

## ***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:

·	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:

·	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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