



# Extensions of Regular Rings

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity. An element  $x \in R$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) if there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}rx^{ng}$  (resp.  $x^{ng} = x^{(n+1)g}$ ). A ring  $R$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) if every element of  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular). In this paper, we characterize  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) rings. Furthermore, this paper includes a brief discussion of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regularity in group rings.

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## 1 Introduction

Recall that an element  $x$  in  $R$  is said to be regular if  $xyx = x$ , for some  $y \in R$ , the ring  $R$  is regular if every element of  $R$  is regular and an element  $x \in R$  is said to be strongly (Von Neumann) regular if there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $x = x^2y$ , the ring  $R$  is strongly regular if each of elements  $R$  is strongly regular. More properties of regular and strongly regular rings can be found for example in [2, 7, 10]. An element  $a \in R$  is said to be  $\pi$ -regular if there exist  $b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^nba^n$ . An element  $a \in R$  is said to be strongly  $\pi$ -regular if  $a^n = a^{n+1}b$ . The ring  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular if every element of  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular and is strongly  $\pi$ -regular if every element of  $R$  strongly  $\pi$ -regular. By a result of Azumaya [3] and Dischinger [9], the element  $a$  can be chosen to commute with  $b$ . In particular this definition is left-right symmetric.  $\pi$ -regular

and strongly  $\pi$ -regular rings, are studied in particular in [3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8]. Denote by  $\mathbb{Z}G$  the integral group ring of a finite group  $G$ . An element  $x \in R$  is said to be  $G$ -regular if there exist  $y \in R$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $x^g = x^gyx^g$ . The ring  $R$  is  $G$ -regular if each elements of  $R$  is  $G$ -regular. An element  $x \in R$  is said to be strongly  $G$ -regular if there exist an element  $y \in R$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $x^g = x^{2g}y$ , with this property that  $(x^2)^g = (x^g)^2$ . A ring  $R$  is strongly  $G$ -regular if every element of is strongly  $G$ -regular. A ring  $R$  is abelian if every idempotent element of  $R$  is central. A ring  $R$  is called locally finite if every finite subset in it generates a finite semigroup multiplicatively. A group is locally finite if every finitely generated subgroup in it, is finite. The  $n \times n$  full triangular matrix ring, the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix ring, the  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix ring over denote by  $M_n(R)$ ,  $U_n(R)$ ,  $L_n(R)$  respectively. In Section 2 we define  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular and strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings and investigate some characterization of them. Let  $G$  be a group and  $X$  a set. Then a group action (or just action) of  $G$  on  $X$  is a binary operation:

$$\mu : X \times G \longrightarrow X$$

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(If there is no fear of confusion, we write  $\mu(x, g)$  simply as by  $x^g$ ) such that

- (i)  $(x^g)^h = x^{gh}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $g, h \in G$ ,
- (ii)  $x^1 = x$  for all  $x \in X$ .

If  $S$  is a subset of  $R$  and  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is a finite direct product of  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ , then we define:  $a^{ng} = (a^g)^n$ ,  $(x_i)_{i \in I}^g = (x_i^g)_{i \in I}$ ,  $S^g = \{x^g | x \in S\}$ . For each  $(x_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ ,  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The main purpose of Section 3 is to characterize  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular and strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular group rings.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** An element  $x \in R$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) if there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}rx^{ng}$  (resp.  $x^{ng} = x^{(n+1)g}r$ ). A ring  $R$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) if every element of  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular). So an element  $x \in R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) if there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $x^g$  is  $\pi$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\pi$ -regular).

Now we define a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ideal as follows: Let  $\mu : R \times G \rightarrow R$  be a group action and  $I$  be a two-sided ideal of  $R$ . Then group  $G$  acts on  $R/I$  by the rule  $\mu(r + I, g) = \mu(r, g) + I$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $J$  be a two-sided ideal of a ring  $R$ .  $J$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ideal of  $R$  in case for any  $x \in J$ , there exist  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $y \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}yx^{ng}$ .

**Theorem 2.1** Any factor ring of a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) ring is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular). In particular a homomorphic image of a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) ring is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular).

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) and  $I$  be a two-sided ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\bar{x} = x + I \in R/I$ . Since  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, then there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}rx^{ng}$  (resp.  $x^{ng} = x^{(n+1)g}r$ ). This implies  $\bar{x}^{ng} = \overline{x^{ng}rx^{ng}}$  (resp.  $\bar{x}^{ng} = \overline{x^{(n+1)g}r}$ ). Thus by definition we have  $\bar{x}^{ng} = \overline{x^{ng}rx^{ng}}$  (resp.  $\bar{x}^{ng} = \overline{x^{(n+1)g}r}$ ).

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.
- (ii)  $R/N$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular that is the prime radical  $N$  of  $R$ .
- (iii) Every prime factor ring of  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** It suffices to show that (iii) implies (i). Suppose  $R$  contains an element  $a$  that is not strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Then by Zorn's lemma, there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  that is maximal with respect to the property that  $\bar{a}$  is not strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular in  $\bar{R} = R/I$ . Since  $I$  can not be prime, there exist ideals  $K, L$  properly containing  $I$  such that  $KL \subseteq I$ . Then we can find a  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a^{ng_1} - a^{(n+1)g_1}x \in K$  and  $a^{ng_2} - a^{(n+1)g_2}y \in L$  for some  $x, y \in R$ ,  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ . But

$$a^{n(g_1+g_2)} - a^{(n+1)(g_1+g_2)}(a^{-g_1}y + a^{-g_2}x + xy) = (a^{ng_1} - a^{(n+1)g_1}x)(a^{ng_2} - a^{(n+1)g_2}y) \in KL \subseteq I$$

Which is a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $G$  be a group acts on the ring  $R$  by this property that  $(xy)^g = x^g y^g$  for each  $x, y \in R$ . If  $x, y \in R$ ,  $g \in G$  and  $x' = x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng}$ , and if  $x'^{n'h} = x'^{n'h}a^{n'}x'^{n'h}$  for some  $a \in R$  and some  $h \in G$ . Then  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}bx^{ng}$  for some  $b \in R$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{ng} &= x' + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= (x'^{n'h}a^{n'}x'^{n'h})^{n'-1}h^{-1} + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= x'a^{h^{-1}}x' + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= (x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng})a^{h^{-1}}(x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng}) \\ &\quad + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= (x^{ng}a^{h^{-1}} - x^{ng}yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}})(x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng}) \\ &\quad + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng} \\ &\quad - x^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}yx^{ng} + x^{ng}yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &\quad + x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng}(a^{h^{-1}} - yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}} - a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}y + y)x^{ng} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Now by taking  $b = a^{h^{-1}} - yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}} - a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}y + yx^{ng}a^{h^{-1}}x^{ng}y + y$  we have  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}bx^{ng}$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $J \subseteq K$  be two sided ideals in a ring  $R$ . So  $J$  and  $K/J$  are both  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if and only if  $K$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** Assume that  $J$  and  $K/J$  are both  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Given  $x \in J$ , it follows from the regularity of  $K/J$  that  $x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng} \in J$  for some  $y \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consequently,  $(x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng})^{n'h} = (x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng})^{n'h}z(x^{ng} - x^{ng}yx^{ng})^{n'h}$  for some  $z \in J$ , from which by lemma 2.1 we conclude that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}wx^{ng}$  for some  $w \in K$ . Thus,  $K$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Conversely, assume that  $K$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring. Clearly  $K/J$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. It suffices to show that  $J$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Since  $K$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring then for any  $\forall x \in J$ , there exist  $g \in G$  and  $y \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$x^{ng} \in J, x^{ng} = x^{ng}yx^{ng}$$

Now by taking  $z = yx^{ng}y \in J$  we have:

$$x^{ng} = x^{ng}zx^{ng}$$

Therefore,  $J$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ideal.

**Lemma 2.2** A finite direct product  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  ( $I$  is a finite set) of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** At first we prove that direct product of two  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings. Then for every  $(a_1, a_2) \in R_1 \times R_2$  there exist  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $(r_1, r_2) \in R_1 \times R_2$  and  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a_1^{n_1g_1} = a_1^{n_1g_1}r_1a_1^{n_1g_1}$  and  $a_2^{n_2g_2} = a_2^{n_2g_2}r_2a_2^{n_2g_2}$ . Now by setting  $ng = n_1n_2g_1g_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1, a_2)^{ng} &= (a_1^{ng}, a_2^{ng}) \\ &= ((a_1^{n_1g_1})^{n_2g_2}, (a_2^{n_2g_2})^{n_1g_1}) \\ &= ((a_1^{n_1g_1}r_1a_1^{n_1g_1})^{n_2g_2}, (a_2^{n_2g_2}r_2a_2^{n_2g_2})^{n_1g_1}) \\ &= (a_1, a_2)^{ng}(r_1^{n_2g_2}, r_2^{n_1g_1})(a_1, a_2)^{ng} \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Thus by induction any finite direct product of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.4 (i)** Let  $x \in R$  be  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, then there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng}r$  is idempotent.

(ii) If an element  $x \in R$  is  $\pi$ -regular, then it is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by taking  $G$  to be trivial group.

(iii) An element  $x \in R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^{ng}$  is Von Neumann.

**Proof.** (i) Since  $x \in R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular thus there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}rx^{ng}$  therefore  $x^{ng}r = x^{ng}rx^{ng}r = (x^{ng}r)^2$ . (ii), (iii) are trivial.

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $S$  be the center of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring  $R$  with the property that  $S^{ng} \subseteq S$ , for any  $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $S$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a ring with center  $S$ , and let  $x \in S$ . There exist  $y \in R$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $x^{ng}yx^{ng} = x^{ng}$ , and we set  $z = yx^{ng}y$ . Note that

$$x^{ng}zx^{ng} = x^{ng}yx^{ng}yx^{ng} = x^{ng}$$

For any  $r \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} zr &= yx^{ng}yr \\ &= y^2rx^{ng} \\ &= y^2rx^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= y^2rx^{ng}x^{ng}y \\ &= yx^{ng}yrx^{ng}y \\ &= yx^{ng}yx^{ng}ry \\ &= yx^{ng}ry \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Similarly we have  $rz = yrx^{ng}y$ , so  $rz = yrx^{ng}y = yx^{ng}ry = zr$ , therefore  $z \in S$ . Thus  $S$  is also  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proposition 2.1** A ring  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, if and only if  $R$  satisfies the descending chain condition on principal right ideals of the form  $a^gR \supseteq a^{2g}R \supseteq \dots$ , for every  $a \in R$  and an element  $g \in G$ .

**Proof.** One direction is clear. Assume  $R$  is not strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Then there exists an element  $a \in R$  such that  $x^{ng} \neq x^{(n+1)g}r$  for any  $r \in R$  and  $g \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We have a descending chain  $a^gR \supseteq a^{2g}R \supseteq \dots$  of ideals of  $R$  which does not terminate, which is a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $R$  is locally finite and  $a \in R$ , then  $a^t$  is an idempotent for some positive  $t$ .

**Proof.** see [11].

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $R$  is a locally finite ring, then  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

By lemma 2.3, a locally finite ring  $R$  satisfies the descending chain condition on principal right ideals of form  $aR \supseteq a^2R \supseteq \dots$ , for every  $a$  in  $R$ ; then  $R$  satisfies the descending chain condition on principal right ideals of form  $a^gR \supseteq a^{2g}R \supseteq \dots$ , for every  $a \in R$  and  $g \in G$ . Therefore  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by proposition 2.1.

**Proposition 2.2** Let the  $n \times n$  full triangular matrix ring over  $R$  be  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Then  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** It is obvious. We introduced  $\pi$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\pi$ -regular) rings as an example of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular (resp. Strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular) rings by taking  $G$  to be trivial group. Lee and Kim showed in [12], that the  $n$  by  $n$  full matrix rings over strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring  $R$ , need not be strongly  $\pi$ -regular (see: Example 2.1), so we conclude that the  $n \times n$  full triangular matrix ring over  $R$  need not be strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings.

**Theorem 2.7** For a ring  $R$  and a positive integer  $m$ , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $R$  is locally finite.
- (b)  $M_n(R)$  is locally finite.
- (c)  $U_n(R)$  is locally finite.
- (d)  $L_n(R)$  is locally finite.

**Proof.** see [11].

**Example 2.1** Let  $R$  be a locally finite ring.  $M_n(R)$ ,  $U_n(R)$ ,  $L_n(R)$   $R$  are examples of strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings by Theorems 2.6 and 2.7.

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $R$  be an abelian  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring. Then for each  $x \in R$ , there exist  $r \in R, g \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^{ng}r = rx^{ng}$ .

Since  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, then by theorem 2.4 (i), for each  $x \in R$ , there exist  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}, r \in R$  such that  $x^{ng}r, rx^{ng} \in Id(R)$  and since  $R$  is abelian then  $x^{ng}r, rx^{ng} \in Z(R)$ , therefore we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{ng}r &= (x^{ng}rx^{ng})r \\ &= x^{ng}(rx^{ng})r \\ &= x^{ng}r(rx^{ng}) = r(x^{ng}rx^{ng}) \\ &= rx^{ng} \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

**Definition 2.3** An element  $x \in R$  is said unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if there exist  $g \in G$  and  $u \in U(R)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  depending on  $x$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}ux^{ng}$ .  $R$  is unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if every element of  $R$  is unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $R$  be an abelian  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring. Then  $R$  is unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

Since  $R$  is abelian  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by lemma 2.4, for each  $x \in R$ , there exist  $g \in G, y \in R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $x^{ng}y = yx^{ng}$ .

Let  $u = x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - 1$  and  $v = x^{ng}y + x^{ng}y^2 - 1$ . Since  $x^{ng}y = yx^{ng}$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} uv &= (x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - 1)(x^{ng}y + x^{ng}y^2 - 1) \\ &= x^{ng}(x^{ng}y) + x^{ng}x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng} \\ &\quad + (x^{ng}y)(x^{ng}y) + (x^{ng}y)(x^{ng}y^2) \\ &\quad - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y^2 + 1 \\ &= x^{ng}(yx^{ng}) + (x^{ng}yx^{ng})y - x^{ng} \\ &\quad + (x^{ng}yx^{ng})y + (x^{ng}yx^{ng})y^2 \\ &\quad - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y^2 + 1 \\ &= x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - x^{ng} + x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y^2 + 1 = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} vu &= (x^{ng}y + x^{ng}y^2 - 1)(x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - 1) \\ &= x^{ng}yx^{ng} + x^{ng}yx^{ng}y - x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}y^2x^{ng} + x^{ng}y^2x^{ng}y \\ &\quad - x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng} - x^{ng}y + 1 \\ &= x^{ng}yx^{ng} + (x^{ng}yx^{ng})y - x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}y(yx^{ng}) + x^{ng}y(yx^{ng})y - \\ &\quad x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng} - x^{ng}y + 1 \\ &= x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y + (x^{ng}yx^{ng})y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}yx^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng} - x^{ng}y + 1 \\ &= x^{ng} + x^{ng}y - x^{ng}y + x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng}y^2 - x^{ng} - x^{ng}y + 1 = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Therefore,  $uv = vu = 1$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{ng}vx^{ng} &= x^{ng}(x^{ng}y \\ &\quad + x^{ng}y^2 - 1)x^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng}x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &\quad + x^{ng}x^{ng}y^2x^{ng} - x^{ng}x^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng}x^{ng} + x^{ng}x^{ng}yyx^{ng} \\ &\quad - x^{ng}x^{ng} \\ &= (x^{ng}yx^{ng})yx^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng}yx^{ng} \\ &= x^{ng} \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $R$  be an abelian  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring, and  $x \in R$ . Then there exist  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^{ng} = eu$ , for some  $e \in Id(R)$  and  $u \in U(R)$ .

**Proof.** By theorem 2.8,  $R$  is unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Thus there exists  $v \in U(R)$  such that  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}vx^{ng}$ . Let  $u$  be the multiplicative inverse of  $v$  in  $R$ , then  $x^{ng} = x^{ng}uv = x^{ng}vu = eu$ . Since  $e = x^{ng}v \in Id(R)$ . Thus  $x^{ng} = eu$  for some  $e \in Id(R)$  and  $u \in U(R)$ .

**Theorem 2.10** Let  $R$  be an abelian ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $R$  is a unit  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring.
- (ii) For every  $a \in R$ , there exist  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a^{ng}$  can be written as a product of a unit, and an idempotent of  $R$ .
- (iii) For every  $a \in R$ , there exist  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a^{ng}$  can be written as a product of an idempotent and a unit of  $R$ .

**Proof.** (i  $\Rightarrow$  ii) By theorem 2.9, is clear.  
 (ii  $\Rightarrow$  i) Suppose there exists  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a^{ng} = ve$  where  $v \in U(R)$  and  $e^2 = e$ . The latter implies  $v^{-1}a^{ng} = v^{-1}a^{ng}v^{-1}a^{ng}$ , so  $a^{ng} = a^{ng}v^{-1}a^{ng}$ , as desired.

### 3 $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular group ring

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $G$  a group. We shall denote the group ring of  $G$  over  $R$  as  $RG$ . The augmentation ideal of  $RG$  is generated by  $\{1, g\}$ . We shall use  $\Delta$  to denote the augmentation ideal of  $RG$ . It is known that  $R$  is a homomorphic image of  $RG$ . Since  $RG/\Delta \cong R$ . For any element  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g g \in RG$ , the support of  $x$ , written as  $Supp(x)$ , is the subset of  $G$  consisting of all those  $g \in G$  such that  $x_g \neq 0$ . Since  $x_g \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $g \in G$ , so  $Supp(x)$  is a finite subset of  $G$ .

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $G$  a group. If  $RG$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring, then  $R$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring.*

**Proof.** Since  $R$  is homomorphic image of  $RG$ , then  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by theorem 2.1. For any idempotent  $e$  in a ring, we have the following peirce decomposition:

$$R = eRe \oplus eRf \oplus fRe \oplus fRf$$

Where  $f = 1 - e$  is the complementary idempotent to  $e$ . Two ring  $eRe$  and  $fRf$  be characterized by the equation:

$$eRe = \{rR : er = r = re\},$$

$$fRf = \{rR : fr = r = rf\}$$

**Lemma 3.1**  *$e$  is a central idempotent iff  $eRf = fRe = 0$ .*

**Proof.** For  $r \in R, erf = 0$  and  $fre = 0$  amount to  $er = ere = re$ .

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $e \neq 0$  be any central idempotent in  $R$ . If  $eRe$  and  $fRf$  are  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, then  $R$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular ring.*

Since  $e$  is a central idempotent, then we have the peirce decomposition:

$$R = eRe \oplus fRf$$

Thus by lemma 2.2, since  $eRe$  and  $fRf$  are  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular then  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $e_1 + \dots + e_n = 1$  be a decomposition of 1 into sums of orthogonal idempotents. If  $e_iRe_i$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular for each  $i$ , then  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.*

**Proof.** It is obvious from Lemma 2.2 and Proposition 3.1.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $R$  be a commutative semiperfect ring and  $G$  a group, and let  $(eRe)G$  be  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular for each local idempotent  $e$  in  $R$ . Then  $RG$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.*

**Proof.** Since  $R$  is semiperfect, so by theorem 6.27 of [1],  $R$  has a complete orthogonal set  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  of idempotent  $R$ . So  $e_i$  is a local idempotent for each  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ . Now by hypothesis,  $(e_iRe_i)G$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Since,  $(e_iRe_i)G \cong e_i(RG)e_i$  for each  $i$ , it follows that  $e_i(RG)e_i$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Hence  $RG$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by proposition 3.1.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $R$  be a ring in which 2 is invertible and  $G = \{1, g\}$  be a group. Then  $RG$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if and only if  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.*

**Proof.** If  $RG$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, then by corollary 3.1,  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Conversely, since  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular and 2 is invertible in  $R$ , then  $RG \cong R \times R$  via the map  $a + bg \iff (a + b, a - b)$ . Hence  $RG$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular by lemma 2.2.

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $G$  a group. Then  $RG$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular if and only if  $(R/P)G$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular for every prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** If  $RG$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then since

$$(R/I)G \cong RG/IG$$

and homomorphic images of strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, it follows that  $(R/I)G$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

Conversly, suppos to the contrary that  $RG$  is not strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Then there exists an element  $x \in RG$  such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g \in G$ ,

$x^{ng} \neq x^{(n+1)g}y$  for any  $y \in RG$ . Therefore the sequence

$$x^gRG \supseteq x^{2g}RG \\ \supseteq \dots \supseteq x^{ng}RG \supseteq x^{(n+1)g}RG \supseteq \dots$$

ideals of does not terminate. Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be the set of all ideals  $I$  of  $R$  such that the sequence

$$(x + IG)^g(RG/IG) \\ \supseteq (x + IG)^{2g}(RG/IG) \supseteq \dots$$

does not terminate. Note that  $\mathfrak{S} \neq \emptyset$ , since  $(0) \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathfrak{S}$  is partially ordered by inclusion. Let  $(I_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Omega}$  be a chain of elements of  $\mathfrak{S}$  and let  $J = \cup_{\alpha \in \Omega} I_\alpha$ . Clearly,  $J$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $I_\alpha \subset J$  for all  $\alpha \in \Omega$ . We show that  $J \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Suppose that  $J \notin \mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $z = x^{ng} - x^{(n+1)g}r \in JG$  for some  $r \in RG, g \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $Supp(z)$  is finite, there exists some  $\alpha \in \Omega$  such that  $z \in I_\alpha G$ . It follows that the sequence  $(x + I_\alpha G)^g(RG/I_\alpha G)$

$$\supseteq (x + I_\alpha G)^{2g}(RG/I_\alpha G) \supseteq \dots$$

terminates, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $J \in \mathfrak{S}$  and thus by Zorn's Lemma,  $\mathfrak{S}$  contains a maximal element  $M$ . Since  $(R/M)G \cong RG/MG$  is not strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, it follows by hypothesis that  $M$  is not a prime ideal. Therefore there exist ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$  such that  $AB \subseteq M$  but  $A, B \not\subseteq M$ . Let  $A' = M + A$  and  $B' = B + M$ . Then  $M$  is strictly contained in  $A'$  and  $B'$ , and we also have that:

$$A'B' = (M + A)(M + B) \subseteq M$$

By the maximality of  $M$  in  $\mathfrak{S}$ , the sequences

$$(x + A'G)^{2g}(RG/A'G) \\ \supseteq (x + A'G)^{2g}(RG/A'G) \supseteq \dots$$

And

$$(x + B'G)^{2g}(RG/B'G) \\ \supseteq (x + B'G)^{2g}(RG/B'G) \supseteq \dots$$

both terminate. Hence there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(x^{mg} + A'G)(RG/A'G) = (x^{(2m+1)g} + A'G)(RG/A'G)$  and  $(x^{mg} + B'G)(RG/B'G) = (x^{(2m+1)g} + B'G)(RG/B'G)$ .

It follows that  $x^{mg} - x^{(2m+1)g}s \in A'G$  and  $x^{mg} - x^{(2m+1)g}t \in B'G$  for some  $s, t \in RG$ . Therefore:

$$(x^{mg} - x^{(2m+1)g}s)(x^{mg} - x^{(2m+1)g}t) \\ \in (A'B')G \subseteq MG$$

Form which it follows that  $x^{mg} - x^{(2m+1)g}w \in MG$  for some  $w \in RG$ . Hence the sequence:

$$(x + MG)^g(RG/MG) \\ \supseteq (x + MG)^{2g}(RG/MG) \supseteq \dots$$

terminates; contradicting the fact that  $M \in \mathfrak{S}$ . We thus have that  $RG$  must be a strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$  ring.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $R$  be a ring with artinian prime factors and  $G$  be a locally finite group. Then  $RG$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$  and  $x = \sum_{g \in G} r_g g \in (R/P)G$ . Let  $H_x$  be the subgroup of  $G$  generated by the support of  $x$ . Since  $Supp(x)$  is finite and  $G$  is locally finite, it follows that  $H_x$  is finite. It is clear that  $x \in (R/P)H_x$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Indeed, since  $R/P$  is artinian and  $H_x$  is finite, so  $(R/P)H_x$  is artinian; hence strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Since  $x$  is arbitrary in  $(R/P)G$ , so  $(R/P)G$  is also strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. By theorem 3.3, it follows that  $RG$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $G$  be a group and  $U_n(RG)$  be strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular for  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

**Proof.** As  $U_n(RG)$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular, so by example 2.1,  $RG$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular. Hence by Corollary 3.1,  $R$  is strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular.

## 4 Examples

Here we give some examples of  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings.

**Example 4.1** It is clear that if  $G$  is a trivial group (group with only one element) then  $R$  is  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular for  $n \geq 1$  iff  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular.

**Example 4.2** One easily checks that  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  are  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular rings because they are  $\pi$ -regular rings.

**Example 4.3** Let  $G = U(R)$  (where  $U(R)$  is the group of units in  $R$ ) and  $X$  a set, then a regular action  $\mu$  of  $G$  on  $X$  is a function:

$$\mu : X \times G \longrightarrow X : (x, g) = gx \tag{4.8}$$

And conjugate action is a function:

$$\mu : X \times G \longrightarrow X : (x, g) = gxg^{-1} \tag{4.9}$$

**Example 4.4** Let  $G = U(R)$ . An element  $x \in R$  is said unitary  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly unitary  $R$ -regular) if there exist  $g \in G$  and  $r \in R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(gx)^n = (gx)^n r (gx)^n$  (resp.  $(gx)^n = (gx)^{n+1} r$ ).  $R$  is unitary  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly unitary  $\pi$ -regular) if every element of  $R$  is unitary  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly unitary  $\pi$ -regular).

**Example 4.5** Let  $G = U(R)$ . An element  $x \in R$  is said conjugate  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly conjugate  $\pi$ -regular) if there exist  $g \in G$  and  $r \in R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(x)^n = (x)^n g^{-1} r g (x)^n$  (resp.  $(x)^n = (x)^{n+1} g x g$ ).  $R$  is conjugate  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly conjugate  $\pi$ -regular) if every element of  $R$  is conjugate  $\pi$ -regular (resp. strongly conjugate  $\pi$ -regular).

**Example 4.6** Let  $Aut(R)$  be automorphism group of  $R$ . An element  $x \in R$  is called Automorphic  $\pi$ -regular ((Aut)  $\pi$ -regular) if there exist  $\alpha \in Aut(R)$ ,  $r \in R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(x^\alpha)^n = (x^\alpha)^n r (x^\alpha)^n$ .  $R$  is Automorphic  $\pi$ -regular every element of  $R$  is automorphic  $\pi$ -regular.

## 5 Conclusion

Ring theory is a subject of central importance in algebra. Historically, some of major discoveries in ring theory have helped shape the course of development of abstract algebra. In the moment, ring theory is a fertile meeting ground for group rings. In this paper, we characterized  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular and strongly  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -regular group rings.

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