

## SOME RESULTS ON STRONG $\pi$ -REGULARITY

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**ABSTRACT.** We will introduce some properties of strongly reduced near-rings and the notion of left  $\pi$ -regular near-ring. Also, we will study for right  $\pi$ -regular, strongly left  $\pi$ -regular, strongly right  $\pi$ -regular and strongly  $\pi$ -regular. Next, we may characterize the strongly  $\pi$ -regular near-rings with related strong reducibility.

### 1. Introduction

A near-ring  $R$  is an algebraic system  $(R, +, \cdot)$  with two binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  such that  $(R, +)$  is a group (not necessarily abelian) with neutral element 0,  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup and  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $R$ . If  $R$  has a unity 1, then  $R$  is called *unital*. A near-ring  $R$  with the extra axiom  $a0 = 0$  for all  $a \in R$  is said to be *zero symmetric*.

We will use the following notations: Given a near-ring  $R$ ,  $R_0 = \{a \in R \mid a0 = 0\}$  which is called the *zero symmetric part* of  $R$ ,  $R_c = \{a \in R \mid a0 = a\}$  which is called the *constant part* of  $R$ . Obviously, we see that  $R_0$  and  $R_c$  are subnear-rings of  $R$ , but  $R_d$  is a semigroup under multiplication.

Mason [3] introduced the notions of left and right regularities and characterized left regular zero-symmetric unital near-rings. Also, several authors ([2], [3], [4], [6] etc.) studied them. In particular, Reddy and Murty [6] observed that every left regular near-ring has some interesting property (\*) with conditions (i) and (ii).

A near-ring  $R$  is called (*Von Neumann*) *regular* if for any element  $a \in R$ , there exists an element  $x$  in  $R$  such that  $a = axa$ . Such an element  $a$  is called *regular* [5].

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A near-ring  $R$  is said to be *left regular* if, for each  $a \in R$ , there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $a = xa^2$ . Such an element  $a$  is called *left regular*. This concept is equivalent to the concept of strong regularity in [2]. Right regularity is defined in a symmetric way.

For more notations and basic results, we shall refer to Pilz [5].

## 2. Results

Also, we say that  $R$  is *reduced* if  $R$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements, that is, for each  $a$  in  $R$ ,  $a^n = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$  implies  $a = 0$ . McCoy proved that  $R$  is reduced if and only if for each  $a$  in  $R$ ,  $a^2 = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ .

A near-ring  $R$  is said to be *strongly reduced* if, for any  $a \in R$ ,  $a^2 \in R_c$  implies  $a \in R_c$  which is defined in [1]. Obviously  $R$  is strongly reduced if and only if, for  $a \in R$  and any positive integer  $n$ ,  $a^n \in R_c$  implies  $a \in R_c$ . We see that a strongly reduced near-ring is reduced, but not conversely. Clearly, if  $R$  is a zero-symmetric near-ring, then  $R$  is strongly reduced if and only if  $R$  is reduced [1].

We begin with to introduce the following basic properties of strong reducibility.

- LEMMA 1 [1]. (1) *Every strongly regular near-ring is strongly reduced.*  
 (2) *Every right regular near-ring is strongly reduced.*  
 (3) *Every commutative integral near-ring is strongly reduced.*

LEMMA 2 [1]. *Let  $R$  be a strongly reduced near-ring. Then we have the following conditions.*

- (1) *If for any  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in R_c$ , then  $ba \in R_c$ , and  $\forall x \in R$ ,  $axb, bxa \in R_c$ . Furthermore,  $ab^n \in R_c$  implies  $ab \in R_c$ , for each positive integer  $n$ .*  
 (2) *If for any  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab = 0$ , then  $ba = b0 = (ba)^2$ . Moreover,  $ab^n = 0$  implies  $ab = 0$ , for any positive integer  $n$ .*

LEMMA 3. *Let  $R$  be a strongly reduced near-ring. If for any  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab = 0$  and  $a^2 = a0$ , then  $a = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that for any  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab = 0$  and  $a^2 = a0$ . Then  $a^2 = a0 \in R_e$ . Strong reducibility implies that  $a \in R_e$ . Hence we obtain that  $a = a0 = a0b = ab = 0$ .  $\square$

From this Lemma 3, we have the following important statement.

**COROLLARY 4.** *Every strongly reduced near-ring is reduced.*

By Reddy and Murty [6], we say that a near-ring  $R$  has the property (\*) if it satisfies the conditions:

- (i) for any  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $ba = b0$ .
- (ii) for  $a \in R$ ,  $a^3 = a^2$  implies  $a^2 = a$ .

Here, clearly we see that strong reducibility is equivalent to the condition (ii) and strong reducibility implies condition (i) by Lemma 2 (2).

A near-ring  $R$  is said to be  $\pi$ -regular if for each element  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n$  is a regular element, that is,  $a^n = a^n x a^n$ , for some  $x \in R$ . Such an element  $a$  is called  $\pi$ -regular.

A near-ring  $R$  is said to be *left  $\pi$ -regular* if, for each  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n$  is left regular. Such an element  $a$  is called *left  $\pi$ -regular*. Right  $\pi$ -regularity is defined in a symmetric way.

A near-ring  $R$  is called *strongly left  $\pi$ -regular* if  $R$  is left  $\pi$ -regular and  $\pi$ -regular, similarly, we can define strongly right  $\pi$ -regular. A strongly left  $\pi$ -regular and strongly right  $\pi$ -regular near-ring is called *strongly  $\pi$ -regular near-ring*.

Every regular near-ring is  $\pi$ -regular, but not conversely as following examples.

**EXAMPLES 5.** Let  $R = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be an additive Klein 4-group. This is a near-ring with the following multiplication table (p. 408 [5]):

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

This near-ring  $R$  is a zero-symmetric near-ring with identity  $c$ . Moreover,  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular, but not regular. Indeed,  $0 = 0a0$ ,  $a^2 = a^2ba^2$ ,  $b^4 = b^4ab^4$ ,  $c^2 = c^2cc^2$ , but  $a$  is not a regular element.

On the other hand, we can find lots of examples of left  $\pi$ -regular near-rings which are not left regular, also, for right  $\pi$ -regular, strongly right  $\pi$ -regular and strongly  $\pi$ -regular.

The purpose of this paper is to prove that the notions of left  $\pi$ -regularity, strongly left  $\pi$ -regularity, strongly right  $\pi$ -regularity and strong  $\pi$ -regularity are all equivalent conditions under strong reducibility, also to find some characterizations of strong regularity..

**PROPOSITION 6.** *Let  $R$  be a strongly reduced left  $\pi$ -regular near-ring. Then  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular. Furthermore,  $R$  is strongly left  $\pi$ -regular.*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in R$ . Left  $\pi$ -regularity of  $R$  implies that  $a^n = xa^{2n}$  for some  $x \in R$  and some positive integer  $n$ . From this equation, we have that  $(a^n - a^nx a^n)a^n = 0$ . By Lemma 2 (2),  $a^n(a^n - a^nx a^n) = a^n0$  and  $a^nx a^n(a^n - a^nx a^n) = a^nx a^n0$ . Thus we have

$$(a^n - a^nx a^n)^2 = a^n(a^n - a^nx a^n) - a^nx a^n(a^n - a^nx a^n) = (a^n - a^nx a^n)0.$$

This equality implies that  $a^n - a^nx a^n = 0$  using Lemma 3. Consequently  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 7.** *Let  $R$  be a strongly reduced left  $\pi$ -regular near-ring. Then  $R$  is right  $\pi$ -regular. Furthermore,  $R$  is strongly right  $\pi$ -regular.*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in R$ . Proposition 6 and left  $\pi$ -regularity of  $R$  imply that  $a^n = xa^{2n} = a^nx a^n$  for some  $x \in R$  and some positive integer  $n$ . From this last equation, we have that  $(xa^n - a^nx)a^n = 0$  and  $(xa^n - a^nx)a^nx = 0$ . By Lemma 2 (2), we see that  $a^n(xa^n - a^nx) = a^n0$  and  $a^nx(xa^n - a^nx) = a^nx0$ . Thus we have

$$(xa^n - a^nx)^2 = xa^n(xa^n - a^nx) - a^nx(xa^n - a^nx) = (xa^n - a^nx)0.$$

This equality implies that  $xa^n - a^n x = 0$  by using Lemma 3, that is,  $xa^n = a^n x$ . Hence

$$a^n = xa^{2n} = (a^n x)a^n = (xa^n)a^n = xa^{2n}.$$

Consequently  $R$  is right  $\pi$ -regular.  $\square$

From Propositions 6 and 7, we obtain the following statement.

THEOREM 8. *The following statements are equivalent for any strongly reduced near-ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  *$R$  is a left  $\pi$ -regular near-ring.*
- (2)  *$R$  is a strongly left  $\pi$ -regular near-ring.*
- (3)  *$R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular near-ring.*

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