

## STRONG COMMUTATIVITY PRESERVING MAPS ON TRIANGULAR RINGS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{Tri}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{B})$  be a triangular ring. It is shown, under some mild assumption, that every surjective strong commutativity preserving map  $\Phi: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  (i.e.  $[\Phi(T), \Phi(S)] = [T, S]$  for all  $T, S \in \mathcal{U}$ ) is of the form  $\Phi(T) = ZT + f(T)$ , where  $Z$  is in  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ , the center of  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $Z^2 = I$  and  $f$  is a map from  $\mathcal{U}$  into  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U})$ . As an application, a characterization of general surjective maps that preserve the strong commutativity on the nest algebras of Banach space operators is given.

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