

A STUDY ON D.G. NEAR-RINGS AND THEIR MODULES

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1. Introduction

A near-ring is a nonempty set R with two binary operations $+$ and \cdot such that $(R, +)$ is a group (not necessarily abelian) with identity 0 , (R, \cdot) is a semigroup and $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ for all a, b, c in R . In general a near-ring R with the extra axiom $0a = 0$ for all $a \in R$ is said to be zero symmetric. An element d in R is called distributive if $(a + b)d = ad + bd$ for all a and b in R . Let $(G, +)$ be a group (not necessarily abelian). If we set $M(G) := \{f \mid f : G \rightarrow G\}$, and define the sum $f + g$ of any two mappings f, g in $M(G)$ by the rule $x(f + g) = xf + xg$ for all $x \in G$ and the product $f \cdot g$ by the rule $x(f \cdot g) = (xf)g$ for all $x \in G$ then $(M(G), +, \cdot)$ forms a near-ring. Let $M_0(G) := \{f \in M(G) \mid 0f = 0\}$. Then $(M_0(G), +, \cdot)$ is a zero symmetric near-ring. For the remainder results and definitions on near-rings, we refer to G. Pilz [6].

Let R be any near-ring and G an additive group. Then G is called an R -group (or module) if there exists a near-ring homomorphism

$$\theta : (R, +, \cdot) \longrightarrow (M(G), +, \cdot).$$

Such a homomorphism θ is called a representation of R on G , we will write that xr for $x(r\theta)$ for all $x \in G$ and $r \in R$. A representation θ is called faithful if $\text{Ker}\theta = 0$.

The near-ring R is called a distributively generated (briefly, D.G.) near-ring if $(R, +) = \langle S \rangle$ where S is a semigroup of distributive elements in R , we denote it (R, S) . The distributive elements of $M_0(G)$

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are $End(G)$, the semigroup of all the endomorphisms of the group G . Here we denote that $E(G)$ is the D.G. near-ring generated by $End(G)$, and call that $E(G)$ is the endomorphism near-ring of the group G . A homomorphism

$$\theta : (R, S) \longrightarrow (T, U)$$

is a D.G. near-ring homomorphism if θ is a near-ring homomorphism such that $S\theta \subseteq U$. A semigroup homomorphism $\theta : S \longrightarrow U$ is a D.G. near-ring homomorphism if it is a group homomorphism from $(R, +)$ to $(T, +)$. See C. G. Lyons and J. D. P. Meldrum([3],[4]).

Let R be a near-ring and let G be an R -group. If there exists x in G such that $G = xR$, that is, $G = \{xr \mid r \in R\}$, then G is called a monogenic R -group and the element x is called a generator of G . See J. D. P. Meldrum and G. Pilz([5], [6]).

2. Properties of D.G. near-rings (R, S) and D.G. (R, S) -modules

Now we may introduce new concepts as follows: Let (R, S) be a D.G. near-ring. Then an additive group G is called a D.G. (R, S) -group (or D.G. (R, S) -module) if there is a near-ring homomorphism

$$\theta : (R, S) \longrightarrow (E(G), End(G))$$

such that $S\theta \subseteq End(G)$. Such a homomorphism is called a D.G. representation of (R, S) . This D.G. representation is said to be faithful if $Ker\theta = 0$.

LEMMA 2.1[5]. *Let (R, S) be a D.G. near-ring. Then all R -subgroups and all R -homomorphic images of a D.G. (R, S) -group are D.G. (R, S) -groups.*

Next, let R be a near-ring and G an additive group. If there is a scalar multiplication

$$\theta : (R, S) \longrightarrow G$$

which is defined by $\theta(a, x) = ax$ such that $(ab)x = a(bx)$ and $a(x+y) = ax + ay$ for all $a, b \in R$ and for all $x, y \in G$, Then G is called a R -cogroup (or comodule), see Y. U. Cho[2]. If R is a right near-ring,

then every R -cogroup is an R -group for R as an R -group. Similar method of lemma 2.1 shows the following lemma:

LEMMA 2.2. *Let (R, S) be a D.G. near-ring. Then all R -subgroups and all R -homomorphic images of a D.G. (R, S) -cogroup are D.G. (R, S) -cogroups.*

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let (R, S) be a D.G. near-ring. Then*

- (1) *Every monogenic R -group is a D.G. (R, S) -group.*
- (2) *Every monogenic R -cogroup is a D.G. (R, S) -cogroup.*

Proof. Let G be a monogenic R -group with x as a generator. Then the map $\phi : r \mapsto xr$ is an R -epimorphism from R to G as R -groups. We see that

$$G \cong R/A(x),$$

where $A(x) = (0 : x) = \text{Ker}\phi$. See for this notation Y. U. Cho[2]. From the Lemma 2.1, we obtain that G is a D.G. (R, S) -group.

For G is a monogenic R -cogroup with x as a generator, the map $\psi : r \mapsto rx$ is also an R -epimorphism from R to G as an R -cogroups. Thus we have that

$$G \cong R/\text{Ann}(x),$$

where $\text{Ann}(x) = [0 : x] = \text{Ker}\psi$. See also for this notation Y. U. Cho[2]. By the Lemma 2.2, we see that G is a D.G. (R, S) -cogroup. \square

THEOREM 2.4. *Let (R, S) be a D.G. near-ring and $(G, +)$ is an abelian group. Then*

- (1) *If G is a faithful D.G. (R, S) -group, then R is a ring.*
- (2) *If G is a faithful D.G. (R, S) -cogroup, then R is also a ring.*

Proof. (1) Let $x \in G$ and $r, s \in R$. Then, since $(G, +)$ is abelian,

$$x(r + s) = xr + xs = xs + xr = x(s + r).$$

Thus we get that $x(r + s) - (s + r)x = 0$ for all $x \in G$, that is, $(r + s)x - (s + r)x \in \text{Ker}\theta = (0 : G) = A(x)$, where $\theta : R \rightarrow M(G)$ is a representation of R on G . Since G is faithful, that is, θ is faithful,

$\text{Ker}\theta = (0 : G) = 0$. Hence for all $r, s \in R, r + s = s + r$. Consequently, $(R, +)$ is abelian.

Next we must show that R satisfies the right distributive law. Obviously, we note that for all $r, r' \in R$ and all $s \in S$,

$$0s = 0, (-r)s = -(rs) = r(-s) \text{ and } (r + r')s = rs + r's.$$

Let $x \in G$ and $r, s, t \in R$. Then the element t in R is represented by

$$t = \delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \delta_3 s_3 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n,$$

where $\delta_i = 1$, or -1 and $s_i \in S$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus, using the above note and $(G, +)$ is abelian, we have the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} x(r + s)t &= (xr + xs)t = (xr + xs)(\delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n) \\ &= (xr + xs)\delta_1 s_1 + (xr + xs)\delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + (xr + xs)\delta_n s_n \\ &= \delta_1(xr + xs)s_1 + \delta_2(xr + xs)s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n(xr + xs)s_n \\ &= \delta_1(xrs_1 + xss_1) + \delta_2(xrs_2 + xss_2) + \cdots + \delta_n(xrs_n + xss_n) \\ &= \delta_1 xrs_1 + \delta_1 xss_1 + \delta_2 xrs_2 + \delta_2 xss_2 + \cdots + \delta_n xrs_n + \delta_n xss_n \\ &= xr\delta_1 s_1 + xs\delta_1 s_1 + xr\delta_2 s_2 + xs\delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + xr\delta_n s_n + xs\delta_n s_n \\ &= xr(\delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n) + xs(\delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n) \\ &= xrt + xst = x(rt + st). \end{aligned}$$

thus we obtain that $x(r + s)t - (rt + st) = 0$ for all $x \in G$, namely,

$$(r + s)t - (rt + st) \in (0 : G) = A(G).$$

Also using G is faithful, that is, $A(G) = 0$. Applying the beginning part of this proof, we see that $(r + s)t = rt + st$ for all $r, s, t \in R$, consequently, R satisfies the right distributive law. Hence R becomes a ring.

(2) We can prove this as similar method to the proof of (1). \square

As an immediate consequence of theorem 2.4, we have the following important corollary.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let (R, S) be an abelian D.G. near-ring. Then R is a ring.*

Finally, we may define a new concept and then characterize D.G. near-ring with this new concept as following.

A near-ring R is called generalized right bipotent if for all $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer n such that

$$a^n R = a^{n+1} R.$$

There are many examples of generalized right bipotent near-rings, for example, Boolean near-rings.

THEOREM 2.6. *Let (R, S) be a generalized right bipotent D.G. near-ring. If there exists an element in R which is not a zero divisor, then R has an identity.*

Proof. Let $a \in R$ such that a is not a zero divisor then also a^n is not a zero divisor for any positive integer n . Indeed, suppose that a^n is a zero divisor, then there exists a nonzero element $x \in R$ such that $a^n x = 0$, that is, $a(a^{n-1}x) = 0$, since a is not a zero divisor, this implies that $a^{n-1}x = 0$. Continuing this procedure we get that $x = 0$, this fact is a contradiction. Hence a^n is not a zero divisor.

Assume that $a \in R$ is not a zero divisor which is not zero. Since R is generalized right bipotent, we have the following equation

$$a^n R = a^{n+1} R$$

for some positive integer n . This implies that $a^n a = a^{n+1} e$ for some e in R , that is, $a^n(a - ae) = 0$. From the above remark of this proof, since a^n is not a left zero divisor, we obtain that $a = ae$. Also, from the equation $a(ea - a) = a(ea) - aa = (ae)a - aa = aa - aa = 0$, we get that $a = ea$.

Next, let r be an arbitrary element of R . From the following equation:

$$a(er - r) = a(er) - ar = (ae)r - ar = ar - ar = 0,$$

since a is not a left zero divisor, we obtain that $er = r$, so that e is the left identity of R .

Finally, let r be any element of R . Suppose a is not a zero divisor on R . Then since (R, S) is a D,G. near-ring, there exists a positive integer n , we can decompose a as follows:

$$a = \delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n$$

, for some $s_i \in S, \delta_i = 1$ or -1 for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then we have the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} (re - r)a &= (re - r)(\delta_1 s_1 + \delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n s_n) \\ &= (re - r)\delta_1 s_1 + (re - r)\delta_2 s_2 + \cdots + (re - r)\delta_n s_n \\ &= \delta_1(re - r)s_1 + \delta_2(re - r)s_2 + \cdots + \delta_n(re - r)s_n \\ &= \delta_1(res_1 - rs_1) + \delta_2(res_2 - rs_2) + \cdots + \delta_n(res_n - rs_n) \\ &= \delta_1(rs_1 - rs_1) + \delta_2(rs_2 - rs_2) + \cdots + \delta_n(rs_n - rs_n) \\ &= 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $re = r$, that is, e is the right identity of R . Consequently, e is the identity of R . \square

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