

**HOMOMORPHISMS, STRONG REGULARITY,  
STRONG REDUCEDNESS AND RELATED CONCEPTS**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The aim of this paper is to generalize the homomorphism from  $Z_m$  to  $Z_n$  and give the idea to construct near-rings of low order and give examples to strongly regular and strongly reduced near-rings. We also give some examples to justify the main result in the paper "Characterizations of strongly regular near-rings"*

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Through this paper we work with right near-rings.

The concept of homomorphism on near-rings are like on rings.  $Z_n$  is an abelian group under addition modulo  $n$ . Let  $N, N'$  be near-rings,  $h : N \rightarrow N'$  is called near-ring homomorphism if for every  $m, n$  in  $N$  such that  $h(m + n) = h(m) + h(n)$  and  $h(mn) = h(m)h(n)$ . Mason [1] introduced the notions of strong regularity in near-rings and characterized left regular zero-symmetric unital near-rings. Reddy and Murty [5] extended the results in [1] to arbitrary near-rings and proved that the concepts of left regularity, left strong regularity and right regularity in near-rings are equivalent and these imply right strong regularity. Yong Uk Cho and Yasuyuki Hirano [7] showed that the strong regularity in near-rings is equivalent to the property (\*) in [5]. Narmada and Anil Kumar [3] characterize the strong regularity of near-rings.

We will use the following notations:

Given a near-ring  $N$ ,  $N_0 = \{n \text{ in } N : n0 = 0\}$  which is called the zero-symmetric part of  $N$ ,  $N_c = \{n \text{ in } N : n0 = n\} = \{n \text{ in } N : nn' = n \text{ for every } n' \text{ in } N\}$  which is called the constant part of  $N$ . Clearly  $N_0$  and  $N_c$  are sub near-ring of  $N$ . A near-ring  $N$  is called zero-symmetric if  $N = N_0$  and is called a constant near-ring if  $N = N_c$ .

For the basic concepts and notations, we shall refer to Pilz [4]

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

A near-ring  $N$  is called left strongly regular if for every  $a$  in  $N$ , there exist  $x$  in  $N$  such that  $a = xa^2$  and left regular if for every  $a$  in  $N$ , there is an  $x$  in  $N$  such that  $a = xa^2$  and  $a = axa$ . Right strong regularity and right regularity can be defined in symmetric way.  $N$  is strongly regular if it is both left and right strongly regular. We can say that  $N$  is reduced if  $N$  has no non zero nilpotent elements, that is for each  $a$  in  $N$ ,  $a^n = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$  implies  $a = 0$ . In ring theory McCoy [8] proved that  $N$  is reduced if and only if for each  $a$  in  $N$ ,  $a^2 = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ . A near-ring  $N$  is said to be strongly reduced if for  $a$  in  $N$ ,  $a^2$  in  $N_c$  implies  $a$  in  $N_c$ .

**Characterization of Homomorphism on  $Z_n$ :**

Suppose  $f : Z_m \rightarrow Z_n$  is a group homomorphism and assume  $f(1) = k$ , then for  $m$  in  $N$ ,  $f(m) = mk$  and  $f(-m) = -mk$ . Thus for  $x$  in  $Z$ ,  $f(x) = xf(1) = xk$   
 $f(0) = 0f(1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then for } x \text{ in } Z_m, f(x) &= f(\underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_x) = xf(1) \\ &= xk \text{ for some } k \text{ in } Z_n. \end{aligned}$$

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Converse of the above result is not true,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } f(x) &= xk \pmod n, \\ f(x+y) &\neq (xk +_n yk) \pmod n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now assume } f(1) &= k, \text{ then } 0 \equiv f(0) \equiv f(m) = f(\underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_m) \\ &= \underbrace{f(1) + f(1) + \dots + f(1)}_m = mf(1) = mk. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $k$  is the solution of the system  $mx \equiv 0 \pmod n$ .

Conversely, if  $k$  is a solution of  $mx \equiv 0 \pmod n$  then  $f(x) = xk \pmod n$  is a homomorphism from  $Z_m \rightarrow Z_n$ .

For, let  $x, y$  in  $Z_m$  and suppose  $mk \equiv 0 \pmod n$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x +_m y &= t, x, y \text{ in } Z_m, \text{ then } x + y = mr + t, 0 \leq t < m. \\ f(x +_m y) &= f(t)kt \pmod n = k(x + y - mr) \pmod n \\ &= f(x) +_n f(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f$  is a homomorphism.

**Theorem 2.1:** The function  $f : Z_m \rightarrow Z_n$  given by  $f(x) = xk$  for some  $k$  in  $Z_n$ , fixed is homomorphism of groups if and only if  $mk \equiv 0 \pmod n$

If  $k$  is the solution of the system  $mk \equiv 0 \pmod n$  and  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ : and if  $d \nmid 0$  the system has  $\gcd(m, n)$  solutions.

**Corollary 2.2:** The function  $f : Z_m \rightarrow Z_n$  is a homomorphism and  $f(x) = xk$  where  $k$  is the solution of the system  $mk \equiv 0 \pmod n$  and  $(m, n) = 1$ , then  $f$  is an on to homomorphism.

**Remark [6]:** Suppose  $f : Z_m \rightarrow Z_n$  is a ring homomorphism and assume  $f(1) = k$ , since every ring homomorphism is a group homomorphism,  $f(x) = xk \pmod n$  is a ring homomorphism if and only if  $k$  is the solution of the system  $mk \equiv 0 \pmod n$ . Also  $k = f(1) = f(1.1) = [f(1)]^2 = k^2$  ( $k$  is idempotent). That is  $k$  is also a solution of the system  $x^2 \equiv x \pmod n$

### 3. NEAR-RINGS ON GROUPS OF LOW ORDER

G Pilz, gives the description of near-rings of low order and from the above argument of homomorphism on near-rings, we give the idea to construct the near-rings of low order on  $Z_n, n \leq 7$ .

Suppose  $\phi : Z_n \rightarrow Z_n$  by  $\phi(x) = kx \pmod n$  is a homomorphism, we list the endomorphism  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$  of  $Z_n$  and each  $\phi_k(x)$  represent the homomorphism, every isomorphism class of near-rings of order  $n$  is determined by the n-tuple  $(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$ . The numbers following this n-tuple denote the number of those automorphisms which yield isomorphic near-rings of  $Z_n$ .

We give multiplication table of  $\phi$  as follows:

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5$	$\alpha_6$
0	$\phi_0(0)$	$\phi_0(1)$	$\phi_0(2)$	$\phi_0(3)$	$\phi_0(4)$	$\phi_0(5)$	$\phi_0(6)$
1	$\phi_1(0)$	$\phi_1(1)$	$\phi_1(2)$	$\phi_1(3)$	$\phi_1(4)$	$\phi_1(5)$	$\phi_1(6)$
2	$\phi_2(0)$	$\phi_2(1)$	$\phi_2(2)$	$\phi_2(3)$	$\phi_2(4)$	$\phi_2(5)$	$\phi_2(6)$
3	$\phi_3(0)$	$\phi_3(1)$	$\phi_3(2)$	$\phi_3(3)$	$\phi_3(4)$	$\phi_3(5)$	$\phi_3(6)$
4	$\phi_4(0)$	$\phi_4(1)$	$\phi_4(2)$	$\phi_4(3)$	$\phi_4(4)$	$\phi_4(5)$	$\phi_4(6)$
5	$\phi_5(0)$	$\phi_5(1)$	$\phi_5(2)$	$\phi_5(3)$	$\phi_5(4)$	$\phi_5(5)$	$\phi_5(6)$
6	$\phi_6(0)$	$\phi_6(1)$	$\phi_6(2)$	$\phi_6(3)$	$\phi_6(4)$	$\phi_6(5)$	$\phi_6(6)$

**Example:**

1)  $Z_1 = \{0\}$ , this case is trivial

2)  $Z_2 = \{0,1\}$  Define  $\phi : Z_2 \rightarrow Z_2$  by  $\phi(x) = kx$  is a group homomorphism and  $\phi$  has  $\gcd(2,2) = 2$  homomorphism.

That is  $\phi_0(x) = 0x, \phi_1(x) = 1x$  are the homomorphisms.

The multiplication table is given by

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$
0	$\phi_0(0)$	$\phi_0(1)$
1	$\phi_1(0)$	$\phi_1(1)$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$
0	0	0
1	0	1

3)  $Z_3 = \{0,1,2\}$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
0	$\phi_0(0)$	$\phi_0(1)$	$\phi_0(2)$
1	$\phi_1(0)$	$\phi_1(1)$	$\phi_1(2)$
2	$\phi_2(0)$	$\phi_2(1)$	$\phi_2(2)$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

4)  $Z_4 = \{0,1,2,3\}$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

5)  $Z_5 = \{0,1,2,3,4\}$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

6)  $Z_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

7)  $Z_7 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

$\circ_\phi$	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5$	$\alpha_6$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

We observe that  $N$  is zero-symmetric if and only if  $n$ -tuple starts with entry 0.  $N$  is constant if and only if  $n$ -tuple is  $(1,1, \dots, 1)$ . The  $n$ -tuple  $(0,0, \dots, 0)$  is the zero near-ring on  $Z_n$ .

#### 4. STRONGLY REGULAR NEAR-RINGS

We know that every strongly regular near-ring is strongly reduced (Proposition 1 of [7]). But the following example shows that this result is not true in general.

**Example:** Let  $N = Z$ , the set of all integers with usual addition and multiplication given by  $a \cdot b = ab$ , for  $a, b$  in  $N$ ,  $a, b \neq 0, 1, -1$ . Then  $N$  is strongly reduced near-ring, but is not strongly regular, since  $a$  in  $N$  with  $a \neq 0, 1, -1$ , there exist no  $x$  in  $N$  such that  $a = xa^2$ .

The following theorem shows that if  $N$  is strongly reduced and regular, then it becomes strongly regular.

**Theorem 4.1 [3]:** Let  $N$  be a near-ring. Then  $N$  is strongly regular if and only if it is strongly reduced and regular.

Now we give some examples to justify this result.

**Example 1:** Let  $N = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$  be an additive group of integers modulo 6 and multiplication as follows (see Pilz [4] for near-rings of low order  $Z_6$ , no: 24, (3,5,5,3,1,1)).

.	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	3	5	5	3	1	1
2	0	4	4	0	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	0	2	2	0	4	4
5	3	1	1	3	5	5

Clearly, this near-ring  $N$  is non zero-symmetric and reduced and regular. The constant part of  $N$  is  $\{0,3\}$ . We see that this near-ring  $N$  is strongly reduced. From the above theorem,  $N$  is strongly regular.

**Example 2:**  $Z_7$ , no: 19, (1,1,1,1,1,1,1) of Pilz [4]

.	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6

From observation,  $N$  is strongly regular.

Now we classify reduced and regular near-rings of order  $\leq 7$ , which are strongly regular and strongly reduced near-rings. To do this we use Clay's [2] table.

Groups	Zerosymmetric, reduced and regular	Non zerosymmetric, reduced and regular
$Z_2$		3
$Z_3$	3	4
$Z_4$	8	9
$Z_5$	7,8,10	9
$Z_6$	27,47	24,35,48,49,52,53
$Z_7$	18,20,21,22,23,24	19

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