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# Neutrosophic Triplets in Neutrosophic Rings

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**Abstract:** The neutrosophic triplets in neutrosophic rings  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$  and  $\langle R \cup I \rangle$  are investigated in this paper. However, non-trivial neutrosophic triplets are not found in  $\langle Z \cup I \rangle$ . In the neutrosophic ring of integers  $Z \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , no element has inverse in  $Z$ . It is proved that these rings can contain only three types of neutrosophic triplets, these collections are distinct, and these collections form a torsion free abelian group as triplets under component wise product. However, these collections are not even closed under component wise addition.

**Keywords:** neutrosophic ring; neutrosophic triplets; idempotents; special neutrosophic triplets

## 1. Introduction

Handling of indeterminacy present in real world data is introduced in [1,2] as neutrosophy. Neutralities and indeterminacies represented by Neutrosophic logic has been used in analysis of real world and engineering problems [3–5].

Neutrosophic algebraic structures such as neutrosophic rings, groups and semigroups are presented and analyzed and their application to fuzzy and neutrosophic models are developed in [6]. Subsequently, researchers have been studying in this direction by defining neutrosophic rings of Types I and II and generalization of neutrosophic rings and fields [7–12]. Neutrosophic rings [9] and other neutrosophic algebraic structures are elaborately studied in [6–8,10,13–17]. Related theories of neutrosophic triplet, duplet, and duplet set were developed by Smarandache [18]. Neutrosophic duplets and triplets have fascinated several researchers who have developed concepts such as neutrosophic triplet normed space, fields, rings and their applications; triplets cosets; quotient groups and their application to mathematical modeling; triplet groups; singleton neutrosophic triplet group and generalization; and so on [19–36]. Computational and combinatorial aspects of algebraic structures are analyzed in [37].

Neutrosophic duplet semigroup [23], classical group of neutrosophic triplet groups [27], the neutrosophic triplet group [12], and neutrosophic duplets of  $\{Z_{pn}, \times\}$  and  $\{Z_{pq}, \times\}$  have been analyzed [28]. Thus, Neutrosophic triplets in case of the modulo integers  $Z_n (2 < n < \infty)$  have been extensively researched [27].

Neutrosophic duplets in neutrosophic rings are characterized in [29]. However, neutrosophic triplets in the case of neutrosophic rings have not yet been researched. In this paper, we for the first time completely characterize neutrosophic triplets in neutrosophic rings. In fact, we prove this collection of neutrosophic triplets using neutrosophic rings are not even closed under addition. We also prove that they form a torsion free abelian group under component wise multiplication.

## 2. Basic Concepts

In this section, we recall some of the basic concepts and properties associated with both neutrosophic rings and neutrosophic triplets in neutrosophic rings. We first give the following

notations:  $I$  denotes the indeterminate and it is such that  $I \times I = I = I^2$ .  $I$  is called as the neutrosophic value.  $Z, Q$  and  $R$  denote the ring of integers, field of rationals and field of reals, respectively.  $\langle Z \cup I \rangle = \{a + bI | a, b \in Z, I^2 = I\}$  is the neutrosophic ring of integers,  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle = \{a + bI | a, b \in Q, I^2 = I\}$  is the neutrosophic ring of rationals and  $\langle R \cup I \rangle = \{a + bI | a, b \in R, I^2 = I\}$  is the neutrosophic ring of reals with usual addition and multiplication in all the three rings.

### 3. Neutrosophic Triplets in $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$ and $\langle R \cup I \rangle$

In this section, we prove that the neutrosophic rings  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$  and  $\langle R \cup I \rangle$  have infinite collection of neutrosophic triplets of three types. Both collections enjoy strong algebraic structures. We explore the algebraic structures enjoyed by these collections of neutrosophic triplets. Further, the neutrosophic ring of integers  $\langle Z \cup I \rangle$  has no nontrivial neutrosophic triplets. An example of neutrosophic triplets in  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$  is provided before proving the related results.

**Example 1.** Let  $S = \langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times$  (or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times$ ) be the neutrosophic ring. If  $x = a - aI \in S (a \neq 0)$ , then

$$y = \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a} \in S$$

is such that

$$x \times y = (a - aI) \times \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) = 1 - I - I + I = 1 - I.$$

Thus, for every  $x = a - aI$ , of this form in  $S$  we have a unique  $y$  of the form

$$\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}$$

such that  $x \times y = 1 - I$ . Further,  $1 - I \in S$  is such that  $1 - I \times 1 - I = 1 - I + I - I = 1 - I \in S$ . Thus, these triplets

$$\left\{ a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a} \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}, 1 - I, a - aI \right\}$$

form neutrosophic triplets with  $1 - I$  as a neutral element.

Similarly, for  $aI \in S (a \neq 0)$ , we have a unique

$$\frac{I}{a} \in S \text{ such that } aI \times \frac{I}{a} = I$$

and  $I \times I = I$  is an idempotent. Thus,

$$\left\{ aI, I, \frac{I}{a} \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ \frac{I}{a}, I, aI \right\}$$

are neutrosophic triplets with  $I$  as the neutral element.

First, we prove  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$  and  $\langle R \cup I \rangle$  have only  $I$  and  $1 - I$  as nontrivial idempotents as invariably one idempotents serve as neutrals of neutrosophic triplets.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S = \langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times$  (or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times$ ) be a neutrosophic ring. The only non-trivial idempotents in  $S$  are  $I$  and  $1 - I$ .

**Proof.** We call  $0$  and  $1 \in S$  as trivial idempotents. Suppose  $x \in S$  is a non-trivial idempotent, then  $x = aI$  or  $x = a + bI \in S (a \neq 0, b \neq 0)$ . Now,  $x \times x = aI \times aI = a^2I$  (as  $I^2 = I$ ); if  $x$  is to be an idempotent, we must have  $aI = a^2I$ ; that is,  $(a - a^2)I = 0 (I \neq 0)$ , thus  $a^2 = a$ . However, in  $Q$  or  $R$ ,

$a^2 = a$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$ ; as  $a \neq 0$ , we have  $a = 1$ ; thus,  $x = I$  and  $x$  is a nontrivial idempotent in  $S$ . Now, let  $y = a + bI$ ;  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$  for  $a = 0$  will reduce to case  $y = I$  is an idempotent.

$$y^2 = (a + bI) \times (a + bI) = a^2 + b^2I + 2abI$$

That is,  $y^2 = a + bI \times a + bI = a^2 + abI + abI + b^2I = a + bI$ , equating the real and neutrosophic parts.

$$a^2 = a \text{ i.e., } a(a - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1 \text{ as } a \neq 0 \text{ and } 2ab + b^2 - b = 0$$

$b(2a + b - 1) = 0$ ;  $b \neq 0$ , thus  $2a + b - 1 = 0$ ; further,  $a \neq 0$  as  $a = 0$  will reduce to the case  $I^2 = I$ , thus  $a = 1$ . Hence,  $2 + b - 1 = 0$ , thus  $b = -1$ . Hence,  $a = 1$  and  $b = -1$  leading to  $y = 1 - I$ . Thus, only the non-trivial idempotents of  $S$  are  $I$  and  $1 - I$ .  $\square$

We next find the form of the triplets in  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $S = \{\langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times\}$  (or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times$ ) be the neutrosophic ring. The neutrosophic triplets in  $S$  are only of the following form for  $a, b \in Q$  or  $R$ .

(i)

$$\left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}, 1 - I, a - aI\right); a \neq 0.$$

(ii)

$$\left(bI, I, \frac{I}{b}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{I}{b}, I, b\right); b \neq 0.$$

(iii)

$$\left(a + bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a + b)}\right); a + b \neq 0 \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a + b)}, 1, a + bI\right).$$

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the neutrosophic ring. Let  $x = \{a + bI, e + fI, c + dI\}$  be a neutrosophic triplet in  $S$ ;  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in Q$  or  $R$ . We prove the neutrosophic triplets of  $S$  are in one of the forms. If  $x$  is a neutrosophic triplet, then we have

$$a + bI \times e + fI = a + bI \tag{1}$$

$$e + fI \times c + dI = c + dI \tag{2}$$

and

$$a + bI \times c + dI = e + fI \tag{3}$$

Now, solving Equation (1), we get

$$ae + (bfI + beI + afI) = a + bI$$

Equating the real and neutrosophic parts, we get

$$ae = a \tag{4}$$

$$bf + be + af = b \tag{5}$$

Expanding Equation (2), we get

$$ce + fcI + deI + fdI = c + dI.$$

Equating the real and neutrosophic parts, we get

$$ce = c \tag{6}$$

$$fc + de + fd = d. \tag{7}$$

Solving Equation (3), we get

$$ac + bcI + bdI + adI = e + fI$$

Equating the real and neutrosophic parts, we get

$$ac = e \tag{8}$$

$$bc + bd + ad = f \tag{9}$$

We find conditions so that Equations (4) and (5) are true.

Now,  $ae = a$  and  $bf + be + af = b$ ;  $ae = a$  gives  $a(e - 1) = 0$  if  $a = 0$  and  $e \neq 1$  using in Equation (4), thus if  $a = 0$ , we get  $e = 0$  and using  $e = 0$  in Equation (6), we get  $c = 0$ . Thus,  $a = c = e = 0$ . This forces  $b \neq 0, d \neq 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . We solve for  $b, d$  and  $f$  using Equations (5), (7) and (9). Equations (5) and (7) gives  $bf = b$  as  $b \neq 0, f = 1$ . Now,  $fd = d$  as  $f = 1; d = d$ . Equation (9) gives  $bd = f$  or  $bd = 1$ , thus

$$d = \frac{1}{b} (b \neq 0).$$

Thus, we get

$$\left( bI, I, \frac{I}{b} \right)$$

to be neutrosophic triplet then

$$\left( \frac{I}{b}, I, bI \right)$$

is also a neutrosophic triplet. Thus, we have proved (ii) of the theorem.

Assume in Equation (4)  $ae = a; a \neq 0$ , which forces  $e = 1$ . Now, using Equation (8), we get  $ac = 1$ , thus

$$c = \frac{1}{a}.$$

Using Equation (5), we get  $bf + b + af = b$ , thus  $(a + b)f = 0$ . If  $f = 0$ , then we have

$$\left( a + bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} + dI \right)$$

should be a neutrosophic triplet. That is,

$$(a + bI) \times \left( \frac{1}{a} + dI \right) = 1$$

$$1 + \frac{b}{a}I + daI + dbI = 1$$

$$\frac{b}{a} + da + db = 0$$

$$b + a^2d + abd = 0$$

$$b(ad + 1) + a^2d = 0$$

$$d(a^2 + ab) = -b.$$

$$d = \frac{-b}{a^2 + ab} = \frac{-b}{a(a + b)}$$

$a \neq 0$  and  $a + b \neq 0$ .  $a + b \neq 0$  for if  $a + b = 0$ , then  $b = 0$  we get  $d = 0$ . Thus, the trivial triplet

$$\left(a, 1, \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

will be obtained. Thus,  $a + b \neq 0$  and

$$\left(a + bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a + b)}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a + b)}, 1, a + bI\right)$$

are neutrosophic triplets so that Condition (iii) of theorem is proved.

Now, let  $f \neq 0$ , thus  $a + b = 0$  and  $c + d = 0$ . We get  $a = -b$  or  $b = -a$  and  $d = -c$ . We have already proved  $c = \frac{1}{a}$ . Using Equations (8) and (9) and conditions  $a = -b$  and  $c = -d$ , we get  $f = -1$ .

Hence, the neutrosophic triplets are

$$\left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}, 1 - I, a - aI\right)$$

which is Condition (i) of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $S = \{\langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times\}$  (or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times\}$ ) be the neutrosophic ring.

$$M = \left\{ \left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \mid a \in Q \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

be the collection of neutrosophic triplets of  $S$  with neutral  $1 - I$  is commutative group of infinite order with  $(1 - I, 1 - I, 1 - I)$  as the multiplicative identity.

**Proof.** To prove  $M$  is a group of infinite order, we have to prove  $M$  is closed under component-wise product and has an identity with respect to which every element has an inverse.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \text{ and } y = \left(c - cI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{c} - \frac{I}{c}\right) \in M \\ x \times y &= \left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \times \left(c - cI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{c} - \frac{I}{c}\right) \\ &= \left(ac - acI - acI + acI, 1 - 2I + I, \frac{1}{ac} - \frac{I}{ac} - \frac{I}{ac} + \frac{I}{ac}\right) \\ &= \left(ac - acI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{ac} - \frac{I}{ac}\right) \in M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $M$  is closed under component wise product.

We see that, when  $a = 1$ , we get  $e = (1 - I, 1 - I, 1 - I) \in M$  is the identity of  $M$  under component wise multiplication. Clearly,  $e \times x = x \times e = x$  for all  $x \in M$ , thus  $e$  is the identity of  $M$ . For every

$$x = \left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right),$$

we have a unique

$$x^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}, 1 - I, a - aI\right) \in M$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} x \times x^{-1} &= x^{-1} \times x = e = (1 - I, 1 - I, 1 - I) \\ x \times x^{-1} &= \left(a - aI, 1 - I, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{I}{a}, 1 - I, a - aI\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{a}{a} - \frac{aI}{a} - \frac{aI}{a} + \frac{aI}{a}, 1 - 2I + I, \frac{a}{a} - \frac{aI}{a} - \frac{aI}{a} + \frac{aI}{a}\right) \\ &= (1 - I, 1 - I, 1 - I) \end{aligned}$$

as  $a \neq 0$ . Thus,  $(M, \times)$  is a group under component wise product, which is known as the neutrosophic triplet group.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $S = \{\langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times\}$  (or  $\{\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times\}$ ) be the neutrosophic ring. The collection of neutrosophic triplets

$$N = \left\{ \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) \mid a \in Q \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

(or  $R \setminus \{0\}$ ) forms a commutative group of infinite order under component wise multiplication with  $(I, I, I)$  as the multiplicative identity.

**Proof.** Let

$$N = \left\{ \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) \mid a \neq 0 \in Q \text{ or } R \right\}$$

be a collection of neutrosophic triplets. To prove  $N$  is commutative group under component wise product, let

$$x = \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right)$$

and

$$y = \left(bI, I, \frac{I}{b}\right) \in N.$$

To show  $x \times y \in N$ .

$$x \times y = \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) \times \left(bI, I, \frac{I}{b}\right) = \left(abI, I, \frac{I}{ab}\right),$$

using the fact  $I^2 = I$ . Hence,  $(N, \times)$  is a semigroup under product.

Considering  $e = (I, I, I) \in N$ , we see that  $e \times e = x \times e = x$  for all  $x \in N$ .

$$e \times x = (I, I, I) \times \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) = \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) = x \text{ (using } I^2 = I\text{)}.$$

Thus,  $(I, I, I)$  is the identity element of  $(N, \times)$ . For every

$$x = \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right),$$

we have a unique

$$x^{-1} = \left(\frac{I}{a}, I, a\right) \in N$$

is such that

$$x \times x^{-1} = \left(aI, I, \frac{I}{a}\right) = (I, I, I)$$

as  $a \neq 0$  and  $I^2 = I$ .

Thus,  $\{N, \times\}$  is a commutative group of infinite order.

It is interesting to note both the sets M and N are not even closed under addition.

Next, let

$$P = \left\{ a + bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a+b)}; a \neq b; a + b \neq 0, a \neq 0. \right\}$$

We get

$$a + bI \times \frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a+b)} = 1.$$

□

We call these neutrosophic triplets as special neutrosophic triplets contributed by the unity 1 of the ring which is the trivial idempotent of S; however, where it is mandatory,  $x$  and  $anti(x)$  are nontrivial neutrosophic numbers with  $neut(x) = 1$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $S = \langle Q \cup I \rangle, +, \times$  (or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle, +, \times$ ) be the neutrosophic ring. Let

$$P = \left\{ (a + bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} - \frac{bI}{a(a+b)}; a \neq b, \text{ where } a, b \in Q \setminus \{0\} \text{ (or } R \setminus \{0\}) \text{ and } a + b \neq 0 \right\}$$

be the collection of special neutrosophic triplets with 1 as the neutral. P is a torsion free abelian group of infinite order with  $(1, 1, 1)$  as its identity under component wise product.

**Proof.** It is easily verified P is closed under the component wise product and  $(1, 1, 1)$  acts as the identity for component wise product. For every

$$x = \left( a - bI, 1, \frac{1}{a} + \frac{bI}{a(a-b)} \right) \in P,$$

we have a unique

$$y = \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{bI}{a(a-b)}, 1, a - bI \right) \in P$$

such that  $x \times y = (1, 1, 1)$ . We also see  $x^n \neq (1, 1, 1)$  for any  $x \in P$  and  $n \neq 0 (n > 0); x \neq (1, 1, 1)$ , hence P is a torsion free abelian group. □

#### 4. Discussion and Conclusions

We show that, in the case of neutrosophic duplets in  $\langle Z \cup I \rangle, \langle Q \cup I \rangle$  or  $\langle R \cup I \rangle$ , the collection of duplets  $\{a - aI\}$  forms a neutrosophic subring. However, in the case of neutrosophic triplets, we show that  $\langle Z \cup I \rangle$  has no nontrivial triplets and we have shown there are three distinct collection of neutrosophic triplets in  $\langle R \cup I \rangle$  and  $\langle Q \cup I \rangle$ . We have proved there are only three types of neutrosophic triplets in these neutrosophic rings and all three of them form abelian groups that are torsion free under component wise product. For future research, we would apply these neutrosophic triplets to concepts akin to SVNS and obtain some mathematical models.

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