

# On Left Primary and Weakly Left Primary Ideals in $\Gamma$ LA- Rings

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study left ideals, left primary and weakly left primary ideals in  $\Gamma$ -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  $\Gamma$ -LA-rings. Finally, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions of a weakly left primary ideal to be a left primary ideals in  $\Gamma$ -LA-rings.

**Keywords:**  $\Gamma$  -LA-ring, left primary ideal, weakly left primary ideal, left ideal.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Abel-Grassmann's groupoid (AG-groupoid) is the generalization of semigroup theory with the wide range of usages in theory of flocks [6]. The fundamentals of this non-associative algebraic structure were the first discovered by Kazim and Naseeruddin [1]. AG-groupoid is a non-associative algebraic structure mid way between a groupoid and a commutative semigroup. It is interesting to note that an AG-groupoid with right identity becomes

a commutative monoid [4]. This structure is closely related with a commutative semigroup because if an AG-groupoid contains a right identity, then it becomes a commutative monoid [4]. A left identity in an AG-groupoid is unique. Ideals in AG-groupoids have been discussed by Mushtaq and Yousuf [4, 5].

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In 1981, the notion of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups was introduced by Sen. Let S and  $\Gamma$  be any nonempty sets. If there exists a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \to S$  written  $(a, \alpha, c)$  by  $a\alpha c$ , S is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if S satisfies the identity:

$$(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$$

for all  $a,b,c \in S$  and  $\alpha,\beta \in \Gamma$ . A  $\Gamma$  -AG-groupoids analogous to  $\Gamma$  -semigroups. A groupoid S is called a  $\Gamma$  -AG-groupoid if it satisfies the left invertive law:

$$(a\gamma b)\delta c = (c\gamma b)\delta a$$

for all  $a,b,c,d \in S$  and  $\gamma,\delta \in \Gamma$  [2]. This structure is also known as left almost semigroup (LA-semigroup).

S.M. Yusuf in [18] 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 an nLA-ring. A near left almost ring (nLA-ring) N is a LAgroup 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  $\Gamma$ -LA-rings. Moreover, we investigate relationships left primary and weakly left primary ideals in  $\Gamma$ -LA-rings. Finally, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions of a weakly left primary ideal to be a left primary ideals in  $\Gamma$ -LArings.

#### 2. IDEALS IN $\Gamma$ -LA-RINGS

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

**Definition 2.1.** Let (R,+) and  $(\Gamma,+)$  be a two LA-groups, R is called a  $\Gamma$  - left almost ring  $(\Gamma$  -LA-ring) if there exists a mapping  $R \times \Gamma \times R \to R$  by  $(a,\alpha,b) \mapsto a\alpha b$ , for all  $a,b \in R$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  satisfying the following conditions

- $1. a\alpha(b+c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$
- 2.  $(a +b)\alpha c = a\alpha c +b\alpha c$
- 3.  $a(\alpha + \beta)b = a\alpha b + a\beta b$

4.  $(a\alpha b)\beta\ c=(c\alpha b)\beta\ a,$  for all  $a,b,c\in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha,\beta\in \Gamma.$ 

**Lemma 2.2.** If *R* is a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, then  $a\gamma b = a\beta b$ , for all  $a,b \in R$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Let *R* is a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring and e be the left identity of  $a,b \in R$  and let  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta \in \Gamma$  therefore we have

$$a\gamma b = a\gamma (e\beta b)$$
  
=  $e\gamma (a\beta b)$   
=  $a\beta b$ .

Hence  $a\gamma b = a\beta b$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity e. Then  $R\Gamma R = R$  and  $R = e\Gamma R = R\Gamma e$ .

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

$$R\Gamma e = (R\Gamma R)\Gamma e = (e\Gamma R)\Gamma R = R\Gamma R = R.$$

Hence  $R = e\Gamma R = R\Gamma e$ .

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

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

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

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

$$r\alpha a = (e\beta r)\alpha a$$

$$= (a\beta r)\alpha e$$

$$\in (A\Gamma R)\Gamma R$$

$$\subseteq A\Gamma R$$

$$\subseteq A,$$

where e is a left identity and  $\beta \in \Gamma$ , that is  $r\alpha a \in A$ . Therefore A is left ideal of R.

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

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

$$s\gamma (a\gamma i) = (e\gamma s)\gamma (a\gamma i)$$
  
=  $(e\gamma a)\gamma (s\gamma i)$   
=  $a\gamma (s\gamma i) \in a\gamma I$ 

and  $(a\gamma i) + (a\gamma j) = a\gamma (i + j) \in a\gamma I$ . Hence  $a\gamma I$  is a left ideal of R.

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

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

$$R\gamma (R\gamma a) = (R\gamma R)\gamma (R\gamma a)$$

$$= (a\gamma R)\gamma (R\gamma R)$$

$$= (a\gamma R)\gamma R$$

$$= (R\gamma R)\gamma a$$

$$= R\gamma a$$

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

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

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

$$(a^{2}\gamma r)\gamma s = ((a\gamma a)\gamma r)\gamma s$$

$$= ((r\gamma a)\gamma a)\gamma s$$

$$= [e\gamma ((r\gamma a)\gamma a)]\gamma s$$

$$= [s\gamma ((r\gamma a)\gamma a)]\gamma e$$

$$= [(r\gamma a)\gamma (s\gamma a)]\gamma e$$

$$= [((s\gamma a)\gamma a)\gamma r]\gamma e$$

$$= [((a\gamma a)\gamma s)\gamma r]\gamma e$$

$$= [(r\gamma s)\gamma (a\gamma a)]\gamma e$$

$$= [e\gamma (a\gamma a)]\gamma (r\gamma s)$$

$$= (a\gamma a)\gamma (r\gamma s)$$

$$= a^{2}\gamma (r\gamma s) \in a^{2}\gamma I.$$

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

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

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

$$R\gamma a^{2} = (R\Gamma R)\gamma a^{2}$$
$$= a^{2}\gamma (R\Gamma R)$$
$$= a^{2}\gamma R$$

By Lemma 2.9, we have  $R\gamma a^2$  is an ideal of R.

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

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

$$B\Gamma(a+b) = (B\Gamma a) + (B\Gamma b)$$
  
 $\subseteq A+A$   
 $= A$ 

and

$$B\Gamma(s\gamma a) = s\Gamma(B\gamma a)$$
  
=  $s\Gamma A$   
= A.

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

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

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

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

- **2.** Let *R* be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity *e*, and let *A* be a proper left (right) ideal of *R*. By Corollary 2.12, we have  $e \notin (A:\gamma:r)$ , where  $r \in R-A$ .
- **3.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring and let A,B,C be left ideals of R. It is easy to verify that  $(A:\Gamma:C) \subseteq (A:\Gamma:B)$ , where  $B \subseteq C$ .

# 3. LEFT PRIMARY AND WEAKLY LEFT PRIMARY IDEAL IN $\Gamma$ -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  $A \Gamma B \subseteq P$  implies that  $(((A\Gamma A) \Gamma)...A \Gamma A) = A^n \subseteq P$  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  $0 \neq A\Gamma B \subseteq P$  implies that  $(((A\Gamma A) \Gamma)...A \Gamma A) = A^n \subseteq P$  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  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, then a left ideal P of R is left primary if and only if  $a\gamma b \in P$  implies that  $a^n \in P$  or  $b \in P$  for some positive integer n, where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $a,b \in R$ .

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

$$(R\gamma a)\beta (R\alpha b)$$
 =  $(R\gamma R)\beta (a\alpha b)$   
=  $R\beta (a\alpha b)$   
 $\subseteq R\beta P$   
 $\subseteq P$ .

Then  $a = (e\gamma a)^n \in (R\gamma a)^n \subseteq P$  or  $b = e\alpha b \in R\alpha b \subseteq P$ , for some positive integer n. Conversely, the proof is easy.

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

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

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

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

**Theorem 3.5.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, and let P be an ideal of R. If P is a weakly left primary ideal that is not let primary. Then  $\sqrt{P} = \sqrt{0}$ .

**Proof.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity. First, we prove that  $P^2 = 0$ . Suppose that  $P^2 \neq 0$  we show that P is weakly left primary. Let  $a\gamma b \in P$ , where  $a,b \in R$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If  $a\gamma b \neq 0$ , then either

$$a \in \sqrt{P}$$
 or  $b \in P$ 

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

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

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  $P\gamma b = 0$ . Similarly, we can assume that  $P\gamma a = 0$ . Since  $P^2 \neq 0$ , there exist  $c, d \in P$  such that  $c\gamma d \neq 0$ . Then

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

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  $\sqrt{P}=\sqrt{0}$ , P as required.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, 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  $\Gamma$  -LA-ring with left identity, and let P be a proper ideal of R. If P is a weakly left primary ideal of R, then

$$(P:\Gamma: R\Gamma a) = P \cup (0:\Gamma: R\Gamma a),$$

where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

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

$$P \cup (0:\Gamma: R\Gamma a) \subseteq (P:\Gamma: R\Gamma a).$$

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

$$(R\Gamma a)\Gamma(R\Gamma m) = (m\Gamma R)\Gamma(a\Gamma R)$$
$$= (m\Gamma a)\Gamma(R\Gamma R)$$
$$= (m\Gamma a)\Gamma R$$
$$= (R\Gamma a)\Gamma m$$
$$\subseteq P.$$

If  $0 \neq (R\Gamma a)\Gamma m$ , then  $m = e\gamma m \in R\Gamma m \subseteq P$  since P is weakly left primary. If  $0 = (R\Gamma a)\Gamma m$ , then  $m \in (0:\Gamma: R\Gamma a)$  so we have the equality.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, and let P be a proper ideal of R. If P is a weakly left primary ideal of R, then

$$(P:\Gamma: a) = P \cup (0:\Gamma: a),$$

where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

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

**Corollary 3.9.** Let R be a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity, and let P be a proper ideal of R. If  $(P:\Gamma: R\Gamma a) = P \cup (0:\Gamma: R\Gamma a)$ , then

$$(P:\Gamma: R\Gamma a) = P \text{ or } (P:\Gamma: R\Gamma a) = (0:\Gamma: R\Gamma a),$$

where  $a \in R - \sqrt{P}$ .

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

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

**Proof.** Let *R* be a  $\Gamma$  -LA-ring with left identity, and let *P* be a proper ideal of *R*. Suppose that Let  $0 \neq m\gamma n \in P$ ,

where 
$$m \in R - \sqrt{P}$$
,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then

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

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

**Lemma 3.11.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where each  $R_i$  is a  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left 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  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left 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  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left identity and P is a weakly left primary ideal of  $R_i$ . Let

$$0 \neq (a, b)\gamma(c, d) = (a\gamma c, b\gamma d) \in P \times R$$
,

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

$$(a,b) \in \sqrt{P} \times R = \sqrt{P \times R_{2}} \text{ or } (c,d) \in P \times R.$$

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

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

$$R_1 \times R_2 \times ... \times P_{i-1} \times P_i \times R_{i+1} \times ... \times R_n$$

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  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with left 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  $\Gamma$ -LA-ring with identity and let  $P = P_1 \times R_2$  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

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

where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , gives either

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

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

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

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  $\Gamma$ -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  $0 \neq (a + A)\gamma$   $(b + A) = a\gamma b + A \in P/A$ , where  $a,b \in R$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  so  $a\gamma b \in P$ . If  $a\gamma b = 0 \in A$ , then

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

a contradiction. So if P is weakly left primary, then either  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $b \in P$ , hence either  $a + A \in P/A$  or  $b + A \in P/A$ , as required.

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

$$a \in A \subseteq \sqrt{P}$$
 or  $b \in A \subseteq P$ .

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

**Theorem 3.17.** Let P and Q be weakly left primary ideals of a  $\Gamma$  -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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