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Generalized biideals of rings. II

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In this note, which is a continuation of author's paper [12], we discuss the generalized biideals of regular rings [6] and of strongly regular rings [3].

By a ring we mean here an associative ring. The ring A is called regular (respectively strongly regular) if $a \in a$ A a (respectively $a \in a^2A$) for any element $a \in A$ holds. Furthermore, A is twosided subcommutative, if one has aA = A a for any $a \in A$. (cf. D. Barbilian's book*.)

Following [12], by a generalized biideal B of a ring A we mean an additive subgroup of A^+ satisfying $BAB \subseteq B$. Then for $n \ge 3$ holds $B^n \subseteq B$. In the example $A = \{a\}$ with $a^3 = p \ a = 0$ (where p is a prime number) the generalized biideal $B = I \ a$ (I is the ring of rational integers) is cyclic, and shows $B^2 \subseteq B$.

If $B^2 \subseteq B$ is satisfied for a generalized biideal B of a ring A, then B is a subring of A, and then B is called a biideal (see [8] and [11]). An important special case of biideal is the quasiideal Q (see [10]), when for the additive subgroup Q of A^+ also $QA \cap AQ \subseteq Q$ holds. For semigroups the biideal is a special case of the (m, n)-ideals (see [7]).

The following four important assertations are well-known:

- 1) Any principal one-sided ideal of a regular ring is generated by an idempotent element e. Namely $a = a \times a$ implies $(a \times x)^2 = a \times x$, $(x \times a)^2 = x \cdot a$, $(a)_r = (a \times x)_r$ and $(a)_l = (x \times a)_l$ (see [6]).
- 2) Any strongly regular ring A has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Namely $a = a^2x$ and $a^n = 0$ imply a = 0.
- 3) Any strongly regular ring A is also regular. Namely $a = a^2x$ and $y = a a \times a$ imply $y^2 = 0$, consequently y = 0.
- 4) Every idempotent element e of any ring A without nonzero nilpotent elements lies in the center Z of A. Namely for any $x \in A$ holds

$$(e x - e x e)^2 = 0$$
 and $(x e - e x e)^2 = 0$, which imply $e x = e x e = x e$ (see [1]).

^{*} Grupuri cu Operatori, București (România, 1960)

Now we discuss two preliminary statements:

Proposition 1. Any generalized biideal B of a regular ring A coincides with the intersection of the right ideal R = B + BA and of the left ideal L = B + AB, that is $B = D = (B + BA) \cap (B + AB)$, consequently $B^2 \subseteq B$, therefore B is a subring.

Proof. Evidently $a \in aA$ a implies also $B \subseteq BAB$, which by $BAB \subseteq B$ yields B = BAB. Furthermore by $B \subseteq BA$, $B \subseteq AB$, $A^2 = A$ and L. G. Kovács [4] we have

$$B = BAB = BA^2B = BA \cdot AB = (B + BA) \cdot (B + AB)$$
$$= (B + BA) \land (B + AB) = B,$$

and therefore $B^2 \subseteq B$.

Example. Let A be the total matrix ring of type 2×2 over a division ring, $e_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $e_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then $B = e_{11}A$ $e_{22} = e_{11}A$ forall A forall A e_{22} is a generalized biideal of the regular ring A satisfying $0 = B^2 + B$.

Proposition 2. Any generalized biideal B of a strongly regular ring A is a twosided ideal of A.

Proof. By Proposition 1 and well-known assertation 3) holds

$$B = (B + BA) \land (B + AB),$$

and therefore it is sufficient to verify that every one-sided ideal of A is twosided. But e, g, the right ideal R is the union of all principal right ideals $(a)_r$ with $a \in R$, where by the well-known assertations 1), 2) and 4) every $(a)_r$ is generated by a central idempotent element e_a , which implies that $(a)_r$ and R are twosided ideals. The proof is similar for left ideals L.

Theorem 1. The following twelve conditions for a ring A are mutually equivalent:

- (I) A is regular
- (II) $R \cap L = R \cdot L$ for any right ideal R and for any left ideal L of A
- (III) $(a)_r \cap (b)_l = (a)_r \cdot (b)_l$, for any $a, b \in A$
- (IV) $(a)_r \cap (a)_l = (a)_r \cdot (a)_l$, for any $a \in A$
- (V) $(a)_q = (a)_r \cdot (a)_l$, for any $a \in A$, denoting $(a)_q$ the principal quasiideal generated by $a \in A$
- (VI) $(a)_{(1,1)} = (a)_r \cdot (a)_l$, for any $a \in A$, denoting $(a)_{(1,1)}$, the principal biideal, generated by $a \in A$

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Proof is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1, of Theorem 2 of the joint paper [8] S. Lajos' and author's, furthermore of results of author's paper [12].

Theorem 2. The following twenty-one conditions for a ring A are mutually equivalent:

(I) A is strongly regular

(II) A is a two-sided regular ring (i. e. regular ring in which all one-sided ideals are two-sided ideals)

(III) A is a subcommutative regular ring

(IV) $B^2=B$ for any generalized biideal B of A

(V) $(\bar{B})^2 = \bar{B}$ for any biideal \bar{B} of A

(VI) $Q^2 = Q$ for any quasiideal Q of A

(VII) $RL = R \cap L \subseteq LR$ for any left ideal L and any right ideal R of A

(VIII) $L \cap R = LR$ for any left ideal L and any right ideal R of A

(IX) $L_1 \cap L_2 = L_1 L_2$ and $R_1 \cap R_2 = R_1 R_2$ for any left ideals L_i and any right ideals R_i of A

(X) $L \cap T = LT$ and $R \cap T = TR$ for any left ideal L for any right ideal R and any two sided ideal T of A

(XI) A is regular and it is a subdirect sum of division rings

(XII) A is a regular ring without nonzero nilpotent elements

(XIII) $L_1 \cap L_2 = L_1 L_2$ for any left ideals L_i of A

(XIV) $R_1 \cap R_2 = R_1 R_2$ for any right ideals R_i of A

(XV) $L \smallfrown T = LT$ for any left ideal L and for any two-sided ideal T of A

(XVI) $R \cap T = TR$ for any right ideal R and for any twosided ideal T of A

(XVII) $Q_1 \smallfrown Q_2 = Q_1 \cdot Q_2$ for any quasiideals Q_i of A

- (XVIII) $\bar{B}_1 \cap \bar{B}_2 = \bar{B}_1 \cdot \bar{B}_2$ for any biideals \bar{B}_i of A
 - (XIX) $B_1 \cap B_2 = B_1 \cdot B_2$ for any generalized biideals B_i of A
 - (XX) The multiplicative semigroup of A is a semilattice of groups G_i
 - (XXI) Every principal one-sided ideal is generated by a central idempotent element.

Remark. Combinatorically could be formulated yet other equivalent conditions for A, building intersections and products of (principal) generalized biideals, biideals, quasiideals, right ideals, left ideals and twosided ideals.

Proof of Theorem 2 follows from Proposition 2, from Theorem 3 of the joint paper [8] and from [9] S. Lajos' and author's and from author's paper [12].

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