

## On Dual Rings

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### ABSTRACT

A ring  $R$  is called a right dual ring if  $rl(T) = T$  for all right ideals  $T$  of  $R$ . The main purpose of this paper is to develop some basic properties of dual rings and to give the connection between dual rings, regular rings and strongly regular rings.

**Keywords:** dual rings, regular rings, strongly regular rings.

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### الملخص

يقال للحلقة  $R$  بأنها اثنينية يمني إذا كان  $rl(T)=T$  لكل مثالي أيمن  $T$  في  $R$ . الهدف من هذا البحث هو تطوير بعض الخواص الأساسية للحلقات الاثنينية، وإيجاد بعض العلاقات التي تربط الحلقات الاثنينية والحلقات المنتظمة والحلقات المنتظمة بقوة. الكلمات المفتاحية: الحلقات الاثنينية، الحلقات المنتظمة، الحلقات المنتظمة بقوة.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $R$  represents an associative ring with identity and all  $R$ -modules are unitary. Recall that: (1) A ring  $R$  is reduced if  $R$  contains no non-zero nilpotent element; (2)  $R$  is said to be von Neumann regular (or just regular) ring if  $a \in aRa$  for every  $a$  in  $R$ ; (3) A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $P$ -injective if, for any principal right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every right  $R$ -homomorphism of  $I$  into  $M$  extends to  $R$ . we say that,  $R$  is a right  $P$ -injective ring if  $R_R$  is  $P$ -injective; (4)  $R$  is called right duo-ring if every right ideal of  $R$  is a two-sided ideal; (5) For every  $a \in R$ ,  $r(a)$  and  $l(a)$  will stand respectively for right and left annihilators of  $a$ ; (6)  $Y(R)$  will denote the right singular ideal of  $R$ .

## 2. DUAL RINGS (BASIC PROPERTIES).

Following [7], a ring  $R$  is said to be a right dual ring if  $rl(T)=T$ , for all right ideals  $T$  of  $R$ . A left dual ring is similarly defined .

A ring  $R$  is called dual ring if  $R$  is a right and left dual ring.

**Example.** Let  $R$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $a, b,$

$c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_2$  (The ring of integers modulo 2).

A straightforward calculation, shows that  $R$  is a dual ring.

Following [1], a ring  $R$  is said to be a right Ikeda-Nakayama ring (right IN- ring) if  $l(A \cap B) = l(A) + l(B)$  for all right ideals  $A$  and  $B$  of  $R$ .

In [3], Hajarnavis and Norton Proved that:

**Lemma 2.1.** Every dual ring is IN- ring.

We begin this section with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a right dual ring, and let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be right ideals of  $R$ . Then  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$  if and only if  $l(M_2) \subseteq l(M_1)$ .

**Proof.**

If  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$ , then obviously  $l(M_2) \subseteq l(M_1)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $l(M_2) \subseteq l(M_1)$ . Then  $rl(M_1) \subseteq rl(M_2)$ . By duality of  $R$ , we have  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$ .

The next proposition is a direct consequence of Lemma 2.2

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a dual ring. Then

- 1-  $M$  is a maximal right ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $l(M)$  is minimal left ideal.
- 2-  $M$  is a minimal right ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $l(M)$  is maximal left ideal.

**Proof**

(1). Let  $M$  be a maximal right ideal of  $R$ , and let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $R$  such that  $(0) \subseteq L \subseteq l(M)$ . Then by Lemma 2.2 ,

$R=r(0) \supseteq r(L) \supseteq rl(M) = M$ . By maximality of  $M$ , we have  $r(L) = R$ , and this implies  $L = l(R)$ . Therefore  $L = (0)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $l(M)$  is a minimal left ideal of  $R$ , and let  $M \subset I \subseteq R$  for some right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

Then  $l(M) \supset l(I) \supseteq l(R) = (0)$ . Hence  $l(I) = (0)$ , so  $I = R$

(2). Let  $M$  be a minimal right ideal of  $R$ , and let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $R$  such that  $l(M) \subset L \subseteq R$ .

Then  $M = rl(M) \supset r(L) \supseteq r(R) = (0)$ . So  $r(L) = (0)$  and hence  $L = R$ .

Conversely, let  $l(M)$  be a maximal left ideal, and let  $L$  be a right ideal such that  $(0) \subseteq L \subseteq M$ , then  $R = l(0) \supseteq l(L) \supseteq l(M)$ . So  $l(L) = R$ . Hence  $L = (0)$ .

Recall the following result of Nicholson and Yousif [5, Lemma 1.1].

**Lemma 2.4.** The following conditions are equivalent

- 1-  $R_R$  is P-injective.
- 2-  $l_r(a) = Ra$  for all  $a$  in  $R$ .
- 3- If  $r(b) \subseteq r(a)$ , for  $a, b \in R$ , then  $Ra \subseteq Rb$ .
- 4-  $l[bR \cap r(a)] = l(b) + Ra$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian P-injective ring, and let  $r(L_1 \cap L_2) = r(L_1) + r(L_2)$  for all principal left ideals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is a right dual ring.

**Proof.** Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ . First we claim that  $aR = rl(aR)$ .

Clearly  $aR \subseteq rl(aR)$ . Let  $b \in rl(aR)$ . Then  $xb = 0$  for all  $x \in l(aR)$ . Since  $l(aR) \subseteq l(bR)$ , then define  $f: Ra \rightarrow Rb$ , by  $f(xa) = xb$ . Clearly  $f$  is a well defined left  $R$  – homomorphism.

Since  $R$  is P-injective, there exists  $c \in R$  such that  $xb = f(xa) = xac$

for all  $x \in R$ , whence  $b = ac \in aR$ , yielding  $aR = rl(aR)$ .

Since  $R$  is right Noetherian, then by [4, Theorem 2.3.13], every right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I &= a_1R + a_2R + \dots + a_nR, \text{ and this implies} \\ rl(I) &= r(l(a_1R) \cap l(a_2R) \cap \dots \cap l(a_nR)) \\ &= rl(a_1R) + rl(a_2R) + \dots + rl(a_nR) \\ &= a_1R + a_2R + \dots + a_nR = I. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DUAL RINGS AND REGULAR RINGS .

The Purpose of this section is to show the connection between dual rings, regular rings and strongly regular rings.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is strongly regular if for every  $a \in R$ ,  $a \in a^2R$ . Clearly a strongly regular ring is a reduced regular ring.

We begin this section with the following result.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a reduced left or right dual ring. Then  $R$  is strongly regular.

**Proof.**

Let  $a$  be a non-zero element in  $R$ . Then  $r(a) = r(a^2)$  ( $R$  is reduced). Since  $R$  is a left dual ring, by [6, Theorem 11],  $R_R$  is P-injective, and hence  $Ra = lr(a)$  (Lemma 2.4). Whence  $Ra = lr(a) = lr(a^2) = Ra^2$ . This implies that  $a = ra^2$ , for some  $r \in R$ . Therefore  $R$  is strongly regular.

Next, we give other sufficient condition for dual ring to be strongly regular.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $R$  be a semi-prime left dual ring and right duo-ring. Then  $R$  is strongly regular.

**Proof.**

Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ , and let  $I = r(a) \cap aR$ , first we claim that  $I^2 = (0)$ . Suppose that  $I^2 \neq (0)$ . For any  $d \in I$ ,  $d \in r(a)$  and  $d \in aR = Ra$  ( $R$  is a right duo-ring), so  $d = ba$  for some  $b \in R$ , and  $aba = 0$ . Thus  $d^2 = 0$  and hence  $I^2 = (0)$ . Since  $R$  is semi-prime, then  $I = (0)$ . Next, we claim that  $r(a) = r(a^2)$ , clearly  $r(a) \subseteq r(a^2)$ . Let  $x \in r(a^2)$ . Then  $a^2x = 0$ , so  $a(ax) = 0$  and hence  $ax \in r(a)$ , but  $ax \in aR$ , then  $ax \in aR \cap r(a) = (0)$ . Therefore  $x \in r(a)$ . On the other hand since  $R$  is a left dual ring then  $Ra = lr(a) = lr(a^2) = Ra^2$ . Therefore  $R$  is strongly regular.

The next result provides a link between dual rings and regular rings.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $R$  be a right non-singular dual ring. Then  $R$  is regular ring.

**Proof.**

Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ , then by [6, Theorem 11] and (Lemma 2.4),  $Ra = lr(a)$ . Since  $R$  is a right non-singular ring, then  $Y(R) = 0$ .

Whence  $r(a)$  is not essential right ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists a non-zero right ideal  $L$  of  $R$  such that  $r(a) \oplus L$  is essential right ideal of  $R$ . Now by Lemma 2.1  $R$  is a right IN–ring. Then we have  $l(r(a) + l(L)) = l(r(a) \cap L) = R$ . Whence it follows that  $Ra + l(L) = R$ , while  $l(r(a) \cap l(L)) \subseteq l(r(a) + L) = (0)$ . So  $Ra \cap l(L) = (0)$ . Thus  $Ra = l(r(a))$  is a direct summand. Therefore  $R$  is regular [2, Theorem 1.1].

Before closing this section we present the following result.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $R$  be a regular ring.

Then  $r(L_1 \cap L_2) = r(L_1) + r(L_2)$  for all principal left ideals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  of  $R$ .

**Proof.**

Obviously  $r(L_1) + r(L_2) \subseteq r(L_1 \cap L_2)$  always holds.

Let  $b \in r(L_1 \cap L_2)$ , define  $f_i \in \text{Hom}_{R}(L_i, {}_R R)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  as follows:  $f_1(a_1) = a_1$  for all  $a_1 \in L_1$  and  $f_2(a_2) = a_2(1-b)$  for all  $a_2 \in L_2$ . The mapping  $f(a_1 + a_2) = f_1(a_1) + f_2(a_2)$  is a well defined left  $R$ -homomorphism, indeed if,  $a_1 + a_2 = a'_1 + a'_2$  then  $a_1 - a'_1 = -a_2 + a'_2 \in L_1 \cap L_2$ . But  $b \in r(L_1 \cap L_2)$  therefore  $a_2 b = a'_2 b$ . Showing that  $f(a_1 + a_2) = f(a'_1 + a'_2)$ . Since  $R$  is regular, then  ${}_R R$  is P-injective, so there exists  $c \in R$  such that  $f(a_1 + a_2) = (a_1 + a_2)c$ .

This implies  $a_1 + a_2(1-b) = f(a_1 + a_2) = (a_1 + a_2)c$ , and therefore  $a_1(1-c) + a_2(1-b-c) = 0$  for all  $a_1 \in L_1$  and  $a_2 \in L_2$ . It follows that  $1-c \in r(L_1)$  and  $1-b-c \in r(L_2)$ .

Therefore  $b = (1-c) - (1-b-c) \in r(L_1) + r(L_2)$ .

This shows  $r(L_1 \cap L_2) = r(L_1) + r(L_2)$  for all principal left ideals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  of  $R$ .

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