ON STRONGLY EQUIPRIME Γ – NEAR RINGS

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Abstract

In this paper we obtain some equivalent conditions for strongly equiprime Γ - near rings N and the strongly equiprime radical $\mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$ coincides with $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)^+$ where $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)$ is the strongly equiprime radical of left operator near-ring L of N.

1. Introduction

The concept of Γ - near ring, a generalization of both the concepts near-ring and Γ - ring was introduced by Satyanarayana [12]. Later, several authors such as Satyanarayana [11], Booth and Booth Groenewald [2, 3, 4] studied the ideal theory of Γ - near rings. In this paper we obtain some equivalent conditions for strongly equiprime Γ - near rings N and the strongly equiprime radical $\mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$ to coincide with $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)^+$ where $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)$ is the strongly equiprime radical of left operator near-ring L of N.

2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall certain definitions needed for our purpose.

Definition 2.1. A Γ - near ring is a triple $(N, +, \Gamma)$, where

- (i) (N, +) is a (not necessarily abelian) group;
- (ii) Γ is a non-empty set of binary operations on N such that for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $(N, +, \gamma)$ is a right near -ring and;

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(iii) $(x\gamma y) \mu z = x\gamma (y\mu z)$ for all $x, y, z \in N$ and $\gamma, \mu \in \Gamma$.

Γ-near rings generalize near-rings in the sense that every near-ring N is a Γ-near ring with $\Gamma = \{\cdot\}$, where \cdot is the multiplication defined on N. Another example is the following : Let X and G be a non empty set and an additive group respectively. Let N = M(X, G) and let $\Gamma = M(G, X)$, where M(A, B) denotes the set of all mappings from A into B. Then N is a Γ - near ring with the operations pointwise addition and composition of mappings.

Definition 2.2. Let N be a Γ -near ring, then a normal subgroup I of (N, +) is said to be

- (i) left ideal (right ideal) if $a\alpha (b+i) a\alpha b \in I \quad \forall a, b \in N, i \in I$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$,
- (ii) right ideal if $i\alpha a \in I \quad \forall i \in I, a \in N \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma$,
- (iii) ideal if it is both a left and a right ideal of N.

Definition 2.3. A subgroup I of (N, +) is said to be left (right) Γ -subgroup of N if $N\Gamma I \subseteq I(I\Gamma N \subseteq I)$.

I is said to be Γ - subgroup if it is both a left and a right Γ -subgroup.

Definition 2.4. Let N be a Γ - near ring. Let \mathcal{L} be the set of all mappings of N into itself which act on the left. Then \mathcal{L} is a right nearring with operations pointwise addition and composition of mappings. Let $x \in N$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. We define the mapping $[x, \alpha] : N \to N$ by $[x, \alpha] y = x \alpha y$ $\forall y \in N$. The sub near-ring L of \mathcal{L} generated by the set $\{[x, \alpha] | x \in N, \alpha \in \Gamma\}$ is called the left operator near-ring of N. If $I \subseteq L$, then

$$I^+ = \{ x \in N / [x, \alpha] \in I \,\,\forall \,\, \alpha \in \Gamma \} \,.$$

If $J \subseteq N$, $J^{+'} = \{\ell \in L/\ell x \in J \ \forall \ x \in N\}$. It is shown in [3] that I is an ideal in L implies I^+ is an ideal in N and J is an ideal in N implies $J^{+'}$ is an ideal in L.

A right operator near-ring R of N is defined analogously to the definition of L. Let \mathcal{R} be the left near-ring of all mappings of N in to itself which act on the right. If $\gamma \in \Gamma, y \in N$, we define $[\gamma, y] : N \to N$ by $x[\gamma, y] = x\gamma y$ for all $x \in N$. R is the sub near-ring of \mathcal{R} generated by the set $\{[\gamma, y] | \gamma \in \Gamma, y \in N\}$. 2009]

Definition 2.5. An element x of a Γ -near ring N is called distributive if $x\alpha (a + b) = x\alpha a + x\alpha b$ for all $a, b \in N$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. If all the elements of a Γ -near ring N are distributive, then N is said to be a distributive Γ -near ring.

Definition 2.6. A Γ - near ring N is said to be zero symmetric if $a\gamma 0 = 0 \quad \forall \ a \in N, \gamma \in \Gamma$.

Definition 2.7. An element m in a Γ - near ring N is said to be a left non-zero divisor if $m\alpha x = 0$ implies that x = 0 for any $\alpha \in \Gamma$. An element n is said to be a right non-zero divisor $y\alpha n = 0$ implies that y = 0 for any $\alpha \in \Gamma$. An element in a Γ - near ring is said to be a non-zero divisor if it is both left and right non-zero divisor of N.

Definition 2.8. Let N be a Γ -near ring with left operator near-ring L. If $\sum_{i} [d_i, \delta_i] \in L$ has the property that $\sum_{i} d_i \delta_i x = x \forall x \in N$, then $\sum_{i} [d_i, \delta_i]$ is called a left unity for N. A strong left unity for N is an element $[d, \delta]$ of L such that $d\delta x = x \forall x \in N$.

Definition 2.9. An ideal I of a Γ - near ring N is called a completely prime ideal of N if $a, b \in N$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma, a\alpha b \in I$ implies $a \in I$ or $b \in I$.

Definition 2.10. An ideal I of a Γ - near ring N is said to be prime if for any two ideals A, B of N, $A\Gamma B \subseteq I$ implies $A \subseteq I$ or $B \subseteq I$.

3. Strongly Equiprime Γ – Near Rings

In this section we shall prove that some equivalent conditions for strongly equiprime Γ - near rings.

Definition 3.1. Let N be a Γ - near ring. N is said to be strongly equiprime if for each $a \neq 0 \in N$, there exists finite subsets F of N and Δ of Γ respectively, such that $a\gamma f\mu x = a\gamma f\mu y \quad \forall f \in F, \gamma, \mu \in \Delta$ imply x = y $\forall x, y \in N$. Here F is called an insulator for a.

Definition 3.2. Let N be a Γ - near ring, then

$$N_{c} = \{n \in N/n\gamma 0 = n \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\} = \left\{n \in N/\forall n' \in N : n\gamma n' = n \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\right\}$$

is called the constant part of N.

The notations $\langle a \rangle$ and $\langle a \rangle_{\Gamma}$ will denote respectively the ideal and the Γ - subgroup generated by a in N.

Definition 3.3. Let N be a Γ - near ring and $I = \langle a \rangle_{\Gamma}$ be a Γ subgroup of N. For any $x \in I, \gamma \in \Gamma$, there exists $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in I$ such that $x_n = x$ and for each $1 \leq i \leq n$ one of the following holds:

 $\begin{aligned} x_i &= ma \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x_i &= x_j \pm x_k \text{ for some } j, k < i \\ x_i &= r\gamma x_j \text{ for some } r \in N, j < i \\ x_i &= x_j\gamma r \text{ for some } r \in N, j < i. \end{aligned}$

This sequence x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n is called a generating sequence for x.

Theorem 3.4. Let N be a strongly equiprime Γ -near ring. Then the left operator near-ring L is strongly equiprime.

Proof. Suppose N is strongly equiprime. We shall prove that L is strongly equiprime. Let $0 \neq l \in L$. Then there exists $x \in N$ such that $lx \neq 0$. Since N is strongly equiprime, there exist $f_1, f_2, \ldots f_n \in N$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \ldots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $y, z \in N$ and $(lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k y = (lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k z$ for all $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ implies y = z. Let $G = \{[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k] : 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n\}$. Let $l_1, l_2 \in L$ and suppose that $lgl_1 = lgl_2$ for all $g \in G$. Then $lgl_1y = lgl_2y$ for all $y \in N$. Hence $l[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k]l_1y = l[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k]l_2y$ and so $(lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k (l_1y) =$ $(lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k (l_2y)$ for all $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$. Hence $l_1y = l_2y$ for all $y \in N$ and so $l_1 = l_2$. Hence L is strongly equiprime. \Box

Definition 3.5. A Γ - near ring N is said to be a left weakly semiprime Γ -near ring if $[x, \Gamma] \neq 0 \forall x \neq 0 \in N$.

Note that if N is a distributive Γ - near-ring, then the elements of L are expressible in the form $\sum_{i} [x_i, \alpha_i]$ and also N is strongly equiprime if and only if it is strongly prime, that is, if $0 \neq x \in N$, then there exist finite subsets F and Δ of N and Γ respectively, such that $x\Delta F\Delta y = 0$ implies y = 0, for all $y \in N$.

Theorem 3.6. Let N be a distributive, left weakly semiprime Γ – near ring having no zero divisor, then N is strongly equiprime if and only if L is strongly equiprime.

Proof. Suppose L is strongly equiprime. We shall prove that N is strongly equiprime. Let $x \neq 0 \in N$. Since L is strongly equiprime, there exist finite subsets

$$F = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[y_{jk}, \beta_{jk} \right] / k = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}$$
 (say)

of N and Δ of Γ respectively, such that

$$[x,\gamma] f\ell_1 = [x,\gamma] f\ell_2 \ \forall \ f \in F, \gamma \in \Delta \text{ implies } \ell_1 = \ell_2 \ \forall \ \ell_1, \ell_2 \in L.$$
(1)

Consider $F' = \{y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x/j = 1, 2, ..., n, k = 1, 2, ..., m\}$. Our claim is that F' is an insulator for x. Let $y, z \in N, \gamma, \mu \in \Delta$ such that

$$x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y = x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu z \ \forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

We shall prove that y = z. Now

$$x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y = x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}\mu z \ \forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

implies

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$$[x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y - x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}\mu z, \Gamma] = 0 \quad \forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

i.e.,
$$[x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y - x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}\mu z, \delta] = 0 \quad \forall \ \delta \in \Gamma$$

and
$$\forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y, \delta \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}\mu z, \delta \end{bmatrix} = 0 \ \forall \ \delta \in \Gamma$$

and $\forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$

Then

$$[x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu y,\delta] = [x\gamma y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\mu z,\delta] \quad \forall \ \delta \in \Gamma$$

and $\forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m,$
i.e., $[x,\gamma] [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] [x\mu y,\delta] = [x,\gamma] [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] [x\mu z,\delta]$

for all $\delta \in \Gamma$ and for all j = 1, 2, ..., n; k = 1, 2, ..., m. Therefore,

$$[x,\gamma] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] [x\mu y,\delta] = [x,\gamma] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] [x\mu z,\delta] \ .$$

By (1), $[x\mu y, \delta] = [x\mu z, \delta]$, i.e., $[x\mu y - x\mu z, \delta] = 0$ for all $\delta \in \Gamma$. Since N is left weakly semiprime, $x\mu y - x\mu z = 0$. Hence $x\mu (y - z) = 0$. Since N has no zero divisor, y - z = 0 and hence y = z.

Converse part follows from Theorem 3.4.

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Proposition 3.7. Let N be a Γ - near ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) N is strongly equiprime;
- (2) Every non zero right Γ subgroup of N contains a finite subset F such that $x, y \in N, f\gamma x = f\gamma y \forall f \in F, \gamma \in \Gamma$ implies x = y;
- (3) Every non zero Γ subgroup of N contains a finite subset F such that $x, y \in N, f\gamma x = f\gamma y \quad \forall f \in F, \gamma \in \Gamma \text{ implies } x = y.$

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $I \neq 0$ be right Γ - subgroup of N and $a \neq 0 \in I$. Then there exist finite subsets F and Δ of N and Γ respectively, such that $a\alpha f\beta x = a\alpha f\beta y$ for all $f \in F$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ implies x = y for all $x, y \in N$. Let $G = \{a\alpha f / \alpha \in \Delta, f \in F\}$. Then G is a finite subset of I and it satisfies our required result.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$: Obvious.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): First we show that N is zero symmetric. For if N is not zero symmetric, then $N_c \neq 0$, and so $n\alpha x = n\alpha y = n \ \forall \ n \in N_c, \alpha \in$ Γ . Hence N_c contains no finite subset with the required property. This contradiction shows that N is zero symmetric. Let $a \neq 0 \in N$. Suppose that $a\Gamma N = 0$, then $\langle a \rangle \Gamma N = 0$. Since N is zero symmetric, $\langle a \rangle$ is a Γ - subgroup of N and $\langle a \rangle \neq 0$. Moreover $b\alpha x = b\alpha y = 0 \ \forall \ b \in \langle$ $a \rangle, x, y \in N, \alpha \in \Gamma$. Hence $\langle a \rangle$ can not contain a finite subset F such that $x, y \in N, f\alpha x = f\alpha y \ \forall \ f \in F$ implies x = y. This contradiction shows that $a\Gamma N \neq 0$. Let $n \in N$ be such that $a\alpha n \neq 0$. Consider a Γ - subgroup $I = \langle a \rangle_{\Gamma}$ of N. Let Δ be a finite subset of Γ and let $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n \in I$ be such that $f_i \alpha x = f_i \alpha y, \forall \ \alpha \in \Delta, 1 \le i \le n$ implies $x = y \ \forall \ x, y \in N$. Let $f_{i1}, f_{i2}, \ldots, f_{im(i)}$ be a generating sequence for $f_i, 1 \le i \le n$. Each f_{ij} contains factors of the form $a\alpha n$ or $(a\alpha n) \beta r \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ and for some $r \in N$. Let $G = \{n\} \cup \{n\alpha r / (a\beta n) \alpha r \text{ occurs in some } f_{ij}\}$. Suppose $x, y \in N, \alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ and that $(a\alpha g) \beta x = (a\alpha g) \beta y \forall g \in G$. It follows from the definition of generating sequence that $f_{ij}\beta x = f_{ij}\beta y \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$ (i) and in particular that $f_i\beta x = f_i\beta y \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence x = y. Since G is finite, it is an insulator for a. Hence N is strongly equiprime. \Box

Definition 3.8.([5]) A Γ - near ring N is said to be equiprime if $a, x, y \in N$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, a\alpha n\beta x = a\alpha n\beta y$ for all $n \in N$ implies a = 0 or x = y.

Note that

- (1) Every equiprime Γ -near ring is zero symmetric.
- (2) Every strongly equiprime Γ -near ring is equiprime.

Definition 3.9. Let N be a Γ -near ring and A be a subset of N. Then the right equalizer of A is the set

$$r_e(A) = \{(x, y) \in N \times N / a\alpha x = a\alpha y \ \forall \ a \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma\}.$$

Proposition 3.10. Let N be an equiprime Γ -near ring which satisfies the d.c.c on right equalizers, then N is strongly equiprime.

Proof. If N = 0, then the result is trivial. So assume that $N \neq 0$. Let $I \neq 0$ be a Γ - subgroup of N and $\mathcal{M} = \{r_e(F) | F \text{ is a finite subset of } I\}$. Since N satisfies the d.c.c. on the right equalizers, \mathcal{M} contains a minimal element $E = r_e(F_0)$ say. We claim that $E = \{(x, x) | x \in N\}$. For if not, there exists $(x, y) \in E$ with $x \neq y$. Let $a \neq 0 \in I$. Since N is equiprime, there exists $n \in N$ such that $a\alpha n\beta x \neq a\alpha n\beta y$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Let $F_1 = F_0 \cup \{a\alpha n\}$. Then $F_1 \subseteq I$ and since $F_0 \subseteq F_1$,

$$r_e(F_1) \subseteq r_e(F_0). \tag{2}$$

Moreover, since $a\alpha n\beta x \neq a\alpha n\beta y$, $(x, y) \notin r_e(F_1)$. But $(x, y) \in r_e(F_0)$. Hence the inclusion in (2) is strict. This contradicts the minimality of E. Hence $E = \{(x, x) | x \in N\}$. Thus if $x, y \in N, x \neq y$ implies $(x, y) \notin E$. Therefore there exists $f \in F_0$ such that $f\alpha x \neq f\alpha y$. It follows from Proposition 3.7 that N is strongly equiprime.

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Definition 3.11. If X is a subset of $N \times N$, then the left equalizer of X is the set $\ell_e(X) = \{a \in N | a\alpha x = a\alpha y \forall (x, y) \in X, \alpha \in \Gamma\}$.

Lemma 3.12. Let N be a Γ -near ring and D a left equalizer in N. Then $D = \ell_e(r_e(D))$.

Proof. Let $X \subseteq N \times N$ be such that $D = \ell_e(X)$. Let $d \in D, (x, y) \in r_e(D)$. Then $d\gamma x = d\gamma y$, for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and hence $d \in \ell_e(r_e(D))$. This implies that $D \subseteq \ell_e(r_e(D))$. A similar argument shows that $X \subseteq r_e(\ell_e(X))$. Hence $\ell_e r_e(\ell_e(X)) \subseteq \ell_e(X)$, i.e., $\ell_e(r_e(D)) \subseteq D$ and consequently $D = \ell_e(r_e(D))$.

Lemma 3.13. Let N be a Γ -near ring. Then N satisfies the d.c.c on right equalizers if and only if N satisfies the a.c.c. on left equalizers.

Proof. Suppose N satisfies the d.c.c. on right equalizers. Let $D_1 \subseteq D_2 \subseteq \cdots$ be an ascending chain of left equalizers. Then $r_e(D_1) \supseteq r_e(D_2) \supseteq \cdots$ is a descending chain of the right equalizers. Then there exists $n \in N$ such that $r_e(D_n) = r_e(D_{n+1}) = \cdots$. Hence $\ell_e(r_e(D_n)) = \ell_e(r_e(D_{n+1})) = \cdots$, i.e., $D_n = D_{n+1} = \cdots$ by Lemma 3.12. The proof of the converse is similar. \Box

Corollary 3.14. Every equiprime Γ -near ring N with a.c.c. on left equalizers is strongly equiprime.

Proof. Suppose N is an equiprime Γ - near ring with a.c.c. on left equalizers. By Lemma 3.13, N satisfies the d.c.c. on right equalizers. It follows from Proposition 3.10 that N is strongly equiprime.

4. Strongly Equiprime Radicals of Γ – Near Rings

In this section we shall prove that the strongly equiprime radical $\mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$ coincides with $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)^+$ where $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)$ is the strongly equiprime radical of left operator near-ring L of N.

Notation 4.1. For a Γ - near ring N, the prime radical and the set of all nilpotent elements are denoted by $\mathcal{P}_0(N)$ and $\mathcal{N}(N)$ respectively.

Definition 4.2. An ideal I of a Γ -near ring N is said to be 2-primal if $\mathcal{P}_0\left(\frac{N}{I}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{N}{I}\right)$.

A Γ -near ring N is called strongly 2-primal if every ideal I of N is 2primal. If the zero ideal of N is 2-primal, then N is called 2-primal. This is equivalent to $\mathcal{P}_0(N) = \mathcal{N}(N)$.

The following theorem characterizes 2-primalness for ideals in Γ -near rings. The proof is a minor modification the of proof of the corresponding theorem in near-ring theory [1].

Theorem 4.3. Let I be an ideal of a Γ -near ring N. Then

- (i) I is a completely semiprime ideal if and only if I is both a semiprime and a 2-primal ideal.
- (ii) If $N\Gamma I \subseteq I$, then the following are equivalent:
 - (a) I is a completely prime ideal;

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- (b) I is both a prime and a completely semiprime ideal;
- (c) I is both a prime and a 2-primal ideal.

Lemma 4.4. If a Γ -near ring N is strongly 2-primal, then every prime ideal of N is completely prime.

Proof. It follows from Theorem 4.3.

Definition 4.5. Let N be a Γ - near ring. An ideal P is said to be strongly equiprime if for each $a \notin P$, there exists finite subsets F and Δ of N and Γ respectively, such that $a\gamma f\mu x - a\gamma f\mu y \in P \ \forall f \in F$, and $\gamma, \mu \in \Delta$ implies $x - y \in P \ \forall x, y \in N$.

Proposition 4.6. Let N be a Γ - near ring. If P is a strongly equiprime ideal of N, then $P^{+'} = \{\ell \in L/\ell x \in P \ \forall \ x \in N\}$ is a strongly equiprime ideal of L.

Proof. Suppose P is a strongly equiprime ideal of N. We shall prove that $P^{+'}$ is a strongly equiprime ideal of L. Let $0 \neq l \notin P^{+'}$. Then there exists $x \in N$ such that $lx \notin P$. Since P is strongly equiprime ideal, there exist $f_1, f_2, \ldots f_n \in N$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \ldots \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $y, z \in N$ and $(lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k y - (lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k z \in P$ for all $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ implies $y - z \in P$. Let $G = \{[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k] : 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n\}$. Let $l_1, l_2 \in L$ and suppose that $lgl_1 - lgl_2 \in P^{+'}$ for all $g \in G$. Then $(lgl_1 - lgl_2)y \in P$ for all $y \in N$. Hence $l[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k]l_1y - l[x\gamma_i f_j, \gamma_k]l_2y \in P$ and so $(lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k (l_1y) - (lx)\gamma_i f_j \gamma_k (l_2y) \in P$ for all

 $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$. Hence $l_1y - l_2y \in P$ for all $y \in N$ and so $l_1 - l_2 \in P^{+'}$. Hence $P^{+'}$ is strongly equiprime ideal of L.

Proposition 4.7. Let N be a distributive strongly 2-primal Γ - near ring with a strong left unity, and Q a strongly equiprime ideal of L. Then

$$Q^{+} = \{ x \in N / [x, \alpha] \in Q \ \forall \ \alpha \in \Gamma \}$$

is strongly equiprime ideal of N.

Proof. Suppose $0 \neq Q$ is a strongly equiprime ideal of L. We shall prove that Q^+ is a strongly equiprime ideal in N. Let $x \notin Q^+$. Then there exists $\alpha \in \Gamma$ such that $[x, \alpha] \notin Q$. Since N is distributive and Q is a strongly equiprime ideal in L, there exists a finite subsets $F = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk}, \beta_{jk}] / k = 1, 2, \ldots, m \right\}$ of N and Δ of Γ respectively, such that

$$[x,\alpha] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] \ell_1 - [x,\alpha] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk},\beta_{jk}] \ell_2 \in Q$$

for all k = 1, 2, ..., m and $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ implies

$$\ell_1 - \ell_2 \in Q \quad \forall \ \ell_1, \ell_2 \in L. \tag{3}$$

Consider the collection

$$F' = \{y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x/j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

Our claim is that F' is an insulator for x. Let $a, b \in N$, $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ such that

$$x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta a - x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta b \in Q^+ \ \forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots n; k = 1, 2, \dots m$$

We shall prove that $a - b \in Q^+$. Now

$$x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta a - x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta b \in Q^+ \quad \forall \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

implies

$$[x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta a - x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta b, \gamma] \in Q$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Hence

$$[x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta a,\gamma] - [x\alpha y_{jk}\beta_{jk}x\beta b,\gamma] \in Q,$$

$$\text{i.e., } \left[x,\alpha\right]\left[y_{jk},\beta_{jk}\right]\left[x\beta a,\gamma\right]-\left[x,\alpha\right]\left[y_{jk},\beta_{jk}\right]\left[x\beta b,\gamma\right]\in Q$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Therefore

i.e.,
$$[x, \alpha] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk}, \beta_{jk}] [x\beta a, \gamma] - [x, \alpha] \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_{jk}, \beta_{jk}] [x\beta b, \gamma] \in Q$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and for all k = 1, 2, ..., m. By (3), $[x\beta a, \gamma] - [x\beta b, \gamma] \in Q$, i.e., $[x\beta a - x\beta b, \gamma] \in Q$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Hence $x\beta a - x\beta b \in Q^+$. This implies that $x\beta (a - b) \in Q^+$. Since Q is strongly equiprime in L, Q is prime in L. By [3, Proposition 3.3], Q^+ is prime in N. Since N is strongly 2-primal, Q^+ is completely prime in N. Hence $x\beta (a - b) \in Q^+$ and $x \notin Q^+$ implies $a - b \in Q^+$. Thus Q^+ is strongly equiprime ideal in N. \Box

Theorem 4.8. Let N be a distributive strongly 2-primal Γ - ring with a strong left unity. Then $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)^+ = \mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$ where L is the left operator near-ring of N, $\mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$ is the strongly equiprime radical of N and $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)$ is the strongly equiprime radical of L.

Proof. Let P be a strongly equiprime ideal of L. Then by Proposition 4.7, P^+ is a strongly equiprime ideal of N. Moreover $(P^+)^{+\prime} = P$ by [2, Proposition 5]. Suppose Q is a strongly equiprime ideal in N, then by Proposition 4.6, $Q^{+\prime}$ is a strongly equiprime ideal in L and $(Q^{+\prime})^+ = Q$ by [2, Proposition 5]. Thus the mapping $P \to P^+$ defines a 1-1 correspondence between the set of strongly equiprime ideals of L and N. Hence $\mathcal{P}_{se}(L)^+ = (\cap P)^+ = \cap P^+ = \mathcal{P}_{se}(N)$.

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