

## On Local Rings

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### المخلص

تسمى الحلقة  $R$  بالحلقة المحلية اذا امتلكت مثالي أعظمي وحيد. في هذا البحث قدمنا بعض الخواص الأساسية لهذه الحلقة، كذلك درسنا العلاقة بين الحلقات المحلية والحلقات المنتظمة حسب مفهوم نيومان والحلقات المنتظمة بقوة .

### ABSTRACT

A ring  $R$  is called local ring if it has exactly one maximal ideal . In this paper, we introduce some characterization and basic properties of this ring. Also ,we studied the relation between local rings and Von Neumann regular rings and strongly regular rings .

**Keywords:** local, Von Neumann regular and strongly regular rings

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes associative rings with identity; all modules are unitary. For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the right (left) annihilator of  $X$  is denoted by  $r(X)$  ( $l(X)$ ). If  $X=\{a\}$ , we usually abbreviate it to  $r(a)$  ( $l(a)$ ). We write  $J(R)$ ,  $Y(R)$ ,  $N(R)$  and  $U(R)$  for the Jacobson radical, right singular ideal, the set of all nilpotent elements of an  $R$  and the set of all invertible elements of an  $R$  respectively. A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $P$ -injective, if for any principal right ideal  $aR$  of an  $R$  and any right  $R$ -homomorphism of an  $aR$  into an  $M$  can be extended to one of an  $R$  into an  $M$ . The ring  $R$  is called right  $P$ -injective if an  $R_R$  is  $P$ -injective [8]. An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be essential if and only if  $I$  has a non-zero intersection with every non-zero ideal of an  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is reduced if  $N(R)=0$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be Von Neumann regular (or just regular ) if and only if for each  $a$  in  $R$  there exists  $b$  in  $R$  such that  $a=aba$  [6]. A ring  $R$  is said to be right (left) quasi duo ring if every right (left) maximal ideal in  $R$  is right (left) ideal [ 7].

### 2. The Local Rings:

This section is devoted to give the definition of local rings with some of its characterization and basic properties.

**2.1. Definition [3] :** A ring  $R$  is said to be a local ring ,if any one of the following conditions holds:

- 1)  $R$  has a unique maximal right ideal.
- 2)  $R$  has a unique maximal left ideal.
- 3)  $R/J(R)$  is a division ring.
- 4)  $R \setminus U(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$  (all non-invertible elements of  $R$  form a proper ideal )  
i.e.  $J(R)$  is the set of all non-invertible elements of  $R$ .
- 5)  $R \setminus U(R)$  is a group under addition.

- 6) For any  $n$ ,  $a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n \in U(R)$  implies that some  $a_i \in U(R)$   
 7)  $a+b \in U(R)$  implies that  $a \in U(R)$  or  $b \in U(R)$ .

**2.2. Proposition [1] :** For any non-zero ring  $R$ , the following statements are equivalent

- 1)  $R$  is a local ring.
- 2) if  $a \in R$ , then either  $a$  or  $1-a$  is invertible.

Hazeinkel and Gubareni in [1] proved the following result:

**2.3. Lemma [2] :** Let  $R$  be a ring, all of whose non-invertible elements are nilpotent, then,  $R$  is a local ring.

As a consequence of this result and by using Proposition(2.3), we obtain the following result.

**2.4. Proposition :** Let an  $R$  be a local ring. Then, every element in an  $R$  is either invertible or nilpotent.

**Proof :** Suppose that an  $R$  is a local ring and let  $a$  be a non-invertible element in  $R$ , then by Proposition (2.2),  $1-a$  is invertible, that is there exists  $u$  in  $R$  such that  $(1-a)u=1$ , and that can be held when  $U=1+a+a^2+\dots+a^{n-1} \in R$  and  $(1-a)(1+a+a^2+\dots+a^{n-1})=1$ , but  $1-a^n = (1-a)(1+a+a^2+\dots+a^{n-1})=1$ . Hence,  $a^n=0$  and therefore,  $a$  is nilpotent element ■

**2.5. Corollary :** Let an  $R$  be a local ring. Then,  $N(R)=J(R)$ .

**Proof :** Let  $0 \neq a \in J(R)$ . Then,  $a$  is non-invertible element. Thus, by Proposition (2.4)  $a$  is nilpotent element, that is  $a \in N(R)$  Therefore,  $J(R) \subset N(R)$ . It is clear that  $N(R) \subset J(R)$  [5]. Therefore,  $N(R)=J(R)$  ■

**Remark:** If an  $R$  is a local ring, then  $J(R)$  is nilideal.

In the next proposition, we give the necessary condition for  $R/I$  to be a local ring.

**2.6. Proposition :** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $I$  be a primary ideal. Then,  $R/I$  is a local ring.

**Proof :** Suppose that  $\bar{a}=(a+I)$  is for every  $a \in R$ . To prove that  $R/I$  is a local ring. It is enough to show that  $R/I$  has exactly two idempotent elements which are  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  [3]. Let  $a \in R$  such that  $\bar{a}$  be a non-zero idempotent element of  $R/I$ , we have  $a^2-a \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a primary ideal of an  $R$  and  $a \notin I$ , then there exists a non-negative integer  $n$  such that  $(a-1)^n \in I$ . By the binomial theorem (which is valid in any commutative ring),  $(a-1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} a^k \in I$ . Now, we prove by mathematical induction; first we claim that for each  $k \geq 2$ ,  $a^k = a+x(1+a+\dots+a^{k-2})$ . Indeed; it is certainly true for  $k=2$ , that is  $a^2 = a+x$ . Now, suppose the statement is true for  $k$ , then we get the following equalities  $a^{k+1} = a^2+x(a+a^2+\dots+a^{k-1}) = a+x(1+a+\dots+a^{k-2})$  we conclude that for each non-negative integers  $n$ , there is some  $x_k \in I$  such that  $a^k = a+x_k$ . Now,  $(-1)^n \cdot 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} (a+x_k) \in I$ . But,  $(-1)^n \cdot 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} a = (-1)^n (1-a)$ . Hence,  $1-a \in I$ , and so  $\bar{a}=\bar{1}$ . Therefore,  $R/I$  is a local ring ■

**Example :** In  $(Z,+,.)$ ,  $8Z$  is a primary ideal and  $Z/8Z$  is a local ring, where  $Z/8Z = Z_8$  and has  $2+8Z$  as an unique maximal ideal .

**2.7. Lemma [5] :** For any ring  $R$  the followings are equivalent:

- 1)  $R$  has an unique prime ideal.
- 2)  $R$  is a local ring and  $J(R)$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $R$ .
- 3) Every non invertible element is nilpotent.

Now, we can obtain the following result

**2.8. Proposition:** If an  $R$  is a commutative ring and has exactly one prime ideal, then  $R/N(R)$  is field .

**Proof:** Suppose an  $R$  has exactly one prime ideal, then by Lemma (2.7),  $R$  is a local ring and, hence  $R/J(R)$  is a division ring and by Proposition (2.5), we have  $J(R)=N(R)$  and since  $R$  is commutative therefore  $R/N(R)$  is field ■

Now, to show the relation between a local ring and Noetherain ring we have the following result from [1].

**2.9. Lemma [1] :** Suppose  $\{I_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a family of proper right ideals of a ring  $R$  with property that  $I_n \subset I_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  . Then,  $I = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$  is proper right ideal

**2.10. Lemma [1] :** Any proper right ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  with identity is contained in a maximal proper right ideal.

**2.11. Proposition:** Let an  $R$  be a local ring, then  $R$  is a Noetherain ring .

**Proof:** Let  $\{I_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a family of proper ideals in the ring  $R$ . Since, an  $R$  is a local ring, then an  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal  $M$ . Then, by Lemma (2.10), the maximal ideal  $M$  contains all proper ideals in an  $R$  that is  $I_i \subseteq M$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i = I_n = M = J(R)$  . Now , if  $a \in I_i$  and  $a \notin I_{i+1}$ , then  $I_i \not\subseteq I_{i+1}$  . By Lemma(2.9) we get  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i \neq M$ . which is contradiction. Hence, for all  $a \in I_i$  we have  $a \in I_{i+1}$  thus  $I_i \subseteq I_{i+1}$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  . That is  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \dots \subseteq I_n$ . Hence, an  $R$  satisfies (a.c.c.). Therefore,  $R$  is a Noetherain ring ■

**Note:** The converse of the above proposition is not true, by the following example :

**Example :**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integer number and  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a Noetherain ring, but not a local ring.

**2.12. Proposition [1] :** For any non-zero ring  $R$  the following statements are equivalent

- 1)  $R$  has a unique maximal right ideal.
- 2)  $R$  has a unique maximal left ideal.

**2.13. Proposition :** Let an  $R$  be a local ring. Then,  $R$  is quasi duo ring.

**Proof:** Let an  $R$  be a local ring .Then, an  $R$  has unique maximal ideal  $J(R)$ . Now by Proposition (2.12),  $J(R)$  is two sided ideal. That is every right (left) maximal ideal in an  $R$  is ideal. Hence, an  $R$  is quasi duo ring ■

**Note :**The converse of the proposition (2.13) is not true.

**Example:** Let an  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \right\}$  an  $R$  is quasi duo ring, but not a local ring.

### 3.The Local Ring without Zero Divisor Element

In this section, we give some results about the local ring without zero-divisor and some relation with other rings like division ring ,Von Neumann regular, strongly regular and uniform rings.

**3.1. Proposition:** Let an  $R$  be a local ring. Then, every non-zero divisor element of  $R$  is a right invertible.

**Proof:** Let  $0 \neq a$  be a non zero-divisor element in  $R$ . Since, an  $R$  is a local ring, then either  $aR=R$  or  $aR \neq R$ . If  $aR=R$  then, there exists  $b$  in  $R$  such that  $ab=1$ . Therefore,  $a$  is a right invertible. Now, if  $aR \neq R$ , then there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  such that  $aR \subset M$ . Since, an  $R$  is a local ring, then  $aR \subset M= J(R)$ , which implies that  $a \in J(R)$

and, hence by Proposition (2.5)  $a$  is nilpotent element. Therefore,  $a=0$  which is a contradiction, therefore  $aR=R$  for all  $a$  in  $R$  and, hence  $a$  is invertible element ■

**3.2. Proposition:** Let  $R$  be a local ring without zero-divisor. Then  $R$  is regular ring.

**Proof:** Since, an  $R$  is a local ring, then either  $aR = R$ , that is there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $ab=1$ . Hence,  $a^2b=a$ . Thus, an  $R$  is a strongly regular ring and therefore, an  $R$  is a regular ring. Now, if  $aR \neq R$ , then by the same method of the proof of proposition (3.1) we have  $a=0$  ■

**3.3. Proposition:[2]** For any ring  $R$  the followings are equivalent :

- 1)  $R$  is Von Neumann regular ring.
- 2) Every  $R$ -module is  $P$ -injective.
- 3) Every cyclic  $R$ -module is  $P$ -injective.

**3.4. Proposition:[4]** If an  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective, then  $J(R)=Y(R)$ .

Now, we give the main result of this section:

**3.5. Proposition:** Let an  $R$  be a local ring and without zero divisor. Then

- 1)  $Y(R) = J(R)$ .
- 2)  $Y(R) = N(R)$ .

**proof :** 1) Since, an  $R$  is a local ring and without zero divisor, then by Proposition (3.2) and Proposition (3.3)  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective module and, hence by Proposition (3.4), we have  $Y(R) = J(R)$

2) The proof is obvious ■

Finally, we give the following result :

**3.6. Proposition:** Let an  $R$  be a ring and without zero-divisor. Then,  $aR+r(a)=R$  if and only if  $R$  is a local ring.

**Proof :** Assume that an  $R$  is a local ring, then either  $aR=R$  for any element  $0 \neq a$  in  $R$  so  $ar=1$ , where  $r \in R$  that is  $a^2r = a$ . Thus,  $a(1-ar)=0$  implies that  $(1-ar) \in r(a)$ . Hence,  $1=ar+(1-ar) \in aR+r(a)$ . Therefore,  $R=aR+r(a)$ . Now, if  $aR \neq R$ , then by the same proof Proposition (3.1),  $a=0$ . Now, suppose that  $R=aR+r(a)$ , then there exists  $r \in R, b \in r(a)$  such that  $ar+b=1$  implies that  $a^2r = a$ , then  $(1-ar) \in r(a)=0$ , that is  $1= ar$ , thus  $a$  is right invertible. Now, since  $1=ar$ . Then,  $a=ara$  implies that  $a-ara=0$ , hence  $(1-ra) \in r(a)=0$ . Thus,  $a$  is left invertible. Therefore,  $a$  is a invertible. Now, we must prove that  $(1-a)$  is not invertible. If  $(1-a)$  is invertible, that is  $a \in J(R)$  and by the same method of the proof of Proposition (3.1)  $a=0$  and this is contradiction, since  $a \neq 0$ . Thus,  $(1-a)$  is not invertible and, therefore by Proposition(2.2), an  $R$  is a local ring ■

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