

CYCLIC COMMUTATIVITY NEAR RING II

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Abstract

A right near-ring N is called weak commutative if $xyz = xzy$ for all $x, y, z \in N$. A right near-ring N is called pseudo commutative if $xyz = zyx$ for all $x, y, z \in N$. A right near-ring N is called quasi-week commutative if $xyz = yxz$ for all $x, y, z \in N$. It is quite natural to investigate the properties of a near-ring (or a ring) N with the property $xyz = yzx$ for every $x, y, z \in N$. We call such a near-ring as cyclic commutative. We define and obtain many interesting properties of cyclic commutativity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Herstien [9] proved that if R is a ring such that for each $x, y \in R$, there exists a natural number $n = n(x, y) > 1$ depending on x, y with $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$, then R is a commutative ring.

H.E.Bell [1] proved that if R is a distributively generated near-ring with unity 1 and if

for each $x, y \in R$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y) > 1$ with $(xy - yx)^n = xy - yx$ then R is a

commutative ring. Desmond Machale [12] proved that if R is a ring such that for each $x, y \in R$,

there exists an even, natural number $n = n(x, y)$ depending x and y with $(xy + yx)^n = xy + yx$, then

R is anti-commutative.

K. Chandrasekar Rao and G.Gopalakrishnamoorthy [3] proved that if R is a distributively generated near-ring with unity 1 such that $(xy + yx)^n = (xy + yx)$ for all $x, y \in R$ where $n = n(x, y) > 1$ is an integer

depending on x and y , then R is a commutative ring. In this paper we define a ring R to be cyclic commutative if $xyz = yzx$ for all $x, y, z \in R$ and try to generalize the results of Herstein, H.E. Bell, Desmond Machale and G. Gopalakrishnamoorthy. Luckily we have obtained many beautiful and interesting results.

2. DEFINITIONS AND BASIC PROPERTIES

Definition 2.1

Let R be a ring, near-ring R is said to be cyclic commutative if $xyz = yzx$ for all $x, y, z \in R$

R is said to be cyclic anti-commutative if $xyz = -yzx$ for all $x, y, z \in R$

Example 2.2

Every commutative ring is cyclic commutative.

Definition 2.3

A ring R is called a prime ring if $xRy = 0$ implies either $x = 0$ or $y = 0$

(ie) $xry = 0 \forall r \in R$ implies either $x = 0$ or $y = 0$

Definition 2.4

A ring R is called a semi-prime ring if $xRx = 0$ implies $x = 0$

(ie) $xrx = 0 \forall r \in R$ implies $x = 0$

Note 2.5

Every prime ring is a semi-prime ring

Definition 2.6

A ring R is called a primitive if R has a maximal right ideal I which contains no non-zero ideal of R

Definition 2.7

A ring R is said to be semi-simple (in the sense of Jacobson) if it is isomorphic to a sub direct sum of primitive rings R_α , each of which is a homomorphic image of R .

Definition 2.8

Let R be a ring with unity 1. Then the set $J = \{r \in R \mid 1 - r \text{ is invertible in } R\}$ is called the Jacobson radical of R

Definition 2.9

Let R be a ring. The intersection of all maximal ideals of R is called the radical of R .

Lamma 2.10

Let R be a ring in which $xyz = 0$ implies $yzx = 0$ If $e \in R$ is idempotent then e lies in the center of R

Proof

let $x \in R$ be an arbitrary element:

$$\text{Then } exe - e^2xe = 0$$

$$e(x - ex)e = 0$$

$$\text{So, } (x - ex)ee = 0$$

$$(x - ex)e = 0$$

$$xe - exe = 0$$

$$\therefore xe = exe \quad \forall x \in R. \tag{1}$$

$$\text{By (i) } xe - exe = 0$$

$$(x - exe)e = 0$$

$$(x - exe)e.e = 0$$

$$ee(x - exe) = 0$$

$$e(x - exe) = 0$$

$$ex - exe = 0 \therefore ex = exe \quad \forall x \in R \tag{2}$$

(1) and (2) gives

$$ex = xe \quad \forall x \in R$$

Thus e lies in the center of R

Lemma 2.11

Every Boolean ring R is cyclic commutative ring

Proof

Let R be a Boolean ring, For all $x, y, z \in R$, we have

$$(x + yz)^2 = (x + yz)$$

$$x^2 + xyz + yzx + (yz)^2 = x + yz$$

$$x + xyz + yzx + yz = x + yz$$

$$\text{So, } xyz + yzx = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R \tag{3}$$

So, R is cyclic anti commutative

Taking $y = z = x$ in 1 we get $x^3 + x^3 = 0$ (ie) $x + x = 0$

$$x = -x \text{ for all } x \in R \tag{4}$$

From (3) and (4) we get

$$xyz = yzx \quad \forall x, y, z \in R$$

(ie) R is cyclic commutative ring

Lemma 2.12

Let R be a ring in which $x^2 \in Z(R)$ for all $x \in R$. where $Z(R)$ is the centre of R .

Then , $(xyz)^2 = (yzx)^2$ for all $y, z \in R$.

Proof

For any $x, y, z \in R$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (xyz)^2 &= xyz \cdot xyz = xuxu \text{ where } u = yz \\ &= x(uxu) \\ &= x\{(xu)^2 + u^2 - (xu - u)^2 - xu^2\} \\ &= \{x(xu)^2 + xu^2 - x(xu - u)^2 - x^2u^2\} \\ &= \{(xu)^2x + u^2x - (xu - u)^2x - u^2x^2\} \\ &= \{(xu)^2 + u^2 - (xu - u)^2 - u^2\}x \\ &= (uxu)x \\ &= (ux)^2 \\ &= (yzx)^2 \\ (xyz)^2 &= (yzx)^2 \quad \forall x, y, z \in R \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.13

Let R be a ring such that

$$x^2yz = yzx^2 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R. \text{ Then } (xyz)^2 = (yzx)^2 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in R$$

Proof

Let $x, y, z \in R$.

$$\begin{aligned} (xyz)^2 &= (xyz)(xyz) = (xyzx)yz \\ &= (xux)yz \text{ where } u = yz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \{(ux)^2 + x^2 - (ux - x)^2 - ux^2\}yz \\
 &= (ux)^2yz + x^2yz - (ux - x)^2yz - ux^2yz \\
 &= yz(ux)^2 + yzx^2 - yz(ux - x)^2 - uyzx^2 \\
 &= yz(ux)^2 + yzx^2 - yz(ux - x)^2 - yzux^2 \\
 &= yz\{(ux)^2 + x^2 - (ux - x)^2 - ux^2\} \quad (u = yz) \\
 &= yz(xux) \\
 &= yz(xyzx) \\
 &= (yzx)(yzx) = (yzx)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

3. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 3.1

Let D be a division ring in which for every $x, y, z \in D$ there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then D is a cyclic commutative.

Proof

If $xyz - yzx = 0$, there is nothing to prove.

So, assume that for some $a, b, c \in D$, $abc - bca \neq 0$.

Let Z be the center of D . If $\lambda \in Z$, then $\lambda(abc - bca) = (\lambda a)bc - bc(\lambda a)$.

Then by the hypothesis, there exists positive integers $n = n(a, b, c) > 1$ and $m = m(\lambda a, b, c) > 1$

such that

$$(abc - bca)^n = abc - bca \tag{5}$$

$$\text{and } ((\lambda(abc - bca))^m = \lambda(abc - bca) \quad \therefore \lambda \in Z \tag{6}$$

Let $k = k(\lambda) = (n - 1)(m - 1) + 1$. Then $k > 1$ and

$$(abc - bca)^k = abc - bca \tag{7}$$

$$\text{and } (\lambda(abc - bca))^k = \lambda(abc - bca) \tag{8}$$

Since $\lambda \in Z$, (4) becomes

$$\lambda^k(abc - bca)^k = \lambda(abc - bca) \tag{9}$$

Using (7) we get

$$\lambda^k(abc - bca) = \lambda(abc - bca)$$

Since D is a division ring and $-bca \neq 0$, $abc - bca$ is invertible in D .

So, from (9) we get $\lambda^k = \lambda$.

This shows that for every $\lambda \in Z$, there exists an integer $k = k(\lambda) > 1$

Such that $\lambda^k = \lambda$ (10)

But then Z must be a field of characteristic $p \neq 0$. Moreover Z is algebraic over its prime field P , which has p elements. Let $u = abc - bca \neq 0$.

Since $u^k = u$, u is algebraic over P and so algebraic over Z .

$$a \notin Z \text{ for if } a \in Z,$$

Now, $au = a(abc - bca)$
 $= aa(bc) - a(bc)a$

If $u \in Z$, then $au \notin Z$, for if $au \in Z$, then $a \in Z$

And so $abc - bca = 0$, contradictive our assumption.

Without loss of generality we may assume $u \notin Z$ for if $u \in Z$, we would carry our argument for au rather than u .

Consequently u satisfies a minimal polynomial

$$x^t + \lambda_1 x^{t-1} + \lambda_2 x^{t-2} + \dots + \lambda_t = 0 \text{ over } Z \text{ of degree } t > 1,$$

Let $F = P(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_t)$ be the smallest field, containing F and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_t$. Because λ_i are algebraic over P and commute with each other, F is a finite field and has, say, q elements

Clearly if $w \in F$, then $w^q = w$.

Consider the field $F(u)$. The polynomial $x^q - x$ clearly has q roots in F and since it can have at most q roots in (u) , $u \notin F \subset Z$

We can conclude that $u^q \neq u$ (11)

Now $u^t + \lambda_1 u^{t-1} + \lambda_2 u^{t-2} + \lambda_3 u^{t-2} + \dots + \lambda_t = 0$ (12)

So, $0 = (u^t + \lambda_1 u^{t-1} + \lambda_2 u^{t-2} + \lambda_3 u^{t-2} + \dots + \lambda_t)^q$
 $= u^{qt} + \lambda_1^q u^{q(t-1)} + \lambda_2^q u^{q(t-2)} + \dots + \lambda_t^q$
 $= (u^q)^t + \lambda_1 (u^q)^{t-1} + \lambda_2 (u^q)^{t-2} + \dots + \lambda_1$ (using (10))

Thus u and u^q are both roots of the same polynomial over Z . This implies that there is an element $r \in D$ such that $u^q = rur^{-1}$

That is $ru = u^q r$ (13)

Consequently $ru \neq ur$.(For if $ru = ur$, then $ur = u^q r$

and so $u = u^q r r^{-1} = u^q$ contradicting (11)

Let $y = uru - ru^2 = uru - ruu$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \quad yu &= (uru - ru^2)u \\ &= (uu^q r - u^q ru)u \\ &= u^q(uru - ru^2) \\ yu &= u^q y \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

By the hypothesis, there exists an integer $t = t(u, r, u) > 1$ such that

$$y^t = y \tag{15}$$

$$\text{Let } T = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p_{ij} y^i u^j / p_{ij} \in P \right\}$$

T is clearly finite and is an additive subgroup of D .

Since $yu = u^q y, T$ is also closed under multiplication .

Hence T is a finite division ring. By Wedderburn's Theorem, it follows that T is a commutative field. But both u and y are in T .

So $yu = uy$.

Since $yu = u^q y$ we get $uy = u^q y$ and so we get $u = u^q$

which is contradicts $u^q \neq u$,

This contradiction proves that

$$xyz - yzx = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y, z \in D$$

Lemma 3.2

If A is a prime ring in which for every $x, y, z \in A$, there exists an integer

$n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that, $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then A has no non-zero nilpotent elements

Proof

Suppose A has a non-zero nilpotent elements, it has an element $x \neq 0$ such that $x^2 = 0$

If $r \in A$ is any element, we have $xrx = xrx - rxx$

By hypothesis, there is an integer $n = n(x, r, x) > 1$ such that

$$(xrx - rxx)^n = xrx - rxx$$

$$(ie) (xrx)^n = xrx \tag{16}$$

Now $(xrx)^2 = xrx \cdot xrx = xrx^2rx = 0$

And consequently $(xrx)^n = 0$. Then from (16) we get

$$xrx = 0 \quad \forall r \in A$$

Since A is semi prime, $x = 0$

Hence A has no non-zero nilpotent element

Lemma 3.3

If A is any prime ring in which for every $x, y, z \in A$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that $(xyz - yzx)^n = (xyz - yzx)$. Then any idempotent in A is in the center of A

Proof

Let $e \in A$ be any idempotent element

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } e^2 &= e \text{ Now } (xe - exe)^2 = (xe - exe)(xe - exe) \\ &= xexe - xe^2xe - exexe + exe^2xe \\ &= xexe - xexe - exexe + exexe \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since A has no non-zero nilpotent element, we get $xe - exe = 0$

$$(ie) xe = exe$$

$$III^{ly} (ex - exe)^2 = 0 \text{ and so } ex = exe$$

Thus $ex = xe$ for all $x \in A$

Hence e belongs to the center of A

Theorem 3.4

Let A be a primitive ring in which for every $x, y, z \in A$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then A is cyclic commutative.

Proof

Since A is a primitive ring, it has a maximal right ideal I which contains no non-zero two-sided ideal of A .

Thus $I \wedge Z = (0)$ where z is a center of A , for if $I \wedge Z \neq (0)$ then there exists a non-zero

$x \in I \wedge Z$, Then $xA = Ax \subset I$ is a two-sided ideal of A which contain in I .

$$\text{So } xA = Ax = (0)$$

Since A is primitive, we get $x = 0$.

Let $x, y, z \in I$ By the hypothesis there exists a positive integer

$$n = n(x, y, z) > 1 \text{ such that } (xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$$

Let $e = (xyz - yzx)^{n-1} \in I$. Then $e^2 = e$. By lemma 3.3 $e \in Z$.

That is $e \in I \cap Z$

Since $I \cap Z = (0)$ we get $e^2 = 0$

Thus $0 = e(xyz - yzx)$

$$= (xyz - yzx)^{n-1}(xyz - yzx)$$

$$= (xyz - yzx)^n$$

$$= xyz - yzx$$

(ie) $xyz - yzx = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in I$,

Theorem 3.5

If A be a semi-simple ring in which for every $x, y, z \in A$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then A is cyclic commutative.

Proof

Let A is semi-simple ring,

In the sense of Jacobson, A is isomorphic to a sub-direct sum of primitive rings, A_α .

Each of these primitive rings A_α is a homomorphic image of A and so inherits the property that for every $x, y, z \in A_\alpha$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that

$$(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx.$$

By theorem 4, these primitive rings A_α are cyclic commutative rings and so A is cyclic commutative.

Theorem 3.6

Let A be a ring in which for every $x, y, z \in A$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ Such that, $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then A is cyclic commutative

Proof

Let N be the radical of A . Then A/N is semi-simple and so by theorem 5

$$A/N \text{ is cyclic commutative.}$$

Thus $xyz - yzx \in N$ for all $x, y, z \in A$. More over there exists an integer

$n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ Such that, $(xyz - yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$

Let $e = (xyz - yzx)^{n-1}$

Then $e^2 = e$ says e is an idempotent and $e \in N$. But the only idempotent element in the radical is 0. So $e = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ie)} \quad 0 &= e(xyz - yzx) \\ &= (xyz - yzx)^{n-1}(xyz - yzx) \\ &= (xyz - yzx)^n \\ &= xyz - yzx \end{aligned}$$

(ie) $xyz - yzx = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z \in A$

Then A is cyclic commutative.

Theorem 3.7

Let R be a ring in which $(xyz + yzx)^2 = xyz + yzx$ for all $x, y, z \in R$. Then, R is anti-cyclic commutative (ie) $xyz + yzx = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in R$.

Proof

Suppose that $xyz = 0$

Then $yzx = xyz + yzx$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (xyz + yzx)^2 \\ &= (yzx)^2 = yzxyzx \\ yzx &= yz(xyz)x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by lemma 2.10, every idempotent element is central.

So $(xyz + yzx) \in Z(R)$ (17)

Hence $x(xyz + yzx) = (xyz + yzx)x$

(ie) $x^2yz + xyzx = xyzx + yzx^2$

(ie) $x^2yz = yzx^2$ for all $x, y, z \in R$ (18)

Then by lemma 2.13, $(xyz)^2 = (yzx)^2$ (19)

Also $yz(xyz + yzx) = (xyz + yzx)yz$

$yzxyz + (yz)^2x = x(yz)^2 + yzxyz$

$(yz)^2x = x(yz)^2$ for all $x, y, z \in R$ (20)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (-xyz - yzx) &= (-xyz - yzx)^2 \\
 &= (xyz + yzx)^2 \\
 &= (xyz + yzx) \\
 \text{(ie) } 2(xyz + yzx) &= 0 \tag{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (xyz + yzx)^2 &= (xyz)^2 + (yzx)^2 + (xyz)(yzx) + (yzx)(xyz) \\
 &= (xyz)^2 + (xyz)^2 + x(yz)^2x + (yz)x^2(yz) \quad \text{(using (19))} \\
 &= 2(xyz)^2 + x \cdot x(yz)^2 + x^2(yz)(yz) \quad \text{----- using (18) and (20)} \\
 &= 2(xyz)^2 + 2x^2(yz)^2 \\
 (xyz + yzx)^2 &= 2\{(xyz)^2 + x^2(yz)^2\} \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (xyz + yzx) &= (xyz + yzx)^2 \\
 &\quad \text{multiplying by } xyz + yzx \\
 (xyz + yzx)^2 &= (xyz + yzx)^3 \\
 (xyz + yzx) &= (xyz + yzx)^2 \cdot (xyz + yzx) \\
 &= 2\{(xyz)^2 + x^2(yz)^2\}(xyz + yzx) \\
 &= \{(xyz)^2 + x^2(yz)^2\}2(xyz + yzx) \\
 (xyz + yzx) &= 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y, z \in R \quad \text{using (21)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence R is anti-cyclic commutative

Lemma 3.8

Let R be a ring. Suppose for any $a, b \in R$, there exists positive integers

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(a) > 0 \text{ and } n(b) > 0 \text{ such that } a^{n(a)} &= a \text{ and } a^{n(b)} = b, \text{ then } a^t = a \text{ and } b^t = b \\
 \text{where } t &= (n(a) - 1)(n(b) - 1) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

More over if $n(a)$ and $n(b)$ are even then t is even

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^t &= a^{(n(a)-1)(n(b)-1)+1} \\
 &= a^{(n(a)-1)(n(b)-1)+1} \cdot a \\
 &= a^{n(a)n(b) - n(a) - n(b) + 2} \\
 &= a^{n(a)n(b)} a^{-n(a)} a^{-n(b)} a^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a^{n(a)})^{n(b)} a^{-n(a)} a^{-n(b)} a^2 \\
 &= a^{n(b)} a^{-1} a^{-n(b)} a^2
 \end{aligned}$$

(ie) $a^t = a$

Similarly $b^t = b$. More over t is even if $n(a)$ and $n(b)$ are both even

Lemma 3.9

Let R be a ring in which $xyz = 0$ implies $yzx = 0$. Then $a^k r = 0$ implies $(ar)^k = 0$ for all $a, r \in R$ and for all positive integer $k \geq 1$. Also $ra^k = 0$ implies $(ra)^k = 0$ for all $a, r \in R$

Proof

Let $a, r \in R$ and $k \geq 1$ be any integer

Now $a^k r = 0 \Rightarrow a^{k-1} ar = 0$

$\Rightarrow ar a^{k-1} = 0$ (by the hypothesis of theorem)

$\Rightarrow ar a^{k-1} r = 0$

$\Rightarrow ar a^{k-2} ar = 0$

$\Rightarrow ar (a^{k-2} ar) = 0$

$\Rightarrow ar \cdot ar a^{k-2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow (ar)^2 a^{k-2} r = 0$

$\Rightarrow (ar)^2 a^{k-3} ar = 0$

$\Rightarrow ((ar)^2 a^{k-3}) ar = 0$

$\Rightarrow a^{k-3} (ar) (ar)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow a^{k-3} (ar)^3 = 0$

Proceeding we get $(ar)^k = 0 \quad \forall a, r \in R$ and for all integer $k \geq 1$

Similarly $ra^k = 0$ implies $(ra)^k = 0$

Theorem 3.10

Let R be a ring with unity in which for every $x, y, z \in R$, there exists an even integer $n = n(x, y, z) \geq 2$ depending on x, y, z such that $(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx$

Then R is anti-cyclic commutative

Proof

By lemma 3.8, there exists an even integer $n = n(x, y, z) = n(-x, y, z) \geq 2$

$$\text{Such that } (xyz + yzx)^n = (xyz + yzx) \tag{23}$$

$$\text{Then } (-xyz - yzx)^n = (-xyz - yzx) \tag{24}$$

$$\text{Since } n \text{ is even, } (xyz + yzx)^n = (-xyz - yzx)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } xyz + yzx &= (xyz + yzx)^n = (-xyz - yzx)^n \\ &= -xyz - yzx \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2(xyz + yzx) = 0 \tag{25}$$

Taking $y = z = 1$, in (25) we get

$$4x = 0$$

Taking $y = z = 1$, in (1) we get

$$2x = (2x)^n = 2^n x^n = 0 \text{ if } n \geq 2$$

Thus R is of characteristic 2. We know a ring R of characteristic 2 is anti cyclic commutative if R is cyclic commutative. In such a ring, the hypothesis of the theorem reduces to that of theorem 3.6 and the result follows from theorem 3.6.

Theorem 3.11

Let R be a near-ring (left) with unity 1. suppose that for any $x, y, z \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ depending on x, y, z with $(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx$.

Then $ayz + yza = 0$ for all $y, z \in R$ and for all $a \in N$, where N is the set of all nilpotent elements of R .

Proof

If $xyz = 0$, then for any integer $m > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (xyz + yzx)^m &= (yzx)^m = (yzx)^2(yzx)^{m-2} \\ &= (yzx)(yzx)(yzx)^{m-2} \\ &= yz(xyz)x(yzx)^{m-2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ie) } xyz = 0 \text{ implies } (xyz + yzx)^m = 0 \text{ for all } m > 1 \tag{26}$$

Now by the hypothesis of the theorem, there exists a even integer

$$n = n(x, y, z) > 1 \text{ such that } (xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx \tag{27}$$

From (1) and (2) we get

$$xyz + yzx = 0$$

(ie) $yzx = 0$

(ie) $xyz = 0$ implies $yzx = 0$ for all $x, y, z \in N$ (28)

Let $a \in N$, where N is the set of all nilpotent elements of R . We shall prove by induction on the degree of nilpotence of a that $ayz + yza = 0$ for all $y, z \in R$

Suppose that $a^2 = 0$

Then $a^2r = 0$ for all $r \in R$

(ie) $aar = 0$. This implies $ara = 0$ for all $r \in R$ (using 28) (29)

Now, $ayz(ayz + yza) = (ayza)yz + a(yz)^2a = 0$ (using 29) (30)

Also $yza(ayz + yza) = yza^2yz + yza(yz)a = 0$ (using 29 and $a^2 = 0$) (31)

(30) + (31) gives $(ayz + yza)^2 = 0$ (32)

Hence, $(ayz + yza)^m = 0$ for all $m > 1$

Now by the hypothesis of the theorem, there exists an integer $n = n(a, y, z) > 1$ such that

$$(ayz + yza)^n = (ayz + yza) \tag{33}$$

From (32) and (33) we get, $(ayz + yza) = 0$ for all $y, z \in R$ and for all $a \in N$ with $a^2 = 0$ (34)

Assume that,

$ayz + yza = 0$ for all $y, z \in R$ and for all $a \in N$ whose degree of nilpotence is less than n . (35)

Let $a \in N$ such that the degree of nilpotence is n .

Then $a^n = 0$

Now $a^n = 0$ implies $(a^{n-1})^2 = a^{2n-2} = (a^n)^2 a^{-2} = 0$

Hence a^{n-1} is nilpotent whose degree of nilpotence is $n-1$.

Hence a^{n-1} satisfy the equation (34)

(ie) $a^{n-1}yz + yza^{n-1} = 0$ for all $y, z \in R$ (36)

If z is replaced by za we get

$$a^{n-1}yza + yza^n = 0 \text{ for all } y, z \in R \tag{37}$$

Since $a^n = 0$, we have $a^n yz = 0 = yza^n$

Hence $a^{n-1}yza + a^n yz = 0$

$$(ie) a^{n-1}(yza + ayz) = 0 \tag{38}$$

By Lemma 3.9 we get $(a(yza + ayz))^{n-1} = 0$

So, $a(yza + ayz) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a(yza + ayz)yz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (yza + ayz)yza = 0 \tag{39}$$

Also, if y is replaced by ay in (36) we get

$$a^n yz + ayza^{n-1} = 0 \tag{40}$$

Since $a^n = 0$, we have $a^n yz = yza^n = 0$

Hence $yza^n + ayza^{n-1} = 0$

$$(yza + ayz)a^{n-1} = 0$$

By Lemma 3.9 $((yza + ayz)a)^{n-1} = 0$

So $(yza + ayz)a = 0$

$$\Rightarrow yz(yza + ayz)a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (yza + ayz)ayz = 0 \tag{41}$$

(39) + (41) gives

$$(ayz + yza)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } (ayz + yza)^m = 0 \text{ for all } m > 1 \tag{42}$$

Now by the hypothesis of the theorem, there exists an integer

$$n = n(a, y, z) > 1 \text{ such that } (ayz + yza)^n = (ayz + yza) \tag{43}$$

From (42) and (43) we get

$$(ayz + yza) = 0 \text{ } y, z \in R \text{ and for all } a \in N.$$

Hence theorem

Lemma 3.12

Let R be a near – ring with unity 1. Suppose that for any $x, y, z \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n = n(x, y, z)$ depending on x, y, z with $(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx$.

Then the nilpotent elements of R are distributive

Proof

Let $a \in N$

$$\text{Then } (-a)(-a) = -((-a)a) \quad (44)$$

(In a left near ring $x \cdot (-y) = -xy$)

By Theorem 3.11, $ayz + yza = 0 \quad \forall y, z \in R$

Taking $z = 1, y = -a$ we get

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

$$\text{which gives } a(-a) = -((-a)a) \quad (45)$$

Form (44) and (45) we get

$$(-a)^2 = a(-a) \quad (46)$$

Also $0 = a \cdot 0 = a(-a + a)$

$$= a(-a) + a^2$$

Which gives

$$a(-a) = -a^2 \quad (47)$$

(46) and (47) gives

$$(-a)^2 = -a^2$$

This implies $(-a)^n = -a^n$ for all integer $n \geq 1$

Hence $a \in N$ implies $-a \in N$

Hence by Theorem 3.11

$$(-a)yz + yz(-a) = 0 \quad \forall y, z \in R$$

Taking $z = 1$ we get

$$(-a)y + y(-a) = 0 \quad \forall y \in R$$

This implies

$$(-a)y = -y(-a) = ya \quad \forall y \in R \quad (48)$$

So, for all $x, y \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y)a &= (-a)(x + y) && \text{(using 48)} \\ &= (-a)x + (-a)y && \text{(left near - ring)} \\ &= xa + ya && \text{((using (5))} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(x + y)a = xa + ya \quad \forall x, y \in R$ and for all $a \in N$

Lemma 3.13

Let R be a distributively generated near-ring with unity. Suppose that for every $x, y, z \in R$ there exists a positive integer

$n = n(x, y, z)$ depending on x, y, z with $(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx$. Then $(R, +)$ is abelian.

Proof

Let $a \in N$ be arbitrary By Theorem 3.11

$$ayz + yza = 0 \quad \forall y, z \in R$$

Taking $y = z = 1$, we get

$$a \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot a = 0 \quad \forall a \in N$$

(ie) $a + a = 0$ for all $a \in N$

(ie) $2a = 0 \quad \forall a \in N$. That is N is of characteristic 2

Then, $(N, +)$ is abelian

Let $a, b \in N$. Then $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in N$

Also by the hypothesis

$$(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz + yzx \quad \forall x, y, z \in R$$

where $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$.

Take $x = y = z = 1$, we get

$$(1 + 1)^n = 1 + 1 \quad \text{for some } n > 1$$

So, $(R, +)$ is torsion. If R is sub-directly irreducible, then $(R, +)$ is a p -group where p is a prime number.

Putting 2, we get $(1 + 1) \in N$ This implies $(1 + 1)$ is distributive

So $(R, +)$ is abelian. (Hence R is a ring)

Theorem 3.14

Let R be a distributively generated near-ring with unity 1. If for every $x, y, z \in R$, there exists an integer $n = n(x, y, z) > 1$ such that $(xyz + yzx)^n = xyz - yzx$. Then

R is a cyclic commutative ring

Proof

By lemma 3.13, $(R, +)$ is an abelian group. Hence R is a ring cyclic commutativity follows from Theorem

3.6

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