

## **MODULAR, PRIMITIVE PROPERTIES AND CHAIN CONDITIONS IN RIGHT TERNARY NEAR-RINGS**

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**Abstract:** A study on Right Ternary Near-Ring (RTNR) paves a way for a deeper understanding of its binary counterpart. In this paper the necessary and sufficient for an RTNR  $N$  to have chain conditions is given. The existence of a right unital element in a monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of a zero-symmetric RTNR  $N$  with Descending Chain Condition (DCC) on left  $N$ -subgroups is established. Modular ideals are introduced in this generalised setting and it is proved that the intersection of two modular ideals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is a modular ideal if the zero-symmetric distributive RTNR  $N$  is the sum of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . If  $N$  is a right and lateral ternary near-ring then for  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $\nu$ -modular left ideals and  $\nu$ -primitivity are defined. The interrelationship between the different types of  $\nu$ -primitive ideals is also discussed.

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### **1. Introduction**

Near-rings are algebraic structures to study about non-linear functions on finite

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groups. With the help of  $n$ -ary generalization of algebraic structures their basic properties can deeply be understood.

The authors introduced right ternary near-rings in [7] and in [3] right ternary  $N$ -groups were studied. In this paper Descending Chain Condition (DCC) on  $N$ -subgroups, ideals are defined and a criterion for  $N$  to have DCC is given in terms of its direct summand  $I$  and quotient RTNR  $N/I$ . If a zero-symmetric RTNR  $N$  has DCC on its left  $N$ -subgroups then as given in [2], in this generalized setting it is proved that the monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  has a right unital element. The modular ideals are defined and if  $N$  is a distributive zero-symmetric RTNR and  $N = L_1 + L_2$  where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are modular ideals then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is proved to be a modular ideal. If  $N$  is a right and lateral ternary near-ring then for  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $\nu$ -modular left ideals and  $\nu$ -primitivity are defined.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section the basic definitions and results that are needed for the rest of the sections are given.

**Definition 1.** [7]

- (a) Let  $N$  be a non-empty set together with a binary operation  $+$  and a ternary operation  $[ ] : N \times N \times N \rightarrow N$ . Then  $(N, +, [ ])$  is a right ternary near-ring (RTNR) if
- (RTNR-1)  $(N, +)$  is a group.
  - (RTNR-2)  $[ [x \ y \ z] \ u \ v ] = [x \ [y \ z \ u] \ v] = [x \ y \ [z \ u \ v]] = [x \ y \ z \ u \ v]$  for every  $x, y, z, u, v \in N$ .
  - (RTNR-3)  $[ (x + y) \ z \ w ] = [x \ z \ w] + [y \ z \ w]$  for every  $x, y, z, w \in N$ .

Similarly left ternary near-ring and lateral ternary near ring can be defined.

- (b) Let  $N$  and  $N'$  be RTNRs. Then a mapping  $h : N \rightarrow N'$  is called an RTNR homomorphism if (a)  $h(m + n) = h(m) + h(n)$  and (ii)  $h([m \ n \ r]) = [h(m) \ h(n) \ h(r)]$  for every  $m, n, r \in N$ .
- (c) Let  $N$  be a right ternary near-ring. Let  $I$  be a normal subgroup  $(N, +)$ . Then  $I$  is called (i) a right ideal of  $N$  if  $[INN] \subseteq I$  (ii) a left ideal if  $[t \ t' \ (t'' + i)] - [t \ t' \ t''] \in I$  (iii) a lateral ideal if  $[t \ (t' + i) \ t''] - [t \ t' \ t''] \in I$  for every  $t, t', t'' \in N, i \in I$ .  $I$  is called a two-sided ideal if it is a left and right ideal of  $N$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $N$  if it is a left, right and lateral ideal of  $N$ .

**Definition 2.** [6] A non-empty subset  $H$  of  $N$  is called an  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  if (i)  $H$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$  (ii)  $[NNH] \subseteq H$  (iii)  $[NHN] \subseteq H$  (iv)  $[HNN] \subseteq H$ . If (i) and (ii) hold then  $H$  is called a left  $N$ -subgroup. If (i) and (iii) hold then  $H$  is called a lateral  $N$ -subgroup. If (i) and (iv) hold then  $H$  is called a right  $N$ -subgroup.

**Definition 3.** [4]

- (i) If  $N$  is an RTNR then an element  $e \in N$  is a left (resp. right, lateral) unital element if  $[e e x] = x$  (resp.  $[x e e] = x, [e x e] = x$ ) for every  $x \in N$ . If  $[e e x] = x = [x e e]$  then  $e$  is called a bi-unital element.
- (ii) For all  $n \in N, (0 : n) = \{x \in N | [xsn] = 0 \forall s \in N\}$  is a two-sided ideal of  $N$ .
- (iii) If  $I$  is an ideal of an RTNR  $N$  then  $(N/I, +, [ \ ])$  is called a quotient RTNR.

**Definition 4.** [3] Let  $(N, +, [ \ ])$  be an RTNR and  $(\Gamma, +)$  be a group with additive identity  $o$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is said to be a right ternary  $N$ -group if there exists a mapping  $[ \ ]_{\Gamma} : N \times N \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $[n + m x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma} + [m x \gamma]_{\Gamma}$
- (ii)  $[[n m u] x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = [n [m u x] \gamma]_{\Gamma} = [n m [u x \gamma]_{\Gamma}]_{\Gamma}$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $n, m, u \in N$ .

**Definition 5.** [5]

- (i) Let  $N$  be an RTNR. Then  $N_0 = \{n \in N | [n 0 0] = 0\}$  is the zero-symmetric part of  $N$ . If  $N = N_0$  then  $N$  is called a zero-symmetric RTNR.
- (ii) An ideal  $J$  of an RTNR  $N$  is called a completely prime ideal ( $c$ -prime ideal) of  $N$  if for  $x, y, z \in N, [x y z] \in J \Rightarrow$  either  $x \in J$  or  $y \in J$  or  $z \in J$ .

**Definition 6.** [3]

- (i) A subgroup  $\Delta$  of  ${}_N\Gamma$  is said to be an  $N$ -subgroup of  ${}_N\Gamma$  if  $[N N \Delta]_{\Gamma} \subseteq \Delta$ .
- (ii) If  ${}_N\Gamma$  and  ${}_N\Gamma'$  are any two right ternary  $N$ -groups then  $h : {}_N\Gamma \rightarrow {}_N\Gamma'$  is an  $N$ -homomorphism if  $h(\gamma + \delta) = h(\gamma) + h(\delta) \forall \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$  and  $h([n x \gamma]_{\Gamma}) = [n x h(\gamma)]_{\Gamma'} \forall n, x \in N$ .
- (iii) A subgroup  $\Delta$  of  $\Gamma$  is called a normal subgroup of  $\Gamma$  if  $\forall \gamma \in \Gamma, \delta \in \Delta, \gamma + \delta - \gamma \in \Delta$ .
- (iv) A normal subgroup  $\Delta$  of  ${}_N\Gamma$  is called an ideal of  $\Gamma$  if  $\forall \gamma \in \Gamma, \forall \delta \in \Delta$  and  $\forall n, x \in N, [n x (\gamma + \delta)]_{\Gamma} - [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma} \in \Delta$ .

- (v) If  $I$  is an ideal of a right ternary  $N$ -group  $N$  then  $N/I$  is called a quotient right ternary  $N$ -group.
- (vi) A right ternary  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  is said to be simple if  $\{o\}$  and  $\Gamma$  are the only ideals of  ${}_N\Gamma$ .
- (vii) A right ternary  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  is said to be  $N$ -simple if  $\Omega = [N O o]_\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma$  are the only  $N$ -subgroups of  ${}_N\Gamma$ .
- (viii) If  $N$  is an RTNR and  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2$  are any two non-empty subsets of a right ternary  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$ , then  $(\Delta_1 : \Delta_2) = \{x \in N | [x n \delta_2]_\Gamma \in \Delta_1, \forall n \in N, \delta_2 \in \Delta_2\}$ ,  $(o : \Delta) = \{x \in N | [x n \delta]_\Gamma = o \forall n \in N, \delta \in \Delta\}$  and  $(o : \delta) = \{x \in N | [x n \delta]_\Gamma = o \forall n \in N\}$  (annihilator of  $\delta \in \Delta$ ) and is a two-sided ideal.
- (ix) A right ternary  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  is said to be faithful if  $(o : \Gamma) = \{o\}$ .
- (x) Let  $\Gamma$  be a right ternary  $N$ -group of an RTNR  $N$ . Then  $N$  is monogenic by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  if for every  $x \in N$ ,  $[N x \gamma]_\Gamma = \Gamma$  and  $\gamma$  is called a generator of  $\Gamma$ . A right ternary  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  is strongly monogenic if  $\Gamma$  is monogenic and  $[N x \gamma]_\Gamma = \{o\}$  or  $\Gamma$  for every  $x \in N$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- (xi) A monogenic  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma \neq \{o\}$  is said to be of type 0 if  $\Gamma$  is simple, type 1 if  $\Gamma$  is simple and strongly monogenic and type 2 if  $\Gamma$  is  $N_0$ -simple.

**Proposition 7.** [3]

- (i) If  $e$  is a left unital element of  $N$  and  ${}_N\Gamma$  is faithful then  $e$  is a bi-unital element of  $N$ .
- (ii) If  ${}_N\Gamma$  is monogenic by  $\gamma_0$  then  ${}_N\Gamma \cong_N N/(o : \gamma_0)$ .
- (iii) Let  $\Gamma$  be an  $N$ -group. Then  ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type 2  $\Rightarrow$   ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type 1  $\Rightarrow$   ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type 0.

### 3. Chain Conditions

In this section the chain conditions on ideals and  $N$ -subgroups are given and it is proved that in a zero-symmetric RTNR with DCC on left  $N$ -subgroups, an  $N$ -subgroup  $M$  which is monogenic by  $m_0$  has a right unital element.

**Definition 8.** If the set of ideals of an RTNR  $N$  satisfies the Descending Chain Condition (DCC) on ideals of  $N$ . i.e., for every descending chain of ideals  $: I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots$  of  $N$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $I_k = I_n$  for all  $n \geq k$  then  $N$  is said to have DCCI.

Equivalently, if for every descending chain of ideals  $: I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots$  of  $N$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $I_k = I_{k+1} = \dots$  then  $N$  is said to have DCCI.

Similarly DCCR (on right ideals), DCCL (on left ideals), DCCM (on lateral ideals) and DCCRN (on right  $N$ -subgroups), DCCLN (on left  $N$ -subgroups), DCCMN (on lateral  $N$ -subgroups) and DCCN (on  $N$ -subgroups) are defined.

**Notation 9.** The notations ACCI, ACCR, ACCL, ACCM, ACCRN, ACCLN, ACCMN, ACCN are used for ascending chain conditions on ideals, right ideals, left ideals, lateral ideals, right  $N$ -subgroups, left  $N$ -subgroups, lateral  $N$ -subgroups and  $N$ -subgroups respectively.

**Proposition 10.** If  $I$  is an ideal of an RTNR  $N$  and if  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  are any two ideals of  $N$  containing  $I$  such that  $J_2/I \subseteq J_1/I$  then  $J_2 \subseteq J_1$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $x \in J_2$ . Then  $x+I \in J_2/I \Rightarrow x+I \in J_1/I \Rightarrow x+I = x_1+I$  for some  $x_1 \in J_1 \Rightarrow x - x_1 \in I \Rightarrow x - x_1 \in J_1 \Rightarrow x \in J_1$ . Thus  $J_2 \subseteq J_1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 11.** Let  $\{I_k\}_{k \in K}$  (where  $K$  is an index set) be a collection of ideals of  $N$ . Then their sum  $\sum_{k \in K} I_k$  is called a direct sum (internal) if each element of  $\sum_{k \in K} I_k$  has a unique representation as a finite sum of elements of different  $I_k$ 's. The direct sum is denoted by  $I_1 \overset{\bullet}{+} I_2 \overset{\bullet}{+} I_3 \overset{\bullet}{+} \dots$  or  $\sum_{k \in K} \overset{\bullet}{+} I_k$ .

**Lemma 12.** For each family  $\{I_k\}_{k \in K}$  of ideals of an RTNR  $N$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The sum of the  $I_k$ 's is direct.
- (ii) The sum of the normal subgroups  $(I_k, +)$  is direct
- (iii)  $I_k \cap \sum_{\substack{\ell \in K \\ \ell \neq k}} I_\ell = \{0\} \forall k \in K$ .

**Proposition 13.** For each family  $\{I_k\}_{k \in K}$  of ideals of an RTNR  $N$ , let  $\sum_{k \in K} I_k$  direct and  $a, a' \in I_i, b, b' \in I_j$  where  $i \neq j$ .  
Then

(i)  $a + b = b + a$ .

(ii)  $[a a + b a' + b'] = [a a a'];$   
 $[b b + a b' + a'] = [b b b']$ .

(iii)  $[a b b] = [a b 0] = [a 0 b]; [b a a] = [b 0 a] = [b a 0];$   
 $[a b a] = [a 0 a]; [a a b] = [a a 0]; [b a b] = [b 0 b]; [b b a] = [b b 0].$

(iv) If  $N = N_0$  then  $[a b b] = 0 = [a b a] = [a a b] = [b a a] = [b a b] = [b b a]$ .

*Proof.* For each family  $\{I_k\}_{k \in K}$ , let  $\sum_{k \in K} I_k$  be direct and  $a, a' \in I_i, b, b' \in I_j$  where  $i \neq j$ .

- (i) By the assumption and grouping the terms of  $a + b - (b + a)$  in two different ways, (i) follows.
- (ii) Consider  $[a a + b a' + b'] = [a a + b a' + b'] - [a a a' + b'] + [a a a' + b'] - [a a a'] + [a a a']$ . Since  $I_j$  is a lateral ideal and  $I_i$  is a right ideal of  $N$  and  $I_i \cap I_j = \{0\}$  it follows that  $[a a + b a' + b'] = [a a a']$ . In a similar manner the other equations can be proved.
- (iii) Since  $[a b b + 0] - [a b 0] \in I_i \cap I_j$  as  $I_i$  is a right ideal and  $I_j$  is a left ideal of  $N$ ,  $[a b b] = [a b 0]$  and  $[a b + 0 b] - [a 0 b] \in I_i \cap I_j$  as  $I_i$  is a right ideal and  $I_j$  is a lateral ideal of  $N$ . Hence  $[a b b] = [a 0 b]$ . In a similar manner the other equations can be proved.
- (iv) The proof follows from the definition of a zero-symmetric RTNR.

□

**Definition 14.** An ideal  $I$  of an RTNR  $N$  is called a direct summand of  $N$  if there exists an ideal  $J$  of  $N$  such that  $N = I + J$ . The ideal  $J$  is called a direct complement of  $I$  in  $N$ .

**Definition 15.**

- (i) Let  $\{\Delta_k\}_{k \in K}$  (where  $K$  is an index set) be a collection of ideals of  ${}_N\Gamma$ . Then their sum  $\sum_{k \in K} \Delta_k$  is called a direct sum (internal) if each element of  $\sum_{k \in K} \Delta_k$  has a unique representation as a finite sum of elements of different  $\Delta_k$ 's. The direct sum is denoted by  $\Delta_1 \dot{+} \Delta_2 \dot{+} \Delta_3 \dot{+} \dots$  or  $\sum_{k \in K} \dot{+} \Delta_k$ .
- (ii) An ideal  $\Delta_1$  of an  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$  is called a direct summand of  ${}_N\Gamma$  if there exists an ideal  $\Delta_2$  of  ${}_N\Gamma$  such that  ${}_N\Gamma = \Delta_1 \dot{+} \Delta_2$ .

**Theorem 16.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of an RTNR  $N$  and  $I$  be a direct summand of  $N$ . Then every ideal of  $I$  is an ideal of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N = I \dot{+} J$  and  $K$  be an ideal of  $I$ . Let  $x \in K, n \in N$ . Then  $n + x - n = (i + j) + x - (i + j) = i + (j + x - j) - i = i + x - i = x \in K$ , proving that  $K$  is normal in  $N$ . Now let  $x \in K$  and  $n, n', n'' \in N$ . Then using Proposition 13  $[x n n'] = [x i + j i' + j'] = [x i i'] \in K$  which proves that  $K$  is a right ideal of  $N$ . Also since  $[n n' n'' + x] - [n n' n''] = [i + j i' + j' i'' + j'' + x] - [i + j i' + j' i'' + j''] = [i i' i'' + x] - [i i' i''] \in K$ . This implies that  $K$  is a left ideal of  $N$ . Similarly it can be proved that  $K$  is a lateral ideal of  $N$ . Hence  $K$  is an ideal of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Remark 17.** A similar statement of the above thorem is true in right ternary  $N$ -groups also. i.e., if an ideal  $\Delta$  of  ${}_N\Gamma$  is a direct summand of  ${}_N\Gamma$  then every ideal of  $\Delta$  is an ideal of  ${}_N\Gamma$ .

**Theorem 18.** *In an RTNR  $N$  the following statements hold good.*

- (i) *If  $J$  is an ideal of  $N$  and  $N$  has the DCCI then so does  $N/J$ .*
- (ii) *If  $J$  is an ideal of  $N$  and  $J$  is a direct summand, then  $N$  has the DCCI iff  $J$  and  $N/J$  have DCCI.*

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $N$  and  $N$  have DCCI. Consider the descending chain of ideals of  $N/J$  namely  $K_1/J \supseteq K_2/J \supseteq \dots$  where  $K_1, K_2, \dots$  are ideals of  $N$  containing  $J$ . Then by the above proposition  $K_1 \supseteq K_2 \supseteq \dots$  is the descending chain of ideals of  $N$ . Since  $N$  has DCCI, there exists positive integers  $n$  and  $\ell$  such that  $K_\ell = K_n$  for  $n \geq \ell \Rightarrow K_\ell/J = K_n/J$  for  $n \geq \ell$ . Thus  $N/J$  has DCCI.

- (ii) Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $N$  and a direct summand of  $N$ . Then by Theorem 16 any ideal of  $J$  is an ideal of  $N$ . Since  $N$  has DCCI it follows that  $J$  has DCCI. Now by (i),  $N/J$  has DCCI.

Conversely let  $J$  and  $N/J$  have DCCI. Let  $K_1 \supseteq K_2 \supseteq K_3 \supseteq \dots$  be a descending chain of ideals of  $N$ . Then  $K_1 + J \supseteq K_2 + J \supseteq \dots$  is a descending chain of ideals of  $N$  containing  $J$ . This implies that  $K_1 + J/J \supseteq K_2 + J/J \supseteq \dots$  is a descending chain of ideals of  $N/J$ . Moreover,  $K_1 \cap J \supseteq K_2 \cap J \supseteq \dots$  is a descending chain of ideals of  $J$ . Since both  $J$  and  $N/J$  have DCCI there exists a positive integer  $\ell$  such that  $K_\ell + J/J = K_n + J/J$  and  $K_\ell \cap J = K_n \cap J \forall n \geq \ell$ .

Now to prove that  $K_\ell \subseteq K_n$  for  $n \geq \ell$ , let  $x \in K_\ell$ . Consider  $x = x + 0 \in K_\ell + J = K_n + J$ , by Proposition 10. This implies that there exists  $y \in K_n$  and  $j \in J$  such that  $x = y + j \Rightarrow x - y \in J$ . Also  $y \in K_n \Rightarrow y \in K_\ell$ , by the assumption. Since  $K_\ell$  is an ideal,  $x - y \in K_\ell$ . Thus  $x - y \in J \cap K_\ell = J \cap K_n \subseteq K_n$ . Since  $y \in K_n$ ,  $x \in K_n$ . Thus  $K_\ell \subseteq K_n$ . Hence  $K_\ell = K_n$  for  $n \geq \ell$  showing that  $N$  has DCCI.  $\square$

**Note 19.**

- (i) The above theorem holds for DCCR, DCCL and DCCM also.  
(ii) A similar statement of the above theorem is true in  $N$ -groups also.

In the following theorem it is proved that if  $\Gamma$  is a right ternary  $N$ -group with  $[N \ x \ \gamma]_\Gamma \neq \{0\} \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$  and every monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of  $\Gamma$  has ACCI then the annihilator of  $\gamma$  is a completely prime two sided ideal of  $N$ .

**Theorem 20.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a right ternary  $N$ -group such that  $[N \ x \ \Gamma]_\Gamma \neq \{0\}$  and every monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of  $\Gamma$  has an ascending chain condition on ideals. Then there exists  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $(o : \gamma)$  is a completely prime two sided ideal of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* To prove the existence of  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $(o : \gamma)$  is a completely prime left ideal, let  $A = \{(o : \gamma) | o \neq \gamma \in \Gamma, [N \ x \ \gamma]_\Gamma \neq \{0\}\}$ . Suppose  $A$  does not contain a maximal element. Then there exists an infinite strict increasing sequence  $(o : \gamma_1) \subset (o : \gamma_2) \subset (o : \gamma_3) \subset \dots$  of elements of  $A$  and in the factor right ternary  $N$ -group  $N/(o : \gamma)$  the following is a strict increasing sequence  $(o : \gamma_2)/(o : \gamma_1) \subset (o : \gamma_3)/(o : \gamma_1) \subset \dots$ . This implies that

$$N/(o : \gamma_1) \text{ has no ACCI.} \tag{1}$$

Let  $\Delta$  be a monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of  $\Gamma$ . Then  $\Delta = [N \ x \ \gamma_1]_\Gamma$  for  $x \in N$ . Now  $N/(o : \gamma_1) \simeq [N \ x \ \gamma_1]_\Gamma$ , by Proposition 7(ii).



Since  $\Delta$  has ACCI so does  $N/(o : \gamma_1)$  which contradicts the statement (1).

Hence  $A$  contains a maximal element say  $(o : \gamma)$ . Now let  $(o : \gamma) = P$ . Suppose  $P$  is not a completely prime two-sided ideal of  $N$ . Then  $a \notin P, b \notin P$  and  $c \notin C$  but  $[a b c] \in P$ . This implies that  $[a x \gamma]_{\Gamma} \neq o, [b x \gamma]_{\Gamma} \neq o, [c x \gamma]_{\Gamma} \neq o \forall x \in N$  but  $[[a b c] x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = o \Rightarrow a \in (o : \gamma)$  i.e.,  $a \in P$  which contradicts the assumption that  $a \notin P$ . Thus  $[a b c] \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  or  $c \in P$ . Hence  $(o : \gamma)$  is a completely prime two-sided ideal of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 21.** *Let a zero-symmetric RTNR  $N$  have the DCCLN and let an  $N$ -subgroup  $M$  of  $N$  be monogenic by  $m_0$ . Let there exist an  $m_1 \in M$  such that  $(0 : m_1) = \{0\}$ . Then*

- (i)  $M$  has a right unital element
- (ii)  $(0 : m_0) = \{0\}$ .

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $N$  have the DCCLN and  $M$  be an  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  monogenic by  $m_0 \in M$ . Throughout the proof all the annihilators are taken in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is monogenic by  $m_0$  for all  $x \in M$ ,

$$[M x m_0] = M \tag{2}$$

Let  $m_1 \in M$  be such that

$$(0 : m_1) = \{0\} \tag{3}$$

Define  $h : M \rightarrow [M x m_1]$  by  $h(t) = [t x m_1] \forall t \in M$ . Then  $h$  is an  $N$ -monomorphism. Obviously  $[M x m_1] \subseteq [N N M] \subseteq M$  and more precisely  $[M x m_1] = M$ . Suppose not. i.e.,  $[M x m_1] \subset M$ . Then  $[M x m_1 x m_1] \subset [M x m_1]$  and it gives an infinite sequence of left  $N$ -subgroups in  $N$  which contradicts the hypothesis that  $N$  has DCCLN. Therefore  $[M x m_1] = M$  for all  $x \in M$ . This implies that there exists  $e \in M$  such that  $[e e m_1] = m_1$ . Now for every  $m \in M, [m e e] - m \in (0 : m_1) = \{0\}$  and hence  $[m e e] = m$ . This proves that  $M$  has a right unital element.

- (ii) Since  $M$  is monogenic by  $m_0$ , from (2), as  $e \in M$  there exists  $m_2 \in M$  such that

$$[m_2 n m_0] = e \forall n \in M. \tag{4}$$

Since  $e$  is a right unital element  $(0 : e) = \{0\}$ . Also since  $M$  is monogenic by  $m_0$  and  $(0 : e) = \{0\}, (0 : m_2) = \{0\}$ .

Finally it is claimed that  $(0 : m_0) = \{0\}$ .

Since  $(0 : m_2) = \{0\}$ , by the argument used in (i)

$$[M n m_2] = M \quad (5)$$

Let  $m_3$  be an arbitrary element in  $(0 : m_0)$ . Then from (5), there exists  $m_4 \in M$  such that

$$m_3 = [m_4 n m_2] \quad \forall n \in M \quad (6)$$

Now,  $m_4 = [m_4 e e] = [m_4 e [m_2 n m_0]] = [m_3 n m_0] = 0$

Since  $m_4 = 0$ , by (6)  $m_3 = 0$ . Thus  $(0 : m_0) = \{0\}$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 22.** *Let a zero-symmetric RTNR have the DCCLN and let an  $N$ -subgroup  $M$  of  $N$  be monogenic by  $m_0$ . Then*

(i)  $M$  has a right unital element.

(ii)  $(0 : m_0) = \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* In view of the above lemma it is enough to show that there exists an  $m_1 \in M$  such that  $(0 : m_1) = \{0\}$ . The annihilators are taken in  $N$ -subgroups as in the previous lemma. Let an  $N$ -subgroup  $M'$  of  $N$  be monogenic by  $m'_0 \in M'$

$$\text{but } (0 : m'_0) \neq \{0\} \quad (7)$$

Let  $M'$  be minimal for containing such an  $m'$ . i.e.,  $M'$  is minimal such that

$$(0 : m'_0) \cap M' \neq \{0\} \quad (8)$$

Let  $m'_1 \in M'$  be such that  $(0 : m'_1)$  is minimal in  $\{(0 : m') \mid [M' x m'] = M' \forall x \in M'\}$ . This implies that  $[M' x m'_1] = M' \Rightarrow$  there exists  $m'_2 \in M'$  such that

$$[m'_2 x m'_1] = m'_1 \quad \forall x \in M' \quad (9)$$

Let

$$u \in (0 : m'_2) \Rightarrow [u v m'_2] = 0 \quad \forall v \in M' \quad (10)$$

Now  $[u y m'_1] = [u y [m'_2 x m'_1]] = [[u y m'_2] x m'_1] = 0$  by (10).

Thus  $u \in (0 : m'_1)$ . Hence

$$(0 : m'_2) \subseteq (0 : m'_1) \quad (11)$$

Now there are two cases where  $M'$  is monogenic by  $m'_2$  and  $M'$  is not monogenic by  $m'_2$ .

**Case (i):** Suppose  $M'$  is monogenic by  $m'_2$ . Then by the minimality of  $(0 : m'_1)$ ,

$$(0 : m'_1) \subseteq (0 : m'_2). \tag{12}$$

From (11) and (12)  $(0 : m'_1) = (0 : m'_2)$ . Using (9) for every  $m', \ell \in M'$   $[m' \ell m'_1] = [m' \ell m'_2 \ell m'_1]$  taking  $x = \ell$  in (9)  $\Rightarrow [m' \ell m'_2] - m' \in (0 : m'_1) = (0 : m'_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow [[m' \ell m'_2] t m'_2] = [m' t m'_2] \forall \ell, t \in M'$   
 $\Rightarrow [[m' m'_2 m'_2] m'_2 m'_2] = [m' m'_2 m'_2]$   
 $\Rightarrow m'_2$  is a right unital element in  $[M' m'_2 m'_2] \Rightarrow (0 : m'_2) = \{0\}$ . Since  $M'$  is monogenic by  $m'_2$ , by the same argument given in (ii) of the above lemma  $(0 : m'_0) = \{0\}$  which contradicts (7).

**Case (ii):** Suppose  $M'$  is not monogenic by  $m'_2$ . Then

$$[M' z m'_2] \subset M' \forall z \in M' \tag{13}$$

Consider the sequence  $M' \supset [M' m'_2 m'_2] \supset [[M' m'_2 m'_2] m'_2 m'_2] \supset \dots$

Since  $N$  has DCCLN there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that

$$[M' m'^{2k}_2] = [M' m'^{2(k+1)}_2] = \dots$$

Thus

$$[[M' (m'_2)^{2k}](m'_2)^{2(k+1)}] = [M'(m'_2)^{2k}] \tag{14}$$

Let

$$m'_3 = [(m'_2)^{2k+1}] = [m'_2(m'_2)^{2k}] \tag{15}$$

From (14) and (15) it follows that,  $m'_3$  generates  $[M' (m'_2)^{2k}]$ . By the minimality of  $M'$ ,  $(0 : m'_3) \cap [M' (m'_2)^{2k}] = \{0\}$ . Again using the minimality of  $M'$  each generator  $m'_4$  of  $[M' m'^{2k}_2] = [M' m'^{2(k+1)}_2] = [M' m'_2 m'_3]$  should have  $(0 : m'_4) \cap [M' m'_2 m'_3] = \{0\}$ . But by letting  $m'_4 = [m'_1 m'_2 m'_3]$  in the following argument it is proved that this stament is violated. It is noted that using (15) and (9),  $[m'_3 x m'_1] = m'_1$ . Also  $[M' m'_2 m'_3]$  is monogenic by  $m'_4$  since for  $x \in M'$ ,  $[[M' m'_2 m'_3] x m'_4] = [M' m'_2 m'_3]$ . Now by (8)

$$(0 : m'_4) \cap [M' m'_2 m'_3] = \{0\} \tag{16}$$

Furthermore,  $(0 : m'_3) \neq \{0\}$ . Otherwise  $M' \cong_N [M' m'_2 m'_3]$  which contradicts (13).

Let  $0 \neq m'_5 \in (0 : m'_3) \Rightarrow [m'_5 r m'_3] = 0 \forall r \in M'$ .

Since  $M'$  is monogenic by  $m'_1$  there exists  $m'_6 \in M'$  such that  $[m'_6 x m'_1] = m'_5$  as  $m'_5 \in M'$ . Consider

$$0 = [m'_5 m'_2 m'_3] = [[m'_6 x m'_1] m'_2 m'_3] = [m'_6 x [m'_3 t m'_1] m'_2 m'_3] \\ = [[m'_6 x m'_3] t [m'_1 m'_2 m'_3]] \Rightarrow [m'_6 x m'_3] \in (0 : [m'_1 m'_2 m'_3])$$

Now  $[[m'_6 \ x \ m'_3] \ x \ m'_1] = [m'_6 \ x \ m'_1] = m'_5 \neq 0$ . Thus  $(0 : [m'_1 \ m'_2 \ m'_3]) \cap [M' \ m'_2 m'_3] \neq \{0\}$  i.e.,  $(0 : m'_4) \cap [M' \ m'_2 \ m'_3] \neq \{0\}$  which contradicts (16). Hence the proof.  $\square$

### 4. Modularity

In this section modular left ideals and modular ideals are defined. It is proved that the modular left ideals of  $N$  are annihilators of generators of monogenic  $N$ -groups.

**Definition 23.** A left ideal  $L$  of an RTNR  $N$  is called left modular if for every  $n \in N$  there exists  $e \in N$  such that  $n - [n \ e \ e] \in L$ . In this case it is said that  $L$  is left modular by  $e$ .

Similarly a right ideal  $R$  of an RTNR  $N$  is called right modular if  $n - [e \ e \ n] \in R$  and a lateral ideal  $M$  of  $N$  is lateral modular if  $n - [e \ n \ e] \in M$ . An ideal  $I$  of an RTNR is modular if  $I$  is left modular, lateral modular and right modular i.e., if there is an  $e \in N$  such that  $n - [n \ e \ e]$ ,  $n - [e \ n \ e]$  and  $n - [e \ e \ n]$  are all in  $I$ .

**Example 24.** Let  $N = \{0, x, y, z\}$  be as given in [2]. Define  $+$  as in Table 1 and the ternary operation  $[ \ ]$  on  $N$  by  $[x \ y \ z] = (x.y).z$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  where  $\cdot$  defined as in Table 2.

Table 1

+	0	x	y	z
0	0	x	y	z
x	x	0	z	y
y	y	z	0	x
z	z	y	z	0

Table 2

$\cdot$	0	x	y	z
0	0	0	0	0
x	x	x	x	x
y	y	y	y	y
z	z	z	z	z

Let  $L = \{0, x\}$ . Then it is a left ideal of  $N$  and is left modular by  $0, x, y, z$ .

**Lemma 25.** Let  $N$  be an RTNR. Then

- (i) If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are left ideals of  $N$  with  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$  and  $L_1$  is left modular by  $e$  then  $L_2$  is left modular by  $e$ .
- (ii)  $\{0\}$  is left modular iff  $N$  contains a right unital element.

(iii) In a zero-symmetric RTNR if  $L$  is left modular by  $e$  then  $e \in L$  iff  $L = N$ .

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $L_1$  be left modular by  $e$ . Then for every  $n \in N$ ,  $n - [n e e] \in L_1$ . This implies that  $L_2$  is left modular by  $e$  as  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ .
- (ii) Let  $e$  be a right unital element of  $N$ . Then for every  $n \in N$ ,  $[n e e] = n \Rightarrow n - [n e e] \in \{0\} \Rightarrow \{0\}$  is left modular. The converse follows by retracing the steps.
- (iii) If  $e \in L$ , as  $L$  is a left  $N$ -subgroup of  $N_0$  and  $n - [n e e] \in L$ ,  $[n e e] \in L$ . Hence  $N = L$ . Conversely if  $N = L$  and  $e \notin L$  then  $[n e e] \notin L$ , a contradiction as  $L$  is modular by  $e$ .

□

**Theorem 26.** *A left ideal  $L$  of an RTNR  $N$  is left modular iff there exists a right ternary  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma$  is monogenic by  $\gamma$  and  $L = (o : \gamma)$ .*

*Proof.* Let a left ideal  $L$  of  $N$  be left modular by  $e$ . Since  $L$  is a left ideal of  $N$ ,  $L$  is an ideal of right ternary  $N$ -group  $N$  and hence  $N/L$  is a factor right ternary  $N$ -group. Now for every  $x \in N$

$$[N x e + L] = \{[n x e] + L | n \in N\} = \{n' + L | n' \in N\} = N/L$$

Taking  $N/L = {}_N\Gamma$  it is seen that  $N/L$  is monogenic by  $\gamma = e + L$ . Moreover  $n \in (o : \gamma) \Rightarrow n \in (L : e + L) \Rightarrow [n e e] \in L \Rightarrow n \in L$ , as  $L$  is left modular. Similarly if  $u \in L$  then  $u \in (L : e + L) \Rightarrow u \in (o : \gamma)$ . Thus  $L = (o : \gamma)$ .

Conversely let  ${}_N\Gamma$  be monogenic by  $\gamma$ . Then  $[e e \gamma] = 0$ . Since  $[(n e e] - n) e \gamma] = 0$ . Thus  $[n e e] - n \in (o : \gamma)$ . Hence  $L$  is left modular by  $e$ . □

**Corollary 27.** *If  $L$  is a left ideal of  $N$  and  $L$  is left modular then  $(L : N) \subseteq L$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $L$  is left modular by the above theorem there exists an  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$  monogenic by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $L = (o : \gamma)$ . Since  $(o : \Gamma) = \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (o : \gamma)$ ,  $(o : \Gamma) \subseteq (o : \gamma) = L$ . Taking  $\Gamma = N/L$  it follows that  $(L : N) \subseteq L$ . □

**Remark 28.** If  $L$  is a lateral and left ideal of  $N$  then  $(L : N)$  will be an ideal of  $N$ .

In the following theorem it is shown that the intersection of two modular ideals is again modular if the zero-symmetric distributive RTNR  $N$  is the sum of those two ideals.

**Theorem 29.** *Let  $N$  be a zero-symmetric distributive RTNR and  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be any two modular ideals of  $N$  such that  $N = L_1 + L_2$ . Then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is modular.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a distributive RTNR. Let  $N = L_1 + L_2$  where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are modular by  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  respectively. Decompose  $e_1, e_2$  as  $e_1 = h + f$ ,  $e_2 = h' + f'$ , where  $h, h' \in L_1$  and  $f, f' \in L_2$ . Let  $e = h' + f$ . It is now claimed that  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is modular by  $e$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} n - [n e e] &= n - [n e (h' + f)] = n - [n e f] - [n e h'] \\ &= n - [n e (-h + e_1)] + \ell_1 \text{ where } \ell_1 = -[n e h'] \in L_1 \\ &= n - [n e e_1] + \ell'_1 + \ell_1, \text{ where } \ell'_1 = -[n e h] \in L_1, \text{ as } L_1 \text{ is a left ideal} \\ &= n - [n e_1 e_1] + [n e_1 e_1] - [n e e_1] + \ell''_1, \text{ where } \ell''_1 = \ell'_1 + \ell_1 \\ &= \ell'''_1 + [n (e_1 - e) e_1] + \ell''_1, \text{ where } \ell'''_1 = n - [n e_1 e_1] \\ &= [n h - h' e_1] + \ell, \text{ where } \ell = \ell'''_1 + \ell''_1, \text{ as } L_1 \text{ is a normal subgroup of} \\ &N \in L_1, \text{ as } L_1 \text{ is a left } N\text{-subgroup of } N. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $n - [n e e] \in L_2 \forall n \in N$ . Also  $n - [e n e] \in L_1 \cap L_2$  and  $n - [e e n] \in L_1 \cap L_2$ . Thus  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is modular by  $e$ . □

**Definition 30.** Let  $N$  be a right and lateral ternary near-ring. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $N$ . Then a group  $(\Gamma, +)$  is called a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group if  $[ ]_\Gamma : N \times N \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  such that

- (i)  $[n + m x \gamma]_\Gamma = [n x \gamma]_\Gamma + [m x \gamma]_\Gamma$
- (ii)  $[n m + x \gamma]_\Gamma = [n m \gamma]_\Gamma + [n x \gamma]_\Gamma$
- (iii)  $[[n m u] x \gamma]_\Gamma = [n [m u x] \gamma]_\Gamma = [n m [u x \gamma]_\Gamma]_\Gamma$   
for every  $n, m, x, u \in N$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Remark 31.** Let  $N$  be a right and lateral ternary near-ring. If  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  are any two non-empty subsets of a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group then  $(\Delta_1 : \Delta_2) = \{n \in N | [n x \delta_2]_\Gamma \in \Delta_1 \text{ and } [x n \delta_2]_\Gamma \in \Delta_1 \forall x \in N, \delta_2 \in \Delta_2\}$  and  $(o : \Delta) = \{n \in N | [n x \delta]_\Gamma = o \text{ and } [x n \delta]_\Gamma = o \forall x \in N, \delta \in \Delta\}$

It is noted that if  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta$  are ideals of  ${}_N\Gamma$  then  $(\Delta_1 : \Delta_2)$  and  $(o : \Delta)$  are left ideals of  $N$  and if  $\Delta_2$  is an  $N$ -subgroup of  $\Gamma$ ,  $(\Delta_1 : \Delta_2)$  is a two sided ideal of  $N$ . If  $N = N_0$  or in  $N$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ ,  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  and  $\Delta$  is an  $N$ -subgroup then  $(o : \Delta)$  is an ideal of  $N$ .

The following lemma gives the process of transforming  ${}_N\Gamma$  group into  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  group where  $I \subseteq (o : \Gamma)$  is an ideal of a right and lateral ternary near-ring  $N$ .

**Lemma 32.** *Let  $(\Gamma, +)$  be a group and  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Then*

- (i) *If  ${}_N\Gamma$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group and  $I$  is an ideal of  $N$  such that  $I \subseteq (o : \Gamma)$  by defining  $[\ ]_{\Gamma}^* : N/I \times N/I \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  as  $[n + I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma}$ ,  $\Gamma$  transforms into a right-lateral ternary  $N/I$ -group  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ .*
- (ii) *If  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N/I$ -group then  $[\ ]_{\Gamma} : N \times N \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  defined by  $[n x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = [n + I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^*$  turns  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  into a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group where  $I \subseteq (o : \Gamma)$ .*

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $I \subseteq (o : \Gamma)$ . Now for  $n, x \in N$ ,  $[n + I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma}$ . It can be easily seen that  $\Gamma$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N/I$ -group.
- (ii) Retracing the steps given in (i), it can be seen that  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  becomes right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$ .

□

**Proposition 33.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Then*

- (i)  *${}_N\Gamma$  is monogenic iff  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is monogenic.*
- (ii)  *$\Delta$  is an ideal of  ${}_N\Gamma$  iff  $\Delta$  is an ideal of  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.*

- (i) If  ${}_N\Gamma$  is monogenic then  $[N x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = \Gamma$  and  $[x N \gamma]_{\Gamma} = \Gamma \forall x \in N$ . Since  $[n + I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma}$  it follows that  $[N/I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = \Gamma$  and  $[x + I N/I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = \Gamma \forall x + I \in N/I$  thus  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is monogenic by  $\gamma$ . The converse follows by retracing the steps.
- (ii) Let  $\Delta$  be an ideal of  ${}_N\Gamma$ . Consider for  $n, x \in N$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma, \delta \in \Delta$ ,  $[n + I x + I \gamma + \delta]_{\Gamma}^* - [n + I x + I \gamma]_{\Gamma}^* = [n x \gamma + \delta]_{\Gamma} - [n x \gamma]_{\Gamma} \in \Delta$ .

Thus  $\Delta$  is an ideal of  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ . The converse follows by retracing the steps. □

**Corollary 34.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Then  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$  iff  ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$  where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows from Proposition 33 and Definition 6(xii). □

**Remark 35.** If  $N/I\Gamma$  is faithful then  $I = (o : \Gamma)$ .

**Definition 36.** Let  $N$  be an RTNR and  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Then a left ideal  $L$  of  $N$  is called left  $\nu$ -modular if  $L$  is left modular and  $N/L$  is an  $N$ -group of type  $\nu$ .

**Theorem 37.** Let  $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a collection of all RTNRs such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N_i$  and

$$N = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) | n_i \in N_i\} = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_k \dots$$

Let  $L_i$  be a left ideal of  $N_i$  for some  $i \in I$ . Let  $\overline{L}_i = \prod_{j \in I} M_j$  where  $M_j = \begin{cases} N_j, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ L_i, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$  which is a left ideal of  $N$ . Then for  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .  $L_i$  is left  $\nu$ -modular in  $N_i$  if and only if  $\overline{L}_i$  is left  $\nu$ -modular in  $N$ .

*Proof.* Let  $L_i$  be  $\nu$ -modular in  $N_i$ . Then  $L_i$  is left modular in  $N_i$  and therefore  $\overline{L}_i$  is left modular in  $N$ . Also the right-lateral ternary  $N_i$ -group  $N_i/L_i$  is of type  $\nu$ . Now  $N/\overline{L}_i$  becomes a right-lateral  $N_i$ -group by defining

$[n_i \ n'_i \ (\dots n''_i \ \dots)]_{N/\overline{L}_i} = (0 \dots 0 [n_i \ n'_i \ n''_i] 0 \dots) + \overline{L}_i$ . Now define  $h : N_i \rightarrow N/\overline{L}_i$  by  $h(n_i) = n + \overline{L}_i$  where  $n = (\dots n_i \dots)$ . Then  $h$  is an  $N_i$ -homomorphism and  $\ker h = \{n_i | n + \overline{L}_i = \overline{L}_i\} = \{n_i | n \in \overline{L}_i\} = L_i$ .

Since  $h$  is an epimorphism,  $N_i/L_i \cong_{N_i} N/\overline{L}_i$  and also as  $N_i/L_i$  is of type  $\nu$ ,  $N/\overline{L}_i$  is of type  $\nu$ . Denote  $\overline{O}_i = J_i$ . Then  $J_i \subseteq (o : N/\overline{L}_i)$ . Obviously  $N/J_i \cong N_i$ . Thus  $N/\overline{L}_i$  is a  $N/J_i$ -group and is transformed into a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group by defining  $[n \ x \ n + \overline{L}_i] = [n + J_i \ x + J_i \ n + \overline{L}_i]_{N/\overline{L}_i}^*$  and is of type  $\nu$ .

Conversely if  $\overline{L}_i$  is left  $\nu$ -modular in  $N$  then  $L_i$  is obviously left  $\nu$ -modular in  $N_i$  and  $N/\overline{L}_i$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group of type  $\nu$ . Now  $N_i/L_i$  becomes a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group by defining  $[(n_1, n_2, \dots)(n'_1, n'_2, \dots)(n''_i + L_i)] = [n_i \ n'_i \ n''_i] + L_i$ .

Define a map  $g : N \rightarrow N_i/L_i$  by  $g((n_1, n_2, \dots)) = n_i + L_i$ . Then  $g$  is an  $N$ -epimorphism and  $\ker g = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) | g((n_1, n_2, \dots)) = L_i\} = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) | n_i + L_i = L_i\} = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) | n_i \in L_i\} = \overline{L}_i$ .

Thus  $N/\overline{L}_i \cong_N N_i/L_i$ . Since  $N/\overline{L}_i$  is of type  $\nu$ ,  $N_i/L_i$  is of type  $\nu$ . Moreover  $\overline{O}_i = J_i \subseteq (L_i : N_i)$ . Now  $N/\overline{L}_i$  is right-lateral ternary  $N/J_i$  group and since



$N_i \cong N/J_i$  it follows that  $N_i/L_i$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N_i$ -group of type  $\nu$ . Thus  $L_i$  is left  $\nu$ -modular. Hence the proof.  $\square$

### 5. Primitive RTNR

In this section  $\nu$ -primitivity ( $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ) of an RTNR is defined. The interrelationship between the different types of  $\nu$ -primitive ideals is discussed.

**Definition 38.** Let  $N$  be an RTNR and  ${}_N\Gamma$  be a right ternary  $N$ -group. Let  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Then

- (i)  $N$  is called  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_N\Gamma$  if  $\Gamma$  is faithful and  $\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ .
- (ii)  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive if there exists an  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$  such that  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_N\Gamma$ .

**Definition 39.** If  $N$  is an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  then an ideal  $I$  of  $N$  is called a  $\nu$ -primitive ideal of  $N$  if  $N/I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Theorem 40.** Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  and  $I$  be an ideal of  $N$  and  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive.
- (ii) There exists an  $N$ -group  ${}_N\Gamma$  such that  $I = (o : \Gamma)$  and  ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ .
- (iii) There exists a left ideal  $L$  of  $N$  such that  $I = (L : N)$  and  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular.

*Proof.*

(i)  $\implies$  (ii) If  $I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive by Definition 39,  $N/I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ .

This implies that there exists an  $N/I$  group  $\Gamma$  such that  $N/I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ .

$\implies {}_N\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$  and  $I = (o : \Gamma)$ , by Corollary 34.

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii) Let  $\Gamma = [N x \Gamma]_\Gamma \neq \{o\} \forall x \in N$  and  $(o : \gamma) = L$ . Then  $L$  is left modular by Theorem 26. By Proposition 7(ii),  $\Gamma$  is  $N$ -isomorphic to  $N/L$  and since  ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$  so is  $N/L$ . Thus by Definition 38,  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular. Moreover  $I = (o : \Gamma) = (o : N/L) = (L : N)$ .

(iii)  $\implies$  (i) Let  $\Gamma = N/L$ . Since  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular,  $N/L$  is an  $N$  group of type  $\nu$  i.e.,  ${}_N\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$  and hence by Remark 35,  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ . Also

$I = (L : N) = (o : N/L) = (o : \Gamma)$ . This shows that  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$  is faithful. Thus  $N/I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_{N/I}\Gamma$ . Hence  $I$  is  $\nu$ -primitive.  $\square$

**Corollary 41.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .
- (ii)  $\{0\}$  is a  $\nu$ -primitive ideal.
- (iii) There exists a left ideal  $L$  of  $N$  such that  $(L : N) = \{0\}$  and  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular.

*Proof.*

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) follows directly from Definition 38 and Definition 39.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $\Gamma = [N x \Gamma]_{\Gamma} \neq \{o\} \forall x \in N$  and  $(o : \gamma) = L$ . Then  $L$  is left modular by Theorem 26. Since  $\{0\}$  is a  $\nu$ -primitive ideal,  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive and hence  $(o : \Gamma) = \{0\}$  i.e.,  $\Gamma$  is faithful and  $\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ . By Proposition 7(ii),  $\Gamma$  is  $N$ -isomorphic to  $N/L$ . Thus  $(L : N) = \{0\}$  and  $N/L$  is a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group of type  $\nu$  and hence  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $\Gamma = N/L$ . Then  $(o : \Gamma) = \{0\}$  and since  $L$  is left  $\nu$ -modular,  $N/L$  is an  $N$ -group of type  $\nu$  i.e.,  ${}_{N}\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ . This implies that  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive.  $\square$

**Proposition 42.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  and  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be an  $N$ -group. Then*

(i) *If  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_{N}\Gamma$  then  $N \neq \{0\}$ ,  $\Gamma \neq \{o\}$  and if an ideal  $I$  of  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive then  $I \neq N$ .*

(ii) *2-primitivity  $\Rightarrow$  1-primitivity  $\Rightarrow$  0-primitivity.*

*Proof.* (i) If  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  ${}_{N}\Gamma$  then  $\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu \Rightarrow \Gamma \neq \{o\}$ . Moreover if  $N = \{0\}$  then  $\Gamma = \{o\}$ , as  $N$  is monogenic which is not true and hence  $N \neq \{0\}$ . If an ideal  $I$  of  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive then  $N/I$  is of type  $\nu$  and hence by the above argument  $I \neq N$ .

(ii) Let  $N$  be 2-primitive. Then there is an  $N$ -group  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma$  is faithful and is of type 2. Thus (ii) follows by Proposition 7(iii).  $\square$

**Lemma 43.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  and  $N$  contain a left unital element. Then every  $\nu$ -primitive ideal  $I$  of  $N$  is modular where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a right ternary near-ring such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Let  $I$  be a  $\nu$ -primitive ideal of  $N$ . Then  $_{N/I}\Gamma$  is faithful and is of type  $\nu$ . Let  $e$  be a left unital element in  $N$ . Then  $I$  is left modular. Since  $_{N/I}\Gamma$  is faithful and  $e + I$  is a left unital element, by Proposition 7(i)  $e + I$  is a bi-unital element of  $N/I$ . Hence  $I$  is right modular and also  $I$  is lateral modular as  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$ . Thus  $I$  is modular.  $\square$

**Theorem 44.** *Let  $N$  be an RTNR such that  $[x y z] = [y x z]$  for every  $x, y, z \in N$  and  $N$  be simple. Let a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group  $_{N}\Gamma$  be of type  $\nu$ . Then  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  $_{N}\Gamma$  where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $(o : \Gamma)$  is an ideal of  $N$  and  $N$  is simple,  $(o : \Gamma) = \{0\}$  or  $(o : \Gamma) = N$ . If  $(o : \Gamma) = N$  then  $[N x \gamma]_{\Gamma} = \{o\} \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in N$  which is not true as  $\Gamma$  is of type  $\nu$ . Thus  $(o : \Gamma) = \{0\}$  and hence  $N$  is  $\nu$ -primitive on  $_{N}\Gamma$ .  $\square$

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper the chain conditions on the substructures of an RTNR  $N$  were given and the existence of a right unital element in a monogenic  $N$ -subgroup of a zero-symmetric RTNR  $N$  with DCC on left  $N$ -subgroups was established. If  $N$  is a right and lateral ternary near-ring then a right-lateral ternary  $N$ -group was transformed into a right-lateral ternary  $N/I$ -group and vice-versa which led to define left  $\nu$ -modularity and  $\nu$ -primitivity of ideals where  $\nu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . A further exploration on  $\nu$ -primitive ideals and prime ideals will lead to the study of various types of radicals.

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