

## CHAPTER II

### POSITIVE ORDERED 0-SEMIFIELDS

In this chapter, we shall give some fundamental theorems of a theory of positive ordered semifields.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\leq$  be a partial order on a semiring  $S$ .  $\leq$  is said to be compatible iff it satisfies the following property for every  $x, y, z \in S$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies that 1)  $x + z \leq y + z$  and 2)  $xz \leq yz$  and  $zx \leq zy$  if  $z \geq 0$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A system  $(R, +, \cdot, \leq)$  is said to be a partially ordered semiring iff  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a semiring and  $\leq$  is a compatible partial order on  $R$ . If  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in R$  then we say that  $R$  is a positive ordered semiring.

**Examples 2.3.** (1)  $Z_0^+$  is a positive ordered semiring.

(2)  $Z_0^+[\sqrt{2}] = \{ a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in Z_0^+ \}$  is a positive ordered semiring where  $a + b\sqrt{2} \leq c + d\sqrt{2}$  iff  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in Z_0^+$ .

(3) From (2),  $Z_0^+[\sqrt{2}]$  has a natural partial order as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$  is a positive ordered semiring.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(R, +, \cdot, \leq)$  be a positive ordered semiring.  $R$  is said to be a positive ordered semifield iff  $(R, \cdot)$  is a group.

**Remark 2.5.** Let  $K$  be a positive ordered semifield. Then the following statements hold :

- (1) for every nonzero elements  $x, y \in K$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $y^{-1} \leq x^{-1}$ .
- (2) for every  $x, y, z \in K$ ,  $xz \leq yz$  implies that  $z = 0$  or  $x \leq y$ .

Examples 2.6. (1)  $\mathbb{Q}_0^+$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$  are positive ordered semifields.

(2) Let  $K$  be a semifield such that  $1 + 1 = 1$ . Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $K$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x + y = y$  for all  $x, y \in K$ . Then we have that  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $K$ . To show that  $\leq$  is a compatible, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then  $x + y = y$ . Let  $z \in K$ . Then  $(x + z) + (y + z) = (x + y) + z = y + z$  and  $xz + yz = (x + y)z = yz$  which imply that  $(x + z) \leq (y + z)$  and  $xz \leq yz$ . Thus  $\leq$  is a compatible. Since  $0 + x = x$  for all  $x \in K$ ,  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in K$ .

Therefore  $K$  is a positive ordered semifield.

(3) Let  $K$  be a semifield which is additively cancellative.

Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $K$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if there exists  $z \in K$  such that  $x + z = y$ . To show that  $\leq$  is a compatible partial order, clearly  $\leq$  is reflexive since  $x + 0 = x$  for all  $x \in K$ . Let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ . Then there are  $u, v \in K$  such that  $x + u = y$  and  $y + v = x$ . Hence  $y = x + u = (y + v) + u = y + (u + v)$ . By A.C.,  $u + v = 0$  which implies that  $u = v = 0$ , so  $x = y$ . Let  $x, y, z \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ . Then there are  $u, v \in K$  such that  $x + u = y$  and  $y + v = z$ . Hence  $x + (u + v) = (x + u) + v = y + v = z$ , so  $x \leq z$ . Next, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then there exists  $u \in K$  such that  $x + u = y$ . Let  $z \in K$ . Thus  $x + z + u = y + z$  and  $xz + uz = (x + u)z = yz$ , so  $x + z \leq y + z$  and  $xz \leq yz$ . Therefore  $\leq$  is a compatible partial order on  $K$ . Obviously,  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in K$ . Hence  $K$  is a positive ordered semifield.

(4) Let  $K$  and  $L$  be positive ordered semifields. Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$  by

$(x, y) \leq (z, w)$  if and only if  $x \leq z$  and  $y \leq w$  for all  $(x, y), (z, w) \in K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$ . Then  $K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$  is a positive ordered semifield.

(5) Let  $K$  and  $L$  be positive ordered semifields such that  $K$  which is additively cancellative. Define a relation  $\leq^*$  on  $K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$  by  $(x, y) \leq^* (z, w)$  if and only if  $x < z$  or  $x = z$  and  $y \leq w$  for all  $(x, y), (z, w) \in K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$ . Then  $K^* \times L^* \cup \{(0, 0)\}$  is a positive ordered semifield.

Note that the partial order  $\leq$  defined in Example 2.6. (5), is called the lexicographic order.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $S$  be a positive ordered commutative semiring with multiplicative zero  $0$  having the M.C. property. If  $S$  satisfies that for every  $x, y, z \in S$ ,  $xz < yz$  implies that  $x < y$  then  $S$  can be embedded into a positive ordered semifield.

**Proof** Using the construction of Theorem 1.28., we have that  $K = \{S \times (S - \{0\})\}_{\sim}$  is a semifield. Now define a relation  $\leq$  on  $K$  as follows : let  $\alpha, \beta \in K$   $\alpha \leq \beta$  iff there exists  $(a, b) \in \alpha$  and  $(c, d) \in \beta$  such that  $ad \leq bc$ . To show that  $\leq$  is a partial order, clearly  $\leq$  is reflexive. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Then there are  $(a, b), (c, d) \in \alpha$  and  $(e, f), (g, h) \in \beta$  such that  $af \leq be, dg \leq ch, ad = bc$  and  $eh = fg$ . Since  $gd \leq ch, bcd = adg \leq ach$ . Since  $bcd \leq ach, bg \leq ah$ . Since  $eh = fg, bge \leq ahe = afg$ . Then  $be \leq af$ . Since  $af \leq be$  and  $be \leq af, be = af$ . Hence  $\alpha = \beta$ , so  $\leq$  is anti-symmetric.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \gamma$ . Then there are  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ ,  $(c, d), (e, f) \in \beta$ ,  $(g, h) \in \gamma$  such that  $ad \leq bc$ ,  $eh \leq fd$ . Since  $eh \leq fg$  and  $cf = de$ ,  $cfh = ehd \leq fgd$ . Thus  $ch \leq gd$ , so  $bch \leq bgd$ . Since  $ad \leq bc$  and  $bch \leq bgd$ ,  $adh \leq bch$ . Therefore  $ah \leq bg$ . Hence  $\alpha \leq \gamma$ , so  $\leq$  is transitive. Therefore  $\leq$  is partial order. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then there are  $(a, b) \in \alpha$  and  $(c, d) \in \beta$  such that  $ad \leq bc$ . Let  $\gamma \in K$ . Choose  $(e, f) \in \gamma$ . Since  $ad \leq bc$ ,  $adef \leq bcef$ . Thus  $\alpha\gamma = [(a, b)][(e, f)] = [(ae, bf)] \leq [(ce, df)] = [(c, d)][(e, f)] = \beta\gamma$ . Since  $ad \leq bc$ ,  $adf \leq bcf$ . Then  $f(adf + bde) \leq f(bcf + bde)$ ,  $df(af + be) \leq bf(cf + de)$ . It follows that  $\alpha + \gamma = [(a, b)] + [(e, f)] = [(af+be, bf)] \leq [(cf + de, df)] = [(c, d)] + [(e, f)] = \beta + \gamma$ . Therefore  $\leq$  is compatible. Clearly,  $0 \leq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in K$ .

Therefore  $K$  is a positive ordered semifield. Fix  $a \in S - \{0\}$ . Define  $f : S \rightarrow K$  by  $f(x) = [(xa, a)]$  for all  $x \in S$ . Then  $f$  is a semiring homomorphism. To show that  $f$  is isotone, let  $x, y \in S$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then  $(xa)a \leq (ya)a$ , so  $f(x) = [(xa, a)] \leq [(ya, a)] = f(y)$ . Hence  $f$  is isotone. #

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $C$  be a subset of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ .  $C$  is called a convex subset of  $K$  if is both an  $a$ -convex and  $o$ -convex subset of  $K$ .

**Definiton 2.9.** Let  $K$  be a positive ordered semifield.

The set  $P = \{ x \in K \mid x \geq 1 \}$  is called the positive cone of  $K$ .

**Remark 2.10.** Let  $P$  be the positive cone of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ . Then the following statements hold :

- (1) If  $P = \{1\}$  then  $|K| = 2$ .

(2)  $P$  is a multiplicative subsemigroup of  $K$ .

(3)  $1 + x \in P$  for all  $x \in K$ , hence  $P$  is an additive ideal of  $K$ ,

that is  $K + P \subseteq P$ .

(4)  $P$  is a conic subset of  $K$  where  $P^{-1} = \{x^{-1} \mid x \in P\}$ .

(5)  $P$  is a convex subset of  $K$ .

(6) For every  $x \in K^*$ ,  $x = ab^{-1}$  for some  $a, b \in P$ .

(7) For every  $x, y \in P$ ,  $xy = 1$  implies that  $x = y = 1$ .

(8) If  $H$  is a subsemifield of  $K$  then  $P_H = P \cap H$  where

$P_H = \{x \in H \mid x \geq 1\}$ .

**Proof** (1) Assume that  $P = \{1\}$ . Let  $x, y \in K^*$ . Then  $x \leq x + y$  and  $y \leq x + y$ . Thus  $(x + y)x^{-1}$ ,  $(x + y)y^{-1} \in P$ . Since  $P = \{1\}$ ,  $(x + y)x^{-1} = (x + y)y^{-1} = 1$ . Hence  $x = y$ .

(5) Let  $x, y \in P$  and  $a, b \in K$  be such that  $a + b = 1$ . Then  $1 \leq x$  and  $1 \leq y$ , so  $a \leq ax$  and  $b \leq by$ . Thus  $1 = a + b \leq ax + by$ . Therefore  $ax + by \in P$ . Hence  $P$  is an  $a$ -convex subset of  $K$ . Clearly  $P$  is an  $o$ -convex subset of  $K$ .

(6) Let  $x \in K^*$ . Then there  $y \in K$  such that  $1 \leq x$  and  $x \leq y$ . Thus  $y, yx^{-1} \in P$ . Hence  $x = y(yx^{-1})^{-1}$  has indicated form. #

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $K$  be a semifield and  $P \subseteq K^*$ . Suppose that  $P$  satisfies that

(1)  $P$  is a multiplicative subsemigroup of  $K^*$ ,

(2)  $P$  is a conic subset of  $K$ ,

(3)  $1 + x \in P$  for all  $x \in K$  and

(4)  $P$  is an  $a$ -convex subset of  $K$ .

Then there exists a unique positive compatible partial order on  $K$  induced by  $P$  such that  $P$  is the positive cone.

Proof Define  $\leq_p$  on  $K$  as follows : for every  $x, y \in K$ ,

$x \leq_p y$  if and only if  $x = 0$  or  $yx^{-1} \in P$ .

Claim that  $\leq_p$  is a partial order. Since  $1 \in P$ ,  $\leq_p$  is reflexive. Let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq_p y$  and  $y \leq_p x$ . Then  $x = 0$  or  $yx^{-1} \in P$  and  $y = 0$  or  $xy^{-1} \in P$ .

Case 1.  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ . Then  $x = y$ .

Case 2.  $x = 0$  and  $xy^{-1} \in P$ , a contradiction.

Case 3.  $yx^{-1} \in P$  and  $y = 0$ . Similar to Case 2.

Case 4.  $yx^{-1}, xy^{-1} \in P$ . Then  $xy^{-1} \in P \cap P^{-1}$ . By (2),  $xy^{-1} = 1$ , so  $x = y$ .

Therefore  $\leq_p$  is anti-symmetric. Let  $x, y, z \in K$  be such that  $x \leq_p y$  and  $y \leq_p z$ . Then  $x = 0$  or  $yx^{-1} \in P$  and  $y = 0$  or  $zy^{-1} \in P$ . If  $x = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $x \neq 0$ . Thus  $yx^{-1} \in P$ . If  $y = 0$  then  $0 = yx^{-1} \in P$ , a contradiction. So  $y \neq 0$ , thus  $zy^{-1} \in P$ . By (1),  $zx^{-1} = (zy^{-1})(yx^{-1}) \in P$ . Hence  $x \leq_p z$ , so  $\leq_p$  is transitive. So we have the claim.

To show that  $\leq_p$  is a compatible, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq_p y$ . Then  $x = 0$  or  $yx^{-1} \in P$ . Let  $z \in K$ .

Case 1.  $x = 0$ .

Subcase 1.1  $z = 0$ . Then  $0 = x + z \leq_p y + z$  and  $0 = xz \leq_p yz$ .

Subcase 1.2  $z \neq 0$ . Then  $0 = xz \leq_p yz$ . By (3),  $1 + yz^{-1} \in P$ .

So  $(y + z)z^{-1} \in P$ , hence  $x + z = z \leq_p y + z$ .

Case 2.  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $yx^{-1} \in P$ .

Subcase 2.1  $z = 0$ . Then  $0 = xz \leq_p yz$  and  $x + z = x \leq_p y = y + z$ .

Subcase 2.2  $z \neq 0$ . Then  $(yz)(xz)^{-1} = yx^{-1} \in P$ , so  $xz \leq_p yz$ . By (4),  $(y + z)(x + z)^{-1} = [x(x + z)^{-1}](yx^{-1}) + z(x + z)^{-1} \in P$ . Hence  $x + z \leq_p y + z$ .

Therefore  $\leq_p$  is a compatible. Clearly,  $0 \leq_p x$  for all  $x \in K$  and  $P$  is the positive cone of  $K$ .

Hence  $K$  is a positive ordered semifield having  $P$  as a positive cone. To prove the uniqueness, let  $\leq^*$  be a compatible partial order of  $K$  such  $P$  is the positive cone. Let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq^* y$ . If  $x = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $x \neq 0$ , so  $1 \leq^* yx^{-1}$ . Thus  $yx^{-1} \in P$ , so  $x \leq_p y$ . Hence  $\leq^* \subseteq \leq_p$ . Similarly,  $\leq_p \subseteq \leq^*$ . Therefore  $\leq_p = \leq^*$ , so  $\leq_p$  is the unique compatible partial order on  $K$  having  $P$  as its positive cone. #

Corollary 2.12. Let  $K$  be a semifield. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all subsets of  $K$  which satisfy (1) – (4) in the Theorem 2.11. and  $\mathcal{B}$  the set of all positive compatible partial orders on  $K$ . Then there exists an order isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Proof Define  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  as follows : let  $P \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then Theorem 2.11. determines a unique positive compatible partial order  $\leq_p$  induced by  $P$  on  $K$ , define  $\varphi(P) = \leq_p$ . Clearly  $\varphi$  is a bijection. To prove that  $\varphi$  is isotone, let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $P \subseteq Q$ . Then there exist compatible partial orders  $\leq_p$  and  $\leq_q$  such that  $P = \{ x \in K \mid 1 \leq_p x \}$  and  $Q = \{ x \in K \mid 1 \leq_q x \}$ , respectively. Let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq_p y$ . If  $x = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $yx^{-1} \in P$ . Since  $P \subseteq Q$ ,  $yx^{-1} \in Q$ . Then  $x \leq_q y$ . This prove that  $\leq_p \subseteq \leq_q$ , so  $\varphi(P) \subseteq \varphi(Q)$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is isotone. It remains to prove that  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isotone, let  $\leq, \leq^* \in \mathcal{B}$  be such that  $\leq \subseteq \leq^*$ . Let  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\leq)$ . Then  $1 \leq x$  since  $\varphi^{-1}(\leq) = \{ y \in K \mid 1 \leq y \}$ . Since  $\leq \subseteq \leq^*$ ,  $1 \leq^* x$ . Thus  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\leq^*)$  where  $\varphi^{-1}(\leq^*) = \{ y \in K \mid 1 \leq^* y \}$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(\leq) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\leq^*)$ , so  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isotone. Hence  $\varphi$  is an order isomorphism. #



**Definition 2.13.** Let  $C$  be a convex subset of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ .  $C$  is said to be a convex subgroup of  $K$  if  $C$  is a multiplicative subgroup of  $K^*$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $K$  and  $M$  be positive ordered semifields. A function  $f : K \rightarrow M$  is called an order homomorphism of  $K$  into  $M$  if  $f$  is an isotone homomorphism of semifields.

An order homomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow M$  is called an order monomorphism iff  $f$  is injection and  $f(P_K) = P_{f(K)}$ , an order epimorphism if  $f$  is onto and  $f(P_K) = P_M$  and an order isomorphism if  $f$  is bijection and  $f^{-1}$  is isotone. If there exists an order isomorphism of  $K$  onto  $M$  then we say that  $K$  and  $M$  are order isomorphic, denoted by  $K \cong_o M$ .

**Remark 2.15.** Let  $f : K \rightarrow M$  be an order homomorphism of positive ordered semifields. Then the following statements hold :

- (1)  $f(P_K) \subseteq P_M$ .
- (2)  $\ker f$  is a convex subgroup of  $K$ .
- (3) If  $C'$  is a convex subgroup of  $M$  then  $f^{-1}(C')$  is a convex subgroup of  $K$  containing  $\ker f$ .

**Proof** (1) Obviously.

(2) By Remark 1.37 (2),  $\ker f$  is an a-convex subgroup of  $K$ .

Let  $x, y \in \ker f$  and  $z \in K$  be such that  $x \leq z \leq y$ . Since  $f$  is isotone,  $1 = f(x) \leq f(z) \leq f(y) = 1$ . Hence  $f(z) = 1$ , so  $z \in \ker f$ . Therefore  $\ker f$  is a convex subgroup of  $K$ .

(3) By Remark 1.37 (3),  $f^{-1}(C')$  is an a-convex subgroup of  $K$ .

Let  $x \in f^{-1}(C')$  and  $z \in K$  be such that  $x \leq z \leq y$ . Since  $f$  is isotone,



$f(x) \leq f(z) \leq f(y)$ . By the  $o$ -convexity of  $C'$ ,  $f(z) \in C'$ . So  $z \in f^{-1}(C')$ , hence  $f^{-1}(C')$  is a convex subgroup of  $K$ . #

**Proposition 2.16.** Let  $f: K \rightarrow M$  be an order homomorphism of positive ordered semifields and  $f$  is a bijection. Then  $f^{-1}$  is isotone iff  $f(P_K) = P_M$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $f^{-1}$  is isotone. Clearly,  $f(P_K) \subseteq P_M$ . Let  $y \in P_M$ . Then  $y \geq 1$ . Since  $f$  is onto,  $f(x) = y$  for some  $x \in K$ . Since  $f^{-1}$  is isotone,  $1 = f^{-1}(1) \leq f^{-1}(y) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ . Thus  $x \in P_K$ , so  $y \in f(P_K)$ , it follows that  $P_M \subseteq f(P_K)$ . Therefore  $f(P_K) = P_M$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f(P_K) = P_M$ . Let  $x, y \in L$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . If  $x = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $yx^{-1} \in P_M$ . By assumption, there exists  $p \in P_K$  such that  $f(p) = yx^{-1}$ . Since  $f$  is onto, there are  $a, b \in K$  such that  $f(a) = x$  and  $f(b) = y$ . Then  $f(p) = yx^{-1} = f(b)f(a)^{-1} = f(ba^{-1})$ . Since  $f$  is 1-1,  $ba^{-1} \in P_K$ . So  $b \geq a$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(x) = f^{-1}(f(a)) = a \leq b = f^{-1}(f(b)) = f^{-1}(y)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}$  is an isotone. #

Let  $C$  be a convex subgroup of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ . Then  $K/C$  is a semifield. Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $K/C$  as follows: for  $\alpha, \beta \in K/C$ , define  $\alpha \leq \beta$  if and only if there are  $a \in \alpha$  and  $b \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$ . To show that  $\leq$  is a partial order, it is clear that  $\leq$  is reflexive. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K/C$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Then there are  $a, d \in \alpha$  and  $b, c \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq d$ .

**Case 1.**  $c = 0$ . Then  $b = 0$  since  $b \in \beta = \{0\}$ , so  $a = 0$ .

Therefore  $\alpha = aC = \{0\} = bC = \beta$ .

**Case 2.**  $d = 0$ . Hence  $c = 0$ , so  $\alpha = \{0\} = \beta$ .

Case 3.  $c \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ . By definition of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,  $bc^{-1}, ad^{-1} \in C$ . Thus  $ad^{-1} \leq bd^{-1} \leq bc^{-1}$ . Since  $C$  is  $o$ -convex,  $bd^{-1} \in C$ . Hence  $\beta = bC = dC = \alpha$ . Therefore  $\leq$  is anti-symmetric.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in K/C$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \gamma$ . Then there exists  $a \in \alpha$ ,  $b, c \in \beta$  and  $d \in \gamma$  such that  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq d$ . If  $c = 0$  then  $b = 0$ , so  $a = 0$ . Hence  $\alpha = [0] \leq \gamma$ . Suppose that  $c \neq 0$ . By definition of  $\beta$ ,  $bc^{-1} \in C$ . Then  $(bd)c^{-1} \in dC = \gamma$ . Since  $a \leq (bc)c^{-1} \leq (bd)c^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = aC \leq dC = \gamma$ . Therefore  $\leq$  is transitive, hence  $\leq$  is a partial order.

Next, to show that  $\leq$  is compatible, let  $\alpha, \beta \in K/C$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then there exists  $a \in \alpha$  and  $b \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$ . Let  $\gamma \in K/C$ . Choose  $c \in \gamma$ . Then we have that  $a + c \leq b + c$  and  $ac \leq bc$ . So  $\alpha + \gamma = aC + cC = (a + c)C \leq (b + c)C = bC + cC = \beta + \gamma$  and  $\alpha\gamma = (aC)(cC) = (ac)C \leq (bc)C = (bC)(cC) = \beta\gamma$ . Thus  $\leq$  is a compatible on  $K/C$ . Clearly,  $[0] \leq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in K/C$ . Therefore  $K/C$  is a positive ordered semifield.

From the above, we define  $\leq^*$  on  $K/C$  as follows : let  $\alpha, \beta \in K/C$  define by  $\alpha \leq \beta$  if and only if for every  $a \in \alpha$ , there exists  $b \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$ . Then we get that  $\leq^*$  is a positive compatible partial order on  $K/C$ .

**Remark 2.17.** (1) The two definitions of compatible partial order of  $K/C$  as above are equivalent.

(2) Every element of  $K/C$  is a convex subset of  $K$ .

**Proof** (1) Obviously,  $\leq^* \subseteq \leq$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K/C$  be such that  $\alpha < \beta$ .

If  $\alpha = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Then there exist  $a \in \alpha$  and  $b \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$ . Since  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$ . Let  $c \in \alpha$ . By the definition of  $\alpha$ ,  $ca^{-1} \in C$ . Since  $a \leq b$ ,  $1 \leq ba^{-1}$ . So  $c \leq c(ba^{-1})$  and  $c(ba^{-1}) = b(ca^{-1}) \in bC = \beta$ , hence  $\alpha \leq^* \beta$ . Therefore  $\leq^* \subseteq \leq$ , so  $\leq^* = \leq$ .

To prove (2), let  $\alpha \in K/C$ . If  $\alpha = [0]$  then done. Suppose that  $\alpha \neq [0]$ . Let  $x, y \in \alpha$  and  $z \in K$  be such that  $x \leq z \leq y$ . Since  $\alpha \neq [0]$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . So  $1 \leq zx^{-1} \leq yx^{-1}$ . By the definition of  $\alpha$ ,  $yx^{-1} \in C$ . Since  $C$  is o-convex,  $zx^{-1} \in C$ . Thus  $z = x(zx^{-1}) \in xC = \alpha$ . Let  $a, b \in K$  be such that  $a + b = 1$ . Since  $C$  is a-convex,  $a + b(yx^{-1}) \in C$ . So  $ax + by = x[(ax + by)x^{-1}] = x[a + b(yx^{-1})] \in xC = \alpha$ . Therefore  $\alpha$  is a convex subset of  $K$ . #

**Proposition 2.18.** Let  $K$  be a positive ordered semifield and  $C$  a convex subgroup of  $K$ . Then there exists a positive compatible partial order on  $K/C$  such that the projection map  $\Pi$  is an order epimorphism of  $K$  onto  $K/C$ .

**Proof** Define  $\Pi : K \rightarrow K/C$  by  $\Pi(x) = xC$  for all  $x \in K$ . Then  $\Pi$  is an onto homomorphism, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . So  $\Pi(x) = xC \leq yC = \Pi(y)$ . Hence  $\Pi$  is an isotone, so  $\Pi(P_K) \subseteq P_{K/C}$ .

Let  $\alpha \in P_{K/C}$ . Then  $\alpha \geq C$ , so there are  $c \in C$  and  $a \in \alpha$  such that  $c \leq a$ . Thus  $ac^{-1} \in P_K$ . Hence  $\Pi(ac^{-1}) = (ac^{-1})C = aC = \alpha \in \Pi(P_K)$ , hence  $P_{K/C} \subseteq \Pi(P_K)$ . Therefore  $\Pi$  is an order epimorphism. #

**Corollary 2.19.** An a-convex subgroup  $C$  of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ . Then  $C$  is the kernel of some order homomorphism iff it is an o-convex subset of  $K$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $C$  is the kernel of some order homomorphism. By Remark 2.15. (2),  $C$  is an  $o$ -convex subset of  $K$ .

The converse follows from Proposition 2.18.. #

**Theorem 2.20.** (First Isomorphism Theorem)

Let  $f : K \rightarrow M$  be an order epimorphism of positive ordered semifields. Then  $K/\ker f \cong_o M$ .

**Proof** Let  $\varphi$  be the isomorphism defined in the proof of Theorem 1.45..

To show that  $\varphi$  is isotone, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x\ker f \leq y\ker f$ . Then there are  $a, b \in \ker f$  such that  $xa \leq yb$ . If  $y = 0$  then done. Suppose that  $y \neq 0$ . So  $xy^{-1} \leq ba^{-1}$ . Since  $f$  is isotone and  $ba^{-1} \in \ker f$ ,  $f(xy^{-1}) \leq f(ba^{-1}) = 1$ . Thus  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ , so  $\varphi$  is isotone.

Next, we shall prove that  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isotone. Since  $f$  is an order epimorphism,  $f(P_K) = P_M$ . Let  $y \in P_M$ . Then there exists  $x \in P_K$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . So  $x\ker f \in P_{K/\ker f}$ . Then  $\varphi(x\ker f) = f(x) = y \in \varphi(P_{K/\ker f})$ .

This show that  $P_M \subseteq \varphi(P_{K/\ker f})$ . By Proposition 2.16.,  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isotone.

Therefore  $\varphi$  is an order isomorphism, so  $K/\ker f \cong_o M$ . #

**Lemma 2.21.** Let  $K$  be a positive ordered semifield,  $H$  a subsemifield of  $K$  and  $C$  a convex subgroup of  $K$ . Then  $H \cap C$  is a convex subgroup of  $H$ . And  $HC$  is a subsemifield of  $K$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 1.46., we shown that  $H \cap C$  and  $HC$  are  $a$ -convex subgroup of  $H$  and a subsemifield of  $K$ , respectively. It remains to prove

that  $H \cap C$  is an  $o$ -convex of subgroup  $H$ , let  $x, y \in H \cap C$  and  $z \in H$  be such that  $x \leq z \leq y$ . By the  $o$ -convexity of  $C$ ,  $z \in C$ . Then  $H \cap C$  is a convex subgroup of  $H$ , as required. #

**Theorem 2.22.** (Second Isomorphism Theorem)

Let  $H$  be a subsemifield of a positive ordered semifield  $K$ . Let  $C$  be a convex subgroup of  $K$  such that  $P_{HC} \subseteq P_H$ . Then  $H/H \cap C \cong HC/C$ .

**Proof** Let  $\varphi$  be the epimorphism given in the proof of Theorem 1.47. To show that  $\varphi(P_H) = P_{HC/C}$ , let  $x \in P_H$ . Then  $x \in H$  and  $x \geq 1$ . So  $\varphi(x) = xC \geq C$ , hence  $\varphi(P_H) \subseteq P_{HC/C}$ . Let  $\alpha \in P_{HC/C}$ . Then there exists an  $a \in P_{HC}$  such that  $aC = \alpha$ . Since  $P_{HC} \subseteq P_H$ ,  $a \in P_H$ . Therefore  $\varphi(a) = aC = \alpha \in \varphi(P_H)$ . Hence  $P_{HC/C} \subseteq \varphi(P_H)$ . Therefore  $\varphi(P_H) = P_{HC/C}$ , so  $\varphi$  is an order epimorphism and we have that  $\ker \varphi = H \cap C$ . By Theorem 2.20.,

$$H/H \cap C \cong HC/C. \quad \#$$

**Lemma 2.23.** Let  $D$  and  $H$  be convex subgroups of a positive ordered semifield  $K$  such that  $H \subseteq D$ . Then  $D/H$  is a convex subgroup of  $K/H$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 1.48. we proved that  $D/H$  is an  $a$ -convex subgroup of  $K/H$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in D/H$  and  $\gamma \in K/H$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \gamma \leq \beta$ . Then there are  $a \in \alpha$ ,  $b, c \in \gamma$  and  $d \in \beta$  such that  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq d$ . By the definition of  $\gamma$ ,  $cb^{-1} \in H$ , since  $H \subseteq D$ ,  $cb^{-1} \in D$ . Claim that  $a, d \in D$ . There is  $x \in D$  such that  $\alpha = xH$ . Since  $a \in \alpha$ , there exists  $h \in H$  such that  $a = xh$ . Since  $H \subseteq D$ ,  $a = xh \in D$ . Similarly,  $d \in D$ . So we have the claim. Thus  $da^{-1} \in D$ . Since  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq d$ ,  $cb^{-1} \leq ca^{-1} \leq da^{-1}$ . By the  $o$ -convexity of  $D$ ,

$ca^{-1} \in D$ . Since  $a \in D$ ,  $c \in D$ ,  $\gamma = cH \in D/H$ , so  $D/H$  is a convex subgroup of  $K/H$ . #

**Theorem 2.24.** (Third Isomorphism Theorem)

Let  $K$  be a positive ordered semifield,  $D$  and  $H$  are convex subgroups of  $K$  such that  $H \subseteq D$ . Then  $(K/H)/(D/H) \cong K/D$ .

**Proof** Let  $\varphi$  be the epimorphism given in the proof of Theorem 1.49. show that  $\varphi(P_{K/H}) = P_{K/D}$ , let  $\alpha \in K/H$  be such that  $H \leq \alpha$ . Then there are  $a \in \alpha$  and  $h \in H$  be such that  $h \leq a$ . Since  $H \subseteq D$ ,  $h \in D$ . Thus  $\varphi(\alpha) = \varphi(aH) = aD$ . Since  $h \leq a$  and  $h \in D$ ,  $\varphi(\alpha) = aD \geq D$ , so  $\varphi(\alpha) \in P_{K/D}$ . Let  $\alpha \in P_{K/D}$ . Then  $\alpha \geq D$ . Then there exist  $x \in D$  and  $a \in \alpha$  such that  $a \geq x$ . So  $xH \leq aH$ . Thus  $(ax^{-1})H \in P_{K/H}$  and  $\varphi((ax^{-1})H) = (ax^{-1})D = aD = \alpha \in \varphi(P_{K/H})$ . Hence  $\varphi(P_{K/H}) = P_{K/D}$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is an order epimorphism and  $\ker \varphi = D/H$ , by Theorem 2.20.,  $(K/H)/(D/H) \cong K/D$ . #

**Proposition 2.25** Let  $f : K \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism of positive ordered semifields. If  $C'$  is a convex subgroup of  $M$  then  $K/f^{-1}(C') \cong M/C'$ .

**Proof** By Remark 2.15. (3),  $f^{-1}(C')$  is a convex subgroup of  $K$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be an epimorphism as the proof of Theorem 1.50.. To show that  $\varphi$  is isotone, let  $x, y \in K$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Since  $f$  is isotone,  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ . So  $\varphi(x) = f(x)C' \leq f(y)C' = \varphi(y)$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is isotone.

Let  $\alpha \in P_{M/C'}$ . Then  $C' \leq \alpha$ , so there are  $a \in \alpha$  and  $c \in C'$  such that  $c \leq a$ .

Hence  $ac^{-1} \in P_M$ . Since  $f(P_K) = P_M$ ,  $f(p) = ac^{-1}$  for some  $p \in P_K$ . Then

$\varphi(p) = f(p)C' = (ac^{-1})C' = aC' = \alpha \in \varphi(P_K)$ . So  $P_{M/C'} \subseteq \varphi(P_K)$ . By Proposition 2.16.,  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isotone. Therefore  $\varphi$  is order isomorphism and we have that  $\ker \varphi = f^{-1}(C')$ . By Theorem 2.20.,  $K/f^{-1}(C') \cong M/C'$ . #

**Proposition 2.26.** Let  $K$  be a positively ordered semifield,  $C$  a convex subgroup of  $K$ , and  $P$  the positive cone of  $K$ . Let  $\Pi : K \rightarrow K/C$  be the projection map. Then  $\Pi(P)$  is the positive cone of  $K/C$ . Furthermore, if  $P - C \neq \emptyset$  then  $P - C$  is a multiplicative subsemigroup of  $C$ .

**Proof :** Clear that  $\Pi(P)$  is the positive cone of  $K/C$ .

Let  $x, y \in P - C$ . Then  $xy \in P$ . Suppose that  $xy \in C$ . Then  $xyC = C$ . Since  $x, y \in P$ ,  $xC$  and  $yC \in \Pi(P)$ . So  $(xC)(yC) = xyC = C$ . Since  $\Pi(P)$  is the positive cone of  $K/C$ ,  $xC = yC = C$ . Thus  $x, y \in C$ , a contradiction.

Hence  $xy \notin C$ , so  $xy \in P - C$ . #

**Theorem 2.27.** Let  $P$  be a commutative semiring with 1. Then there exists a positive ordered semifield  $K$  having its the positive cone isomorphic to  $P$  iff  $P$  satisfies the following statements :

- (1)  $P$  is M.C. with zero,
- (2) for every  $x, y \in P$ ,  $xy = 1$  implies  $x = y = 1$ ,
- (3) for every  $x, y, a, b \in P$  there is  $d \in P$  such that  $ax + by = da + db$ .

**Proof** Let  $K$  be the semifield as in Theorem 1.27..

Define a relation on  $K$  as follows : for  $\alpha, \beta \in K$ .



$\alpha \leq \beta$  iff there exists  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ ,  $(c, d) \in \beta$  and  $p \in P$  such that  $pad = bc$  and  $0 \leq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in K$ .

To show that  $\leq$  is compatible on  $K$ , it is clear that  $\leq$  is reflexive. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . There exist  $(a, b), (x, y) \in \alpha$ ,  $(c, d), (z, w) \in \beta$  and  $p, q \in P$  such that  $pad = bc$  and  $qyz = xw$ . Since  $ay = bx$ ,  $(ay)w = (bx)w = b(xw) = b(qyz)$ . By (1),  $aw = qbz$ . Then  $daw = dqbz$ . Since  $cw = zd$ ,  $daw = cwbq$ . By (1),  $da = cbq$ . Since  $bc = pad$ ,  $ad = padq$ . By (1), we have  $1 = pq$ . By (2),  $p = q = 1$ . Thus  $ad = bc$ , hence  $\alpha = \beta$ . Thus  $\leq$  is anti-symmetric. Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \gamma$ . Then there are  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ ,  $(c, d), (e, f) \in \beta$ ,  $(g, h) \in \gamma$  and  $p, q \in P$  such that  $pad = bc$  and  $qeh = fg$ . Since  $qeh = fg$ ,  $qehc = fgc$ . Then  $gehc = fgc = deg$ . By (1),  $qhc = dg$ . Then  $paqhc = padg$ . Since  $pad = bc$ ,  $pahqc = bcg$ . By (1),  $ahpq = bg$ . Hence  $\alpha \leq \gamma$ , so  $\leq$  is transitive. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in K$  be such that  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then there exist  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ ,  $(c, d) \in \beta$  and  $p \in P$  such that  $pad = bc$ . Let  $\gamma \in K$ . Choose  $(e, f) \in \gamma$ . Then  $padef = bcef$ . Thus  $\alpha\gamma \leq \beta\gamma$ . And by (3), there exists  $q \in P$  such that  $adfp + bde = qadf + qbde$ . Then  $qd(af + be) = bcf + bde = b(cf + de)$ , so  $qdf(af + be) = bf(cf + de)$ . Hence  $\alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma$ . Therefore  $\leq$  is a compatible partial order.

Define  $\varphi : P \rightarrow K$  by  $\varphi(x) = [(x, 1)]$  for all  $x \in P$ . We have that  $\varphi$  is a monomorphism. To show that  $\varphi(P) = \{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha \geq [(1, 1)]\}$ , let  $x \in P$ . Then  $\varphi(x) = [(x, 1)] \geq [(1, 1)]$ . Thus  $\varphi(x) \in \{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha \geq [(1, 1)]\}$ . Let  $\beta \in \{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha \geq [(1, 1)]\}$ . Then there exists  $(a, b) \in \beta$  and  $p \in P$  such that  $pb = a$ . Thus  $\varphi(p) = [(p, 1)] = [(bp, b)] = [(a, b)] = \beta \in \varphi(P)$ . Hence  $\varphi(P) = \{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha \geq [(1, 1)]\}$ ,  $P \cong \varphi(P)$ . This proves that  $\varphi(P)$  is the positive cone of  $K$ .

Conversely, let  $P$  be a positive cone of some positive ordered semifield  $K$ . Then (1) and (2) clearly hold. Let  $x, y, a, b \in P$ . By the

a-convexity of  $P$ ,  $(ax + by)(a + b)^{-1} = [a(a + b)^{-1}]x + [b(a + b)^{-1}]y \in P$ . Then  $(ax + by)(a + b)^{-1} = p$  for some  $p \in P$ . Thus  $ax + by = pa + pb$ , (3) holds. #

**Definition 2.28.** Let  $K$  be a semifield and  $C$  an a-convex subgroup of  $K$ . A compatible partial order on  $C$  is a partial order  $\leq$  on  $C$  such that for every  $x, y, z \in C$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $xz \leq yz$ .

**Proposition 2.29.** Let  $C$  be an a-convex subgroup of semifield  $K$ . Let  $\leq$  be a compatible partial order on  $C$  and  $\leq^*$  a compatible partial order on semifield  $K/C$ . Suppose that

(1) for every  $x, y \in P_C$  and  $a, b \in K$  are such that  $a + b = 1$ ,  $ax + by \in P_C$  where  $P_C = \{ x \in C \mid x \geq 1 \}$

(2) for every  $x \in K$ ,  $1 + x \in C$  implies  $1 + x \in P_C$ .

(3) for every  $x \in C$ ,  $y \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$  and  $a, b \in K$  such that

$a + b = 1$  and  $ax + by \in K - C$ .

Then there exists a compatible partial order  $\leq$  on  $K$  such that  $\leq$  is the restriction of the partial order on  $C$  and the projection map  $\Pi$  is an order epimorphism.

**Proof** Let  $P = P_C \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ . We shall show that  $P$  satisfies

(1) - (4) of Theorem 2.11.

(1) Let  $x, y \in P$

Case 1.  $x, y \in P_C$ . Then  $xy \in P_C \subseteq P$ .

Case 2.  $x \in P_C$  and  $y \in \beta$  for some  $\beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Thus  $xy \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ .

Case 3.  $x \in \alpha$  and  $y \in \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Then  $(xy)C = (xC)(yC) = \alpha\beta \in P_{K/C}$ . If  $xy \in C$  then  $C = (xy)C = \alpha\beta$ . Thus  $\alpha = \beta = C$ , a contradiction. Thus  $xy \notin C$ , so  $xy \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Hence  $P^2 \subseteq P$ .

(2) Let  $x \in P \cap P^{-1}$ . Then  $x, x^{-1} \in P$ .

Case 1.  $x, x^{-1} \in P_C$ . Thus  $x, x^{-1} \geq 1$ , so  $x = 1$ .

Case 2.  $x \in P_C$  and  $x^{-1} \in \beta$  for some  $\beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Then  $C = (xx^{-1})C = (xC)(x^{-1}C) = C\beta = \beta$ , a contradiction.

Case 3.  $x \in \alpha$  and  $y \in \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . So  $C = (xx^{-1})C = (xC)(x^{-1}C) = \alpha\beta$ . Thus  $\alpha = \beta = C$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $P \cap P^{-1} = \{1\}$ .

(3) Let  $x \in K$ .

Case 1.  $1+x \notin C$ . Then  $(1+x)C = C + xC \in P_{K/C}$ . Thus  $1+x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$

since  $1+x \notin C$

Case 2.  $1+x \in C$ . Then  $1+x \in P_C$ .

Hence  $1+x \in P$  for all  $x \in K$ .

(4) Let  $x, y \in P$  and  $a, b \in K$  be such that  $a+b=1$ . So we have that  $aC + bC = C$ .

Case 1.  $x, y \in P_C$ , so done.

Case 2.  $x, y \in P_C$  and  $y \in \beta$  for some  $\beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Thus  $y \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ ,

so by assumption  $ax + by \in K - C$ . Since  $aC + bC = C$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in P_{K/C}$ ,

$(ax + by)C = (aC)\alpha + (bC)\beta \in P_{K/C}$ . Therefore  $(ax + by)C \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ , so

$ax + by \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ .

Case 3.  $x \in \alpha$  and  $y \in \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . Then  $x, y \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ , so  $(ax + by)(a + by)^{-1} = [a(a + b)^{-1}]x + [b(a + b)^{-1}]y \in K - C$  and  $a + by = [b(a + b)^{-1}]y + a(a + b)^{-1} \in K - C$ . If  $ax + by \in C$  then  $C = (ax + by)C = [(ax + by)(a + by)^{-1}]C(a + by)C$ . Since  $[(ax + by)(a + by)^{-1}]C$  and  $(a + by)C \in P_{K/C}$ ,  $[(ax + by)(a + by)^{-1}]C = (a + by)C = C$ . So  $a + by \in C$ , a contradiction. Thus  $ax + by \notin C$ . Hence  $ax + by \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ , so  $P$  is an  $a$ -convex subset of  $K$ . By Theorem 2.11.,  $P$  is the positive cone of  $K$ . Let  $\leq'$  be a positive compatible partial order induced by  $P$ .

Next, to show that  $\leq$  is the restriction of  $\leq'$  on  $C$ , let  $x, y \in C$  be such that  $x \leq' y$  in  $C$ . Then  $yx^{-1} \in P$ . Since  $yx^{-1} \in C$ ,  $yx^{-1} \in P_C$ . Thus  $y \geq x$ . Hence  $\leq$  is the restriction of  $\leq'$  on  $C$ .

Finally, to prove that  $\Pi(P) = P_{K/C}$ , let  $x \in P$ .

Case 1.  $x \in P_C$ . Then  $x \in C$ ,  $\Pi(x) = xC = C \in P_{K/C}$ .

Case 2.  $x \in \beta$  for some  $\beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}$ . So  $\Pi(x) = xC = \beta \in P_{K/C} - \{C\} \subseteq P_{K/C}$ .

Therefore  $\Pi(P) \subseteq P_{K/C}$ . Let  $\beta \in P_{K/C}$ .

Case 1.  $\beta = C$ . Then  $\Pi(1) = C = \beta \in \Pi(P_C) \subseteq \Pi(P)$ .

Case 2.  $\beta \neq C$ . Then  $\beta \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha$ . Choose  $x \in \beta$ . Then  $\Pi(x) = xC =$

$\beta \in \Pi(\bigcup_{\alpha \in P_{K/C} - \{C\}} \alpha) \subseteq \Pi(P)$ . Hence  $P_{K/C} \subseteq \Pi(P)$ , so  $\Pi(P) = P_{K/C}$ . #

**Definition 2.30.** Let  $\{K_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of positive ordered semifields. The direct product of a family  $\{K_i \mid i \in I\}$ , denoted by  $\prod_{i \in I} K_i$ , defined as a direct product semifield with natural partial order  $\leq$ , that is for every  $(x_i)_{i \in I}, (y_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} K_i$ ,

$$(x_i)_{i \in I} \leq (y_i)_{i \in I} \text{ iff } x_i \leq y_i \text{ for all } i \in I.$$

**Remark 2.31.** Let  $\{K_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of positive ordered semifields.

Then  $P_{\prod_{i \in I} K_i} = \prod_{i \in I} P_i$  where  $P_i = \{x \in K_i \mid x \geq 1_i\}$  for all  $i \in I$ .

**Proposition 2.32.** Let  $\{K_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of positive ordered semifields and  $C_i$  a convex subgroup of  $K_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $\prod_{i \in I} C_i$  is

a convex subgroup of  $\prod_{i \in I} K_i$  and  $\prod_{i \in I} K_i / \prod_{i \in I} C_i \cong \prod_{i \in I} (K_i / C_i)$ .

**Proof** Let  $\phi$  be an epimorphism as the proof of Proposition 1.53.,

To show that  $\phi$  is isotone, let  $(x_i)_{i \in I}, (y_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} K_i$  be such that

$(x_i)_{i \in I} \leq (y_i)_{i \in I}$ . Then  $x_i \leq y_i$  for all  $i \in I$ ,  $x_i C_i \leq y_i C_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

Hence  $\phi((x_i)_{i \in I}) = (x_i C_i)_{i \in I} \leq (y_i C_i)_{i \in I} = \phi((y_i)_{i \in I})$ . Hence  $\phi$  is isotone, so

$\phi(P_{\prod_{i \in I} K_i}) \subseteq P_{\prod_{i \in I} (K_i / C_i)}$ . Next, let  $(x_i C_i)_{i \in I} \in P_{\prod_{i \in I} (K_i / C_i)}$ . Then  $(x_i C_i)_{i \in I} \geq (C_i)_{i \in I}$

so  $x_i C_i \geq C_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Thus there exist  $c_i, d_i \in C_i$  such that  $x_i c_i \geq d_i$

for all  $i \in I$ . Thus  $(x_i c_i) d_i^{-1} \in P_{K_i}$  for all  $i$ , so  $((x_i c_i) d_i^{-1})_{i \in I} \in P_{\prod_{i \in I} K_i}$ . Then

$\phi(((x_i c_i) d_i^{-1})_{i \in I}) = (((x_i c_i) d_i^{-1}) C_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i C_i)_{i \in I} \in \phi(P_{\prod_{i \in I} K_i})$ , hence

$P_{\prod_{i \in I} (K_i / C_i)} \subseteq \phi(P_{\prod_{i \in I} K_i})$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is an order epimorphism.

Clearly  $\ker \phi = \prod_{i \in I} C_i$ , by Theorem 2.20.,  $\prod_{i \in I} K_i / \prod_{i \in I} C_i \cong \prod_{i \in I} (K_i / C_i)$ . #

**Proposition 2.33.** Let  $D$  be a partially ordered semiring. If  $(D, \cdot)$  is a group then  $D$  can be embedded into a positive ordered semifield iff for every  $x, y \in D$ ,  $x \leq x + y$ .

**Proof** Obviously. #