

## SMARANDACHE NEAR-RINGS AND THEIR GENERALIZATIONS

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study the Smarandache semi-near-ring and near-ring, homomorphism, also the Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring. We obtain some interesting results about them, give many examples, and pose some problems. We also define Smarandache semi-near-ring homomorphism.

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**Definition [1 Pilz]:** An algebraic system  $(N, +, \bullet)$  is called a *near-ring* (or a *right near-ring*) if it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i)  $(N, +)$  is a group (not necessarily abelian).
- (ii)  $(N, \bullet)$  is a semigroup.
- (iii)  $(n_1 + n_2) \bullet n_3 = n_1 \bullet n_3 + n_2 \bullet n_3$  (right distributive law) for all  $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in N$ .

**Definition [1 Pilz]:** An algebraic system  $(S, +, \bullet)$  is called a *semi-near-ring* (or *right semi-near-ring*) if it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i)  $(S, +)$  is a semigroup (not necessarily abelian).
- (ii)  $(S, \bullet)$  is a semigroup.
- (iii)  $(n_1 + n_2) \bullet n_3 = n_1 \bullet n_3 + n_2 \bullet n_3$  for all  $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in S$  (right distributive law).

Clearly, every near-ring is a semi-near-ring and not conversely. For more about semi-near-rings please refer [1], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8] and [9].

**Definition 1:** A non-empty set  $N$  is said to be a *Smarandache semi-near-ring* if  $(N, +, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring having a proper subset  $A$  ( $A \subset N$ ) such that  $A$  under the same binary operations of  $N$  is a near-ring, that is  $(A, +, \bullet)$  is a near-ring.

**Example 1:** Let  $Z_{18} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17\}$  integers modulo 18 under multiplication. Define two binary operations  $\times$  and  $\bullet$  on  $Z_{18}$  as follows:  $\times$  is the usual multiplication so that  $(Z_{18}, \times)$  is a semigroup;

$a \bullet b = a$  for all  $a, b \in Z_{18}$ .

Clearly  $(Z_{18}, \bullet)$  is a semigroup under  $\bullet$ .  $(Z_{18}, \times, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring.  $(Z_{18}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring, for take  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$ .  $(A, \times, \bullet)$  is a near ring. Hence the claim.

**Theorem 2:** Not all semi-near-rings are in general Smarandache semi-near-rings.

*Proof:* By an example.

Let  $Z^+ = \{\text{set of positive integers}\}$ .  $Z^+$  under  $+$  is a semigroup. Define  $\bullet$  a binary operation on  $Z^+$  as  $a \bullet b = a$  for all  $a, b \in Z^+$ . Clearly  $Z^+$  under  $\bullet$  is a semigroup. Now  $(Z^+, +, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring which is not a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

Now we give an example of.

**Example 2** (of an infinite Smarandache semi-near-ring):

Let  $M_{n \times n} = \{(a_{ij}) / a_{ij} \in Z\}$ . Define matrix multiplication as an operation on  $M_{n \times n}$ .  $(M_{n \times n}, \times)$  is a semigroup. Define ' $\bullet$ ' on  $M_{n \times n}$  as  $A \bullet B = A$  for all  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}$ . Clearly  $(M_{n \times n}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring, for take the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  such that  $|A| \neq 0$ . Denote the collection by  $A_{n \times n}$ .  $A_{n \times n} \subset M_{n \times n}$ . Clearly  $(A_{n \times n}, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring.

**Example 3:**

Let  $Z_{24} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 23\}$  be the set of integers modulo 24. Define usual multiplication  $\times$  on  $Z_{24}$ .  $(Z_{24}, \times)$  is a semigroup. Define ' $\bullet$ ' on  $Z_{24}$  as  $a \bullet b = a$  for all  $a, b \in Z_{24}$ . Clearly  $Z_{24}$  is a semi-near-ring. Now  $Z_{24}$  is also a Smarandache semi-near-ring. For take  $A = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$ .  $(A, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring. So,  $Z_{24}$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

Motivated by the examples 3 and 4 we propose the following open problem.

**Problem 1:** Let  $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  set of integers.  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_t^{\alpha_t}$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t$  are distinct primes,  $t > 1$ . Define two binary operations ' $\times$ ' and ' $\bullet$ ' on  $Z_n$ .  $\times$  is the usual multiplication. Define ' $\bullet$ ' on  $Z_n$  as  $a \bullet b = a$  for all  $a, b \in Z_n$ . Let  $A = \{1, q_1, \dots, q_r\}$  where  $q_1, \dots, q_r$  are all odd primes different from  $p_1, \dots, p_t$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_r \in Z_n$ .

Prove  $A$  is a group under  $\times$ . Solution to this problem will give the following:

**Result:**  $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring under  $\times$  and  $\bullet$  defined as in Examples 1 and 3. Thus we get a class of Smarandache semi-near-rings for every positive composite integer. Now when  $t = 1$  different cases arise.

**Example 4:**  $Z_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring as  $(Z_4, \times, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring and  $(A = \{1, 3\}, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring.

**Example 5:**  $Z_9 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 8\}$ . Now  $(Z_9, \times, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring.  $(A = \{1, 8\}, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring so  $Z_9$  is a Smarandache near-ring. Clearly 8 is not a prime number.

**Example 6:** Let  $Z_{25} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 24\}$ . Now  $(Z_{25}, \times, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring.  $(A = \{1, 24\}, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring. Thus  $Z_{25}$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $(Z_{p^2}, \times, \bullet)$  be a semi-near-ring. Clearly  $(Z_{p^2}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

*Proof:* Let  $(A = \{1, p^2-1\}, \times, \bullet)$  is a near-ring. Hence  $(Z_{p^2}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

Hence we assume  $t > 1$ , for non primes one can contribute to near -ring under  $(\times, \bullet)$ .

**Corollary:** Let  $(Z_{p^n}, \times, \bullet)$  be a semi-near-ring.  $(Z_{p^n}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache near-ring.

*Proof:* Take  $A = \{1, p^n-1\}$  is a near-ring. Hence  $(Z_{p^n}, \times, \bullet)$  is a Smarandache semi-near-ring.

Thus we have a natural class of finite Smarandache semi-near-rings.

**Definition 4** (in the classical way):

$N$  is said to be a *Smarandache near-ring* if  $(N, +, \bullet)$  is a near-ring and has a proper subset  $A$  such that  $(A, +, \bullet)$  is a near-field.

Now many near-rings contain subsets that are semi-near-rings, so we are forced to check:

**Definition 5:**  $N$  is said to be an *Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring* if  $N$  is a near-ring and has a proper subset  $A$  of  $N$  such that  $A$  is a semi-near-ring under the same operations of  $N$ .

**Example 7:** Let  $Z$  be the set of integers under usual  $+$  and multiplication ' $\bullet$ ' by  $a \bullet b = a$  for all  $a, b \in Z$ .  $(Z, +, \bullet)$  is a near-ring. Take  $A = Z^+$  now  $(Z^+, +, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring. So  $Z$  is an Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring.

**Example 8:** Let  $M_{n \times n} = \{(a_{ij}) / a_{ij} \in Z\}$ . Define  $+$  on  $M_{n \times n}$  as the usual addition

of matrices and define  $\bullet$  on  $M_{n \times n}$  by  $A \bullet B = A$  for all  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}$ .  $(M_{n \times n}, +, \bullet)$  is a near-ring. Take  $A_{n \times n} = \{(a_{ij}) / a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ . Now  $(A, +, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring. Thus  $M_{n \times n}$  is an Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring.

We propose the following:

**Problem 2:** Does there exist an infinite near-ring constructed using reals or integers, which is not an Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring?

**Example 9:**  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is the polynomial ring over the ring of integers. Define  $+$  on  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  as the usual addition of polynomials. Define an operation  $\bullet$  on  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  as  $p(x) \bullet q(x) = p(x)$  for all  $p(x), q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Clearly  $(\mathbb{Z}[x], +, \bullet)$  is an Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring, for  $(\mathbb{Z}^+[x], +, \bullet)$  is a semi-near-ring.

Now it is still more interesting to find a solution to the following question (or Problem 2 worded in a negative way):

**Problem 3:** Find a finite Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring.

**Definition 6:** Let  $N$  and  $N_1$  be two Smarandache semi-near-rings. A mapping  $h: N \rightarrow N_1$  is a *Smarandache semi-near-ring homomorphism* if  $h$  is a homomorphism.

Similarly one defines the Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring homomorphism:

**Definition 7:** Let  $N$  and  $N_1$  be two Anti-Smarandache semi-near-rings. Then  $h: N \rightarrow N_1$  is an *Anti-Smarandache semi-near-ring homomorphism* if  $h$  is a homomorphism.

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