

# Primeness in near-rings

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All near-rings are **right near-rings**. We will use  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$  denote the variety of all **rings**, **near-rings** and **zero-symmetric near-rings** respectively.

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Now, since  $R$  is a zero symmetric near-ring we have  $rRr = (0)$  with  $0 \neq r$  and  $R$  does not satisfy condition (2)

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