

## On $s\pi$ -Weakly Regular Rings

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### ABSTRACT

A ring  $R$  is said to be right(left)  $s\pi$ -weakly regular if for each  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ ,  $a^n \in a^n R a^{2n} R$  ( $a^n \in R a^{2n} R a^n$ ). In this paper, we continue to study  $s\pi$ -weakly regular rings due to R. D. Mahmood and A. M. Abdul-Jabbar [8]. We first consider properties and basic extensions of  $s\pi$ -weakly regular rings, and we give the connection of  $s\pi$ -weakly regular, semi  $\pi$ -regular and  $\pi$ -biregular rings.

**Key words:** weakly regular rings , reduced rings ,  $\pi$ -biregular rings.

### حول الحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط $s\pi$

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### الملخص

يقال للحلقة  $R$  أنها يميني (يسرى) منتظمة بضعف من النمط  $s\pi$  إذا كان لكل  $a \in R$  و عدد صحيح موجب  $n$  و  $a^n \in a^n R a^{2n} R$ . هذا البحث هو استمرار لدراسة الحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط  $s\pi$  في المصدر [8] R. D. Mahmood و A. M. Abdul-Jabbar. كما تم توسيع الخواص الأساسية للحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط  $s\pi$ ، وتم إعطاء العلاقة بين الحلقات المنتظمة بضعف من النمط  $s\pi$  و الحلقات شبه المنتظمة النمط  $\pi$  و الحلقات المنتظمة من النمط  $\pi$ -bi.

الكلمات المفتاحية: حلقة منتظمة بضعف , حلقة مختزلة , الحلقات المنتظمة من النمط  $\pi$ -bi.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper rings are associative with identity. For a subset  $X$  of a ring  $R$ , the right annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  is  $r(X) = \{ r \in R: xr = 0, \text{ for all } x \in X \}$ .  $J(R)$ ,  $Y(R)$  and  $N$  will stand respectively for the Jacobson radical, right singular ideal of  $R$  and the set of all nilpotent elements. A ring

$R$  is called right (left)  $s$ -weakly regular if for each  $a \in R$ ,  $a \in aRa^2R$  ( $a \in Ra^2Ra$ ). This concept was introduced by V. Gupta [4] and W. B. Vasantha Kandasamy [10]. As a generalization of this concept the authors in [8] defined  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring that is a ring such that for each  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ ,  $a^n \in a^n R a^{2n} R$  ( $a^n \in R a^{2n} R a^n$ ). In the present work we develop further properties of  $s\pi$ -weakly regular rings, and we give the connection of  $s\pi$ -weakly regular rings with other rings. Recall that:

- (1)  $R$  is called reduced if it has no nonzero nilpotent elements.
- (2) According to Cohn [3], a ring  $R$  is called reversible if  $ab = 0$  implies  $ba = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ . Obviously every reduced ring is reversible. It is easy to see that  $R$  is reversible if and only if right (left) annihilator in  $R$  is a two-sided ideal.

## 2. $s\pi$ WR-Rings

In this section we continue to study  $s\pi$ WR-rings and we establish relation between such rings, semi  $\pi$ -regular and  $\pi$ -biregular rings.

### Definition 2.1[8]:

$R$  is called right(left)  $s\pi$ WR-ring if for each  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n = n(a)$ , depending on  $a$  such that  $a^n \in a^n R a^{2n} R$  ( $a^n \in R a^{2n} R a^n$ ).  $R$  is called  $s\pi$ WR-ring if it is both right and left  $s\pi$ WR-ring.

Recall that, a right ideal  $P$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be completely prime if for all  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in P$ , then either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ .

### Proposition 2.2:

If  $R$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring and  $r(a^n) \subset r(a)$ , for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Then every completely prime ideal of  $R$  is maximal.

### Proof:

Let  $P$  be a completely prime ideal of  $R$  and  $J$  any ideal of  $R$  such that  $P \subset J$ . Then, there exists  $x \in J$  and  $x \notin P$ . Since  $R$  is right  $s\pi$ WR-ring, there exist  $b, c \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $x^n = x^n b x^{2n} c$  and  $x(1-b x^{2n}c) = 0$  (since  $r(a^n) \subset r(a)$ ). So,  $x(1-b x^{2n}c) = 0 \in P$ . Since  $x \notin P$  and  $P$  is completely prime ideal of  $R$ , so  $(1- b x^{2n} c) \in P \subset J$ , and hence  $(1- b x^{2n} c) \in J$ . Hence  $1- b x^{2n} c + b x^{2n} c = 1 \in J$  and therefore,  $J = R$ . Consequently  $P$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . ♦

### Theorem 2.3:

If  $R$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $R/I$  is  $s\pi$ WR-ring.

**Proof:**

Let  $R$  be a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring. Then, there exist  $b, c \in R$  such that  $a^n = a^n b a^{2n} c$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (a + I)^n (b + I) (a + I)^{2n} (c + I) &= (a^n + I) (b + I) (a^{2n} + I) (c + I) \\ &= a^n b a^{2n} c + I \\ &= a^n + I. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $R/I$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring.  $\blacklozenge$

Now, the following result is given in [7] and [1].

**Lemma 2.4:**

Let  $R$  be a reduced ring. Then, for every  $a \in R$  and every positive integer  $n$ ,

- (1)  $r(a^n) = \ell(a^n)$ .
- (2)  $a^n R \cap r(a^n) = 0$ .
- (3)  $r(a) = r(a^n)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:**

Let  $R$  be a reduced ring. Then,  $R$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring if and only if  $R / r(a^m)$  is  $s\pi$ WR-ring, for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $m$ .

**Proof:**

Assume that  $R / r(a^m)$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring, for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $m$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} a^n + r(a^m) &= (a^n + r(a^m)) (b + r(a^m)) (a^{2n} + r(a^m)) (c + r(a^m)). \\ &= a^n b a^{2n} c + r(a^m). \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $a^n - a^n b a^{2n} c \in r(a^m)$ , this implies that  $a^m (a^n - a^n b a^{2n} c) = 0$  and hence  $1 - b a^{2n} c \in r(a^{m+n}) = r(a^n)$  since  $R$  is reduced. So,  $a^n (1 - b a^{2n} c) = 0$  and  $a^n = a^n b a^{2n} c$ . Therefore,  $R$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring.

Conversely, assume that  $R$  is a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring. Then, by Theorem 2.3,  $R / r(a^m)$  is an  $s\pi$ WR-ring.  $\blacklozenge$

Next we consider the Jacobson radical, the right singular ideal of  $a$  and the set of all nilpotent elements  $N$  of right  $s\pi$ WR-ring.

**Theorem 2.6:**

Let  $R$  be a right  $s\pi$ WR-ring. Then,

- (1)  $J(R) = N$
- (2) If  $R$  is a reduced, then  $Y(R)$  is a nilideal of  $R$ .

**Proof:**

- (1) Let  $0 \neq x \in J(R)$ . Then, there exist  $b, c \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $x^n = x^n b x^{2n} c$ . Then,  $1 - b x^{2n} c$  is invertible. Therefore, there exists an invertible element  $u$  such that  $(1 - b x^{2n} c) u = 1$ . Multiply from the left by  $x^n$ , we obtain  $(x^n - x^n b x^{2n} c) u = x^n$ . Whence it follows that  $x^n = 0$ , so  $x \in N$  and  $J(R) \subseteq N$ . Since  $N \subseteq J(R)$ . Thus,  $J(R) = N$ .
- (2) Let  $a$  be a nonzero element in  $Y(R)$ . Then,  $r(a)$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is right  $s\pi$ WR-ring, there exist  $b, c \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n b a^{2n} c$ . Consider  $r(a^n) \cap b a^{2n} R$ , let  $x \in r(a^n) \cap b a^{2n} R$ . Then,  $a^n x = 0$  and  $x = b a^{2n} t$ , for some  $t \in R$ . So,  $a^n b a^{2n} t = 0$ , then  $a^n = 0$ . Thus,  $a^{2n} = 0$  and hence  $b a^{2n} t = 0$ , yields  $x = 0$ . Therefore,  $r(a^n) \cap b a^{2n} R = 0$ . Since  $r(a^n)$  is a nonzero essential right ideal of  $R$ , then  $b a^{2n} = 0$  and hence  $a^{2n} = 0$ . Thus,  $a^n = 0$ . So,  $Y(R)$  is a nilideal of  $R$ . ♦

Recall that, a ring  $R$  is called right(left) semi  $\pi$ -regular [1] if for every  $a \in R$ , there exists  $b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n b$  and  $r(a^n) = r(b)$  ( $a^n = b a^n$  and  $\ell(a^n) = \ell(b)$ ).

The following theorem gives the conditions of  $s\pi$ WR-ring to be semi  $\pi$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.7:**

If  $R$  is a reversible,  $s\pi$ WR-ring and  $a^{2n} R = R a^{2n}$ , for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , then  $R$  is semi  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:**

Let  $R$  be  $s\pi$ WR-ring. Then, for every  $a \in R$ , there exist  $b, c \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n b a^{2n} c$ . Since  $b a^{2n} \in R a^{2n} = a^{2n} R$ . So,  $a^n = a^{3n} h c$ , for some  $h \in R$ . This implies that  $a^n = a^n a^{2n} t$  ( set  $t = hc$ ). If we set  $y = a^{2n} t$ , then  $a^n = a^n y$ . It only remains to show that  $r(a^n) = r(y)$ . Let  $x \in r(a^n)$ , then  $a^n x = 0$  and  $x a^n a^{2n} t = 0$ , so  $x a^{2n} t = 0$  and  $x y = 0$ . Hence  $x \in \ell(y) = r(y)$  and  $r(a^n) \subseteq r(y)$ . On the other hand, let  $z \in r(y)$ , then  $y z = 0$  and  $a^{2n} r z = 0$ , this implies that  $a^n a^{2n} t z = 0$ , so  $a^n z = 0$ , thus  $z \in r(a^n)$  and  $r(y) \subseteq r(a^n)$ . Therefore,  $r(a^n) = r(y)$  and  $R$  is a right semi  $\pi$ -regular ring in the same method we can easily show that  $R$  is a left semi  $\pi$ -regular. ♦

A ring  $R$  is called  $\pi$ -biregular [9] if for any  $a \in R$ ,  $R a^n R$  is generated by a central idempotent, for some positive integer  $n$ .

We begin by stating following lemma, which will be used in proof of our main result.

**Lemma 2.8:**

A ring  $R$  is  $\pi$ -biregular if and only if for every  $a \in R$ ,  $R = a^n R \oplus r(a^n) = R$ , for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof:**

See [9].  $\blacklozenge$

**Proposition 2.9:**

Let  $R$  be a reduced ring. Then,  $R$  is an  $s\pi$ WR-ring if and only if  $R$  is a  $\pi$ -biregular ring.

**Proof:**

Assume that  $R$  is  $\pi$ -biregular ring. Then, by Lemma 2.8,  $R = r(a^n) \oplus R = a^n R$ . Since  $R$  is reduced, then  $r(a^n) = r(a^{2n})$  for every positive integer  $n$  and hence  $R = r(a^{2n}) \oplus R = a^{2n} R$ . In particular,  $1 = b + t_1 a^{2n} t_2$ , for some  $t_1, t_2 \in R$  and  $b \in r(a^n)$ . So,  $a^n = a^n t_1 a^{2n} t_2$ . Therefore,  $R$  is  $s\pi$ WR-ring.

Conversely, assume that  $R$  is  $s\pi$ WR-ring, then for every  $a \in R$ , there exist  $t_1, t_2 \in R$  such that  $a^n = a^n t_1 a^{2n} t_2$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . This implies that  $a^n = a^n t_1 a^n a^n t_2$ . So,  $a^n = a^n t_1 a^n t$  ( $t = a^n t_2$ ), for some  $t \in R$ . Thus,  $a^n R = a^n R a^n R$ . Also, by [8, Theorem 2.7],  $R = r(a^n) \oplus R = a^{2n} R$ . Thus,  $R = r(a^n) \oplus R = a^n R$ . So, by Lemma 2.8,  $R$  is  $\pi$ -biregular ring.  $\blacklozenge$

**3. Commutative  $s\pi$ -Weakly Regular Rings**

In this section, all our rings are commutative. We discuss some properties of  $s\pi$ -weakly regular rings.

We now introduce the following lemma, which may be used frequently in the sequel.

**Lemma 3.1:**

A ring  $R$  is local if and only if for any elements  $r, s \in R$  such that  $r + s = 1$  implies that either  $r$  or  $s$  is a unit.

**Proof:**

See [6].  $\blacklozenge$

**Theorem 3.2:**

Let  $R$  be a local,  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring. Then, every element in  $R$  is either a unit or nilpotent.

**Proof:**

Assume that  $R$  is a local ring and  $a \in R$ . Since  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular, there exist  $x, y \in R$  such that  $a^n = a^n x a^{2n} y$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . So,  $a^n (1 - x a^{2n} y) = 0$  and hence  $a^n (1 - a^{2n} x y) = 0$ . If  $a^n = 0$ , then  $a$  is nilpotent. If  $1 - a^{2n} x y \neq 0$ , and  $a^n \neq 0$ , then  $1 - a^{2n} x y$  is a zero divisor, that is  $1 - a^{2n} x y$  is non unit. Since  $(1 - a^{2n} x y) + a^{2n} x y = 1$  by Lemma 3.1,

$a^{2^n} x y$  is a unit. This implies that  $a$  is a unit. If  $1 - a^{2^n} x y = 0$ , then  $a$  is a unit. Which completes the proof. ♦

**Proposition 3.3:**

Let  $R$  be  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring. Then, each element of  $R$  is either a unit or zero divisor.

**Proof:**

Let  $a$  be a non zero divisor in  $R$  and  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular, there exist elements  $x, y \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n x a^{2^n} y$ . So,  $a^n (1 - x a^{2^n} y) = 0$  and hence  $a^n (1 - a^{2^n} x y) = 0$ . Since  $a$  is a non zero divisor, then  $a^n$  is nonzero divisor. Therefore,  $1 - a^{2^n} x y = 0$ , which implies that  $a^{2^n} (x y) = 1$ . Hence  $a^{2^n} x y = a (a^{2^{n-1}} (x y)) = 1$ . Thus,  $a$  is a unit. ♦

**Theorem 3.4:**

If  $P$  is a prime ideal of a ring  $R$  and  $R / P$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring. Then,  $P$  is a maximal ideal.

**Proof:**

Let  $a \in R$ . Then,  $a + P \in R / P$ , since  $R / P$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular, there exist  $b + P, c + P \in R / P$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that

$$a^n + P = (a^n + P) (b + P) (a^{2^n} + P) (c + P)$$

$$a^n + P = a^n b a^{2^n} c + P. \text{ So, } a^n - a^n b a^{2^n} c \in P \text{ and hence } a^n (1 - b a^{2^n} c) \in P.$$

Since  $a^n \notin P$ , then  $(1 - b a^{2^n} c) \in P$ , gives

$$1 + P = b c a^{2^{n-1}} a + P$$

$$= (b c a^{2^{n-1}} + P) (a + P), \text{ this shows that } a + P \text{ has an inverse. Thus,}$$

$R/P$  is a division ring. Whence  $P$  is a maximal ideal. ♦

**Corollary 3.5:**

If  $R$  is an  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring, then every prime ideal of  $R$  is maximal.

**Proof:**

Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring, then by Theorem 2.3,  $R/P$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular. Thus, by Theorem 3.4,  $P$  is a maximal. ♦

**Lemma 3.6:**

If  $I$  is a primary ideal, then  $\sqrt{I}$  is prime.

**Proof:**

See [5]. ♦

**Lemma 3.7:**

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If  $\sqrt{I}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is primary ideal.

**Proof:**

See [2]. ♦

**Theorem 3.8:**

If  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is primary if and only if  $\sqrt{I}$  is prime.

**Proof:**

If  $I$  is primary, then by Lemma 3.6,  $\sqrt{I}$  is prime.

Conversely, suppose that  $\sqrt{I}$  is prime. Since  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring, then by Corollary 3.5,  $\sqrt{I}$  is maximal. Therefore, by Lemma 3.7,  $I$  is primary. ♦

The following result is the relationship between  $s\pi$ -weakly regular ring with its ideals by adding the condition that every ideal of  $R$  is completely semi-prime.

**Theorem 3.9:**

If every ideal of  $R$  is completely semi-prime, then  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular if and only if for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I = \sqrt{I}$  holds.

**Proof:**

Let  $R$  be  $s\pi$ -weakly regular. It is obvious that  $I \subseteq \sqrt{I}$ . Now, let  $b \in \sqrt{I}$ , then  $b^n \in I$  and hence  $b^{2n} \in I$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Now,  $b^n = b^n t_1 b^{2n} t_2$ , for some  $t_1, t_2 \in R$ . Since  $b^n \in I$  and every ideal of  $R$  is completely semi-prime, then  $b \in I$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{I} = I$ .

Conversely, assume that  $I = \sqrt{I}$ , for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . If we set  $I = a^n R a^{2n} R$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Therefore,  $a^n R a^{2n} R = \sqrt{a^n R a^{2n} R}$ . Now,  $a^{3n} \in a^n R a^{2n} R$ , then  $a^n \in \sqrt{a^n R a^{2n} R} = a^n R a^{2n} R$ . So,  $a^n \in a^n R a^{2n} R$ . Whence  $R$  is  $s\pi$ -weakly regular. ♦

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