

## ON SIMPLE $(-1, 1)$ RINGS

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### ABSTRACT

If  $R$  be a 2-torsion free  $(-1, 1)$  ring with the associators in the middle nucleus  $N_m$  then  $(N_m, R, R) = 0$  and the ring becomes associative.

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### INTRODUCTION

Yen [7] considered 2-torsion free simple rings with associators in the left nucleus and showed that such type of ring is associative. Kleinfeld [2] studied the properties of the rings satisfying  $(x, y, z) = (x, z, y)$  and proved that there exists simple Novikov rings which are not associative. Kleinfeld and Smith [4] generalized Novikov rings, which satisfy the condition  $x(yz) = y(xz)$ . Kleinfeld and Kleinfeld [3] have shown that a 2-torsion free simple ring with identity 1 must be associative. In [6] Suvana and Subba Reddy have consider a generalization of  $(1, 1)$  rings. They proved that if  $R$  is a 2-torsion free simple ring satisfying the identities  $(x, y, z) = (x, z, y)$  and  $(w, (y, x, x), z) = 0$ , then  $R$  is right alternative. Paul [5] studied the properties of prime rings satisfying  $(x, y, z) - (x, z, y) = 0$  and  $(w, [y, z], x) = 0$ .

A ring  $R$  is said to be  $(-1, 1)$  ring if it satisfies the following two conditions:

$$(x, y, z) = -(x, z, y) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } (x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y) = 0 \quad (2)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

In a nonassociative ring an associator is defined as  $(x, y, z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$ , commutator  $[x, y]$  is defined as  $xy - yx$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and the middle nucleus is defined as  $N_m = \{n \in R / (R, n, R) = 0\}$ . In this paper using the results of [5 and 6] we show that a semi prime ring generated by  $U$  square to zero and hence  $R$  must be associative.

$$\text{Let the associator } (R, R, R) \text{ be in the middle nucleus of } (-1, 1) \text{ ring that is } (R, (R, R, R), R) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Throughout this paper  $R$  represents a 2, 3-torsion free  $(-1, 1)$  ring.

We use the Teichmuller identity

$$(wx, y, z) - (w, xy, z) + (w, x, yz) = w(x, y, z) + (w, x, y)z \quad (4)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$  which holds in any arbitrary ring.

Let  $n \in N_m$  then (2) implies  $(n, R, R) = 0$ .

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For arbitrary  $(x, y, z) n = (x, y, zn)$  from (4).

Again from (4) we get

$$(xy, z, n) - (x, yz, n) + (x, y, zn) = x(y, z, n) + (x, y, z)n$$

$$\text{Implies } (x, y, zn) = (x, y, z)n. \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Thus from (1) } (x, y, zn) = -(x, zn, y). \quad (6)$$

Again (4) implies  $(xz, n, y) - (x, zn, y) + (x, z, ny) = x(z, n, y) + (x, z, n)y$  which implies

$$(x, zn, y) = (x, z, ny). \quad (7)$$

From (5), (6) and (7) we see that

$$(x, zn, y) = -(x, y, z) n. \quad (8)$$

$$(x, z, ny) = -(x, y, z) n. \quad (9)$$

$$(x, ny, z) = -(x, y, z) n. \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Now } [n, y] \in N_m. \quad (11)$$

$$S(x, y, z) \in N_m.$$

$$\text{That is } (R, (x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y), R) = 0.$$

The following identity is valid in  $(-1, 1)$  ring [1]

$$((a, x, y), b, c) = ((a, b, c), x, y) - (a, b, (c, x, y)) - (a, (b, x, y), c) + (a, b, c)[x, y] - (a, b, c[x, y]) + (a, b, [x, y]) c = 0$$

$$\text{for all } a, b, c, x, y \in R. \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Thus we get } 0 = -(a, (b, x, y), c) = (a, (b, x, y), c).$$

$$\text{With } b \in N_m \text{ in (12) we obtain } -(a, (b, x, y), c) = 0.$$

$$\text{That is } (b, x, y) \in N_m.$$

$$\text{Thus } (N_m, R, R) \subseteq N_m. \quad (13)$$

**Lemma: 1** Let  $T = \{T \in R / Rt = 0\}$  then  $T = 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $t \in R$ . For every  $x \in R$ ,  $xt = 0$ , so  $RT \subset T$ . Also  $y.tx = -(y, x, t)$  using equation (1). But  $(y, x, t) = 0$  as  $xt = 0$  thus  $TR \subset T$  consequently  $T$  is an ideal and  $TT \subset RT = 0$ , so  $T = 0$ . We define  $a \equiv b$  if and only if  $a - b \in N_m$ .

**Lemma: 2**  $(N_m, R, R) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $n \in N_m$  and  $x, y, z \in R$  then (2) implies

$$\begin{aligned} (zn, x, y) &= -(y, zn, x) - (x, y, zn) \\ &= -[(y, z, x)n + (x, y, zn)] \\ &= -[(y, z, x) + (x, y, z)]n \\ &= (z, x, y)n. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Using  $N_m N_m \subset N_m$  and previous calculations we obtain  $(zn, x, y) = (z, x, y)n$ .

However (4) implies  $(zn, x, y) - (z, nx, y) + (z, n, xy) = z(n, x, y) + (z, n, x)y$

$$\text{Implies } (zn, x, y) = (z, nx, y) + z(n, x, y). \quad (15)$$

Comparison of these two identities implies that  $z(n, x, y) = 0$ .

From (15) we see that  $(zn, x, y) = (z, nx, y) + z(n, x, y)$

$$= z(n, x, y) + (z, nx, y)$$

$$= z(n, x, y) + (z, x, y)n \text{ by equation (11)}. \quad (16)$$

Therefore subtracting (14) from (16) gives  $(zn, x, y) - (z, x, y)n - (zn, x, y) + z(n, x, y) - (z, x, y)n = 0$ . That is  $z(n, x, y) = 0$ . Equivalently  $z(n, x, y) \in N_m$ . Thus  $(r, z(n, x, y), s) = 0$  then (13) yields

$$(r, z, s)(n, x, y) = 0. \quad (17)$$

The associator ideal of  $R$  may be characterized as  $A = \Sigma (R, R, R) + R(R, R, R)$ . As a result of (13) and (17) it is clear that  $A(N_m, R, R) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is a simple and not associative, it follows that  $A=R$ , so that  $R(N_m, R, R) = 0$  and thus  $(N_m, R, R) \subset T = 0$ . Hence  $(N_m, R, R) = 0$ .

**Definition: 4** The center  $C$  is defined as  $C = \{c \in N / [c, R] = 0\}$ .

**Lemma: 3** Middle nucleus equals the center in  $(-1, 1)$  ring.

**Proof:** From equation (4) with  $x, y, z \in R$  and  $n \in N_m$  we obtain  $(xy, z, [y, n]) - (x, zy, [y, n]) + (x, z, y[y, n]) = x(z, y, [y, n]) + (x, z, y)[y, n]$  implies  $(x, z, y[y, n]) = (x, z, y)[y, n]$ . Multiply both sides by 2 we get

$$2(x, z, y[y, n]) = 2(x, z, y)[y, n].$$

Now applying the semi Jacobi identity which is valid in any arbitrary ring we see that

$$[y^2, n] = y[y, n] + [y, n]y + (y, y, n) + (n, y, y) - (y, n, y).$$

$$\text{Implies } [y^2, n] = y[y, n] + [y, n]y + n[y, y].$$

$$\text{Hence } (x, [y^2, n], z) = (x, y, [y, n], z) + (x, [y, n]y, z) + (x, (n, x, y), z).$$

$$\text{That is } 0 = (x, y, [y, n], z) + (x, [y, n]y, z).$$

$$\text{Thus } 2(x, y, z)[y, z] = 0 \text{ and since the ring is 2- torsion free we get } (x, y, z)[y, z] = 0. \quad (18)$$

Now (18) and (11) shows  $A[w, n] = 0$ , so that  $R[w, n] = 0$  and so  $[w, n] \in T = 0$ . Consequently  $[R, n] = 0$  and hence  $n \in C$ .

**Lemma: 4** If  $R$  satisfies the weak Novikov identity then  $(R, R, R)^2 = 0$ .

**Proof:**  $R$  satisfies  $(w, x, yz) = y(w, x, z)$  for all  $w, x, y, z \in R$ . (19)

Let  $u = (R, R, R)$ . From (3) and Lemma (3) we see that  $u \in C$ . From (4) we obtain

$$(wx, y, z) - (w, xy, z) + (w, x, yz) = w(x, y, z) + (w, x, y)z.$$

$$((wx, y, z), r, s) - ((w, xy, z), r, s) + ((w, x, yz), r, s) = (w(x, y, z), r, s) + ((w, x, y)z, r, s).$$

Now using (2) in above we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & - (r, s, (wx, y, z)) - (s, (wx, y, z), r) + (r, s, (w, xy, z)) + (s, (w, xy, z), r) - (r, s, (w, x, yz)) - (s, (w, x, yz), r) \\ & = (w(x, y, z), r, s) + ((w, x, y)z, r, s). \text{ Applying (13) we get } (w(x, y, z), r, s) + ((w, x, y)z, r, s) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } ((w, x, y)z, r, s) = - (w(x, y, z), r, s). \quad (20)$$

Now a repeated applications of equations (19), (1),  $[R, R] \subseteq N_m$  and (20) gives

$$((x, y, z)w, r, s) = (w(x, y, z), r, s). \quad (21)$$

Then from (20) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((w, x, y)z, r, s) &= - (w(x, y, z), r, s) \\
 &= - ((x, y, wz), r, s) \\
 &= - ((x, y, zw), r, s) \\
 &= - (z(x, y, w), r, s) \text{ from (19)} \\
 &= (z(x, w, y), r, s) \text{ from (1)} \\
 &= - ((z, x, w)y, r, s) \\
 &= ((z, w, x)y, r, s) \\
 &= - (z(w, x, y), r, s) \text{ from (4)} \\
 &= - ((w, x, y)z, r, s). \text{ from (21)}
 \end{aligned}$$

That is  $((w, x, y)z, r, s) + ((w, x, y)z, r, s) = 0$ .

Thus  $0 = 2((w, x, y)z, r, s)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= ((w, x, y)z, r, s) \\
 &= (w, x, y)(z, r, s) \\
 &= (R, R, R)(R, R, R) \\
 &= (R, R, R)^2 \\
 &= U^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem: 1** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free  $(-1, 1)$  ring if the associator is in the middle nucleus then of  $R$  must be a associative.

**Proof:** Since  $U = (R, R, R) \in C$  and  $U^2 = 0$ . Since the ideal generated by  $U$  square to zero we get  $U = 0$ . Thus the ring must be associative.

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