## ON DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES OF LEFT *k*-ARCHIMEDEAN SEMIRINGS

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**Abstract.** Here we introduce the notion of left k-Archimedean semirings which generalize the notion of k-Archimedean semirings [1], and characterize the semirings which are distributive lattices (chains) of left k-Archimedean semirings. A semiring S is a left k-Archimedean semiring if for all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $b \in \sqrt{Sa}$ , the k-radical of Sa. A semiring S is a distributive lattice of left k-Archimedean semirings if and only if for all  $a, b \in S$ ,  $ab \in \sqrt{Sa}$  and S is a chain of left k-Archimedean semirings if and only if  $\sqrt{L}$  is a completely prime k-ideal, for every left k-ideal L of S.

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