

# Weakly 2-Absorbing Ideals of So-Rings

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**Abstract:** A partial semiring is a structure possessing an infinitary partial addition and a binary multiplication, subject to a set of axioms. In this paper we introduce the notion of weakly 2-absorbing ideals in so-rings and studythe conditions under which a weakly 2-absorbing ideal is a 2-absorbing ideal. Also, we obtain various equivalent conditions on the weakly 2-absorbing ideals of Cartesian product of so-rings.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Partially defined infinitary operations occur in the contexts ranging from integration theory to programming language semantics. The general cardinal algebras studied by Tarski in 1949, Housdorff Topological commutative groups studied by Bourbaki in 1966,  $\Sigma$  - structures studied by Higgs in 1980, sum-ordered partial monoids and sum-ordered partial semirings(so-rings) studied by Arbib, Manes and Benson [2], [4], and streenstrup [10] are some of the algebraic structures of the above type.

G.V.S. Acharyulu [8] and P.V.SrinivasaRao [6] developed the ideal theory for the sum-ordered partial semirings (so-rings). Continuing this study, in [9] & [5] we introduced the notion of 2-absorbing ideals in so-rings and obtained their characteristics in a commutative so-ring. In this paper, we introduce the notion of weakly 2-absorbingideals so-rings and obtain its characteristics in so-rings.

## **2. PRELIMINARIES**

In this section we collect some important definitions and results for our use in this paper.

**2.1. Definition.** [4] A partial Monoid is a pair (M,  $\Sigma$ ) where M is a non-empty set and  $\Sigma$  is a partial addition defined on some, but not necessarily all families  $(x_i : i \in I)$  in M subject to the following axioms:

(i) Unary Sum Axiom. If  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is a one element family in M and  $I = \{j\}$ , then  $\sum (x_i : i \in I)$  is defined and equals  $x_i$ .

(ii) **Partion-Associativity Axiom.** If  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is a family in M and  $(I_j : j \in J)$  is a partition of I, then  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is summable if and only if  $(x_i : i \in I_j)$  is summable for every  $j \in J$  and  $(\sum (x_i : i \in I_j) : j \in J)$  is summable. We write  $\sum (x_i : i \in I) = \sum (\sum (x_i : i \in I_j) : j \in J)$ .

**2.2. Definition.** [4] A *Partial Semiring* is a quadruple  $(R, \Sigma, ., 1)$ , where  $(R, \Sigma)$  is a partial monoid, (R, ., 1) is a monoid with multiplicative operation '.' and unit 1, and the additive and multiplicative

structures obey the following distributive laws: If  $\sum (x_i : i \in I)$  is defined in R, then for all y in R,  $\sum (y.x_i : i \in I)$  and  $\sum (x_i.y : i \in I)$  are defined and  $y.\sum (x_i : i \in I) = \sum (y.x_i : i \in I)$ ,

$$\sum (x_i : i \in I) \cdot y = \sum (x_i \cdot y : i \in I).$$

**2.3. Definition.** [4] A partial semiring  $(R, \Sigma, ., 1)$  is said to be *commutative* if  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in R$ .

**2.4. Definition.** [4] The *sum ordering*  $\leq$  on a partial monoid  $(M, \Sigma)$  is the binary relation  $\leq$  such that  $x \leq y$  if and only if there exists a 'h' in M such that y = x + h for  $x, y \in M$ .

**2.5. Definition.** [4] A sum-ordered partial semiring or so-ring, for short, is a partial semiring in which the sum ordering is a partial order.

**2.6. Example.** [4] Let D be a set and let the set of all partial functions from D to D be denoted by Pfn(D,D). A family  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is summable if and only if for i, j in I, and  $i \neq j$ ,  $dom(x_i) \cap dom(x_i) = \phi$ . If  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is summable then for any d in D

$$d(\sum_{i} x_{i}) = \begin{cases} dx_{i}, & \text{if } d \in dom(x_{i}) \text{ for some (unique) } i \in I; \\ & \text{undefined, otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And '.' defined as the usual functional composition, the ordering as the extension of functions and unit defined as the identity defined on D. Then  $(Pfn(D, D), \Sigma, .)$  is a so-ring.

**2.7. Example.** [4] Let D be a set. A multi-function  $x: D \to D$  maps each element in D to an arbitray subset of D. Such multi-functions correspond bijectivelyto the relation  $r \subseteq D \times D$ , where  $(d, e) \in r$  if and only if  $e \in dx$ . The set of all multi-functions from D to D, denoted by Mfn(D,D), together with  $\Sigma$  defined such that d in D,  $d(\Sigma_i x_i) = \bigcup_i (dx_i)$ , and '.' defined as the usual relational composition. That is, for each d in D and for x, y in Mfn(D,D),  $d(x.y) = \bigcup (ey : e \in dx)$ , and  $d1 = \{d\}$ . Then  $(Mfn(D,D), \Sigma, .)$  is a so-ring.

**2.8. Definition.** [8] Let R be a so-ring. A subset N of R is said to be an *ideal* of R if the following are satisified:

 $(I_1)$ . If  $(x_i : i \in I)$  is a summable family in R and  $x_i \in N \ \forall i \in I$  then  $\sum (x_i : i \in I) \in N$ ,

 $(I_2)$ . If  $x \le y$  and  $y \in N$  then  $x \in N$ ,

 $(I_3)$ . If  $x \in N$  and  $r \in R$  then  $xr, rx \in N$ .

**2.9. Definition.** [7] A proper ideal P of a so-ring R is said to be *weakly prime* if for any a, b of R,  $0#ab \in P$  imply  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ .

**2.10. Definition.** [9]A proper ideal I of a so-ring R is said to be 2-absorbing if for any  $a, b, c \in R$ ,  $abc \in I$  implies  $ab \in I$  or  $bc \in I$  or  $ac \in I$ .

2.11. Remark. [9] Every prime ideal of a so-ring R is a 2-absorbing ideal of R.

The following is an example of a so-ring R in which a 2-absorbing ideal need not be a prime ideal of R.

**2.12.** Example [9]Consider the so-ring  $R = \{0, u, v, x, y, 1\}$  with  $\Sigma$  defined on R by  $\Sigma(x_i : i \in I) = \begin{cases} x_j, & \text{if } x_i = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j \text{ for some } j, \\ & undefined, & otherwise. \end{cases}$ 

And '.' defined by the following table:

•	0	u	v	X	у	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
u	0	u	0	0	0	u
v	0	0	v	0	0	v
Х	0	0	0	0	0	х
у	0	0	0	0	0	у
1	0	u	v	Х	у	1

Then the ideal  $I = \{0, u, x\}$  is a 2-absorbing ideal, but I is not a prime ideal. Since  $v.y = o \in I$ , but  $v \notin I$  and  $y \notin I$ .

Throughout this paper, R denotes a commutative so-ring.

## 3. WEAKLY 2-ABSORBING IDEALS

We introduce the notion of weakly 2-absorbing ideals in so-rings as follows:

**3.1. Definition.** An ideal I of a so-ring R is said to be *weakly 2-absorbing* if for some  $a, b, c \in R \& 0 \neq abc \in I$ , then  $ab \in I$  or  $bc \in I$  or  $ac \in I$ .

3.2. Remark. Every 2-absorbing ideal I of a so-ring R is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

The following is an example of a so-ring R in which a weakly 2-absorbing ideal is not a 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**3.3. Example.** Consider the so-ring  $Z_8$ . Take  $R := Z_8 \times Z_8$ . Then R is a commutative so-ring with respect to coartesian product operations. Take  $I := \{(0,0), (0,4)\}$ . Then it can be verified that I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Since  $(2,0)(2,0)(2,0) = (0,0) \in I$  and  $(2,0)(2,0) = (4,0) \notin I$ , I is not a 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**3.4. Theorem.** Let R be a so-ring, I be an ideal of R and  $a \in R$ . Then the following statements are hold in R:

(i) Suppose  $(0:a) \subseteq Ra$ , then the ideal Ra is 2-absorbing if and only if it is weakly 2-absorbing

(ii) Suppose  $(0:a) \subseteq Ia$ , then the ideal Ia is 2-absorbing if and only if it is weakly 2-absorbing.

**Proof.**Let  $a \in R$ . (i) Assume that  $(0:a) \subseteq Ra$ . Suppose Ra is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Let  $r, s, t \in R$  such that  $rst \in Ra$ . Suppose  $rst \neq 0$ . Since Ra is weakly 2-absorbing, we have  $rs \in Ra$  or  $st \in Ra$  or  $rt \in Ra$ . Suppose rst = 0. Then  $r(s+a)t = rst + rat = rat = rta \in Ra$ . Therefore  $r(s+a)t \in Ra$ . If  $r(s+a)t \neq 0$ . Then  $r(s+a) \in Ra$  or  $(s+a)t \in Ra$  or  $rt \in Ra$  (Since Ra is weakly 2-absorbing). That implies  $rs \in Ra$  or  $st \in Ra$  or  $rt \in Ra$ . If r(s+a)t = 0. Then rst + rat = 0. That implies  $rs \in Ra$  or  $st \in Ra$  or  $rt \in Ra$ . If r(s+a)t = 0. Then rst + rat = 0. That implies rt = 0. That implies rta = 0. That implies  $rt \in Ra$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of R. By Remark – 3.2., if Ra is a 2-absorbing ideal of R.

(ii) Assume that  $(0:a) \subseteq Ia$ . Suppose Ia is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Let  $r, s, t \in R$  such that  $rst \in Ia$ . Suppose  $rst \neq 0$ . Since Ia is weakly 2-absorbing, we have  $rs \in Ia$  or  $st \in Ia$  or  $rt \in Ia$ . Suppose rst = 0. Then  $0r(s+a)t = rst + rat = rat = rta \in Ia$ . Therefore  $r(s+a)t \in Ia$ . If  $r(s+a)t \neq 0$ . Then  $r(s+a) \in Ia$  or  $(s+a)t \in Ia$  or  $rt \in Ia$  (Since Ia is weakly 2-absorbing). That implies  $rs \in Ia$  or  $st \in Ia$  or  $rt \in Ia$ . If r(s+a)t = 0. Then rst + rat = 0. That implies rat = 0. That implies  $rt \in Ia$ . If r(s+a)t = 0. Then rst + rat = 0. That implies rat = 0. That implies  $rt \in Ia$ . If r(s+a)t = 1a. That implies  $rt \in Ia$ . Hence Ia is a 2-absorbing ideal of R. By Remark – 3.2., if Ia is a 2-absorbing ideal of R then Ia is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**3.5. Theorem.** If I and J are weakly prime ideals of a so-ring R, then  $I \cap J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**Proof.**Let  $0 \neq abc \in I \cap J$  for some  $a, b, c \in R$ . i.e.,  $0 \neq abc \in I \& 0 \neq abc \in J$ . Since I,J are weakly prime ideals of R, we have either  $a \in I$  or  $bc \in I \&$  either  $a \in J$  or  $bc \in J$ . Suppose bc = 0 then  $bc \in I \cap J$ , there is nothing to prove (Since  $0 \in I \cap J$ ). So assume that  $bc \neq 0$ . Then either  $a \in I$  or  $0 \neq bc \in I \&$  either  $a \in J$  or  $0 \neq bc \in I$  or  $b \in I$  or  $c \in I \&$  or  $b \in I$  or  $c \in I \&$  or  $b \in I$  or  $c \in I \&$  or  $b \in I$  or  $c \in I \&$  or  $b \in I$  or  $c \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \&$  or  $b \in I \cap C \in I \land S$ .

**3.6. Definition.** Let I be a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of a so-ring R and  $a, b, c \in R$ . We say that (a, b, c) is a *triple-zero* if abc = 0,  $ab \notin I$ ,  $bc \notin I$  and  $ac \notin I$ .

**3.7. Theorem.** Let I be a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of a so-ring R and suppose that (a,b,c) is a triple-zero of Ifor some  $a,b,c \in R$ . Then

(i)  $abI = bcI = acI = \{0\}$ 

(ii)  $aI^2 = bI^2 = cI^2 = \{0\}.$ 

**Proof.**(i) In a contrary way suppose that  $abI \neq \{0\}$ . i.e.,  $abi \neq 0$  for some  $i \in I$ . That implies  $ab(c+i) \neq 0$ . Since  $ab \notin I$  and  $ab(c+i) \neq 0$ , we have  $a(c+i) \in I$  or  $b(c+i) \in I$  (Since I is weakly 2-absorbing). i.e.,  $ac \in I$  or  $bc \in I$ , a contradiction to the fact that (a,b,c) is a triple-zero. So our assumption is wrong. Hence  $abI = \{0\}$ . Similarly we can prove that  $bcI = \{0\}$ ,  $acI = \{0\}$ .

(ii) In a contrary way suppose that  $aI^2 \neq \{0\}$ . i.e.,  $ai_1i_2 \neq 0$  for some  $i_1, i_2 \in I$ . That implies  $a(b+i_1)(c+i_2) = ai_1i_2 \neq 0 \in I$  (Since by (i),  $abI = bcI = acI = \{0\}$ ). Since I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, either  $a(b+i_1) \in I$  or  $a(c+i_2) \in I$  or  $(b+i_1)(c+i_2) \in I$ . i.e., either  $ab \in I$  or  $bc \in I$  or  $ac \in I$ , a contradiction to the fact that (a,b,c) is a triple-zero. So our assumption is wrong. Hence  $aI^2 = \{0\}$ . Similarly we can prove that  $bI^2 = cI^2 = \{0\}$ .

# 4. WEAKLY 2-ABSORBING IDEALS IN CARTESIAN PRODUCTS

**4.1. Theorem.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be so-rings and I be a proper ideal of  $R_1$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ ,

(ii)  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ .

Suppose I is a weakly 2-absorbing **Proof.**(i)  $\Rightarrow$ (ii): ideal of R. Let that  $0 \neq (a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2)(c_1, c_2) \in I \times R_2$ .  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2), (c_1, c_2) \in R = R_1 \times R_2$ such Then  $0 \neq (a_1b_1c_1, a_2b_2c_2) \in I \times R_2$ . Therefore  $0 \neq a_1b_1c_1 \in I$ . Since I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R,  $a_1b_1 \in I$  or  $b_1c_1 \in I$  or  $a_1c_1 \in I$ . If  $a_1b_1 \in I$  then  $(a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2) \in I \times R_2$ . If  $b_1c_1 \in I$  then  $(b_1, b_2)(c_1, c_2) \in I \times R_2$ . If  $a_1c_1 \in I$  then  $(a_1, a_2)(c_1, c_2) \in I \times R_2$ . Hence  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ . Let  $0 \neq abc \in I$  for some  $a, b, c \in R$ . Then for each  $0 \neq r \in R_2$ , we have  $0 \neq (a,1)(b,1)(c,r) \in I \times R_2$ . Since  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ ,  $(a,1)(b,1) \in I \times R_2$  or  $(b,1)(c,r) \in I \times R_2$  or  $(a,1)(c,r) \in I \times R_2$ . That implies  $ab \in I$  or  $bc \in I$  or  $ac \in I$ . Hence I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**4.2. Theorem.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are so-rings. Let I be a proper ideal of  $R_1$  and J be a proper ideal of  $R_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R,

(ii)  $(J = R_2 \text{ and } I \text{ is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of } R_1)$  or  $(J \text{ is a prime ideal of } R_2 \text{ and } I \text{ is a prime ideal of } R_2)$ .

**Proof.**(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. If  $J = R_2$  then  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Then by theorem 4.2., I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R_1$ . Suppose  $J \neq R_2$ . We have to prove that J is a prime ideal of  $R_2$  and I is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ . Let  $a, b \in R_2$  such that  $ab \in J$ , and let  $0 \neq i \in I$ . Then  $0 \neq (i,1)(1,a)(1,b) = (i,ab) \in I \times J$ . Now  $(1,a)(1,b) = (1,ab) \notin I \times J$  (Since  $1 \notin I$ ). Since  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, either  $(i,1)(1,a) = (i,a) \in I \times J$  or  $(i,1)(1,b) = (i,b) \in I \times J$ . That implies either  $a \in J$  or  $b \in J$ . Hence J is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . Similarly let  $c,d \in R_1$  such that  $cd \in I$ , and let  $0 \neq j \in J$ . Then  $0 \neq (c,1)(d,1)(1,j) = (cd,j) \in I \times J$ . Now  $(c,1)(d,1) = (c,j) \in I \times J$  or  $(d,1)(1,j) = (d,j) \in I \times J$ . That implies either  $c \in I$  or  $d \in I$ . Then  $c \in I$  or  $d \in I$ . Hence I is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $J = R_2$  and I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R_1$  or J is a prime ideal of  $R_2$  and I is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ . We have to prove that  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Suppose  $J = R_2 \&$  I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R_1$ , by theorem 4.2.,  $I \times R_2$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. i.e.,  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. SupposeJ is a prime ideal of  $R_2 \&$  I is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ . Let  $0 \neq (a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2)(a_3, b_3) \in I \times J$  for some  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in R_1$  and  $b_1, b_2, b_3 \in R_2$ . Then  $a_1 \in I$  or  $a_2 \in I$  or  $a_3 \in I$  and  $b_1 \in J$  or  $b_2 \in J$  or  $b_3 \in J$ . Thus  $(a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \in I \times J$  or  $(a_2, b_2)(a_3, b_3) \in I \times J$ . Hence  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**4.3. Theorem.** Let  $R_1, R_2$  be a so-rings such that  $R_2$  has no nonzero divisors. Let I be a proper ideal of  $R_1$  and J be an ideal of  $R_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ ,

(ii) I is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $J = \{0\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ .

**Proof.**(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Suppose  $J = \{0\}$ . We have to prove that  $J = \{0\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . Let  $ab \in J = \{0\}$  for some  $a, b \in R_2$ . Let  $0 \neq i \in I$ , we have  $0 \neq (i,1)(1,a)(1,b) = (i,ab) \in I \times J$ . Also we have  $(1,a)(1,b) = (1,ab) \notin I \times J$  (Since  $1 \notin I$ ).  $I \times J$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, either  $(i,1)(1,a) = (i,a) \in I \times J$  or Since  $(i,1)(1,b) = (i,b) \in I \times J$ . That implies either  $a \in J$  or  $b \in J$ . Hence  $J = \{0\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . . Now we have to prove that I is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_1$  that is not a prime ideal. Suppose some  $a, b \in R_1$ . We have  $0 \neq (a,1)(b,1)(1,0) = (ab,0) \in I \times \{0\}$ .  $0 \neq ab \in I$ for Since  $(a,1)(b,1) = (ab,1) \notin I \times \{0\} \& I \times \{0\}$ is а weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. either  $(a,1)(1,0) = (a,0) \in I \times \{0\}$  or  $(b,1)(1,0) = (b,0) \in I \times \{0\}$ . That implies either  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ . Hence I is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_1$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose I is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_1$  that is not a prime ideal &  $J = \{0\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . We have to prove that  $I \times \{0\}$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Let  $0 \neq (a,b)(c,d)(e,f) = (ace,bdf) \in I \times \{0\}$ . Since I is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_1$ , we may assume

that  $a \in I$ . Since  $R_2$  has no nonzero divisors, we may assume that d = 0. Therefore  $(a,b)(c,d) = (a,b)(c,0) = (ac,0) \in I \times \{0\}$ . Hence  $I \times \{0\}$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**4.4. Theorem.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times R_3$  where  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  are so-rings. Let  $I_1$  be a proper ideal of  $R_1$ ,  $I_2$  be an ideal of  $R_2$ , and  $I_3$  be an ideal of  $R_3$  such that  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3 \neq \{(0,0,0)\}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R,

(ii)  $I = I_1 \times R_2 \times R_3$  and  $I_1$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R_1$  or  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times R_3$  such that  $I_1$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_2$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$  or  $I = I_1 \times R_2 \times I_3$  such that  $I_1$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_3$  is a prime ideal of  $R_3$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R. Since I is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R,  $I_1$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of  $R_1$ . If  $I_2 = R_2$  and  $I_3 = R_3$ , then  $I = I_1 \times R_2 \times R_3$ . Suppose  $I_2 \neq R_2 \& I_3 = R_3$ . i.e.,  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times R_3$ . Now we have to prove that  $I_1$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_2$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . Let  $a, b \in R_1$  such that  $ab \in I_1$  and  $c, d \in R_2$  such that  $cd \in I_2$ . Then  $0 \neq (a,1,1)(1,cd,1)(b,1,1) = (ab,cd,1) \in I$ . Now  $(a,1,1)(b,1,1) = (ab,1,1) \notin I$  (Since  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times R_3$  and  $1 \notin I_2$ ). SinceI is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, we have either  $(a,1,1)(1,cd,1) = (a,cd,1) \in I$  or  $(1,cd,1)(b,1,1) = (b,cd,1) \in I$ . That implies either  $a \in I_1$  or  $b \in I_1$ . Hence  $I_1$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ . Similarly  $0 \neq (ab,1,1)(1,c,1)(1,d,1) = (ab,cd,1) \in I$ . Now  $(1,c,1)(1,d,1) = (1,cd,1) \notin I$  (Since  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times R_3 \& 1 \notin I_1$ ). SinceI is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, we have either  $(ab,1,1)(1,c,1) = (ab,c,1) \in I$  or  $(ab,1,1)(b,1,1) = (ab,cd,1) \in I$ . Now  $(1,c,1)(1,d,1) = (1,cd,1) \notin I$  (Since  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times R_3 \& 1 \notin I_1$ ). SinceI is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R, we have either  $c \in I_2$  or  $d \in I_2$ . Hence  $I_2$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ . Finally assume that  $I_2 = R_2$  and  $I_3 \neq R_3$  (i.e.,  $I = I_1 \times R_2 \times I_3$ ). By applying the above argument, we conclude that  $I_1$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_3$  is a prime ideal of  $R_3$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose I is one of the given three forms. Then by theorem 4.2.,  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times I_3$  is a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper we introduced the notion of weakly 2-absorbing ideals in so-rings and provided a counter example that proves the class of weakly 2-absorbing ideals is strictly wider than the class of all 2-absorbing ideals. Also we obtained the conditions under which a weakly 2-absorbing ideal is a 2-absorbing ideal. We considered this notation of weakly 2-absorbing ideals in the Cartesian product of so-rings and obtained various equivalent conditions on the weakly 2-absorbing ideals of Cartesian product of so-rings.

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