

ON \acute{A} -RINGS: A GENERALIZATION OF INTEGRAL DOMAINS

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Abstract:

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ and $\text{Nil}(R)$ be its set of nilpotent elements. Recall that a prime ideal of R is called a divided prime if $P \nmid (x)$ for every $x \in R \setminus P$. The class of rings: $H = \{R \mid R \text{ is a commutative ring and } \text{Nil}(R) \text{ is a divided prime ideal of } R\}$ has been studied extensively by the speaker (i.e. Badawi). Observe that if R is an integral domain, then $R \in H$. Hence H is a much larger class than the class of integral domains. If $R \in H$, then R is called a \acute{A} -ring.

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