# **Topological 3- Rings**

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study the 3- rings ,Idempotent of 3-ring and some other theorems .In the second section we introduce Ideals on 3-rings, center of 3-rings and theorems, Topological 3-rings and their properties: the set of open neighbourhoods of 0, its properties in topological 3-rings, Every topological 3- ring is a homogeneous algebra and other theorem.

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#### I. Introduction

D. Van Dantzig firstly introduced the concept of topological ring in his thesis. Later N. Jacobson , L.S. Pontryagin , L.A. Skornjakov Small and S. Warner developed and studied various properties :Connected topological rings, Totally disconnected topological rings, Banach algebras, Ring of P-addict integers, locally compact fields, locally compact division rings and their structure. McCoy and Montgomery introduced the concept of a *p*-ring (*p* prime) as a ring *R* in which x p = x and p x = 0 for all *x* in *R*. Thus, Boolean rings are simply 2-rings (p = 2).,Koteswararao.P in his thesis developed the concept of 3-rings,3-rings generates A\*-algebras and their equivalence. With this as motivation ,I introduce the concept of Topological 3-rings.

#### 1. Prelimanaries

**1.1 Definition:** A commutative ring (R,+,.1) such that  $x^3=x$ , 3x=0 for all x in R is called a 3-ring.

**1.2 Note:** (1) x + x= -x for all x in a 3-ring R

(2) Here after R-stands for a 3-ring.

**1.3 Example:**  $3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Then (3, +, ., 1) is a 3-ring where

					0	1	
+	0	1	2	•	U	1	
1	0	1	2	0	0	0	
0	0	1	2	1	Δ	1	F
1	1	2	0	1	0	1	L
-	-	-	1	2	0	2	
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**1.4 Example 2:** Suppose X is a non empty set .Then (3<sup>x</sup>, +, 0,1) is a 3-ring with

(a) (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x).

- (b)  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ .
- (c) 0(x) = 0.
- (d) 1(x) = 1 for all  $x \in X$ , f,  $g \in 3^x$ .
- **1.5 Definition**: Let R be a 3-ring. An element  $a \in R$  is called an idempotent if  $a^2=a$ .

**1.6 Lemma:** An element  $a \in R$  is an idempotent iff 1-a is an idempotent.

**Proof:** Suppose a is an idempotent Claim : (1-a) is an idempotent  $(1-a)^2 = 1+a^2-2a = 1+a-2a$  (: a is idempotent) =1-a $\therefore$  (1-a) is an idempotent

Conversely suppose that (1-a) is an idempotent We have to show that a is an idempotent: : (1-a) is an idempotent

1-(1-a) is an idempotent ( By above)

 $\Rightarrow$ a is an idempotent element.

**1.7 Lemma:** For any element a in a 3-ring R,  $a^2$  is an idempotent.

**Proof:** Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ 

 $∴ R is a 3-ring, a^3=a$  $(a^2)^2=a^2 . a^2 = a^3 . a = a. a = a^2.$  $∴ a^2 is an idempotent for every a \in R.$ 

#### II. Main Results

2.1 Definition : A non empty subset I of a 3-ring R is said to be ideal if (i) a, b ∈ □I ⇒ □a + b∈ □I, (ii) a∈ □I, r∈R ⇒ □a r □ ra∈ □I. Note: A non empty sub set I of R is said to be a right ideal (left ideal) of R, if (i) a, b∈I⇒ a + b∈I (ii)a∈I, r∈R⇒a r∈ I (r a∈I)

2.2 Note : Suppose a∈R then there is minimal left ideal (right ideal) exists containing a which is called the principal right (left) ideal denoted by (a)l ((a)r) is the set of all ra (ar), r∈R.
i.e, (a)r = {ar / r∈R} and (a)l = {ra / r∈R}.

**2.3** Note : The set of all right ideals form a partially ordered set with respect to set theoretical inclusion  $I \subseteq J$ . This set has a minimum element:

0=(0) and a maximum one : R = (1)r.

2.4 Note (1): For any set of ideals I1, I2 ..... ∃□ a maximal ideal
I such that □I ⊆□I1, I2, ..... and I1 ∩ □I2 ∩□.... is the maximal ideal contained in every ideal I1, I2, .... and it is denoted by glb {I1,I2, ....}.

(2)For any set of ideals I1, I2, ....  $\exists \Box$  a minimal ideal I such that  $\Box$  I  $\subseteq \Box$  I1, I2, ... and it is denoted by lub {I1, I2, ....}.

2.5 Note: For the ideals I1, I2; glb {I1, I2} is denoted by I1 ∧□I2. and lub {I1, I2} is denoted by I1 ∨□I2. Thus the set of right ideals form a lattice with ∧,∨□Zero (0), unit R.

**2.6 Definition**: The center of a 3-ring R is the set  $C = \{a \in R/ax = xa, \forall x \in R\}$ . C is a commutative ring with unit 1.

**2.7 Theorem:** If a,b are the idempotent elements in C,then ab an idempotent and  $ab \in C$  and also (a)  $\land$  (b) = (ab)

**Proof**:Let R be a 3-ring .

Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and a, b are idempotents.  $(ab)^2 = ab.ab = a^2.b^2 = ab.$ Therefore ab is an idempotent. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (ab)x = a(bx) = a(xb) = (ax)b = (xa)b = x(ab)$ Therefore (ab)x = x(ab)  $\therefore ab \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $ab=ba \in a$  and also belongs to b  $\therefore (ab)*\subseteq (a)*(b)*\Rightarrow(ab)*= (a)*\wedge(b)*$ Let  $x \in (a)* \wedge (b)* \Rightarrow ax = bx = x$   $\therefore abx = x \therefore x \in (ab)*$   $\therefore (a)*\wedge(b)*\subseteq (ab)*$  $\therefore (a)*\wedge (b)*= (ab)*$ 

**2.8 Theorem:** If a,b are idempotents in C, then a+b-ab  $\in$  C, idempotent and also  $(a)_* \lor (b)_* = (a+b-ab)_*$  **Proof:** a+b-ab = 1-(1-a)(1-b). Since a,b  $\in$  C  $\Rightarrow$  (1-a),(1-b)  $\in$  C and are idempotent.  $\Rightarrow$ 1-(1-a)(1-b)  $\in$ C and idempotent.  $\therefore$  a + b-a b is an idempotent and belongs to C.  $(a)_{*}\vee(b)_{*} = ((a)_{*}^{*}\vee(b)_{*}^{*})^{*} = (1-(1-a)(1-b))_{*} = (a-b-ab)_{*}$  $\therefore (a)_{*}\vee(b)_{*} = (a+b-ab)_{*}$ 

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2.9 Theorem: Center of a 3-ring C is a 3-ring
Proof: Let a \in C \implies a \in R
Since R is a 3-ring and a \in R then a^3 = a and 3a = 0
We have
3(a x) = (3a)x
         =0x
                  (since R is a 3-ring)
         =0.
Therefore 3(a x) = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{R}.
Let z \in R
z. a x = z a. x
      = x.za
      = x a z
      =x a. z
      = a x . z.
         ∴a x∈C
Therefore C is 3-ring.
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2.10 Definition: A set R is said to be a topological 3- ring if

1. R is a 3- ring.

2. R is a topological space.

3. The operations  $+, ., -, (-)^*$  are continuous.

**2.11 Note :** For any subsets U,  $V \subseteq \Box R$ , we define

 $U + V = \{u + v/u \in \Box U, v \Box \in V\}$  $U \cdot V = \{uv/u \Box \in U, v \in V\}.$  $-U = \{-u/u \Box \in U\}.$  $U^* = \{u^*/u \in \Box U\}$ 

**2.12 Note :** 1) + :  $R \times R \rightarrow \Box R$  is continuous means, for every neighbourhood W of a + b, a, b  $\in \Box R$  there exist neighbourhoods U of a, V of b such that U + V  $\subseteq$ W.

2)  $\cdot$ : R × R  $\rightarrow \Box \Box R$  is continuous, for every neighbourhood W of ab, a, b  $\Box \in R$ , there exist neighbourhoods U of a, V of b such that U. V  $\subseteq \Box W$ .

3) – :  $R \rightarrow \Box \Box R$  is continuous, if for every neighbourhood W of –a, there exist a neighbourhood U of a such that – U  $\subseteq \Box W$ .

4) (-)\* :  $R \rightarrow \Box \square R^*$  is continuous means, for every neighbourhood W of a\*, there exist a neighbourhood U of a such that U\* $\subseteq$  W.

**2.13 Lemma :** Suppose R is a topological 3- ring. If  $c \in \Box R$ , then

i) The map  $x \rightarrow \Box \Box c + x$ , is homeomorphism.

ii) The maps  $x \rightarrow \Box \Box cx, x \rightarrow \Box \Box xc$  are continuous.

**Proof :** The subspace  $\{c\} \times R$  of  $R \times R$  is clearly homeomorphic to R via  $(c, b) \rightarrow \Box b$  and the restriction of + to  $\{c\} \times R$  to R is continuous and clearly bijection.

 $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $\square$   $x \rightarrow \square c + x$  is continuous and bijective. And its inverse  $x \rightarrow \square - c + x$  is continuous and bijective.  $\square x \rightarrow \square c + x$  is homeomorphism.

The subspace  $\{c\} \times R$  of  $R \times R$  is clearly homeomorphic to R via  $(c, b) \rightarrow \Box b$  and the restriction of  $c\} \times R \rightarrow \Box R$  is continuous. Similarly  $x \rightarrow \Box xc$  is continuous.

**2.14 Note** : 1) R is a topological 3- ring. Since  $-: R \rightarrow \Box R$  is clearly

homeomorphism. So U is open, – U is also open.

2) Since  $x \to x + c$  is homeomorphic, then for any open  $U \subseteq \Box R$ ,  $c \in \Box R$ , then  $U + c = \{u + c/u \in \Box \cup U\}$  is open. If U, V are open, then U + V is open.

3) If U is open neighbourhood of c iff U - c is an open neighbourhood of 0. So, the topology of R is completely determined by the open neighbourhoods of 0.

**2.15 Definition :** Let X be a topological space. If  $x \in \Box \ \Box X$ , then a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of x is a non-empty set M of open neighbourhoods of x with the property that, if U is open and  $x \in \Box \ \Box U$ , then there is  $V \in \Box \ \Box M$  with  $V \subseteq \Box U$ .

2.16 Definition : Let R be a 3- ring. A non-empty set N of subsets of R is

fundamental if it satisfies the following conditions.

(a) Every element of N contain 0.

(b) If U,  $V \in \Box N$ , then there is  $W \in \Box N$  with  $W \subseteq \Box U \Box V$ .

(0). For  $U \in \Box N$  and  $c \in \Box U$ , there exist  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $c + V \subseteq \Box U$ .

(1). For each  $U \in \Box N$  there exist  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $V + V \subseteq \Box U$ .

(2).  $U \in \Box N$  then  $-U \in \Box N$ .

(3). If  $U \in \Box N$  there exist  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $V^* \subseteq \Box U$ .

(4). For  $c \in \Box R$  and  $U \in \Box N$  there is  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $c V \subseteq \Box U$  and  $V c \subseteq \Box U$ .

(5). For each  $U \in \square N$  there is  $V \in \square N$  such that  $V \cdot V \subseteq \square U$ .

2.17 Theorem : Suppose R is a topological 3- ring. Then the set N of open

neighbourhoods of 0 satisfies.

(0). For  $U \in \Box N$  and  $c \in \Box U$ ,  $\exists \Box \Box V \in \Box N$  such that  $c + V \subseteq \Box U$ .

(1). For each  $U \in \Box N$ , there exist  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $V + V \subseteq \Box U$ .

(2). If  $U \in \Box N$ , then  $-U \in \Box N$ .

(3). If  $U \in \Box N$ , then  $\exists \Box \Box V \in \Box N \ni \Box V^* \subseteq \Box U$ .

(4). For  $c \in \Box R$  and  $U \in \Box N$ , there is  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $c V \subseteq \Box U$  and  $V c \subseteq \Box U$ .

(5). For each  $U \in \Box N$  there is  $V \in \Box N$  such that  $V \cdot V \subseteq \Box U$ .

Conversely, if R is a regular ring and N a non-empty set of subsets of R

which satisfies N0, N1, N2, N3, N4 and N5 has the property that (a) every element of N contains 0 and (b) if U,  $V \in \Box N$ , then there is  $W \in \Box N$  such that  $W \subseteq \Box U \cap \Box V$ , then there is a unique topology on R making R into a topological3-ring in such away that N is a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of 0. **Proof :** 

N0 . Let  $U \in \Box N$  and  $c \in \Box U$ , then U - c is a neighbourhood of 0.

N1. Let  $U \in \square N \Longrightarrow \square 0 \in \square U \Longrightarrow \square (0, 0) \in \square +^{-1} (U)$ 

: + is continuous, so +<sup>-1</sup> (U) is open and (0, 0) ∈ □+<sup>-1</sup> (U), ∃□ □ open sets, V1, V2 with (0, 0) ∈ □V1 × V2⊆ □+<sup>-1</sup> (U).

Let  $V = V1 \cap V2 \Longrightarrow \Box(0, 0) \in \Box V \times V \subseteq \Box + \neg (U) \Longrightarrow \Box V + V \subseteq \Box U$ .

N2. Let  $U \in \Box N \Rightarrow \Box U$  neighbourhood of 0.

 $-: R \rightarrow \Box R$  is homeomorphic and U is open  $\Rightarrow \Box -U$  is open.

 $: 0 \in \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box 0 \in \Box - U . : \Box - U \in \Box N.$ 

N3.  $: : R \to \Box R$  is continuous and U is a neighbourhood of 0, then \*<sup>-1</sup> (U) is open and  $0 \in \Box^{*-1}$  (U).  $\Rightarrow \Box \exists \Box a$  neighbourhood V of 0 such that  $V \subseteq \Box^{*-1}$  (U)  $\Rightarrow \Box V^* \subseteq \Box U$ .

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N4.
            Let U \in \mathbb{N} and c \in \mathbb{R} \implies \mathbb{U} is neighbourhood of 0. x \subseteq \mathbb{C}x is continuous and U is neighbourhood of
0, then \exists \Box a neighbourhood V
of 0 such that cV \subseteq \Box U (By taking x = 0). Similarly Vc \subseteq \Box U.
            Let U \in \mathbb{N} \implies \mathbb{U} is a neighbourhood of 0.
N5.
 : multiplication . is continuous, \overline{\Box}^{-1}(U) is open and contains (0, 0).
\Box \Rightarrow \Box \exists \Box \text{ neighbour hoods V1, V2 of 0 such that } (0, 0) \in \Box V1 \times V2 \subseteq \Box^{-1}(U).
Let V = V1 \cap \Box V2 \Longrightarrow \Box (0, 0) \in \Box V \times V \subseteq \Box \Box^{-1} (U) \Longrightarrow \Box V.V \subseteq \Box U.
Conversely suppose R is a regular ring and N be a non-empty set of
 subsets of R with the given properties. We define a subset U of R to be open if for every x \in U, \exists W \in U
\Box x + W \subseteq \Box U.
Clearly this is a topology.
For : Clearly Ø, R are open.
Suppose \{U\alpha \Box / \alpha \Box \in \Box \Delta\} is a family of open sets.
Let U = \cup U
\square \alpha \in \Delta
Let x \in \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box x \in \cup U
                              \alpha \in \Delta
\Rightarrow \Box x \in \Box U \alpha \Box \text{ for some } \alpha \Box \in \Box \Delta \Box \Rightarrow \Box \exists \Box \Box \Box V \in \Box N \exists \Box V + x \subseteq \Box U \alpha
\Rightarrow \Box V + x \subseteq \Box \cup \Box U
\Rightarrow \Box V + x \subseteq \Box U.
\therefore \Box \Box U is an open set.
Let U1, U2 be two open sets. Let U = U1 \cap \Box U2.
Let x \in \bigcup \bigcup \Rightarrow x \in \bigcup \bigcup 1 and x \in \bigcup \bigcup 2 \Rightarrow \exists \bigcup V_1, V_2 \in \bigcup N \ni \bigcup V_1 + x \subseteq \bigcup \bigcup, V_2 + x \subseteq \bigcup U_2. Then \exists \bigcup V \in \bigcup V_2.
\square N \ni \square V \subseteq \square V1 \cap \square V2. Then V + x \subseteq \square U1, V + x \subseteq \square U2.
\therefore U + x \subseteq U1 \cap U2. \therefore U1 \cap U2 is open.
Let U \in \square N and x \in \square R. Then \exists \square \square V \in \square N \ni \square V + x \subseteq \square U (By N0)
\therefore \Box \Box The sets in N are also open sets containing 0.
Claim : If U is open, then for c \in \Box R, c + U is open.
Let b \in \Box c + U \Longrightarrow \Box b - c \in \Box U.
\therefore \square \exists \square \forall V \in \square N \ni \square b - c + V \subseteq \square U (By (N0) \Longrightarrow \square b + V \subseteq \square c + U.
\therefore \Box c + U is open set.
Claim : + : R \times R \rightarrow \Box R is continuous.
Let U be an open set. Let (c, d) \in \Box^{+1}(U) \Longrightarrow \Box c + d \in \Box U.
\therefore \square \exists \square W \in \square N \exists \square c + d + W \subseteq \square U \therefore W \in \square N, by N1, \exists \square \square Q \in \square N \exists \square Q + Q \subseteq \square W.
\therefore \Box c + d + Q + Q \subseteq \Box c + d + W \subseteq \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box (c, d) \in \Box (c + Q) \times (d + Q) \subseteq \Box +^{-1} (U).
\therefore \square +^{-1} (U) is open. \therefore \square + is continuous.
Claim : -: R \rightarrow \Box R is continuous.
Let U be an open set. Let b \in \Box - U \Longrightarrow \Box - b \in \Box U.
From N0, \exists \Box \Box V \in \Box N \exists \Box -b + V \subseteq \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box b - V \subseteq \Box - U.
\therefore \Box = - U is open. (: V \in \Box N \Rightarrow \Box - V \in \Box N by N2). \therefore \Box = - is continuous
.Claim : The map \theta \square: R \rightarrow \square R by x \rightarrow cx is continuous.
Let U be an open set. Let x \in \theta^{-1} \square (U) \Longrightarrow \theta \square (x) \in \square U \Longrightarrow \square cx \square \in U
Then x + V \subseteq \Box \theta^{-1}(U). \therefore \Box \Box \theta^{-1}(U) is open
\therefore \Box = \theta \Box i.e., x \rightarrow \Box c x is continuous. Similarly x \rightarrow \Box x c is continuous.
Claim : m : R \times R \longrightarrow \square R is continuous, where m(a, b) = a \cdot b
Let U be an open set and (c, d) \in \Box m^{-1}(U).
The maps \theta \square: R \rightarrow \square R and \Psi \square: R \rightarrow \square R where \theta(x) = c x, \Psi(x) = x c are
continuous.
:: (c, d) \in \Box m^{-1} (U) \Longrightarrow \Box m(c, d) \in \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box c d \in \Box U
\implies \square \exists \square \square W \in \square N \exists \square c d + W \subseteq \square U (By N0).
: W \in [N, \exists \Box \Box Q \in \Box N \ni \Box Q + Q \subseteq \Box W (By N1)]
\therefore Q \in [N, \exists \Box \Box V \in [N \ni \Box V.V \subseteq \Box Q (By N5)].
: Q \in \Box N, \exists \Box \Box P \in \Box N \ni \Box P + P \subseteq \Box Q (By N1).
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Let  $Pd = \Psi^{-1}(P) \cap \Box Q \cap \Box V$ ,  $Pc = \theta^{-1}(P) \cap \Box Q \cap \Box V$ .

Then  $(c, d) \in \Box(c + Pd) \times (d + Pc) \subseteq \Box m - 1(U)$ .  $\therefore \Box \Box m$  is continuous.

**Claim :**  $* : \mathbb{R} \to \Box \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Let U be an open set.

Let  $x \in \Box^{*-1}(U) \Longrightarrow \Box x^* \in \Box U \Longrightarrow \Box U - x^*$  is a neighbourhood of 0

 $\therefore \square \exists \square \forall V \in \square N \ni \square V^* \subseteq \square U - x^* \Longrightarrow \square x^* + V^* \subseteq \square U.$ 

Suppose  $\Box \Box$  is another topology on R for which N is a fundamental system

of neighbourhoods of 0 in this topology. Then the topology  $\Box$   $\Box$  and the topology

defined above have same open base.

 $\therefore$  The topology  $\Box$   $\Box$  must agree with the topology we have defined above.

 $\therefore$   $\Box$   $\Box$  The topology is unique.

 $\therefore \square \square N$  generates a unique topology on R for which N is a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of 0.

**2.18 Note :** If R is a 3- ring then R has no non-zero nilpotent elements, every prime ideal is maximal and Jacobson radical of R is  $\{0\}$ .

2.19 Theorem : Suppose R is a topological 3- ring. S, T are subsets of R

.Then a) ST, S + T are compact whenever S, T are compact.

b) – S, S\* are compact whenever S is compact.

c) ST, S + T are connected sets whenever S, T are connected sets.

d) –S, S\* are connected whenever S is connected.

### **Proof**:

a) Since continuous image of a compact set is compact.

+,  $: \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{R}$  are continuous, S, T are compact sets, then

 $(S \times T) = ST,$ 

 $+(S \times T) = S + T$  are compact.

b)  $:= -: R \rightarrow \Box R$  and  $*: R \rightarrow \Box R$  are continuous and S in compact, then -S, S\* are compact.

c) :: continuous image of a connected set in connected,  $: R \times R \rightarrow \Box R$  and  $+ : R \times R \rightarrow \Box R$  are continuous,

 $(S \times T) = ST, +(S \times T) = S + T$  are connected sets.

d) ::  $-: R \rightarrow \Box R$ ,  $*: R \rightarrow \Box R$  are continuous and S is connected, so -S,  $S^*$  are connected.

**2.20 Theorem :** The union of all connected subsets contain 0 is a topological Sub 3- ring.

**Proof :** Suppose  $\{Si | i \in \Box I\}$  is a class of all connected sets containing 0.

Let  $S = \bigcup Si$  contain 0  $i \in \Box I$ .

 $: 0 \in \mathbb{S} \implies 0 \in \mathbb{S}i \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{I} \implies 1 - 0 = -Si \implies 1 \in -Si$ 

 $\therefore$  Si is connected, – Si is also connected.

 $\square : \square \square \square \models \square S. Let a \in \square S \Longrightarrow \square a \in \square K i \text{ for some } i \Longrightarrow \square - a \in \square - K i \Longrightarrow \square - a \in \square S.$ 

 $\therefore \square \square \square a \in \square S \Longrightarrow \square - a \in \square S$ 

Suppose a,  $b \in \Box S \Longrightarrow \Box a \in \Box Si, b \in \Box Sj \Longrightarrow \Box a + b \in \Box Si + Sj$ 

 $\therefore \Box a + b \in \Box S (:: Si + Sj \text{ is connected})$ 

 $\therefore \Box S$  is a topological sub 3- ring of R.

**2.21 Theorem :** Suppose R is a topological 3- ring and I is ideal of R. Then

 $\overline{I}$  is also an ideal of R.

**Proof :** Suppose I is an ideal of R.  $\overline{I} = \{a \in \Box R / every neighbourhood of a intersects I\}$ Claim :  $\overline{I}$  is an ideal. Let a,  $b \in \Box \overline{I}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Every neighbourhood of a, every neighbourhood of b intersects I.

Suppose W is a neighbourhood of a + b.

 $\Rightarrow \Box \exists \Box$  neighbour hood U of a, neighbourhood V of b such that  $U + V \subseteq \Box W$ .

: U intersects I, V intersects I so U + V intersects I, then W intersects I.

 $\therefore \Box a + b \in \Box I$ . Let  $a \in \Box I$ ,  $b \in R$ .

**Claim :**  $a b \in \Box \overline{I} : : a \in \Box \overline{I} \implies \Box$  Every neighbourhood of a intersects I.

Let W be a neighbourhood of ab. then  $\exists \Box$  neighbourhood U of a, neighbourhood V of  $b \exists \Box UV \subseteq \Box W$ .

 $\because U \cap \Box I \Box \neq \Box \exists \Box a \in \Box U \exists \Box a \in \Box I. \text{ Let } a b \in \Box UV \Longrightarrow \Box a b \in \Box I (\because a \in \Box I)$ 

 $\therefore \Box UV \cap \Box I \neq \Box \therefore \Box UV \text{ intersects I.}$ 

 $: UV \subseteq \Box W$ , so W intersects I.  $:\Box a b \in \Box \overline{I}$ 

Similarly ba  $\in \Box \overline{I} : :: \Box \overline{I}$  is an ideal of R.

**2.22 Theorem :** Every maximal ideal M of a topological 3- ring R is closed. **Proof :** Clearly  $M \subseteq \square \overline{M} \square$  ::  $\overline{M} \square$  is ideal, so  $M = \overline{M} \square$  ::  $\square M$  is closed.

**2.23 Theorem :** If a topological 3- ring is T2 space then it is a Hausdorff space.

**Proof :** Suppose R is a T2 space and a,  $b \in \square R$  and  $a \neq \square b$ .  $\therefore$  R is a T2 space  $\exists \square$  neighbourhood U of a and neighbourhood V of  $b \ni \square a \notin \notin \square V$ ,  $b \notin \notin \square U$ . Suppose  $U \cap \square V \neq \square$ Let  $W = U \cap \square V$ . Let  $c \in \square W \Longrightarrow \square W - c$  is neighbourhood of 0. Let  $K = W - c \Longrightarrow \square K$  is neighbourhood of 0.  $\Longrightarrow \square K + a$  and K + b are neighbourhoods of a and b respectively and  $(K + a) \cap \cap \square (K + b) = \square$ .  $\therefore \square R$  is Hausdorff space.

**2.24 Theorem :** Every topological 3- ring is a homogeneous algebra. ie., for every p, q ( $p \neq q$ ) there is a continuous map f : R  $\rightarrow \Box$  R such that f(p)=q. **Proof :** R is a topological 3- ring. Let c = q - p, then the function f : R $\rightarrow \Box$  R by f(x) = c + x is continuous and f(p) = c + p = q - p + p = q.

**2.25 Theorem :** Suppose R is a topological 3- ring and X = spec R. R\* is a complete Boolean algebra. Suppose M is a subset of Spec R = X. Denote QM ,the set of elements  $e \in \mathbb{R}^*$  for which M  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}$  X. Then X $\land \mathbb{Q}$ M  $\subseteq \mathbb{M}$ . In particular if M is nowhere dense in Spec R, then  $\land \mathbb{Q}$ M = 0.

**Proof**: Let  $x \in \Box X \land \Box QM$ .

Suppose  $x \notin \notin \overline{M}$ .  $\Rightarrow \Box \exists \Box a$  neighbourhood X e of the point  $\exists \Box X e \cap \Box M = \emptyset$ .

 $\Longrightarrow \Box M \subseteq \Box X e' (e' = 1 - e) \Longrightarrow \Box e' \in \Box QM$ 

 $\therefore \square e \land \square \square (\land \square QM) \subseteq \square e \land \square e1 = 0$ 

i.e.,  $e \land \Box (\land \Box QM) = 0 \Longrightarrow \Box X e \land \Box (\land \Box QM) = \emptyset \Box \Longrightarrow \Box X e \land \Box X \land \Box QM = \emptyset$ 

It is a contradiction (Q  $x \in \Box X \land \Box QM$  and  $x \in \Box X$  e).  $\therefore \Box x \in \Box \overline{M}$ .

 $\Box \therefore X \land \Box \Box QM \subseteq \Box \overline{M}$ . Suppose M is nowhere dense.

 $\Rightarrow \overline{M} \square$  contains no non-empty open subset.

But  $X \land QM \subseteq \overline{M} \Longrightarrow X \land QM = \emptyset$   $\Longrightarrow \land QM = 0$ .

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