

On P -Injective Modules And \mathcal{Y} -Regular Rings

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this paper is to study \mathcal{Y} -regular rings, and the connection between such rings and weakly regular, π -regular, strongly π -regular, semi π -regular and SNI-rings. We also study P -injective modules, and to find it's relation with \mathcal{Y} -regular rings.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, R denotes an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary. An ideal I of a ring R is called reduced if it contains no non-zero nilpotent elements. For any non empty subset x of a ring R , the right (left) annihilator of x will be denoted by $r(x)$ ($l(x)$), respectively. Recall that:

- (1) A ring R is said to be Von Neumann regular if for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ such that $a=aba$. The concept of regular rings was introduced by J. Von Neumann in 1936.
- (2) A ring R is said to be right (left) weakly regular if $a \in aRaR$ ($a \in RaRa$) for every $a \in R$, R is weakly regular ring if it is both right and left weakly regular.
- (3) A ring R is said to be π -regular if for every element a in R there exists a positive integer $n=n(a)$ depending on a , such that $a^n \in a^nRa^n$. [8]

- (4) A ring R is said to be right semi π -regular if for each a in R , there exist a positive integer n and an element b in R such that $a^n = a^n b$ and $r(a^n) = r(b)$. [7]
- (5) A ring R is called a right (left) self-injective (and is denoted by SNI-rings), if and only if, for any essential right (left) ideal E of R , every right (left) R -homomorphism of E in to R extends to one of R in to R . [3]
- (6) A ring R is said to be strongly regular if for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ such that $a = a^2 b$.
- (7) A ring R is said to be strongly π -regular if for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer n such that $a^n = a^{n+1} b$.
- (8) Let I be an ideal of a ring R . We say that I is pure if for all $x \in I$ there exists $y \in I$ such that $x = xy$. A ring R is called a right (left) semi-duo, if and only if, every principal right (left) ideal of R is a two sided ideal generated by the same element.
- (9) A right R -module M is said to be P -injective, if and only if, for each principal right ideal I of R and every right R -homomorphism $f: I \rightarrow M$, there exists y in M such that $f(x) = yx$ for all $x \in I$.
- (10) A right R -module is called GP -injective if for any $0 \neq a \in R$, there exists a positive integer n such that $a^n \neq 0$, and any right R -homomorphism of $a^n R$ in to M extends to one of R in to M .

2. \mathcal{Y} -Regular Rings

In this section we introduce the definition of \mathcal{Y} -regular rings and we discuss the connection between \mathcal{Y} -regular rings and other rings which reduced.

Definition 2.1: [5]

An element a of a ring R is said to be \mathcal{Y} -regular if there exists b in R and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n a$. A ring R is said to be \mathcal{Y} -regular if every element of R is \mathcal{Y} -regular element.

Examples 2.2:

The following rings are \mathcal{Y} -regular rings:

- 1- Z_3, Z_5, Z_{11}, Z_{15}
- 2- Let $R(Z_2)$ be the ring of all 2 by 2 matrices over the ring Z_2 (the ring of integer module 2) which are strictly upper triangular.

Clearly, $R(Z_2)$ is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

We define a condition (*) as follows:

Definition 2.3: [5]

A ring R satisfies condition (*) if for every $l \neq a \in R$ and $b \in R$, there exists a positive integer $m \geq l$ such that $ab = b^m a$.

Theorem 2.4:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*) then the following are equivalent:

- 1- R is a \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.
- 2- R is a strongly π -regular ring.
- 3- R is π -regular ring.

Proof:

$1 \Rightarrow 2$: Since R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring and satisfies condition (*), then by [5, Theorem 4.4] R is strongly regular ring. So for every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ such that $a = a^2b$. So $(1-ab) \in r(a)$. By [1; Lemma(2.1.9)] $r(a) = r(a^n)$, whence $a^n(1-ab) = 0$, then $a^n = a^{n+1}b$. Therefore R is strongly π -regular ring.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: For every $a \in R$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and element $b \in R$ such that $a^n = a^{n+1}b$. Now since R satisfies condition (*), then for every $a, b \in R$, $ab = b^m a$ for some positive integer $m > 1$. Then $a^n = a^n b^m a$. So $(1-b^m a) \in r(a^n)$. By [1; Lemma(2.1.9)], $r(a^n) = r(a)$, whence $a(1-b^m a) = 0$, then $a = ab^m a$. Therefore R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

$1 \Rightarrow 3$: Since R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring and satisfies condition (*), then R is strongly π -regular ring, and since R is reduced, then by [1; corollary(2.2.7)] R is π -regular ring.

$3 \Rightarrow 1$: Trivial. ■

Theorem 2.5:

Let R be a strongly π -regular ring satisfies condition (*). Then any reduced ideal of R is \mathcal{Y} -regular.

Proof:

Let I be any reduced ideal of R , and let $a \in I$. Since R is strongly π -regular, there exists a positive integer n and an element b in R such that $a^n = a^{n+1}b$ which implies $a^n(1-ab) = 0$ and hence $(1-ab) \in r(a^n) = r(a) = l(a)$, gives $(1-ab)a = 0$. Therefore $a = aba$. Now let $c = bab \in I$, then $aca = a.bab.a = aba = a$. Thus $a = aca$, $c \in I$. Consider $(a-a^2c)^2 = a^2 - a^3c - a^2ca + a^2ca^2$

$$= a^2 - a^3c - a(aca) + a(aca)ac$$

$$= a^2 - a^3c - a^2 + a^3c$$

$= 0$ But I is reduced, then $a - a^2c = 0$ implies that $a = a^2c$. Thus I is a strongly regular ideal. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5; Theorem 4.4] I is \mathcal{Y} -regular ideal. ■

Theorem 2.6:

If R is π -regular ring satisfies condition (*) and all idempotent elements of R are central, then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Since R is π -regular ring and all idempotent elements of R are central, then by [1 ; Corollary (2.2.10)] R is strongly π -regular, and since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.7:

Let R be a left semi-duo ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular if for every $a \in R$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $a^n R$ is a right semi-regular ideal.

Proof:

Since R is a left semi-duo ring and for every $a \in R$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $a^n R$ is a right semi-regular ideal, then by [1; Theorem (2.3.8)] R is π -regular ring, and since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.8:

Let R be a duo ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular if for all $a \in R$, there exists a positive integer n such that $a^n R$ is a pure ideal.

Proof:

Since R be a duo ring and for all $a \in R$, there exists a positive integer n such that $a^n R$ is a pure ideal, then by [1; Theorem (2.3.5)] R is π -regular ring, and since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.9:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular iff for all $a \in R$ there exists unit element $k \in R$ and some idempotent $e \in R$ such that $a=ke$.

Proof:

Assume that R is \mathcal{Y} -regular. For any $a \in R$ then there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a=ab^n a$. Hence $e=ab^n$. Now, we shall prove that e is idempotent element, so $e^2=(ab^n)^2=ab^n ab^n=ab^n=e$; and since R is a reduced then e is a central so $a=ab^n a=ea=ae$. If we set, $a=e-e+a=e-e^2+ae=(1-e+a)e=ke$. Where $k=(1-e+a)$, then $(1-e+a)(1-e+eb^n)=1-e+eb^n-e+e^2-e^2 b^n+a-ae+aeb^n=1$. So $k=(1-e+a)$ is a unit element in R . Therefore $ke=(1-e+a)e=(1-e+a)ab^n=ab^n-eab^n+aab^n=ab^n-ab^n+ae=a$

Conversely, let $a \in R$, and $a=ke$ for some unit $k \in R$ and some idempotent $e \in R$. Hence $e=ax$ where x the inverse of k . Now $ae=aax=keax=kee=ke^2=ke=a$. Therefore $a=ae=aax$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then for every $a, x \in R$, $ax=x^m a$ for some positive integer $m > 1$. Then $a=ax^m a$. Therefore R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.10:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*), if R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. Then R is semi π -regular ring.

Proof:

Let R be a \mathcal{Y} -regular ring satisfies condition (*). Then by [Theorem 2.4] R is π -regular ring, then by [1; Theorem (1.3.1)] R is a right and left semi- π regular ring. ■

Example 2.11:

Let $R(Z_2)$ be the ring of all 2 by 2 matrices over the ring Z_2 (the ring of integer modulo 2) which are strictly upper triangular. The elements of $R(Z_2)$ are:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R(Z_2)$ is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring satisfies condition (*) clearly, $R(Z_2)$ is a right semi π -regular ring, however $D=DC=DF$ and $r(D)=r(C)=r(F)=\{0,A,D,E\}$.

Theorem 2.12:

Let R be a reduced semi π -regular ring satisfies condition (*) with every non-zero divisor has inverse. Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Since R is semi π -regular ring, then $r(a^n)=r(e)$ where e is central idempotent element. Let $x \in a^nR \cap eR$ implies that $x=a^n r$, and $x=er'$ for some $r, r' \in R$. Now, see that $x=er'=e.er'=ex$. Since $e \in eR=r(a^n)$ then $a^n e=ea^n=0$. Also $ex=ea^n r=0$, $x=a^n r$, then $x=ex=0$. Thus $a^nR \cap eR=0$. Now we must prove that (a^n+e) is non-zero divisor. Let $(a^n+e)y=0$ implies that $a^n y=-ey$. That is $a^n y=-ey \in a^nR \cap eR$. Since $a^nR \cap eR=0$. Then $a^n y=ey=0$ and we have $a^n y=0$. That is $y \in r(a^n)=eR$. There exists $r_1 \in R$ such that $y=er_1$, also $0=ey=e.er_1=e^2 r_1=er_1=y$ (e is idempotent), since (a^n+e) is a non-zero divisor. Let x be the inverse of (a^n+e) . Then we have $(a^n+e)x=1$ implies that $a^n(a^n+e)x=a^n$ implies $(a^{2n}+a^n e)x=a^n$. Since $a^n e=0$, then $a^{2n}x=a^n$ implies $a^n=a^n a^n x=a^n x a^n$. Since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.13:

Let R be a commutative ring satisfies condition (*), then the following are equivalent:

- 1- R is weakly regular ring,
- 2- R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

$1 \Rightarrow 2$: Since R is a commutative weakly regular ring, then by [2; Theorem (1.3.9)] R is regular ring, and since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5; Theorem 4.6] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: Since R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring satisfies condition (*), then by [5; Theorem 4.6] R is regular ring, and since R is commutative then by [2; Theorem (1.3.9)] R is weakly regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.14:

If R is a right SNI-ring satisfies condition (*), then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Since R is a right SNI-ring, then by [3; corollary 3.4; P 149] R is weakly regular ring, and since R satisfies condition (*), then by [Theorem 2.13] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.15:

If R is a right SNI-ring which is left self-injective, satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Let R be a right SNI-ring. Then R is semi-prime ring. Thus for any left ideal I , $L(I) \cap I = 0$. Since R is SNI-ring, then R is reduced ring, and for any non-zero element a in R , $r(a) = L(a)$. Thus $L(r(a)) \cap L(a) = L(L(a)) \cap L(a) = 0$, and since R is left self-injective ring, then aR is a right annihilator and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= r(L(r(a))) + r(L(a)) \\ &= r(a) + aR \end{aligned}$$

In particular $1 = d + ab$, for some b in R , and d in $r(a)$. Hence $a = aba$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5; Theorem 4.6] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 2.16:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*), then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular if and only if R is a right semi-regular ring.

Proof:

Since R is a right semi-regular ring, then by [6 ; Theorem 3.2] $r(a)$ is direct summand for every a in R , and since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5 ; Proposition 4.11] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Conversely: If R is \mathcal{Y} -regular, then $r(a)$ is direct summand for every a in R [3; Proposition 2.17]. Therefore R is a right semi-regular ring [6; Theorem 3.2]. ■

3. P-Injectivity:

In this section we discuss the connection between P -injective with \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Theorem 3.1:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*) with every principal right ideal a^nR is a right annihilator generated by the same element, and if R/a^nR is P -injective. Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Let a be a non-zero element in R . Define a right R -homomorphism $f: a^nR \rightarrow R/a^nR$ by $f(a^n x) = x + a^nR$; Clearly f is well defined. Since R/a^nR is P -injective, then there exists $c \in R$ such that $f(a^n x) = (c + a^nR)a^n x = ca^n x + a^nR$, for each element x in R . In particular; $f(a^n) = 1 + a^nR = ca^n + a^nR$, which implies $1 - ca^n \in a^nR = r(a^n)$. Thus $1 - ca^n \in r(a^n)$. Therefore, $a^n = a^n ca^n$. Since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring \blacksquare

Theorem 3.2:

Let a be an element of a left semi-duo ring, satisfies condition (*), and if R/a^nR is P -injective and a^nR is projective. Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Let $a \in R$. Define a right R -homomorphism $f: R/a^nR \rightarrow a^nR/a^{n+1}R$ by $f(y + a^nR) = a^n y + a^{n+1}R$ for all $y \in R$. Since a^nR is projective, there exists R -homomorphism $g: a^nR \rightarrow R/a^nR$ such that $f(g(a^n x)) = a^n x + a^{n+1}R$ for all $x \in R$. But R/a^nR is P -injective, then there exists $c \in R$ such that $g(a^n x) = (c + a^nR)a^n x$ then $a^n x + a^{n+1}R = f(g(a^n x)) = f((c + a^nR)a^n x) = f(ca^n x + a^nR)$, (since $a^n x \in a^nR$) $= a^n ca^n x + a^{n+1}R$ Since R is a left semi-duo ring, then $ca^n \in Ra^n = a^nR$, then $ca^n = a^n r$ for some $r \in R$. So $a^n x + a^{n+1}R = a^{2n}rx + a^{n+1}R$ implies $a^nR = a^{2n}R$. Thus $a^n = a^{2n}d$ for some $d \in R$. Therefore R is strongly π -regular ring. Since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring \blacksquare

Theorem 3.3:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring if $aR/(aR)^2$ is P -injective for all $a \in R$ such that $r(a) \in (aR)^2$.

Proof:

Let $aR/(aR)^2$ is P -injective ring. Defined $f: aR \rightarrow aR/(aR)^2$ as a right R -homomorphism by $f(ax) = ax + (aR)^2$, for all x in R , then f is a well define right R -homomorphism. Indeed let $x_1, x_2 \in R$ with $ax_1 = ax_2$, implies $(x_1 - x_2) \in r(a) \in (aR)^2$, thus $ax_1 + (aR)^2 = ax_2 + (aR)^2$. Hence $f(ax_1) = ax_1 + (aR)^2 = ax_2 + (aR)^2 = f(ax_2)$. Since $aR/(aR)^2$ is P -injective, then there exists c in R such that $f(ax) = (ac + (aR)^2)ax = acax + (aR)^2$, for all $x \in R$ yields $a + (aR)^2 = f(a) = ac + (aR)^2$, so $(a - ac) \in (aR)^2$. Since $aca \in (aR)^2$, then $a \in (aR)^2$. Thus $a \in aRaR$. Let $ab_1, ab_2 \in aR$ for any two element $b_1, b_2 \in R$, then $a = ab_1ab_2 = a(b_1ab_2) = a(b_1b_2)a = aca$ for some c in R . Thus $a = aca$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5 ; Theorem 4.6] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. \blacksquare

Theorem 3.4:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*) with every maximal right ideal is GP -injective. Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring.

Proof:

Let $a \in R$. We claim first $a^nR+r(a^n)=R$. If not, there exists a maximal right ideal M containing $a^nR+r(a^n)$. Define the canonical injective $f:a^nR \rightarrow M$ by $f(a^n b)=a^n b$ for any $b \in R$. Since M is GP -injective, then there exists $c \in R$ such that $f(a^n b)=ca^n b$. Therefore $a^n=f(a^n)=ca^n$. Thus $1-c \in L(a^n)=r(a^n) \subseteq M$, which implies $1 \in M$, a contradiction. Hence $a^nR+r(a^n)=R$. In particular $a^n c+d=1$ for some $c \in R$ and $d \in r(a^n)$. so $a^n c a^n=a^n$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 3.5:

Let R be a duo ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular if for all $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer n such that the principal ideal a^nR is idempotent.

Proof:

Let I be an ideal of R such that $I=a^nR$ with $a \in R$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, assume that $I^2=I$, and let $a^n \in a^nR=(a^nR)^2$. Since R is a duo ring, then $a^n \in a^{2n}R$. Hence $a^n=a^{2n}c$ for some $c \in R$. Thus $a^n=a^n.a^n c=a^n.da^n$ for some $d \in R$. Therefore, R is π -regular ring. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [Theorem 2.4] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

Theorem 3.6:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is \mathcal{Y} -regular if every principal right ideal is a right annihilator generated by an element in R and R/aR is P -injective ring.

Proof:

Let $0 \neq a \in R$. Now, define a right R -homomorphism $f:aR \rightarrow R/aR$ by $f(ax)=x+aR$ for all $x \in R$, then f is well-define, indeed, let $ax_1=ax_2$ for any two elements x_1, x_2 in R , then $a(x_1-x_2)=0$. So $(x_1-x_2) \in r(a)=aR$, then $x_1+aR=x_2+aR$, it mean $f(ax_1)=x_1+aR=x_2+aR=f(ax_2)$. Now, since R/aR is P -injective then there exists $c \in R$ such that $f(ax)=(c+aR)ax$ for all $x \in R$. Now, $f(a)=1+aR=ca+aR$, implies $1-ca \in aR=r(a)$. So $1-ca \in r(a)$, whence $a(1-ca)=0$, then $a-aca=0$, so $a=aca$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then by [5; Theorem 4.6] R is \mathcal{Y} -regular ring. ■

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