



# ***ON STRUCTURE AND COMMUTATIVITY OF NEAR-RINGS***

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# Abstract

The aim of this paper is to generalize Certain Near-rings are rings. Here we are interested in two problems concerning certain classes of Near-rings satisfying the following polynomial identities:-

(\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm y^s x^t$ .

(\*\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm x^t y^s$

**Key words:** Near-rings, distributively generated near-ring, Zero-symmetric, Zero-commutative, Commutativity, Orthogonal sum and Decomposition of near-rings.

## Notations

$N$  –left near-ring

$d. g$  –distributively generated

$s. d. g$  –strongly distributively generated

$Z(N)$  – Multiplicative center of near-ring

$A$  –the set of nilpotent elements of  $N$

$B$  –the set of idempotent elements of  $N$

$A \oplus B$  –orthogonal sum

$\in$  –is belongs to

$\forall$  –for all/ for every

# Introduction

The first problem is to prove the decomposition for near-rings satisfying either the following properties:

(\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm y^s x^t$ .

(\*\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm x^t y^s$  and second problem is to prove commutativity of distributively generated near-ring satisfying either (\*) or (\*\*). As an application we show that if  $N$  is strongly distributively generated near-ring satisfying either (\*) or (\*\*), then  $N$  is commutative. This generalizes a result by A.Frolich[1] which asserts that a distributively generated near-ring  $N$  is distributive if and only if  $N^2$  is distributive or if  $\langle N, + \rangle$  is commutative.

A celebrated theorem of I. Herstein[6] asserted that a periodic near-rings is commutative if its nilpotent elements are central. In order to get the analog of this result in near-rings H. Bell proved that if  $N$  is distributively generated ( $d. g$ ) near-ring with its nilpotent elements laying in the center, then the set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements of  $N$  forms an ideal of  $N$  and if  $N \setminus A$  is periodic, then  $N$  must be commutative. Recently, M. Quadri, Asharif and A. Ali [8] proved that a  $d. g$  near-ring  $N$  satisfying any one of the following conditions:

- i) For each  $x, y \in N$  there exist a positive integers  $m = m(x, y), n = n(x, y)$  at least one of them greater than one such that  $xy = y^m x^n$  or
- ii) For each  $x, y \in N$  there exist a positive integers  $m = m(x, y), n = n(x, y)$  at least one of them greater than one such that  $xy = x^n y^m$ , then  $N$  is commutative.

The main purpose of this work is to generalize the above result. In view of this observation, we want to study the structure and commutativity of near-ring satisfying one of the following conditions:

(\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm y^s x^t$ .

(\*\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm x^t y^s$ .

The present work is organized as follows: In the first part, we put together some elementary materials for the sake of completeness. In particular the connection of the direct sum decomposition of rings and analogous of near-rings. In part two we establish a rather general

theorem which asserts if a near-ring  $N$  satisfying either (\*) or (\*\*), then  $N = A \oplus B$ , that is  $N$  is an orthogonal sum of subnear-rings  $A$  and  $B$ , where  $A$  is the set of all nilpotent elements of  $N$  and  $B = \{x \in N \mid x^{n(x)} = x, n(x) \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  with  $(B, +)$  is Abelian.

Part three is devoted to the problem that if  $N$  satisfies (\*) or (\*\*), under appropriate additional hypothesis a distributively generated near-ring must be commutative ring. As an application we prove that if strongly distributively generated near-ring  $N$  satisfying either (\*) or (\*\*), then  $N$  must be commutative ring.

# Chapter 1

## Preliminaries

In this chapter we present some basic terminologies and relating them whenever possible to the ideas introduced later in this work.

**Definition 1.1** A non-empty set  $N$  together with two binary operations  $+$  (addition) and  $\cdot$  (multiplication) is called a (left) near-ring if :-

- i.  $(N, +)$  is a group (not necessary abelian)
- ii.  $N$  is a semi group under multiplication.
- iii. For any  $x, y, z \in N$ , it holds that  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$ .
- iv. Similarly, it is possible to define a right near-ring by replacing the left distributive law (iii) by the corresponding right distributive law. That is, for any  $x, y, z \in N$ , it holds that  $(x + y)z = xz + yz$ .

**Note:**

- ✓ In this work by a “near-ring” we shall mean a left near-ring.
- ✓ All rings are near-rings, but the converse is not true.
- ✓ A near- ring  $N$  is Abelian if  $(N, +)$  is Abelian.

**Example 1.1** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers. Then  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a group.

Define “ $\cdot$ ” on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $a \cdot b = b$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a near-ring.

**Proof**

- i.  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a group
- ii. Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(ab)c = c = bc = a(bc)$ .

$$\text{Therefore } (ab)c = a(bc)$$

Hence  $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  is a semi group.

iii.  $a(b + c) = b + c = ab + ac$

Therefore left distributive law holds and by i), ii) and iii)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a near – ring.

**Example 1.2** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 11\}$ .

$(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +)$  is a group under  $(+)$  modulo 12.

Define  $(.)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  by  $a \cdot b = a$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +, .)$  is not a left near – ring. But it is a right near – ring.

**Example 1.3.** Let  $G$  be an additively written (but not necessarily abelian) group with zero  $0$ . Then the following are near – rings. Addition is defined point wise and multiplication is composition of maps.

$$M(G) = \{f: G \rightarrow G\}$$

$$M_0(G) = \{f: G \rightarrow G: f(0) = 0\}$$

$$M_c(G) = \{f: G$$

$\rightarrow G: f \text{ is a constant}\}$  The additive identity of  $M(G)$  that is the zero mapping is denoted by  $0$ .

Define  $(+)$  and  $(\circ)$  on  $M_c(G)$  as:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \text{ and}$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = g(f(x)) \text{ for all } x \in G.$$

Then  $(M_c(G), +, \circ)$  is a near – ring but not a right near – ring.

To verify this fact, take  $a, b, c \in G$  and  $c \neq 0$ . Define

$$f_a: G \rightarrow G \text{ by } f_a(x) = a \forall x \in G$$

$$f_b: G \rightarrow G \text{ by } f_b(x) = b \forall x \in G$$

$$f_c: G \rightarrow G \text{ by } f_c(x) = c \forall x \in G.$$

1. To show that  $(M_c(G), +)$  is a group.

i) Let  $x \in G$ . Then

$$[(f_a + f_b) + f_c](x) = (f_a + f_b)(x) + f_c(x)$$

$$= (f_a(x) + f_b(x)) + f_c(x)$$

$$= (a + b) + c$$

$= a + (b + c)$  (Since addition of constants is associative)

$$= f_a(x) + (f_b(x) + f_c(x))$$

$$= f_a(x) + [(f_b + f_c)(x)]$$

$$= [f_a + (f_b + f_c)](x)$$

Therefore,  $(f_a + f_b) + f_c = f_a + (f_b + f_c)$

ii) Existence of identity

The zero mapping is the identity element that is 0.

iii) existence of inverse

For all  $x \in G$  there exist  $f_y(x) \in M(G)$  such that  $f_a(x) + f_y(x) = 0 = f_y(x) + f_x(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -a = -f_a(x)$$

Therefore the inverse of  $f_a(x)$  is  $-f_a(x)$ .

Thus from i, ii and iii,  $(M_c(G), +, )$  is a group.

2. To show that  $(M_c(G), \circ)$  is a semi group

Let  $x \in G$ . Then

$$[f_a \circ (f_b \circ f_c)](x) = (f_b \circ f_c)(f_a(x))$$

$$= f_c(f_b(f_a(x)))$$

$$= f_c(f_b(a))$$

$$= f_c(b)$$

$$= c$$

$$[(f_a \circ f_b) \circ f_c](x) = f_c(f_a \circ f_b)(x)$$

$$= f_c(f_b(f_a(x)))$$

$$= f_c(f_b(a))$$

$$= f_c(a)$$

$$= c$$

Therefore,  $f_a \circ (f_b \circ f_c) = (f_a \circ f_b) \circ f_c$

3. Left distributive law

Let  $x \in G$ . Then

$$[f_a \circ (f_b + f_c)](x) = (f_b + f_c)(f_a(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= f_b(f_a(x)) + f_c(f_a(x)) \\
&= f_b(a) + f_c(a) \\
&= b + c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Also, } [(f_a \circ f_b) + (f_a \circ f_c)](x) &= (f_a \circ f_b)(x) + (f_a \circ f_c)(x) \\
&= f_b(f_a(x)) + f_c(f_a(x)) \\
&= f_b(a) + f_c(a) \\
&= b + c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } f_a \circ (f_b + f_c) = (f_a \circ f_b) + (f_a \circ f_c)$$

Therefore, the left distributive holds

Thus it is near – ring.

#### 4. Right distributive law

Let  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now, } [(f_a + f_b) \circ f_c](x) &= f_c(f_a + f_b)(x) \\
&= f_c(f_a(x) + f_b(x)) \\
&= f_c(a + b) \\
&= c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{But, } [(f_a \circ f_c) + (f_b \circ f_c)](x) &= (f_a \circ f_c)(x) + (f_b \circ f_c)(x) \\
&= f_c(f_a(x)) + f_c(f_b(x)) \\
&= f_c(a) + f_c(b) \\
&= c + c \neq c, \text{ since } c \neq 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } (f_a + f_b) \circ f_c \neq (f_a \circ f_c) + (f_b \circ f_c)$$

This shows that  $N$  fails to satisfy the right distribution law.

Which provide an example of near – ring that is not a right near – ring and also a near – ring that is not a ring.

**Remark:** A near-ring with identity is Abelian if  $(-1)n = -n \forall n \in N$ .

To show this, suppose  $(N, +, \cdot)$  is a near-ring with identity.

Let  $a, b \in N$ .

We want to show;  $a + b = b + a$

$$(-b + (-a)) + (a + b) = -b + (-a + a) + b = -b + 0 + b = -b + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1(b + a) + (a + b) = 0 \text{ (since } N \text{ is left near-ring)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = b + a$$

Hence  $N$  is Abelian.

**Proposition 1.1** Let  $N$  be a near ring. For all  $m, n \in N$

- i)  $m0 = 0$  and
- ii)  $m(-n) = -mn$

**Proof**

(i) Let  $m \in N$

$$\text{Now } m0 = m(0 + 0) = m0 + m0$$

$$\Rightarrow m0 + 0 = m0 + m0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = m0 \quad \forall m \in N.$$

(ii) Let  $m, n \in N$

$$\text{Now } m(-n) + mn = m(-n + n) = m0 = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } m(-n) = -mn.$$

**Proposition 1.2** Let  $N$  be a near ring. For all  $m, n \in N$ ,  $-(m + n) = -n - m$

**Proof** Take  $m, n \in N$ .

$$\text{Now } (-n + (-m)) + (m + n) = -n + (-m + m) + n = -n + n = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } -(m + n) = -n - m.$$

**Definition 1.2** Let  $N$  be a near-ring. Then

- (i)  $N_0 = \{n \in N \mid 0n = 0\}$  is called the zero-symmetric part of  $N$ .
- (ii)  $N_c = \{n \in N \mid 0n = n\}$  is called the constant part of  $N$ .
- (iii) If  $N = N_0$ , then  $N$  is called zero symmetric.
- (iv) If  $N = N_c$ , then  $N$  is called a constant near-ring.
- (v) A near-ring  $N$  is said to be zero-commutative if  $xy = 0$  implies  $yx = 0$  for  $x, y \in N$ .

**Example 1.4** Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  with addition and multiplication tables defined below

+	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	c	0	a
c	c	b	a	0

Table 1.1

.	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	0	0
c	0	c	0	c

Table 1.2

Then  $(N, +, \cdot)$  is both zero-symmetric and zero-commutative near-ring.

**Note:**

- i)  $\{n \in N \mid 0n = n\} = \{n \in N \mid \forall m \in N, mn = n\}$
- ii)  $0n$  need not be equal to zero and
- iii)  $(-m)n$  need not be equal to  $-nm$

To verify i): Let  $n \in N_c$ . We show that

$$mn = n \quad \forall m \in N$$

Let  $m \in N$ . Then,  $mn = m(0n) = (m0)n = 0n = n$ .

Therefore,  $\{n \in N \mid 0n = n\} \subseteq \{n \in N \mid \forall m \in N, mn = n\}$ .

Suppose  $mn = n \quad \forall m \in N$ .

Then, since  $0 \in N$ , we have  $0n = n$ .

and hence  $n \in N_c$ .

Hence  $\{n \in N \mid 0n = n\} = \{n \in N \mid \forall m \in N, mn = n\}$ .

ii) Using counter example, in a constant near-ring;  $0n = n$  is not equal to zero  $\forall n \in N \setminus \{0\}$

iii) Again using a constant near-ring;  $(-m)n = n$  and  $(-n)m = m$ . This implies

$(-m)n \neq -nm$ , for all  $m \neq n$ .

**Definition 1.3** An additive subgroup  $M$  of a near-ring  $N$  with  $MM \subseteq M$  is called a sub near-ring of  $N$ . It is denoted by  $M \leq N$ .

**Example 1.5**  $N_0$  and  $N_c$  are sub near-rings of  $N$ .

1. To show that  $N_0$  is a sub near-ring of  $N$ ,

i) Let  $x, y \in N_0$ . Then  $0x = 0$  and  $0y = 0$

$$0(x - y) = 0x - 0y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x - y \in N_0$

$\Rightarrow (N_0, +)$  is a sub group of  $(N, +)$ .

ii) Let  $m, n \in N_0$ .

Now,  $0(mn) = (0m)n = 0n = 0$

$\Rightarrow mn \in N_0$

Thus,  $N_0N_0 \subseteq N_0$ .

Therefore,  $N_0$  is a sub near-ring of  $N$ .

2. To show that  $N_c$  is a sub near-ring;

i) Let  $x, y \in N_c$ . Then  $0x = x$  and  $0y = y$

$$0(x - y) = 0x - 0y = x - y$$

$\Rightarrow x - y \in N_c$

Thus,  $(N_c, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(N, +)$

ii) Let  $m, n \in N_c$ . This implies  $0(mn) = (0m)n = mn$  and so  $mn \in N_c$

Hence  $N_cN_c \subseteq N_c$ . Therefore,  $N_c$  is a sub near-ring of  $N$

**Definition 1.4** A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be a normal subgroup of  $G$  if for every  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$  we have  $ghg^{-1} \in H$ .

**Definition 1.5** An ideal of a near-ring  $N$  is defined to be a normal subgroup  $I$  of  $(N, +)$  such that

- i)  $NI \subseteq I$  and
- ii)  $(x + a)y - xy \in I \forall x, y \in N$  and  $a \in I$ .

**Definition 1.6** Let  $N$  be a near-ring. Then  $N$  is said to be a commutative near-ring if  $ab = ba \forall a, b \in N$ .

**Example 1.6** Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  with addition and multiplication tables defined below

$+$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$0$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$0$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$0$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$0$	$a$	$b$

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

Table 1.3. Table 1.4.

Then  $(N, +, \cdot)$  is Abelian as well as commutative near-ring

**Definition 1.7** If  $M$  is a subset of a commutative near-ring  $N$ , then annihilator of  $M$ , denoted by  $Ann(M)$  is the set of all elements  $n$  of  $N$  such that  $mn = 0$  for all  $m \in M$ . Thus  $Ann(M) = \{n \in N | mn = 0 \forall m \in M\}$ .

**Definition 1.8** The center of a near-ring denoted by  $Z(N)$  is the set of all those elements of  $N$  which commute with each element of  $N$ . That is

$$Z(N) = \{n \in N | nr = rn \forall r \in N\}$$

**Definition 1.9** An element  $n$  of a near-ring  $N$  is said to be: -

- i) An idempotent if  $n^2 = n$ . An idempotent element is said to be central idempotent if it is in the center of  $N$ . That is  $n \in N$  is an idempotent central if  $n^2 = n$  and  $nx = xn, \forall x \in N$ .
- ii) A nilpotent if there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $n^k = 0$ . Otherwise we say that  $n$  is non-nilpotent element.

**Examples 1.7** In near-ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$ , 0, 1, 3 and 4 are idempotent elements.

Because  $(0^2 = 0, 1^2 = 1, 3^2 = 3, 4^2 = 4)$

If  $0, 1 \in N$ , then 0 and 1 are central idempotent where  $N$  is a ring.

In near-ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +, \cdot)$ , 0, 2, 4 and 6 are nilpotent elements. Because

$(0^1 = 2^3 = 4^2 = 6^4 = 0)$ . And 1, 3, 5 and 7 are non-nilpotent elements.

**Definition 1.10** A nonzero element  $n$  in a near-ring  $N$  is said to be:

- i) Left zero divisor if there exists a nonzero element  $a \in N$  such that  $na = 0$
- ii) Right zero divisor if there exists a nonzero element  $b \in N$  such that  $bn = 0$

**Example 1.8** In **example 1.4** above;  $ab = 0$  which implies  $a$  is left zero divisor and

$bc = 0$  implies  $c$  is right zero divisor.

**Remark:** Every nonzero nilpotent element in a near-ring is necessarily a divisor of zero.

**Proof** Let  $x \neq 0$  be nilpotent, then there exists the smallest positive integer  $n > 1$  such that  $x^n = 0$  so that  $xx^{n-1} = 0$  with  $x^{n-1} \neq 0$ .

**Definition 1.11** A near-ring  $(N, +, \cdot)$  is said to be a near-field if  $N \setminus \{0\}$  forms a group with respect to the second operation.

**Example 1.9** All fields are near-fields.

# Chapter 2

## Decomposition Theorems of Near-rings

In the first chapter we have seen what a near-ring mean? In this chapter we are interested in two problems concerning certain classes of Near-rings satisfying the following polynomial.

(\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm y^s x^t$ .

(\*\*) For each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist positive integers  $t = t(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) > 1$  such that  $xy = \pm x^t y^s$

And also we will see that  $N$  is the orthogonal sum of sub near-rings  $A$  and  $B$  where  $N$  satisfying either (\*) or (\*\*),  $A$  is the set of the nilpotent elements of  $N$  and  $B$  is the set of idempotent elements of  $N$  with  $(B, +)$  is abelian

**Definition 2.1** A near-ring  $N$  is an orthogonal sum of a sub-near ring  $A$  and  $B$  denoted by  $N = A + B$  if  $AB = BA = \{0\}$  and each element of  $N$  is uniquely represented in the form  $a + b$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

**Proposition 2.1** If  $e \in N$  is idempotent, then for any  $n \in N$  there corresponds exactly one  $n_0 \in \{x \in N | ex = 0\}$  and there corresponds exactly one  $n_1 \in eN = \{ex | x \in N\}$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_1$ . Taking  $e = 0$ , for any  $n \in N$  there corresponds exactly one  $n_0 \in N_0$  and exactly one  $n_c \in N_c$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_c$ . Hence  $(N, +) = (N_0, +) + (N_c, +)$  and  $N_0 \cap N_c = \{0\}$ .

### Proof

**Part 1:** suppose  $e \in N$  is idempotent element and let  $n \in N$ . Now  $n = (n - en) + en$ . Consider  $e(n - en) = en - een = en - en = 0$ . So  $(n - en) \in \{x \in N | ex = 0\}$  and also  $en \in eN$ . Suppose that  $n = n_0 + n_1 = n_0' + n_1'$  (2.1) where  $n_0, n_0' \in \{x \in N | ex = 0\}, n_1, n_1' \in eN$ . Now

$$en = e(n_0 + n_1) = e(n_0' + n_1')$$

$$\Rightarrow en_0 + en_1 = en_0' + en_1'$$

$$\Rightarrow en_1 = en_1' \tag{2.2}$$

For  $n_1, n_1' \in eN$ , there exist  $y_1, y_1' \in N$  such that  $n_1 = ey_1 n_1' = ey_1$  and  $n_1' = ey_1'$ . Now  $en_1 = e(ey_1) = eey_1 = ey_1 = n_1$ , and also  $en_1' = e(ey_1') = eey_1' = ey_1' = n_1'$ .

From equation 2.2, we have  $n_1 = n_1'$ . Also, from equation 2.1,  $n_0 = en_0'$ . Therefore, for all  $n \in N$ , there exists exactly one  $n_0 \in \{x \in N | ex = 0\}$  and there exists exactly one  $n_1 \in eN = \{ex | x \in N\}$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_1$ .

**Part 2** suppose  $e = 0$  and  $n \in N$ .

From part 1, we can have exactly one  $n_0 \in \{x \in N | 0x = 0\}$  and exactly one  $n_1 \in N_0$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_1$ . Now  $n_0 \in \{x \in N | 0x = 0\} = N_0$ . We show that  $N_0 = N_c$ .

Let  $n \in N_c$ . Then  $0n = n$ . This means that  $n = 0n \in N_0$ . Therefore,  $N_c \subseteq N_0$ . Let  $y \in N_0$ . Then there exists some  $n' \in N$  such that  $y = 0n'$ . Now we show that  $y \in N_c$ . Consider  $0y = 0(0n') = (00)n' = 0n' = y$ . Therefore,  $y \in N_0$  and hence  $N_0 = N_c$ . Hence, for all  $n \in N$ , there exists exactly one  $n_c \in N_c$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_c$ .

Now we show that  $(N, +) = (N_0, +) + (N_c, +)$  and  $N_0 \cap N_c = \{0\}$ .

From the preceding result, it follows that for each  $n \in N$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N_0$  and  $n_c \in N_c$  such that  $n = n_0 + n_c$ . This implies

$$(N, +) \subseteq (N_0, +) + (N_c, +) \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $n_0 \in N_0$  and  $n_c \in N_c$ . Now

$$(N_0, +) + (N_c, +) \subseteq (N, +) \quad (2.4)$$

From equation 2.3 and 2.4, we have  $(N_0, +) + (N_c, +) = (N, +)$ . Next we show that  $N_0 \cap N_c = \{0\}$ .

$\{0\} \subseteq N_c$ . Since  $00 = 0$  and also  $\{0\} \subseteq N_0$  since  $00 = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow \{0\} \subseteq N_0 \cap N_c$ . Let  $n \in N_0 \cap N_c$ . This implies  $n \in N_0$  and  $n \in N_c$ . This implies  $0n = 0$  and  $0n = n$ . Thus,  $n = 0$ .

Therefore,  $N_0 \cap N_c = \{0\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $N$  be near-ring with idempotent elements are multiplicative central and let  $e$  and  $f$  be any idempotent element of  $N$ . Then there exists an idempotent element  $g$  such that  $ge = e$  and  $gf = f$ .

Proof: Let  $N = eN + Ann(e)$ , where  $Ann(e)$  denotes the annihilator of  $e$ ; and write  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1 \in eN$  and  $f_2 \in Ann(e)$ . In view of uniqueness of representation built in the definition of orthogonal sum  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are idempotent. Take  $g = e + f_2$ . Then

$$g^2 = (e + f_2)(e + f_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (e + f_2)e + (e + f_2)f_2 \\
&= e(e + f_2) + f_2(e + f_2) \\
&= e^2 + ef_2 + f_2e + f_2^2 \\
&= e + f_2
\end{aligned}$$

$= g$  Moreover

$$ge = (e + f_2)e = e(e + f_2) = e^2 + ef_2 = e^2 = e \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
gf &= (e + f_2)(f_1 + f_2) \\
&= (e + f_2)f_1 + (e + f_2)f_2 \\
&= f_1(e + f_2) + f_2(e + f_2) \\
&= f_1e + f_1f_2 + f_2e + f_2f_2 \\
&= f_1 + f_2 \\
&= f
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $ge = e$  and  $gf = f$

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $N$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring. Then the set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements in  $N$  is an ideal if and only if  $A$  is a subgroup of the additive group  $(N, +)$  of  $N$ .

**Proof** Let  $N$  be a zero symmetric near-ring

Assume that the set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements in  $N$  is an ideal.

We want to show  $A$  is a subgroup of the additive group  $(N, +)$  of  $N$ .

Since  $A$  is an ideal,  $(A, +)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(N, +)$ .

Hence  $A$  is a subgroup of  $(N, +)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A$  is a subgroup of  $(N, +)$ .

We want to show  $A$  is an ideal of  $N$ .

Since  $0^1 = 0$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$

Let  $n \in N$  and  $a, \in A$ . Then by using induction on the degree of nilpotence,  $k > 0$

$$\text{If } a^1 = 0, n + a - n = n + 0 - n = n - n = 0$$

$$\text{If } a^2 = 0, (n + a - n)^2 = (n + a - n)(n + a - n)$$

$$= (n + a - n)n + (n + a - n)a - (n + a - n)n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (n + a - n)n + a(n + a - n) - (n + a - n)n \\
&= (n + a - n)n + an + a^2 - an - (n + a - n)n \\
&= (n + a - n)n + an - an - (n + a - n)n \\
&= (n + a - n)n - (n + a - n)n \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $n + a - n$  is nilpotent for arbitrary  $n \in N$  and  $a \in A$  with index of nilpotence less than  $k, k \geq 3$  and let  $a \in A$  satisfy  $a^k = 0$ . Then letting  $b = (n + a - n)n$  and proceeding as above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&(n + a - n)^2 = b + an + a^2 - an - b \\
&= (b + an) + a^2 - (b + an) \text{ which is nilpotent since } (a^2)^{k-1} = 0. \text{ Thus, } n + a - n \in A
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A$  is a normal subgroup

Let  $n \in N$  and  $a \in A$ . Then  $(na)^k = n^k a^k = n^k 0 = 0$  for  $k > 0$

$\Rightarrow na \in A$

Hence,  $NA \subseteq A$

Let  $m, n \in N$  and  $a \in A$ . We want to show  $((m + a)n - mn)^k \in A$

For  $k > 0$ . As in (ii) above, using induction on the degree of nilpotence,

If  $a^1 = 0$ ,  $(m + a)n - mn = (m + 0)n - mn = mn - mn = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{If } a^2 = 0, ((m + a)n - mn)^2 = ((m + a)n - mn)((m + a)n - mn) \\
&= ((m + a)n - mn)((m + a)n) - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= ((m + a)n - mn)(m + a)(n) - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m + ((m + a)n - mn)a]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m + a((m + a)n - mn)]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m + (am + a^2)n - amn]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m + (am + 0)n - amn]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m + amn - amn]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= [((m + a)n - mn)m]n - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= ((m + a)n - mn)mn - ((m + a)n - mn)mn \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $(m + a)n - mn$  is nilpotent for arbitrary  $m, n \in N$  and  $a \in A$  with index of nilpotence less than  $k, k \geq 3$  and let  $a \in A$  satisfy  $a^k = 0$ . Then letting  $b = (m + a)n - mn$

and proceeding as above we have,  $((m+a)n - mn)^2 = b + am + a^2 - am - b$   
 $= (b + am) + a^2 - (b + am)$

Which is nilpotent since  $(a^2)^{k-1} = 0$ . Thus  $(m+a)n - mn \in A$ .

Therefore,  $A$  is an ideal of  $N$ .

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $N$  be a near-ring which is zero commutative. The annihilator of any nonempty subset of  $N$  is an ideal.

**Proof** Let  $M$  be a nonempty subset of  $N$ .

i) Since  $00 = 0$ ,  $Ann(M) \neq \emptyset$ .

ii) Let  $x, y \in Ann(M)$ . then

$$mx = 0 \text{ and } my = 0, \quad \forall m \in M$$

$$mx - my = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$m(x - y) = 0$$

Thus,  $x - y \in Ann(M)$

Hence  $Ann(M)$  is a subgroup of  $N$

iii) Let  $n \in N$  and  $x \in Ann(M)$ . Then

$$m(n + x - n) = mn + mx - mn$$

$$= mn + 0 - mn$$

$$= mn - mn$$

$$= m(n - n)$$

$$= m0$$

$$= 0, \forall m \in M$$

Thus,  $Ann(M)$  is a normal subgroup of  $N$

iv) Let  $x \in Ann(M)$  and  $n \in N$ . Then for any  $m \in M$ ,  $xm = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (nx)m = n(xm) = n0 = 0$$

Hence,  $NAnn(M) \subseteq Ann(M)$

v) Let  $a, b \in N$  and  $x \in Ann(M)$ . Then, for any  $m \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
m[(a+x)b - ab] &= m(a+x)b - mab \\
&= (ma + mx)b - mab \\
&= (ma + 0)b - mab \\
&= mab - mab \\
&= 0. \text{ Then by the zero commutativity of } N, [(a+x)b - ab]m = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow (a+x)b - ab \in \text{Ann}(M).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\text{Ann}(M)$  is an ideal of  $N$ .

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $N$  be a zero symmetric near-ring satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) For each  $x$  in  $N$ , there exists an integer  $n = n(x) > 1$  such that  $x^n = x$
- (b) Every non-trivial homomorphic image of  $N$  contains a non-zero central idempotent.

Then  $(N, +)$  is Abelian.

**Proof** Assume that  $N$  is a zero-symmetric near-ring satisfying (a) and (b)

We want to show  $(N, +)$  is Abelian

Since  $N$  is a zero symmetric satisfying (a) it has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Thus the set of all nilpotent elements has no zero divisors and contains a non-trivial central idempotent which is left identity say  $g$ . Hence  $g$  is the only nonzero and is the identity element.

Now  $x^n = x$  implies  $x^{n-1}$  is idempotent. Hence nonzero element in  $N$  have an inverse in  $N$  and hence a near-field.

Therefore,  $(N, +)$  is Abelian.

**Theorem: 2.1** Let  $N$  be a near-ring. Suppose that  $N$  is a near-ring satisfying (\*) and the idempotent elements of  $N$  are multiplicative center. Then the set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements of  $N$  is a sub near-ring with trivial multiplication, and the set  $B$  of all idempotent elements of  $N$  is a sub near-ring with  $(B, +)$  is abelian. Furthermore  $N = A \oplus B$ .

**Proof** We break the proof in the following steps:

**Step 1** If  $N$  satisfies (\*) (that is for each  $x, y$  in a near-ring  $N$ , there exist a positive integers  $t = t(x, y) > 1$  and  $s = s(x, y) \geq 1$  such that  $xy = \pm y^s x^t$ ), then  $N$  is zero-symmetric as well as zero-commutative. Because if  $y \in N$ , then for  $0, y \in N$ , there exist  $t = t(0, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(0, y) > 1$  such that

$0y = \pm y^s 0^t$  which implies  $0y = \pm y^s 0 = 0$  (by proposition 1.1 i)

$\Rightarrow 0y = 0$

That is  $N$  is zero symmetric

Assume that  $xy = 0$ . Then by assumption there exist  $s = s(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $t = t(x, y) > 1$  such that

$$yx = \pm x^t y^s = \pm (x^{t-1} x) (y y^{s-1}) = \pm x^{t-1} (xy) y^{s-1} = x^{t-1} (0) y^{s-1}$$

$= (x^{t-1} 0) y^{s-1} = 0 y^{s-1} = 0$  (by proposition 1.1 and i above)

$\Rightarrow yx = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  it is a zero commutative.

**Step 2** The set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements in  $N$  form an ideal.

To see this we let  $a \in A$  and  $x \in N$ . then there exist integers

$s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1$  and  $t_1 = t(x, a) > 1$  such that  $ax = \pm x^{s_1} a^{t_1}$

Now choose  $s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1$  and  $t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1$  such that  $x^{s_1} a^{t_1} = \pm a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ ,  $\pm x^{s_1} a^{t_1} = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$  and  $ax = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ . hence for arbitrary  $k$ , we have integers  $s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1$ ,  $s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1$ , ...,  $s_k = s_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) \geq 1$ ,  $t_1 = t(x, a) > 1$ ,  $t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1$ , ...,  $t_k = t_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) > 1$  such that

$xa = (\pm)^k a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} x^{s_1 s_2 \dots s_k}$ . Thus  $a \in A$ ,  $a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} = 0$  for sufficiently large  $k$ . Hence  $ax = 0 \forall x \in N$  and  $a \in A$ . By step 1,  $N$  is zero commutative. And hence the nilpotent element of  $N$  annihilate  $N$  on both sides. Thus  $AN = NA = \{0\}$ . Hence  $A^2 = \{0\}$  and  $A \subseteq Z(N)$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a^p = 0$  and  $b^q = 0$  where  $p, q$  are positive integers. Then  $(a - b)^{p+q} = 0$  That is  $a - b \in A$ . Hence  $A$  is additive subgroup of  $(N, +)$ .

Therefore  $A$  is an ideal of  $N$  by Lemma 2.2

**Step 3** Let  $N$  satisfying (\*) and  $n \in N$ . Suppose that  $s' \geq 1$ ,  $t' > 1$  be integers such that  $n^2 = \pm n^{s'+t'}$ . Then  $n(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1}) = 0$ . By step 1,  $N$  is a zero commutative. Hence  $(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})n = 0$  and  $(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})n^{s'+t'-1} = 0$

This implies that  $(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})^2 = 0$  and  $n \mp n^{s'+t'-1} \in A$ , that is

$n - n^{s'+t'-1} \in A$  and  $n + n^{s'+t'-1} \in A$ . So We can write

$n = n - n^{s'+t'-1} + n^{s'+t'-1}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
(n^{s'+t'-1})^{s'+t'-1} &= n^{(s'+t'-1)(s'+t'-1)} \\
&= n^{(s'+t'-2)(s'+t')+1} \\
&= n^{(s'+t')s'+t'-2} \cdot n \\
&= (n^2)^{(s'+t'-2)} \cdot n \\
&= n^{(s'+t'-2)^2} \cdot n
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $n^{s'+t'-2}$  is idempotent by (\*),  $(n^{s'+t'-1})^{s'+t'-1} = n^{s'+t'-1}$  for  $s' + t' - 2 > 1$  and  $n^{s'+t'-1} \in B$ . This shows that  $N = A + B$

**Step 4** Let  $N$  satisfying (\*) and let  $B$  be a sub near-ring with  $(B, +)$  abelian. If  $x, y \in B$ , then there exist integers  $k = k(x) > 1$  and  $l = l(y)$  such that  $x^k = x$  and  $y^l = y$ . Let  $p = (k-1)l - (k+2) = (l-1)k - (l-2) > 1$ . Then

$x^p = x$  and  $y^p = y$ . Note that  $e_1 = x^{p-1}$  and  $e_2 = y^{p-1}$  are idempotent elements in  $N$  with  $e_1x = x$  and  $e_2y = y$ . Thus  $xy = \pm(e_2y)^q(e_1x)^r$  for some integers  $q = q(xy, e_1e_2) \geq 1$  and  $r = r(xy, e_1e_2) > 1$ . But we have  $xy = e_1xe_2y = e_1e_2xy = xye_1e_2 = \pm(e_1e_2)^q(xy)^r$ . This implies that  $xy = e_1e_2(xy)^r$ . Hence  $xy = (xy)^r$  and so  $xy$  is idempotent that is  $xy \in B$ . Moreover, since  $N/A$  has  $x^k = x$  property, we have an integer  $j > 1$  such that  $(x-y)^j = x-y+a$ ,  $a \in A$ . (1)

Since  $e_1, e_2$  are central idempotent in  $N$ , in view of lemma 2.1 choose an idempotent  $g$  for which  $ge_1 = e_1$  and  $ge_2 = e_2$ . Hence  $gx = x$  and  $gy = y$ . Multiplying (1) by  $g$  gives  $(x-y)^j = x-y$ . This shows that  $x-y \in B$ . Hence  $B$  is a sub near-ring. By step 1  $N$  is zero symmetric and by Lemma 2.4 we get  $(B, +)$  is abelian.

**Step 5** We want to see that each element in  $N$  has at most one representation of the form  $(a+b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Moreover  $N = A \oplus B$ . We have by step 2  $N$  is an ideal. Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in B$  such that  $a_1 + b_1 = a_2 + b_2$ . Then  $a_1 - a_2 = b_2 - b_1 \in A \cap B = \{0\}$  which gives  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$ .

Hence  $N = A \oplus B$

**Remark:** If a near-ring  $N$  satisfies (\*\*), then we may not even get orthogonal sum decomposition of  $N$  which is evident from the following:

Example 2.1 Let  $N = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with addition and multiplication tables, defined as follows:

+	0	x	y	z
0	0	x	y	z
x	x	0	z	y
y	y	z	0	x
z	z	y	x	0

.	0	x	y	z
0	0	0	0	0
x	0	x	0	x
y	0	0	0	0
z	0	z	0	z

Table 2.1

table 2.2

We can see from the tables,  $N$  is:-

- I) A near-ring
- II) Zero-symmetric near-ring
- III) Zero-commutative near-ring; satisfying property (\*\*). But the set  $B = \{0, x, z\}$ ; the set of all idempotent elements of  $N$  is not a subnear-ring of  $N$

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $N$  be a zero-commutative near-ring satisfying (\*\*) and idempotent elements of  $N$  are multiplicative central. Then the set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements of  $N$  is sub near-ring with trivial multiplication and the set  $B$  of all idempotent elements of  $N$  is a sub near-ring with  $(B, +)$  is abelian. Furthermore,  $N = A \oplus B$

**Proof** We break the proof in the following steps as in the theorem 2.1

**Step 1** If  $N$  satisfying (\*\*), then  $N$  is a zero-symmetric.

Because, if  $y \in N$ , then for  $0, y \in N$ , there exist  $t = t(0, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(0, y) > 1$  such that

$$y0 = \pm y^s 0^t \text{ which implies } y0 = \pm y^s 0 = 0 \Rightarrow y0 = 0 = 0y. \text{ Since } N \text{ is zero commutative}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0y = 0 \forall y \in N$$

Thus,  $N$  is zero-symmetric.

**Step 2** The set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements in  $N$  form an ideal.

To see this let  $a \in A$  and  $x \in N$ . Then there exist integers

$$s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1 \text{ and } t_1 = t(x, a) > 1 \text{ such that } ax = \pm a^{t_1} x^{s_1}.$$

Now choose  $s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1$  and  $t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1$  such that  $a^{t_1} x^{s_1} \pm a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$

,  $\pm a^{t_1} x^{s_1} = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$  and  $ax = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ . Hence for arbitrary  $k$ , we have integers  $s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1$ ,

$$s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1, \dots, s_k = s_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) \geq 1,$$

$$t_1 = t(x, a) > 1,$$

$$t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1, \dots, t_k = t_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) > 1 \text{ such that}$$

$$ax = (\pm)^k a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} x^{s_1 s_2 \dots s_k}. \text{ Thus } a \in A, a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} = 0 \text{ for sufficiently large } k.$$

Hence  $ax = 0 \forall x \in N$  and  $a \in A$ . By step 1,  $N$  is zero-symmetric. And hence the nilpotent element of  $N$  annihilate  $N$  on both sides. Thus  $AN = NA = \{0\}$ . Hence  $A^2 = \{0\}$  and  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(N)$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a^p = 0$  and  $b^q = 0$  where  $p, q$  are positive integers. Then  $(a - b)^{p+q} = 0$  That is  $a - b \in A$ . Hence  $A$  is additive subgroup of  $(N, +)$ .

Therefore  $A$  is an ideal of  $N$  by Lemma 2.2

**Step 3** Let  $N$  satisfying  $(**)$  and  $n \in N$ . Suppose that  $s' \geq 1, t' > 1$  be integers such that  $n^2 = \pm n^{s'+t'}$ . Then  $n(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1}) = 0 = (n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})n$  since  $N$  is a zero commutative. And  $(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})n^{s'+t'-1} = 0$

This implies that  $(n \mp n^{s'+t'-1})^2 = 0$  and  $n \mp n^{s'+t'-1} \in A$ , that is

$$n - n^{s'+t'-1} \in A \text{ and } n + n^{s'+t'-1} \in A. \text{ So We can write}$$

$$n = n - n^{s'+t'-1} + n^{s'+t'-1}. \text{ Now}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (n^{s'+t'-1})^{s'+t'-1} &= n^{(s'+t'-1)(s'+t'-1)} \\ &= n^{(s'+t'-2)(s'+t')+1} \\ &= n^{(s'+t')s'+t'-2}. n \\ &= (n^2)^{(s'+t'-2)}. n \\ &= n^{(s'+t'-2)^2}. n \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n^{s'+t'-2}$  is idempotent by  $(*)$ ,  $(n^{s'+t'-1})^{s'+t'-1} = n^{s'+t'-1}$  for  $s' + t' - 2 > 1$  and  $n^{s'+t'-1} \in B$ . This shows that  $N = A + B$ .

**Step 4** Let  $N$  satisfying (\*\*) and let  $B$  be a sub near-ring with  $(B, +)$  abelian. If  $x, y \in B$ , then there exist integers  $k = k(x) > 1$  and  $l = l(y)$  such that  $x^k = x$  and  $y^l = y$ . Let  $p = (k-1)l - (k+2) = (l-1)k - (l-2) > 1$ . Then  $x^p = x$  and  $y^p = y$ .

Note that  $e_1 = x^{p-1}$  and  $e_2 = y^{p-1}$  are idempotent elements in  $N$  with  $e_1x = x$  and  $e_2y = y$ . Thus  $xy = \pm(e_1x)^r(e_2y)^q$ .

for some integers  $q = q(xy, e_1e_2) \geq 1$  and  $r = r(xy, e_1e_2) > 1$ . But We have  $xy = e_1xe_2y = e_1e_2xy = xye_1e_2 = \pm(e_1e_2)^q(xy)^r$ . This implies that  $xy = e_1e_2(xy)^r$ . Hence  $xy = (xy)^r$  and so  $xy$  is idempotent that is  $xy \in B$ . Moreover, since  $N/A$  has  $x^k = x$  property, We have an integer  $j > 1$  such that  $(x - y)^j = x - y + a, a \in A$ . (1)

Since  $e_1, e_2$  are central idempotent in  $N$ , in view of lemma 2.1 choose an idempotent  $g$  for which  $ge_1 = e_1$  and  $ge_2 = e_2$ . Hence  $gx = x$  and  $gy = y$ . Multiplying (1) by  $g$  gives  $(x - y)^j = x - y$ . This shows that  $x - y \in B$ . Hence  $B$  is a sub near-ring. By step 1  $N$  is zero symmetric and by Lemma 2.4 We get  $(B, +)$  is abelian.

**Step5.** We want to see that each element in  $N$  has at most one representation of the form  $(a + b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Moreover  $N = A \oplus B$ . We have by step 2  $N$  is an ideal. Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in B$  such that  $a_1 + b_1 = a_2 + b_2$ . Then  $a_1 - a_2 = b_2 - b_1 \in A \cap B = \{0\}$  which gives  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$ .

Hence  $N = A \oplus B$ .

# CHAPTER 3

## CERTAIN NEAR-RINGS ARE RINGS

In this chapter we will see some basic definitions and some results that are used to show that certain near-rings are rings. The aim of this section is to prove that with certain additional conditions such as distributively generated near-rings turn out to be commutative ring.

### 3.1 Basic Definitions

**Definition 3.1** An element  $d$  in a near ring  $N$  is called a distributive element of  $N$  if  $(x + y)d = xd + yd$  and anti-distributive if  $(x + y)d = yd + xd \forall x, y \in N$ . If all the elements of a near-ring  $N$  are distributive, then  $N$  is said to be distributive near-ring. A near-ring  $N$  is called a distributively generated ( $d.g$ ) if it contains a multiplicative sub semi-group of distributive elements which generates additive group  $(N, +)$ . A near-ring  $N$  will be called strongly distributively generated ( $s.d.g$ ) if it contains a set of distributive elements whose square generates additive group  $(N, +)$ .

**Lemma 3.1** If  $N$  is a zero-commutative near-ring, then  $ab = 0$  implies that  $arb = 0 \forall r \in N$  and  $a, b \in N$ .

**Proof** Let  $N$  be a zero-commutative near-ring and  $r \in N$ .

Let  $a, b \in N$  and  $ab = 0$ . This implies  $ba = 0$ . Thus  $r(ba) = 0$  for all  $r \in N$ . (by proposition 1.1). This implies,  $(rb)a = 0$  (by associativity of multiplication)

$\Rightarrow a(rb) = 0$ . Since  $N$  is zero-commutative

Hence  $arb = 0 \forall r \in N$ .

**Lemma 3.2**  $d.g$  near-ring is always a zero symmetric.

**Proof** Suppose  $N$  is a  $d.g$  near-ring

Let  $x, \in N$ . Then  $0x = (0 + 0)x = 0x + 0x$

$\Rightarrow 0x = 0x + 0x$

$\Rightarrow 0x + 0 = 0x + 0x$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 0x \in N_0$

Therefore, a *d. g* near-ring is always zero-symmetric.

**Lemma 3.3** A *d. g* near-ring  $N$  is distributive if and only if  $N^2$  is distributively commutative.

**Proof** Suppose  $N$  is distributive

Let  $x, y, z \in N$

$$\Rightarrow x(y + z) = (y + z)x$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + xz = yx + zx$$

$\Rightarrow N$  is additively commutative

Hence  $N^2$  is additively commutative

Conversely suppose that  $N^2$  is additively commutative

$\Rightarrow N$  is additively commutative

For  $x, y, z \in N$ ,  $xy + xz = yx + zx$

$$\Rightarrow x(y + z) = (y + z)x$$

Thus  $N$  is distributive

**Lemma 3.4** A *d. g* near-ring  $N$  with unity 1 is a ring if  $N$  is distributive or if  $(N, +)$  is commutative.

**Proof** let  $N$  be a *d. g* near-ring with unity 1

i) Suppose  $N$  is distributive. We want to show  $(N, +)$  is Abelian.

$-1 \in N$ . Since  $N$  is with unity 1 and  $N$  is a group.

For any  $x, y \in N$ ,  $-(x + y) = -y - x$  (by proposition 1.2)

$$\Rightarrow (-1)(-(x + y)) = (-1)(-y - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow -(-1)(x + y) = (-1)(-y) + (-1)(-x) \text{ (by proposition 1.2 ii and left distributive)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = -(-1)y - (-1)x$$

$\Rightarrow x + y = y + x$ . Thus  $N$  is Abelian.

Hence,  $N$  is a ring.

ii) Suppose  $(N, +)$  is commutative, that is  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in N$ , then

For  $z \in N, z(x + y) = zx + zy = xz + yz = (x + y)z$

This implies  $N$  is distributive and by (i)  $N$  is Abelian

Therefore,  $N$  is a ring.

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying  $(*)$ . Let  $A$  be the set of all nilpotent elements in  $N$ . Then  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(N)$ .

**Proof** Let  $a \in N$  and  $x \in N$ . Then using the same technique of step 2 in the proof of Theorem 2.1 we get the nilpotent elements of  $N$  annihilate  $N$  on both sides and therefore, are central. Thus  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(N)$ .

**Lemma 3.6** Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying  $(**)$ . Let  $A$  be the set of all nilpotent elements in  $N$ . Then  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(N)$ .

**Proof** Let  $a \in A$  and  $x \in N$ . Then there exist integers  $s_1 = s(x, a) > 1$

and  $t_1 = t(x, a) > 1$  such that  $xa = \pm x^{s_1} a^{t_1} = (\pm)^2 x^{s_1 s_2} a^{t_1 t_2}$  and

$xa = (\pm)^2 x^{s_1 s_2} a^{t_1 t_2}$ . Hence we find positive integers  $s_1 > 1, s_2 > 1,$

$\dots, s_k > 1$  and  $t_1 > 1, t_2 > 1, \dots, t_k > 1$  satisfying  $xa = (\pm)^k x^{s_1 s_2 \dots s_k} a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k}$ .

Since  $a \in A, a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} = 0$  for sufficiently large  $k$ . hence  $xa = 0 \forall x \in N$ .

Again  $ax = \pm a^{t_1} x^{s_1}$ . And  $a^{t_1} x^{s_1} = \pm a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}, \pm a^{t_1} x^{s_1} = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ . This implies  $ax = \pm a^{t_1} x^{s_1} = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ . Hence we find positive integers  $s_1 > 1, s_2 > 1, \dots, s_k > 1$  and  $t_1 > 1, t_2 > 1, \dots, t_k > 1$  satisfying  $ax = (\pm)^k a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} x^{s_1 s_2 \dots s_k}$ . since  $a \in A, a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} = 0 =$  for sufficiently large  $k$ . Hence  $ax = 0 \forall x \in N$ . Thus nilpotent elements of  $N$  annihilate  $N$  on both sides.

Therefore,  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(N)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying  $(*)$ . Then  $N$  is commutative.

**Proof** We break the proof in the following steps:-

**Step 1** If  $N$  satisfies  $(*)$  then  $N$  is zero-symmetric as well as zero-commutative. Because if  $y \in N$ , then for  $0, y \in N$ , there exist  $t = t(0, y) \geq 1$  and  $s = s(0, y) > 1$  such that

$0y = \pm y^s 0^t$  which implies  $0y = \pm y^s 0 = 0$  (by proposition 1.1 i)

$\Rightarrow 0y = 0$

Hence,  $N$  is zero-symmetric

Assume that  $xy = 0$ . Then by assumption there exist  $s = s(x, y) \geq 1$  and  $t = t(x, y) > 1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} yx &= \pm x^t y^s = \pm (x^{t-1}x)(yy^{s-1}) = \pm x^{t-1}(xy)y^{s-1} = x^{t-1}(0)y^{s-1} \\ &= (x^{t-1}0)y^{s-1} = 0y^{s-1} = 0 \text{ (by proposition 1.1 and i above)} \\ &\Rightarrow yx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $N$  is zero-commutative.

**Step 2** The set  $A$  of all nilpotent elements in  $N$  form an ideal.

To see this we let  $a \in A$  and  $x \in N$ . then there exist integers

$$s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1 \text{ and } t_1 = t(x, a) > 1 \text{ such that } ax = \pm x^{s_1} a^{t_1}$$

Now choose  $s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1$  and  $t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1$  such that  $x^{s_1} a^{t_1} = \pm a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ ,  $\pm x^{s_1} a^{t_1} = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$  and  $ax = (\pm)^2 a^{t_1 t_2} x^{s_1 s_2}$ . hence for arbitrary  $k$ , We have integers  $s_1 = s(x, a) \geq 1$ ,

$$s_2 = s_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) \geq 1, \dots, s_k = s_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) \geq 1, t_1 = t(x, a) > 1,$$

$$t_2 = t_1(x^{s_1}, a^{t_1}) > 1, \dots, t_k = t_{k-1}(x^{s_{k-1}}, a^{t_{k-1}}) > 1 \text{ such that}$$

$xa = (\pm)^k a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} x^{s_1 s_2 \dots s_k}$ . Thus  $a \in A$ ,  $a^{t_1 t_2 \dots t_k} = 0$  for sufficiently large  $k$ . Hence  $ax = 0 \forall x \in N$  and  $a \in A$ . By step 1,  $N$  is zero commutative. And hence the nilpotent element of  $N$  annihilate  $N$  on both sides. Thus  $AN = NA = \{0\}$ . Hence  $A^2 = \{0\}$  and  $A \subseteq Z(N)$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a^p = 0$  and  $b^q = 0$  where  $p, q$  are positive integers. Then  $(a - b)^{p+q} = 0$  That is  $a - b \in A$ . Hence  $A$  is additive subgroup of  $(N, +)$ . Hence  $A$  is an ideal of  $N$ .

Now in view of the above steps, together with the main theorem of H. E. Bell[3], we get  $N$  is commutative.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying (\*\*). Then  $N$  is commutative.

**Proof** By Lemma 3.6 and the argument in the proof Theorem 3.1 above  $N$  is commutative.

### 3.2 Some conditions under which $d.g$ near-rings are commutative rings.

In this subtopic we will see some Corollaries of the Theorems and Application of Lemma. Here we will see the relationships between distributively generated near-rings and rings.

**Theorem:** 3.3 Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying  $(*)$  or  $(**)$  Further if  $N^2 = N$ , then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Proof** By Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 a  $d.g$  near-ring satisfying  $(*)$  or  $(**)$  is commutative. For any  $a, b, c \in N$  we have

$$(b + c)a = a(b + c) = ab + ac = ba + ca$$

This shows that  $N$  is distributive and by application of Lemma 3.3;  $N^2$  is additively commutative. Therefore,  $N$  is commutative ring.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $N$  be a  $d.g$  near-ring with unity 1 satisfying  $(*)$  or  $(**)$ . Then  $N$  is a commutative ring.

**Proof** By Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2  $N$  is commutative and distributive. Again by Lemma 3.4,  $N$  is ring.

Therefore,  $N$  is commutative ring.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $N$  be  $s.d.g$  near-ring satisfying either  $(*)$  or  $(**)$ . Then  $N$  is commutative ring.

**Proof** In view of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 a  $s.d.g$  near-ring satisfying either  $(*)$  or  $(**)$  is a commutative. Hence  $N$  is a  $s.d.g$  near-ring in which every element is distributive. By application of Lemma 3.3;  $N^2$  is additively commutative.

Thus additive group  $(N, +)$  of the  $s.d.g$  near-ring is also commutative and hence  $N$  is commutative ring.

# SUMMARY

An attempt is made in this paper to concentrate on structure and commutativity of near-rings. Orthogonal decomposition is established. We show that a relation between distributively generated near-rings and rings and we have seen certain conditions under which near-rings are rings.

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