

Commutativity of Near Rings

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Abstract - A Recent work on near rings has been concerned with sufficient conditions for near rings to be commutative. H.E. Bell proved that if a distributively generated near ring R has an identity

I. For each x, y in R there exists $n(x, y) > 1$ such that $(xy - yx)^{m(x,y)} = xy - yx$, then R is a commutative ring.

II. For each x, y in a near ring R there exists + velocity integers $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$ and $s = s(x, y) \geq 1$

III. For each x, y in a near ring R there exists + ve integers $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$ and $s = s(x, y) \geq 1$ Such that $xy = \pm x^t y^s$

In this paper we drop the requirement that R has an identity and show that the other condition is sufficient for R to be commutative. One of the purpose of this paper is to examine the consequence of dropping the hypothesis that R has an identity. Hence we have the following necessary and sufficient condition for a distributively generated near ring to be commutative.

A d.g. near ring R is commutative iff for each x, y in R there exists $n > 1$ depending on x and y , such that

$(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$. also it was shown that a commutative near ring with 1 is a ring. We see that BELL's result follows from our theorem and well known result in ring theory. Herstein proved as a generalization of the Wedderburn theorem that a finite ring is commutative iff each divisor of zero is central. Employing this result we shall also show that a finite d.g. near ring is commutative iff each zero divisor is central.

Index Terms - Near rings d.g. near rings, prime ideals zero symmetric, zero commutative, commutativity of near rings.

INTRODUCTION

All near rings in this paper are left near rings. The multiplicative center of a near ring R will be denoted by $Z(R)$, the set of nilpotent elements of R denoted by A and the set of idempotent elements of R is denoted by B.

An element x of a near ring R is called distributive if $(a + b)x = ax + bx$ and anti-distributive if $(a + b)x = bx + ax$ for all $a, b \in R$ if all the elements of a near ring R are distributive then R is said to be distributive near ring.

A near ring R is called distributively generated if it contains a multiplicative sub semi group of distributive elements which generates additive group R^+ .

A near ring R will be called strongly distributively generated if it contains a set of distributive elements whose square generates R^+ .

A near ring R is called zero commutative if $x * y = 0 \Rightarrow y * x = 0$ for $x, y \in R$.

An ideal of a near ring R is defined to be a normal subgroup 1 of R^+ such that

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2. $(x + i)y - xy \in 1$ for all $x, y \in R$ and $1 \in 1$ if R is a d.g. near ring then ii may be replaced by IR is a subset of ?

A near ring ideal P will be called completely prime if $ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$ an element a of the near ring R will be called central if $xa = ax$ for all $x \in R$.

A near ring R is called an N-system if

- $xz = yz$ and $z \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$
- There exists $e \neq 0$ in R such that $e^2 = e$ and
- There exists h in R such that $h + h = e$.

Theorem (Neumann) : The additive group of an N-system is abelian

N-systems are generalizations of near fields for an example of an N-system that is not a near field.

Lemma : Let R be a near ring with no nonzero nilpotent elements. Then R contains a family of completely prime ideals with trivial intersection.

Lemma : 2 Let r be a d.g. near ring such that for each x, y in R there exists.

$a > 1$ depending on x and y such that $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$. Then the set of nilpotent elements is an ideal of R .

Lemma : 3 Let R be a d.g. near ring such that $(R, +)$ is abelian, then R is a ring.

Lemma 4 : Let R be a d.g. near ring with no nonzero divisors of zero and for each x, y in R let there be $n > 1$.

Depending on x and y such that $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$. Then R is commutative.

Proof: If there exists x and y such that $xy - yx \neq 0$ then $(xy - yx)^{n-1} = e$ is a nonzero.

Idempotent. Since R has no nonzero divisors of zero and is d.g., we see that if $w \neq 0$ is a right distributive element of R and r is arbitrary.

Then $e(er - r) = 0 \Rightarrow er = r$ and $(re - r)w = 0 \Rightarrow re = r$. Hence e is an identity of R . In fact any non zero idempotent is e .

Now we wish to show that $(R, +)$ is abelian by demonstrating that either every element of $(R, +)$ is of order two or R is an N-system. Let x, y and z be in R such that $xz = yz$ and $z \neq 0$. If z is central then $zx = zy \Rightarrow x = y$. If z is not central then there exists $t \neq 0$ such that $zt - tz \neq 0$. Thus $\{z(zt) - (zt)z\}^{m-1} = e$

Consequently z has right inverse z' . Hence $xz = yz \Rightarrow x = xzz' = yzz' = y$

Suppose $e^4 e \neq 0$ and is not central. From above $e + e$ has a right inverse h . since R has no non zero divisors of zero h is also a left inverse. Thus $h(e + e) = e \Rightarrow he + he = e$. Hence R is an N-system and $(R, +)$ is abelian by above theorem.

Suppose $e + e \neq 0$ and is central then $e + e$ is also right distributive. Let a, b be in R . Expanding $(a + b)(e + e)$ by using both distributive laws, we get $a + b = b + a$. Again $(R, +)$ is abelian If $e + e = 0$

then each element of $(R, +)$ is of order two and hence $(R, +)$ is abelian.

Now by lemma 3, R is a ring and the proof is complete.

Theorem: A d.g. near ring R is commutative iff for each $x, y \in R$ there exists $n > 1$ depending on x and

y such that $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$.

Proof: If every element of R is nilpotent, then clearly R is commutative. If R has no nonzero nilpotent elements then by lemma there exists a family of completely prime ideals P with trivial intersection. For each P , R/P is d.g. and has no zero divisors and $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$ for x, y in R/P . Thus by lemma 4, R/P is commutative. Hence for each a, b in R $(ab - ba)$ is in P .

Consequently $ab = ba$.

Now let N be the set of nilpotent elements. By lemma 2 N is an ideal of R . now R/N has no nonzero nilpotent elements by the above argument R/N is commutative

and hence $(ab - ba)$ is in N for each a, b in R . Thus $ab = ba$. This completes the proof.

Lemma : Every nontrivial homomorphic image of R contains a non zero central idempotent. Then $(R, +)$ is abelian.

Lemma : Let R be a near ring having zero commutative then annihilator of any non empty subset R is an ideal.

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