

DERIVATIONS IN SOME FINITE ENDOMORPHISM SEMIRINGS

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Abstract

The goal of this paper is to provide some basic structure information on derivations in finite semirings.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Over a period of sixteen years differential algebra went from being an approach that many people mistrusted or misunderstood to being a part of algebra that enjoys almost unquestioned acceptance. This algebra has been studied by many authors for the last 60 years and especially the relationships between derivations and the structure of rings. The notion of the ring with derivation is quite old and plays an important role in the integration of analysis, algebraic geometry and algebra. In the 1940's it was discovered that the Galois theory of algebraic equations can be transferred to the theory of ordinary linear differential equations (the Picard-Vessiot theory). In the 1950's the differential algebra was initiated by the works of J.F. Ritt and E.R. Kolchin. In 1950, Ritt [11] and in 1973, Kolchin [9] wrote the classical books on differential algebra.

The theory of derivations plays a significant role not only in ring theory, but also in functional analysis and linear differential equations. For instance, the classical Noether-Skolem theorem yields the solution of the problem for finite dimensional central simple algebras (see the well-known Herstein's book [6]). One of the natural questions in algebra and analysis is whether a map can be defined

by its local properties. For example, the question whether a map which acts like a derivation on the Lie product of some important Lie subalgebra of prime rings is induced by an ordinary derivation was a well-known problem posed by Herstein [5]. The first result in this direction was obtained in an unpublished work by Kaplansky, who considered matrix algebras over a field. Herstein's problem was solved in full generality only after the powerful technique of functional identities was developed, see [1]. In 1950's, Herstein ([4, 5, 7]) started the study of the relationship between the associative structure and the Jordan and Lie structures of associative rings.

An additive mapping D from R to R , where R is an associative ring, is called a Jordan derivation if $D(x^2) = D(x)x + xD(x)$ holds for all $x \in R$. Every derivation is obviously a Jordan derivation and the converse is in general not true.

It is important to note that the definition of Jordan derivation presented in the work by Herstein is not the same as the one given above. In fact, Herstein constructed, starting from the ring R , a new ring, namely the Jordan ring \mathbb{R} , defining the product in this $a \circ b = ab + ba$ for any $a, b \in R$. This new product is well-defined and it can be easily verified that $(R, +, \circ)$ is a ring. So, an additive mapping D , from the Jordan ring into itself, is said by Herstein to be a Jordan derivation, if $D(a \circ b) = D(a) \circ b + a \circ D(b)$, for any $a, b \in R$. So, in 1957, Herstein proved a classical result: "If R is a prime ring of a characteristic different from 2, then every Jordan derivation of R is a derivation."

During the last few decades there has been a great deal of works concerning derivations D_i in rings, in Lie rings, in skew polynomial rings and other structures, which commute, i.e., $D_i D_j = D_j D_i$.

What do we know about derivations in semirings? Nothing, or almost nothing except the definition in Golan's book [3] and a few propositions.

This paper is an attempt to start a study of derivations in finite semirings. Following Herstein's idea of multiplication in Jordan ring, we construct derivations in the endomorphism semiring of a finite chain.

The paper is organized as follows. After the second section of preliminaries, in Section 3 we introduce a semiring consisting of endomorphisms having an image with two fixed elements called a string. In such a string we consider the arithmetic and some kinds of nilpotent elements and subsemirings. In Section 4 we construct a mapping D from the given string into itself and prove that D is a derivation in one subsemiring of the string. Then we show that the semiring is a maximal differential subsemiring of this string. Section 5 is devoted to the construction of maps δ_α from given string into itself. They are Jordan multiplications, and we are studying their properties. The main results are that δ_α are derivations which commute and that the set of all derivations is a multiplicative semilattice with an identity and an absorbing element. In Section 6 we generalize the notion

of string and consider the arithmetic in such strings. In Section 7 we give some counterexamples and show that the maps δ_α , where α are from the whole string, are derivations in an ideal of this string. Finally in this section we consider a class of maps which are the derivations in the whole string.

2. PRELIMINARIES

An algebra $R = (R, +, \cdot)$ with two binary operations $+$ and \cdot on R , is called semiring if:

- $(R, +)$ is a commutative semigroup,
- (R, \cdot) is a semigroup,
- both distributive laws hold $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ and $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$ for any $x, y, z \in R$.

Let $R = (R, +, \cdot)$ be a semiring. If a neutral element 0 of semigroup $(R, +)$ exists and satisfies $0 \cdot x = x \cdot 0 = 0$ for all $x \in R$, then it is called zero. If a neutral element 1 of semigroup (R, \cdot) exists, it is called one.

An element a of a semiring R is called additively (multiplicatively) idempotent if $a + a = a$ ($a \cdot a = a$). A semiring R is called additively idempotent if each of its elements is additively idempotent.

An element a of a semiring R is called an additively (multiplicatively) absorbing element if and only if $a + x = a$ ($a \cdot x = x \cdot a = a$) for any $x \in R$. The zero of R is the unique multiplicative absorbing element; of course it does not need to exist. Following [10], an element of a semiring R is called an infinity if it is both additively and multiplicatively absorbing.

Facts concerning semirings, congruence relations in semirings and (right, left) ideals of semirings can be found in [3] and [10].

An algebra \mathcal{M} with binary operation \vee such as

- $a \vee (b \vee c) = (a \vee b) \vee c$ for any $a, b, c \in \mathcal{M}$;
- $a \vee b = b \vee a$ for any $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$;
- $a \vee a = a$ for any $a \in \mathcal{M}$.

is called semilattice (join semilattice).

Another term used for \mathcal{M} is a commutative idempotent semigroup – see [15]. For any $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ we denote $a \leq b \iff a \vee b = b$. In this notation, if there is a neutral element in \mathcal{M} , it is the least element.

For a semilattice \mathcal{M} the set $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}}$ of the endomorphisms of \mathcal{M} is a semiring with respect to the addition and multiplication defined by:

- $h = f + g$ when $h(x) = f(x) \vee g(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$,

- $h = f \cdot g$ when $h(x) = f(g(x))$ for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$.

This semiring is called the *endomorphism semiring* of \mathcal{M} . It is important to note that in this paper all semilattices are finite chains. Following [12] and [13] we fix a finite chain $\mathcal{C}_n = (\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, \vee)$ and denote the endomorphism semiring of this chain with $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$. We do not assume that $\alpha(0) = 0$ for arbitrary $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$. So, there is not a zero in endomorphism semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$. Subsemiring $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n} = \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^0$ of $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$ consisting of all maps α with property $\alpha(0) = 0$ has zero and is considered in [12] and [15].

If $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$ such that $f(k) = i_k$ for any $k \in \mathcal{C}_n$ we denote α as an ordered n -tuple $\wr i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-1} \wr$. Note that mappings will be composed accordingly, although we shall usually give preference to writing mappings on the right, so that $\alpha \cdot \beta$ means "first α , then β ".

For other properties of the endomorphism semiring we refer to [8, 12, 13] and [15].

In the following sections we use some terms from book [2] having in mind that in [14] we show that some subsemigroups of the partial transformation semigroup are indeed endomorphism semirings.

3. STRINGS OF TYPE 2

By $STR\{a, b\}$ we denote subset of $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$ consisting of endomorphisms with image $\{a, b\}$ (either $\{a\}$, or $\{b\}$) where $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$. This set is called a *string of type 2*. So, for fixed $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ and $a < b$, a string of type 2 is

$$STR\{a, b\} = \{\wr a, \dots, a \wr, \wr a, \dots, a, b \wr, \dots, \wr a, b, \dots, b \wr, \wr b, \dots, b \wr\}.$$

In the semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$ there is an order of the following way:

For any two endomorphisms $\alpha = \wr k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{n-1} \wr$ and $\beta = \wr l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-1} \wr$ the relation $\alpha \leq \beta$ means that $k_i \leq l_i$ for all $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, i.e., $\alpha + \beta = \beta$.

With regard to this order each of sets $STR\{a, b\}$ is an $n+1$ -element chain with the least element $\wr a, \dots, a \wr$ and the biggest element $\wr b, \dots, b \wr$. Hence string $STR\{a, b\}$ is closed under the addition of semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$. It is easy to see that the composition of two endomorphisms with images $\{a, b\}$ is an endomorphism of such type. So, we have

Proposition 1. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ string $STR\{a, b\}$ is a subsemiring of semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$.*

Note that string $STR\{a, b\}$ is not a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(a)} \cap \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(b)}$ (see [13]), namely $\wr 2, 2, 3, 3 \wr \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_4}^{(3)}$, but $\wr 2, 2, 3, 3 \wr \notin \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_4}^{(2)}$.

Let us denote the elements of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$ by $\alpha_k^{a,b}$, where $k = 0, \dots, n$ is the number of the elements of \mathcal{C}_n with an image equal to b , i.e.,

$$\alpha_k^{a,b} = \wr a, \dots, a, \underbrace{b, \dots, b}_k \wr.$$

When a and b are fixed, we replace $\alpha_k^{a,b}$ by α_k .

Proposition 2. *Let $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ and $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\} = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n\}$. For every $k = 0, \dots, n$ follows*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s &= \alpha_0, & \text{where } 0 \leq s \leq n - b - 1 \\ \alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s &= \alpha_k, & \text{where } n - b \leq s \leq n - a - 1 \\ \alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s &= \alpha_n, & \text{where } n - a \leq s \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let us multiply $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s$, where $0 \leq s \leq n - b - 1$. This means that at least $b + 1$ elements of \mathcal{C}_n have images under endomorphism α_s equal to a and then b is not a fixed point of α_s . Hence, for all $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$(\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s)(i) = \alpha_s(\alpha_k(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_s(a), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_s(b), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = a$$

which means that $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s = \alpha_0$.

Let us multiply $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s$, where $n - b \leq s \leq n - a - 1$. Now a and b are both fixed points of the endomorphism α_s . Hence, for all $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s)(i) &= \alpha_s(\alpha_k(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_s(a), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_s(b), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ b, & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = \alpha_k(i). \end{aligned}$$

which means that $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s = \alpha_k$.

Let us multiply $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s$, where $n - a \leq s \leq n$. This means that at least $n - a$ elements of \mathcal{C}_n have images under endomorphism α_s equal to b and then a is not a fixed point of α_s . Hence, for all $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$(\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s)(i) = \alpha_s(\alpha_k(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_s(a), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_s(b), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = b$$

which means that $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_s = \alpha_n$. ■

The endomorphism α is called **a-nilpotent** if for some natural k follows that $\alpha^k = \alpha_0$ and respectively, **b-nilpotent** if $\alpha^k = \alpha_n$. From the last proposition follows that in both cases $k = 2$ and also

Corollary 3. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ the set:*

- a. $N_a = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{n-b-1}\}$ of all a -nilpotent elements is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$.
- b. $N_b = \{\alpha_{n-a}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ of all b -nilpotent elements is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$.
- c. $Id_{a,b} = \{\alpha_{n-b}, \dots, \alpha_{n-a-1}\}$ of all idempotent elements is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$.

Note that all idempotent elements in semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$ do not form a semiring.

The constant endomorphisms $\lambda a, \dots, a \lambda$ and $\lambda b, \dots, b \lambda$ are called **centers** of semirings $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(a)}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(b)}$, respectively. So, we may imagine that string $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$ "connects" the two centers $\lambda a, \dots, a \lambda$ and $\lambda b, \dots, b \lambda$. Semiring N_a is a subsemiring of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(a)}$, analogously N_b is a subsemiring of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(b)}$ and semiring $Id_{a,b}$ is a subsemiring of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(a)} \cap \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}_n}^{(b)}$.

Let us consider the subset $S_{a,b} = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{n-a-1}\}$ of the $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$. Obviously, the set $S_{a,b}$ is closed under the addition. So, immediately from Proposition 2 follows

Corollary 4. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ the set $S_{a,b}$ is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$.*

Note that semiring $S_{a,b}$ is a disjoint union of semirings N_a and $Id_{a,b}$.

From dual point of view we consider the subset $T_{a,b} = \{\alpha_{n-b}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ of string $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$. This set is also closed under the addition and from Proposition 2 we have

Corollary 5. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ the set $T_{a,b}$ is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}\{a, b\}$.*

Note that semiring $T_{a,b}$ is a disjoint union of semirings $Id_{a,b}$ and N_b .

4. THE DERIVATION D

Now we consider set $DS_{a,b} = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{n-b}\}$. Clearly this set is closed under the addition. Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_l \in DS_{a,b}$ and $k, l \neq n-b$. Then from Proposition 2 follows that $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_l = \alpha_0$. Also we have $\alpha_{n-b} \cdot \alpha_s = \alpha_0$, $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_k$ and $\alpha_{n-b} \cdot \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{n-b}$. Thus we prove

Proposition 6. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ set $DS_{a,b}$ is a subsemiring of semiring $S_{a,b}$.*

Note that in semiring $DS_{a,b}$ endomorphism α_0 is the zero element and endomorphism α_{n-b} is the unique right identity. Semiring $DS_{a,b}$ consist of all a -nilpotent endomorphisms and the least idempotent endomorphism.

Now we define a mapping $D : STR\{a, b\} \rightarrow STR\{a, b\}$ by the rules $D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_{k-1}$ for any $k = 1, \dots, n$, and $D(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$.

Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_\ell \in STR\{a, b\}$ and $k > \ell$. Then $D(\alpha_k + \alpha_\ell) = D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_{k-1} = \alpha_{k-1} + \alpha_{\ell-1} = D(\alpha_k) + D(\alpha_\ell)$, that means D is a linear mapping.

Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_\ell \in N_a$. Then from Proposition 3.2 follows that $D(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = D(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$ and also $D(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell = \alpha_{k-1} \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$, $\alpha_k D(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k \alpha_{\ell-1} = \alpha_0$. So, we have

$$D(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = D(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell + \alpha_k D(\alpha_\ell).$$

Since the same equalities are hold if we replace α_k with α_{n-b} , then it follows

$$D(\alpha_{n-b} \alpha_\ell) = D(\alpha_{n-b}) \alpha_\ell + \alpha_{n-b} D(\alpha_\ell).$$

For any $\alpha_k \in N_a$ we compute $D(\alpha_k \alpha_{n-b}) = D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_{k-1}$, $D(\alpha_k) \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{k-1} \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{k-1}$ and $\alpha_k D(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_k \alpha_{n-b-1} = \alpha_0$. So, we have

$$D(\alpha_k \alpha_{n-b}) = D(\alpha_k) \alpha_{n-b} + \alpha_k D(\alpha_{n-b}).$$

Also we compute $D(\alpha_{n-b}^2) = D(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-b-1}$, $D(\alpha_{n-b}) \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{n-b-1} \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{n-b-1}$ and $\alpha_{n-b} D(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-b} \alpha_{n-b-1} = \alpha_0$. So, it follows

$$D(\alpha_{n-b}^2) = D(\alpha_{n-b}) \alpha_{n-b} + \alpha_{n-b} D(\alpha_{n-b}).$$

Thus, we prove

Proposition 7. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ mapping D is a derivation in semiring $DS_{a,b}$.*

Now we shall prove that there are not differential semirings (under derivation D) containing $DS_{a,b}$, which are subsemirings of $STR\{a, b\}$.

Let $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$, where $k > n - b$. We compute $D(\alpha_k^2) = D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_{k-1}$ and from Proposition 3.2 follows $D(\alpha_k) \alpha_k = \alpha_{k-1} \alpha_k = \alpha_{k-1}$ and $\alpha_k D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k \alpha_{k-1} = \alpha_k$. This means that $D(\alpha_k^2) \neq D(\alpha_k) \alpha_k + \alpha_k D(\alpha_k)$.

Let $\alpha_k \in N_b$. We compute $D(\alpha_k^2) = D(\alpha_n) = \alpha_{n-1}$, $D(\alpha_k) \alpha_k = \alpha_{k-1} \alpha_k = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k \alpha_{k-1} = \begin{cases} \alpha_{n-a}, & \text{if } k = n - a \\ \alpha_n, & \text{if } k > n - a \end{cases}$. Hence $D(\alpha_k) \alpha_k + \alpha_k D(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n \neq \alpha_{n-1} = D(\alpha_k^2)$.

Thus we prove that D is not a Jordan derivation, see [5], in any subset of $STR\{a, b\}$, which contains $DS_{a,b}$, that means D is not a derivation. So, follows

Proposition 8. *The semiring $DS_{a,b}$ is the maximal differential subsemiring (under the derivation D) of string $STR\{a, b\}$.*

Note that each of subsets $I_0 = \{\alpha_0\}$, $I_1 = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1\}$, \dots , $I_{n-b-1} = N_a$ is a subsemiring of N_a with trivial multiplication $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$ for any $0 \leq k, \ell \leq n-b-1$. Since these semirings I_k , $0 \leq k \leq n-b-1$, are closed under derivation D , then I_k are differential subsemirings of $DS_{a,b}$. But from Proposition 2 follows that I_k are ideals in semiring $DS_{a,b}$. Hence

Proposition 9. *In semiring $DS_{a,b}$ there is a chain of differential ideals*

$$I_0 \subset \dots \subset I_k = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset \dots \subset I_{n-b-1} = N_a.$$

Let R be an arbitrary differential semiring with derivation d and I is a differential ideal of R . We consider

$$\int_R I = \{x | x \in R, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, d^n(x) \in I\}.$$

Let $x, y \in \int_R I$ where $d^m(x) \in I$ and $d^n(y) \in I$. If $m < n$ we have $d^n(x) = d^{n-m}(d^m(x)) \in I$. Then, using that d is a linear map, follows $d^n(x+y) = d^n(x) + d^n(y) \in I$, that is $x+y \in \int_R I$.

On the other hand, $d^{m+n}(xy) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} \binom{m+n}{k} d^{m+n-k}(x) d^k(y) \in I$, which means that $xy \in \int_R I$. It is clear that $x \in \int_R I$ implies $d(x) \in \int_R I$. Thus, we prove

Proposition 10. *Let R be a differential semiring with derivation d and I is a differential ideal of R . Then $\int_R I$ is a differential subsemiring of R .*

Using Propositions 9 and 10 we can describe the "differential structure" of semiring $DS_{a,b}$.

Corollary 11. *For every differential ideal I_k of semiring $DS_{a,b}$, where $k = 0, \dots, n-b-1$, follows $DS_{a,b} = \int_{DS_{a,b}} I_k$.*

5. DERIVATIONS IN STRING $STR\{a, b\}$

Now we use the well known Jordan multiplication in associative rings to define some new derivations in strings $STR\{a, b\}$.

Let $\alpha \in STR\{a, b\}$. We define a mapping $\delta_\alpha : STR\{a, b\} \rightarrow STR\{a, b\}$ by the rule

$$\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha \alpha_k + \alpha_k \alpha \text{ for any } k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

The main result in this section is

Theorem 12. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ and arbitrary $\alpha \in STR\{a, b\}$ mapping δ_α is a derivation in string $STR\{a, b\}$.*

Proof. From $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k + \alpha_\ell) = \alpha(\alpha_k + \alpha_\ell) + (\alpha_k + \alpha_\ell)\alpha = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha + \alpha\alpha_\ell + \alpha_\ell\alpha = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) + \delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell)$ where $k, \ell \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ follows that mapping δ_α is a linear.

Now we prove equality

$$(1) \quad \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell + \alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell).$$

Case 1. Let $\alpha \in N_a$.

- If $\alpha_k \in N_a$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_0 = \alpha_0$.
- If $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha + \alpha_0 = \alpha$.
- If $\alpha_k \in N_b$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_n + \alpha_0 = \alpha_n$.

1.1. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_a$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha_0 = \alpha_0$. So, (1) holds.

1.2. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_b$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha_n = \alpha_n$. So, (1) holds.

1.3. Let $\alpha_k \in N_a, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_0$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_0\alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha_0 = \alpha_0$. So, (1) holds.

1.4. Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha\alpha_\ell = \alpha$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_0$. So, (1) holds.

1.5. Let $\alpha_k \in N_b, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_n\alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_0$. So, (1) holds.

Case 2. Let $\alpha \in Id_{a,b}$.

- If $\alpha_k \in N_a$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_k = \alpha_k$.
- If $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha + \alpha_k$.
- If $\alpha_k \in N_b$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_n + \alpha_k = \alpha_n$.

2.1. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_a$. Then (1) holds after the same equalities like in 1.1.

2.2. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_b$. Then (1) holds after the same equalities like in 1.2.

2.3. Let $\alpha_k \in N_a, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_k\alpha_\ell = \alpha_k$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k(\alpha + \alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k\alpha + \alpha_k\alpha_\ell = \alpha_k + \alpha_k = \alpha_k$. So, (1) holds.

2.4. Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha + \alpha_k$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = (\alpha + \alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha + \alpha_k$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k(\alpha + \alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k$. So, (1) holds.

2.5. Let $\alpha_k \in N_b, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k\alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)\alpha_\ell = \alpha_n\alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k\delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k(\alpha + \alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k$. So, (1) holds.

Case 3. Let $\alpha \in N_b$.

- If $\alpha_k \in N_a$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_n = \alpha_n$.
- If $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha + \alpha_n = \alpha_n$.
- If $\alpha_k \in N_b$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha\alpha_k + \alpha_k\alpha = \alpha_n + \alpha_n = \alpha_n$.

3.1. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_a$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_0) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$ and $\alpha_k \delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k \alpha_n = \alpha_n$. So, (1) holds.

3.2. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_b$. Then (1) holds after the same equalities like in 1.2.

3.3. Let $\alpha_k \in N_a, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k \delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k \alpha_n = \alpha_n$. So, (1) holds.

3.4. Let $\alpha_k, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k \delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k \alpha_n = \alpha_n$. So, (1) holds.

3.5. Let $\alpha_k \in N_b, \alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. Then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k \alpha_\ell) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$, $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k \delta_\alpha(\alpha_\ell) = \alpha_k \alpha_n = \alpha_n$. So, (1) holds and this completes the proof. ■

Proposition 13. *All the derivations δ_α , where $\alpha \in STR\{a, b\}$ commutes.*

Proof. Let $\alpha, \beta \in N_a$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in N_a$ follows $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_0$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \alpha_0$ what implies $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ we have $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \beta$. Then $\delta_\beta(\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\beta(\alpha) = \alpha_0$ and $\delta_\alpha(\delta_\beta(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\alpha(\beta) = \alpha_0$ what implies $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$.

Let $\alpha \in N_a, \beta \in Id_{a,b}$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in N_a$ we have $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_0$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$. So, $\delta_\alpha(\delta_\beta(\alpha_k)) = \alpha_0 = \delta_\beta(\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k))$, i.e., $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ we have $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \beta + \alpha_k$. Then $\delta_\beta(\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)) = \beta + \alpha_k$ and $\delta_\alpha(\delta_\beta(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\alpha(\beta + \alpha_k) = \beta + \alpha_k$, that is $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$.

Let $\alpha, \beta \in Id_{a,b}$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in N_a$ follows $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ what implies $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ we have $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha + \alpha_k$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \beta + \alpha_k$. Then $\delta_\beta(\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\beta(\alpha + \alpha_k) = \beta + \alpha + \alpha_k$ and $\delta_\alpha(\delta_\beta(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\alpha(\beta + \alpha_k) = \alpha + \beta + \alpha_k$, that is $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$.

Let $\beta \in N_b$. For any α_k follows $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$. Then for any $\alpha \in STR\{a, b\}$ we have $\delta_\alpha(\delta_\beta(\alpha_k)) = \delta_\alpha(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$ and $\delta_\beta(\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k)) = \alpha_n$, i.e., $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$.

When $\alpha_k \in N_b$, then $\delta_\alpha(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$ and $\delta_\beta(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$ for any $\alpha, \beta \in STR\{a, b\}$ what implies $\delta_\alpha \cdot \delta_\beta = \delta_\beta \cdot \delta_\alpha$. ■

Now we ask what structure has the set Δ of all derivations δ_α , where $\alpha \in STR\{a, b\}$. First, we consider two examples.

Example 14. Let us fix $a = 0$ and examine string $STR\{0, b\}$. Consider the set of derivations $\Delta = \{\delta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in Id_{0,b}\}$. Here only α_n is an element of semiring N_b . For any $b, 0 < b \leq n - 1$, we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ for all $\alpha_k \in N_a$. It is clear that $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-b}$ and $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_{n-b} \alpha_k + \alpha_k \alpha_{n-b} = \alpha_{n-b} + \alpha_k = \alpha_k$ for all $\alpha_k \in Id_{0,b}$. Moreover, $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$. Hence, $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}$ is an identity map.

Let $\ell, m \in \{n - b, \dots, n - 1\}$, that is $\alpha_\ell, \alpha_m \in Id_{0,b}$, and $\ell \leq m$. Then follows $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \delta_{\alpha_m}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ for all $\alpha_k \in N_a$ and also $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_n) = \delta_{\alpha_m}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$. For arbitrary $\alpha_k \in Id_{0,b}$ we have $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$, where $\alpha_k \leq \alpha_\ell$ and $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$ for any $k \in \{\ell + 1, \dots, n - 1\}$. Hence, $\delta_{\alpha_m}(\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_m}(\alpha_k)$ for every $\alpha_k \in Id_{0,b}$. Thus, $\delta_{\alpha_m} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_\ell} = \delta_{\alpha_m}$ when $\ell \leq m$.

So, we conclude that the set of derivations $\Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-1}}\}$ is a commutative idempotent semigroup, i.e. semilattice with identity $\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}$.

Example 15. Let us fix $a = n - 2$ and $b = n - 1$. Now we compute the values of derivations:

$$\delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_2) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_1, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_2) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_2) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

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$$\delta_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_2) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n.$$

Hence, $\delta_{\alpha_2} = \dots = \delta_{\alpha_n}$. It is easy to verify that $\delta_{\alpha_0}^2 = \delta_{\alpha_0}$, $\delta_{\alpha_0} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_1} = \delta_{\alpha_0}$, $\delta_{\alpha_0} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_2} = \delta_{\alpha_2}$, $\delta_{\alpha_1}^2 = \delta_{\alpha_1}$, $\delta_{\alpha_1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_2} = \delta_{\alpha_2}$ and $\delta_{\alpha_2}^2 = \delta_{\alpha_2}$.

So, we conclude that the set of all derivations in string $STR\{n - 2, n - 1\}$ is the commutative idempotent semigroup $\Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_0}, \delta_{\alpha_1}, \delta_{\alpha_2}\}$ with multiplication table

\cdot	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	δ_{α_2}
δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_2}
δ_{α_1}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	δ_{α_2}
δ_{α_2}	δ_{α_2}	δ_{α_2}	δ_{α_2}

Theorem 16. For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ the set of derivations $\Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_0}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}\}$ in string $STR\{a, b\}$ is a semilattice with an identity δ_{n-b} and an absorbing element δ_{n-a} .

Proof. Using Proposition 2 and reasonings similar to those in proof of Theorem 12, we consider three cases.

Case 1. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_a$. It follows

- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$, where $\alpha_k \in N_a$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_0$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_\ell$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$, where $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_\ell$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_0$, where $\alpha_k \in N_b$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$.

Case 2. Let $\alpha_\ell \in Id_{a,b}$. It follows

- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_0$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_k$, where $\alpha_k \in N_a$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_k$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_\ell$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_k$, where $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_\ell + \alpha_k$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_n$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_k$, where $\alpha_k \in N_b$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$.

Case 3. Let $\alpha_\ell \in N_b$. It follows

- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_0$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$, where $\alpha_k \in N_a$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_\ell$ and $\alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$, where $\alpha_k \in Id_{a,b}$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$;
- $\alpha_\ell \alpha_k = \alpha_k \alpha_\ell = \alpha_n$, where $\alpha_k \in N_b$ and then $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_k) = \alpha_n$.

From the last case we can conclude that $\delta_{n-a} = \dots = \delta_n$.

Using the equalities in the cases above follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_0, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_0,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_1, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_1,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

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$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-b-1}, \dots,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_{n-b-1}, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_1, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_{n-b-1}, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-b}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_{n-a-1}, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

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$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_1, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_{n-b-1},$$

$$= \delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_{n-a-1}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_{n-a-1},$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_{n-b-1}) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_{n-b}) = \alpha_n, \dots,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_{n-a-1}) = \alpha_n, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_{n-a}) = \alpha_n, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n.$$

Let us consider δ_{α_ℓ} , where $\ell \leq n - a - 1$. Then for $k \leq n - a - 1$ we compute $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$ and for $k \geq n - a$ follows $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_0(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$. Also we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{n-2}}(\delta_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_k)) = \alpha_n$ for arbitrary α_k . Thus we prove that $\delta_{\alpha_0} \delta_{\alpha_\ell} = \delta_{\alpha_0}$ and $\delta_{\alpha_0} \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}} = \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$.

We find $\delta_{\alpha_1}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_0$ where $k \leq n - a - 1$ and $\delta_{\alpha_1}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$ for $n - a \leq k \leq n$. So, we prove $\delta_{\alpha_1}^2 = \delta_{\alpha_0}$.

Now we compute for $2 \leq \ell \leq n - b - 1$ elements $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$ and $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$, and also for $2 \leq k \leq n - a - 1$ elements $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_0$. We have $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$ for all $k \geq n - a$. So, we prove $\delta_{\alpha_1} \delta_{\alpha_\ell} = \delta_{\alpha_0}$ for all $2 \leq \ell \leq n - b - 1$.

Now we compute for $n - b \leq \ell \leq n - a - 1$ elements $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0$ and $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_0$. Also for $2 \leq k \leq n - a - 1$ elements $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_1) = \alpha_1$. Similarly, we have $\delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \delta_{\alpha_\ell}(\alpha_n) = \alpha_n$ for all $k \geq n - a$. So, we prove $\delta_{\alpha_1}\delta_{\alpha_\ell} = \delta_{\alpha_1}$ for all $n - b \leq \ell \leq n - a - 1$.

For arbitrary α_k we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}(\delta_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_k)) = \alpha_n$, so, we prove $\delta_{\alpha_1}\delta_{\alpha_{n-2}} = \delta_{\alpha_{n-2}}$.

Thus, using the similar and clear reasonings, and Proposition 13, we can construct the following table

\cdot	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b+1}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	\cdots	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	\cdots	δ_{α_0}	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
δ_{α_1}	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	\cdots	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	δ_{α_1}	\cdots	δ_{α_1}	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\cdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\cdots	\vdots	\vdots
$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_0}	\cdots	δ_{α_0}	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}$	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b+1}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b+1}}$	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b+1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b+1}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\cdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\cdots	\vdots	\vdots
$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	δ_{α_0}	δ_{α_1}	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$
$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	\cdots	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$	$\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}$

This completes the proof that set $\Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_0}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}\}$ is a semilattice with identity δ_{n-b} absorbing element δ_{n-a} . \blacksquare

Let R be a differential semiring with set of derivations $\Delta = \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$ and I be a differential ideal of R that is closed under each derivation $\delta_i \in \Delta$. For any $i = 1, \dots, m$ we denote

$$\int_R^{\delta_i} I = \{x | x \in R, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \delta_i^n(x) \in I\}.$$

From Proposition 2 follows that the set $I = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_n\}$ is an ideal in the string $STR\{a, b\}$. From the proof of Theorem 12 we conclude that I is closed under each derivation δ_{α_i} where $\alpha_i \in STR\{a, b\}$. An easy consequence of Proposition 10 and the proof of Theorem 16 is the following

Corollary 17. *For any $a, b \in \mathcal{C}_n$ subsemirings of the string $R = STR\{a, b\}$ are*

$$\int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_0}} I = \cdots = \int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_{n-b-1}}} I = \int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}} I = R, \quad \int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_{n-b}}} I = \cdots = \int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_{n-a-1}}} I = I,$$

where $\delta_{\alpha_i} \in \Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_0}, \dots, \delta_{\alpha_{n-a}}\}$ and $I = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_n\}$.

6. STRINGS OF ARBITRARY TYPE

For any $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathcal{C}_n$, where $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_m$, $m = 2, \dots, n$ set

$$STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m-1} STR\{a_i, a_{i+1}\}$$

is called a **string of type m** .

Let $\alpha \in STR\{a_i, a_{i+1}\}$ and $\beta \in STR\{a_j, a_{j+1}\}$. If $i = j$, then either $\alpha \leq \beta$, or $\beta \leq \alpha$. If $i < j$, then

$$\alpha \leq \lambda a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{i+1} \lambda \leq \lambda a_j, \dots, a_j \lambda \leq \beta.$$

Hence, string $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ is a $(m-1)n+1$ -element chain with the least element $\lambda a_1, \dots, a_1 \lambda$ and the biggest element $\lambda a_m, \dots, a_m \lambda$, so this string is closed under the addition of semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$.

On the other hand, for $\alpha \in STR\{a_i, a_{i+1}\}$ and $\beta \in STR\{a_j, a_{j+1}\}$, where $i < j$, it is easy to show that $\alpha \cdot \beta \in STR\{a_j, a_{j+1}\}$. Thus we prove

Proposition 18. *For any $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathcal{C}_n$ string $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ is a subsemiring of semiring $\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}$.*

Immediately follows

Corollary 19. *For arbitrary subset $\{b_1, \dots, b_\ell\} \subseteq \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ string $STR\{b_1, \dots, b_\ell\}$ is a subsemiring of string $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$.*

The elements of semiring $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$, using the notations from Section 3, are $\alpha_k^{a_\ell, a_{\ell+1}}$, where $\ell = 1, \dots, m-1$ and $k = 0, \dots, n$ is the number of elements of \mathcal{C}_n with image equal to $a_{\ell+1}$. We can simplify this notations if we replace $\alpha_k^{a_\ell, a_{\ell+1}}$ with $\alpha_{k, \ell}$, where $\ell = 1, \dots, m-1$. This means that $\alpha_{k, \ell}$ is the element of $STR\{a_\ell, a_{\ell+1}\}$ defined in the same way as in Section 3. But using these notations we must remember that

$$\alpha_{0,2} = \alpha_{n,1}, \dots, \alpha_{0,\ell+1} = \alpha_{n,\ell}, \dots, \alpha_{0,m} = \alpha_{n,m-1}.$$

The next proposition is a generalization of Proposition 2.

Proposition 20. *Let $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathcal{C}_n$ and*

$$STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\} = \{\alpha_{0,1}, \dots, \alpha_{n,1}, \alpha_{1,2}, \dots, \alpha_{n,2}, \dots, \alpha_{n,m-1}, \alpha_{1,m}, \dots, \alpha_{n,m}\}.$$

For $k = 0, \dots, n$ for the endomorphisms $\alpha_{k, \ell} \in STR\{a_\ell, a_{\ell+1}\}$ and $\alpha_{s,r} \in STR\{a_r, a_{r+1}\}$ follows

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} &= \alpha_{0,r}, \quad \text{where } 0 \leq s \leq n - a_{\ell+1} - 1 \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} &= \alpha_{k,r}, \quad \text{where } n - a_{\ell+1} \leq s \leq n - a_{\ell} - 1 \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} &= \alpha_{n,r}, \quad \text{where } n - a_{\ell} \leq s \leq n.\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $0 \leq s \leq n - a_{\ell+1} - 1$. For arbitrary $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha_{k,\ell}, \cdot \alpha_{s,r})(i) &= \alpha_{s,r}(\alpha_{k,\ell}(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell}), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell+1}), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} a_r, & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ a_r, & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = \alpha_{0,r}(i)\end{aligned}$$

So, $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} = \alpha_{0,r}$.

Let $n - a_{\ell+1} \leq s \leq n - a_{\ell} - 1$. For all $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha_{k,\ell}, \cdot \alpha_{s,r})(i) &= \alpha_{s,r}(\alpha_{k,\ell}(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell}), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell+1}), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} a_r, & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ a_{r+1}, & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = \alpha_{k,r}(i)\end{aligned}$$

So, $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} = \alpha_{k,r}$.

Let $n - a_{\ell} \leq s \leq n$. For all $i \in \mathcal{C}_n$ follows

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha_{k,\ell}, \cdot \alpha_{s,r})(i) &= \alpha_{s,r}(\alpha_{k,\ell}(i)) = \begin{cases} \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell}), & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ \alpha_{s,r}(a_{\ell+1}), & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} a_{r+1}, & \text{if } i \leq n - k - 1 \\ a_{r+1}, & \text{if } i \geq n - k \end{cases} = \alpha_{n,r}(i)\end{aligned}$$

So, $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,r} = \alpha_{n,r}$ and this completes the proof. ■

Endomorphisms $\alpha_{0,\ell}$ where $\ell = 1, \dots, m$ and $\alpha_{n,m}$ are called constant endomorphisms in [8]. According to [13], we denote the set of all constant endomorphisms of $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ by $\mathcal{CO}(STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\})$. From Proposition 3.1 of [13] follows

Corollary 21. *Set $\mathcal{CO}(STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\})$ is an ideal of semiring $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$.*

7. DERIVATIONS IN STRINGS OF ARBITRARY TYPE

We now proceed with the construction of derivations in strings $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$.

Suppose that there was $\ell = 1, \dots, m-1$ such as $a_{\ell+1} - a_\ell \geq 2$. For this ℓ the set of endomorphisms $\alpha_{s,\ell}$, where $n - a_{\ell+1} \leq s \leq n - a_\ell - 1$ has 2 or more elements. So, if we put $p = n - a_{\ell+1}$, then α_p and α_{p+1} are from the semiring of the idempotent endomorphism in string $STR\{a_\ell, a_{\ell+1}\}$. Now, using Proposition 20 we compute

$$\alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{p+1,\ell}, \quad \alpha_{p,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p+1,\ell} = \alpha_{p,\ell}.$$

For $r \geq \ell + 1$ we compute

$$\alpha_{p,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r} = \alpha_{p,r}, \quad \alpha_{p,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p+1,r} = \alpha_{p,r}, \quad \alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r} = \alpha_{p+1,r}.$$

To find composition $\alpha_{p,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell}$ we consider two possibilities:

1. If $n - a_{r+1} \leq p \leq n - a_r - 1$, then follows $\alpha_{p,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{p,\ell}$.
2. If $n - a_r \leq p \leq n$, then $\alpha_{p,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{n,\ell}$.

For composition $\alpha_{p+1,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell}$ there are two similar possibilities, so we have either $\alpha_{p+1,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{p+1,\ell}$, or $\alpha_{p+1,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{n,\ell}$.

Consider a mapping $\delta_\alpha : STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \rightarrow STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ defined by the rule

$$(2) \quad \delta_\alpha(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha\alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{k,\ell}\alpha,$$

where α and $\alpha_{k,\ell}$ are arbitrary elements of the string $STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$.

Then we find $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell}) = \alpha_{p+1,\ell}$.

Now we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p,r}) = \alpha_{p,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r} + \alpha_{p,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{p,r} + \alpha_{p,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell}$. But $\alpha_{p,r} > \alpha_{n,\ell} \geq \alpha_{p,\ell}$, hence $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p,r}) = \alpha_{p,r}$.

In such a way $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,r}) = \alpha_{p,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p+1,r} + \alpha_{p+1,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} = \alpha_{p,r} + \alpha_{p+1,r} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell}$.

Using the inequalities $\alpha_{p,r} > \alpha_{n,\ell} \geq \alpha_{p+1,\ell}$ follows $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,r}) = \alpha_{p,r}$.

So, we have $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r}) = \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,r}) = \alpha_{p,r}$.

On the other hand, follows $\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,r} = \alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r} = \alpha_{p+1,r}$ and also $\alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p,r}) = \alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r} = \alpha_{p+1,r}$. Hence

$$\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,r} + \alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p,r}) = \alpha_{p+1,r} \neq \alpha_{p,r} = \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,r}).$$

Thus, we show that mapping δ_α defined by (2), where $\alpha \in STR\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$, in the general case, is not a derivation.

Note that there is not a counterexample when $r = \ell$ because

$$\delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell}) = \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell}) = \alpha_{p+1,\ell} = \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p+1,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,\ell} + \alpha_{p+1,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{p,\ell}}(\alpha_{p,\ell}).$$

So, the last arguments do not contradict the proof of Theorem 12.

To avoid possibility $a_{\ell+1} - a_\ell \geq 2$ we fix $m = n$ and $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1, \dots, a_n = n - 1$. Now we denote $STR\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\} = STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$.

Example 22. In string $STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_4})$ we consider endomorphisms $\alpha_{0,2} = \langle 2, 2, 2, 2 \rangle$, $\alpha_{2,1} = \langle 0, 0, 1, 1 \rangle$ and $\alpha_{2,3} = \langle 2, 2, 3, 3 \rangle$. Since $\alpha_{2,1} \cdot \alpha_{2,3} = \alpha_{0,2}$ it follows that $\delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,1} \cdot \alpha_{2,3}) = \delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{0,2}) = \alpha_{0,2}$. Now we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,1}) = \langle 2, 2, 2, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 0, 1, 1 \rangle + \langle 0, 0, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 2, 2, 2 \rangle = \alpha_{0,2}$. Then $\delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,1}) \cdot \alpha_{2,3} = \alpha_{0,2} \cdot \alpha_{2,3} = \alpha_{0,3}$. Hence

$$\delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,1} \cdot \alpha_{2,3}) \neq \delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,1}) \cdot \alpha_{2,3} + \alpha_{2,1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{0,2}}(\alpha_{2,3}).$$

Thus, we showed that, even in the simplest case, in the string of type m , where $m > 2$, the mappings defined by (2) in general are not derivations.

Now we consider the ideal of constant endomorphisms. It is clear that $\mathcal{CO}(STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})) = \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$. So, $\mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}) = \{\kappa_0, \dots, \kappa_{n-1}\}$ where $\kappa_i = \langle i, \dots, i \rangle$ for $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$.

Since $\kappa_i \cdot \kappa_j = \kappa_j$ it follows that $\delta_{\kappa_i}(\kappa_j) = \begin{cases} \kappa_i, & \text{if } i \geq j \\ \kappa_j, & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$.

More generally, for arbitrary $\alpha_{s,r} \in STR\{r - 1, r\}$, where $r = 1, \dots, n - 1$ follows that

$$(3) \quad \kappa_i \cdot \alpha_{s,r} = \begin{cases} \kappa_{r-1}, & \text{if } i \leq n - s - 1 \\ \kappa_r, & \text{if } i \geq n - s \end{cases}.$$

Obviously $\alpha_{s,r} \cdot \kappa_i = \kappa_i$.

Hence, there are three cases:

1. If $i \geq r$, then $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) = \kappa_i$.
2. If $i \leq r - 1$ and $i \leq n - s - 1$, then $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) = \kappa_{r-1}$.
3. If $i \leq r - 1$ and $i \geq n - s$, then $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) = \kappa_r$.

We can now establish a result concerning the semiring $\mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$ using Corollary 21.

Proposition 23. Let $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}} : \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$, where $\alpha_{s,r} \in STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$, be a mapping defined by $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) = \alpha_{s,r}\kappa_i + \kappa_i\alpha_{s,r}$ for arbitrary $\kappa_i \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$. Then for any $\kappa_i, \kappa_j \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$ follows

$$(4) \quad \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i \cdot \kappa_j) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) \cdot \kappa_j + \kappa_i \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j).$$

Proof. From equality $\kappa_i \cdot \kappa_j = \kappa_j$ follows that $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i \cdot \kappa_j) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j)$, $\kappa_i \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j)$ and $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) \cdot \kappa_j = \kappa_j$. So (4) is equivalent to equality $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j) + \kappa_j$. If $j \geq r$ from **1** follows $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j) = \kappa_j$, so, (4) holds. If $j \leq r-1$ and $j \leq n-s-1$, then from **2** follows $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_j) = \kappa_{r-1}$ and from $\kappa_{r-1} = \kappa_{r-1} + \kappa_j$ equality (4) holds. When $j \leq r-1$ and $j \geq n-s$, from **3** follows $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}(\kappa_i) = \kappa_r$ which implies $\kappa_r = \kappa_r + \kappa_j$, so, (4) holds. ■

Is there a semiring which contain semiring $\mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$ and is invariant under all mappings $\delta_{\alpha_{s,r}}$, where $\alpha_{s,r} \in \mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$, so that equality (3) holds for all elements of this semiring?

Studying this question, we consider the set $S = \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n}) \cup \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}$.

Proposition 24. *Set S is a subsemiring of semiring $\mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$ and is invariant under all mappings $\delta_{\alpha_{k,\ell}}$, where $\alpha_{k,\ell} \in \mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in S$. If either $x, y \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$, or $x, y \in \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}$, then from Corollary 21 and Proposition 1 follows that $x + y$ and $x \cdot y$ are from the same semiring.

Let $x = \alpha_{s,n-1} \in \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}$ and $y = \kappa_i \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$, where $s, i = 0, \dots, n-1$. Then $\alpha_{s,n-1} + \kappa_i = \alpha_{s,n-1}$ if $i \leq n-2$ and $\alpha_{s,n-1} + \kappa_i = \kappa_i$ if $i = n-1$. Since $\alpha_{s,n-1} \cdot \kappa_i = \kappa_i$ and $\kappa_i \cdot \alpha_{s,n-1} = \begin{cases} \kappa_{n-2}, & \text{if } i \leq n-s-1 \\ \kappa_{n-1}, & \text{if } i \geq n-s \end{cases}$

follows that $x \cdot y, y \cdot x \in S$. So, we prove that S is a subsemiring of $\mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$.

Let $\alpha_{k,\ell} \in \mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$. For any $\kappa_i \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$ from **1**, **2** and **3**, just before Proposition 23, follows that $\delta_{\alpha_{k,\ell}}(\kappa_i) \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_n})$.

Let $\alpha_{s,n-1} \in \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}$. From Proposition 6.3 follows $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,n-1} = \kappa_{n-2}$ if $0 \leq s \leq n-\ell-2$, $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,n-1} = \alpha_{k,n-1}$ if $s = n-\ell-1$ and $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{s,n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}$ if $n-\ell \leq s \leq n-1$. Since $\alpha_{s,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}$ is equal to $\kappa_{\ell-1}$, $\alpha_{s,\ell}$ and κ_ℓ in similar cases we can conclude that when $\ell \leq n-2$ follows

$$(5) \quad \delta_{\alpha_{k,\ell}}(\alpha_{s,n-1}) = \begin{cases} \kappa_{n-2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq n-\ell-2 \\ \alpha_{k,n-1}, & \text{if } s = n-\ell-1 \\ \kappa_{n-1}, & \text{if } n-\ell \leq s \leq n-1. \end{cases}$$

If $\ell = n-1$ obviously $\delta_{\alpha_{k,n-1}}(\alpha_{s,n-1}) \in S$. So, S is invariant under arbitrary $\delta_{\alpha_{k,\ell}}$ and this completes the proof. ■

The following counterexample shows that, in general, map $\delta_{\alpha_{k,\ell}}$ is not a derivation.

Example 25. In string $\mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_4})$ we consider endomorphisms $\alpha_{3,2} = \{1, 2, 2, 2\}$, $\kappa_1 = \{1, 1, 1, 1\} \in \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{C}_4})$ and $\alpha_{2,3} = \{2, 2, 3, 3\} \in \mathcal{STR}\{2, 3\}$.

Since $\kappa_1 \cdot \alpha_{2,3} = \kappa_2$ follows that $\delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_1 \cdot \alpha_{2,3}) = \delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_2) =$

$$= \wr 1, 2, 2, 2 \wr \wr 2, 2, 2, 2 \wr + \wr 2, 2, 2, 2 \wr \wr 1, 2, 2, 2 \wr = \wr 2, 2, 2, 2 \wr = \kappa_2.$$

Now we compute $\delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_1) = \wr 1, 2, 2, 2 \wr \wr 1, 1, 1, 1 \wr + \wr 1, 1, 1, 1 \wr \wr 1, 2, 2, 2 \wr = \kappa_2$.
Then $\delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_1) \cdot \alpha_{2,3} = \wr 2, 2, 2, 2 \wr \wr 2, 2, 3, 3 \wr = \wr 3, 3, 3, 3 \wr = \kappa_3$. Hence

$$\delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_1 \cdot \alpha_{2,3}) \neq \delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\kappa_1) \cdot \alpha_{2,3} + \kappa_1 \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{3,2}}(\alpha_{2,3}).$$

Now we present a class of maps of type δ_α which are derivations in the whole semiring $\mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_n)$. We need some preliminary lemmas.

Using that $\delta_\alpha(\beta) = \delta_\beta(\alpha)$ and formulas (5) we obtain

Lemma 26. *For any $\ell = 1, \dots, n-2$ and $k, s = 0, \dots, n$ follows*

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \begin{cases} \kappa_{n-2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq n - \ell - 1 \\ \alpha_{k,n-1}, & \text{if } s = n - \ell \\ \kappa_{n-1}, & \text{if } n - \ell + 1 \leq s \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Let us make one necessary observation.

Lemma 27. *For any $q = 1, \dots, n-2$, $k, p, s = 0, \dots, n$ and arbitrary ℓ follows*

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}).$$

Proof. Let $\ell \leq n-2$. Using Lemma 26 follows $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \leq \kappa_{n-1}$. Then $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} \leq \kappa_{n-1} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} = \kappa_q$. The last equality follows from (3).

Let $\ell = n-1$. Then

$$(6) \quad \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,n-1}) = \begin{cases} \kappa_{n-2}, & \text{if } k = s = 0, k = 0 \text{ and } s = 1, k = 1 \text{ and } s = 0 \\ \alpha_{1,n-1}, & \text{if } k = s = 1 \\ \kappa_{n-1}, & \text{if } k \geq 2 \text{ or } s \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Analogously, we have $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} \leq \kappa_{n-1} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} = \kappa_q$.

On the other hand, from Lemma 26 we have $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) \geq \kappa_{n-2}$. Then for arbitrary ℓ follows that $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) \geq \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \kappa_{n-2} = \kappa_{n-2}$. So, we have

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} \leq \kappa_q \leq \kappa_{n-2} \leq \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}).$$

■

Now we shall prove the main result of this section.

Theorem 28. For any $s \geq 2$ the map $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}} : STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n}) \rightarrow STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n})$ defined by equality

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha) = \alpha_{s,n-1} \cdot \alpha + \alpha \cdot \alpha_{s,n-1},$$

where $\alpha, \alpha_{s,n-1} \in STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n})$ is a derivation of $STR(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n})$.

Proof. A. First, we shall consider endomorphisms $\alpha_{k,\ell}$ and $\alpha_{p,q}$ so that $\ell, q = 1, \dots, n-2$.

For $k, p = 0, \dots, n$ we verify that

$$(7) \quad \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}).$$

From Proposition 20 follows

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} &= \kappa_{q-1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq p \leq n - \ell - 1 \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} &= \alpha_{k,q}, & \text{if } p = n - \ell \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} &= \kappa_q, & \text{if } n - \ell + 1 \leq p \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Case 1. Let $0 \leq s \leq n - q - 1$. Then, using Lemma 26, for arbitrary p follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

Now from Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 we find

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \kappa_{n-2} = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

So, equality (7) holds.

Case 2. Let $s = n - q$.

2.1. If $0 \leq p \leq n - \ell - 1$, then from (8) follows $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} = \kappa_{q-1}$. Hence

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\kappa_{q-1}) = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

Using Lemma 27 first and then Lemma 26 we have

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \alpha_{p,n-1} = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

So, again, equality (7) holds.

2.2. If $p = n - \ell$, then from (6) follows $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} = \alpha_{k,q}$. Thus follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,q}) = \alpha_{k,n-1}.$$

Now Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 yields $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \alpha_{p,n-1} = \alpha_{k,n-1}$. So, equality (7) holds.

2.3. If $n - \ell + 1 \leq p \leq n$, then from (8) follows $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q} = \kappa_q$. So, we have

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\kappa_q) = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

Now Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 imply $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \kappa_{n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}$. So, equality (7) holds.

Case 3. Let $n - q + 1 \leq s \leq n$. Then, from Lemma 26, for arbitrary p follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,q}) = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

From Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 we obtain

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,q} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,q}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \kappa_{n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

So, finally equality (7) holds.

B. The second possibility is when $\alpha_{k,n-1}, \alpha_{p,n-1} \in \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}$. Now from Theorem 12 follows that $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}$ satisfies the Leibnitz's rule.

C. Another possibility is to calculate $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1})$, where $\ell \leq n-2$. Now equalities (8) for $q = n-1$ are

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1} &= \kappa_{n-2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq p \leq n - \ell - 1 \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1} &= \alpha_{k,n-1}, & \text{if } p = n - \ell \\ \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1} &= \kappa_{n-1}, & \text{if } n - \ell + 1 \leq p \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, using that $s \geq 2$, for arbitrary p we obtain $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1}) \geq \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\kappa_{n-2}) = \kappa_{n-1}$. The last equality follows from (6).

From (6) and (9) we have $\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) = \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \kappa_{n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}$. Thus we prove that

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) \cdot \alpha_{p,n-1} + \alpha_{k,\ell} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}).$$

D. The last possibility is the same as in **C.**, but we shall prove equality

$$(10) \quad \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}),$$

where $\ell \leq n-2$.

Now from equalities (8) we obtain

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} &= \kappa_{\ell-1}, & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} &= \alpha_{p,\ell}, & \text{if } k = 1 \\ \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} &= \kappa_\ell, & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Case 1. Let $0 \leq s \leq n - \ell - 1$. Then, using Lemma 7.5, for arbitrary k follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

Now Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 imply

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1} \kappa_{n-2} = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

So, equality (10) holds.

Case 2. Let $s = n - \ell$.

2.1. Let $k = 0$. Now from (11) follows $\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} = \kappa_{\ell-1}$. Therefore, from Lemma 7.5, follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\kappa_{\ell-1}) = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

Using Lemma 27 first and then Lemma 26 we have

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1} \kappa_{n-2} = \kappa_{n-2}.$$

So, equality (10) holds.

2.2. Let $k = 1$. Now from (11) follows $\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} = \alpha_{p,\ell}$. Thus

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1}.$$

Now from Lemma 26 and 27 7.6 we obtain

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1} \alpha_{k,n-1} = \alpha_{p,n-1}.$$

So, equality (10) holds.

2.3. Let $2 \leq k \leq n$. From (11) follows $\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} = \kappa_\ell$. Hence

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\kappa_\ell) = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

Now Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 imply

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1}\alpha_{k,n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

The last equality follows from the condition $k \geq 2$. So, equality (10) holds.

Case 3. Let $n - \ell + 1 \leq s \leq n$. Then, using Lemma 7.5, for arbitrary k follows

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell}) = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

From Lemma 26 and Lemma 27 we find

$$\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{p,n-1}) \cdot \alpha_{k,\ell} + \alpha_{p,n-1} \cdot \delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}(\alpha_{k,\ell}) = \alpha_{p,n-1}\kappa_{n-1} = \kappa_{n-1}.$$

So, equality (10) holds and this completes the proof. ■

After Theorem 16 we consider set $\int_R^{\delta_i} I$, where R is a differential semiring with a set of derivations $\Delta = \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$, $\delta_i \in \Delta$, and I is a differential ideal of R , closed under each derivation δ_i . From Proposition 10 follows that $\int_R^{\delta_i} I$ is a subsemiring of R . In Theorem 28 we prove that string $R = \mathcal{STR}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n})$ is a differential semiring with set of derivations

$$\Delta = \{\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}} | \alpha_{s,n-1} \in \mathcal{STR}\{n-2, n-1\}, 2 \leq s \leq n\}.$$

From Proposition 23 we know that $I = \mathcal{CO}(\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{C_n})$ is a differential ideal of R , closed under all derivations of Δ .

Now from Lemma 26 and equalities (6) easily follows

Proposition 29. *If $\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}} \in \Delta$ then $\int_R^{\delta_{\alpha_{s,n-1}}} I = R$.*

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