

G-Clean rings

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Abstract

An element of a ring R is clean if it is the sum of an idempotent and a unit. A ring R is called clean if each of its elements is clean. In this paper we define a ring is G -Clean if each of its elements is the sum of a G -regular and an idempotent element. Finally we investigate some properties of G -clean rings.

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1. Introduction

In 1936 Von Neumann defined that an element x in R is regular if $x = xyx$, for some $y \in R$, the ring R is regular if each of its elements is regular and an element $x \in R$ is said to be strongly (Von Neumann) regular if there exists $y \in R$ such that $x = x^2y$, the ring R is strongly regular if each of its elements is strongly regular. Some properties of regular rings and strongly regular has been studied in [1,7,10]. A ring R is said to be π -regular if for every element $a \in R$, there is an element $b \in R$ such that $a^n = a^n b a^n$, for some positive integer n . A ring R is said to be strongly π -regular if for every $x \in R$, there is an element $y \in R$ such that $x^m = x^{m+1}y$, for some positive integer m . In many papers concerned π -regular and strongly π -regular rings, see [3,4,5,6,9,13,14,15,17,20,21,23]. A ring R is abelian if every idempotent element of R is central. A ring R is called prime (resp. semiprime) if (0) is a prime (resp. semiprime) ideal. A ring R is called Jacobson semisimple (or J -semisimple for short) if $rad(R) = 0$.

Throughout the present article R is an associative ring with identity 1, and G denote a group, $U(R)$ the group of units and $Id(R)$ the set of idempotents. Let X be a set, group action is a map

$$X \times G \rightarrow X$$

(If there is no fear of confusion, we write (x, g) simply as by x^g) such that

- I. $(x^g)^h = x^{gh}$ for all $x \in X$ and $g, h \in G$.
- II. $x^1 = x$ for all $x \in X$.

For every $g \in G$ we set $R^g = \{r^g \mid r \in R\}$.

We define an element $x \in R$ to be G -regular if there exist an element $g \in G$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $x^g = x^g r x^g$. R is said to be G -regular if all of its elements are G -regular.

An element $x \in R$ is called clean if $x = u + e$, where $u \in U(R)$ and $e \in Id(R)$. We call an element x of ring R is G -clean if $x = r + e$, where r is G -regular and $e \in Id(R)$. Clearly G -regular rings and clean rings are G -clean.

2. Group-regular rings

Let G be a group. We defined G -regular and strongly G -regular rings in [21].

Definition 2.1: An element $x \in R$ is called to be G -regular if there exist an element $g \in G$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $x^g = x^g r x^g$. R is said to be G -regular if all of its elements are G -regular.

Remark 2.2: For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by $a^{n,g}$ us mean $(a^g)^n$.

Definition 2.3: An element $x \in R$ is called to be strongly G -regular if there exist an element $g \in G$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $x^g = x^{2g} r$ with this property that $(x^2)^g = (x^g)^2$. R is said to be strongly G -regular if all of its elements are strongly G -regular.

Here we give some examples of G -regular rings.

Definition 2.4: Let $G = U(R)$ (where $U(R)$ is the group of units of R). We call the action $(x, g) \rightarrow gx$ and the action $(x, g) \rightarrow gxg^{-1}$ from $R \times G$ to R , regular action and conjugate action.

Example 2.5: Let $G = U(R)$. We define an element $x \in R$ to be unitary regular (resp. strongly unitary regular) element if there exist an element $g \in G$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $xg = xgrxg$ (resp. $xg = (xg)^2r$). R is said to be unitary regular (resp. strongly unitary regular) if all of its elements are unitary regular (resp. strongly unitary regular).

Example 2.6: Let $G = U(R)$. We define an element $x \in R$ to be conjugate regular (resp. strongly conjugate regular) element if there exist an element $g \in G$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $x = xg^{-1}rgx$ (resp. $xg = x^2gr$). R is said to be conjugate regular (resp. strongly conjugate regular) if all of its elements are conjugate regular (resp. strongly conjugate regular).

Example 2.7: Let $Aut(R)$ be automorphism group of R . We define an element $x \in R$ to be Automorphic-regular (Aut -regular) if there exist an element $\alpha \in Aut(R)$, depending on x , and $r \in R$ such that $x^\alpha = x^\alpha r x^\alpha$. R is said to be automorphic regular if all of its elements are automorphic regular. If choice of α is independent of x we say that R is α -regular.

Also we define a G -regular ideals as follows:

Definition 2.8: A two sided ideal J in a ring R is G -regular provided that for each $x \in J$, there exist $y \in J$ and $g \in G$ such that $x^g = x^g r x^g$.

Let $\mu: R \times G \rightarrow R$ be a group action and I be a two sided ideal of R . Then G can act naturally on R by the rule $\mu(r + I, g) = \mu(r, g) + I$.

Theorem 2.9: Every factor ring of a G -regular (resp. strongly G -regular) ring is G -regular (resp. strongly G -regular). In particular a homomorphic image of a G -regular ring is G -regular.

:Proof See [19].

Lemma 2.10: Let G be a group acts on the ring R by this property that $(xy)^g = x^g y^g$ for each $x, y \in R$. If $x, y \in R$, $g \in G$ and $x' = x^g - x^g y x^g$, and if $x'^h = x'^h a x'^h$ for some $a \in R$ and some $h \in G$. Then $x^g = x^g b x^g$ for some $b \in R$.

:Proof See [19].

Theorem 2.11: Let $J \leq K$ be two sided ideals in a ring R . If K is G -regular then K/J is regular.

:Proof It is trivial.

We define action of G on $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ by the following manner:

For each $g \in G$ and $(x_i) \in \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ we define $(x_i)^g = (x_i^g)_{i \in I}$, thus we have:

Lemma 2.12: A finite direct product $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ (I is a finite set) of G -regular rings $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ is G -regular, where G is an abelian group.

:Proof See [19].

Theorem 2.13: (1) Let $x \in R$ be G -regular. Then there exist $g \in G$ and $r \in R$ such that $x^g r$ is idempotent.

(2) If an element $x \in R$ is Von Neumann regular, then it is G -regular by taking G to be trivial group.

(3) If an element $x \in R$ is π -regular, then it is \mathbb{Z} -regular in which \mathbb{Z} acts on R by the rule $\mu(x, n) = x^n$.

(4) An element $x \in R$ is G -regular if there exist $g \in G$ such that x^g is Von Neumann regular.

:Proof (1) Since $x \in R$ is G -regular thus there exist $g \in G$ and $r \in R$ such that $x^g = x^g r x^g$. Therefore $x^g r = x^g r x^g r = (x^g r)^2$. (2), (3), (4) are trivial.

Theorem 2.14: Let R be a commutative ring. Then the following statements are equivalent for $x \in R$:

- (1) x is Von Neumann regular.
- (2) $x^2 u = x$ for some $u \in U(R)$.
- (3) $x = ue$ for some $u \in U(R)$ and $e \in id(R)$.
- (4) $xy = 0$ for some Von Neumann regular element $x \neq y \in R$ with $x + y \in U(R)$.
- (5) $xy = 0$ for some $y \in R$ with $x + y \in U(R)$.

Proof: See [1].

Theorem 2.15: Let R be a commutative ring. Then the following statements are equivalent for $x \in R$:

- (1) x is G -regular.
- (2) x^g is Von Neumann regular for some $g \in G$.
- (3) $x^g = ue$ for some $u \in U(R)$, $e \in Id(R)$, and $g \in G$.

Proof: We deduce from theorem 2.14.

Theorem 2.16: Let S be the center of G -regular ring R with the property that $S^g \subset S, \forall g \in G$. Then S is G -regular.

Proof: Let R be a ring with center S , and let $x \in R$. There exist $y \in R$ and $g \in G$ such that $x^g = x^g y x^g$, and we set $z = y x^g y$. Note that $x^g z x^g = x^g y x^g y x^g = x^g$ given any $r \in R$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} zr &= y x^g y r \\ &= y^2 r x^g \\ &= y x^g y x^g r y \\ &= y x^g r y \end{aligned} \qquad \qquad \qquad = y^2 r x^g y x^g$$

Similarly we have $rz = y r x^g y$, so

$$\begin{aligned} rz &= y r x^g y \\ &= y x^g r y \\ &= zr \end{aligned}$$

therefore $z \in S$. Thus S is also G -regular.

Theorem 2.17: Every strongly G -regular ring is G -regular.

Proof: Assume R is a strongly G -regular ring. Then for any $a \in R$ there exist $r \in R$ and $g \in G$ such that $a^g = a^{2g} r$. R^g is reduced. Indeed, if $a \in R$ such that $(a^g)^2 = 0$, then we see that $a^g = 0$. then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (a^g - a^g r a^g)^2 &= a^{2g} - a^g a^g r a^g - a^g r a^g a^g + a^g r a^g a^g r a^g \\ &= a^{2g} - a^{2g} - a^g r a^{2g} + a^g r a^{2g} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So $x^g = x^g r x^g$.

Theorem 2.18: If R is a G -regular domain, then R is a strongly G -regular.

Proof: Since R is G -regular, for each $x \in R$, there exist $r \in R, g \in G$ such that $x^g = x^g r x^g$. If $a^g = 0$ for some $g \in G$ then trivially $x^g = x^{2g} r$ for any $r \in R$ so R is strongly G -regular as we wants. Otherwise if $x^g \neq 0$ for any $g \in G$ then $x^{2g} = x^{2g} r x^g$, i.e., $(x^{2g} - x^{2g} r x^g) = 0$. So $(x^g - x^{2g} r) x^g = 0$. Since R is domain, this implies that $x^g = x^{2g} r$, therefore R is strongly G -regular.

3. G-clean rings

In this section first we define G -clean element and G -clean rings and we investigate some properties of G -clean rings.

Definition 3.1: Let G be a group. An element x of a ring R is G -clean if $x = r + e$, where r is a G -regular element of R and $e \in Id(R)$. R is G -clean if every element of R is G -clean.

Now we define strongly G -clean rings.

Definition 3.2: Let G be a group. An element x of a ring R is strongly G -clean if $x = r + e$, where r is a G -regular element of R and $e \in Id(R)$ such that $er = re$. R is strongly G -clean if every element of R is strongly G -clean.

Theorem 3.3: Every factor ring of a G -clean ring is G -clean.

Proof: let R be G -clean and $I \triangleleft R$. Now let $\bar{x} = x + I \in R/I$. Since R is G -clean we have $x = r + e$ where x is G -regular and $e \in Id(R)$.

Thus $\bar{x} = \bar{r} + \bar{e}$. By theorem 2.10, we conclude that \bar{e} is G -regular. Since $\bar{e} \in Id(R/I)$, it follows that R/I is G -clean.

Corollary 3.4: The homomorphic image of G -clean (resp. strongly π -Clean) is G -clean (resp. strongly π -Clean).

Proof: We deduce from theorem 3.3 immediately.

Theorem 3.5: Let G be an abelian group. A finite direct product $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ (I is a finite set) of rings $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ is G -Clean if and only if so is each $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$.

Proof: One direction immediately follows from theorem 3.3. Conversely, let R_i be G -clean for each $i \in I$. Set $x = (x_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} R_i$. For each i , write $x_i = r_i + e_i$, where r_i is G -clean and $e_i \in Id(R_i)$. By lemma 2.12, we conclude that $(r_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ is G -regular. Since $(e_i)_{i \in I} \in Id(\prod_{i \in I} R_i)$, it follows that $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ is G -clean.

Let R be a ring and H, G be two group, we shall denote the group ring of H over R as RH . The augmentation ideal of RH is the ideal of RH generated by $\{1 - h \mid h \in H\}$. We shall use Δ to denote the augmentation ideal of RH . It is known that R is a homomorphic image of RH since $RH/\Delta \cong R$. If RH is G -clean, then R is G -clean by theorem 2.9.

Theorem 3.6 : Let R be a ring in which 2 be invertible in R and $H = \{1, h\}$ be a group. Then RH is G -clean if and only if R is G -clean, where G is an abelian group.

Proof: If RH is G -clean then by what we said in above R is G -clean.

Conversely, if R is G -clean and 2 is invertible in R then $RH \cong R \times R$ via the mapping $a + bg \rightarrow (a + b, a - b)$, [12].

Hence RH is G -clean by theorem 3.5.

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