

# Rings with $(x, R, x)$ in the Left Nucleus

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## Abstract

If  $N_l$  and  $N_r$  be the Lie ideals of a nonassociative ring  $R$ , then  $[N_l, R] \subseteq N_l$  and  $[N_r, R] \subseteq N_r$ . Also if  $(x, R, x)$  is in the left nucleus then  $N_l[R, R] \subseteq N_l$ . If  $R$  is a prime ring with  $N_l \neq 0$ , and  $(x, R, x)$  in the left nucleus then  $R$  is either associative or commutative.

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## INTRODUCTION

Kleinfeld [1] studied nonassociative rings with  $(x, R, x)$  and  $[R, R]$  in the left nucleus. Yen [2] considered the rings with the weaker hypothesis that is, rings with  $(x, R, x)$  and  $[N_l, R]$  in the left nucleus and proved that if  $R$  is a semiprime ring, then  $N_r = N_l$ . He also proved that if  $R$  is a prime ring with  $N_l \neq 0$  satisfying one additional condition  $N_l[R, R] \subseteq N_l$ , then  $R$  is either associative or commutative. In this paper by considering  $N_l$  and  $N_r$  as the Lie ideals of a ring  $R$ , we present some properties of  $R$  with  $(x, R, x)$  in the left nucleus. Using these properties, we show that  $N_l[R, R] \subseteq N_l$ . Also we prove that, if  $R$  is a prime ring with  $N_l \neq 0$ , then  $R$  is either associative or commutative.

## PRILIMENARIES

In a nonassociative ring  $R$  we define an associator as  $(x, y, z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$  and the commutator as  $[x, y] = xy - yx$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . To make the notation more convenient we often use ‘ $\cdot$ ’ to indicate multiplication as well as juxtaposition. In products, juxtaposition takes precedence, i, e,  $xy \cdot z \equiv (xy)z$ . The nucleus of a ring  $R$  is defined as  $N = \{n \in R / (n, R, R) = (R, n, R) = (R, R, n) = 0\}$ , the right nucleus as  $N_r = \{n \in R / (R, R, n) = 0\}$  and the left nucleus as  $N_l = \{n \in R / (n, R, R) = 0\}$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be prime if whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are ideals of  $R$  such that  $AB = 0$ , then either  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$  and is said to be semiprime if for any ideal  $A$  of  $R$ ,  $A^2 = 0$  implies  $A = 0$ . These rings are also referred to as rings free from trivial ideals. And a ring is said to be simple if whenever  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then either  $A = R$  or  $A = 0$ .

Let  $R$  be a nonassociative ring satisfying  $(x, R, x) \subseteq N_l$ , that is,

$$(x, y, z) + (z, y, x) \in N_l \tag{1}$$

Let  $N_l$  and  $N_r$  be the Lie ideals of  $R$ . Then

$$[N_l, R] \subseteq N_l \tag{2}$$

and  $[N_r, R] \subseteq N_r$ .

We use Teichmüller identity which is valid in any arbitrary ring.

$$(wx, y, z) - (w, xy, z) + (w, x, yz) - w(x, y, z) - (w, x, y)z = 0, \tag{3}$$

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

Then with  $w = n \in N_l$  in (3), we obtain

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

Since  $N_l$  is the Lie ideal from (2), we obtain

$$(nx, y, z) = n(x, y, z) = (xn, y, z), \tag{4}$$

for all,  $n \in N_l$ .

Thus  $N_l$  is the associative subring of  $R$ .

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**Lemma 3.1:** Let  $T = \{t \in N_l : t(R, R, R) = 0\}$ , then  $T$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof:** In (4) substituting  $n = t$ , we obtain

$$(tx, y, z) = t(x, y, z) = (xt, y, z) = 0.$$

Thus  $tR \subset N_l$  and  $Rt \subset N_l$ .

Also,  $tw \cdot (x, y, z) = t \cdot w(x, y, z)$ .

Multiplying (3) with  $t$  on the left side, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} t \cdot w(x, y, z) &= -t \cdot (w, x, y)z \\ &= -t(w, x, y) \cdot z \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $tw \cdot (x, y, z) = 0$ . Thus  $TR \subseteq T$ .

Now using  $TR \subseteq T$ , (2), (4),  $RT \subset N_l$  and (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} wt \cdot (x, y, z) &= [w, t](x, y, z) \\ &= ([w, t]x, y, z) \\ &= ((wt)x, y, z) - ((tw)x, y, z) \\ &= ([wt, x], y, z) + (x(wt), y, z) - (t(wx), y, z) \\ &= ([wt, x], y, z) + (x(wt), y, z) \\ &= -((x, w, t), y, z) + ((xw)t, y, z) \\ &= -((x, w, t) + (t, w, x), y, z) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $RT \subseteq T$ . Thus  $T$  is an ideal of  $R$ . From the definition of  $T$ , we obtain  $T(R, R, R) = 0$ .

This completes the proof of the Lemma.

Let  $A$  be the associator ideal of  $R$ . We assume that  $R$  satisfies (1) and also  $R$  is semiprime. Using Lemma 3.1 and equation (3), we obtain  $T \cdot A = 0$  and hence  $(T \cap A)^2 = 0$ . Thus we have  $T \cap A = 0$  and  $A \cdot T = 0$ . (5)

From Lemma 3.1 and equation (3), we obtain

$$(R, T, R) = 0. \tag{6}$$

**Lemma 3.2:** Let  $R$  be a nonassociative ring satisfying  $(x, y, z) + (z, y, x) \in N_l$ . Then  $(R, R, N_l) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $n \in N_l$ , then from (1), we obtain

$$(x, y, n) = (x, y, n) + (n, y, x) \in N_l.$$

Also from (3), we obtain

$$z(x, y, n) = (zx, y, n) - (z, xy, n) + (z, x, yn) - (z, x, y)n.$$

Hence using these, (4) and (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, n)(z, r, s) &= (z(x, y, n), r, s) \\ &= ((zx, y, n), r, s) - ((z, xy, n), r, s) + ((z, x, yn), r, s) - ((z, x, y)n, r, s) \\ &= ((z, x, yn), r, s) - ((z, x, y)n, r, s) \\ &= -((yn, x, z), r, s) - (n(z, x, y), r, s) \\ &= -n(y, x, z), r, s) - n((z, x, y), r, s) \\ &= -n((y, x, z), r, s) - n((z, x, y), r, s) \\ &= -n((y, x, z) + (z, x, y), r, s) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(x, y, n) \in T$ .

Since  $(x, y, n)$  is also an associator, it is also in  $A$ .

Thus from (5), we obtain  $(x, y, n) = 0$ .

Hence  $(R, R, N_l) = 0$ .

From Lemma 3.2, we obtain  $N_l \subseteq N_r$ . (7)

Let  $n \in N_r$ . Then with  $z = n$  in (3), we obtain

$(w, x, yn) = (w, x, y)n$ . Thus  $N_r$  is an associative subring of  $R$ .

Now since  $N_r$  is the Lie ideal of  $R$ , we obtain

$(w, x, yn) = (w, x, y)n = (w, x, ny)$ , (8)

for all  $n \in N_r$  and  $w, x, y \in R$ .

**Lemma 3.3:** Let  $N_r$  be the Lie ideal of  $R$  and let

$S = \{n \in N_r : (R, R, R)n = 0\}$ , then  $S$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $(R, R, R)S = 0$ ,  $S \cap A = 0$ ,  $S \cdot A = A \cdot S = 0$  and  $T \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Using (1), (3), (5), (7) and (8) and the proof of Lemma 3.1, this Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.4:** If  $N_r$  and  $N_l$  are the Lie ideals of  $R$ , then  $N_r = N_l$  and  $S = T$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume that  $(R, R, n) = 0$ , then from (1), we obtain  $(n, x, y) = (n, x, y) + (y, x, n) \in N_l$ .

Now using (1), (7), (8) and  $[N_r, R] \subseteq N_r$ , and since  $N_r$  is an associative subring of  $R$ , we obtain

$(nx, y, z) - n(x, y, z) = \{(nx, y, z) + (z, y, nx)\} - n\{(x, y, z) + (z, y, x)\} + [n, (z, y, x)] \in N_r$ .

From the above equation and  $(n, R, R) \subseteq N_l \subseteq N_r$  and with  $w = n$  in (3), we obtain

$(n, x, y)z = \{(nx, y, z) - n(x, y, z)\} - (n, xy, z) + (n, x, yz) \in N_r$ .

Hence using this and (8), we obtain  $(s, r, z)(n, x, y) = (s, r, (n, x, y)z) = 0$ , which shows that  $(n, x, y) \in S \cap A$  and thus from Lemma 3.3, we have  $(n, x, y) = 0$ .

Hence  $N_r \subseteq N_l$ . Thus from (7), we have  $N_r = N_l$ . From Lemma 3.3 again,  $S \cdot A = 0$  and so  $S = T$ . This completes the proof of the Lemma.

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $R$  is a semiprime ring satisfying  $(x, y, z) + (z, y, x) \in N_l$ , where  $N_l$  is the Lie ideal of  $R$ , then  $T$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $(N_b, R, R) = (R, T, R) = (R, R, N_l) = 0$ . Also, if  $[N_r, R] \subseteq N_r$ , then  $N_r = N_l$  and  $S = T \subseteq N$ .

**Proof:** From (6) and Lemmas 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 the Theorem is proved.

**Lemma 2.5:** Let  $I = \{a \in R : N_l a = 0\}$ , then  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof:** First we show that  $([R, R], R, R) \subseteq I$ . By taking  $y = z = x$  in (1), we obtain  $(x, x, x) + (x, x, x) = 2(x, x, x) \in N_l$ . So  $(x, x, x) \in N_l$ .

Let  $S(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y)$ .

Now linearization of  $(x, x, x)$  gives  $(x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y) + (y, x, z) + (z, y, x) + (x, z, y) \in N_l$ .

i.e.,  $S(x, y, z) + S(y, x, z) \in N_l$ . (9)

We have  $D(x, y, z) = [xy, z] - x[y, z] - [x, z]y - (x, y, z) - (z, x, y) + (x, z, y) = 0$ . (10)

This identity is valid in any arbitrary ring.

Now  $D(x, y, z) - D(y, x, z)$  gives

$[[x, y], z] + [[y, z], x] + [[z, x], y] = S(x, y, z) - S(y, x, z)$ .

If  $z \in N_b$ , we obtain  $S(x, y, z) - S(y, x, z) \in N_l$ . (11)

But from (9),  $S(x, y, z) + S(y, x, z) \in N_l$ .

i.e.,  $2S(x, y, z) \in N_l$ .

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But  $(x, y, z), (z, x, y) \in N_l$  implies  $(y, z, x) \in N_l$ .

i.e.,  $(R, N_b, R) \subseteq N_l$  implies  $((R, N_b, R), R, R) = 0$ . (12)

Now in (10) substituting  $x = n$  and forming the associators with  $r, s$  and using (12), we obtain

$([ny, z], r, s) = (n[y, z], r, s) + ([n, z]y, r, s) + ((n, y, z), r, s) + ((z, n, y), r, s) - ((n, z, y), r, s)$   
 $= (n[y, z], r, s) + ([n, z]y, r, s) + ((z, n, y), r, s)$ .

i.e.,  $([N_l R, R], R, R) = (N_l[R, R], R, R) + ([N_b, R]R, R, R) + ((R, N_b, R), R, R)$ .

i.e.,  $(N_l[R, R], R, R) = ([N_l R, R], R, R) - ([N_b, R]R, R, R)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= ((N_l R) R - R (N_l R) - (N_l R) R + (RN_l) R, R, R) \\
 &= ((R, N_l, R), R, R) \\
 &= 0 \text{ from (12).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N_l([R, R], R, R) = (N_l[R, R], R, R) = 0$ . (13)

Hence we have,  $([R, R], R, R) \subseteq I$ . (14)

Now let  $a \in I, n \in N_l$  and  $x, y, z, w \in R$ . Thus we obtain

$$n(ax) = (na)x = 0 \text{ implies } IR \subseteq I.$$

Now from (13), we obtain

$$n(xa) = n[x, a] \in N_l.$$

Since  $na = 0$  and  $n \in N_l$ , we obtain  $n(a, x, y) = 0$ . (15)

Using (15), (1) and since  $N_l$  is an associative subring of  $R$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 n((yx)a) - n(y(xa)) &= n(y, x, a) \\
 &= n((a, x, y) + (y, x, a)) \in N_l.
 \end{aligned}$$
 (16)

Applying (16) and  $n(xa) \in N_l$ , we obtain

$$n(y(xa)) \in N_l. \tag{17}$$

Using (17) and (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n(xa))y &= n((xa)y) \\
 &= n[xa, y] + n(y(xa)) \in N_l.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above with  $n(xa) \in N_l$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(xa)(y, z, w) &= ((n(xa))y, z, w) \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $n(xa) \in T$  and thus  $n(xa) = 0$  implies  $RI \subseteq I$ .

Therefore  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and thus  $NI = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $N_l$  is the Lie ideal of a prime ring  $R$  with  $N_l \neq 0$  and satisfying  $(x, y, z) + (z, y, x) \in N_l$ , then  $R$  is either associative or commutative.

**Proof:** Since  $R$  is prime using (5), we obtain either  $A = 0$  or  $T = 0$ . If  $A = 0$ , then  $R$  is associative. Hence we assume that  $T = 0$ . Since  $N_l$  is the Lie ideal of  $R$ , using Lemma 3.2, we see that the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $N_l$  is  $N_l + N_l R$ . Then  $N_l I = 0$  from Lemma 3.5. Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (N_l + N_l R)I &\subseteq N_l I + (N_l R)I \\
 &= N_l I + (N_l, R, I) + N_l (RI) \\
 &\subseteq N_l I + N_l (RI) \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[R, R] \subseteq N_l$ . Now  $R$  satisfies Kleinfeld’s hypothesis [1]. Hence it follows that  $R$  is either associative or commutative. This completes the proof of the Theorem.

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