

## On n-Weakly Regular Rings

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### المخلص

كتعميم للحلقات المنتظمة بضعف، نُعرِّف الحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط  $n$  على إنها لكل  $a \in N(R)$  فإن  $a \in aRaR$  وتسمى هذه الحلقة حلقة منتظمة بضعف من النمط  $n$ . في هذا البحث أعطينا خواص متنوعة للحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط  $n$  وكذلك درسنا العلاقة بين تلك الحلقات والحلقات المختزلة بإضافة بعض أنواع الحلقات ومنها الحلقات من النمط NCI و MC2 و SNF .

### ABSTRACT

As a generalization of right weakly regular rings, we introduce the notion of right  $n$ -weakly regular rings, i.e. for all  $a \in N(R)$ ,  $a \in aRaR$ . In this paper, first give various properties of right  $n$ -weakly regular rings. Also, we study the relation between such rings and reduced rings by adding some types of rings, such as NCI, MC2 and SNF rings.

### Introduction:

Throughout this paper a ring  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary. For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the left(right) annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  is denoted by  $r(X)(l(X))$ . If  $X=\{a\}$ , we usually abbreviate it to  $r(a)(l(a))$ . We write  $J(R)$ , and  $N(R)$ , for the Jacobson radical and the set of nilpotent elements respectively.

The center of the ring  $R$  is denoted by  $Cent(R)$  and it is  $Cent(R) = \{a \in R / ar = ra \quad \forall r \in R\}$ . A ring  $R$  is called  $n$ -regular if for all  $a \in N(R)$ ,  $a \in aRa$  [7]. A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $N$  flat if for any  $a \in N(R)$ , the mapping  $1_M \otimes i: M \otimes_R Ra \rightarrow M \otimes_R R$  is monic, where  $i: Ra \rightarrow R$  is the inclusion mapping [8]. A ring  $R$  is called right (left) SNF if every simple right(left)  $R$ -module is  $N$  flat [8].

A ring  $R$  is called *semiprime* if it has no nilpotent ideals [6]. A ring  $R$  is called *reduced* if  $N(R) = 0$  [6], or equivalently,  $a^2=0$  implies  $a=0$  in  $R$  for all  $a \in R$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is *MERT*(resp. *MELT*), if every maximal essential right (resp. left) ideal of  $R$  is an ideal [9].

## 2. n -Weakly Regular Ring

This section is devoted to give the definition of  $n$ -weakly regular rings with some of its characterizations and basic properties.

A ring  $R$  is *right (left) weakly regular* [6], if  $a \in aRaR$  ( $RaRa$ ) for every  $a \in R$ . We called  $R$  is weakly regular if it is both right and left weakly regular.

### Definition 2.1

A ring  $R$  is to be *right (left) n-weakly regular* if  $a \in aRaR$  ( $a \in RaRa$ ) for all  $a \in N(R)$ . We say that  $R$  is  $n$ -weakly regular if it is right and left  $n$ -weakly regular ring.

Clearly every weakly regular rings are *n-weakly regular*.

**Examples:**

- 1- Every reduced ring is n-weakly regular.
- 2- Every n-regular ring is n-weakly regular ring.
- 3- The ring  $Z_6$  of integers modulo 6, is reduced, n-regular, weakly regular ring, so it is n- weakly regular.
- 4- Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} Z_2 & Z_2 \\ Z_2 & Z_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, N(R) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .  $R$  is n-regular, weakly regular ring, so it is n- weakly regular but  $R$  not reduced ring.
- 5- The ring  $Z$  of integer number is reduced, n-regular, so it is n- weakly regular but  $Z$  is not weakly regular ring.

**Proposition 2.2**

$R$  is a right n-weakly regular ring if and only if  $aR$  is idempotent right ideal for all  $a \in N(R)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $R$  is a right n-weakly regular ring and  $I$  is a principal right ideal of  $R$  generated by a nilpotent element, then there exists  $a \in N(R)$  such that  $I = aR$ , clearly  $I^2 \subseteq I$ .

On the other hand, since  $R$  is right n-weakly, then there exists  $y, z \in R$  such that  $a = ayaz$ . Now let  $x \in I$ , then there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $x = ar = ayazr \in I^2$ . Therefore  $I \subseteq I^2$ . Hence  $I^2 = I$ .

Conversly, Let  $a \in N(R)$ , since  $aR$  is idempotent right ideal of  $R$ , so  $a \in aR = aRaR$ . Therefore  $R$  is right n-weakly regular ring. ■

**Proposition 2.3**

Let  $R$  be a right n-weakly regular ring. If  $aR \subseteq I$ , for  $a \in N(R)$  and  $I$  is right or left ideal. Then  $aRI = aR$ .

**Proof:**

It is clearly that  $bRI \subseteq bR$  for any  $b \in R$ . Now let  $a \in N(R)$  and  $x \in aR$ , then there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $x = ar$ . Since  $R$  is right n-weakly regular ring then there exists  $y, z \in R$  such that  $a = ayaz$ ,  $x = ayazr$ , hence  $azr \in aR \subseteq I$ . So  $aR \subseteq aRI$ . Therefore  $aRI = aR$ . ■

**Corollary 2.4**

Let  $R$  be a ring for all  $a \in N(R)$  and any  $I$  right or left ideal of  $R$  such that  $aR \subseteq I$ . Then the following condition are equivalent:

- 1-  $R$  is right n-weakly regular.
- 2- For all  $a \in N(R)$ ,  $aRI = aR$ .

**Proof:**

- 1  $\rightarrow$  2 by Proposition 2.3.
- 2  $\rightarrow$  1 Let  $I = aR$  and by Proposition 2.2. ■

**Proposition 2.5**

Let  $R$  be a right n-weakly regular ring. Then  $N(R) \cap Cent(R) = 0$

**Proof :**

If  $N(R) \cap Cent(R) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $0 \neq a \in N(R) \cap Cent(R)$  such that  $a^2 = 0$ . since  $R$  is right n-weakly regular then there exists  $y, z \in R$  such that  $a = ayaz = a^2yz = 0yz = 0$  ( $a \in Cent(R)$ ). Therefore  $a = 0$ . This is shows that  $N(R) \cap Cent(R) = 0$ . ■

**Corollary 2.6**

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then  $R$  is reduced if and only if  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular.

**Lemma 2.7 [2]**

- 1- Every one sided or two sided nil ideal of  $R$  is contained in  $J(R)$ .
- 2- In any ring  $R$ ,  $a \in J(R)$  if and only if  $1-ar$  is invertible for all  $r \in R$ .

Now we have the following proposition

**Theorem 2.8**

Let  $R$  be a right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. Then  $N(R) \cap J(R) = 0$ .

**Proof:**

If  $a \in N(R) \cap J(R)$ , then there exists  $y, z \in R$  such that  $a = ayaz$ . Hence  $a(1-yaz) = 0$ , since  $a \in J$ ,  $yaz \in J$ , then by Lemma 2.7(2), there exists invertible element  $v \in R$  such that  $(1-yaz)v = 1$ . So  $(a-ayaz)v = a$ , yield  $a = 0$ . Therefore  $N(R) \cap J(R) = 0$ . ■

Let  $R$  be a ring we denoted to the upper nil radical for a ring  $R$  by  $Nil^*(R)$  and it is the sum of nil ideal in the ring  $R$ .

**Corollary 2.9**

Let  $R$  be a right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. Then  $Nil^*(R) = 0$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $I$  be a left or right or two sided nil ideal, by Lemma 2.7(1), we have that  $I \subseteq J(R)$ ,  $I \subseteq N(R) \cap J(R) = 0$ , Theorem 2.8,  $I = 0$ , which is a contradiction. So  $R$  not contain any nil ideal. Therefore  $Nil^*(R) = 0$ . ■

**Corollary 2.10**

Let  $R$  be a right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. Then  $R$  is semiprime ring.

**Proof:**

Let  $I$  be a nilpotent right ideal then  $I \subseteq N(R) \cap J(R) = 0$  (Theorem 2.8)  $I = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is semiprime ring. ■

**3. The Connection between n-Weakly Regular Rings and Other Rings.**

In this section we gives the connection between  $n$ -weakly regular rings and reduced rings, SNF rings.

**Proposition 3.1**

The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .

- 1-  $R$  is reduced.
- 2-  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular and  $N(R)$  forms a right ideal of  $R$ .
- 3-  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular and  $N(R)$  forms a left ideal of  $R$ .
- 4-  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular and NI ring.
- 5-  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular and  $N(R) \subseteq J(R)$ .

**Proof:**

$1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5$ ,  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5$  it is trivial.

$5 \rightarrow 1$

Suppose that  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. So  $N(R) \cap J(R) = 0$ , (Theorem 2.8). Since  $N(R) \subseteq J(R)$ , then  $N(R) \cap J(R) = N(R) = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is reduced. ■

**Theorem 3.2**

Let  $R$  be a ring with  $aR=Ra$ , for all  $a \in N(R)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1-  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular.
- 2-  $R$  is  $n$ -regular.
- 3-  $R$  is reduced.

**Proof:**

1  $\rightarrow$  2

Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ , such that  $a^2=0$ . Since  $R$  is a right  $n$ -weakly regular, then  $a \in aR=aRaR$  (Proposition 2.1)

$$= aRRa \text{ (} Ra=aR \text{)}$$

$$= aRa.$$

so  $a \in aRa$ , hence  $R$  is  $n$ -regular.

2  $\rightarrow$  3

Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ , such that  $a^2=0$ . Since  $R$  is a right  $n$ -regular, then there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $a=aba$  since  $aR=Ra$  there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $ab=xa$ , so  $a=aba=xa^2=x0=0$ . Therefore  $R$  is reduced.

3  $\rightarrow$  1 It is trivial. ■

A ring  $R$  is called NCI provided that  $N(R)$  contains a non zero ideal of  $R$  whenever  $N(R) \neq 0$  [1].

**Lemma 3.3 [1]**

Let  $R$  be a ring with  $N(R) \neq 0$ . Then  $R$  is NCI if and only if  $N^*(R) \neq 0$ .

**Proportion 3.4**

Let  $R$  be a NCI ring, then  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular if and only if  $R$  is reduced.

**Proof:**

Let  $N(R) \neq 0$ , since  $R$  is NCI ring from Lemma 3.3, we get that  $N^*(R) \neq 0$  but  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular,  $N^*(R)=0$  (Corollary 2.9), which is contradiction. So  $N(R)=0$ . Therefore  $R$  is reduced. ■

A ring  $R$  is called weakly reversible if and only if for all  $a,b,r \in R$  such that  $ab=0$ ,  $Rbra$  is a nil left ideal of  $R$  (equivalently  $braR$  is nil right ideal of  $R$ ). Clearly ZI ring is weakly reversible [4].

**Proposition 3.5**

A ring  $R$  be right  $n$ -weakly regular ring and weakly reversible if and only if  $R$  is reduced.

**Proof:**

Let  $a \in R$  with  $a^2=0$ . Then  $a=ayaz$  for some  $y,z \in R$  because  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. Since  $R$  is weakly reversible then  $ayaR$  is nil right ideal of  $R$  so  $ayaR \subseteq J(R) \cap N(R) = 0$  (Lemma 2.7(1) & Theorem 2.8) we get  $ayaR=0$ , in particular  $a=ayaz=0$ . Therefore  $R$  is reduced.

Converse, it is trivial. ■

Recall that a ring  $R$  is right MC2 if  $K \cong eR$  is simple,  $e^2=e$ , then  $K=gR$  for some  $g^2=g$  [5].

**Lemma 3.6 [9]**

Let  $R$  be a left MC2, right SNF ring and MELT ring. Then  $R$  is a semiprime ring and right non singular.

**Theorem 3.7 [9]**

Let  $I$  be a right ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then  $R/I$  is  $N$  flat if and only if  $Ia = I \cap Ma$  for all  $a \in N(R)$ .

**Theorem 3.8**

Let  $R$  be right SNF, left MC2 and MELT ring. Then  $R$  is left  $n$ -weakly regular ring.

**Proof:**

From Lemma 3.6, we get that  $R$  is a semiprime ring and  $a \in N(R)$ . If  $RaR + l(a) \neq R$ , then there exists a maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $RaR + l(a)$ , if  $M$  is not essential then we can write  $M = l(e)$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$  and  $e \neq 0$ , since  $RaRe = 0$  because  $RaR \subseteq M$ ,  $(ReRa)^2 = 0$  implies  $ReRa = 0$  (since  $R$  is semiprime)  $ReRa = 0$  in particular  $ea = 0$  and  $e \in l(a) \subseteq M = l(e)$ , then  $e^2 = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $M$  is an essential, since  $R$  is MELT ring, then  $M$  is a two sided ideal then there exists a maximal right ideal  $L$  in  $R$  containing  $M$ , since  $R$  is right SNF ring then  $R/L$  is  $N$  flat right  $R$ -module,  $a = ma$  for some  $m \in M$  (Theorem 3.7),  $(1-m)a = 0$ ,  $1-m \in l(a) \subseteq M \subseteq L$  therefore  $1-m \in L$  implies  $1 \in L$  which is a contradiction, therefore  $RaR + l(a) = R$  for all  $a \in N(R)$ . Thus  $R$  is left  $n$ -weakly regular ring. ■

**Theorem 3.9**

Let  $R$  be MELT and right SNF ring with  $RaR$  is essential for all  $a \in N(R)$ , Then  $R$  is left  $n$ -weakly regular ring.

**Proof:**

Let  $a \in N(R)$ . If  $RaR + l(a) \neq R$  then there exists a maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $RaR + l(a)$ , since  $RaR$  is left annihilator of a nilpotent element by the hypothesis  $RaR$  is essential left ideal in  $R$ ,  $M$  is an essential ideal of  $R$  (MELT ring), there exists a maximal right ideal  $L$  in  $R$  such that  $M \subseteq L$ . Since  $R$  is right SNF ring, then  $R/L$  is  $N$  flat right  $R$ -module,  $a = ma$  for some  $m \in M$  (Theorem 3.7),  $1-m \in l(a) \subseteq M \subseteq L$  implies  $1 \in L$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $RaR + l(a) = R$  for all  $a \in N(R)$ , and so  $R$  is left  $n$ -weakly regular ring. ■

**Definition 3.10 [8]**

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *nil*-injective, if for any  $a \in N(R)$ , any right  $R$ -homomorphism  $f: aR \rightarrow M$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow M$ , or equivalently  $f = m \cdot$ , where  $m \in M$ .

The ring  $R$  is called right *nil*-injective if  $R_R$  is right *nil*-injective. Clearly a reduced ring is a right *nil*-injective and  $n$ -regular ring is a right *nil*-injective [8].

**Theorem 3.11**

Let  $R$  be a semiprime ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -module are *nil*-injective. Then  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring.

**Proof:**

Let  $a \in N(R)$ . We claim that  $RaR + r(a) = R$  if not, there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $RaR + r(a)$ . If  $M$  is not essential in  $R$  then  $M = r(e)$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Since  $Rae \subseteq RaR \subseteq M = r(e)$ ,  $eRae = 0$ ,  $(aeR)^2 = 0$  but  $R$  is semiprime,  $aeR = 0$ , so  $ae = 0$ . Thus  $e \in r(a) \subseteq M = r(e)$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is essential right ideal in  $R$  and so  $R/M$  is *nil*-injective. Define a mapping  $f: aR \rightarrow R/M$  such that  $f(ar) = r + M$ , let  $x, y \in R$  such that  $ax = ay$ ,  $a(x-y) = 0$ ,  $(x-y) + M = f(a(x-y)) = f(0) = M$ , then  $x-y \in M$ ,  $x + M = y + M$ ,

$f(ax)=x+M=y+M=f(ay)$ ,  $f$  is well define.  $1+M=f(a)=(b+M)(a+M)=ba+M$ ,  $1-ba \in M$ , since  $ba \in RaR \subseteq M$  then  $1 \in M$  which is a contradiction, so  $RaR+r(a)=R$ , in particular there is  $y,z \in R$  and  $v \in r(a)$  such that  $yaz+v=1$ ,  $ayaz+av=a$ ,  $a=ayaz$ . Therefore  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. ■

**Proposition 3.12**

Let  $R$  be a ring whose simple right  $R$ -module are nil-injective. Then  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring.

**Proof:**

Assume that  $a \in R$  such that  $aRa=0$ . Then  $RaR \subseteq r(a)$ . If  $a \neq 0$  then there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  containing  $r(a)$ . By hypothesis  $R/M$  is nil-injective. We define a mapping  $f : aR \rightarrow R/M$  such that  $f(ar)=r+M$ ,  $f$  is well define similar to Theorem 3.11, so there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $1+M=f(a)=ba+M$ ,  $1-ba \in M$  because  $ba \in RaR \subseteq M$  then  $1 \in M$  which is a contradiction, so  $a=0$ . Therefore  $R$  is a semiprime ring, by Theorem 3.11 we get that  $R$  is right  $n$ -weakly regular ring. ■

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