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### POLYNOMIAL EXTENSIONS OF GENERALIZED QUASI-BAER RINGS

### ПОЛІНОМІАЛЬНІ РОЗШИРЕННЯ УЗАГАЛЬНЕНИХ КВАЗІБЕРОВИХ КІЛЕЦЬ

In this paper we consider the behavior of polynomial rings over generalized quasi-Baer rings, and we show that the generalized quasi-Baer condition on a ring  $R$  is preserved by many polynomial extensions.

Розглянуто поведінку поліноміальних кілець над узагальненими квазіберовими кільцями і показано, що узагальнена квазіберова умова щодо кільця  $R$  зберігається при багатьох поліноміальних розширеннях.

**1. Introduction.** Throughout this paper all rings are associative with identity. A ring  $R$  is called (quasi-)Baer if the right annihilator of every (right ideal) nonempty subset of  $R$  is generated as a right ideal by an idempotent. It is easy to see that the Baer and quasi-Baer properties are left-right symmetric for any ring. The study of Baer rings has its roots in functional analysis. In [1] Kaplansky introduced Baer rings to abstract various properties of von Neumann algebras and complete  $*$ -regular rings. In [2] Clark uses the quasi-Baer concept to characterize when a finite-dimensional algebra with unity over an algebraically closed field is isomorphic to a twisted matrix units semigroup algebra. The concepts of Baer and quasi-Baer have been investigated by several authors for rings. Every prime ring is a quasi-Baer ring. Since Baer rings are nonsingular, the prime rings  $R$  with  $Z_r(R) \neq 0$  are quasi-Baer but not Baer. Another generalization of Baer rings are p.p.-rings. A ring  $R$  is called a right (resp. left) p.p.-ring if every principal right (resp. left) ideal is *projective* (equivalently, if the right (resp. left) annihilator of any element of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent of  $R$ ). A ring  $R$  is called a p.p.-ring if it is both right and left p.p.-ring. A ring  $R$  is said to be *generalized right* p.p.-ring if for any  $x \in R$  the right annihilator of  $x^n$  is generated by an idempotent for some positive integer  $n$ . Von Neumann regular rings are p.p.-rings, and  $\pi$ -regular rings are generalized p.p.-rings in the same sense as von Neumann regular rings.

In [3, 4], Birkenmeier, Kim and Park introduced a principally quasi-Baer ring and used them to generalize many results on *reduced* (i.e., it has no nonzero nilpotent elements) p.p.-rings. A ring  $R$  is called *right principally quasi-Baer* (or simply *right p.q.-Baer*) if the right annihilator of a principal right ideal is generated by an idempotent. Similarly, left p.q.-Baer rings can be defined. In [5] Moussavi, Javadi and Hashemi introduced generalized (principally) quasi-Baer ring. A ring  $R$  is *generalized right (principally) quasi-Baer* if for any (principal) right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , the right annihilator of  $I^n$  is generated by an idempotent for some positive integer  $n$ , depending on  $I$ . For example  $Z_{p^n}$ ,  $n > 2$  ( $p$  is a prime number), is generalized quasi-Baer but is not quasi-Baer.

In 1974 Armendariz seems to be the first to consider the behavior of polynomial

rings over Baer rings [6] (Theorem B). In this paper we consider the behavior of polynomial rings over generalized quasi-Baer rings.

We used  $R[x]$ ,  $R[x, \alpha, \delta]$ ,  $R[x, x^{-1}]$ ,  $r_R(X)$ ,  $l_R(X)$  and  $\text{Id}(R)$  for the ring of polynomial over  $R$ , the skew polynomial ring over  $R$ , the Laurent polynomial ring over  $R$ , the right and left annihilators of  $X$  subset of  $R$  and the set of all idempotent of  $R$ , respectively.

**2. Main results.** In this section we prove our main result showing that the generalized quasi-Baer condition on  $R$  is preserved by many polynomial extensions.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $I$  be a right ideal of the ring  $R$  then we have the following assertions:*

- (1)  $I^n[x] = (I[x])^n$ ;
- (2)  $r_{R[x]}(I[x]) = r_R(I)[x]$ .

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called Armendariz if whenever polynomials

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_mx^m \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n \in R[x]$$

satisfy  $f(x)g(x) = 0$  then  $a_ib_j = 0$  for all  $i, j$ .

Let  $c_f$  denote the set of all coefficients of  $f(x) \in R$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $R$  be a generalized right quasi-Baer and Armendariz ring. Then  $R[x]$  is a generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

**Proof.** Assume  $R$  be a generalized right quasi-Baer and Armendariz ring. Let  $I$  be a right ideal of  $R[x]$  and  $I_0$  denote the set of coefficients of all elements of  $I$  in  $R$ . It is clear that  $I_0$  is a right ideal of  $R$ , thus there exists  $e \in \text{Id}(R)$  such that  $r_R(I_0^n) = eR$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We claim that  $r_{R[x]}(I^n) = eR[x]$ . It is clear that  $I \subseteq I_0[x]$ , then from Lemma 1  $eR[x] = r_{R[x]}(I_0^n[x]) \subseteq r_{R[x]}(I^n)$ . Conversely let

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n \in r_{R[x]}(I^n) \quad \text{and} \quad a = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n} \in I_0^n$$

with  $a_{i_j} \in I_0$ .

Then there exists  $f_{i_j} \in I$  such that  $a_{i_j} \in c_{f_{i_j}}$ . Therefore  $f_{i_1}(x)f_{i_2}(x)\dots f_{i_n}(x)g(x) = 0$ , then  $a_{i_1}a_{i_2}\dots a_{i_n}b_i = 0$ , since  $R$  is Armendariz ring. Thus

$$g(x) \in r_{R[x]}(I_0^n[x]) = eR[x].$$

The proposition is proved.

We know that, if  $R$  be quasi-Baer ring then  $R[x]$  is quasi-Baer [3] (Theorem 1.2). By Proposition 1 we showed that, if  $R$  is an Armendariz generalized right quasi-Baer ring then  $R[x]$  is a generalized right quasi-Baer ring. Also in Proposition 2 we will prove the converse of Proposition 1 is correct without Armendariz property. But in fact, we do not know of any example of generalized quasi-Baer polynomial ring such that  $R$  is a generalized quasi-Baer but  $R$  is not Armendariz.

**Question:** Let  $R$  be a generalized right quasi-Baer ring. Is  $R[x]$  generalized right quasi-Baer ring without Armendariz property?

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $R[x]$  be a generalized right quasi-Baer ring then  $R$  is a generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

**Proof.** Let  $R[x]$  be generalized right quasi-Baer ring and  $I$  be a right ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists an idempotent  $e(x) \in R[x]$  such that  $r_{R[x]}(I^n[x]) = e(x)R[x]$

for some  $n \in N$ . Let  $e_0$  be constant term of  $e(x)$  then  $e_0^2 = e_0$ . Since  $I^n e(x) = 0$ , we have  $I^n e_0 = 0$  therefore  $e_0 \in r_R(I^n)$ . Thus  $e_0 R \subseteq r_R(I^n)$ .

Conversely, let  $b \in r_R(I^n)$  then  $b \in r_{R[x]}(I^n[x]) \cap R = e(x)R[x] \cap R$ . Therefore we have  $b = e(x)h(x)$  for some  $h(x) \in R[x]$ . Thus  $b = e_0 h_0$  where  $h_0$  is constant term of  $h(x)$  so  $b \in e_0 R$ . Hence  $r_R(I^n) = e_0 R$ .

The proposition is proved.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$  consisting of central regular element. Then:*

(1) *If  $R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring then  $\Delta^{-1}R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

(2) *Let  $\text{Id}(R) = \text{Id}(\Delta^{-1}R)$ . If  $\Delta^{-1}R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer then  $R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

(3) *If  $R[x]$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring then  $R[x, x^{-1}]$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

(4) *Let  $\text{Id}(R) = \text{Id}([x, x^{-1}])$ . If  $R[x, x^{-1}]$  is generalized right quasi-Baer then  $R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring.*

**Proof.** (1) Assume that  $R$  is a generalized right quasi-Baer ring. Let  $I$  be a right ideal of  $\Delta^{-1}R$  and  $I_0 = \{a \in R \mid b^{-1}a \in I, \text{ for some } b \in \Delta\}$ . It is clear  $I_0 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $I_0 \neq R$ ,  $I_0 \triangleleft R$  and  $(\Delta^{-1}I_0)^n = \Delta^{-1}I_0^n$ .

We know  $I \subseteq \Delta^{-1}I_0$ . Now let  $c^{-1}d \in \Delta^{-1}I_0$  such that  $c \in \Delta$ ,  $d \in I_0$ . Thus there exists  $k \in \Delta$  such that  $k^{-1}d \in I$ . Since  $d \in I_0$ , therefore  $c^{-1}d = k^{-1}dc^{-1}k \in I$  hence  $\Delta^{-1}I_0 \subseteq I$ .

Now we claim  $\Delta^{-1}r_R(I_0) = r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(\Delta^{-1}I_0)$ . Let  $a^{-1}b \in \Delta^{-1}r_R(I_0)$  then  $(c^{-1}d)(a^{-1}b) = 0$  for all  $c^{-1}d \in \Delta^{-1}I_0$ , since  $db = 0$ . Thus  $a^{-1}b \in r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(\Delta^{-1}I_0)$ , therefore  $\Delta^{-1}r_R(I_0) \subseteq r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(\Delta^{-1}I_0)$ .

Conversely, let  $a^{-1}b \in r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(\Delta^{-1}I_0)$  then  $c^{-1}d(a^{-1}b) = 0$ , for all  $c^{-1}d \in \Delta^{-1}I_0$ . Thus  $db = 0$  then  $b \in r_R(I_0)$ . Therefore  $a^{-1}b \in \Delta^{-1}r_R(I_0)$ .

By hypothesis,  $r_R(I_0^n) = eR$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Thus  $I_0^n e = 0$  and so  $0 = \Delta^{-1}I_0^n e = (\Delta^{-1}I_0)^n = I^n e$ . Hence  $e\Delta^{-1}R \subseteq r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(I^n)$ . Let  $a^{-1}b \in r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(I^n)$ . Then  $0 = I^n a^{-1}b = (\Delta^{-1}I_0)^n a^{-1}b = \Delta^{-1}I_0^n a^{-1}b$  and so  $b \in r_R(I_0^n) = eR$ . Hence  $a^{-1}b \in e\Delta^{-1}R$ . Therefore  $r_{\Delta^{-1}R}(I^n) = e\Delta^{-1}R$ .

(2) Let  $\Delta^{-1}R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer. We prove that  $R$  is generalized right quasi-Baer ring. Let  $I$  be a right ideal of  $R$  then  $\Delta^{-1}I$  is right ideal of  $\Delta^{-1}R$ , thus there exists  $e \in R$  such that  $e^2 = e$  and  $r_{\Delta^{-1}R}((\Delta^{-1}I)^n) = e(\Delta^{-1}R)$  for some  $n \in N$ . We prove  $r_R(I^n) = eR$ . We show that  $r_R(I^n) \subseteq eR$ . Let  $b \in r_R(I^n)$  then

$I^n b = 0$ , thus  $0 = \Delta^{-1} I^n b = (\Delta^{-1} I)^n b$  and so  $b \in r_{\Delta^{-1} R}((\Delta^{-1} I)^n) = e(\Delta^{-1} R)$ . It follows that  $b = eb \in eR$ . The other side is similarly.

(3), (4) Let  $\Delta = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ , then  $\Delta^{-1} R[x] = R[x, x^{-1}]$ , and so proof is complete.

Recall that for a ring  $R$  with a ring endomorphism  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  and  $\alpha$ -derivation  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$ , the Ore extension  $R[x, \alpha, \delta]$  of  $R$  is the ring obtained by giving the polynomial ring over  $R$  with the new multiplication  $xr = \alpha(r)x + \delta(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ . If  $\delta = 0$ , we write  $R[x, \alpha]$  for  $R[x, \alpha, 0]$  and is called an Ore extension of endomorphism type (also called a skew polynomial ring). In [7] Kerempe defined the rigid rings. Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of  $R$ ,  $\alpha$  is called a rigid endomorphism if  $r\alpha(r) = 0$  implies  $r = 0$  for  $r \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called to be  $\alpha$ -rigid if there exist a rigid endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$ . If  $R$  be a  $\alpha$ -rigid then  $\text{Id}(R) = \text{Id}(R[x, \alpha, \delta]) = \text{Id}(R[x, \alpha])$  (Corollary 7). Let  $R$  be a rigid ring. It is clear that generalized quasi-Baer and quasi-Baer conditions are equivalent. Then if  $R$  be  $\alpha$ -rigid ring,  $R$  is generalized quasi-Baer if and only if  $R[x, \alpha]$  is generalized quasi-Baer ring [8] (Corollary 12). In Example 1 we show that rigid condition is not superfluous.

**Example 1.** Let  $Z$  be the ring of integers and consider the ring  $Z \oplus Z$  with the usual addition and multiplication. Then the subring  $R = \{(a, b) \in Z \oplus Z \mid a \equiv b \pmod{2}\}$  of  $Z \oplus Z$  is commutative reduced ring. Note that only idempotents of  $R$  are  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . Hence from [5] (Example 2.1)  $R$  is not generalized right quasi-Baer. Now let  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\alpha((a, b)) = (b, a)$ . Then  $\alpha$  is an automorphism of  $R$ . Hence  $R[x, \alpha]$  is quasi-Baer from [8] (Example 9).

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