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PRIME IDEALS OF M□-GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we consider the algebraic system M Γ -group, a generalization of the concept module over a nearring. We define prime ideal of M Γ -group and obtain some equivalent conditions for a prime ideal of an M Γ -group. Some related fundamental results and examples are also presented.

1. Introduction

In this section we provide elementary definition and examples from Satyanarayana [11, 13] for the sake of completeness.

Let (M, +) be a group (not necessarily Abelian) and Γ a non-empty set. Then M is said to be a Γ -nearring if there exists a mapping $M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$ (denote the image of (m_1, α_1, m_2) by $m_1\alpha_1m_2$ for $m_1, m_2 \in M$ and $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$) satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) $(m_1 + m_2)\alpha_1 m_3 = m_1\alpha_1 m_3 + m_2\alpha_1 m_3$ and
- (2) $(m_1\alpha_1m_2)\alpha_2m_3 = m_1\alpha_1(m_2\alpha_2m_3)$

for all $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in M$ and for all $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \Gamma$.

Furthermore, M is said to be a **zero-symmetric** Γ -nearring if $m\alpha 0 = 0$ for all $m \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$ (where '0' is the additive identity in M).

Consider an example, take $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7\}$, the group of integers modulo 8 and a set $X = \{a, b\}$. Write $M = \{f | f : X \to \mathbb{Z}_8 \text{ and } f(a) = 0\}$.

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Then $M = \{f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_7\}$ where f_i is defined by $f_i(a) = 0$ and $f_i(b) = i$ for $0 \le i \le 7$. Now define two mappings $g_0, g_1 : \mathbb{Z}_8 \to X$ by setting $g_0(i) = a$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}_8$ and $g_1(i) = a$ if $i \notin \{3, 7\}$, $g_1(i) = b$ if $i \in \{3, 7\}$. Write $\Gamma = \{g_0, g_1\}$, $\Gamma^* = \{g_0\}$. Then M is a Γ -nearring and a Γ^* -nearring.

Let M be a Γ -nearring. An additive group G is said to be an $\mathbf{M}\Gamma$ -group if there exists a mapping $G \times \Gamma \times G \to G$ (denote the image of (m, α, g) by $m\alpha g$ for $m \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$, $g \in G$) satisfying the conditions:

- (1) $(m_1 + m_2)\alpha_1 g = m_1\alpha_1 g + m_2\alpha_1 g$ and
- (2) $(m_1\alpha_1m_2)\alpha_2g = m_1\alpha_1(m_2\alpha_2g)$

for all $m_1, m_2 \in M$, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \Gamma$ and $g \in G$.

Satyanarayana [6, 7, 12] introduced and studied the concepts like f-prime ideals and corresponding f-prime radical in Γ -near-rings. Further Satyanarayana [13] generalized the notion of module over nearring to module over gamma nearrings and established fundamental structure theorems. Radical of gamma nearrings also studied by Booth [1–3]. The concept of equiprime ideal of a gamma nearring is a generalization of equiprime ideal of a nearring which was studied in Booth and Groenewald [4]. Satyanarayana and Syam Prasad [8,15] studied fuzzy aspects of gamma nearrings.

For standard notations, elementary definitions and results on nearrings, we refer Pilz [5], Satyanarayana and Syam Prasad [9]. Throughout, we denote M for a Γ -nearring and G for an M Γ -group.

2. Subgroups and ideals of $M\Gamma$ -group:

Definition 1 (Satyanarayana [11, 13]). An additive subgroup H of G is said to be $M\Gamma$ -subgroup if $m\alpha h \in H$ for all $m \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and $h \in H$. Note that (0) and G are the trivial $M\Gamma$ -subgroups. A normal subgroup H of G is said to be an ideal of G if $m\alpha(g+h)-m\alpha g \in H$ for $m \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$, $g \in G$ and $h \in H$. Moreover, a subgroup A of M is said to be an $M\Gamma$ -subgroup of M if $M\Gamma A \subseteq A$.

Note 1. If M is zero-symmetric then every ideal is a $M\Gamma$ -subgroup. However, the converse need not be true. Consider the following example.

Example 1. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, the ring of integers modulo 4 and $X = \{a, b\}$. Write $M = \{g | g : X \to G, g(a) = 0\} = \{g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3\}$, where $g_i(a) = 0$, $g_i(b) = i$ for $0 \le i \le 3$. Let $\Gamma = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ where each $f_i : G \to X$ defined by

 $f_1(i) = a(0 \le i \le 3)$, $f_2(i) = a(0 \le i \le 2)$, $f_2(3) = b$, $f_3(i) = a$ for $i \in \{0, 2, 3\}$, $f_3(1) = b$, $f_4(i) = a$ if $i \in \{0, 2\}$ and $f_4(i) = b$ if $i \notin \{0, 2\}$.

For $g \in M$, $f \in \Gamma$, $x \in G$, write gfx = g(f(x)). Now G becomes an $M\Gamma$ -group. Further, $Y = \{0, 2\}$ is only the nontrivial subgroup and also $M\Gamma$ -subgroup, but not an ideal of G (since $3 \notin Y$ and $g_3f_2(1+2) - g_3f_2(1) = 3$).

Notation 1. *Let P be an ideal of G. We define* $(P : \Gamma G) = \{x \in M | x\Gamma G \subseteq P\}$.

Lemma 1. Let M be zero-symmetric and let P be an ideal of $M\Gamma$ - group G and B be an $M\Gamma$ - subgroup of G. If $B \subsetneq P$ then $(P : \Gamma B) = (P : \Gamma (P + B))$.

Proof. Clearly $B\subseteq P+B$. Take $a\in (P:\Gamma(P+B))$. Then $a\gamma(p+b)\in P$ for all $b\in B,\ p\in P$. Now $a\gamma b=a\gamma(0+b)-a\gamma 0\in P$ (since $P\unlhd G$ and M is zero-symmetric). This implies $a\in (P:\Gamma B)$. Therefore $(P:\Gamma(P+B)\subseteq (P:\Gamma B)$. Conversely, take $a\in (P:\Gamma B)$. To show $a\gamma(p+b)\in P$ for all $p\in P$, $b\in B$ and $\gamma\in\Gamma$.

Now $a\gamma(p+b)=(a\gamma(p+b)a\gamma b)+(a\gamma b)\in P$ (since $P \leq G$ and $a\gamma b\in P$ (by converse hypo.)). This implies $a\in (P:\Gamma(P+B))$. Hence $(P:\Gamma B)=(P:\Gamma(P+B))$.

Notation 2. As the notation given in Reddy and Satyanarrayana [10], for any non-empty subset A of G we write

- (1) $A^0 = \{x y | x, y \in A\}$; and
- (2) $A^{\#}=\{n\gamma g|n\in M,g\in A,\gamma\in\Gamma\}.$

Let X be a non-empty subset of G and write $X_0 = X$, and $X_{i+1} = X_i^0 \bigcup X_i^\#$ for all integers $i \ge 0$. Then $X_0 \subseteq X_1 \subseteq X_2 \subseteq \ldots$ and clearly $\bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} X_i$ is the $M\Gamma$ -subgroup generated by X.

Notation 3. For any $b \in M$, we denote $[b]_M$ as the $M\Gamma$ -subgroup of M generated by b.

Proposition 1. Let P be an ideal of G. Suppose that for any $M\Gamma$ -subgroup H of G such that $P \subset H$, we have $(P : \Gamma G) = (P : \Gamma H)$. Then for all $a \in M$ and $b \in G$, $a\Gamma[b]_M \subseteq P$ implies $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$.

Proof. Take $a \in M$, $b \in G$ such that $a\Gamma[b]_M \subseteq P$. Suppose $b \notin P$. Then we have the following cases.

Case 1: $P \subsetneq [b]_M$. Now $a\Gamma[b]_M \subseteq P$. This implies $a \in (P : \Gamma[b]_M) = (P : \Gamma M)$ (by hypothesis) = $(P : \Gamma G)$ (we considered with respect to M). This implies $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$.

Case 2: $[b]_M \subsetneq P$. Then there exists $x \in P$ such that $x \notin [b]_M$. This implies $P \subsetneq (P + [b]_M)$. By hypothesis $(P : \Gamma M) = (P : \Gamma (P + [b]_M))$. Now $a\Gamma[b]_M \subseteq P \implies a \in (P : \Gamma[b]_M) = (P : \Gamma G)$. This implies $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$.

Note 2. Let G be an M Γ -group. Then a subgroup of G need not be an M Γ -group, in general.

Consider the following example:

Example 2. Take $M = \{0, a, b, c\}$, $\Gamma = \{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}$ and G = M with the following binary operations.

+	0	a	b	c		γ_1	0	a	b	c	γ_2	0	a	b	c
0	0	\overline{a}	b	c	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	c	b		a	0	b	0	b	a	0	a	0	0
b	b	c	0	a		b	0	0	0	0	b	0	0	b	0
c	c	b	a	0		c	0	b	0	b	c	0	0	0	c

Clearly $(M, +, \Gamma)$ is a Γ -nearring, and G is an $M\Gamma$ -group. Now $H = \{0, c\}$ is a subgroup of G. But it is not an $M\Gamma$ -subgroup. For this, $c\gamma_1 c = b \notin \{0, c\} = H$. Therefore $M\Gamma H \nsubseteq H$. Hence H is not an $M\Gamma$ -subgroup of G.

3. Prime ideals of $M\Gamma$ -groups.

Definition 2. Let P be a proper ideal of G such that $M\Gamma G \not\subset P$. Then P is called prime if $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \implies A\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$, for all ideals A of M, B of G.

Definition 3. An $M\Gamma$ - group G is said to be 0-prime $M\Gamma$ - group if $M\Gamma G \neq (0)$ and (0) is a prime ideal of G.

Example 3. Consider $M = \{0, a, b, c\}$, $\Gamma = \{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}$, G = M and the following binary operations.

+						γ_1	0	a	b	c		γ_2	0	a	b	c
0	0	\overline{a}	b	c	-	0	0	0	0	0	•	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	c	b		a	0	a	0	0		a	0	a	0	0
b	b	c	0	a		b	0	0	0	0		b	0	0	0	a
c	c	b	a	0		c	0	b	0	0		c	0	0	0	a

Then M is a Γ -nearring, and G is an M Γ -group. Since there are no ideals A, B of G such that $A\Gamma B = \{0\}$ we have that (0) is prime ideal of G.

Definition 4. (Satyanarayana, MBV Rao, Syam Prasad [14]): A left ideal P of a nearring N is said to be a prime left ideal if A and B are left ideals of N such that $AB \subseteq P$ implies $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.

Example 4. Let N be a nearring and P be a prime left ideal of N. Write M=N and consider M as the gamma nearring with $\Gamma=\{\cdot\}$ (here '·' deremarks the multiplication in N). Write G=N. Clearly G is an $M\Gamma$ -group. Then P becomes a prime ideal of the $M\Gamma$ -group G.

Verification: Let A be an ideal of M and B be an ideal of G such that $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$. This implies $AB \subseteq P$ (since $\Gamma = \{\cdot\}$). Since A, B are left ideals in N, we have that $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$. If $B \nsubseteq P$ then $A \subseteq P$. Since A is two sided ideal in N, we have $AN \subseteq A$. In the case $A \subseteq P$, we have that $A\Gamma G = AG = AN \subseteq A \subseteq P$.

Proposition 2. Let G be an M Γ -group. Suppose $M\Gamma G \neq (0)$. If (0) is a prime ideal of G then the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1) $B \neq (0)$ (where B is an ideal of G), and
- (2) $A\Gamma B = (0) \iff A \subseteq (0 : \Gamma G)$.

Proof. (1) \Longrightarrow (2) : Suppose (1) holds. That is $B \neq (0)$. To show $A\Gamma B = (0) \iff A \subseteq (0 : \Gamma G)$, suppose $A\Gamma B = (0)$. Since (0) is prime and $B \neq (0)$, we have $A\Gamma G = (0)$. This implies $A \subseteq (0 : \Gamma G)$. Conversely suppose that $A \subseteq (0 : \Gamma G)$. This means $A\Gamma G = \{0\}$. Now $A\Gamma B \subseteq A\Gamma G \subseteq \{0\}$. This implies $A\Gamma B = (0)$.

(2) \Longrightarrow (1): Suppose that $A\Gamma B=(0) \iff A\subseteq (0:\Gamma G)$ holds. In a contrary way suppose that B=(0). Then $M\Gamma B=(0) \implies M\subseteq (0:\Gamma G)$ (by converse hypothesis) $\Longrightarrow M\Gamma G=(0)$, a contradiction.

Proposition 3. Let G be an $M\Gamma$ -group such that $(P : \Gamma G) \neq M$. If P is a prime ideal of G then the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1) B is an ideal of G and $B \nsubseteq P$, and
- (2) $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \iff A \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$.
- *Proof.* (1) \Longrightarrow (2) : Suppose B is an ideal of G and $B \nsubseteq P$. To show $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \iff A \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$, suppose $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$. Since P is prime and $B \nsubseteq P$, we have $A\Gamma G \subseteq P$. This implies $A \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$. Conversely suppose that $A \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$. This means $A\Gamma G \subseteq P$. Now $A\Gamma B \subseteq A\Gamma G \subseteq P$. This implies $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$.
- (2) \Longrightarrow (1) Suppose that $A\Gamma B \subseteq P \iff A \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$ holds. In a contrary way suppose that $B \subseteq P$. Then $M\Gamma B \subseteq P \implies M \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$ (by converse hypothesis) $\Longrightarrow M\Gamma G \subseteq P$, a contradiction.

Theorem 4. Let G be an $M\Gamma$ - group, P be an ideal of G, A and B be ideals of M then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent.

- (1) *P* is 0-prime.
- (2) $< a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq P$ implies that $< a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$. Moreover, if M is a zero symmetric Γ -nearring then conditions (1) to (4) are equivalent.
- (3) If M is zero symmetric, $a\Gamma < b > \subseteq P$ implies that $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$.
- (4) $a\Gamma B \subseteq P$ implies that $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.

Proof. $(1) \implies (2)$:

Suppose $< a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq P$. Write A = < a > and B = < b >. Then $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$. This implies $A\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$ (by (1)) $< a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $< b > \subseteq P \implies < a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$. Hence (2).

 $(2) \implies (1)$: Suppose (2).

In contrary way suppose that (1) is not true.

Then there exists an ideal A of M, an ideal B of G such that $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$ but $A\Gamma G \subsetneq P$ and $B \subsetneq P$. This implies $a\gamma g \notin P$ for some $a \in A$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $g \in G$ and $b \in B \backslash P$.

Now $< a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq A\Gamma B \subseteq P$. By (2) we have that $< a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$. Since $b \notin P$ we have $< a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$.

Now $a\gamma g \in \langle a \rangle \Gamma G \subseteq P$ implies $a\gamma g \in P$, a contradiction.

(2) \Longrightarrow (3): Suppose $a\Gamma < b > \subseteq P$. This implies $a \in (P : \Gamma < b >) <math>\Longrightarrow$ $< a > \subseteq (P : \Gamma < b >)$ (since $(P : \Gamma < b >)$ is an ideal and M is zero symmetric) $\Longrightarrow < a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq P \implies < a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$ (by (2))

- $\implies a\Gamma G \subseteq \langle a \rangle \Gamma G \subseteq P \text{ or } b \in P.$ This proves (3).
- (3) \Longrightarrow (2): Suppose $< a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq P$. Then $a\Gamma < b > \subseteq < a > \Gamma < b > \subseteq P$. This implies $a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $b \in P$ (by (3)) $\Longrightarrow a \in (P : \Gamma G)$ or $b \in P$ $\Longrightarrow < a > \subseteq (P : \Gamma G)$ or $b \in P$ $\Longrightarrow < a > \Gamma G \subseteq P$.
- (3) \Longrightarrow (4): Suppose (3). In contrary way, suppose (4) is not true. Then $a\Gamma B\subseteq P,\ a\Gamma G\nsubseteq P$ and $B\nsubseteq P$ for some $a\in A$. So there exists $\gamma\in\Gamma$, and $g\in G$ such that $a\gamma g\notin P$ and $b\in B\backslash P$.

Now $a\Gamma < b > \subseteq a\Gamma B \subseteq P \implies a\Gamma G \subseteq P \text{ or } b \in P \text{ (by (3))} \implies a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ (since $b \notin B \setminus P$) $\implies a\gamma g \in a\Gamma G \subseteq P$.

(4) \Longrightarrow (3): Suppose $a\Gamma < b > \subseteq P$. Write B = < b >. Now $a\Gamma B \subseteq P \Longrightarrow a\Gamma G \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$ (by (4)) $\Longrightarrow a\Gamma b \subseteq P$ or $b \in < b > = B \subseteq P$.

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