

## ON THE $(m, K, n)$ -IDEALS OF ASSOCIATIVE RINGS

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Let  $A$  be an associative ring. Let  $A^0$  denote the operator 1 even in case, if  $A$  does not have an unity element  $e \in A$ .  $Z$  denotes the ring of rational integers, and  $B \cdot C$  denotes the additive subgroup generated by all products  $b \cdot c$ , where  $b \in B$  and  $c \in C$ . A subring  $S$  of  $A$  is called an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal, if the inclusion

$$S^m \cdot A \cdot S^K \cdot A \cdot S^n \subseteq S$$

is valid, for arbitrary non-negative rational integers  $m, K, n$ . It must be remarked that  $(m, K, n)$ -ideals of semigroups were introduced and discussed by S. Lajos [6].

Following S. Lajos-F. A. Szász [8], a subring  $S$  of a ring  $A$  is called an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ , if  $S^m \cdot A \cdot S^n \subseteq S$  holds. Obviously, every  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $A$  is also an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal, by  $A \cdot S^K \cdot A \subseteq A$ , and thus by  $S^m \cdot A \cdot S^K \cdot A \cdot S^n \subseteq S^m \cdot A \cdot S^n \subseteq S$  we have shown our assertion. But the converse, in general is not true. The converse statement holds if  $A^2 = A$  is valid, since then the  $(m, 0, n)$ -ideal coincides with the  $(m, n)$ -ideal, being true

$$S^m \cdot A \cdot S^0 \cdot A \cdot S^n = S^m \cdot A^2 \cdot S^n = S^m \cdot A \cdot S^n \subseteq S$$

A Particular case of  $A^2 = A$  is, if  $A$  is von Neumann-regular, strongly regular, weakly regular, or biregular. For these definitions see N. Jacobson [1], or F. A. Szász [11].

**THEOREM 1.** *A subring  $S$  of an associative ring is an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of a  $(0, K, 0)$ -ideal of  $A$ .*

**PROOF.** First we assume that  $S$  is a  $(0, K, 0)$ -ideal of the ring  $A$ , and  $T$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $S$ . Then one has

$$A \cdot S^K \cdot A + S^2 \subseteq S$$

and  $T^m \cdot S \cdot T^n + T^2 \subseteq T \subseteq S$ .

Now these inclusions imply evidently

$$T^m \cdot A \cdot T^K \cdot A \cdot T^n \subseteq T^m \cdot A \cdot S^K \cdot A \cdot T^n \subseteq T^m \cdot S \cdot T^n \subseteq T,$$

i. e.  $T$  is an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ , indeed.

Conversely, let  $S$  be an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ . Then we shall show that  $S$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of the  $(0, K, 0)$ -ideal, generated by  $S$ , of  $A$ . Obviously

$$(*) \quad \{S\}_{(0, K, 0)} = S + A \cdot S^K \cdot A,$$

where the left side of our equation (\*) is the  $(0, K, 0)$ -ideal, generated by  $S$ , of  $A$ . Thus we have

$$S^m \cdot \{S\}_{(0, k, 0)} \cdot S^n \subseteq S^m A S^k A \cdot S^n + S^{m+n-1} \subseteq S,$$

and thus Theorem 1 is proved.

DEFINITION 2. (see S. Lajos [ ]). A subring  $S$  of a ring  $A$  is said to be an "interior ideal", if it is a  $(0, 1, 0)$ -ideal that is  $A \cdot S \cdot A \subseteq S$  holds.

COROLLARY 3. A subring  $S$  of a ring  $A$  is a  $(0, 1, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $S$  is a left ideal of an interior ideal of  $A$ .

COROLLARY 4. A subring  $S$  of a ring  $A$  is an  $(1, 1, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $S$  is a bi-ideal of an interior ideal.

REMARK 5.1. Bi-ideal  $S$  of  $A$  means an  $(1, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$ . For a detailed discussion of bi-ideals of rings, see S. Lajos-F. A. Szász [7].

REMARK 5.2. Evidently, every two-sided ideal is an interior ideal, but the converse, in general, is not true, as the following example shows:

EXAMPLE 6. Let  $F$  be an arbitrary field, and  $A = F_6$  the full ring of matrices of type  $6 \times 6$  over the field  $F$ . Its matrix unities let be denoted by  $E_{i,j}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  and  $6$ ), i. e. we have

$$E_{i,j} \cdot E_{k,l} = \delta_{j,k} \cdot E_{i,l}$$

where  $\delta_{j,k}$  is the Kronecker delta. If we put

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= E_{1,2}; a_2 = E_{1,3} + E_{4,1}; a_3 = E_{1,4}; a_4 = E_{1,5} + E_{4,1} + E_{6,3} \\ &\text{and } a_5 = E_{1,6} + E_{4,1} + E_{5,2}, \end{aligned}$$

then the additive subgroups

$$Z \cdot a_3; Z a_5; Z a_2 + Z a_3; Z a_1 + Z a_4 \text{ and } Z a_1 + Z a_5$$

all are subrings, even interior ideals, but not twosided ideals of  $A = F_6$ .

THEOREM 7. Let  $A$  be an associative ring,  $S$  an  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ . Then any  $(0, K, 0)$ -ideal  $T$  of  $A$  is an  $(m, m+k+n, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

PROOF. Obviously

$$S^m A S^n + S^2 \subseteq S$$

and  $S \cdot T^K \cdot S + T^2 \subseteq T \subseteq S$ .

Now we shall show that the subring  $T$  of  $A$  is an  $(m, m+K+n, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ . Namely from the above inclusions we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^m \cdot A \cdot T^{m+K+n} \cdot A \cdot T^n &= (T^m AT^n) \cdot T^K \cdot (T^m AT^n) \\ &\subseteq (S^m AS^n) \cdot T^K (S^m AS^n) \subseteq AT^k A \subseteq T. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $T$  is an  $(m, m+k+n, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ , indeed.

COROLLARY 8. Assume that  $A$  is a ring,  $T$  is a bi-ideal of  $A$ , and  $S$  is an interior ideal of  $T$ . Then  $S$  is a  $(1, 3, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

COROLLARY 9. Assume that  $A$  is a ring,  $L$  is a left ideal of  $A$ , and  $S$  is an interior ideal of  $L$ . Then  $S$  is a  $(0, 2, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

THEOREM 10. Let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  an  $(m, k, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ . They any  $(p, q, r)$ -ideal of  $S$  is an  $(m+p+q+1, K, n+r)$ -ideal resp. an  $(m+p, K, n+q+r+1)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

PROOF. Evidently hold:

$$S^m \cdot A \cdot S^K \cdot A \cdot S^n + S^2 \subseteq S$$

and

$$T^p \cdot S \cdot T^q \cdot S \cdot T^r + T^2 \subseteq T \subseteq S.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T^{m+p+q+1} \cdot A \cdot T^k \cdot AT^{n+r} &= T^{p+q+1} (T^m \cdot A \cdot T^k \cdot AT^n) T^r \\ &\subseteq T^{p+q+1} \cdot S \cdot T^r \subseteq T^p \cdot ST^q ST^r \subseteq T. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 11. Assume that  $A$  is a ring,  $S$  is an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ . Then any interior ideal  $T$  of  $S$  is an  $(m, k, n+2)$ -ideal, resp.  $(m+2, K, n)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

COROLLARY 12. Assume that  $A$  is a ring,  $B$  is an interior ideal of  $A$ . Then any  $(m, k, n)$ -ideal  $T$  of  $S$  is an  $(m+k+1, 1, n)$ -ideal resp.  $(m, 1, n+k+1)$ -ideal of  $A$ .

Recently S Lajos-G. Szász [8] have introduced the notion of  $(p, q, r)$ -regularity of semigroups. In a similar way, we say that a ring  $A$  is  $(p, q, r)$ -regular, if there exist elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $A$  for every  $a \in A$  such that

$$a = a^p \cdot x \cdot a^q \cdot y \cdot a^r$$

holds. Moreover, following S. Lajos [6], we say that an  $(m, k, n)$ -ideal of  $A$  is "complete" if  $S^m \cdot A \cdot S^K \cdot A \cdot S^n = S$  holds.

THEOREM 13. A ring  $A$  is  $(p, q, r)$ -regular if and only if every  $(p, q, r)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.

PROOF. Let  $A$  be a  $(p, q, r)$ -regular ring,  $S$  a  $(p, q, r)$ -ideal of  $A$  and  $s \in S$ .

Then  $s = s^p \times s^q \cdot y \cdot s^r \in S^p \cdot A \cdot S^q \cdot A \cdot S^r$  implies  $S \subseteq S^p \cdot A \cdot S^q \cdot A \cdot S^r \subseteq S$ , whence it follows that the  $(p, q, r)$ -ideal is complete.

Conversely, if every  $(p, q, r)$ -ideal  $S$  of  $A$  is complete then for every  $s \in S$  we have

$$s \in \{s\}_{(p,q,r)} = T = T^p \cdot A \cdot T^q \cdot A \cdot T^r \subseteq s^p \cdot A \cdot s^q \cdot A \cdot s^r,$$

which means the  $(p, q, r)$ -regularity of the ring  $A$ .

**COROLLARY 14.** *A ring  $A$  is von Neumann-regular if and only if every  $(1, 1, 1)$ -ideal  $S$  of  $A$  is complete.*

**COROLLARY 15.** *A ring  $A$  is intraregular if and only if every  $(0, 2, 0)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*

We recall that a ring  $A$  is strongly regular if for every element  $a \in A$  the inclusion  $a \in a^2 \cdot A$  holds.

The characterization of strongly regular rings with the help of 29 equivalent conditions can be found e.g. in part II of F. A. Szász [10].

Now, the following result holds:

**COROLLARY 16.** *The following eleven conditions for a ring are pairwise equivalent:*

- (1)  *$A$  is strongly regular.*
- (2) *Every  $(1, 0, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (3) *Every  $(2, 0, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (4) *Every  $(2, 0, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (5) *Every  $(1, 1, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (6) *Every  $(2, 1, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (7) *Every  $(2, 1, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (8) *Every  $(1, 2, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (9) *Every  $(2, 2, 1)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (10) *Every  $(2, 2, 2)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*
- (11) *For every  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m+n \geq 3$  and  $m, n \geq 1$ , every  $(m, n)$ -ideal of  $A$  is complete.*

**PROBLEM 17.** Investigate the generalized  $(m, K, n)$ -ideals  $S$  of the ring  $A$  such that  $S^m A S^K A S^n \subseteq S$  holds, but  $S$  is only a subgroup of  $A^+$ , but, in general, it is not a subring of  $A$ !



PROBLEM 18. Let  $C$  be a class of rings  $A$ . Investigate the almost  $(m, K, n)$ -Amitsur-Kurosh radical classes  $C$ , satisfying.

18. 1)  $C$  is homomorphically closed

18. 2) If every nonzero homomorphic image  $A'$  of the ring  $A$  contains a  $C$ -subring  $S$ , which is an  $(m, K, n)$ -ideal  $S$  of  $A$ , then  $A \in C$  holds.

PROBLEM 19. Investigate those  $(m, K, n)$ -strongly Amitsur-Kurosh radical classes  $C(m, K, n)$  such that in every ring  $A$ , the corresponding radical  $C(m, K, n)(A)$  of  $A$  contains every subring, which is  $C(m, K, n)$ -radical ring!

PROBLEM 20. The same problem, as Problems 18 and 19, but for generalized  $(m, K, n)$ -ideals of the ring  $A$ , instead of ordinary  $(m, K, n)$ -ideals of  $A$ .

PROBLEM 21. The same, as problem 19, but for supernilpotent, special and subidempotent radical classes.

REMARK 22. For these concepts see e.g. F. A. Szász [11].

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