

## NOTE ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRIMARY IDEALS IN NEAR-RINGS

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## **Highlights**

- This paper focuses on ideal theory of near-rings.
- Classical algebraic substructures of near-rings are introduced in this study.
- Highly useful results are obtained about the characterizations of near-rings.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

We introduce the notions of 0-(1-2)-primary and almost primary ideals which are the generalizations of 0-(1-2)-prime ideals in near-rings. Moreover, some characterizations are also obtained and are demonstrated with suitable examples.

Key words: Near-rings, 0-primary ideals, 1-primary ideals 2- primary ideals, almost primary ideals

#### 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

An algebraic system N with two binary operation "+" and "·" is said to be a (right) near-ring, if it is a group (not necessarily abelian) under addition, semigroup under multiplication and N satisfies (right) distributive law i.e., for any x, y,  $z \in N$ ;  $(x + y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) + (y \cdot z)$  [7]. Similarly, a left near-ring can be defined by replacing the right distributive law with left distributive law. We call a (left) near-ring N is a zero-symmetric, if  $0 \cdot n = 0$  for all  $n \in N$ . Similarly, an element x of (left) near-ring N is distributive, if  $(a + b) \cdot x = a \cdot x + b \cdot x$  for all a,  $b \in N$ , and if its all the elements of N satisfies right distributive property we say that N is distributive near-ring. The near-ring N is called a distributively generated (d.g), if it contains a multiplicative sub-semigroup of distributive elements which generates additive group (N, +). Every distributively generated near-rings are zero-symmetric near-rings. We refer [7] for the fundamental concepts and notions for near-rings. Let N and N' be two near-rings and N and N be two near-rings and N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two near-rings and N and N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N satisfying N and N and N be two N-groups, then N and N satisfying N satisfying N and N satisfying N satisfying N and N satisfying N satisf



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 $\phi(n_1)$   $\phi(n_2)$ ; and a map  $h: {}_N\Gamma \to {}_N\Gamma'$  satisfying  $h(\gamma + \delta) = h(\gamma) + h(\delta)$ ;  $h(n\gamma) = nh(\gamma)$ are said to be near-ring homomorphism and N-homomorphism, respectively. We call a subset I of a near-ring N is an ideal if: (i) (I, +) is a normal subgroup of a (N, +), (ii) For each  $n \in$  $N, i \in I, ni \in I \text{ i.e., } NI \subseteq I, \text{ and } (iii) (n_1 + i)n_2 - n_1n_2 \in I \text{ for each } n_1, n_2 \in N \text{ and } i \in I.$ But A. Frohlich [4] showed that for d. g- near-rings the third condition is equivalent to  $in \in I$ i.e.,  $IN \subseteq I$ . A proper ideal P of a near-ring N is said to be a prime ideal if for ideals A and B of N,  $AB \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$ . Different types of prime ideals have been introduced in the literature (see [5], [2]&[8]). Almost prime ideals in near-rings have been endorsed by B. Elavarasan (see [3]). A proper ideal P of a near-ring N is said to be an almost prime if for any ideals A and B of N such that  $AB \subseteq P$  and  $AB \not\subseteq P^2$ , we have  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  [3, page 47]. The author established few relationships between almost prime and prime ideals as well [3]. Notions of 0-(1-2)-prime ideals have been introduced in ([2], [5] & [8]). Following [5], an ideal P of near-ring is said to be a 0-prime ideal, if for any two ideals  $I_1, I_2 \subseteq N$  such that  $I_1I_2 \subseteq P$  implies  $I_1 \subseteq P$  or  $I_2 \subseteq P$  [5]. Subsequently, Ramakotaiah and Rao [8] introduced the concepts of 0-prime, 1-prime and 2- prime ideals of a near-rings. Furthermore, G. Birkenmeier et al. [2] discussed the connections between prime ideals and type one prime ideals in nearrings. Following [2], an ideal I is said to be a type-zero or simply a prime ideal if A and B are ideals of N,  $AB \subseteq I$  implies  $A \subseteq I$  or  $B \subseteq I$ . Further to this, an ideal I of a near-ring is of type-1(or 1-prime) if  $x, y \in N$ ,  $xNy \in I$  then  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ . Similarly, an ideal P of a near-ring N is called 2-prime if for any two subgroup  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  of (N, +) such that  $K_1K_2 \subseteq P$  implies that  $K_1 \subseteq P$  or  $K_2 \subseteq P$ . It is well-known that 2-prime  $\Rightarrow$  1-prime  $\Rightarrow$  0-prime, but the converse doesn't exist in any of the implication. Recently, P-ideals and their P-properties in near rings have been introduced in [1]. On the other hand, few concepts of nearrings have been shifted towards seminearrings in [6].

In this note, we introduce the notions of 0-(1-2)-primary ideals and almost primary ideals in a near-rings. We investigate that 0-prime ideal is always 0-primary but converse is not true. We also establish that 2-primary  $\Rightarrow$  1-primary  $\Rightarrow$  0-primary ideals but the converse does not hold true in any of implication. Furthermore, several characterizations are obtained and supported by suitable examples.

## 2 Primary ideals in near-rings

In this section, we introduce and discuss different types of primary ideals of near-rings. We also investigate some relationships among them.

**Definition 1.** A proper ideal P of N is called 0-primary if A, B are any two ideal of N such that  $AB \subseteq P$  implies that  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B^n \subseteq P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Example 1** Suppose that  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a right near-ring with addition and multiplication defined in the tables set 1.





#### Tables set 1

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6
2	2	3	0	1	6	7	4	5
3	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4
4	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3
5	5	4	7	6	1	0	3	2
6	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6
2	2	3	0	1	6	7	4	5
3	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4
4	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3
5	5	4	7	6	1	0	3	2
6	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Here  $P = \{0, 2\}$ ,  $I_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $I_2 = \{0, 1\}$  are ideals of N. Also  $I_1I_2 = \{0\} \subseteq P$  implies  $I_2^2 \subseteq P \Rightarrow P$  is a 0-primary ideal of near-ring N, however P is not a 0-prime ideal.

**Proposition 1** Let I be an ideal of a zero-symmetric near-ring N. Then I is a 0-primary ideal if and only if every zero-divisor in N/I is a nilpotent.

*Proof* ⇒) Let *I* be a 0-primary ideal of a near-ring *N* and consider *N/I* is a non-trivial. Let  $n+I \in N/I$  be a zero-divisor and  $n_1 \in N/I$ . Consider  $n_1n+I = (n_1+I)(n+I) = 0+I \Rightarrow n_1n \in I$ ,  $n_1 \notin I \Rightarrow n^k \in I$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Hence  $(n+I)^k = n^k + I = 0+I \Rightarrow n+I$  is nilpotent.  $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose N/I is non-trivial and every nonzero zero-divisor in N/I is nilpotent. Since  $I \neq N$ , let  $n_1, n_2 \in N$  such that  $n_1, n_2 \in I$ , then either  $n_1 \in I$  or  $n_1 \notin I$ , suppose  $n_1 \notin I$  then consider  $(n_2+I)(n_1+I) = n_2.n_1 + I = 0+I \Rightarrow n_2.n_1 = 0$ , so  $n_2+I$  is a zero-divisor and by assumption  $(n_2+I)^k = n_2^k + I = 0+I \Rightarrow n_2^k \in I$ , hence *I* is a primary (0-primary) ideal.

**Example 2** Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring under the addition and multiplication defined in the tables set 2.



## Tables set 2

+	0	а	b	С
0	0	а	b	С
а	а	0	С	b
b	b	С	0	а
С	С	b	а	0

•	0	а	b	С
0	0	0	0	0
а	0	а	0	а
b	0	0	0	0
С	0	а	0	а

Clearly,  $P = \{0, a\}$  is 0-primary ideal and the quotient  $N/P = \{0 + P, b + P\}$  along with operations given in tables set 3.

# Tables set 3

+	0 + P	b + P
0 + P	0 + P	b + P
b + P	b + P	0 + P

•	0 + P	b + P
0 + P	0 + P	0 + P
b + P	0 + P	0 + P

Here the zero divisors of N/P are 0 + P and b + P, which are nilpotents. Intersection of any two 0-primary ideals of a near-ring need not be a 0-primary ideal, we provide an example.

**Example 3** Suppose  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a commutative near-ring with addition and multiplication defined in the tables set 4.

# Tables set 4

+	0	а	b	С
0	0	а	b	С
а	а	0	С	b
b	b	С	0	а
С	С	b	а	0

•	0	а	b	С
0	0	0	0	0
а	0	а	0	а
b	0	0	0	0
С	0	а	0	а



Let us consider 0-primary ideals  $P_1 = \{0, a\}$  and  $P_2 = \{0, b\}$  of a near-ring N. But  $P_1 \cap P_2 = \{0\}$  is not a 0-primary ideal of N.

**Proposition 2** Every 0-prime ideal in a near-ring N is a 0-primary ideal of N.

*Proof* Let *N* be a near-ring and *P* be a 0-prime ideal then for all  $x, y \in N$ ,  $xy \in P \Rightarrow x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ , while considering n = 1 the result follows.

Remark 1 Every maximal ideal in near-ring is 0-prime and hence a 0-primary ideal  $\Rightarrow$  a maximal ideal is a 0-primary.

**Definition 2.** An ideal I of a near-ring N is a semi-primary ideal if for any ideal J of N,  $J^2 \subseteq I$  implies that  $J \subseteq I$ .

It is well known that in any near-ring the intersection of any prime ideals is a semi-prime ideal. We also know that a semi-prime ideal of a near-ring N is the intersection of minimal prime ideals of I in N such that the ideal I can be written as the intersection of all prime ideals containing I. However, the intersection of two primary ideals need not be a semi-primary ideal for instance see in example3 i.e.,  $I = \{0\}$  is the intersection of primary ideals  $\{0, a\}$  and  $\{0, b\}$  but is not a semi-primary i.e.,  $P_2 \subseteq \{0\} = I$ , but  $P_2 \nsubseteq I$ .

**Definition 3** An ideal *P* of near-ring *N* is said to be 1-primary ideal if for any right ideals *A*, *B* of *N*,  $AB \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$  or  $B^n \subseteq P$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Example 4** Let  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a right near-ring with addition and multiplication defined in the tables set 5.

#### Tables set 5

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	0	5	6	7	4
2	2	3	0	1	6	7	4	5
3	3	0	1	2	7	4	5	6
4	4	7	6	5	0	3	2	1
5	5	4	7	6	1	0	3	2
6	6	5	4	7	2	1	0	3
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	(
2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	(
3	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	(
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	4
	4							
7	4	7	4	7	4	7	7	4



Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{0, 2\}$  be the two right ideals of N. Let  $P = \{0, 4\}$  be an ideal of N then the product  $AB = \{0\} \subseteq P$  implies  $B^2 \subseteq P$ . Hence P is a 1-primary ideal of near-ring N.

**Definition 4.** An ideal P of near-ring N is called 2-primary ideal if A, B are any two N-subgroups such that  $AB \subseteq P$  implies that  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B^n \subseteq P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proposition 3** Let *N* be a near-ring. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) *P* is a 2-primary ideal of *N*.
- (ii) If *A* is an *N*-subgroup and *B* is an ideal of *N* then  $AB \subseteq P$  implies  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B^k \subseteq P$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .
- *Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) If P is 2-primary ideal and B is an N-subgroup then (ii) is straightaway.
- $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  Let A and B be two N-subgroups of N such that  $AB \subseteq P$ . Let  $A \nsubseteq P$  and assume  $B^k \subseteq (P:A) = \{n \in N: An \subseteq P\} = S$ . Since S is an ideal of N, we have if  $r \in S$  and  $n, n_1 \in N$  then for all  $a \in A$ ,  $a(-n+r+n) = -an+ar+an \in P$ , as P is an ideal thus  $a[(n+r)n_1 nn_1] = (an+ar)n_1 ann_1 \in P$  which implies  $Anr \subseteq Ar \subseteq P$ . Hence  $AS \subseteq P$  but we have assumed that  $A \nsubseteq P$  which implies  $S \subseteq P$  so  $B^k \subseteq S \subseteq P$ .

**Proposition 4** Let P be a 2-primary ideal and  $A_1, ..., A_k$  are N-subgroups. Then  $A_1A_2...A_k \subseteq P$  implies  $A_i^n \subseteq p$  for some  $i \in \{1, ..., k\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A_1A_2...A_k \subseteq P$  and  $A_1 \not\subseteq P$  such that  $(A_2,...,A_k)^n \subseteq (P:A_1)$ . Thus  $A_1.(P:A_1) \subseteq P$  which implies  $(P:A_1) \subseteq P$  given that P is 2-primary ideal. By using proposition (ii), we get  $(A_2,...,P)$ 

 $A_k)^n \subseteq P$ . Similarly, we can repeat procedure for  $A_2 \nsubseteq P$  and eventually  $A_i^n \subseteq P$  for some  $i \in \{1, ..., k\}$ .

**Definition 5.** An ideal P of a near-ring N is said to be 3-primary ideal if for  $a, b \in N$  such that  $aNb \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \subseteq P$  or  $b^n \subseteq P$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Example 5** Let  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a (right) near-ring under the addition and multiplication defined in tables set 6.



# Tables set 6

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	0	1	7	6	4	5
2	2	3	0	1	5	4	7	6
3	3	0	1	2	6	7	5	4
4	4	7	5	6	2	0	1	3
5	5	6	4	7	0	2	3	1
6	6	4	7	5	1	3	0	2
7	7	5	6	4	3	1	2	0

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		0						
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		2						
3	0	3	2	1	5	4	6	7
		4						
		6						
		6						
7	0	7	0	7	2	2	0	0

Let  $P = \{0, 7\}$  is a left ideal of N which is 3-primary ideal.

**Definition 6.** A proper ideal P of near-ring is called (completely) c-primary ideal if for  $a, b \in N$  such that  $ab \in P$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b^n \in P$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Example 6** Let  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  whose addition and multiplication are defined in the tables set 7.

# Tables set 7

	+	0	1	2	3	4	5
	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
	1	1	2	3	4	5	0
	2	2	3	4	5	0	1
	3	3	4	5	0	1	2
-	4	4	5	0	1	2	3
	5	5	0	1	2	3	4

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



Clearly,  $P = \{0, 2, 4\}$  is a c-primary ideal of Nas  $1.3 = 0 \in P$  implies  $3^2 = 0 \in P$  and  $5.3 = 0 \implies 3^2 = 0 \in P$ .

Now we try to find the relationships among different types of primary ideals. Refer to example4, it is easy to verify that  $P = \{0, 4\}$  is a 0-primary ideal. Thus, every 1-primary ideal  $\Rightarrow$  0-primary ideal. From example4, we have observed that an ideal  $P = \{0, 4\}$  is 1-primary ideal but it is not 1-prime ideal. Similarly, from example5, we see that  $P = \{0, 7\}$  is 3-primary ideal but it is not 3-prime ideal as  $3N7 = \{0\} \subseteq P$  but 3 or 7 doesn't belong to P. Similarly, in example6,  $P = \{0, 2, 4\}$  is a C-primary ideal of P0 which is not a P2-primary and 0-primary ideal. Hence we concluded that

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 − primaryideal  $\Rightarrow$  3 − primary  $\Rightarrow$  2 − primary  $\Rightarrow$  1 − primary  $\Rightarrow$  0 − primary.

But the converse doesn't hold true in the above implication. After discussing different types of primary ideals in a near-ring now we introduce 0-(1-2)-primary near-ring.

**Definition 7.** A near-ring N is said to be a 0-(1-2)-primary near-ring if  $\{0\}$  is 0-(1-2)-primary ideal of N.

We can say that a near-ring N is said to be a 0-primary (primary) near-ring, if for any two ideals A, B of N,  $AB \subseteq \{0\}$  implies  $A \subseteq \{0\}$  or  $B^n \subseteq \{0\}$ . In a similar manner, we can define 1-primary and 2-primary near-rings.

**Example 7** Consider the left near-ring  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  defined in tables set 8.

#### Tables set 8

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	0	3	2
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	2	1	0

	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	1

Let  $I = \{0, 1\}$  and  $J = \{0, 2\}$  be the two right ideals of N where  $J^2 = \{0\}$ . Hence N is a 1-primary near-ring.

such that  $IJ = \{0\}$ 

**Proposition 5** Each 0-prime near-ring is a 0-primary near-ring.

Proof. Immediate.

**Example 8** Every integral near-rings are prime near-rings and hence primary (0-primary) near-rings.



We have introduced different primary ideals now we discuss the prime radical of these ideal. Following [7, definition 2.93], if I be an ideal of a near-ring N then the intersection of all prime ideals containing I is said to be the prime radical and is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}(I)$  i.e.,  $\mathcal{D}(I) = \bigcap_{P \supseteq I} P$ , where P is the prime. Hence, if  $n \in \mathcal{D}(I) \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{N}: n^k \in I$ . In other words, an ideal I of a near-ring N is a semiprime ideal in N iff  $\mathcal{D}(I) = I$ . Likewise rings, we will see that if I is the 0-(1-2)-primary ideal of a near-ring then its prime radical is the corresponding 0-(1-2)-prime ideal.

**Example 9** Refer to example 1,  $\{0, 2\}$  is 0-primary ideal and  $\sqrt{\{0,2\}} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  which is 0-prime ideal of N.

It is easy to verify that if I is a 0-(1-2)-primary ideal then its prime radical is a 0-(1-2)-prime which we have already seen in example9. On the other hand, the converse doesn't hold true i.e., if the prime radical of an ideal I is 0-(1-2)-prime then it is not necessary that I is a 0-(1-2)-primary ideal.

**Proposition 6** Let I be the both primary and semiprime ideal of a near-ring N. Then I is a prime ideal.

Proof. Immediate.

It is well known that an ideal I of a nearring N is said to be a completely prime (or c-prime) if  $a, b \in N$ ,  $ab \in I$  implies  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

**Definition 8.** Let Q be a c-primary (completely primary) ideal of a nearring N such that  $\sqrt{Q} = P$ , where P is a c-prime ideal of N. Then we call Q a cP-primary ideal.

**Definition 9.** Let Q be a cP-primary ideal of a near-ring N. For  $x \in N - Q$ , we have  $(Q: x) = \{a \in N: ax \in Q\}$ .

**Proposition 7** Let Q be a cP-primary ideal of a near-ring N and let  $n \in N$ . Then we have the following.

- (i) If  $n \in Q$ , then (Q:n) = N.
- (ii) If  $n \notin Q$ , then (Q:n) is cP-primary ideal and  $\sqrt{(Q:n)} = P$ .
- (iii) If  $n \notin P$ , then (Q:n) = Q.

*Proof.* Proof is omitted because it is similar to that of rings.

Remark 2 Let Q be a cP-primary ideal of a near-ring N such that  $\sqrt{(Q:n)}$  is c-prime and  $\sqrt{Q_i} = P_i$ , then it must be contained in the set  $\sqrt{(Q:n)}$  where  $n \in N$ .

We illustrate proposition 7 and remark 2 in the below example.

**Example 10** Refer to example 1, we have  $Q = \{0, 2\}$  is 0-primary ideal. Then the only possible



0-prime ideal of N containing Q is the ideal  $P_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and hence a prime radical of Q implies Q is a P-primary. On the other hand, let  $3 \in N$  and consider  $(Q:3) = \{n \in N: 3n \in Q\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , which is clearly a 0-prime ideal of N. Hence (Q:3) is an associated 0-prime ideal of a 0-primary ideal Q. Thus, every associated prime ideal must be contained in  $\sqrt{(Q:x)}$ .

# 3 Almost primary ideal in near-ring

In this section, we introduce and discuss some generalizations of primary ideals of near-rings. We initiate with the following definition.

**Definition 10.** A proper ideal P of a near-ring N is said to be an almost primary ideal if for ideals I and J of N,  $IJ \subseteq P - P^2$ , we have  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J^n \subseteq P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Theorem 1** Let P be the proper ideal of a near-ring N. Then the followings are equivalent.

- (1) P be an almost primary ideal of N.
- (2) For any ideals I and J of N,  $(IJ) \subseteq P$  such that  $(IJ) \not\subseteq P^2 \Rightarrow I \not\subseteq P^2$  or  $J^n \subseteq P$ .
- (3) For any  $i, j \in N$ ,  $i \notin P$  and  $j^n \notin P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow (i)(j) \subseteq P^2$  or  $(i)(j) \nsubseteq P$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) is trivial.

- (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Let P be an almost primary. Let  $(i)(j) \subseteq P P^2$  then  $(i) \subseteq P$  or  $(j)^n \subseteq P$  implies  $i \in P$  or  $j^n \in P$ .
- $(2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$  is immediate.

**Example 11** Let  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a right near-ring whose tables are given below. *Tables set* 9

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	0
3	0	3	2	1	5	4	6	7
4	0	4	2	5	4	5	6	7
5	0	6	2	4	5	4	6	7
6	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
7	0	7	0	7	2	2	0	0

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	0	7	6	4	5
1 2 3	2	3	0	1	5	4	7	6
3	3	0	1	2	6	7	5	4
4	4	7	5	6	2	0	1	3
5 6	5	6	4	7	0	2	3	1
6	6	4	7	5	1	3	0	2
7	7	5	6	4	3	1	2	0

An ideal  $I = \{0, 2\}$  is an almost primary ideal. However, I is not a prime ideal and also I is neither a weakly prime nor an almost prime ideal. On the other hand,  $J = \{0, 6\}$  is a weakly prime and almost prime but not an almost primary ideal in N.



Remark 3 Every weakly prime ideal is not an almost primary ideal.

Remark 4 Every 0-primary ideals and idempotent ideals in a near-ring are almost primary ideals. But the converse doesn't hold true in all cases.

**Example 12** An ideal  $P = \{0, 2\}$  in example 1 is an idempotent ideal and also an almost primary ideal. Now we provide an example of an almost primary ideal which is not a prime ideal in a near-ring.

**Example 13** In example 1 we have a prime ideal  $P = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  of a near-ring N. Let  $S = \{4, 5\}$  be a multiplicative closed set in N. We note that  $P \cap S = \emptyset$  and also  $P_S \cap N = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} = P$  and  $P_S \cap N = \{x \in N: xs \in P, for x \in S\}$ . On the other hand, if we take an almost primary ideal  $P = \{0, 2\}$  of N and  $S = \{4, 5\}$  be a multiplicative set of N. Then  $P = \{0, 2\}$  is an almost primary ideal of N but not a prime ideal.

Remark 5 If P is an almost primary ideal of N and S is a multiplicative set of N with  $P \cap S = \phi$  then  $P_S$  is an almost primary ideal in  $N_S$ .

**Proposition 8** Let *P* be a nonzero almost primary ideal of *N* and  $(P^2: P) \subseteq P$  then *P* is primary ideal.

*Proof.* Let *P* be an almost primary ideal and  $(P^2: P) \subseteq P$ . Suppose that *P* is not a primary ideal of *N*, then there exist  $x \notin P$  and  $y^n \notin P$  such that  $\langle x \rangle \langle y^n \rangle \subseteq P$ . If  $\langle x \rangle \langle y^n \rangle \not\subseteq P$  we are done and hence  $\langle x \rangle \langle y^n \rangle \subseteq P - P^2$ . Consider  $\langle x \rangle \langle y^n \rangle + P \rangle \subseteq P$ . If  $\langle x \rangle \langle y \rangle + P \rangle \not\subseteq P^2$ , then we have  $x \in P$  or  $y^n \in P$ , a contradiction. Otherwise  $\langle x \rangle \langle y^n \rangle + P \rangle \subseteq P^2$  then  $\langle x \rangle P \subseteq P^2$  implies  $x \in (P^2: P) \subseteq P$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  be any two near-rings with identity and P be a proper ideal of  $N_1$ . Then P is an almost primary if and only if  $(P \times N_2)$  is an almost primary ideal of  $N_1 \times N_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that P be an almost primary ideal of  $N_1$  and let  $(I_1 \times J_1)$  and  $(I_2 \times J_2)$  be the ideals of  $N_1 \times N_2$  such that  $(I_1 \times J_1)(I_2 \times J_2)^n \subseteq (P \times N_2)$  and  $(I_1 \times J_1)(I_2 \times J_2)^n \not\subseteq (P \times N_2)^2$ . Then  $(I_1I_2^n \times J_1J_2^n) \subseteq (P \times N_2)$  and  $(I_1I_2^n \times J_1J_2^n) \not\subseteq (P^2 \times N_2)$ , so  $I_1I_2^n \subseteq P$  and  $I_1I_2^n \not\subseteq P^2$  which implies  $I_1 \subseteq P$  or  $I_2^n \subseteq P$ . Conversely, suppose that  $(P \times N_2)$  is an almost primary ideal of  $N_1 \times N_2$  and let A and B be ideals of  $N_1$  such that  $AB \subseteq P$  and  $AB \not\subseteq P^2$ . Then  $(A \times N_2)(B \times N_2) \subseteq (P \times N_2)$  and  $(A \times N_2)(B \times N_2) \not\subseteq (P \times N_2)$ . By assumption, we have  $(A \times N_2) \subseteq (P \times N_2)$  or  $(B \times N_2) \subseteq (P \times N_2)$ . So  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B^n \subseteq P$ .

**Proposition 9** If *P* be an almost primary ideal of a near-ring *N* such that an ideal  $I \subseteq P$ , then  $\frac{P}{I}$  is an almost primary ideal of  $\frac{N}{I}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(a+I)(b+I) \in \frac{P}{I} - (\frac{P}{I})^2$  and  $(a+I) \notin \frac{P}{I}$ . Then  $ab \in P$ ,  $ab+I \notin (\frac{P}{I})^2$  and  $a \notin P$ . At the present, if  $ab \in P^2$  then for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we have  $ab = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i, b_i$ , where  $a_ib_i \in P$  for all i, and we have  $ab+I = \sum_{i=1}^n a_ib_i + I = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i+I)(b_i+I) \in \frac{P}{I} = (\frac{P}{I})^2$ , a contradiction arises, so  $ab \notin P^2$  and hence  $b^m \in P$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , it implies  $(b+I)^m \in P$ 



 $\frac{P}{I}$ . Thus  $\frac{P}{I}$  is an almost primary ideal of  $\frac{R}{I}$ .

**Example 14** In example 11,  $P = \{0, 2\}$  is an almost primary ideal. The ideal which are subsets of P are only  $\{0\}$  and P itself. According to proposition  $P = \{0 + P\}$  and  $P = \{0 + P\}$  and  $P = \{0 + P\}$ . For near-ring  $P = \{0 + P\}$ . For near-ring  $P = \{0 + P\}$ , the addition and multiplication tables are given below.

Tables set 10

+	0 + P	1 + P	4 + P	6 + P
0 + P	0 + P	1 + P	4 + P	6 + P
1 + P	1 + P	2 + P	6 + P	4 + P
4 + P	4 + P	6 + P	0 + P	1 + P
6 + P	6 + P	4 + P	1 + P	0 + P

•	0 + P	1 + P	4 + P	6 + P
0+P	0+P	0 + P	0 + P	0+P
		1 + P		
4 + P	0 + P	4 + P	4 + P	6 + P
6+P	0 + P	6 + P	0 + P	0 + P

Since (6+P)  $(4+P)=0+P\in \frac{P}{P}$ , which implies  $(6+P)^2=0+P\in \frac{P}{P}$ , hence  $\frac{P}{P}$  is a primary ideal in  $\frac{N}{P}\Rightarrow \frac{P}{P}$  is an almost primary ideal of  $\frac{N}{P}$ .

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