

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(A, +)$  be an abelian group and  $(M, \cdot)$  a group such that  $(A, M)$  forms a semiring with the usual operations. For any permutation  $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(M)$ , let  $M^\sigma$  denote the semigroup obtained by permuting  $M$  via  $\sigma$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1. *The semirings  $(A, M^\sigma)$  and  $(A, M^\tau)$  are isomorphic.*
2.  *$\sigma$  and  $\tau$  lie in the same double coset of  $\text{Aut}(A) \backslash \text{Sym}(M) / \text{Aut}(M)$ .*

*Proof.* We will denote the product  $i \cdot j$  in  $M$  by  $M(i, j)$ .

For the forward direction, suppose  $(A, M^\sigma) \cong (A, M^\tau)$ . Equivalently, there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : (A, M^\sigma) \rightarrow (A, M^\tau)$  such that:

$$\phi \in \text{Aut}(A) \tag{1}$$

$$\phi(M^\sigma(i, j)) = M^\tau(\phi(i), \phi(j)) \tag{2}$$

Writing  $\gamma = \tau^{-1}\phi\sigma$ ,  $x = \sigma^{-1}(i)$  and  $y = \sigma^{-1}(j)$  where necessary, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2) &\implies \phi\sigma(M(\sigma^{-1}(i), \sigma^{-1}(j))) = \tau(M(\tau^{-1}\phi(i), \tau^{-1}\phi(j))) \\ &\implies \tau^{-1}\phi\sigma(M(\sigma^{-1}(i), \sigma^{-1}(j))) = M(\tau^{-1}\phi(i), \tau^{-1}\phi(j)) \\ &\implies \gamma(M(\sigma^{-1}(i), \sigma^{-1}(j))) = M(\gamma\sigma^{-1}(i), \gamma\sigma^{-1}(j)) \\ &\implies \gamma M(x, y) = M(\gamma(x), \gamma(y)) \\ &\implies \gamma \in \text{Aut}(M) \\ &\implies \gamma^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(M) \end{aligned}$$

Now, by rearranging to  $\tau = \phi\sigma\gamma^{-1}$ , and noting that from (1) we have that  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(A)$ , we have shown that  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are in the same double coset of  $\text{Aut}(A) \backslash \text{Sym}(M) / \text{Aut}(M)$

For the reverse direction, we begin by supposing that  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are in the same double coset.

Choose  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M)$  and  $\beta \in \text{Aut}(A)$  such that

$$\tau = \beta\sigma\alpha$$

Note that for a function  $\phi$  to be an isomorphism from  $(A, M^\sigma) \rightarrow (A, M^\tau)$ , it must satisfy properties (1) and (2) detailed in the forward direction.

We claim that  $\beta$  satisfies these properties. The first property follows trivially from the definition of  $\beta$ . For the second property,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta(M^\sigma(i, j)) &= \beta\sigma(M(\sigma^{-1}(i), \sigma^{-1}(j))) \\
&= \tau\alpha^{-1}M(\sigma^{-1}(i), \sigma^{-1}(j)) \\
&\stackrel{*}{=} \tau M(\alpha^{-1}\sigma^{-1}(i), \alpha^{-1}\sigma^{-1}(j)) \\
&= \tau M(\tau^{-1}\beta(i), \tau^{-1}\beta(j)) \\
&= M^\tau(\beta(i), \beta(j))
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M)$  and therefore  $\alpha^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(M)$  to justify the equality labelled ‘\*’.

Hence, we have shown that  $\beta$  satisfies (1) and (2) and is therefore the necessary isomorphism.  $\square$

$n$	up to isomorphism	up to isomorphism + anti-isomorphism
1	1	1
2	6	5
3	61	?
4	866	?
5	15,751	?
6	354,409	?

Table 1: Numbers of ai-semirings with  $n$  elements up to isomorphism and up to isomorphism or anti-isomorphism.