

***P*-STRONGLY REGULAR NEAR-RINGS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce the notion of P -strongly regular near-ring. We have shown that a zero-symmetric near-ring N is P -strongly regular if and only if N is P -regular and P is a completely semiprime ideal. We have also shown that in a P -strongly regular near-ring N , the following holds: (i) $Na + P$ is an ideal of N for any $a \in N$. (ii) Every P -prime ideal of N containing P is maximal. (iii) Every ideal I of N fulfills $I + P = I^2 + P$.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, N denotes a zero-symmetric right near-ring. A right N -subgroup (left N -subgroup) of N is a subgroup I of $(N, +)$ such that $IN \subseteq I(NI \subseteq I)$. A quasi-ideal of N is a subgroup Q of $(N, +)$ such that $QN \cap NQ \subseteq Q$. Right N -subgroups and left N -subgroups are quasi-ideals. The intersection of a family of quasi-ideals is again a quasi-ideal.

N is called regular, if for every element a of N there exists an element $x \in N$ such that $a = axa$. Let P be an ideal of N . Then the near-ring N is said to be a P -regular near-ring if for each $a \in N$, there exists an element $x \in N$ such that $a = axa + p$ for some $p \in P$. If $P = 0$, then a P -regular near-ring is a regular near-ring. Here the notion of P -regularity is a generalization of regularity. There are near-rings which are P -regular but not regular.

V. A. Andrunakievich [1] defined P -regular rings and S. J. Choi [3] extended the P -regularity of a ring to the P -regularity of a near-ring. In this paper we introduce the notion of P -strongly regular near-ring and obtain equivalent conditions for a near-ring to be P -strongly regular. We also introduce the notions of P -prime ideals and P -near-ring in this paper. I. Yakabe [7] characterized regular zero-symmetric near-rings without non-zero nilpotent elements in terms of quasi-ideals. In this paper we characterize P -strongly regular near-ring in terms of quasi-ideals. For the basic terminology and notation we refer to [6].

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2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. An ideal P of N is called completely semiprime if for any $a \in N$, $a^2 \in P$ implies $a \in P$.

Definition 2.2. An element $e \in N$ is called an P -idempotent if $e - e^2 \in P$.

For any non-empty subsets A, B of N , we write $\{n \in N \mid nB \subseteq A\}$ as $(A : B)$.

Lemma 2.3 ([6], Proposition 1.42). *If A is an ideal and B is any subset of N , then $(A : B)$ is a left ideal of N .*

Lemma 2.4 ([2], Proposition 3.5). *Let P be a completely semiprime ideal of N . Then $ab \in P$ implies $ba \in P$ and $aNb \subseteq P$ for any $a, b \in N$.*

Lemma 2.5. *If P is a completely semiprime ideal of N , then $(P : S)$ is an ideal of N for any non-empty subset S of N .*

Proof. By Lemma 2.3, $(P : S)$ is a left ideal of N . Let $x \in (P : S)$. Then $xS \subseteq P$ implies that for any $s \in S$, $xs \in P$. Thus $sx \in P$. Let $n \in N$. Now $(xns)^2 = xn(sx)ns \in P$. Since P is a completely semiprime ideal, $xns \in P$. Then $xnS \subseteq P$. Hence $(P : S)$ is an ideal of N . \square

Lemma 2.6. *Let P be a completely semiprime ideal of N . If $a \in N$ is an P -idempotent, then for any $n \in N$, $an = ana + p$ for some $p \in P$.*

Proof. Let $a \in N$ be an P -idempotent. Then $a^2 = a + p_1$ for some $p_1 \in P$. Let $n \in N$. Now $(an - ana)a = ana - (an(a + p_1) - ana + ana) = p_2$ for some $p_2 \in P$. By Lemma 2.4, $an(an - ana) \in P$ and $ana(an - ana) \in P$. Thus $(an - ana)^2 \in P$ implies that $an - ana \in P$. Hence $an = ana + p$ for some $p \in P$. \square

3. P -strongly regular

Definition 3.1. A near-ring N is said to be strongly regular if for each $a \in N$, there exists an element $x \in N$ such that $a = xa^2$.

Now we introduce P -strongly regular near-ring.

Definition 3.2. A near-ring N is said to be P -strongly regular if for each $a \in N$, there exists an element $x \in N$ such that $a = xa^2 + p$ for some $p \in P$.

If $P = 0$, then a P -strongly regular near-ring is a strongly regular near-ring. If N is strongly regular, then N is P -strongly regular for all ideals P of N . But P -strongly regular near-ring for any ideal P of N need not be strongly regular near-ring as the following example shows.

Example 3.3. Let $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$ be the Klein's four group. Define multiplication in N as follows:

\cdot	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	0	0	a
b	0	a	b	b
c	0	a	b	c

Then $(N, +, \cdot)$ is a near-ring (see Pilz [6], p. 407, scheme 8). Here the ideals are $\{0\}$, $\{0, a\}$ and N . Let $P = \{0, a\}$. Clearly N is P -strongly regular but not strongly regular since $a \notin Na^2$.

Theorem 3.4. *N is P -strongly regular if and only if N is P -regular and P is a completely semiprime ideal.*

Proof. Assume that N is P -strongly regular. Suppose that $a \in N$ such that $a^2 \in P$. Since N is P -strongly regular, there exists $x \in N$ such that $a = xa^2 + p_1$ for some $p_1 \in P$. Then $a \in P$. Thus P is a completely semiprime ideal. Let $a \in N$ such that $a = xa^2 + p$ for some $p \in P$. Now $(a - axa)a = a^2 - (a(a - p) - a^2 + a^2) = p_2$ for some $p_2 \in P$. By Lemma 2.4, $a(a - axa) \in P$ and $axa(a - axa) \in P$. Then $(a - axa)^2 \in P$ implies that $a - axa \in P$. Thus $a = axa + p_3$ for some $p_3 \in P$ and hence N is P -regular. Conversely, assume that N is P -regular and P is a completely semiprime ideal. Let $a \in N$ be such that $a = axa + p$ for some $x \in N$ and $p \in P$. Thus xa is an P -idempotent. Now $a = (axa + p)xa + p = a(xax)a + p'$ for some $p' \in P$. By Lemma 2.6, $a = a(xaxxa + p'')a + p' = a(xax^2a^2 + p_1) + p' = a(xax^2a^2 + p_1) - axax^2a^2 + axax^2a^2 + p' = axax^2a^2 + p''' = ya^2 + p'''$ for some $p_1, p'', p''' \in P$ and $y = axax^2 \in N$. Hence N is P -strongly regular. □

Definition 3.5. An ideal A of N is said to be prime if $BC \subseteq A$ implies $B \subseteq A$ or $C \subseteq A$ for ideals B, C of N .

Definition 3.6. An ideal A of N is said to be P -prime if $BC + P \subseteq A$ implies $B \subseteq A$ or $C \subseteq A$ for ideals B, C of N .

If A is a prime ideal, then clearly A is a P -prime ideal for any ideal P . Now we give an example of a P -prime ideal but not prime.

Example 3.7. Let $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$ be the Klein's four group. Define multiplication in N as follows:

\cdot	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	b
c	0	a	b	c

Then $(N, +, \cdot)$ is a near-ring (see Pilz [6], p. 407, scheme 7). Here the ideals are $\{0\}$, $\{0, a\}$, $\{0, b\}$ and N . Let $P = \{0, b\}$. Clearly $\{0\}$ is P -prime but not prime since $\{0, a\}\{0, b\} \subseteq \{0\}$ but $\{0, a\} \not\subseteq \{0\}$ and $\{0, b\} \not\subseteq \{0\}$.

Theorem 3.8. *Let N be a P -strongly regular near-ring. Then*

- (1) $Na + P$ is an ideal of N for any $a \in N$.
- (2) Every P -prime ideal of N containing P is maximal.
- (3) Every ideal I of N fulfills $I + P = I^2 + P$.

Proof. (1) Assume that N is a P -strongly regular near-ring. By Theorem 3.4, N is P -regular and P is a completely semiprime ideal. Let $a \in N$. Now $a = axa + p_1$ for some $x \in N$ and $p_1 \in P$. Then xa is an P -idempotent. Now for any $n \in N$, $na = n(axa + p_1) - naxa + naxa = naxa + p_2$ for some $p_2 \in P$ implies that $na \in Nxa + P$. Thus $Na + P \subseteq Nxa + P$. Clearly $Nxa + P \subseteq Na + P$. Therefore $Na + P = Nxa + P$. Let $S = \{n - nxa \mid n \in N\}$. Now for any $n \in N$, $nxa = nx(axa + p_1) - naxa + naxa = naxa + p_3$ for some $p_3 \in P$. Thus $(n - nxa)Nxa \subseteq P$ implies that $Nxa(n - nxa) \subseteq P$. Therefore $Nxa + P \subseteq (P : S)$. Let $y \in (P : S)$. Then $yS \subseteq P$. Thus $y(y - yxa) \in P$. Since P is completely semiprime, $(y - yxa)y \in P$. Therefore $y^2 = yxay + p$ for some $p \in P$. Since N is P -strongly regular, there exists $z \in N$ such that $y = zy^2 + p'$ for some $p' \in P$. Then $zy^2 = y + p''$ for some $p'' \in P$. Now $zy^2 = z(yxay + p) - zyxy + zyxy = zy(xay) + p_1$ for some $p_1 \in P$. By Lemma 2.6, $zy^2 = zy(xayxa + p_2) + p_1$ for some $p_2 \in P$. Thus $zy^2 = zyxyxa + p_3$ for some $p_3 \in P$. Then $y \in Nxa + P$ implies that $(P : S) \subseteq Nxa + P$. Hence $(P : S) = Nxa + P = Na + P$. By Lemma 2.5, $Na + P$ is an ideal of N .

(2) Let A be a P -prime ideal of N containing P and suppose $A \subset M$ for an ideal M of N . Let $b \in M \setminus A$. Now $b = xb^2 + p_1$ for some $x \in N$ and $p_1 \in P$. Let $n \in N$. Now $nb = n(xb^2 + p_1) - nxb^2 + nxb^2 = nxb^2 + p_2$ for some $p_2 \in P$. Then $(n - nxb)b \in P$. By Lemma 2.4, $N(n - nxb)Nb \subseteq P$. Thus $N(n - nxb)Nb + P \subseteq A$ implies that $[(N(n - nxb) + P)(Nb + P)] + P \subseteq A$. Since A is a P -prime ideal, $N(n - nxb) \subseteq A$ or $Nb \subseteq A$. Suppose $Nb \subseteq A$. Since $b = xb^2 + p_1 \in Nb + P$, we have $b \in A$, a contradiction. Suppose $N(n - nxb) \subseteq A$. Then $n - nxb \in A \subset M$. Since $b \in M$, $nxb \in M$. Then $n \in M$. Thus $M = N$. Hence A is maximal.

(3) Let I be an ideal of N containing P . Clearly $I^2 + P \subseteq I + P$. Let $a \in I + P$. Since N is P -strongly regular, we have $a = xa^2 + p$ for some $x \in N$ and $p \in P$. Then $a = (xa)a + p \in I^2 + P$. Hence $I + P = I^2 + P$. \square

Corollary 3.9 ([4], Theorem 5). *Let N be a strongly regular near-ring. Then*

- (1) Every N -subgroup of N is an ideal.
- (2) Every prime ideal of N is maximal.
- (3) Every ideal I of N fulfills $I = I^2$.

I. Yakabe [7] proved that if a near-ring N is regular, then every quasi-ideal Q of N has the form $QNQ = Q$. It can be generalized in the case of a P -strongly regular near-ring.

Lemma 3.10 ([3], Theorem 2.6). *If N is a P -regular near-ring, then every quasi-ideal Q of N has the form $Q + P = QNQ + P$.*

Definition 3.11. A near-ring N is said to be an S -near-ring, if $a \in Na$ for every $a \in N$.

Definition 3.12. A near-ring N is said to be a P -near-ring, if $a \in Na + P$ for every $a \in N$.

Clearly every S -near-ring is a P -near-ring for any ideal P .

Theorem 3.13. *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) N is P -strongly regular.
- (2) N is a P -near-ring and for every quasi-ideal Q , $QN + P = Q + P = Q^2 + P$.
- (3) N is a P -near-ring and for any two left N -subgroups L_1, L_2 of N , $(L_1 + P) \cap (L_2 + P) = L_1L_2 + P$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Clearly N is a P -near-ring. Let Q be a quasi-ideal of N . Any element x of $QN + P$ has the form $x = qn + p_1$ for some $p_1 \in P$, $q \in Q$ and $n \in N$. Then $x = (qyq + p_2)n + p_1 = q(yqn) + p_3$ for some $p_2, p_3 \in P$ and $y \in N$. By Lemma 2.6, $x = q(yqnyq + p_4) + p_3 = qyqnyq + p_5$ for some $p_4, p_5 \in P$. Therefore $QN + P \subseteq QNQ + P$. By Lemma 3.10, $Q + P = QNQ + P \subseteq QN + P \subseteq QNQ + P$. Now $Q^2 + P \subseteq QN + P = Q + P$. Let $q_1 \in Q$ and $p_1 \in P$. Now $q_1 + p_1 = q_2nq_3 + p_2 = (q_4 + p_3)q_3 + p_2 = q_4q_3 + p_4$ for some $p_2, p_3, p_4 \in P$, $q_2, q_3, q_4 \in Q$ and $n \in N$. Thus $Q + P \subseteq Q^2 + P$. Hence $QN + P = Q + P = Q^2 + P$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let L_1, L_2 be left N -subgroups of N . Now $L_1L_2 + P \subseteq (L_1 + P) \cap (L_2 + P) \subseteq ((L_1 + P) \cap (L_2 + P)) + P = ((L_1 + P) \cap (L_2 + P))^2 + P \subseteq (L_1 + P)(L_2 + P) + P \subseteq L_1L_2 + P$. Hence $(L_1 + P) \cap (L_2 + P) = L_1L_2 + P$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let $a \in N$. Since Na and N are left N -subgroups of N , we have $Na + P = NaNa + P$ and $Na + P = NaN + P$. So we get $Na + P = NaNa + P = Na^2 + P$. Since N is a P -near-ring, we have $a \in Na + P = Na^2 + P$. Hence N is P -strongly regular. \square

Corollary 3.14 ([7], Theorem 1). *The following conditions on a zero-symmetric near-ring N are equivalent:*

- (1) N is regular and has no non-zero nilpotent elements.
- (2) N is an S -near-ring and every quasi-ideal of N is an idempotent right N -subgroup of N .
- (3) N is an S -near-ring and for any two left N -subgroups L_1, L_2 of N , $L_1 \cap L_2 = L_1L_2$.

Proof. If N is regular and has no non-zero nilpotent elements, then N is P -strongly regular. \square

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