

PROPERTIES OF POSITIVE DERIVATIONS ON ORDERED STRONGLY REGULAR NEAR-RINGS

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1. Introduction

G. Pilz(10) in 1972 has defined the concept of ordered near-ring and then studied direct sums of ordered near-rings.

A near-ring N is called (partially) ordered if its additive group is (partially) ordered, so that, we can speak of positive elements in the sense that an element a of the additive group of N is called positive if $a \geq 0$, and negative if $a \leq 0$, and if, in addition, the product of positive elements is positive, i.e., if it follows from $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$ that $ab \geq 0$. If $a > 0$, $b > 0$ implies $ab > 0$ then we call N strictly ordered. Examples of strictly ordered near rings are the polynomial near-rings of all $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$ ($a_n \neq 0$) with addition and substitution of polynomials and coefficient from an ordered ring. $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$ is then defined to be greater than 0 if a_n is greater than 0. Ordered near-ring N is called linear if its additive group is linearly ordered.

It follows from this definition that the trivial (partial) ordering of the additive group of an arbitrary near-ring is a trivial (partial) ordering of the near-ring itself.

D.J.Hansen (3), in 1984, studied positive derivations on ordered strongly regular rings, in this paper, we will be show that an ordered near-

ring $(N, +, \cdot, \leq)$ which is strongly regular and has the additional property that $a^2 \geq 0$ for each $a \in N$ can not have nontrivial positive derivations.

An ordered near-ring which is also integral, is called an ordered integral near-ring and which is also a near-field is called an ordered near-field.

In an ordered near-ring, $P = P(N) = \{a \in N \mid a \geq 0\}$ is called the positive cone of N . Every partial ordering of a near-ring N is determined by $P : a \leq b$ if and only if $b - a \in P$.

Near-ring N is called strongly regular if for any $a \in N$ there exists an element x in N such that $a = xa^2$.

We will investigate some properties of ordered near-rings (§2) and positive derivations on it (§3).

2. Some properties of ordered near-rings

Remark 2.1. The condition on the product of positive elements in our definition is obviously equivalent to the fact that if $a \leq b$ and $c \geq 0$, then $ac \leq bc$. Now clearly, it follows from $a \geq 0$ that $-a \leq 0$: We only have to add $-a$ to both sides of the first inequality; conversely, it follows from $a \leq 0$ that $-a \geq 0$. Hence we have the following inequalities:

- if $a \leq 0$, $b \geq 0$, then $ab \leq 0$ and $b(-a) \geq 0$.
- if $a \geq 0$, $b \leq 0$, then $ba \leq 0$ and $a(-b) \geq 0$.
- if $a \leq 0$, $b \leq 0$, then $a(-b) \leq 0$ and $b(-a) \leq 0$.

From the definition of an ordered near-rings we derive the following equivalent concept.

Lemma 2.2. Let N be a near-ring. If $N = (N, +, \cdot, \leq)$ is an ordered near-ring with positive cone P , then P has the following proper-

ties :

- (1) P is a subsemilinear-ring of N
- (2) If $a \in P$ and $-a \in P$, then $a = 0$
- (3) P is an additive normal subset of N , that is,
 $P + a = a + P$ for all $a \in N$.

Conversely, suppose N has a subset P satisfying these conditions. If we define $a \leq b$ to mean that $b - a \in P$, then N becomes an ordered near-ring with positive cone P .

Proof. suppose, first, that N is an ordered near-ring with positive cone P . Let $a, b \in P$. Then $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$ implies $a + b \geq 0$ and $ab \geq 0$, that is, P is a subsemilinear-ring of N . If $a \in P$ and $-a \in P$ then $a \geq 0$ and $-a \geq 0$, i.e., $a \geq 0$ and $a \leq 0$ by symmetry property of partial ordering, $a = 0$. Finally, Let $a \in N$ and $x \in P$, then from $x \geq 0$, $-a + x + a \geq 0$, and $a + x - a \geq 0$. This yields part(3)

Conversely, suppose that a subset P of N has the properties (1)~(3), and define $a \leq b$ to mean that $b - a \in P$. So that, by (3), we also have

$$-a + b = -a + (b - a) + a \in P.$$

this is a partial ordering of N :

$$a \leq a, \text{ because, by (1), } a - a = 0 \in P.$$

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$, i.e., $b - a \in P$ and $a - b = -(b - a) \in P$ then by (2) $b - a = 0$, i.e., $a = b$.

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$, i.e., $b - a \in P$ and $c - b \in P$, then

$$c - a = (c - b) + (b - a) \in P, \text{ i.e., } a \leq c.$$

Next, if $a \leq b$, i.e., $b - a \in P$ then $(b + x) - (a + x) \in P$, that is, $a + x \leq b + x$ and by (3), $(x + b) - (x + a) = (x + b) - a - x = x + (b - a) - x \in P$ for all $x \in N$, i.e., $x + a \leq x + b$.

Finally, if $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$, i.e., $a \in P$, $b \in P$ by (1), $ab \in P$, i.e., $ab \geq 0$.

We will show a weaker condition of ordered near-ring as following : A near-ring N is said to be a right-ordered near-ring if a partial ordering

is given for its elements such that it follows from $a \leq b$ that $a + x \leq b + x$ for all $x \in N$ and if $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$, implies $ab \geq 0$. Again, the positive cone $P = \{x \in N \mid x \geq 0\}$ defines the ordering. For example of right orderability, a positive cone of an ordered near-ring is right ordered, because for any near-ring, only right distributive laws hold.

Proposition 2.3. Let N be a near-ring. If N is a right ordered near-ring with positive cone P , then P has the following properties :

- (1) P is subseminear-ring of N
- (2) If $a \in P$ and $-a \in P$ then $a = 0$.

Conversely, suppose N has a subset satisfying these conditions. If we define $a \leq b$ to mean that $b - a \in P$, then N becomes a right ordered near-ring with positive cone P .

Proof. This is, of course, similar to the result of Lemma 2.2, and we merely indicate the difference here. If $a, b \in P$ then $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$ implies that $a + b \geq 0 + b = b \geq 0$ so that $a + b \in P$, $ab \geq 0$ by definition of right orderability, i.e., $ab \in P$. This yields (1), (2) follows from Lemma 2.2.

Conversely, if P satisfies (1) and (2), as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, \leq is a partial ordering on N , and product of any two positive elements is positive. Finally, if $a \leq b$ and $x \in N$, then $b - a \in P$ so that $(b + x) - (a + x) = b + x - x - a = b - a \in P$ Therefore $a + x \leq b + x$

Let us consider the extension properties of this near-rings.

Proposition 2.4. Let I be an ideal of a near-ring N . If I and N/I are both right ordered near-rings then so is N .

Proof. Let $\pi : N \rightarrow N/I$ be the natural near-ring homomorphism. Now we are given $P(I)$ and $P(N/I)$, and we define $P(N)$ by

$$P(N) = \{x \in N \mid \pi(x) \in P(N/I) \text{ or } x \in P(I)\}$$

Then $P(N)$ is subseminear-ring of N and if $a \in P(N)$ and $-a \in P(N)$ then $a = 0$, thus by proposition 2.3. N is a right ordered near-ring.

Proposition 2.5. An ordering of a near-ring N determined by a subset P of N with the properties (1)~(3) of Lemma 2.2. is linear if and only if the following additional condition holds :

(4) For every $a \in N$, either $a \in P$ or $-a \in P$.

Proof. It suffices to show that the linear property of ordered near-ring is equivalent to the condition (4) by Lemma 2.2.

If N is linearly ordered and the element a is not positive, then $a < 0$ so that $1 < a^{-1}$, that is, a^{-1} is positive.

Suppose, conversely, a subset P of N satisfies the condition (1)~(4) and that $a, b \in N$. If $b - a \in P$ we are done. But if $b - a \notin P$ then by (4), $-(b - a) = a - b \in P$, i.e., $b \leq a$.

Proposition 2.6. In any linearly ordered near-field N , all squares of non-zero elements are positive.

Proof. Suppose that $a (\neq 0) \in N$ by proposition 2.5, (4) either $a \in P$ or $-a \in P$. Since P is closed under multiplication, $a^2 = (-a)^2 \in P$ in either case, as asserted.

It is a corollary that the identity $1 = 1^2 \in N$ is always positive, while -1 is never positive.

Theorem 2.7. Any linearly ordered near-field N is an integral near-ring of characteristic 0.

Proof. First, suppose that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ were zero divisors, with $ab = 0$. Then $(\pm a)(\pm b) = 0$, but, by the linearity of proposition 2.5, one of $\pm a$ and one of $\pm b$ is in P , hence some one of the four products $(\pm a)(\pm b)$

is in P , say $a \in P$, $-b \in P$ then $a(-b) = -ab > 0$, a contradiction to $ab = 0$. Hence N is integral.

Second, since $1 \in P$, it follows by repeated application of part (1) of Lemma 2.2 that $1, 1 + 1, 1 + 1 + 1, \dots$ are different positive elements of N , and hence can not be 0 . Therefore the characteristic of N is 0 .

3. Positive derivations on ordered strongly regular near-rings

Now, We will introduce a positive derivation on ordered near-rings and investigate that an ordered near-ring which is strongly regular and has the additional property that $a \geq 0$ for each $a \in N$ can not have non-trivial positive derivations.

Definition 3.1. The statement that δ is a positive derivation on an ordered near-ring N mean that δ is a map from N into N such that :

- (1) $\delta(a + b) = \delta(a) + \delta(b)$ for each $a, b \in N$
- (2) $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + a\delta(b)$ for each $a, b \in N$
- (3) $\delta(a) \geq 0$ for each $a \in N$, with $a \geq 0$.

Lemma 3.2. Let N be a strongly regular near-ring. If for any a, b in N with $ab = 0$, then $(ba)^n = 0$, for all positive integer n .

Lemma 3.3. For any strongly regular near-ring N , if a, b in N with $ab = 0$ and $a^n = a0$, for any positive integer $n > 1$, then $a = 0$. In this case, in N is zero-symmetric, then N is reduced.

Proof. Assume the conditions hold. Then $a = xa^2 = aa = x^{n-1}a^n = x^{n-1}a0$ for some $x \in N$ so that $a0 = a^n = aa^{n-1} = x^{n-1}a0 = a$. Thus we have $a = a0 = aob = ab = 0$.

Corollary 3.4.(G.Mason(6)). Let N be a zero-symmetric near-ring. If for any a, b in N with $ab = 0$, then $ba = 0$ and N is reduced.

Lemma 3.5. Every strongly regular near-ring is regular. Moreover if N is strongly regular such that for a, x in N , $a = xa^2$, then $ax = xa$.

Proof. Let N be strongly regular. Then for any $a \in N$, $a = xa^2$ for some x in N , so that $(a - axa)a = 0$, by Lemma 3.2, $a(a - axa) = a0$. It follows that $(a - axa)^2 = a0 - axa0 = (a - axa)0$ by Lemma 3.3, $a = axa$. Hence N is regular.

Next, since $(ax - xa)^2 = ax0 - xa0 = (ax - xa)0$. Therefore $ax = xa$.

Before proving the main theorem, we will prove the following, here after we may assume that N is zero-symmetric.

Theorem 3.6. Let $(N, +, \cdot, \leq)$ be an ordered strongly regular near-ring such that $a^2 \geq 0$ for each $a \in N$. If δ is a positive derivation defined on N and $a \in N$, with $a \geq 0$, then $\delta(a) = 0$.

Proof. Suppose N is ordered strongly regular and a is any element of N with $a \geq 0$, then there exists an element x in N such that $a = xa^2$. By Lemma 3.5, we have $ax = xa$ and $a = axa$. Applying δ for $a = axa$, $\delta(a) = \delta(axa) = \delta(a)xa + a\delta(xa)$. Multiplying on the right side of this equation by a , $\delta(a)a = \delta(a)xa^2 + a\delta(xa)a$. This implies that $a\delta(xa)a = 0$. Hence $[a\delta(xa)]^2 = a\delta(xa)a\delta(xa) = 0$. By Lemma 3.3, N is reduced, so that $a\delta(xa) = 0$. It follows that $\delta(a) = \delta(a)xa$.

Next, Since $ax = xa$, $\delta(xa) = \delta(ax) = \delta(a)x + a\delta(x)$. Multiplying on the right side by a , $\delta(xa)a = \delta(a)xa + a\delta(x)a$. Obviously, $\delta(xa)a = 0$ by using Lemma 3.3, and the equality $a\delta(xa)a = 0$. Thus, $\delta(a)xa = -a\delta(x)a$, that is, $\delta(a) = -a\delta(x)a$. Since N is ordered, $x^2a \geq 0$, and since δ is positive, $\delta(x^2a) \geq 0$, namely, $\delta(x)xa + x\delta(xa) \geq 0$. Multiplying on the right

by $a(a \geq 0)$, we obtained that $\delta(x)xa^2 + x\delta(xa)a = \delta(x)a + 0 = \delta(x)a \geq 0$. Since, $a \geq 0$, $a\delta(a) = -\delta(a) \geq 0$, by Remark 2.1, $\delta(a) \leq 0$. Therefore $\delta(a) = 0$.

Theorem 3.7. Let $(N, +, \cdot, \leq)$ be an ordered strongly regular near-ring such that $a^2 \geq 0$ for each $a \in N$, then $\delta(a) = 0$, for each $a \in N$.

Proof. Left to the reader, using Theorem 3.6.

Corollary 3.8. If $(F, +, \cdot, \leq)$ is a strongly regular ordered near-field and δ is a positive derivation defined on F , then $\delta(x) = 0$, for any $x \in F$.

Proof. It is straight-for-ward from proposition 2.6.

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