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p - RINGS AND RING - LOGICS

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1. **Introduction.** Through the medium of the *K-ality theory* it was shown, in a series of recent communications, that the classical Boolean realm (e. g., Boolean-algebras, -rings, -logic, -duality principle, etc.) is an instance of a much broader and more general theory, that of *ring-logics (mod. K)* - see [1], [3]⁽¹⁾. We recall that this concept of ring logic (mod. K) — in which K is a preassigned (« admissible ») group of « coordinate transformations » in the domain — characterizes, on the K -level, those rings and those logics (= K -algebras, = K -logical-algebras) in which the ring and the associated « K -logic » uniquely determine or « fix » each other in an equationally interdefinable way, [1]. Such a bond is familiar between Boolean rings and their corresponding Boolean algebras (logics) on the « lowest » or mod C level (where $K = C =$ (simple) complementation group, of order 2, generated by $x^* = 1 - x$); in particular it was shown in [1] that Boolean rings are ring-logics (mod. C).

The existence of higher level ring-logics was first established in [1], where it was shown that 3-rings are ring-logics mod. N , but not mod. C . Here N is the natural group, generated by the « natural negation » (or « - complement »), $x^\wedge = 1 + x$. In [3] this result for 3-rings, — after utilizing various fundamental structure-theorems for p -rings proved in [2] — was extended to the whole latter class; that is, it was established in [3] that all p -rings are ring-logics mod. N . The classical Boolean case (= 2 rings) is imbedded in this result since, for 2-rings, $N = C$.

The present communication elevates this theory to a still more general level, that of p^k -rings ([4], [5]). We shall establish that all such rings are ring-logics (mod. D). Here D is a certain group (« normal » group)

⁽¹⁾ Numbers in square brackets refer to the appended bibliography.

which, like the earlier groups C and N , is cyclic, that is, possesses a single generator x^\wedge (« normal complementation »). Unlike C and N , however, it develops that the group D does not (in general) possess a *linear* generator, that is, one linear in x . We here depend on results established in [4], where the methods and structure theorems of [2] are extended to p^k -rings.

One may regard the class of 2 rings (= 2-ring-logics = Boolean realm) as a generalization of the simplest member of this class, the field of residues mod 2. More generally, the class of p -ring-logics constitutes a natural generalization of its simplest member, the field of residues mod p . In this domain of p -ring-logics the *p-ality theory* replaces the duality theory of the special $p = 2 =$ Boolean case; that is, all theorems and concepts fall into p -al sets, -see [1]. The results of the present communication, establishing the class of p^k -rings — whose simplest member is the Galois field of p^k -elements — as ring-logics, in which, via the concept of normal negation, one has the same type of choice between « purely » D -logical or else « mixed » ring-theoretical representations as in the simplest Boolean case, and over which a p^k -ality theory parallel to the p -ality theory on the N -level reigns (see [1]), brings this cycle of developments to a natural stage of completion.

When the present theory is specialized to the simplest case of $F_{p^k} =$ Galois field of p^k elements, we obtain a rather unexpected strictly multiplicative equational definition for the $+$ of F_{p^k} . This is considered in § 12.

We shall freely borrow concepts, results and notation (the latter with some slight simplifications) from various papers listed in the appended bibliography. Readers unfamiliar with this background may refer to [1], where an introduction to the K -ality theory will be found.

2. p^k -rings⁽²⁾. Let p be a fixed prime and k a fixed positive integer, $k \geq 1$. In agreement with [4] we define a p^k -ring as a

(i) commutative ring, $(P, \times, +)$, with unit element 1, in which

$$(ii) \quad a^{p^k} = a \quad (a \in P)$$

(iii) P possesses a sub-ring (= field), $(F, \times, +)$, which is isomorphic with $F_{p^k} =$ Galois field of p^k elements, and such that

$$(iv) \quad 1 \in F$$

Since such a sub-field F is of characteristic p ,

$$(2.1) \quad p \cdot 1 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = 0$$

(2) Under a somewhat broader definition, p^k -rings were first introduced by McCoy, [5].

it follows on multiplication by a that a p^k -ring, P , is of characteristic p ,

$$(v) \quad p a = 0 \quad (a \in P).$$

Furthermore the integers p and k are unique, that is,

Theorem 1. *If $(P, \times, +)$ is a p^k -ring and also a $p_1^{k_1}$ -ring, then $p = p_1$ and $k = k_1$.*

Proof: That $p = p_1$ follows from (2.1). However, independently of (2.1), suppose P both a p^k and a $p_1^{k_1}$ ring, and let $(F, \times, +)$ and $(F_1, \times, +)$ be sub fields of P respectively isomorphic with the Galois fields F_{p^k} and $F_{p_1^{k_1}}$, and each satisfying (i v) Let ξ and ξ_1 be (multiplicative) generators of F and of F_1 respectively. Then

$$(2.2) \quad \xi^{p^k-1} = 1, \quad \xi_1^{p_1^{k_1}-1} = 1$$

For the element $\xi \xi_1$ of P we have, using (ii)

$$(2.3) \quad (\xi \xi_1)^{p^k} = \xi \xi_1^{p^k} = \xi \xi_1$$

$$(\xi \xi_1)^{p_1^{k_1}} = \xi^{p_1^{k_1}} \xi_1 = \xi \xi_1$$

Hence, from (2.2), we have

$$(2.4) \quad \xi^{p^k} = \xi_1. \quad \xi^{p_1^{k_1}} = \xi.$$

from which one has

$$(2.5) \quad p^k \geq p_1^{k_1}, \quad p_1^{k_1} \geq p^k.$$

Since we are dealing with prime powers, (2.5) implies the desired conclusion of Theorem 1.

The class of p^k -rings embraces (a) all finite (= Galois) fields and (b) all p rings ($k = 1$; see [3], [1]), and in particular, (c) all Boolean rings ($k = 1, p = 2$). Further (d) a (finite or transfinite) direct power of p^k rings is again a p^k ring, and in connection with more general results it was shown in [5] and again in [4] that (e) all p^k rings are (isomorphic with) sub-direct powers of F_{p^k} (= Galois field of p^k elements) and, in particular, that (f) each finite p^k ring is isomorphic with a direct power $F_{p^k} \times F_{p^k} \times \dots \times F_{p^k}$, whence, for a given finite positive integer t there is (up to isomorphisms) one and only one p^k ring of p^{kt} elements.

For the special case of p -rings the conditions (i), (ii), (v) (with $k=1$) are definitive, -see [3]; then (iii) and (iv) are automatically satisfied with F as the prime field π of P ,

$$(2.6) \quad \pi = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\} \cong F_p.$$

Furthermore for the still more special Boolean case, (i) and (ii) (with $p=2$, $k=1$) are definitive, as is well known; here even the commutative restriction of (i) is redundant, (see [7]).

In a p^k ring a sub-field F satisfying both (iii) and (iv) we shall call *normal*. A p^k ring will generally possess more than one normal subfield as is shown by the direct product $F_{2^2} \times F_{2^2}$, which is readily shown to be a 2^2 -ring with two distinct normal sub-fields F, F' .

The independence and significance of the condition (iv) is shown by the ring

$$(2.6) \quad R = F_3 \times F_3 \quad (\text{direct product}),$$

which is not a 3^2 -ring (and of course also not a 3-ring). Here the conditions (i), (ii), (iii) (and even (v)) are satisfied (with $p=3$, $k=2$); in particular R contains a sub-field isomorphic with F_{3^2} , - but it contains no normal such subfield, e. g., none which also satisfies (iv).

3. Notation. Let $P = (P, \times, +)$ be a p^k -ring, F a normal subfield of P , and J the class of all idempotent elements of P

$$(3.1) \quad a \in J \quad \text{if} \quad a^2 (= a \times a) = a.$$

Here J , unlike F , is not in general a sub-ring of P ; however, by [8], J is a sub-(mod C)-logic of the C -logic $(P, \times, (\otimes), *)$ of the ring $(P, \times, +)$, where $\times, (\otimes)$ are the C -dual ring products, $*$ the (self dual) C -complement and $+, (\oplus)$ the C -dual ring sums, -with inverses $-, (\ominus)$

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} a (\otimes) b &= a + b - ab \\ a \times b &= (a (\oplus) b) (\ominus) (a (\otimes) b) \\ a^* &= 1 - a = 0 (\ominus) a. \end{aligned}$$

From [8] it further follows that the sub(mod C)-logic $(J, \times, (\otimes), *)$ is a Boolean algebra with $\times, (\otimes), *$ as Boolean-intersection, -union, and -complement respectively.

Throughout we shall adhere to the following notations: except for the letters k, m, n, p, r , which are reserved for integers, small Roman letters

a, b, x , etc *without subscripts* (but possibly with superscripts, e. g., $a', a^{(1)}$, etc.) denote elements of P ; small Greek letters $\mu, \nu, \alpha, \beta, \xi$, etc denote elements of a fixed normal sub-field F of P ; small Roman letters *with subscripts*, a_0, b_1, x_μ , etc., denote idempotent elements of P , i. e.,

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} P &= \{\dots, x, \dots\} \\ J &= \{\dots, x_\mu, \dots\} \\ F &= \{\dots, \mu, \dots\} \\ J &\subseteq P, \quad F \subseteq P \end{aligned}$$

4. Normal (vector) representation. In the notation of § 3 it was shown in [4] that a p^k -ring P is characterized by a *normal subsystem* (F, J) thereof, in the sense of the

Theorem A, Normal Representation Theorem. In a p^k ring, P , each element a may be expressed in one and only one way in the form

$$(4.1) \quad a = \sum_{\mu \in F}^+ \mu a_\mu$$

where the multipliers μ run through the elements of a fixed normal subfield F of P , and where the a_μ are pairwise disjoint idempotent elements which cover J , i. e., where

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} a_\mu^2 &= a_\mu \\ a_\mu a_\nu &= 0 \quad (\mu, \nu \in F, \mu \neq \nu). \\ \sum_{\mu \in F}^+ a_\mu &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The a_μ given by (4.1) and (4.2) uniquely determine the element a , and are called the *normal (idempotent) components* of a , -relative, of course, to a fixed normal sub field, F . We use square brackets, $[]$, to refer to these normal components, e. g.,

$$\begin{aligned} a &= [\dots, a_\mu, \dots] \\ [a]_\mu &= a_\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Not only is each « vector » a uniquely determined by its normal components, but conversely, as shown in [4], we have

Theorem B. If

$$a = [\dots, a_\mu, \dots]$$

is an element of a p^k -ring, its normal idempotent components, a_μ , are determined from a by the formulas:

$$(4.3) \quad a_\mu = - \sum_{r=1}^{r=p^k-1} \left(\frac{a}{\mu} \right)^r \quad (\text{for } \mu \neq 0)$$

$$a_0 = 1 - a^{p^k-1} = (a^{p^k-1})^*.$$

The representation of the elements of a p^k -ring in terms of their normal components is not (in general) hypercomplex, in particular, the components of a sum are not (generally) given by the sum of the corresponding components. From [4] we have

Theorem C (Addition, etc., Theorem). In the notation of Theorems A and B, in a p^k ring P if

$$(4.4) \quad a = [\dots, a_\mu, \dots], \quad b = [\dots, b_\mu, \dots]$$

are elements with normal components a_μ and b_μ respectively, then the normal components of $a + b$ and of $a b$ are given by the formulas

$$(4.5) \quad [a + b]_\mu = \sum_{\sigma+\tau=\mu}^+ a_\sigma b_\tau$$

$$(4.6) \quad [a b]_\mu = \sum_{\sigma\tau=\mu}^+ a_\sigma b_\tau.$$

with similar formulas obtaining for other operations in P .

Here Σ stretches over all σ, τ of F such that $\sigma + \tau = \mu$, respectively such that $\sigma \tau = \mu$.

5. From the theory of Ring-logics. For orientational purposes, we briefly present salient fragments of the general theory, see [1].

If $(R, \times, +)$ is a ring and $K = \{\dots, \mathcal{Q}, \dots\} = \{\mathcal{Q}_1, \mathcal{Q}_2, \dots\}$ is a group of coordinate transformations in (= permutations, or 1-1 selftransformations of) R ,

$$(5.1) \quad x \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(x) \quad (x, \mathcal{Q}(x) \in R; \mathcal{Q} \in K),$$

with inverses written \mathcal{Q}^- ,

$$(5.2) \quad x \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^-(x),$$

then the K -logic (or K -logical-algebra) of the ring $(R, \times, +)$ is the (opera-

tionally closed) system

$$(5.3) \quad (R, \times, K) = (R, \times, \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_2, \dots),$$

whose class R is identical with the class of ring elements, and whose operations are the ring product, \times , of the ring together with the (unary operations) $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V} \in K$. These operations, as well as any obtainable therefrom by composition, are the K -logical operations of the ring. Whereas any K -logical operation may thus eventually be expressed as some composition of \times and the operations $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V} \in K$, such « ultimate » expressions are frequently less illuminating than expressions making use of other K -logical operations, such as $\times_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_1}, \times_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_2}, \dots$ which are the K -als of \times , i. e., the ring products expressed in the $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_1$, respectively in the $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_2$ etc., coordinate systems. Here

$$(5.4) \quad x \times_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}} y = \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}^{-1}(\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}(x) \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}(y)).$$

In this sense we have, for the K -logic,

$$(5.5) \quad (R, \times, K) = (R, \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_1, K) = (R, \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_2, K) = \dots = (R, \times, \times_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_1}, \times_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{V}_2}, \dots, K),$$

where the $=$'s refer to the compositional equivalence (= compositional interdefinability) of the systems. If \mathcal{Y}, \dots are a set of generators of the group K , we may further simplify (5.5) by writing

$$(5.6) \quad (R, \times, K) = \dots = (R, \times, \mathcal{Y}, \dots).$$

For a ring R with unit, 1, the simple group, C , has $*$ (= C — complementation) as generator,

$$(5.7) \quad x^* = 1 - x$$

and the C -logic of the ring $(R, \times, +)$ is then

$$(5.8) \quad (R, \times, *) = (R, (\otimes), *) = (R, \times, (\otimes), *),$$

where (\otimes) is \times expressed in the $*$ coordinate system:

$$(5.9) \quad x(\otimes)y = (x^* \times y^*)^* = x + y - 1.$$

(As in earlier papers, the circle notation, \bigcirc , is used to denote operations in the $*$ coordinate system, e. g. for $+$,

$$(5.10) \quad x(\oplus)y = (x^* + y^*)^* = x + y - 1.$$

If further R is taken as a Boolean ring, the C -duals $\times, (\otimes)$ reduce to logical product and logical union, respectively, - in fact the C -logic then reduces to the ordinary Boolean logical algebra corresponding to the (Boolean) ring R .

The *natural group*, N , - in a ring with unit - has $\hat{}$ as a generator,

$$(5.11) \quad x^{\hat{}} = 1 + x$$

with inverse, $\check{}$

$$(5.12) \quad x^{\check{}} = x - 1.$$

Following the notation of previous papers, operations expressed in the $\hat{}$ respectively in the $\hat{}_2 (= \hat{}^{\hat{}})$, etc. coordinate systems are primed, respectively double primed, etc., e. g.

$$(5.13) \quad \begin{aligned} x \times' y &= (x^{\hat{}} \times y^{\hat{}})^{\check{}} = x + y + xy \\ x \times'' y &= (x^{\hat{}_2} \times y^{\hat{}_2})^{\check{}_2} \\ &\vdots \\ x +' y &= (x^{\hat{}} + y^{\hat{}})^{\check{}} = x + y + 1 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

For a given ring $(R, \times, +)$ and a given group K the ring sum, $+$, is generally not K logically-equationally definable, i. e., the ring $+$ is not expressible as some composition of \times and the operations $\mathcal{V} \in K$. On the other hand it may happen that $+$, while K -logically equationally definable, is not uniquely fixed by the K -logic; that is, it may happen that two different (even non-isomorphic!) rings $(R, \times, +)$ and $(R, \times, +_1)$ exist, - on the same class R and with the same ring product, \times , but with $+_1 \neq +$ - each of which has identically the same K logic. A *ring-logic (mod K)* is a ring whose $+$ (and with it, of course, the complete ring) is K -logically equationally definable and moreover fixed by its K -logic. As already recalled, it has been shown that p -rings are ring logics mod N . (See [3]).

6. Normal complementation in p^k -rings, (explicit form). Let P be a p^k -ring and F a normal sub-field of P . Then, as is well known for all Galois fields, F contains a (multiplicative) generator, ξ , an element whose $p^k - 1$ powers yield all elements $\neq 0$ of F ,

$$(6.1) \quad F = \{0, \xi, \xi^2, \xi^3, \dots, \xi^{p^k-1} (= 1)\}.$$

Of course F will generally have more than one such generator, ξ , in which case any one is selected and kept fixed.

We shall establish the basic

Theorem 2. Let P be a p^k -ring, let F be a normal sub-field of P and let ξ be a generator of F . Then the mapping $x \rightarrow x^\wedge$ defined by

$$(6.2) \quad x^\wedge = \xi x + (1 + \xi x + \xi^2 x^2 + \xi^3 x^3 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x^{p^k-2})$$

is a permutation (= 1 - 1 self-mapping) of P , with inverse given by

$$(6.3) \quad x^\vee = \frac{x}{\xi} + \frac{1}{\xi} (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{p^k-2}).$$

The permutation \wedge is furthermore of period p^k ,

$$(6.4) \quad x^{\wedge p^k} = (\dots (x^\wedge)^\wedge \dots)^\wedge \quad (p^k\text{-iterations}) = x.$$

The proof of Theorem 2 will require some preparation, and will be given presently. We shall refer to x^\wedge as the *normal complement*, (also *normal negation*) of x . Strictly, since the operation \wedge depends on the choice of generator ξ in F , we have

$$(6.5) \quad \wedge = \wedge^{(\xi)} = \text{normal negation (with « base » } \xi)$$

However, since this base ξ is kept fixed, we shall only rarely need to use the amplified notation $\wedge^{(\xi)}$.

Our eventual purpose is to show that the (cyclic) group, D , generated by the permutation \wedge , is *fully adapted* to P , i. e., that $(P, \times, +)$ is a ring logic, mod D , - see [1].

Before turning to the proof of Theorem 2 we first note the special cases given by the

Corollary. In 2-rings (= Boolean rings) and also in 3-rings, normal and natural (i. e., mod N) complementation are identical,

$$(6.6) \quad x^\wedge = 1 + x = x^\vee.$$

Proof. In a Boolean ring, F and ξ are unique

$$F = \pi = \{0, 1\}; \quad \xi = 1,$$

and (6.2) reduces to $1 + x$. Similarly in 3-rings: F and ξ are unique,

$$F = \pi = \{0, 1, 2\}; \quad \xi = 2,$$

and (6.2) reduces to

$$x^\wedge = 2x + (1 + 2x) = 1 + x,$$

which proves the Corollary. It is moreover seen that 2 and 3-rings are the only classes of p^k -rings in which the normal complement, (6.2) is a linear function of x ; for 2^2 rings x^\wedge is quadratic, namely

$$(6.7) \quad \begin{aligned} x^\wedge &= 1 + \xi^2 x^2 && \text{(for } 2^2\text{-rings);} \\ x^\smile &= \xi^2 (1 + x^2) \end{aligned}$$

for 5 rings

$$(6.8) \quad \begin{aligned} x^\wedge &= 1 + 2\xi x + \xi^2 x^2 + \xi^3 x^3 && \text{(for 5-ring);} \\ x^\smile &= \xi^3 (1 + 2x + x^2 + x^3) \end{aligned}$$

etc.

7. Normal complementation (component form). The proof of Theorem 2 will be given indirectly. We shall first study a more tractable transformation, $\hat{\cdot}$, which is given in terms of the (normal idempotent) components of an element x , and shall then identify $\hat{\cdot}$ with \wedge .

Apart from Theorem 2 it will develop that $\hat{\cdot}$, in the component rather than the explicit-form of normal negation; will be important for later considerations.

Let P, F, ξ be as in § 6, and let x be an element of P . Recalling (6.1) and Theorem A, let

$$(7.1) \quad x = [\dots, x_\mu \dots] = [x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}]$$

be the normal idempotent components of $\hat{\cdot}$. (Since

$$(7.2) \quad \xi^{p^k-1} = 1$$

we shall, as above, continue to write x_1 instead of $x_{\xi^{p^k-1}}$).

Each x is uniquely determined by and uniquely determines its normal components. In P we now define a mapping

$$(7.2)' \quad x \rightarrow x^\hat{\cdot}$$

where the normal components of $x^\hat{\cdot}$ are obtained from those of x by subjecting the latter to the cyclic permutation

$$(7.3) \quad (x_0 \ x_1 \ x_\xi \ x_{\xi^2} \ \dots \ x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}).$$

That is, with x given by (7.1), we have

$$(7.4) \quad x^\wedge = [x_{\xi^{p^{k-2}}}, x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots]$$

or, otherwise expressed,

$$(7.5) \quad [x^\wedge]_0 = x_{\xi^{p^{k-2}}}, [x^\wedge]_1 = x_0, [x^\wedge]_\xi = x_1, \dots$$

These may also be written:

$$(7.6) \quad \begin{aligned} [x^\wedge]_0 &= x_{\xi^{p^{k-2}}}, [x^\wedge]_1 = x_0, \\ [x^\wedge]_\mu &= x_{\frac{\mu}{\xi}} \quad (\mu \in F; \mu \neq 0, \neq 1). \end{aligned}$$

From this definition we immediately have

Theorem 3. In a p^k -ring P the mapping x^\wedge , defined by (7.4) or (7.6) is a permutation of P , and moreover of period p^k ,

$$x^{\wedge p^k} = (\dots (x^\wedge)^\wedge \dots)^\wedge = x \quad (x \in P).$$

The elements of the normal sub-field F are seen to be vectorially given by

$$(7.7) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= [1, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0] \\ 1 &= [0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0] \\ \xi &= [0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0] \\ \xi^2 &= [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0] \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

From this and the definition of \wedge we have

Theorem 4. Under the permutation \wedge of P , the subfield F suffers the cyclic permutation

$$(7.8) \quad (0 \ 1 \ \xi \ \xi^2 \ \xi^3 \ \dots \ \xi^{p^k-2}).$$

8. Identification of \wedge with $\hat{\wedge}$. We shall next establish

Theorem 5. In a p^k -ring, P , the permutation \wedge , of § 7, and the normal negation $\hat{\wedge}$ of § 6 are identical mappings.

$$(8.1) \quad x^\wedge = x^{\hat{\wedge}} \quad (x \in P).$$

Proof: Let F be a normal sub field of P , and ξ a generator of F . Let $x \in P$, and let its normal idempotent representation (Theorem A) be

$$(8.2) \quad x = [x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}],$$

$$x = \sum_{\mu \in F} \mu x_\mu = 0 x_0 + 1 x_1 + \xi x_\xi + \xi^2 x_{\xi^2} + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}.$$

From (7.4) we then have

$$(8.3) \quad x^\wedge = 0 x_{\xi^{p^k-2}} + 1 x_0 + \xi x_1 + \xi^2 x_\xi + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-3}}.$$

Now by Theorem B, each of the normal components x_μ of x may be expressed as a polynomial in x , by (4.3). Therefore by substitution in (8.3), we may obtain an expression for x^\wedge as a polynomial in x . We shall obtain such an expression by a more elegant and shorter procedure.

By comparison of (8.2) and (8.3) we have the identity,

$$(8.4) \quad \xi (x - \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}) = x^\wedge - x_0,$$

which, on use of (7.2) may be written

$$(8.5) \quad x^\wedge = \xi x + x_0 - x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}.$$

On substituting for x_0 and for $x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}$ from (4.3), we have

$$(8.6) \quad x^\wedge = \xi x + 1 - x^{p^k-1} + \left(\frac{x}{\xi^{p^k-2}} + \frac{x^2}{(\xi^{p^k-2})^2} + \frac{x^3}{(\xi^{p^k-2})^3} + \dots + \frac{x^{p^k-1}}{(\xi^{p^k-2})^{p^k-1}} \right).$$

Since $\frac{1}{\xi^{p^k-2}} = \xi$, etc., we finally have

$$(8.7) \quad x^\wedge = \xi x + 1 + \xi x + \xi^2 x^2 + \xi^3 x^3 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x^{p^k-2},$$

which is precisely the expression (6.2) for x^\wedge . This proves Theorem 16.

The proof of Theorem 2 is now at hand. That the normal negation, \wedge is a permutation of P , and moreover of period p^k ,

$$(8.8) \quad x^{\wedge p^k} = x$$

follows from Theorems 5 and 3. The expression (6.3) for x^\sim , the inverse of x^\wedge , is obtained by considering x^\smile , the inverse of x^\wedge (see (7.4)),

$$(8.9) \quad x^\smile = [x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}, x_0],$$

writing x^\smile in normal form

$$(8.10) \quad x^\smile = 0 x_1 + 1 x_\xi + \xi x_{\xi^2} + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_0,$$

and then expressing x^\smile in terms of x in a manner parallel to that used in obtaining (8.7). We shall omit the details. This completes Theorem 2.

9. Normal (= mod D) logic. Let now $D (= D(\xi))$ be the group of permutations (or coordinate transformations) in a p^k ring, P , which is generated by the normal negation $\hat{\ } (= \hat{\ }^{(\xi)})$,

$$D = \{ \text{identity}, \hat{\ }, \hat{\ }^2, \hat{\ }^3, \dots, \hat{\ }^{p^k-1} \}.$$

We call D the *normal group* in P , and the operational algebra

$$(9.1) \quad (P, \times, \hat{\ }) = (P, \times_1, \hat{\ }) = (P, \times_2, \hat{\ }) = \dots \\ = (P, \times, \times_1, \times_2, \dots, \hat{\ }, \hat{\ }^2, \dots)$$

the *D-logic*, or *normal logic* of the ring $(P, \times, +)$. Here as elsewhere the notation $\times_1, \times_2, \dots, \times_{p^k-1}$ denotes the ring product, \times , expressed in the $\hat{\ }^2$, respectively in the $\hat{\ }^3$, etc. coordinate systems, i.e., by (5.4)

$$(9.2) \quad \begin{aligned} x \times_1 y &= (x^\wedge \times y^\wedge)^\smile \\ x \times_2 y &= (x^{\hat{\ }^2} \times y^{\hat{\ }^2})^\smile \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

We again emphasize that *all D-logical operations may, via equations (9.2) or others like them, ultimately be expressed entirely in terms of the two operations \times and $\hat{\ }$ (or, if one pleases, entirely in terms of \times_1 and $\hat{\ }$, or in terms of \times and $\hat{\ }^2$, etc.).* We shall, however, find it convenient to deal largely with *D-logical expressions*, which are given in terms of $\hat{\ }$ together with \times and \times_1 , — without presenting such expressions in «ultimate» $\hat{\ }, \times$ form by the elimination of \times_1 .

Theorem 6. Let P be a p^k -ring, F a normal sub-field and ξ a generator of F . Then each element of F is D-logically equationally definable as follows:

for any $x \in P$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= x \times \widehat{x} \times \widehat{x}^2 \times \widehat{x}^3 \times \dots \times \widehat{x}^{p^{k-1}} \\
 1 &= \widehat{0} = (x \times \widehat{x} \times \widehat{x}^2 \times \dots \times \widehat{x}^{p^{k-1}})^\wedge \\
 \widehat{1} &= \xi \\
 \widehat{\xi} &= \xi^2 \\
 (9.3) \quad (\widehat{\xi^2}) &= \xi^3 \\
 &\vdots \\
 (\widehat{\xi^{p^k-3}}) &= \xi^{p^k-2} \\
 (\widehat{\xi^{p^k-2}}) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: We need merely prove the first of the identities (9.3), since the rest follow from the first by Theorems 4 and 5. To prove the first of the set (9.3) directly from the explicit form (6.2) for \widehat{x} seems extremely involved. However, if we use the normal component form \widehat{x} , given by (7.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= [x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}] \\
 \widehat{x} &= [x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}, x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-3}}] \\
 (9.4) \quad \widehat{x}^2 &= [x_{\xi^{p^k-3}}, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}, x_0, x_1, x_\xi, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-4}}] \\
 &\vdots \\
 \widehat{x}^{p^k-1} &= [x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}, x_0].
 \end{aligned}$$

Corresponding to these we have the normal representation, (4.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= x_1 + \xi x_\xi + \xi^2 x_{\xi^2} + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-2}} \\
 \widehat{x} &= x_0 + \xi x_1 + \xi^2 x_\xi + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-3}} \\
 (9.5) \quad \widehat{x}^2 &= x_{\xi^{p^k-2}} + \xi x_0 + \xi^2 x_1 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\xi^{p^k-4}} \\
 &\vdots \\
 \widehat{x}^{p^k-1} &= x_\xi + \xi x_{\xi^2} + \xi^2 x_{\xi^3} + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since each of the expressions (9.5) omits exactly one of the normal components of x , and since these normal components are pairwise disjoint, the first of the identities (9.3) follows, and with it the complete Theorem 6.

Theorem 7. Let x be an element of a p^k ring, P , and let x_μ be the normal components of x ,

$$(9.6) \quad x = [\dots, x_\mu, \dots] = [x_0, x_1, x_\xi, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, x_{\xi^{p^k-2}}].$$

Then each component x_μ may be D -logically expressed in terms of x . With η defined by

$$(9.7) \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\frac{p^k(p^k-1)}{2}} = \xi^{\frac{p^k(p^k-1)}{2}}$$

the components x_μ are given by :

$$(9.8) \quad \begin{aligned} x_0 &= \eta x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ x_1 &= \eta x x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ x_\xi &= \eta x x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ x_{\xi^2} &= \eta x x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 4} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ &\vdots \\ x_{\xi^{p^k-2}} &= \eta x x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 2} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-2}} \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient $\eta (= \epsilon F)$ may be replaced by Theorem 5,

$$(9.9) \quad \eta = (x x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}})^{\frac{p^k(p^k-1)}{2}}$$

whereupon (9.8) yields a strict D -logical expression for the x_μ .

Proof: Since the x_μ are pairwise disjoint, on computing the product of all except the first of the expressions (9.5), -respectively of all except the second, etc., we get

$$(9.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi^{1+2+3+\dots+p^{k-2}} x_0 &= x^{\wedge} x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ \xi^{1+2+3+\dots+p^{k-2}} x_1 &= x x^{\wedge 2} x^{\wedge 3} \dots x^{\wedge p^{k-1}} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

On summing the arithmetic progression in the exponent of ξ , and on simplification by use of

$$\xi^{p^k-1} = 1$$

together with the verification that

$$\frac{1}{\xi^{\frac{p^k(p^k-1)}{2}}} = \xi^{\frac{p^k(p^k-1)}{2}}$$

we readily got the desired expressions (9.8).

From (9.7) one has the

Corollary. For the coefficient η , given by (9.7), we have

$$\eta = \xi^{\frac{p^k-1}{2}} \quad (\text{if } p = \text{odd prime})$$

$$\eta = 1 \quad (\text{if } p = 2).$$

10. D-logical definition of $+$. We shall first prove the essential Theorem 8. Let $(P, \times, +)$ be a p^k -ring and $D = D(\xi)$ its normal group. If x, y are disjoint elements of P ,

$$(10.1) \quad xy = 0$$

then

$$(10.2) \quad x + y = x \times_1 y.$$

In particular, if $ab = 0$, $a + b$ is thus D -logically equationally definable. Here \times_1 , as before, is the ring product, \times , expressed in the $\widehat{}$ coordinate system, i. e.,

$$(10.3) \quad x \times_1 y = (\widehat{x} \widehat{y})^\sim.$$

Proof. We have

$$(10.4) \quad \widehat{x} \widehat{y} = (\xi x + 1 + \xi x + \xi^2 x^2 + \xi^3 x^3 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x^{p^k-2})$$

$$\times (\xi y + 1 + \xi y + \xi^2 y^2 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} y^{p^k-2}).$$

If $xy = 0$ (10.4) reduces to

$$(10.6) \quad \widehat{x} \widehat{y} = \xi(x + y) + 1 + \xi(x + y) + \xi^2(x^2 + y^2) + \xi^3(x^3 + y^3) + \dots$$

$$+ \xi^{p^k-2}(x^{p^k-2} + y^{p^k-2}).$$

But if $xy = 0$ we also have

$$(10.5) \quad x^n + y^n = (x + y)^n$$

Hence, from (10.5), (10.6) and (6.2):

if
$$x y = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \widehat{\ } y \widehat{\ } &= \xi(x+y) + 1 + \xi(x+y) + \xi^2(x+y)^2 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2}(x+y)^{p^k-2}. \\ (10.7) \qquad &= (x+y) \widehat{\ } \end{aligned}$$

The desired result (10.2) then follows at once from (10.3) and (10.7). This completes Theorem 8.

We are now able to remove the restriction $xy = 0$, and to consider the case of any sum $x + y$.

Theorem 9. Let. $(P, \times, +)$ be a p^k -ring, $D = D(\xi)$ its normal group, and $(P, \times, \widehat{\ })$ is D -logic. Then the ring sum, $+$, is D -logically equationally definable.

Proof. Let x, y be $\in P$. Then, by Theorems C and A,

$$(10.8) \qquad x + y = \sum_{\mu \in F}^+ \mu [x + y]_{\mu} = \sum_{\mu \in F}^+ \mu \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \mu}^+ x_{\alpha} y_{\beta}.$$

Now since the normal components of an element of P are pairwise disjoint, for $\mu' \neq \mu''$ the elements

$$(10.9) \qquad \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \mu'}^+ x_{\alpha} y_{\beta} \quad , \quad \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \mu''}^+ x_{\alpha} y_{\beta}$$

are disjoint (i. e., their product = 0). Moreover the separate terms in $\sum_{\alpha + \beta = \mu}^+ x_{\alpha} y_{\beta}$ are also pairwise disjoint. Hence, by applying Theorem 3 twice,

in (10.8) we may replace \sum^+ by the D -logical « \times_1 product », $\sum_1^{\times_1}$. By then further replacing the $\mu \in F$ by the powers of the generator ξ , we get the formula

$$\begin{aligned} (10.10) \quad x + y &= \left(\sum_{\alpha + \beta = 1}^{\times_1} x_{\alpha} y_{\beta} \right) \times_1 \left(\sum_{\alpha + \beta = \xi}^{\times_1} \xi x_{\alpha} y_{\beta} \right) \times_1 \left(\sum_{\alpha + \beta = \xi^2}^{\times_1} \xi^2 x_{\alpha} y_{\beta} \right) \\ &\qquad \times_1 \dots \times_1 \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \xi^{p^k-2}}^{\times_1} \xi^{p^k-2} x_{\alpha} y_{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Each of the components $x_0, x_1, x_{\xi}, x_{\xi^2}, \dots, y_0, y_1, y_{\xi}, \dots$, and also each of the coefficients ξ, ξ^2, \dots may be D -logically expressed by Theorems 6 and 7. If these D logical expressions are substituted into (10.10) we have a strictly D logical formula for $x + y$, which completes Theorem 9.

Illustration: Applied to a 2^2 -ring, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= x_0 y_1 \times_1 x_1 y_0 \times_1 x_\xi y_{\xi^2} \times_1 x_{\xi^2} y_\xi \\ &\times_1 \xi x_0 y_\xi \times_1 \xi x_1 y_{\xi^2} \times_1 \xi x_\xi y_0 \times_1 \xi x_{\xi^2} y_1 \\ &\times_1 \xi^2 x_0 y_{\xi^2} \times_1 \xi^2 x_1 y_\xi \times_1 \xi^2 x_\xi y_1 \times_1 \xi^2 x_{\xi^2} y_0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= x \widehat{x} x^{-3} & y_0 &= y \widehat{y} y^{-3} \\ x_1 &= x \widehat{x} x^{-2} & & \vdots \\ x_\xi &= x \widehat{x} x^{-3} & & \vdots \\ x_{\xi^2} &= x \widehat{x} x^{-3} & & \vdots \\ \xi &= (x \widehat{x} x^{-2} x^{-3})^{-2} = (y \widehat{y} y^{-2} y^{-3})^{-2} \\ \xi^2 &= (x \widehat{x} x^{-2} x^{-3})^{-3} = (y \widehat{y} y^{-2} y^{-3})^{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

11. Ring-logic. We now prove

Theorem 10. A p^k ring is a ring-logic, mod. D . Since we have already established that the ring sum, $+$, of a p^k -ring $(P, \times, +)$ is D logically equationally definable there remains only to prove that $(P, \times, +)$ is D -logically fixed. That is, if $(P, \times, +_1)$ is a ring, on the same class P and having the same \times , and furthermore having the same D logic, i. e.,

$$\begin{aligned} (11.1) \quad x \widehat{} &= x \widehat{x} : \xi x + 1 + \xi x + \xi^2 x^2 + \dots + \xi^{p^k-2} x^{p^k-2} = \\ &= \xi x +_1 1 +_1 \xi x +_1 \dots +_1 \xi^{p^k-2} x^{p^k-2}, \end{aligned}$$

then we must show that $+_1 = +$, i. e., the rings are identical.

Since the unit and zero elements are multiplicatively definable, $(P, \times, +_1)$ has the same unit element, 1 , and the same zero, 0 , as $(P, \times, +)$. We prove the

Lemma 1. $(P, \times, +_1)$ is of characteristic p ,

$$(11.2) \quad a +_1 a +_1 a +_1 \dots +_1 a \text{ (} p \text{ terms)} = 0, \quad (a \in P).$$

Proof: Let $(F, \times, +)$ be a normal sub-field of $(P, \times, +)$, and let ξ be a generator of F . Putting $x = \xi^{p^k-2}$ in the hypothesis (11.1) we get

$$(11.3) \quad 0 = 1 +_1 1 +_1 1 +_1 \dots +_1 1 \text{ (} p^k \text{ terms)},$$

or, otherwise written,

$$(11.4) \quad 0 = (1 +_1 1 +_1 1 +_1 \dots +_1 1 \text{ (} p \text{ terms)})^k$$

Because of (ii) of § 2, $(P, \times, +)$ and hence also $(P, \times, +_1)$ has no non-zero nilpotent elements, Hence (11.4) implies

$$1 +_1 1 +_1 1 +_1 \dots +_1 1 \text{ (} p \text{ terms)} = 0,$$

which, on multiplication by a , proves (11.2) and Lemma 1.

Lemma 2. $(P, \times, +_1)$ is a p^k -ring. If $(F, \times, +)$ is a normal subfield of $(P, \times, +)$, then $(F, \times, +_1)$ is a normal subfield of $(P, \times, +_1)$,

$$(11.5) \quad (F, \times, +) \cong (F, \times, +_1) \cong F_{p^k}.$$

Proof. Let

$$(11.6) \quad 1 +_1 1 = 2_1, \quad 1 +_1 2_1 = 3_1, \quad \text{etc.}$$

By virtue of Lemma 1, if

$$(11.7) \quad \pi_1 = \{0, 1, 2_1, 3_1, \dots, (p-1)_1\},$$

then $(\pi_1, \times, +_1)$ is a subfield of $(P, \times, +_1)$, isomorphic with $F_p =$ field of residues, mod p . Let ξ be generator of a normal sub-field $(F, \times, +)$,

$$(11.8) \quad F = \{0, 1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^{p^k-2}\}.$$

If $\xi \in \pi_1$, so are the powers of ξ , and hence, since ξ is a generator of F , evidently: $k=1$, the classes π_1 and F are identical and

$$(11.9) \quad (F, \times, +) \cong (F, \times, +_1) \cong F_p.$$

If $\xi \notin \pi_1$, then, since $\xi^{p^k-1} = 1$, or

$$(11.10) \quad \xi^{p^k-1} - 1 = \xi^{p^k-1} -_1 1 = 0,$$

ξ is algebraic over the field $(\pi_1, \times, +_1)$. Let $\pi_1(\xi)$ be the over field resulting from the adjunction ξ to π_1 . Now $\pi_1(\xi)$, being a field of characteristic p , is isomorphic with a Galois field F_{p^h} for some h . Since $x^{p^k} = x$ for all $x \in P$, it follows that

$$(11.11) \quad h \leq k.$$

However $\xi \in \pi_1(\xi)$ and ξ has period p^k , whence

$$(11.12) \quad k \leq h.$$

From (11.11) and (11.12) we have

$$(11.13) \quad h = k$$

Then, since $0, 1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^{p^k-2}$ are distinct $\in \pi_1(\xi)$, it follows that the sets F and $\pi_1(\xi)$ are identical subsets of P , and

$$(11.14) \quad (F, \times, +) \cong (F, \times, +_1) \cong F_{p^k}.$$

Referring now to (i) — (iv) of § 2, we see that $(P, \times, +_1)$ is a p^k -ring, and Lemma 2 is proved.

The proof of Theorem 10 is now immediate. Let $(P, \times, +)$ be a p^k -ring and let $(P, \times, +_1)$ be a ring (on the same set P , and with the same \times) having the same D -logic as $(P, \times, +)$, — see (11.1). Then by Lemma 2 $(P, \times, +_1)$ is a p^k -ring. Hence, by Theorem 9 its ring sum, $+_1$, is D -logically equationally definable, i. e., satisfies an identity of the form

$$x +_1 y = \mathcal{A}(x, y; \times, \hat{\cdot}),$$

where \mathcal{A} is a strictly D -logical expression, — composed from x and y solely by use of the D -logical operations $\times, \hat{\cdot}$. Furthermore since $(P, \times, +)$ is a p^k -ring, $x + y$ satisfies precisely the same D -logical identity, with $\hat{\cdot}$ instead of $\hat{\cdot}_1$,

$$x + y = \mathcal{A}(x, y; \times, \hat{\cdot}).$$

Since $x \hat{\cdot} \equiv x \hat{\cdot}_1$, by hypothesis, it follows that $+ = +_1$. This completes Theorem 10.

12. Complete set of operations in a finite field. Consider the foregoing theory specialized to F_{p^k} = Galois field of p^k elements.

Theorem 11. In F_{p^k} , \times and $\hat{\cdot}$ form a complete set of operations. That is, any operation $\theta(x, y, \dots, z)$ in the class F_{p^k} may be expressed in terms of x, y, \dots, z by means of the operations \times and $\hat{\cdot}$.

Proof. In a finite field, F , any operation $\theta(x, y, \dots, z)$ may be «analytically» expressed, i. e., as some polynomial in x, y, \dots, z with coefficients in F . Each of the coefficients may be expressed in terms of x by means of \times and $\hat{\cdot}$ (see § 9), and since, via Theorem 9, $+$ is also D -logically expressible, Theorem 11 is proved.

While all p^k rings — and hence in particulare p -rings — are ring-logics mod D , it was shown in [3] that p -rings are also ringlogics mod N . Moreover, as previously remarked, D and N only coincide for 2-rings and for 3-rings. In particular for $F_p =$ field of residues mod p , corresponding to Theorem 11 we have

Theorem 12. In F_p , \times and $\hat{}$ form a complete set of operations; also $\times, \hat{}$ form a complete set of operations.

Of the two rival complete systems in F_p it is noteworthy that the first, namely $(F_p, \times, \hat{})$, requires only a knowledge of the multiplication table in F_p ; for, in F_p , $\hat{} (= \hat{}^{(\xi)})$ is the cyclic permutation

$$(0 \ 1 \ \xi \ \xi^2 \ \xi^3 \ \dots \ \xi^{p-2}).$$

In this sense the $\hat{}, \times$ equational formula for the ring sum, $+$, (and similarly the formula for any other operation in F_p) is a strictly multiplicative formula! *Addition is thus equationally definable in terms of multiplication.* The situation is different in the complete system $(F_p, \times, \hat{})$, since $x\hat{} = x + 1$ involves a (limited) use of the addition table. It is intuitively suggestive to think of $x\hat{}$ as the « additive-successor » of x , and $x\hat{}$ as the multiplicative successor (relative to the base ξ) of x .

Remark. We have shown that a p^k ring, P , is a ring-logic mod $D(\xi)$ for any choice of generator, ξ . The $D(\xi)$ logical equation for $x + y$ given by Theorem 9 is a certain formula

$$x + y = \Phi(x, y; \times, \hat{}^{(\xi)}).$$

A careful examination of the proof of Theorem 9 shows that, for a generator $\eta \neq \xi$ the $D(\eta)$ -logical expression for $x + y$ is given (in general) by a different formula,

$$x + y = \Psi(x, y; \times, \hat{}^{(\eta)})$$

That is Ψ and Φ are in general different functions. A similar remark is of course also true for any fixed operation in P .

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