

On Power Associativity of Prime Assosymmetric Rings

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Abstract: In this paper we show that a 2- and 3- divisible prime assosymmetric ring R is power associative, that is, $(x, x, x) = 0$.

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I. Introduction

E. Kleinfeld [1] introduced a class of non-associative rings called as assosymmetric rings in which the associator $(x,y,z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$ has the property $(x,y,z) = (p(x),p(y),p(z))$ for each permutation p of x,y and z. These rings are neither flexible nor power associative. In [1] it is proved that the commutator and the associator are in the nucleus of this ring. In 2000, K. Suvarna and G.R.B. Reddy[3] proved that a non-associative 2- ad 3- divisible prime assosymmetric ring is flexible. By using these properties A 2- and 3- divisible prime assosymmetric ring R is power associative, that is, $(x, x, x) = 0$.

II. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper R will denote a non-associative 2- and 3- divisible assosymmetric ring. The commutator (x,y) of two elements x and y in a ring is defined by $(x,y) = xy - yx$. The nucleus N in R is the set of elements $n \in R$ such that $(n,x,y) = (x,n,y) = (x,y,n) = 0$ for all x,y in R. The center C of R is the set of elements $c \in N$ such that $(c,x) = 0$ for all x,y in R. A non-associative ring R is called flexible if $(x,y,x)=0$ for all x,y in R. A ring is said to be power-associative if every subring of it generated by a single element is associative if every subring of it generated by a single element is associative Let I be the associator ideal of R. I consists of the smallest ideal which contains all associators. R is called k-divisible if $kx=0$ implies $x=0$, $x \in R$ and k is a natural number.

In an arbitrary ring the following identities hold :

$$(1) \quad (wx,y,z) - (w,xy,z) + (w,x,yz) = w(x,y,z) + (w,x,y)z \\ f(w,z,y,z) = (wx,y,z) - x(w,y,z) - (x,y,z)w$$

and

$$(2) \quad (xy,z) - x(y,z) - (x,z)y = (x,y,z) - (x,z,y) + (z,x,y).$$

In any assosymmetric ring (2) becomes

$$(3) \quad (xy,z) - x(y,z) - (x,z)y = (x,y,z)$$

It is proved in [1] that in a 2- and 3-divisible assosymmetric ring R the following identities hold for all w,x,y,z,t in R

$$(4) \quad f(w,x,y,z) = 0, \text{ that is, } (wx,y,z) = x(w,y,z) + (x,y,z)w,$$

$$(5) \quad ((w,x),y,z) = 0$$

and

$$(6) \quad ((w,x,y),z,t) = 0$$

That is, every commutator and associator is in the nucleus N.

From (3), (5) and (6), we obtain

$$(7) \quad x(y,z) + (x,z)y \subset N.$$

Suppose that $n \in N$. Then with $w=n$ in (1) we get $(nx,y,z) = n(x,y,z)$.

Combining this with (5) yields.

$$(8) \quad (nx,y,z) = n(x,y,z) = (xn,y,z)$$

From (7) and (8) we obtain

$$(9) \quad (y,z)(x,r,s) = -(x,z)(y,r,s).$$

III. Main results.

Lemma 1. Let $S = \{s \in N / s(R, R, R) = 0\}$. Then S is an ideal of R and $S(R, R, R) = 0$

Proof. By substituting s for n in (8), we have $(sx,y,z) = s(x,y,z) = (xs,y,z) = 0$. Thus $sR \subset N$ and $Rs \subset N$. From (6), $sw(x,y,z) = sw(x,y,z) = s \cdot w(x,y,z)$. But (1) multiplied on the left by s yields $s.w(x,y,z) = -s(w,x,y)z = -s(w,x,y).z = 0$. Thus $sw \cdot (x,y,z) = 0$. From (9), we have $(s,w)(x,y,z) = -(x,w)(s,y,z) = 0$. Combining this with

$sw(x,y,z)=0$, we obtain $ws(x,y,z)=0$. Thus S is an ideal of R . The rest is obvious. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 2. $(x,y,x) \in S$.

Proof. By forming the associators of both sides of (1) with u and v , and using (6), we obtain

$$(10) \quad (w(x,y,z), u, v) + ((w,x,y) z, u, v) = 0$$

Interchanging y and x in (10) and subtracting the result from (10), we get

$$(11) \quad ((w,x,y) z, u, v) = ((w,x,z) y, u, v).$$

But $((w,x,z) y, u, v) = (y(w,x,z), u, v)$, because of (5). So that

$$(12) \quad ((w,x,y) z, u, v) = (y(w,x,z), u, v), \text{ as result of (11).}$$

Also by permuting w and y in (10), we obtain $(y(w,x,z), u, v) + ((w,x,y) z, u, v) = 0$.

This identity with (12) yields $2((w,x,y) z, u, v) = 0$. Thus

$$(13) \quad ((w,x,y) z, u, v) = 0.$$

From (6) we have $(x,y,x) \subset N$. Using (13) and (8),

we get $0 = ((x,y,x)z, u, v) = (x,y,x)(z, u, v)$ for all x, y, z, u, v in R . Hence $(x,y,z) \in S$. This complete the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 3. In an assosymmetric ring R , $((a,b,c),d) \in S$.

Proof. Using (9) we see that $((a,b,c),d) (x,y,z) = - (x, d) ((a,b,c),y,z) = 0$ because (6). Hence $((a,b,c),d) \in S$

Lemma 4. If R is a non-associative 2- and 3-divisible prime assosymmetric ring then R is a Thedy ring.

Proof: Using lemma 1 and the identity (1) we establish $S.V = 0$. Since R is prime, either $S = 0$ or $V = 0$. If $V = 0$, R is associative. But we have assumed that R is not associative. Therefore $V \neq 0$. Hence $S = 0$. From lemma 3, $((a, b, c), d) \in S$. Thus

$$(14) \quad ((a, b, c), d) = 0$$

and R is a Thedy ring.

Theorem 1: If R is a non-associative 2-and 3-divisible prime assosymmetric ring, then R is flexible.

Proof: Using lemma 1 and the identity (1) we establish that $S.I = 0$. Since R is prime, either

$S = 0$ or $I = 0$. If $I = 0$, R is associative. But we have assumed that R is not associative. Therefore $I \neq 0$. Hence $S = 0$. From lemma 2, $(x, y, x) \in S$. Thus $(x, y, x) = 0$. That is, R is flexible.

Theorem 2: A 2- and 3- divisible prime assosymmetric R is power-associative, that is $(x, x, x) = 0$.

Proof: By commuting each term in (1) with r , and using (14) we obtain

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

So that $(r, w(x, y, z)) = -(r, (w, x, y)z) = -(r, z (w, x, y))$ using (14).

By permuting cyclically $(wzyx)$, we get

$$(15) \quad (r, w(x, y, z)) = -(r, z (w, x, y)) = (r, y (z, w, x)) = -(r, x (y, z, w)).$$

We know that in an assosymmetric ring (x, x, x) is in the nucleus of R . This combined with (14) prove that (x, x, x) is in the center of R .

Next applying (15) to $(z, x (x, x, x))$, we obtain

$$(z, x (x, x, x)) = -(z, x (x, x, x)).$$

This leads to $2(z, x (x, x, x)) = 0$. So that $(z, x (x, x, x)) = 0$.

Expanding $(x, (x, x, x), z) = 0$ by using (2), we have

$$0 = x ((x, x, x), z) + (x, z) (x, x, x) + (x, (x, x, x), z).$$

However (x, x, x) is in the center of R . Thus only one term survives and we obtain

$(x, z) (x, x, x) = 0$. Since R is prime and not commutative, by similar argument in the proof of theorem 1, we obtain $(x, x, x) = 0$.

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