## Linear Operators Strongly Preserving M-P Inverses of Matrices over Some Antinegative Commutative Semirings \*

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Abstract: Let S be an antinegative commutative semiring having no zero divisions or finite general Boolean Algebra and  $\mu_n(S)$  the set of  $n \times n$  matrices over S. In this paper we characterize the structure of the semigroup  $\aleph_n(S)$  of linear operators on  $\mu_n(S)$  that strongly preserve the M-P inverses of matrices.

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#### 0. Introduction

In recent years, linear preserver problem over various algebraic structrues, including rings, fields and semirings, has been of interest to many authors (see [1]-[6]). With the development of the computer science, linear preserver problem over semirings has special important value. In this paper we character linear operators strongly preserving M-P inverses of matrices over many antinegative commutative semirings  $\mathcal{S}$ , including the two-element Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ , the chain semirings  $\mathcal{A}$ , the antinegative reals  $\mathcal{R}^+$ , the antinegative rationals  $\mathcal{Q}^+$ , the antinegative integers  $\mathcal{Z}^+$  and the Boolean algebras  $\mathcal{B}_k$  of subsets of a k-element set.

Definitions and properties are given in Section 1. The results for the two-element Boolean algebra matrices are in Section 2, those for nonnegetive semirings having no zero-divisors and for the finite general Boolean algebras are in Sections 3 and 4 respectively.

### 1. Definitions and properties

**Definition 1**<sup>[1]</sup> A semiring is a binary system  $(\mathcal{H}, +, \times)$  such that  $(\mathcal{H}, +)$  is an Abelian monoid(identity 0),  $(\mathcal{H}, \times)$  is a monoid(identity 1),  $\times$  distributes over +,  $0 \times h = h \times 0 = 0$  for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , and  $1 \neq 0$ .

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**Definition 2** A semiring  $\mathcal{H}$  is called antinegative commutative if 0 is the only element to have an additive inverse and  $(\mathcal{H}, \times)$  is abelian.

Obviously, all rings with unity are semirings but no such ring is antinegative. Algebraic items such that unit and zero-divisor of semirings, and linearty and invertibility of linear opertors are as in rings.

Let S be an antinegative commutative semiring, and let  $\mu_n(S)$  denotes the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over S. We denote by  $O_n$ ,  $I_n$  and  $I_n$  the zero matrix, the identity matrix and the matrix of all entries 1 in  $\mu_n(S)$  respectively.

For  $X, Y \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$ , we say  $Y \geq X$  or  $X \leq Y$  if  $y_{ij} = 0$  implies  $x_{ij} = 0$  for all i, j. We define  $X \setminus Y$  to be the matrix  $Z = (z_{ij}) \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $z_{ij} = 1$  if and only if  $x_{ij} = 1$  and  $y_{ij} = 0$  for all i, j.

The number of nonzero entries in a matrix A is denoted |A|. A zero-one matrix are called a cell if |A|=1. If the nonzero entry occurs in row i and column j, we denote the cell by  $E_{ij}$ . When  $i \neq j$ , we say  $E_{ij}$  is an off-diagonal cell;  $E_{ii}$  is a diagonal cell. Two cells are collinear if they are in the same row or column.

We denote the Hadamard product of A and B in  $\mu_n(\mathcal{S})$  by  $A \circ B$ . That is  $C = A \circ B$  if and only if  $c_{ij} = a_{ij}b_{ij}$  for all i and j. For  $M \in \mu_n(\mathcal{S})$ , the scaling operators  $\mathbf{L}_M$ , induced by M, is defined by  $\mathbf{L}_M : A \to M \circ A$ .

We denote by  $A^+$  the M-P inverse of  $A \in \mu_n(\mathcal{S})$  which is the solution of the equations:

$$AXA = A, XAX = X, (AX)^{T} = AX, (XA)^{T} = XA,$$

where  $A^{T}$  the transpose of A. Obviously, if  $A^{+}$  exists, then it is unique. When  $S = \mathcal{B}$ , the following property is showed in [8].

**Property 1** Suppose  $X \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$ . If  $X^+$  exists, then  $X^+ = X^T$ .

We say that a linear operator L on  $\mu_n(S)$  strongly preserves M-P inverses of matrices if  $[L(A)]^+$  exists and  $[L(A)]^+ = L(A^+)$  if and only if  $A \in \mu_n(S)$  has a M-P inverse  $A^+$ . We denote by  $\aleph_n(S)$  the semigroup of all linear operators that preserve M-P inverses of matrices. If  $L \in \aleph_n(S)$ , then

**Property 2**  $L(C) \neq \bigcap_n$  for every cell C.

**Proof** Suppose  $\mathbf{L}(D) = \bigcirc_n$  for some cell D. Then  $\mathbf{L}(D)^+ = \mathbf{L}(D)$ , and hence  $D^+ = D$ . Further D is a diagonal cell. Let F be a cell which is distinct to D and collinear to D. Then  $\mathbf{L}(F+D) = \mathbf{L}(F) = \mathbf{L}(F^T)^+$ , and hence,  $D+F=(F^T)^+$ , an imposibility.

**Definition 3** We say that a linear operator  $L: X \longrightarrow PXP^{-1}$  on  $\mu_n(S)$  is permutation similarity if and only if P is a permutation.

### 2. The result on two-element Boolean algebra

In this section, we assume that S = B and  $L \in \aleph_n(B)$ .

**Lemma 2.1** If C is a cell, then L(C) is a cell.

**Proof** It follows from Property 2 that  $L(C) \neq O_n$ . Suppose  $L(C) \geq F + G$  for some F and G and  $L(J_n) = F + G + W_1 + \cdots + W_k$ , where F, G and  $W_i$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$ 

are multually distinct. Then  $k \leq n^2 - 2$ , and hence  $| \mathbf{L}(J_n) \setminus \mathbf{L}(C) | \leq k \leq n^2 - 2$ . Let  $\mathbf{L}(D_i) \geq W_i$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots k)$  and  $D = C + D_1 + \dots + D_k$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}(D) \geq \mathbf{L}(J_n)$ . On the other hand,  $\mathbf{L}(D) \leq \mathbf{L}(J_n)$  is obvious. Hence  $\mathbf{L}(D) = \mathbf{L}(J_n)$ . Since  $|D| \leq k + 1 \leq n^2 - 1$ , we can assume  $W \leq (J_n \setminus D)$  for some cell W. Thus  $\mathbf{L}(J_n \setminus W) = \mathbf{L}(J_n)$ . Again applying  $J_n^+ = J_n$ , we have  $\mathbf{L}(J_n)^+ = \mathbf{L}(J_n)$ , and hence  $\mathbf{L}(J_n \setminus W) = \mathbf{L}(J_n)^+$ . From which, it follows that  $J_n^+ = J_n \setminus W$ , an imposibility.

Lemma 2.2 L is a bijective from the set of all cells to itself.

**Proof** From Lemma 2.1, we only need to prove that  $L(F) \neq L(G)$  for any distinct F and G. Suppose L(F) = L(G). Then  $L(F^T) = L(F)^+ = L(G)^+$  from Property 1, and thus  $F^T = G^+ = G^T$ . Hence F = G, am impossibility.

**Lemma 2.3** There exists a permutation matrix  $P \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$  such that

$$P\mathbf{L}(E_{ii})P^{-1}=E_{ii}, \quad \forall i.$$

**Proof** Suppose C is a diagonal cell. Then  $C^+ = C$ , and hence  $L(C)^+ = L(C)$ . Applying Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we can prove the lemma.

**Lemma 2.4**  $\mathbf{L}(C)^T = \mathbf{L}(C^T)$  for any cell C.

Proof It is obvious from Lemma 2.1 and Property 1.

**Theorem 2.1** The semigroup  $\aleph_n(\mathcal{B})$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

**Proof** When n=2, the theorem follows from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3. When  $n\geq 3$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3 that there exists a permutation matrix  $P\in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$  such that

$$P\mathbf{L}(E_{ii})P^{-1}=E_{ii}, \ \forall i.$$

For any distinct i and j, we can assume that  $PL(E_{ij})P^{-1} = E_{mk}$  and  $PL(E_{ji})P^{-1} = E_{km}$  for some distinct m and k from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4.

Suppose  $m \neq i, j$ . Let  $A = E_{ij} + E_{ji} + E_{mm}$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}(A)^+ = \mathbf{L}(A)$  from  $A^+ = A$ , and hence  $(E_{mk} + E_{km} + E_{mm})^3 = (E_{mk} + E_{km} + E_{mm})$ . By a direct computation, we have 1 = 0, an impossibility. Hence m = i or j. Similarly, k = i or j. Noting  $m \neq k$ , we have (m, k) = (i, j) or (m, k) = (j, i).

Now we prove that  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ij})P^{-1}$  and  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ik})P^{-1}$  are collinear for any multually distinct i, j and k. Otherwise, without loss of generality, let  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ij})P^{-1} = E_{ij}$  and  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ik})P^{-1} = E_{ki}$ . Then  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ji})P^{-1} = E_{ji}$  and  $P\mathbf{L}(E_{ki})P^{-1} = E_{ik}$  from Lemma 2.4. Let  $V = E_{ii} + E_{ij} + E_{ik}$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}(V^T) = \mathbf{L}(V)^+$  from  $V^T = V^+$ , and hence  $\mathbf{L}(V) = \mathbf{L}(V)\mathbf{L}(V^T)\mathbf{L}(V)$ . Comparing the correspond entries of two sides, we have 1 = 0, an impossibility. The theorem follows from the arbitrarity of i, j and k.

# 3. Results on some antinegative commutative semirings hving no zero divisiors

In this section, we assume that S is a antinegative commutative semiring having no zero divisors.

For  $A=(a_{ij})\in \mu_n(\mathcal{S})$ , we write  $\overline{A}=(\psi(a_{ij}))\in \mu_n(\mathcal{B})$ , where  $\psi$  is a map from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  defined by

$$\psi(a) = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 & ext{if} & a 
eq 0 \ 0 & ext{if} & a = 0 \end{array} 
ight., \quad orall a \in \mathcal{S}.$$

**Lemma 3.1**<sup>[4]</sup> If  $\mathbf{L} : \mu_n(\mathcal{S}) \to \mu_n(\mathcal{S})$  is a linear operator, let  $\overline{\mathbf{L}}$  be the operator on  $\mu_n(\mathcal{B})$  defined by  $\overline{\mathbf{L}} : E_{ij} = \overline{\mathbf{L}}(E_{ij})$ ,  $\forall i, j$  for all i and j. Then  $\overline{\mathbf{L}}(A) = \overline{\mathbf{L}}(A)$ ,  $\forall A \in \mu_n(\mathcal{S})$ .

Remark 1 If S have zero divisors (i.e., ab = 0 for some  $a, b \in S$ ), let **T** be a linear operator on  $\mu_n(S)$  defined by

$$\mathbf{T}(E_{ij}) = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} bE_{11}, & i=j=1 \ O_n, & ext{otherwise} \end{array} 
ight., \quad orall i,j.$$

Choosing  $A = aE_{11}$ , we have  $\overline{\mathbf{T}(A)} = \bigcirc_n \neq E_{11} = \overline{\mathbf{T}}(\overline{A})$ , and hence the restraction of S has not zero divisors is necessary in Lemma 3.1.

**Theorem 3.1** The semigroup  $\aleph_n(S)$  is generated by transpose, the permutation similarty operators and the scale operator  $\mathbf{L}_M$ , where  $m_{ij}m_{ji}=1$  for all i and j.

**Proof** Suppose  $\mathbf{L} \in \aleph_n(\mathcal{S})$ . Then there exist a permutation matrix P such that for any i and j (i)  $\overline{\mathbf{L}}(E_{ij}) = PE_{ij}P^{-1}$  or (ii)  $\overline{\mathbf{L}}(E_{ij}) = PE_{ji}P^{-1}$  holds from Theorem 2.1.

Suppose (i) holds. Then  $\overline{\mathbf{L}(E_{ij})} = \overline{\mathbf{L}}(E_{ij}) = PE_{ij}P^{-1}$  from Lemma 3.1. Thus  $\mathbf{L}(E_{ij}) = m_{ij}PE_{ij}P^{-1}$  for some  $m_{ij} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Applying  $E_{ij}^+ = E_{ji}$ , we obtain  $\mathbf{L}(E_{ij})^+ = \mathbf{L}(E_{ji})$ , and hence

$$(m_{ij}PE_{ij}P^{-1})(m_{ji}PE_{ji}P^{-1})(m_{ij}PE_{ij}P^{-1}) = m_{ij}PE_{ij}P^{-1}.$$

Comparing the correspond elements of two sides, we have  $m_{ij}^2 m_{ji} = m_{ij}$ , and hence  $\mathbf{L}(E_{ji})^+ = \mathbf{L}(E_{ij}) = \mathbf{L}(m_{ij}m_{ji}E_{ij})$ . Further  $E_{ji}^+ = m_{ij}m_{ji}E_{ij}$ . Since  $E_{ji}^+$  is unique, it follows that  $m_{ij}m_{ji} = 1$ . Let  $M = (m_{ij})$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}$  is generated by the permutation similarty operators and the scale operator  $\mathbf{L}_M$  and  $m_{ij}m_{ji} = 1$  for all i and j.

When (ii) holds. The proof is similar.

**Remark 2** The inverse of Theorem 3.1 is error. e.g., Let  $S = \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $A^+ = B$ . But  $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{M}}(A)^+ \neq \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{M}}(B)$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{L}_{M} \in \aleph_{n}(\mathcal{R}^+)$ ).

Corollary 3.1 If 1 is unique unit in S, then the semigroup  $\aleph_n(S)$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

**Remark 3** 1 is unique unit in A (including the fuzzy semiring and  $Z^+$ ).

Remark 4 If every number of S is idempotent, then 1 is unique unit in S. In fact, for every unit  $a \in S$ , we have  $aa^{-1} = 1$ , and hence  $aa^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}$ . Applying  $a^{-1}$  idempotent, we have  $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}$ . Thus a = 1.

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  is a subring with 1 of the real number ring  $\mathcal{R}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}^+$  the set  $\{x \in \mathcal{P} | x \geq 0\}$ . Obviously,  $\mathcal{P}^+$  is an antinegative commutative semiring having no zero divisors.

**Lemma 3.2** Suppose k is a prime number. Then  $k^3 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  for some integers a, b and c with a, b > 0.

**Proof** If k = 2, the lemma follows by letting a = b = 1 and c = 0; If  $k \neq 2$ , then  $k = 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ . Thus  $k^3 = 1, 3 \pmod{8}$  and  $k^3$  can not be dividen by 4. From [9, TH4], we have  $k^3 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ , where a, b, c are integers. Obviously, nonzero elements in  $\{a, b, c\}$  have at least two. Without loss of generality, we assume a, b > 0.

**Theorem 3.2** If there exists a positive integer k (k > 1) such that k is an unit in  $\mathcal{P}^+$  and  $n \geq 3$ , then the semigroup  $\aleph_n(\mathcal{P}^+)$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

**Proof** From Theorem 3.1, we only need to prove that  $L_M = L_{J_n}$ .

- i) Suppose k is prime. Then  $k^3 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  for some integers a, b, c with a, b > 0 from Lemma 3.2. Let  $G = aE_{ij} + bE_{ij} + cE_{im}$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}_M(G)^+ = (k^3)^{-1}\mathbf{L}_M(G^T)$  from  $G^+ = (k^3)^{-1}G^T$ , and hence  $[(k^3)^{-1}(M \circ G^T)(M \circ G)]^T = (k^3)^{-1}(M \circ G^T)(M \circ G)$ . By a direct computation we have  $m_{ij} = m_{ji}$ . Again applying  $m_{ij}m_{ji} = 1$ , we obtain  $m_{ij} = m_{ji} = 1$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{L}_M = \mathbf{L}_{J_n}$ ).
- ii) If k is not prime, then  $k = k_1 \cdots k_p$ , where  $k_1, \cdots, k_p$  are prime. Obviously,  $k_1$  is an unit in  $\mathcal{P}^+$ . This is the form i).

**Theorem 3.3** Let k (k > 1) is as in Theorem 3.2, and k is even or can be dividen by 4m+1 for some integer m. Then  $\aleph_2(\mathcal{P}^+)$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

**Proof** From Theorem 3.1, we only need to prove that  $L_M = L_{J_2}$ .

- i) Suppose 4m+1|k for some integer m and  $k_1=4m+1$ . Then  $k_1=a^2+b^2$  for some positive integers a and b from [7, pp. 127, TH3]. Let  $N=aE_{ii}+bE_{ij}$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}_M(N)^+=k_1^{-1}\mathbf{L}_M(N^{\mathrm{T}})$  from  $N^+=k_1^{-1}N^{\mathrm{T}}$ , and hence,  $[k_1^{-1}(M\circ N^{\mathrm{T}})(M\circ N)]^T=k_1^{-1}(M\circ N^{\mathrm{T}})(M\circ N)$ . By a direct computation, we have  $m_{ij}=m_{ji}$ . It follows from  $m_{ij}m_{ji}=1$  that  $\mathbf{L}_M=\mathbf{L}_{J_2}$ .
- ii) Suppose k is even. Then 2 is an unit in  $\mathcal{P}^+$ . The conclusion follows by choosing  $k_1 = 2$  and a = b = 1 in the proof of i).

Corollary 3.2 The semigroup  $\aleph_n(\mathcal{R}^+)(\aleph_n(\mathcal{Q}^+))$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

**Proof** It is obvious from Theorems 3.2 and 3.3.

Remark 5 Let  $\mathcal{P}_n^+ = \{\frac{m}{n^k}|m,k \text{ are antinegative integers}\}\ (n>1)$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}_n^+$  is an antinegative commutative semiring having no zero divisors and satisfies the requirement in Theorem 3.2. Moreover, if n is even or 4m+1|n for some integer m, then  $\mathcal{P}_n^+$  satisfies the requirement in Theorem 3.3.

### 4. The results on the finite generated Boolean algebras

Let  $\mathcal{B}_k$  be the Boolean algebra of subsets of a k-element set  $\Delta_k$  and let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k$  denote the singleton subsets of  $\Delta_k$ . We write + for union and denote intersection by juxtaposition. Let 1 and 0 be  $\Delta_k$  and  $\emptyset$  respectively. Obviously,  $\mathcal{B}_k$  is an antinegative commutative semiring with zero divisors.

For  $A \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , we write  $A_i = \sigma_i A$ . Obviously,

$$(A + B)_i = A_i + B_i, (AB)_i = A_i B_i, (\alpha A)_i = \alpha_i A_i, (A^T)_i = (A_i)^T,$$

for any  $A, B \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B}_k$ , and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . From which, we have

**Lemma 4.1** If  $A \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$ , then  $A^+ = B$  if and only if  $A_i^+$  exist and  $A_i^+ = B_i$  for all  $1 \le i \le k$ .

For  $1 \le i \le k$ , we denote by  $\beta_i$  the Boolean algebra of subsets of  $\sigma_i$ . Obviously,  $\beta_i$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are isophism. From Theorem 2.1, we have

**Lemma 4.2** The semigroup  $\aleph_n(\beta_i)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$  is generated by transposition and the permutation similarty operators.

For  $\mathbf{L} \in \aleph_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$ , let

$$\mathbf{L}_i(X_i) = \sigma_i \mathbf{L}(X), \quad \forall X \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Then  $\mathbf{L}_i \in \aleph_n(\beta_i)$  and

$$\mathbf{L}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{L}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{L}_i(X_i), \quad orall X \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k).$$

**Lemma 4.3**  $\mathbf{L} \in \aleph_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{L}_i \in \aleph_n(\beta_i)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Proof The "if" part is obvious. Now we prove the "only if" part.

For fixed  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , we choosing  $X_i$ ,  $Y_i \in \mu_n(\beta_i)$  with  $X_i^+ = Y_i$ . Let  $Y_j = X_j = I_n$  for all  $j \neq i$ ,  $X = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i X_i$  and  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i Y_i$ . Then  $X^+ = Y$  from  $I_n^+ = I_n$  and Lemma 4.1, and hence  $\mathbf{L}(X)^+ = \mathbf{L}(Y)$ . Applying lemma 4.1, we have  $\mathbf{L}_i(X_i)^+ = \mathbf{L}_i(Y_i)$ .

For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , linear operators  $\Theta^{(i)}$  and  $\Phi^{(i)}$  on  $\mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$  defined by

$$\Theta^{(i)}: X \longrightarrow \sigma_i X^T + \sigma_i^c X, \quad orall X \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$$

and

$$\Phi^{(i)}: X \longrightarrow \sigma_i P_i X P_i^{-1} + \sigma_i^c X, \quad \forall X \in \mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$$

respectively, where  $P_i$  is a permutation matrix in  $\mu_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$ ,  $\sigma_i^c$  is the complement of  $\sigma_i$  in  $\triangle_k$ . We call  $\Theta^{(i)}$  the *i*th rotation operator and  $\Phi^{(i)}$  the *i*th resemblance operator. Obviously,  $\Theta^{(i)}$ ,  $\Phi^{(i)} \in \aleph_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$  and transposition and the permutation similarty operators are generated by the rotation and the resemblance. Again applying Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3, we have

**Theorem 4.1** The semigroup  $\aleph_n(\mathcal{B}_k)$  is generated by the rotation and the resemblance.

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# 某些非负交换半环上强保持矩阵 M-P 逆的线性算子

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摘要:设 S 是无零因子的非负交换半环或者有限生成布尔代数, $\mu_n(S)$  记 S 上的矩阵集合,本文确定了 $\mu_n(S)$  上的强保持矩阵 M-P 逆的线性算子半群  $\aleph_n(S)$  的结构,