

ON γ -REGULAR RINGS

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الهدف الرئيسي في هذا البحث هو تعريف ودراسة نمط جديد من الحلقات المنتظمة سميت بالحلقات المنتظمة من النمط γ . الحلقة R تسمى حلقة منتظمة من النمط γ اذا كان لكل a في R يوجد b في R وعدد صحيح موجب $n \neq 1$ بحيث ان $a = ab^n a$. كذلك درسنا بعض الصفات الرئيسية لهذه الحلقات والتمثيل لعناصرها . اخيرا درسنا العلاقة بين الحلقات المنتظمة من النمط γ وبعض الحلقات الاخرى

ABSTRACT

The main goal of this work is to introduce and study a new type of regular rings called γ -regular rings. That is, a ring R is said to be γ -regular if for every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n a$.

We will study some basic properties of those rings including the representation of their elements.

Finally, we will study the relation between γ -regular rings and other rings.

1 : Introduction :

We conclude that all rings are assumed to be associative with identity.

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[13]. As a generalization of this concept McCoy[1] defined π -regular rings, that is, a ring R with every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer n such that $a^n = a^n b a^n$. In the recent years regularity and π -regularity have been extensively studied by many authors (cf.[1], [10], [11], [12], [15]).

A ring R is said to be strongly regular if for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ $a = a^2b$. This concept has been defined some sixty years ago by R.F.Arens and I.Kaplansky [2], and was studied in recent years by many authors (cf. [3],[4],[9]). It should be noted that in a strongly regular ring R , $a = ba^2$ if and only if $a = a^2b$ [5]. Azumaya[3] in 1954 defined strongly π -regular rings, that is, a ring R with every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer n such that $a^n = a^{n+1} b$.

In 1968 Ehrlich [6] defined unit regular rings, that is, a ring R with every $a \in R$, there exists a unit $u \in R$ such that $a = aua$.

: γ -Regular Rings:

In this section we introduce the definition of γ -regular rings and some basic properties of them.

Definition 2.1:

An element a of a ring R is said to be γ -regular if there exists b in R and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a b^n a$.

A ring R is said to be γ -regular if every element of R is γ -regular element.

Examples 2.2:

The following rings are γ -regular rings:

1- Z_3, Z_5, Z_{11}, Z_{15} .

2- $R_{2 \times 2}(Z_2)$, the ring of 2×2 matrices over Z_2 .

3-Boolean rings.

Its clear that every γ -regular ring is regular ring, however the converse is not true in general, for example the rings $(Q, +, \cdot)$ of rational numbers, the rational(real) Hamilton Quaternion and a quadratic field are regulars but not γ -regulars because 2 is regular element in each of them but not γ -regular element.

Theorem 2.3:

Let R be a γ -regular ring and I be an ideal of R , then R/I is also γ -regular ring.

Proof: Let $a+I \in R/I$, so $a \in R$. Since R is γ -regular ring then there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a b^n a$.

Hence $a+I = a b^n a+I = (a+I)(b^n+I)(a+I) = (a+I)(b+I)^n(a+I)$.

Therefore R/I is γ -regular ring. ■

Definition 2.4:

An ideal I of a ring R is said to be γ -regular if for every element $a \in I$ there exists $b \in I$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a b^n a$.

Definition 2.5: [7]

A ring R is said to be reduced, if R contains no non-zero nilpotent elements.

Lemma 2.6: [7]:

Every idempotent element in a reduced ring is central.

Proposition 2.7:

In a reduced γ -regular ring, every ideal is γ -regular.

Proof: Let I be any ideal of a reduced γ -regular ring R , and $a \in I$, then there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a b^n a$. Let $e = ab^n$, then e is idempotent element and hence it is central.

Now let $y = ab^{n+1}$, so $y \in I$, then

$$\begin{aligned} ay^n a &= a(ab^{n+1})^n a = a(ab^{n+1} ab^{n+1} ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a = a(ab^n b ab^{n+1} ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a \\ &= a(b ab^n ab^{n+1} ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a \text{ (Because } ab^n \text{ is central)} \\ &= a(b ab^{n+1} ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a = a(b ab^n b ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a \\ &= a(b^2 ab^n ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a = a(b^2 ab^{n+1} \dots ab^{n+1}) a = \dots = \dots = \dots \\ &= a(b^{n-1} ab^{n+1}) a = a(b^{n-1} ab^n b) a = a(b^n ab^n) a = ab^n ab^n a = ab^n a = a. \end{aligned}$$

That is $a = ay^n a$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ Hence I is γ -regular ideal. ■

Theorem 2.8:

A homomorphic image of γ -regular ring is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Let $f : R \rightarrow R'$ be a homomorphism from R to R' . Let $y \in f(R)$. Then there exists $x \in R$ such that $y = f(x)$. Since R is γ -regular ring, then there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $x = xb^n x$.

Now $y = f(x) = f(xb^n x) = f(x)f(b^n)f(x) = f(x)(f(b))^n f(x) = y(f(b))^n y$. Therefore (R) γ -regular ring. ■

Lemma 2.9:[10]

If R is a reduced ring, and if a is a non-zero element in R . Then $r(a) = r(a^2)$, and $l(a) = r(a)$, where $l(a)$ and $r(a)$ are the left and right annihilators of a respectively.

Theorem 2.10:

Let R be a reduced ring. If $R/r(a)$ is γ -regular ring for all $a \in R$, then R is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Suppose that $R/r(a)$ is γ -regular ring, then for any $a+r(a) \in R/r(a)$, there exists $b+r(a) \in R/r(a)$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a+r(a) = (a+r(a))(b+r(a))^n(a+r(a)) = ab^n a+r(a)$. Then $a - ab^n a \in r(a)$. So $a - ab^n a = 0$.

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That is $a^2(1-b^n a)=0$. Then $(1-b^n a) \in r(a^2)=r(a)$ [Lemma 2.9].
 $(1-b^n a)=0$. Hence $a=ab^n a$. Therefore R is γ -regular ring. ■

Lemma 2.11:

If y is an element of a ring R such that $a-ay^\alpha a$ is γ -regular element, then a is regular element, where $1 \neq \alpha$ is a positive integer.

Proof: Suppose that $a-ay^\alpha a$ is γ -regular element, then there exists an element $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that

$$a-ay^\alpha a=(a-ay^\alpha a)b^n(a-ay^\alpha a).$$

Now $a-ay^\alpha a=(a-ay^\alpha a)(b^n a-b^n ay^\alpha a)=ab^n a-ab^n ay^\alpha a-ay^\alpha ab^n a+ay^\alpha ab^n ay^\alpha a$,

then $a=ay^\alpha a+ab^n a-ab^n ay^\alpha a-ay^\alpha ab^n a+ay^\alpha ab^n ay^\alpha a$

$$=a(y^\alpha +b^n -b^n ay^\alpha -y^\alpha ab^n +y^\alpha ab^n ay^\alpha)a=az a.$$

Where $z=y^\alpha +b^n -b^n ay^\alpha -y^\alpha ab^n +y^\alpha ab^n ay^\alpha$. Therefore a is a regular element. ■

Theorem 2.12:

Let R be a ring and let I be a γ -regular ideal such that R/I is γ -regular. Then R is regular ring.

Proof: Let $a \in R$. Then $a+I \in R/I$. Since R/I is γ -regular ring, then there exists $b+I \in R/I$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a+I=(a+I)(b+I)^n(a+I)$. Then $a+I=ab^n a+I$. So $a-ab^n a \in I$. Hence a is regular element [Lemma 2.11]. therefore R is regular ring. ■

Definition 2.13:

A ring R is said to be unit γ -regular if for every a in R there exists a unit u in R and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a u^n a$.

Definition 2.14:[12]

A ring R is said to be a semi-commutative ring if every idempotent element in R is central.

Hence every reduced ring is semi-commutative ring.[12]

Theorem 2.15:

Let R be a semi-commutative γ -regular ring, then R is unit regular ring.

Proof: Let $x \in R$, then there exists $y \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $x = xy^n x$. Then xy^n and $y^n x$ are idempotent elements.

Hence $xy^n = x(y^n x)y^n = (xy^n)(y^n x) = y^n(xy^n)x = y^n x$. Let $v = xy^n + xy^{2n} - 1$ and $u = x + xy^n - 1$. Since $xy^n = y^n x$ and $x = xy^n x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} uv &= (x + xy^n - 1)(xy^n + xy^{2n} - 1) \\ &= xxy^n + xxy^{2n} - x + xy^n xy^n + xy^n xy^{2n} - xy^n - xy^n - xy^{2n} + 1 \\ &= xy^n x + xy^n xy^n - x + xy^n xy^n + xy^n xy^n y^n - xy^n - xy^n - xy^n y^n + 1 \\ &= x + xy^n - x + xy^n + xy^n y^n - xy^n - xy^n - xy^n y^n + 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $vu = 1$ and $xvx = x(xy^n + xy^{2n} - 1)x = xxy^n x + xxy^n y^n x - x^2 = x^2 + x - x^2 = x$.
 herefore R is unit regular ring. ■

Proposition 2.16:

If R is a ring such that for each nonzero element $a \in R$ there is a unique $b \in R$ such that $a^n = a^n b a^n$, a positive integer $n \neq 1$, then b is γ -regular element.

Proof: Since $a^n = a^n b a^n$ for each $a \in R$, then R has no divisor of zero. Then cancellation law holds.

Now $1 = b a^n \Rightarrow b = b a^n b$. Therefore b is γ -regular element. ■

Proposition 2.17:

If a ring R is γ -regular, then $r(a)$ is direct summand for every a in R .

Proof: Since R is γ -regular, then for each $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n a$. Then $a(1 - b^n a) = 0$.

So $1 - b^n a \in r(a)$. Hence $1 - d \in r(a)$, where $d = b^n a$ and $ad = a$.

Now $1 = d + (1 - d)$, then $R = dR + r(a)$. We shall prove that $dR \cap r(a) = 0$.

Let $x \in dR \cap r(a)$, then $x \in dR$ and $ax = 0$. So $x = dc$ for some $c \in R$.

Now $ax = adc = 0$, then $ac = 0$. So $b^n ac = 0$. That is $dc = 0$. Hence $x = 0$.

Now $y = u^{-1}ay = a(u^{-1}y) \in aR$ (Because $a = e + u$ and R is semi commutative, $eu^{-1}a = u^{-1}e + 1$ and $au^{-1} = eu^{-1} + 1 = u^{-1}e + 1$. So $au^{-1} = u^{-1}a$). Hence $(1-e)R \subseteq aR$. ■

4 : γ -Regular Rings with condition (*) :

One of the most important rings was introduced by Kandasamy [14] is quasi-commutative rings that is a ring R with $ab = b^m a$ for every pair $a, b \in R$ and for some positive integer m .

Here we restrict the quasi-commutative ring to the condition that has a main role in our proofs and to discuss the connection between γ -regular rings and some other rings. The condition is

(*): Let R be a ring such that for every $1 \neq a \in R$ and $b \in R$, there exists a positive integer $m > 1$ such that $ab = b^m a$.

The reason for 1 that not satisfies condition (*) is $1 \cdot b = b^m \cdot 1$, this equation is true if $m=1$, also the identity element $1 \in R$ is γ -regular element, strongly γ -regular element.

In this section we discuss the connection between γ -regular ring with the other rings which they are commutative, reduced or satisfies condition (*).

Proposition 4.1:

Every reduced γ -regular ring is strongly regular ring.

Proof: Since reduced γ -regular ring implies reduced regular ring, then t 's strongly regular ring, [10; Theorem 1.3.7]. ■

But the converse of this theorem is not true in general. For example the ring $(Q, +, \cdot)$ of rational number is reduced strongly regular but not γ -regular.

Corollary 4.2:

Let R be a semi-commutative γ -regular ring. Then R is strongly regular ring.

roof: Follows from [12; Proposition 1.2.5]. ■

Corollary 4.3:

If R is duo γ -regular ring, then R is strongly regular ring.

roof: Follows from [12; Proposition 1.2.5]. ■

Theorem 4.4:

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

- 1- R is γ -regular ring.
- 2- R is strongly regular ring.

Proof: 1 \Rightarrow 2: For every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n a$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then $ab^n = (b^n)^r a = b^{nr} a$ for some positive integer $r > 1$.

Now $a = ab^n a = b^{nr} a = b^{nr} a^2 = ca^2$, where $c = b^{nr} \in R$, and if $b^n a = a^m b^n$ for some positive integer $m > 1$, then $a = a a^m b^n = a^2 a^{m-1} b^n = a^2 d$, where $d = a^{m-1} b^n \in R$.

Therefore R is strongly regular ring.

2 \Rightarrow 1: For every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ such that $a = a^2 b$. Now $a = a \cdot ab = ab^n a$ for some positive integer $n > 1$ (R satisfies condition (*)). Then R is regular ring. ■

From the proof of above theorem also we can shows that **1 \Rightarrow 2** even when R is quasi-commutative ring, as in the following corollary:

Corollary 4.5:

Let R be a quasi-commutative γ -regular ring, then R is strongly regular ring.

Theorem 4.6:

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

- 1- R is γ -regular ring.
- 2- R is regular ring.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$: Clearly from the definition of γ -regular ring.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: Since R is reduced and regular then R is strongly regular ring, and y [Theorem 4.4] R is γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 4.7:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is γ -regular ring if and only if every principal ideal of R is generated by an idempotent.

Proof: If R is γ -regular ring, then its clearly that every principal right ideal of R is generated by an idempotent, [13].

Conversely: If $aR=eR$, where e is an idempotent element. Then $a=er$ for some r in R . Now $a=er=e^2r=ea$. Let $e=ab$ for some b in R , since R satisfies condition (*), then $e=b^na$ for some positive integer $n > 1$. Now $a=ea=b^na$. $a=b^na^2$. Similarly for $Ra=Re$. Then R is strongly regular. herefore R is γ -regular ring, [Theorem 4.4]. ■

Proposition 4.8:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*). Then the following are equivalent:

- 1- R is γ -regular ring.
- 2- Every principal ideal is a direct summand.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$: Clearly, from [4; Proposition 1.1.3].

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: Let $R=aR \oplus K$ for some ideal K of R , it's clear that $a \neq 1$ because if $a=1$ then $R=1 \cdot R \oplus \{0\}$, the proof being trivial. Since $1 \in R$ then $1=ar+k$ for some $r \in R$ and $k \in K$. Since R satisfies condition (*) then $ar=r^na$; and a positive integer $n \neq 1$.

Then $1=r^n a+k$ imply $a=a r^n a+ak$ and $ak \in aR \cap K=0$. So $a=a r^n a$. Therefore R is γ -regular ring. ■

Remark 4.9 :

If we add the condition that R satisfies condition (*) in [Corollary 3.3], then the converse holds.

Theorem 4.10:

If R is a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is γ -regular ring if and only if for every element $a \in R$, $a=eu$, where e is an idempotent and u is unit.

Proof: If R is reduced γ -regular ring, then $a=eu$, where e is an idempotent and u is unit [Corollary 3.3].

Conversely: Let $a=ue$, where e is idempotent and u is unit, then $e=ra$ where r is the inverse of u .

Now $ae=ara$, but $ae=ue.e=ue^2=a$, then $a=ara$ which is regular. Therefore, by [Theorem 4.6] R is γ -regular ring. ■

Proposition 4.11:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*), then R is γ -regular if and only if $r(a)$ is direct summand for every a in R .

Proof: If R is γ -regular, then $r(a)$ is direct summand for every a in R [Proposition 2.17].

Conversely: Let $R=aR+r(a)$. In particular $1=ar+d$, where $r \in R$ and $d \in r(a)$, then $a=a^2 r+ad$ imply $a=a^2 r$ and hence $a=a^2 r=aa r=ar^n a$ for some positive integer $n>1$. Therefore R is γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 4.12:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*). Then the following are equivalent:

- 1- R is γ -regular ring.

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2- For every right ideal I and left ideal J in R , $IJ=I \cap J$.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$: Since every γ -regular is regular, then 2 holds by [10; Theorem 1.1.7].

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: Let x in R , since x is in $xR \cap Rx = xRx$, there is an element y in R such that $xyx=x$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then $x=y^n x^2$ for some positive integer $n > 1$. So R is strongly regular. By [Theorem 4.4] R is γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 4.13:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). If every ideal of R is a maximal right ideal, then R is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Since R is reduced and every prime ideal is maximal right ideal, then R is regular ring [8], and since R satisfies condition (*) and R is reduced, then by [Theorem 4.6] R is γ -regular ring. ■

Corollary 4.14:

Let R be a reduced ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is a γ -regular ring if R/P is γ -regular ring for every prime ideal P in R .

Proof: Let P be a prime ideal in R , then R/P is a division ring, because R/P is a γ -regular and has no nonzero divisor. Therefore P is maximal right(left)ideal in R and R is a γ -regular ring [Theorem 4.13]. ■

Theorem 4.15:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is γ -regular ring if and only if $I = \sqrt{I}$ for each ideal I in R .

Proof: Suppose that R is γ -regular ring, its clearly that $I \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ for each ideal I in R . Now let $b \in \sqrt{I}$ then $b^n \in I$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then there exists $c \in R$ and $1 \neq r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $b^n = b^n c^r b^n$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then $b^n c^r = (c^r)^m b^n$ for some positive integer $m > 1$. That is $b^n = c^{mr} b^{2n}$. So b^{n-1} can be

written in the form $b^{n-1} = c^{mr} b^{2(n-1)} = c^{mr} b^n b^{n-2} \in I$, and we repeat this n -times we get $b \in I$, then $\sqrt{I} \subseteq I$. Hence $I = \sqrt{I}$.

Conversely: Let $I = \sqrt{I}$ for each ideal I in R . Take $I = a^2R = \sqrt{a^2R}$ then $a^2 \in a^2R \Rightarrow a \in \sqrt{a^2R} = a^2R \Rightarrow a \in a^2R$. Hence R is strongly regular ring. herefore by [Theorem 4.4] R is γ -regular ring. ■

Corollary 4.16:

Let R be a ring satisfies condition (*). Then R is γ -regular ring if and only if each ideal I in R is semi-prime.

Theorem 4.17:

If R is a reduced ring satisfies condition (*) and every maximal ideal of R is a right annihilator, then R is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Let $a \in R$, we shall prove that $aR + r(a) = R$. If not, there exists a maximal right ideal M containing $aR + r(a)$. If $M = r(b)$ for some $0 \neq b \in R$, we have $b \in l(aR + r(a)) \subseteq l(a) = r(a)$ [10; Theorem 1.3.10], which implies

$b \in M = r(b)$, then $b^2 = 0$ and $b = 0$, a contradiction. Therefore $aR + r(a) = R$.

In particular, $ac + d = 1$, with $c \in R$ and $d \in r(a)$, then $a^2c + ad = a$ implies $a^2c = a$, then R is strongly regular ring.

Therefore R is γ -regular ring [Theorem 4.4]. ■

Theorem 4.18:

Let R is a reduced ring satisfies condition (*) such that every principal right ideal of R is a right annihilator, then R is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Since R is reduced and every principal right ideal of R is a right annihilator, then by [10; Theorem 1.3.10] R is strongly regular ring, and since R satisfies condition (*) then by [Theorem 4.4] R is γ -regular ring ■

5: Strongly γ -Regular Rings:

In this section we introduce another new type of rings that [Proposition 4.1], [Corollary 4.2] and [Corollary 4.3] leads us to define it and we shall call those rings as a strongly γ -regular rings.

Definition 5.1:

Let R be any ring. Then R is called rig strongly γ -regular ring if for every element $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a^2 b^n$.

Hence, in a strongly γ -regular ring R , $a = a^2 b^n$ if and only if $a = b^n a^2$, [5].

In a commutative ring, the equation $ab^n a = a$ may be written as $a^2 b^n = a$. That is, a commutative ring R is γ -regular if and only if it is strongly γ -regular. We see that every strongly γ -regular ring is strongly regular ring, however the converse is not true in general, for examples the rings $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ of rational numbers, the rational(real) Hamilton Quaternion and a quadratic field are strongly regulars but not strongly γ -regulars.

Theorem 5.2:

Let R be a strongly γ -regular ring and I be an ideal of R . Then R/I is also strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: Let $a+I \in R/I$, so $a \in R$. Since R is strongly γ -regular ring then there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a^2 b^n$.

Hence $a+I = a^2 b^n + I = (a^2 + I)(b^n + I) = (a+I)^2 (b+I)^n$. Therefore R/I is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 5.3:

A homomorphic image of strongly γ -regular ring is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem [2.8]. ■

Here we want to find the condition for strongly regular ring to be strongly γ -regular ring.

Theorem 5.4:

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

- 1- R is strongly γ -regular ring.
- 2- R is strongly regular ring.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$: Clearly from the definition of strongly γ -regular ring.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$: Since R is strongly regular ring, then for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ such that $a = a^2b$.

Now since R satisfies condition (*), then for every $a, b \in R$, $ab = b^n a$ for some positive integer $n > 1$. Then $a = ab^n a$, and since R is strongly regular then R is reduced, implies $a = a^2 b^n$. Therefore R is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 5.5:

If R is a regular ring satisfies condition (*), then R is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: Since R is regular ring, then for every $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ such that $a = aba$. Since R satisfies condition (*), then $ab = b^n a$ with a positive integer $n \neq 1$ for every $a, b \in R$. Then $a = a^2 b^n$. Therefore R is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Here we lead to discuss the connection between γ -regular rings and strongly γ -regular rings.

Theorem 5.6: Every strongly γ -regular ring is γ -regular ring.

Proof: Since R is strongly γ -regular ring, then for every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = a^2 b^n = b^n a^2$.

Now if $a = b^n a^2$, then $ab^n = (b^n a^2)b^n = b^n(a^2 b^n) = b^n a$. This implies $ab^n a = a^2 = a$, then $a = ab^n a$. Therefore R is γ -regular ring. ■

The converse of this theorem is not true in general. For example the ring $R_{2 \times 2}(Z_2)$ of 2×2 matrices over the ring Z_2 is γ -regular ring but not strongly γ -regular ring because the element $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is γ -regular element but not strongly γ -regular element.

Theorem 5.7:

Let R be a ring. Then R is strongly γ -regular if and only if R is reduced γ -regular.

Proof: Suppose that R is reduced γ -regular, then for every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n$.

Now $(a - a^2b^n)^2 = (a - a^2b^n)(a - a^2b^n) = a^2 - a^3b^n - a^2b^n a + a^2b^n a^2b^n = a^2 - a^3b^n - a \cdot ab^n a + a \cdot ab^n a \cdot ab^n = a^2 - a^3b^n - a \cdot a + a \cdot a \cdot ab^n = a^2 - a^3b^n - a^2 + a^3b^n = 0$. Since R is reduced then $a - a^2b^n = 0$, and then $a = a^2b^n$. Similarly $(a - b^n a^2)^2 = 0$ which implies $a = b^n a^2$. Therefore R is strongly γ -regular.

Conversely: Suppose that R is strongly γ -regular ring, then by [Theorem 5.6] R is γ -regular ring. To prove that R is a reduced ring, suppose that there exists a positive integer n , such that $c^n = 0$ for some $c \in R$.

Since $c = c^2 d^m$ for some positive integer $m \neq 1$ gives $0 = c^n d^m = c^{n-1}$ and $0 = c^{n-1} d^m = c^{n-2}$ and so on $c = 0$, then R is a reduced ring. Therefore R is a reduced γ -regular ring. ■

Corollary 5.8:

If R is a strongly γ -regular ring, then R is a unit regular ring.

Proof: Since every strongly γ -regular is reduced γ -regular [Theorem 5.7], and since every reduced ring is semi-commutative ring, then by [Theorem 2.15] R is a unit regular ring. ■

Corollary 5.9:

If a ring R is strongly γ -regular, then a^n is a unit γ -regular element for each $a \in R$ and positive integer $n > 1$.

Proof: Let R be a strongly γ -regular, then R is γ -regular and reduced [Theorem 5.7], and hence R is semi-commutative ring. Therefore by [Theorem 3.1] a^n is a unit γ -regular element. ■

Theorem 5.10:

Let R be a ring. If R is semi-commutative γ -regular ring, then R/N is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: since R is γ -regular then for each $a \in R$, there exists $b \in R$ and a positive integer $m \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^m a$. Let $e = ab^m$, then e is idempotent and hence central, then $a = ae = ea$.

Now $a(1-e) = 0$ implies $(a(1-e))^n = 0$, this means that $a(1-e) \in N$, so $a + N = ae + N$. Thus $a + N = aab^m + N = a^2 b^m + N$, yielding $a + N = (a^2 + N)(b^m + N)$. Therefore R/N is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Lemma 5.11:

Let R be a strongly γ -regular ring. Then R is semi-commutative ring.

Proof: From [Theorem 5.7]. ■

Proposition 5.12:

Let R be a semi-commutative γ -regular ring, then R is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: Let R be a γ -regular ring, and let a be a non-zero element in R , then there exists b in R and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a = ab^n a$.

Let $e = ab^n$, then e is an idempotent element, and hence e is central (Since R is semi-commutative ring). So $a = ea = ae = a^2 b^n$, and if $e = b^n a$ then e is also an idempotent element, and hence e is central. So $a = ae = ea = b^n a^2$. Therefore R is a strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Corollary 5.13:

Let R be a duo γ -regular ring, then R is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: Since R is duo ring, then every idempotent element is central [18;Lemma1.1.9]. Hence R is semi-commutative ring. Also R is a γ -regular ring, then by [Proposition 5.12], R is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

From [Theorem 2.10] we conclude the following:

Theorem 5.14:

Let R be a reduced ring. If $R/r(a)$ is γ -regular ring for all $a \in R$, then R is strongly γ -regular ring.

Proof: Suppose that $R/r(a)$ is γ -regular ring, then for any $a+r(a) \in R/r(a)$, there exists $b+r(a) \in R/r(a)$ and a positive integer $n \neq 1$ such that $a+r(a) = (a+r(a))(b+r(a))^n(a+r(a)) = ab^n a+r(a)$. Then $a-ab^n a \in r(a) \Rightarrow a(a-ab^n a) = 0 \Rightarrow a^2(1-b^n a) = 0$.

Then $(1-b^n a) \in r(a^2) = r(a) = l(a)$ ([4:Lemma 1.3.6] and [4:Lemma 1.3.4]) $\Rightarrow (1-b^n a)a = 0 \Rightarrow a = b^n a^2$, and from $(1-b^n a)a = 0 \Rightarrow (1-b^n a) \in l(a) = r(a)$ [Lemma 1.2.13], then $a-ab^n a = 0 \Rightarrow (1-ab^n)a = 0 \Rightarrow (1-ab^n) \in l(a) = r(a) \Rightarrow a(1-ab^n) = 0$ then $a = a^2 b^n$.

Therefore R is strongly γ -regular ring. ■

Theorem 5.15:

Let R be a strongly π -regular ring. Then a^n is strongly γ -regular elements for every $a \in R$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Proof: Let R be a strongly π -regular ring, then for every $a \in R$ there exists $b \in R$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $a^n = a^{2n} b^n$.

Hence a^n is strongly γ -regular element. ■

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