

# On Left Primary and Weakly Left Primary Ideals in LA- Rings

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**ABSTRACT**— *In this paper, we study left ideals, left primary and weakly left primary ideals in LA-rings. Some characterizations of left primary and weakly left primary ideals are obtained. Moreover, we investigate relationships left primary and weakly left primary ideals in LA-rings. Finally, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions of a weakly left primary ideal to be a left primary ideals in LA- rings.*

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## 1.INTRODUCTION

A groupoid  $S$  is called an Abel-Grassmann's groupoid, abbreviated as an AG-groupoid, if its elements satisfy the left invertive law [1, 2], that is: for all  $a, b, c, d \in S$  holds. Several examples and interesting properties of AG-groupoids can be found in [3, 4, 5] and [6]. It has been shown in [3] that if an AG-groupoid contains a left identity then it is unique. It has been proved also that an AG-groupoid with right identity is a commutative monoid, that is, a semigroup with identity element. It is also known [2] that in an AG-groupoid, the medial law, that is,

$$(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd)$$

for all  $a, b, bc, d \in S$  holds. Now we define the concepts that we will used. Let  $S$  be an AG-groupoid. By an AG-subgroupoid of [8], we means a non-empty subset  $A$  of  $S$  such that  $A_2 \subseteq A$ . A non-empty subset  $A$  of an AG-groupoid  $S$  is called a left (right) ideal of [7] if  $SA \subseteq A$  ( $AS \subseteq A$ ). By two-sided ideal or simply ideal, we mean a non-empty subset of an AG-groupoid  $S$  which is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ .

S.M. Yusuf in [20] introduces the concept of a left almost ring (LA-ring). That is, a non-empty set  $R$  with two binary operations “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” is called a left almost ring, if  $(R, +)$  is a LA-group,  $(R, \cdot)$  is a LA-semigroup and distributive laws of “ $\cdot$ ” over “+” holds. Further in [12] T. Shah and I. Rehman generalize the notions of commutative semigroup rings into LA-semigroup LA-rings. However T. Shah and Fazal ur Rehman in [12] generalize the notion of a LA-ring into a nLA-ring. A near left almost ring (nLA-ring)  $N$  is a LA-group under “+”, a LA-semigroup under “ $\cdot$ ” and left distributive property of “ $\cdot$ ” over “+” holds.

T. Shah, Fazal ur Rehman and M. Raees asserted that a commutative ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$ , we can always obtain a LA-ring  $(R, \oplus, \cdot)$  by defining, for  $a, b, c \in R$ ,  $a \oplus b = b - a$  and  $a \cdot b$  is same as in the ring. Furthermore, in this paper we characterize the left primary and weakly left primary ideals in LA-rings. Moreover, we investigate relationships left primary and weakly left primary ideals in LA-rings. Finally, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions of a weakly left primary ideal to be a left primary ideals in LA-rings.

## 2.IDEALS IN LA-RINGS

The results of the following lemmas seem play an important role to study LA-ring; these facts will be used so frequently that normally we shall make no reference to this lemma.

**Definition 2.1.** [11] A non empty set  $R$  with two binary operations “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” is called a left almost ring if and only if

1.  $(R, +)$  is a LA-group.
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is a LA-semigroup.
3. Left distributive property of “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” holds.

**Lemma 2.2.** [14] Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a LA-ring, then for all  $a, b, c \in R$

1.  $0 \cdot a = 0 = a \cdot 0$ .
2.  $a(-b) = -ab = (-a)b$ .
3.  $-(-a) = a$ .
4.  $(-a)(-b) = ab$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity  $e$ . Then  $RR = R$  and  $R = eR = Re$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity  $e$  and let  $r \in R$  then  $r = er \in RR$ , for all so that  $R \subseteq RR$ . Since  $R$  is a LA-ring, we have  $RR \subseteq R$ . Thus  $RR = R$ . Now as  $e$  is a left identity in  $R$ ,  $ea = a$ , for all  $a \in R$ . Then  $R = eR$ . Since  $(ab)c = (cb)a$ , for all  $a, b, c \in R$ , we have  $(RR)e = (eR)R$ . Now,

$$Re = (RR)e = (eR)R = RR = R.$$

Hence  $R = eR = Re$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [11] A nonempty subset  $I$  of a LA-ring  $R$  is a subring of  $R$  if under the binary operations in  $R$ , form a LA-ring.

**Definition 2.5.** [11] A subring  $I$  of  $R$  is called a left (right) ideal of  $R$  if  $RI \subseteq I$  ( $IR \subseteq I$ ) and is called ideal if it is left as well as right ideal.

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $R$  is a LA-ring with left identity, then every right ideal is a left ideal.

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity and let  $A$  be a right ideal of  $R$ . Then for  $a \in A, r \in R$  consider

$$\begin{aligned} ra &= (er)a \\ &= (ar)e \\ &\in (AR)R \\ &\subseteq AR \\ &\subseteq A, \end{aligned}$$

where  $e$  is a left identity, that is  $ra \in A$ . Therefore  $A$  is left ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** If  $I$  is a left ideal of a LA-ring  $R$  with left identity, and if for any  $a \in R$ , then  $aI$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be a left ideal of  $R$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} s(ai) &= (es)(ai) \\ &= (ea)(si) \\ &= a(si) \\ &\in a(RI) \\ &\subseteq aI \end{aligned}$$

and  $(ai) + (aj) = a(i+j) \in aI$ . Hence  $aI$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and  $a \in R$ . Then  $Ra$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and  $a \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} R(Ra) &= (RR)(Ra) \\ &= (aR)(RR) \\ &= (aR)R \\ &= (RR)a \\ &= Ra \end{aligned}$$

and  $(ra) + (sa) = (r+s)a \in Ra$ . Hence  $Ra$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** If  $I$  is an ideal of a LA-ring  $R$  with left identity, and if for any  $a \in R$ , then  $a^2 I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.7, we have  $a^2 I$  is a left ideal of  $R$ . Now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a^2 r)s &= ((aa)r)s \\
 &= ((ra)a)s \\
 &= [e((ra)a)]s \\
 &= [s((ra)a)]e \\
 &= [(ra)(sa)]e \\
 &= [((sa)a)r]e \\
 &= [((aa)s)r]e \\
 &= [(rs)(aa)]e \\
 &= [e(aa)](rs) \\
 &= (aa)(rs) \\
 &= a^2(rs) \in a^2 I.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $a^2 I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and  $a \in R$ . Then  $Ra^2$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and  $a \in R$ . Now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 Ra^2 &= (RR)a^2 \\
 &= a^2(RR) \\
 &= a^2 R.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.9, we have  $Ra^2$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and let  $A, B$  be left ideals of  $R$ . Then  $(A : B)$  is a left ideal in  $R$ , where  $(A : B) = \{r \in R : Br \subseteq A\}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  is a LA-ring. Let  $s \in R$  and let  $a, b \in (A : B)$ . Then  $Ba \subseteq A$  and  $Bb \subseteq A$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(a + b) &= (Ba) + (Bb) \\
 &\subseteq A + A \\
 &= A
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(sa) &= s(Ba) \\
 &= sA \\
 &= A.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $a + b \in (A : B)$  and  $sa \in (A : B)$  so that  $R(A : B) \subseteq (A : B)$ . Hence  $(A : B)$  is a left ideal in  $R$ .

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity, and let  $A$  be left ideals of  $R$ . Then  $(A : b)$  is a left ideal in  $R$ , where  $(A : b) = \{r \in R : br \in A\}$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 2.11.

**Remark.1.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring and let  $A$  be a left ideal of  $R$ . It is easy to verify that  $A \subseteq (A : r)$ .

2. Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with left identity  $e$ , and let  $A$  be a proper left (right) ideal of  $R$ . By Corollary 2.12, we have  $e \notin (A : r)$ , where  $r \in R - A$ .

2. Let  $R$  be a LA-ring and let  $A, B, C$  be left ideals of  $R$ . It is easy to verify that  $(A : C) \subseteq (A : B)$ , where  $B \subseteq C$ .

### 3. LEFT PRIMARY AND WEAKLY LEFT PRIMARY IDEAL IN LA-RINGS

We start with the following theorem that gives a relation between left primary and weakly left primary ideal in  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring. Our starting points is the following definition:

**Definition 3.1.** A left ideal  $P$  is called left primary if  $AB \subseteq P$  implies that  $(AA \cdots A)A = A^n \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  for some positive integer  $n$ , where  $A, B$  is a left ideals of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A left ideal  $P$  is called weakly left primary if  $0 \neq AB \subseteq P$  implies that  $((AA)A)A = A^n \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  for some positive integer  $n$ , where  $A, B$  is a left ideals of  $R$ .

**Remark.** It is easy to see that every left primary ideal is weakly left primary.

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $R$  is a LA-ring with left identity, then a left ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is left primary if and only if  $ab \in P$  implies that  $a^n \in P$  or  $b \in P$  for some positive integer  $n$ , where  $a, b \in R$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P$  be a left ideal of LA-ring  $R$  with left identity. Now suppose that  $ab \in P$ . Then by Definition of left ideal, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (Ra)(Rb) &= (RR)(ab) \\ &= R(ab) \\ &\subseteq RP \\ &\subseteq P. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a^n \in P$  or  $b \in P$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Conversely, the proof is easy.

**Corollary 3.4.** If  $R$  is a LA-ring with left identity, then a left ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is weakly left primary if and only if  $0 \neq ab \in P$  implies that  $a^n \in P$  or  $b \in P$  for some positive integer  $n$ , where  $a, b \in R$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 3.3.

Let  $R$  be a LA-ring and  $A$  be a subset of  $N$ . We write

$$\sqrt{A} = \{a \in N : a^k \in A \text{ for some positive integer } k\}.$$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring, and let  $P$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal that is not left primary.

Then  $\sqrt{P} = \sqrt{0}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity. First, we prove that  $P^2 = 0$ . Suppose that  $P^2 \neq 0$  we show that  $P$  is

$$ab \in P, \text{ where } \begin{cases} ab \neq 0, \\ a \in \sqrt{P} \text{ or } b \in P \end{cases}$$

since  $P$  is weakly left primary ideal. So suppose that  $ab = 0$ . If  $Pb \neq 0$ , then there is an element  $p'$  of  $P$  such that  $p'b \neq 0$ , so that

$$0 \neq p'b = (p' + a)b \in P,$$

and hence  $P$  weakly left primary ideal gives either  $p' + a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b \in P$ . As  $p' + a \in \sqrt{P}$  and  $p' \in P \subseteq \sqrt{P}$  we have either  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b \in P$ . So we can assume that  $Pb = 0$ . Similarly, we can assume that  $Pa = 0$ . Since  $P^2 \neq 0$ , there exist  $c, d \in P$  such that  $cd \neq 0$ . Then

$$0 \neq (a + c)(b + d) \in P,$$

so either  $a + c \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b + d \in P$ , and hence either  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b \in P$ . Thus  $P$  is left primary ideal.

Clearly,  $\sqrt{0} \subseteq \sqrt{P}$ . As  $P^2 = 0$ , we get  $\sqrt{P} \subseteq \sqrt{0}$ , hence  $\sqrt{P} = \sqrt{0}$ , as required.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $R$  be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring, and let  $P$  an ideal of  $R$ . If  $\sqrt{P} \neq \sqrt{0}$ , then  $P$  is left primary if and only if  $P$  is weakly left primary.

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 3.5.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . If  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ , then  $(P : Ra) = P \cup (0 : Ra)$ , where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ . Clearly,

$$P \cup (0 : Ra) \subseteq (P : Ra).$$

For the other inclusion, suppose that  $m \in (P : Ra)$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} (Ra)(Rm) &= (mR)(aR) \\ &= (ma)(RR) \\ &= (ma)R \\ &= (Ra)m \\ &\subseteq P. \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 \neq (Ra)m$ , then  $m = em \in Rm \subseteq P$  since  $P$  is weakly left primary. If  $0 = (Ra)m$ , then  $m \in (0 : Ra)$  so we have the equality.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . If  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ , then  $(P : a) = P \cup (0 : a)$ , where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 3.7.

**Corollary 3.9.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . If  $(P : Ra) = P \cup (0 : Ra)$ , then  $(P : Ra) = P$  or  $(P : Ra) = (0 : Ra)$ , where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 3.7.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . If  $(P : n) = P$  or  $(P : n) = (0 : n)$ , then  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ , where  $n \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a LA-ring with identity, and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $0 \neq mn \in P$ , where  $m \in R - \sqrt{P}$ . Then

$$m \in (P : n) = P \cup (0 : n)$$

by Corollary 3.9 hence  $m \in P$  since  $mn \neq 0$ , as required.

**Lemma 3.11.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity. Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $A$  is a left ideal of  $R_1$ , then  $\sqrt{A \times R_2} = \sqrt{A} \times R_2$ .
- (ii) If  $A$  is a left ideal of  $R_2$ , then  $\sqrt{R_1 \times A} = R_1 \times \sqrt{A}$ .

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity. If  $P$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R_1$ , then  $P \times R_2$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity and  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R_1$ . Let



$$0 \neq (a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bd) \in P \times R_2,$$

where  $(a, b), (c, d) \in R$  so either  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $c \in P$  since  $P$  is weakly left primary. It follows that either

$$(a, b) \in \sqrt{P} \times R_2 \text{ or } (c, d) \in P \times R_2.$$

By Definition of weakly left primary ideal, we have  $P \times R_2$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity. If  $P$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R_2$ , then  $R_1 \times P$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 3.12.

**Corollary 3.14.** Let  $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity. If  $P$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R_j$ , then  $R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times P_j \times R_{j+1} \times \dots \times R_n$  is a weakly left primary (left primary) ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 3.12 and Corollary 3.13.

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity. If  $P$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ , then either  $P = 0$  or  $P$  is left primary.

**Proof.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a LA-ring with identity and let  $P = R_1 \times P_2$  be a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ . We can assume that  $P \neq 0$ . So there is an element  $(a, b)$  of  $P$  with  $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ . Then

$$(0, 0) \neq (a, e)(e, b) \in P,$$

gives either

$$(a, e) \in \sqrt{P} = \sqrt{P_1} \times R_2 \text{ or } (e, b) \in P$$

If  $(e, b) \in P$ , then  $P = R_1 \times P_2$ . We show that  $P_2$  is left primary hence  $P$  is weakly left primary by Corollary 3.13. Let  $cd \in P_2$ , where  $c, d \in R_2$ . Then

$$(0, 0) \neq (e, c)(e, d) = (e, cd) \in P,$$

so either  $(e, c) \in \sqrt{P} = \sqrt{R_1 \times P_2} = R_1 \times \sqrt{P_2}$  or  $(e, d) \in P$  and hence either  $c \in \sqrt{P_2}$  or  $d \in P_2$ . By a similar argument,  $P = R_1 \times P_2$  is left primary.

**Proposition 3.16.** Let  $A \subseteq P$  be proper ideals of a LA-ring  $R$ . Then the following hold:

(i) If  $P$  is weakly left primary (left primary), then  $P/A$  is weakly left primary (left primary).

(ii) If  $A$  and  $P/A$  are weakly left primary (left primary), then  $P$  is weakly left primary (left primary).

**Proof.** (i) Let  $0 \neq (a + A)(b + A) = ab + A \in P/A$ , where  $a, b \in R$  so  $ab \in P$ . If  $ab = 0 \in A$ ,

then

$$(a + A)(b + A) = 0,$$

a contradiction. So if

or  $b + A \in P/A$ , as required.

$P$  is weakly left primary, then either  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b \in P$ , hence either  $a + A \in \sqrt{P/A}$

$$\sqrt{P/A}$$

(ii) Let  $0 \neq ab \in P$ , where  $a, b \in R$ , so  $(a + A)(b + A) \in P/A$ . For  $ab \in A$ , if  $A$  is weakly left primary, then either

$$a \in A \subseteq \sqrt[n]{P} \text{ or } b \in A \subseteq P.$$

So we may assume that  $ab \notin A$ . Then either  $a + A \in \sqrt[n]{P/A}$  or  $b + A \in P/A$ . It follows that either  $a \in \sqrt[n]{P}$  or  $b \in P$  as needed.

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be weakly left primary ideals of a LA -ring  $R$  that are not left primary. Then  $P + Q$  is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Since  $(P + Q) / Q \approx Q / (P \cap Q)$ , we get that  $(P + Q) / Q$  is weakly left primary by Proposition 3.16 (i). Now the assertion follows from Proposition 3.16 (ii).

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