain one can define the semifield of fractions  $F(R)$  of  $R$  as the localization of  $R$  at  $R - \{0\}$  [5, 6].

**Definition (1.3):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -semimodule. In Remark 1.1, if  $S$  is the set of all not zero-divisors of  $R$ , and  $T = T_M = \{s \in S | sm = 0 \text{ for some } m \in M \text{ implies } m = 0\}$ . The total quotient semiring  $Q_T(R)$  of the semiring  $R$  is defined as the localization of  $R$  at  $T$ . Note that  $Q_T(R)$  is also an  $R$ -semimodule.

Consider  $R = \mathbb{N}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Q}^+/\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $T = \{1\}$  and so  $Q_T(R) = \{\frac{n}{1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Similar to that in modules see [1], we give the following remark.

**Remark (1.4):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -semimodule and let  $N$  be a non-zero subsemimodule of  $M$ . Suppose that  $N' = \{x \in Q_T(R) | xN \subseteq M\}$ . Then  $N'$  is an  $R$ -subsemimodule of  $Q_T(R)$ ,  $R \subseteq N'$ , and  $N'N \subseteq M$ .

**Definition (1.5):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -semimodule. A **subtractive** subsemimodule (or  $k$ -subsemimodule)  $N$  is a subsemimodule of  $M$  such that if  $x, x + y \in N$ , then  $y \in N$ . A **prime** subsemimodule of  $M$  is a proper subsemimodule  $P$  of  $M$  in which  $x \in P$  or  $rM \subseteq P$  whenever  $rx \in P$ , [5]. We define  $k$ -ideals and prime ideals of a semiring  $R$  in an analogous manner [5].

**Remark (1.6):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -semimodule, we say that  $M$  is a torsion-free semimodule whenever  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  with  $rm = 0$  implies that either  $m = 0$  or  $r = 0$ . If  $N$  is a subsemimodule of  $M$ , then  $[N : M] = \{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  and  $\text{ann}(M) = [0 : M] = \{r \in R : rM = 0\}$  are  $k$ -ideals of  $R$ , [5].

**Proposition (1.7):** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -semimodule, and let  $T$  be the set defined as in Definition 1.3, then  $T$  has the following properties:

- 1)  $T \cap \text{ann}(M)$  is the empty set.
- 2)  $T$  is a multiplicative subset of  $S$  and  $1 \in T$ .
- 3) If  $M$  is torsion-free then  $T = S$ .

**Proof:** For (1) from the definition of  $T$  we have  $T \cap \text{ann}(M) = \emptyset$ . For (2) first observe that  $1 \in T$ . Let  $s_1, s_2 \in T$ , and  $s_1 s_2 m = 0$  for some  $m \in M$ , then since  $s_1, s_2 \in T$ , then  $s_2 m = 0$  and hence  $m = 0$ , therefore  $s_1 s_2 \in T$ . Thus  $T$  is a multiplicative subset of  $S$ . For (3) from definition of  $T$ , then  $T \subseteq S$ . Now, assume that  $M$  is torsion-free. Let  $s \in S$  and  $sm = 0$  for some  $m \in M$ , since  $M$  is torsion-free then  $m = 0$ , and hence  $s \in T$ . Thus  $S \subseteq T$ . This completes the proof.

**Definition (1.8):** [4] A subset  $I$  of the total quotient semiring  $Q(R)$  of  $R$  is called **fractional ideal** of a semiring  $R$ , if the following hold:

1.  $I$  is an  $R$ -subsemimodule of  $Q(R)$ , that is, if  $a, b \in I$  and  $r \in R$ , then  $a + b \in I$  and  $ra \in I$ .
2. There exists a not zero-divisor element  $d \in R$  such that  $dI \subseteq R$ .

Let  $I, J$  be two fractional ideals of a semiring  $R$ . Then

$$IJ = \{a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n : a_i \in I, b_i \in J, \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

By  $\text{Frac}(R)$ , we mean the set of all nonzero fractional ideals of a semiring  $R$ . It is easy to check that  $\text{Frac}(R)$  equipped with the above multiplication of fractional ideals is an abelian monoid [4]. It is clear that each ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is fractional ideal of a semiring  $R$  since (1) and (2) holds for  $d = 1, 1I \subseteq R$ .

**Definition (1.9):** [4] Let  $I$  be a fractional ideal of a semiring  $R$ , then  $I$  is called **invertible** if there exists a fractional ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $IJ = R$ . Note that  $J$  is unique and will be denoted that by  $I^{-1}$ . The set of all invertible fractional ideals of  $R$  is an abelian group.

**Example(1.10):** Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all non-negative integers. Clearly  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  its semifield of fractions. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. The set  $I = \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{N} = \{\frac{m}{n} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$ . It is clear  $I$  as an  $\mathbb{N}$ -subsemimodule of  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is generated by  $\frac{1}{n}$  and  $nI \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . While  $J = \langle \frac{1}{2^n} \rangle$ , where  $n$  runs over all positive integers. Since there is no positive integer  $d$  such that  $dJ \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,  $J$  is not a fractional ideal of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $R$  be a semidomain,  $F(R)$  its semifield of fractions,  $A$  and  $B$   $R$ -subsemimodules of  $F(R)$ . Then the residual quotient of  $A$  by  $B$  is defined as  $[A : B] = \{x \in F(R) : xB \subseteq A\}$ , see [6].

**Proposition(1.11):** Let  $R$  be a semidomain,  $A$  and  $B$  some fractional ideals of  $R$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1)  $[AB : A]A = AB$ .
- (2)  $[R : A]$  is a fractional ideal of  $R$ .
- (3) If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^{-1} = [R : A]$ .
- (4) If  $A$  is an invertible ideal of  $R$ , then  $A$  is finitely generated.

**Proof:** (1): Suppose that  $t \in AB$ , then  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ , where  $a_i \in A, b_i \in B, \forall i$ . Now  $b_i A \subseteq AB$ , so  $b_i \in [AB : A], \forall i$ . Therefore  $t \in [AB : A]A$ , and  $AB \subseteq [AB : A]A$ . By similar way we prove that  $[AB : A]A \subseteq AB$ . Thus  $[AB : A]A = AB$ .

(2):  $R$  is fractional and  $A$  an  $R$ -semimodule,  $1$  is a common denominator of  $R$ . Choose a non-zero  $t$  in  $A \cap R$ . Clearly, for any  $x \in [R : A]$ , then  $xt \in R$ . Therefore,  $t$  is a common denominator of  $[R : A]$  and hence  $[R : A]$  is fractional.

(3): In the formula,  $[AB : A]A = AB$ , put  $AB = R$ .

(4) Let  $A$  be an invertible ideal of  $R$ . So, there is a fractional ideal  $B$  of  $R$  such that  $AB = R$ . This implies that  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ , for some  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in B$ . Clearly, the set  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  generates  $A$  in  $R$ .

Now we can give our definition of invertible subsemimodule, as in modules theory [1].

**Definition (1.12):** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -semimodule and  $N$  be a subsemimodule of  $M$ . If  $N'N = M$ , then we say that  $N$  is an **invertible** subsemimodule of  $M$ . Note that if  $N$  is invertible then  $N \neq 0$ . It is clear that  $M$  is invertible in  $M$ .

The following proposition is useful for testing the invertibility of subsemimodules.

**Proposition (1.13):** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -semimodule.

1) A non-zero subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is invertible of  $M$  iff  $\forall m \in M, \exists \frac{r_i}{t_i} \in N', n_i \in N, 1 \leq i \leq k$  such that  $m = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{r_i}{t_i} n_i$ .

2) If  $N$  is invertible subsemimodule in  $M$ , then  $\forall m \in M, \exists t \in T$  such that  $tm \in N$ .

**Proof:** The proof of (1) is an immediate consequence of the Definition 1.12. For (2) Since  $N'N = M$ , then  $\forall m \in M, \exists \frac{r_i}{t_i} \in N', n_i \in N, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , such that  $m = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{r_i}{t_i} n_i$ , where  $r_i \in R, t_i \in T$ . Put  $t = t_1 t_2 \dots t_k$ , and  $q_i = r_i \prod_{j \neq i} t_j, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , then  $tm = \sum_{i=1}^k q_i n_i \in N$ .

As a special case of Proposition 1.13 we obtain.

**Corollary (1.14):** A non-zero cyclic subsemimodule  $Rn$  of  $M$  is invertible in  $M$  iff  $\forall m \in M, \exists t \in T, r \in R$  such that  $tm = rn, r$  depends on  $m$ .

**Proposition (1.15):** If  $N$  is a non-zero invertible subsemimodule of  $R$ -semimodule  $M$ . Then  $M = \sum_{\phi \in H} \phi(N)$ , where the sum is taken over all  $\phi \in H = \text{Hom}(N, M)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $N'N = M$ . Hence each element of  $N'$  can be thought of as an  $R$ -homomorphism in  $\text{Hom}(N, M)$ . In fact,  $\forall m \in M, m = \sum_{i=1}^k q_i n_i, q_i \in N', n_i \in N, 1 \leq i \leq k$ . i.e.  $m = \sum_{i=1}^k \phi_{q_i}(n_i)$ , where if  $q \in N'$ , then  $\phi_q(n) = qn, \forall n \in N$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Definition(1.16):** A non-zero  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is called a **Dedekind semimodule**(or **D semimodule**), if each non-zero subsemimodule of  $M$  is invertible in  $M$ , and  $M$  is called a  **$D_1$  semimodule** if each non-zero cyclic subsemimodule of  $M$  is invertible in  $M$ . It is clear that every  $D$  semimodule is  $D_1$  semimodule.

**Example (1.17):** Here some examples to explain invertible subsemimodules and  $D$  semimodules:-

1) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_8$  as a semiring, and let  $I = R\bar{2} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}\}$ . So  $T = T_I = \{\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}\}$ . Let  $H = R\bar{4}$ .  $H' = \{x \in Q(R) \mid xH \subseteq I\}$ . It is easy to check that  $Q(R) = R$ , and hence  $H' = R$ . Then  $H'H = H \neq I$ . Thus  $H$  is not invertible in  $I$ .

2) Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the semiring of non-negative integer numbers and  $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $I = a\mathbb{N}$ , since the set  $S$  of all not zero-divisors of  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $\mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ , hence

$$T = T_I = \{s \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\} \mid sa \neq 0\} = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}.$$

Therefore,  $(a\mathbb{N})' = I' = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \mid x(a\mathbb{N}) \subseteq \mathbb{N}\} = \frac{1}{a}\mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is the semifield of non-negative rational numbers. Then it is clear that  $I' = I^{-1}$ . Since  $I$  is an invertible ideal in  $\mathbb{N}$ , we have  $I^{-1}I = I'I = \mathbb{N}$ , and  $I$  is an invertible as subsemimodule. Now let  $H = 4\mathbb{N}$  as a subsemimodule of the  $\mathbb{N}$ -semimodule  $2\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $H' = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \mid x(4\mathbb{N}) \subseteq 2\mathbb{N}\}$ .

One can check that  $H' = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{N}$ , therefore  $H'H = (\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{N})(4\mathbb{N}) = 2\mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $4\mathbb{N}$  is an invertible subsemimodule in  $2\mathbb{N}$ .

3) Consider  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  as an  $\mathbb{N}$ -semimodule. Suppose that  $N$  be a non-zero subsemimodule of  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is torsion-free, then  $T = S = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ , and  $Q_T(R) = Q(R) = \mathbb{Q}^+$ . Thus

$N' = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \mid (\frac{x}{y})N \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^+\}$ . It is clear that  $N' = \mathbb{Q}^+$ , and we obtain  $\mathbb{Q}^+N = \mathbb{Q}^+$ , hence  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is a Dedekind  $\mathbb{N}$ -semimodule.

4) Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -semimodule, where  $n$  is any positive integer  $>1$ , which is not prime number. Let  $N$  be a non-zero proper subsemimodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Now

$T = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{gcd}(m, n) = 1\}$ .  $Q_T(\mathbb{Z}) = \{\frac{r}{m} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r, m \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{gcd}(m, n) = 1\}$ . Hence it is clear that,  $N' = \{x \in Q_T(\mathbb{Z}) \mid xN \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n\} = Q_T(\mathbb{Z})$ . Therefore  $N'N = Q_T(\mathbb{Z})N = \mathbb{N} \neq \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Hence  $N$  is not an invertible subsemimodule in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . While, if  $n$  is a prime number, then  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is simple semimodule;  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  has no non-zero proper subsemimodule, hence is a  $D$  semimodule. Thus  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a  $D$  semimodule iff  $n$  is a prime number.

5) Let  $p$  be a prime number, and let  $\mathbb{N}_{(p)}$  be the set of rationals of the form  $m/n$ , with  $m$  and  $n$  are in  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $n$  is not divisible by  $p$ . Then  $\mathbb{N}_{(p)}$  is a subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ .  $\mathbb{N}_{p^\infty} = \mathbb{Q}^+/\mathbb{N}_{(p)}$  is an  $\mathbb{N}$ -semimodule. It is known that each proper non-zero subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{N}_{p^\infty}$  is cyclic of the form  $\mathbb{N}_{p^n}$ . Note that since each element of  $f(\mathbb{N}_{p^n})$ , where  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{N}_{p^n}, \mathbb{N}_{p^\infty})$  is of order less than or equal to  $p^n$ . Thus  $\mathbb{N}_{p^\infty} \neq \sum_{f \in H} f(\mathbb{N}_{p^n})$ , where  $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{N}_{p^n}, \mathbb{N}_{p^\infty})$ . Hence by Proposition 1.15, we have  $\mathbb{N}_{p^\infty}$  has no proper invertible subsemimodule.

**Lemma (1.18):** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be torsion-free  $R$ -semimodules and  $f$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$ . If  $N$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M_1$  then  $f(N)$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M_2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $N$  is invertible subsemimodule in  $M_1$ . Then  $N'N = M_1, N' = \{x \in Q_T(R) \mid xN \subseteq M_1\}$ . If  $x \in N'$  then  $xN \subseteq M_1$  and so  $xf(N) = f(xN) \subseteq M_2$ .

So  $N' \subseteq (f(N))' = \{x \in Q_T(R) \mid xf(N) \subseteq M_2\}$ .

Take  $m \in M_2$ . Let  $m' \in M_1$  be such that  $f(m') = m$ .

Then  $m' = x_1 n_1 + \dots + x_k n_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in N'$  and  $n_i \in N$ .

Then  $m = f(m') = x_1 f(n_1) + \dots + x_k f(n_k)$ , and therefore  $M_2 = N'f(N) \subseteq (f(N))'f(N) \subseteq M_2$ .

Thus  $f(N)$  is an invertible subsemimodule in  $M_2$ . ■

**Corollary (1.19):** Every homomorphic image of a Dedekind semimodule is again Dedekind. ■

**Remark (1.20):** If  $N$  is a non-zero proper direct summand of an  $R$ -semimodule  $M$ , then  $N$  is not invertible subsemimodule in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $N$  be invertible subsemimodule in  $M$ ; thus  $N'N = M$ , where  $N' = \{x \in Q_T(R) \mid xN \subseteq M\}$ , and  $T = \{s \in S \mid sm = 0 \text{ for some } m \in M \text{ implies } m = 0\}$ . Since  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , i.e. there is a subsemimodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N \oplus K$ . If  $0 \neq k \in K$ , since  $N$  is invertible in  $M$ , then by Proposition 1.13,  $\exists t \in T$  with  $tk \in N$ , but  $tk \in K$ , hence  $tk \in N \cap K = (0)$ , and since  $t \in T$ , then  $k = 0$ , which is a contradiction, then  $N$  is not invertible in  $M$ .

**Corollary (1.21):** It easy checked that if  $M = N \oplus K$ , and  $N$  is an invertible subsemimodule in  $M$ , then  $M = N$ .

**Proposition (1.22):** Let  $R$  be a semiring and  $I$  be a non-zero ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$  if and only if  $I$  is an invertible  $R$ -subsemimodule in  ${}_R R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be the set of all not zero-divisors of  $R$ . Then  $T = T_I = \{s \in S \mid sa = 0 \text{ for some } a \in I \text{ implies } a = 0\}$ . So that  $T = S$ . Thus  $Q_T(R)$  is the total quotient semiring  $Q(R)$ . Hence  $I' = I^{-1}$ . i.e.  $I'I = I^{-1}I$ , and so  $I$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$  if and only if  $I$  is invertible  $R$ -subsemimodule in  ${}_R R$ .

A semiring  $R$  is **semidomain** if  $ab = ac$  implies  $b = c$  for all  $b, c \in R$  and all non-zero  $a \in R$  [6]. We say that a semidomain  $R$  is said to be a **Dedekind semidomain** if every non-zero ideal of  $R$  is invertible in  $R$  [6]. According to the equivalent conditions explained on page 143 in Narkiewicz's book [7], a Dedekind domain is a domain in which non-zero fractional ideals form a group under multiplication. Inspired by this, we give the following definition: We define a semidomain  $R$  to be a Dedekind semidomain if every non-zero fractional ideal of  $R$  is invertible. Hence  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain if and only if  $\text{Frac}(R)$  is an abelian group.

**Corollary (1.23):** Let  $R$  be a semiring. Then

- 1)  $R$  is Dedekind  $R$ -semimodule if and only if  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain.
- 2)  $R$  is  $D_1$  semimodule if and only if  $R$  is a semidomain, i.e. each non-zero principal ideal of  $R$  is invertible as a subsemimodule in  $R$  if and only if it is generated by not a zero-divisor.

The following remark shows that  $D_1$  semimodule may not be  $D$  semimodule.

**Remark (1.24):** Let  $R$  be a semidomain, and  $R_1$  the polynomial semiring  $R[x, y]$  in two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ . Then  $R_1$  is a semidomain. By Corollary 1.21,  $R_1$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule. But if we take the ideal  $I$  generated by  $x$  and  $y$ , it is clear that  $I$  is not invertible subsemimodule of  $R_1$ . Thus  $R_1$  is not a  $D$   $R_1$ -semimodule.

Next, we defined the notion of "essential" subsemimodule. In Golan book's [8], it was proposed the following definitions. An  $R$ -monomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  of  $R$ -semimodules is essential if for any  $R$ -homomorphism  $g: M' \rightarrow M''$ ,  $g \circ f$  is a monomorphism implies that  $g$  is a monomorphism.

A subsemimodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is essential (or large) in  $M$  if the inclusion mapping  $i_N: N \rightarrow M$  is an essential  $R$ -monomorphism. Note that  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  is an essential  $R$ -homomorphism if and only if  $f(M)$  is a large subsemimodule of  $M'$  [8].

Another way for defining the notion of "essential" is proposed in [9] as follows. A subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be semi-essential in  $M$ , written as  $N \triangleleft_s M$ , if for every subsemimodule  $H$  of  $M$ :  $N \cap H = 0 \Rightarrow H = 0$ . A monomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  of  $R$ -semimodules is said to be semi-essential if:  $f(M) \triangleleft_s M'$ .

In [9], we have the following characterization of semi-essential subsemimodules.

**Lemma (1.25):** A subsemimodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is a semi-essential if and only if for each  $0 \neq m \in M$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $0 \neq rm \in N$ .

**Lemma (1.26):** Every invertible subsemimodule of  $M$  is a semi-essential subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $N$  be invertible subsemimodule of  $M$ . Let  $0 \neq m \in M$ . By Proposition 1.13,  $\exists t \in T$  such that  $0 \neq tm \in N$  and hence  $N$  is essential

**Proposition (1.27):** Let  $M$  be a  $D_1$  semimodule. Then  $\text{ann}(Rm) = \text{ann}(M)$ , for each  $0 \neq m \in M$ .

**Proof:** It is clear that  $\text{ann}(M) \subseteq \text{ann}(Rm)$ , so it is enough to show that  $\text{ann}(Rm) \subseteq \text{ann}(M)$ . Let  $r \in \text{ann}(Rm)$ , then  $rm = 0$ . Let  $a \in M$ . Since  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule; then  $Rm$  is invertible in  $M$ , and hence by Corollary 1.14,  $\exists t \in T, s \in R$  such that  $ta = sm$ . Thus  $tra = rsm = 0$ . Hence  $ra = 0$ , and  $\text{ann}(Rm) \subseteq \text{ann}(M)$ . This completes the proof.

From now on, we will put  $\text{End}_R(M)$ , for the semiring of endomorphisms of  $R$ -semimodule  $M$ .

**Lemma (1.28):** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -semimodule and  $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ . If  $\ker f$  contains an

invertible subsemimodule of  $M$  then  $f = 0$ . Therefore if  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule then every non-zero element of  $End_R(M)$  is a monomorphism.

**Proof:** Let  $N \subseteq \ker f$  is invertible in  $M$ . Then by Proposition 1.13,  $\forall m \in M, \exists t \in T$ , and  $n \in N$  such that  $tm = n$ . So  $0 = f(n) = tf(m)$ ; but  $t \in T$  hence  $f(m) = 0$  and  $f = 0$ .

Now assume that  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule and  $0 \neq f \in End_R(M)$ . Let  $0 \neq k \in \ker f$ , then  $Rk$  invertible in  $M$  and subset of  $\ker f$  from above; we have  $f = 0$ , which is a contradiction, then  $\ker f = 0$ , and  $f$  is a monomorphism.

For any  $R$ -semimodule  $M$ , there exists an obvious semiring monomorphism:

$\Phi : R/\text{ann}(M) \rightarrow End_R(M)$ . Hence one may think of as a subsemiring of  $End_R(M)$ . So we have:

**Corollary (1.29):** If  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule, then  $R/\text{ann}(M)$  is a semidomain and thus  $\text{ann}(M)$  is a prime ideal.

As a special case, we record the following.

**Corollary (1.30):** If a semiring  $R$  is a  $D_1$   $R$ -semimodule. Then  $R$  is a semidomain.

## 2. Multiplication Semimodules

In this section we study multiplication semimodules. We begin with following definition:

**Definition (2.1):** Let  $R$  be a semiring and  $M$  an  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is said to be **multiplication semimodule** if for all subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ . In this case it is easy to show that  $N = [N : M]M$ . For instance, all cyclic  $R$ -semimodule are multiplication  $R$ -semimodule [10, Example 2].

Note that, if  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then the set  $IM$  consisting of all finite sums of elements  $r_i m_i$  with  $r_i \in R$  and  $m_i \in M$  is a subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Example(2.2):** Let  $R$  be a multiplicatively idempotent semiring. Then all ideals of  $R$  are multiplication  $R$ -semimodule [11].

An element  $r$  of a semiring  $R$  is multiplicatively-cancellable (abbreviated as MC), if  $rx = rwy$  implies  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Each non-zero element in a semidomain is an MC element.

**Theorem (2.3):** Let  $R$  be a semiring. An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is invertible if and only if it is a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule which contains an MC element of  $R$ , see [11].

**Proposition(2.4):** Let  $R$  be a semiring. An  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is multiplication semimodule if and only if for each  $m$  in  $M$  there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $Rm = IM$ .

**Proof:** The necessity is clear. For the sufficiency, assume that for each  $m \in M$  there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $Rm = IM$ . Let  $N$  be a subsemimodule of  $M$ . For each  $m \in N$  there exists an ideal  $I_m$  such that  $Rm = I_m M$ . Let  $I = \sum_{m \in N} I_m$ . Hence  $N = \sum_{m \in N} Rm = \sum_{m \in N} I_m M = IM$ . Therefore  $M$  is a multiplication semimodule. ■

**Theorem (2.5):** Let  $M$  be a multiplication semimodule over a semiring  $R$ . If  $N$  is a finitely generated subsemimodule of  $M$ , then there exists a finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $N = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$ . Since  $M$  is a multiplication, we have  $N = [N : M]M$ . So, there exists  $a_{i,j} \in [N : M]$  and  $y_{i,j} \in M$  such that  $x_i = a_{i,1}y_{i,1} + \dots + a_{i,r}y_{i,r}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  generated by  $\{a_{1,1}, \dots, a_{n,r}\}$ . It is easy to see that  $I \subseteq [N : M]$  and  $IM \subseteq [N : M]M$ . On the other hand, since for every  $i, x_i \in IM$ , we must have  $N \subseteq IM$ . Hence  $N \subseteq IM \subseteq [N : M]M \subseteq N$ . Thus  $N = IM$  and  $I$  is finitely generated. ■

The following shows that every homomorphic image of a multiplication semimodule is again multiplication [11].

**Theorem(2.6):** Let  $M$  and  $N$   $R$ -semimodules and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  a surjective  $R$ -homomorphism. If  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule, then  $N$  is a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule.

A semiring  $R$  is called **yoked** if for all  $a, b \in R$ , there exists an element  $t \in R$  such that  $a + t = b$  or  $b + t = a$  [8, p. 49]. A semiring is **entire** if  $ab = 0$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  [8, p. 4].

An  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is called **multiplicatively cancellative** (or simply **MC**) if for any  $r, r' \in R$  and  $0 \neq m \in M$ ,  $rm = r'm$  implies  $r = r'$  [11]. For example every ideal of a semidomain  $R$  is an **MC**  $R$ -semimodule.

Note that if  $M$  is an **MC**  $R$ -semimodule, then  $M$  is a faithful semimodule. Let  $rM = \{0\}$  for some  $r \in R$ . If  $0 \neq m \in M$ , then  $rm = 0m = 0$ . Hence  $r = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is faithful.

An element  $m$  of an  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is called cancellable if  $m + m' = m + m''$  implies that  $m' = m''$ . The semimodule  $M$  is **cancellative** if and only if every element of  $M$  is cancellable [8, P. 172].

**Lemma (2.7):[11]** Let  $R$  be a yoked entire semiring and  $M$  a cancellative faithful

Multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is an  $MC$  semimodule.

**Theorem(2.8):**[11] Let  $R$  be a yoked semidomain and  $M$  a cancellative torsion-free  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is an  $MC$  semimodule.

**Lemma(2.9):**[11] Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -semimodule and  $\theta(M) = \sum_{m \in M} [Rm : M]$ . If  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule, then  $M = \theta(M)M$ .

**Theorem (2.10):** [11] Let  $R$  be a semiring and  $M$  is an  $MC$  multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is finitely generated.

By Lemma 2.7, we have the following result.

**Corollary (2.11):** Let  $R$  be an entire yoked semiring and  $M$  a cancellative faithful multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is finitely generated.

The next theorems give a characterization of  $MC$  multiplication semimodules, for the proof see[11].

**Theorem(2.12):** If  $M$  is an  $MC$  multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is a projective  $R$ -semimodule.

**Theorem (2.13):** Let  $R$  be a semidomain. If  $M$  is an  $MC$  multiplication  $R$ -semimodule, then  $M$  is a torsion-free semimodule.

**Theorem (2.14):** Let  $R$  be a semidomain. If  $M$  is an  $MC$  multiplication  $R$ -semimodule, then  $M$  is isomorphic to an invertible ideal in  $R$ .

### 3. Dedekind Multiplication Semimodules

From Remark 2.3 we can say that a semiring  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain iff each non-zero ideal in  $R$  is a multiplication ideal which contains a not zero-divisor. In this section we study Dedekind multiplication semimodules. We begin with the following.

**Lemma (3.1):** Let  $M$  be a torsion-free  $R$ -semimodule. If  $N$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M$  and  $I$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$ , then  $IN$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $H = IN$ . But  $N'N = M, I^{-1}I = R$ , and hence  $I^{-1}N'H = (I^{-1}I)N'N = M$ . From Proposition 1.7, we have  $T_M = S$  and from Proposition 1.22, we have  $Q_T(R) = Q(R)$ . Hence easy to see that  $I^{-1}N' \subseteq H'$ . By above we have  $I^{-1}N' = H'$ , and  $H$  is invertible.

**Lemma (3.2):** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -semimodule and  $I$  is invertible ideal in  $R$ . Then  $IM$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $K = IM$ . But  $I^{-1}I = R$ , and hence  $I^{-1}K = (I^{-1}I)M = (I^{-1}I)M = RM = M$ . From Proposition 1.22, we have  $Q_T(R) = Q(R)$ , thus it follows that  $I^{-1} \subseteq K'$ . Hence  $M = I^{-1}K \subseteq K'K \subseteq M$ , so  $K'K = M$ , and  $K$  is invertible.

A subsemimodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -semimodule  $M$  is called **invariant** subsemimodule if  $f(N) \subseteq N$ ,  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}(M, M)$ , [3, 12].

**Definition (3.3):** A semimodule  $M$  is said to be **duo** if each subsemimodule of  $M$  is invariant, [12].

In [12], we have the following characterization of duo subsemimodules.

**Theorem(3.4):** Let  $R$  be a yoked semidomain, and  $M$  a torsion-free  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M$  is duo if and only if for each  $R$ -endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$ , there exists  $r$  in  $R$  such that  $f(m) = rm$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Remark(3.5):** It is clear that any multiplication semimodule is duo. Hence by Theorem 3.4, if  $M$  is a multiplication torsion-free semimodule over a yoked semidomain  $R$ , then for each  $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ ,  $\exists r \in R$ , such that  $f(m) = rm$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Corollary (3.6):** If  $M$  is a torsion-free multiplication semimodule over a yoked semidomain  $R$ , then there exists an epimorphism of semirings from  $R$  onto  $\text{End}_R(M)$ .

**Proof:** By Remark 3.5,  $\forall f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ ,  $\exists r \in R$ , such that  $f = f_r$  and  $f_r(m) = rm$  for all  $m \in M$ . Hence  $\phi: R \rightarrow \text{End}_R(M)$ , defined by  $\phi(r) = f_r$ . It is easily check, that  $\phi$  is an epimorphism of semirings.

**Theorem(3.7):** If  $M$  is a torsion-free multiplication semimodule over a yoked semidomain  $R$ , then

$$\text{End}_R(M) \cong R/\text{ann}(M)$$

**Proof:** By Corollary 3.6,  $\ker \phi = \{r \in R | \phi(r) = 0\} = \{r \in R | f_r = 0\} = \{r \in R | rm = 0 \forall m \in M\} = \text{ann}(M)$ . But  $\text{End}_R(M) \cong R/\ker \phi$ , then  $\text{End}_R(M) \cong R/\text{ann}(M)$ .

By Lemma 2.7, Theorem 2.13, and Theorem 3.7 we have.

**Theorem(3.8):** If  $M$  a cancellative faithful multiplication semimodule over a yoked semidomain  $R$ . Then  $\text{End}_R(M) \cong R$ .

The following lemma shows the importance of the faithful multiplication semimodules.

**Lemma(3.9):** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated cancellative faithful multiplication semimodule over

a yoked semidomain  $R$ . If  $N = IM$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then  $I$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$ .

**Proof:** Since  $N \neq 0$ , then  $I \neq 0$ . By assumption  $N'N = M$ , hence  $M = N'N = N'IM$ . It is clear that  $N'I$  is an  $R$ -subsemimodule of  $R$ . Also, it is easy to see that every element of  $N'I$  can be considered as an  $R$ -endomorphism of  $M$ . Now, since  $M$  is a faithful multiplication semimodule, then by Theorem 3.8,  $End_R(M) \cong R$ . Therefore  $N'I$  is an ideal in  $R$ . As in modules see [13], it follows that  $N'I = R$ . Hence  $N' \subseteq I^{-1}$ , so  $R = N'I \subseteq I^{-1}I \subseteq R$  which implies  $I^{-1}I = R$ .

**Theorem (3.10):** Let  $M$  be a cancellative faithful multiplication  $R$ -semimodule over a yoked Dedekind semidomain  $R$ . Then  $M$  is a finitely generated Dedekind  $R$ -semimodule.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is a faithful multiplication semimodule, and  $R$  is a semidomain. By Corollary 2.11, we have  $M$  is a finitely generated. Now, let  $N$  be a non-zero subsemimodule of  $M$ . Hence there exists a non-zero ideal  $I$  in  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ . Since  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain, thus  $I$  is invertible in  $R$ , and by Lemma 3.2,  $N$  is invertible.

The following theorem is a converse of above theorem:

**Theorem (3.11):** Let  $M$  be a cancellative faithful multiplication semimodule over a yoked semidomain  $R$ . If  $M$  is a Dedekind semimodule, then  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain.

**Proof:** By assumption,  $R$  is a semidomain. By Corollary 2.11, we get  $M$  is a finitely generated. Assume that  $I$  is any non-zero ideal of  $R$ . Then  $IM$  is a non-zero subsemimodule of  $M$ , hence  $IM$  is invertible. From Lemma 3.9,  $I$  is an invertible ideal.

A semidomain  $R$  is said to be a **Prüfer semidomain** if every non-zero finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is invertible in  $R$  [6]. Note that  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain if and only if  $R$  is a Noetherian (each of its ideals is finitely generated) Prüfer semidomain.

Let  $D$  be a Dedekind domain ( $D$  is a ring). By Theorem 3.7 in [4], the semiring of ideals  $\text{Id}(D)$  of  $D$  (the set of all ideals of  $D$ ) is a Prüfer semidomain. By Theorem 3.7 in [4],  $\text{Id}(D)$  is subtractive (each of its ideals is subtractive). If  $\text{Id}(D)$  is also Noetherian, then  $\text{Id}(D)$  is a Dedekind semidomain. Note that the semiring  $\text{Id}(D)$  is proper semiring, i.e., it is not a ring. If  $D$  is a Dedekind semidomain then the above argument remains true. Note that, each Noetherian Prüfer semidomain is Dedekind.

For a more specific example, we assert that  $(\text{Id}(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  is a principal ideal semidomain (each of its ideals is principal) [6]. Hence,  $\text{Id}(\mathbb{Z})$  is evidently a Dedekind semidomain. Note that the semiring  $(\text{Id}(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  is isomorphic to the semiring  $(\mathbb{N}, \text{gcd}, \cdot)$ .

**Definition (3.12):** A semimodule  $M$  is said to be a **Prüfer semimodule** if every non-zero finitely generated subsemimodule of  $M$  is invertible in  $M$ .

The proof of the following theorem is basically the same as the proof of the last results.

**Theorem (3.13):** Let  $M$  be a cancellative faithful multiplication semimodule over a yoked semiring  $R$ . Then  $M$  is a Prüfer semimodule if and only if  $R$  is a Prüfer semidomain.

If  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule, we have the following remark which is special case of above theorem.

**Remark (3.14):** Let  $M$  be a cancellative faithful multiplication semimodule over a yoked semiring  $R$ . Then  $M$  is a  $D_1$  semimodule if and only if  $R$  is a semidomain.

**Proof:**( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Corollary 1.29, we get  $R$  is a semidomain, so each non-zero principal ideal is invertible.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $R$  is a semidomain. Let now  $Rm$  be a non-zero cyclic subsemimodule of  $M$ ,  $Rm = IM$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . In this case we can take  $I = [Rm: M]$ , and hence  $Rm = [Rm: M]M$ . By Corollary 2.11, we get  $M$  is finitely generated, and thus  $[Rm: M]$  is a multiplication ideal in  $R$  [13]. But  $R$  is a semidomain; thus by Theorem 2.3,  $[Rm: M]$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$ . Then by Lemma 3.2,  $Rm$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition (3.15):** If  $M$  is a faithful multiplication Dedekind  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $M^* = \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$  is also a faithful multiplication Dedekind  $R$ -semimodule.

**Proof:** Similarly in the proof of Theorem 3.10,  $M$  is a f.g. faithful multiplication semimodule. So as in the modules see Corollary (2) of [2], we obtain that  $M^*$  is a f.g. faithful multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. By assumption and using Theorem 3.11, we get  $R$  is a Dedekind semidomain. Now  $M^*$  is a f.g. faithful multiplication  $R$ -semimodule over the Dedekind semidomain  $R$ , then by Theorem 3.10,  $M^*$  is a Dedekind  $R$ -semimodule.

#### 4. Embedding of Semimodules

In this section we study "embeddability problem", thus we look for necessary and (or) sufficient



conditions under which an  $R$ -semimodule  $A$  is isomorphic to a subsemimodule of the  $R$ -semimodule  $B$ . Now, put  $H = \text{Hom}_R(A, B)$ ,  $H$  is an  $R$ -semimodule. We start by the following.

**Proposition (4.1):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $R$ -semimodules. If there exists a monomorphism  $f \in H$ , then  $\text{ann}(Rf) = \text{ann}(H)$ .

**Proof:** It is clear that  $\text{ann}(H) \subseteq \text{ann}(Rf)$ , so it is enough to show that  $\text{ann}(Rf) \subseteq \text{ann}(H)$ . Let  $r \in \text{ann}(Rf)$ , then  $0 = rf(A) = f(rA)$ . But  $f$  is a monomorphism, therefore  $rA = (0)$ , and  $r \in \text{ann}(A)$ . But it is easily seen that  $\text{ann}(A) \subseteq \text{ann}(H)$ , thus  $\text{ann}(Rf) = \text{ann}(H)$ .

**Remark (4.2):** The converse of Proposition 4.1 is not true in general.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a projective  $R$ -semimodule with a non-commutative endomorphisms semiring,  $E(A)$  (for example  $A$  can be any free semimodule of rank  $>1$ , such as  $A = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -semimodule). Put  $B = A \oplus R$ . Then  $B^* = A^* \oplus R^* \cong A^* \oplus R$ , where  $B^* = \text{Hom}(B, R)$  and  $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, R)$ . If  $\beta$  represents a generator of a semiring  $R$  in the last direct sum, hence it is clear that  $\text{ann}(R\beta) = \text{ann}(B^*) = 0$ . Whereas  $B^*$  does not contain any monomorphism. To prove this, let  $f \in B^*$  such that  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus  $f(B)$  is a projective ideal of  $R$  (since  $B$  is projective). And thus by [14],  $f(B)$ , so also  $B$  is a multiplication ideal. By [15],  $\text{End}_R(B)$  is commutative. By [16, lemma 2.1], we have  $\text{End}_R(A)$  is commutative, which is a contradiction.

Now, let us observe that if there exists a monomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , for any  $R$ -semimodules,  $A$  and  $B$ , then it is clear that  $\bigcap_{\forall g \in H} \ker g = (0)$ .

The following theorem gives a sufficient condition for the existence of a monomorphism in  $H = \text{Hom}(A, B)$ , in the case  $A$  is a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule.

**Theorem(4.3):** Let  $A$  be a multiplication  $R$ -semimodule and  $B$  any  $R$ -semimodule such that  $\bigcap_g \ker g = (0), \forall g \in H = \text{Hom}(A, B)$ . Then for any  $f \in H$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphism iff  $\text{ann}(Rf) = \text{ann}(H)$ .

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $f$  is a monomorphism then by Proposition 4.1, we have  $\text{ann}(Rf) = \text{ann}(H)$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Put  $N = \ker f$ . There is an ideal  $I$  in  $R$  such that  $N = IA$ . So  $(0) = f(N) = f(IA) = If(A)$ , which implies  $I \subseteq \text{ann}(Rf)$ . Then  $IH = (0)$ , hence  $I \subseteq \ker g, \forall g \in H$ , and thus  $IA = (0)$ . Therefore  $N = (0)$  and  $f$  is a monomorphism.

As a special case of Theorem 4.3, we give the following, comparison with [2, Lemma(1.1)]. We say that an  $R$ -semimodule  $A$  is called **torsionless** if  $\bigcap_g \ker g = (0), \forall g \in A^*$ .

**Corollary (4.4):** Let  $A$  be a torsionless multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $A$  is embeddable in  $R$  iff  $\exists \beta \in A^*$  such that  $\text{ann}(R\beta) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ .

More generally, we have:

**Corollary (4.5):** Let  $A$  be a torsionless multiplication  $R$ -semimodule. Then  $A$  is embeddable in  $R^n$  iff  $\exists$  a f.g. subsemimodule  $N$  of  $A^*$ , which is generated by a set  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ , where  $\beta_i \in A^*, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\text{ann}(N) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ .

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $A$  embeds in  $R^n$ , i.e.  $\exists \beta: A \rightarrow R^n$  which is a monomorphism.  $\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  define  $\beta_i: A \rightarrow R$  as follows  $\beta_i = \rho_i \circ \beta$ , where  $\rho_i \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  is the natural projection of  $R^n$  onto the  $i$ th component. Note, since  $\text{Hom}(A, R^n)$  is isomorphic to the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, R)$ . Therefore  $\text{ann}(\text{Hom}(A, R^n)) = \text{ann}(A^*)$  and since  $\beta$  is a monomorphism hence, by Proposition 4.1  $\text{ann}(\beta) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ . Now,  $\text{ann}(\beta) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{ann}(\beta_i) = \text{ann}(N)$ . Thus  $\text{ann}(N) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $\exists$  a f.g. subsemimodule  $N$  of  $A^*$ , which is generated by a set  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ , and  $\text{ann}(N) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ . Now let us define an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\beta: A \rightarrow R^n$  as follows  $\beta(x) = (\beta_1(x), \beta_2(x), \dots, \beta_n(x)), \forall x \in A$ . Now since  $\text{ann}(\text{Hom}(A, R^n)) = \text{ann}(A^*)$ , and by assumption  $\text{ann}(A^*) = \text{ann}(N) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{ann}(\beta_i) = \text{ann}(\beta)$ . Therefore by using Theorem 4.3, we obtain  $\beta$  is a monomorphism in  $\text{Hom}(A, R^n)$ .

From our main results in this section, is that if  $\exists \beta \in A^*$  such that  $(R\beta)$  is invertible in  $A^*$ , and  $A$  is torsionless, then  $\beta$  is a monomorphism, and hence  $A$  embeds in  $R$ , this means  $A$  is isomorphic to an ideal of  $R$ . But now, let us recall that for any  $R$ -semimodule  $B$ ,

$T_B = \{s \in S \mid \text{if } sb = 0 \text{ for some } b \in B, \text{ then } b = 0\}$ . Hence, for an  $R$ -semimodule  $H = \text{Hom}(A, B)$ ,  $T_H = \{s \in S \mid \text{if } s\beta = 0 \text{ for some } \beta \in H, \text{ then } \beta = 0\}$ .

**Theorem(4.6):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $R$ -semimodules, with  $\bigcap_{\beta \in H} \ker \beta = (0)$ , and  $T_H \subseteq T_B$ . If there exists a cyclic invertible subsemimodule  $(Rf)$  in  $H$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphism, and hence  $A$  embeds in  $B$ . Moreover, if  $\sum_{\beta \in H} \beta(A) = B$ , then  $f(A)$  is invertible subsemimodule in  $B$ .

**Proof:** By Corollary 1.14  $\forall \beta \in H, \exists t \in T_H, s \in R$  such that  $t\beta = s\alpha$ . Put  $N = \ker f$  and let  $x \in N$ , then  $s\alpha(x) = t\beta(x) = 0$ , which implies  $x = 0$ . Thus  $f$  is a monomorphism. Next, by assumption,  $\forall b \in B, \exists f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m \in H$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in A$  such that  $b = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(a_i)$ . Since  $(Rf)$  is invertible in  $H$ , so by Corollary 1.14  $\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq m, \exists s_i \in R, t_i \in T_H$  such that  $f_i = \frac{s_i}{t_i} f$ . Hence  $b = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{s_i}{t_i} f(a_i)$ , and by Proposition 1.13, we obtain that  $f(A)$  is invertible in  $B$ .

The following two corollaries are special case of Theorem 4.6.

**Corollary(4.7):** Let  $A$  be a torsionless  $R$ -semimodule. If  $A^*$  contains a cyclic invertible subsemimodule, then  $A$  is isomorphic to an ideal of  $R$ . Further if  $\text{trace}(A) = R$ , then  $A$  is isomorphic to an invertible ideal, and thus is a faithful multiplication semimodule.

**Proof:** Since  $T_R = S$ , where  $S$  is the set of all non-zero divisor in  $R$ , and hence  $T_{A^*} \subseteq T_R$ . Let  $\alpha \in A^*$  such that  $(R\alpha)$  is invertible in  $A^*$ . Thus by Theorem 4.6,  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism. Since  $\text{trace}(A) = \sum_{\beta \in A^*} \beta(A) = R$ , again by Theorem 4.6,  $\alpha(A)$  is an invertible subsemimodule of  $R$ . Hence by Proposition 1.20,  $\alpha(A)$  is an invertible ideal in  $R$ . By Remark 2.3, we obtain  $\alpha(A)$ , and hence  $A$  is a faithful multiplication semimodule

**Corollary (4.8):** Let  $A$  be a torsionless  $R$ -semimodule. If  $A^*$  contains a f.g. invertible subsemimodule  $N$ , and  $N$  can be generated by  $n$  elements. Then  $A$  embeds in  $R^n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$  be a set of generators of  $N$ . Define  $\beta: A \rightarrow R^n$ , as follows,  $\beta(x) = (\beta_1(x), \beta_2(x), \dots, \beta_n(x)), \forall x \in A$ . Now our aim is to show that  $\beta$  is a monomorphism. Since  $N$  is invertible in  $A^*$ , then by Proposition 1.13, we have  $\forall \alpha \in A^*, \exists t \in T_{A^*} \subseteq S$  and  $\exists r_i \in R, 1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $t\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \beta_i$ . Now, let  $y \in \ker \beta = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \ker \beta_i$ . Thus  $t\alpha(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \beta_i(y) = 0$ , but  $t \in S$ , then  $\alpha(y) = 0 \forall \alpha \in A^*$ , i.e  $y \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A^*} \ker \alpha = (0)$ . Thus  $\ker \beta = (0)$ , and  $A$  embeds in  $R^n$ .

**Theorem (4.9):** Let  $M$  be a Dedekind semimodule and let  $m$  be a non-zero element of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is isomorphic to the  $R$ -subsemimodule  $(Rm)'$  of  $Q(R)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is a Dedekind semimodule, then  $\forall m_1 \in M, \exists z \in (Rm)'$  such that  $m_1 = zm$ . Define a homomorphism  $f: (Rm)' \rightarrow M$  with  $f(z) = zm$  for each  $z \in (Rm)'$ . It is clear that  $f$  is an  $R$ -isomorphism.

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