

On Commutativity of Primitive Rings with Some Identities

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Abstract: - In this paper, we prove that some results on commutativity of primitive rings with some identities

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I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we first study some commutativity theorems of non-associative primitive rings with some identities in the center. We show that some preliminary results that we need in the subsequent discussion and prove some commutativity theorems of non-associative rings and also non-associative primitive ring with $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$ or $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R) \forall a, b$ in R is commutative. We also prove that if R is a non-associative primitive ring with identity $(ab)^2 - b(a^2b) \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R is commutative. Also we prove that if R is an alternative prime ring with identity $b(ab^2)a - (ba^2)b \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R , then R is commutative. Some commutativity theorems for certain non-associative rings, which are generalization for the results of Johnsen and others and R.N. Gupta, are proved in this paper. Johnsen, Outcalt and Yaqub proved that if a non-associative ring R satisfy the identity $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all a, b in R , then R is commutative. The generalization of this result proved by R.D. Giri and others states that if R is a non-associative primitive ring satisfies the identity $(ab)^2 - a^2b^2 \in Z(R)$, where $Z(R)$ denoted the center, then R is commutative.

A modification of Johnsen's identity viz., $(ab)^2 = (ba)^2$ for all a, b in R for a non-associative ring R which has no element of additive order 2, is commutative was proved by R.N. Gupta [1]. R.D. Giri and others [2] generalized Gupta's result by taking $(ab)^2 - (ba)^2 \in Z(R)$.

II. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1 : If R is a 2-torsion free non-associative ring with unity satisfying $(ab)^2 = (ba)^2$, then R is commutative.

Proof : Let $a, b \in R$.

$$\text{Then } [a(1+b)^2] = [(1+b)a]^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } (a+ab)^2 = (a+ba)^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } a^2 + a(ab) + (ab)a + (ab)^2 = a^2 + a(ba) + (ba)a + (ba)^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } a(ab) + (ab)a = a(ba) + (ba)a. \quad \dots 2.1$$

substituting a by $(1+a)$ in 2.1., we get

$$(1+a)(b+ab) + (b+ab)(1+a) = (1+a)(b+ba) + (b+ba)(1+a)$$

By simplifying, ,

$$b+ab+ab+a(ab)+b+ba+ab+(ab)a = b+ba+ab+a(ba)+b+ba+ba+ba+(ba)a.$$

Using 2.1, we get

$$2(ab-ba) = 0, \text{ i.e., } ab = ba.$$

Hence R is commutative.

Theorem 2.2 : If R is a 2-torsion free non-associative primitive ring with unity

such that $(ab)^2 - (ba)^2 \in Z(R)$, for all a, b in R , then R is commutative.

Proof : Given $(ab)^2 - (ba)^2 \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.2$

Replacing b by $(b+1)$ in 2.2, and using 2.2, we obtain

$$a(ab) + (ab)a - a(ba) - (ba)a \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.3$$

Now replacing a by $a+1$ in 2.3, and using 2.3.,

we achieve, $2ab - 2ba \in Z(R)$.

$$\text{i.e., } 2(ab-ba) \in Z(R).$$

Since R is a 2-torsion free ring, $ab - ba \in Z(R)$.

We conclude that R is commutative.

Now we present, some examples to see that the unity and 2-torsion free are essential in theorems 2.2 and 2.3

Example 2.1 : The restriction on R , being 2-torsion free in theorem 2.1 is essential one. For if we consider the ring R of quaternion's over the field of order 4 namely splitting field of $x^2 + x + 1$ over Z_2 , then it is not of 2-torsion free but satisfies the identity of theorem 2.1. Yet it is non-commutative.

Example 2.2: Theorem 2.2 is false for rings without unity. In fact any nilpotent ring of index ≤ 4 and any nil ring of index 2 will trivially satisfy $(ab)^2 = (ba)^2$, but such rings may not be commutative. As an example let F be any field define an algebra A over F with basis $\{a, b, c\}$, where $ab = c$, all other products zero. A is nilpotent of index 3, A is not commutative.

It is well known that a Boolean ring satisfies $a^2 = a$, for all $a \in R$ and this implies commutativity. Similarly we can see the properties of rings in which $(ab)^2 = ab$ for each pair of elements $a, b \in R$. In [3] Quadri and others proved that an associative semi prime ring in which $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$ is commutative. In this direction we prove that a 2-torsion free non-associative ring with unity satisfying $(ab)^2 = ab \in Z(R)$ is commutative. We give an example to show that the unity is essential in the hypothesis. Also, We prove that a non-associative primitive ring (not necessarily having unity) satisfying $(ab)^2 - ab$ (or) $(ab)^2 - ba$ is central for all $a, b \in R$ is commutative.

First we prove the following theorem:

Theorem 2.3 : Let R be a 2-torsion free non-associative ring with unity satisfying $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R . Then R is commutative.

Proof : By hypothesis $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$2.4.

Replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.4. and using 2.4., we get

$$(ab)b + b(ab) + b^2 - b \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.5.$$

Again replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.5. and using it, we obtain $2b^2 \in Z(R)$

$$\text{Since } R \text{ is a 2-torsion free, } b^2 \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.6.$$

Replacing b by ab in 2.6.

$$\text{we get } (ab)^2 \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.7.$$

But by hypothesis $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$,

$$\text{hence we get } ab \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.8.$$

Now again replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.8.,

$$\text{we get } ab + ba \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.9.$$

From the equations 2.8. and 2.9. we obtain $b \in Z(R)$ for all $b \in R$.

Hence R is commutative.

Theorem 2.4. : Let R be a 2-torsion free non-associative ring with unity satisfying $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R . Then R is commutative.

Proof : Given $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$ 2.10

Replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.3.10. and using 2.10., we get

$$(ab)b + b(ab) + b^2 - b \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.11$$

Again replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.11. and using 2.11.,

$$\text{we obtain } 2b^2 \in Z(R)$$

$$\text{Since } R \text{ is a 2 torsion free, then } b^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.12.$$

Now replacing b by ab in 2.12.. we get

$$(ab)^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.13$$

But by hypothesis $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$.

$$\text{Hence we have } ba \in Z(R) \quad \dots 2.14$$

Now again replacing a by $a + 1$ in 2.14, we get

$$ba + b \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.15$$

Using 2.14 and 2.15, we obtain $b \in Z(R)$ for all $b \in R$, then R is commutative.

Theorem 2.5 : If R is a 2-torsion free primitive ring which satisfy

$$(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R) \text{ for all } a, b \text{ in } R, \text{ then } R \text{ is commutative.}$$

Proof : By hypothesis, $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$2.16

Replacing a by $a + b$ in 2.16 and using 2.16,

$$\text{we obtain } (ab)b^2 + b^2(ab) + b^4 - b^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.17$$

Now replacing a by b in $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$, we get

$$b^4 - b^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.18$$

Using 2.3.17 and 2.3.18, we obtain

$$(ab)b^2 + b^2(ab) \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.19$$

We replacing a by $a + b$ in 2.19, then $(ab)b^2 + b^4 + b^2(ab) + b^4 \in Z(R)$.

$$\text{By 2.12 } b^4 + b^4 \in Z(R), \text{ i.e., } 2b^4 \in Z(R).$$

$$\text{Since } R \text{ is a 2-torsion free ring, } b^4 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.20$$

Using 2.18 and 2.20, we obtain

$$b^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.21$$

Taking b by ab in 2.21, we get $(ab)^2 \in Z(R)$.

But by hypothesis $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$.

$$\text{Hence, } ab \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.22$$

Replacing b by $a + b$ in 2.3.21, we get $a^2 + b^2 + ab + ba \in Z(R)$.

Since $a^2, b^2 \in Z(R)$, we get

$$ab + ba \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.23$$

From 2.22 and 2.23, $ba \in Z(R)$. Hence $ab - ba \in Z(R)$.

If R is a primitive ring, then R has a maximal right ideal which contains no non-zero ideal of R . Consequently, we obtain $(ab - ba)R = 0$,

which further yields $ab - ba = 0$

Due to primitivity of R . Hence R is commutative.

Theorem 2.6 : Let R be a 2-torsion free primitive ring which satisfy the identity $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R . Then R is commutative.

Proof : Given $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$2.24

Replacing a by $a + b$ in 2.24, and using 2.3.24, we obtain
 $(ab)b^2 + b^2(ab) + b^4 - b^2 \in Z(R)$2.25

Replacing a by y in 2.24, we get

$$b^4 - b^2 \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.26$$

Using 2.25 and 2.26, we get

$$(ab)b^2 + b^2(ab) \in Z(R). \quad \dots 2.27$$

Now we replacing a by $(a + b)$ in 2.3.27, then $(ab)b^2 + b^4 + b^2(ab) + b^4 \in Z(R)$.

But by 2.27, $b^4 + b^4 \in Z(R)$, i.e., $2b^4 \in Z(R)$.

Since R is a 2 – torsion free ring, then $b^4 \in Z(R)$2.28

Using 2.26 and 2.28, we get $b^2 \in Z(R)$2.29

Now replacing b by ab in 2.29, $(ab)^2 \in Z(R)$.

By assumption, $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$. Hence, $ba \in Z(R)$. ..2.30

Replacing b by $(a + b)$ in 2.30,

we get, $ab \in Z(R)$2.31

Hence, $ab - ba \in Z(R)$.

Now using the same argument as in the proof of theorem 2.5 we conclude that R is commutative. Now we give examples showing that unity in the statement of the theorems is essential.

Example : Let $R =$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

Clearly, R is not commutative though it satisfy the relations $(ab)^2 - ab \in Z(R)$ or $(ab)^2 - ba \in Z(R)$, for all a, b in R .

Ram Awatar [4] generalized Gupta's [5] result and proved that if R is an associative semi prime ring in which $ab^2a - ba^2b$ is central, then R is commutative. In this section we show that if R is an alternative prime ring in which $(ab^2)a - (ba^2)b$ is central, then R is commutative.

Now we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2.7 : Let R be a non – associative primitive ring with unity satisfying $(ab)^2 - b(a^2b) \in Z(R)$

for all a, b in R . Then R is a commutative.

Proof: By hypothesis $(ab)^2 - b(a^2b) \in Z(R)$ 2.32

For all a, b in R .

Replacing a by $a+1$ in 2.32, we get $((a+1)b)^2 - b((a+1)^2b) \in Z(R)$.

i.e., $(ab + b)^2 - b(a^2b + 2ab + b) \in Z(R)$.

Using 2.32, we obtain $(ab)b - b(ab) \in Z(R)$ 2.33

Now replacing b by $(b+1)$ in 2.3.33 and using 2.33, we get $ab - ba \in Z(R)$.

If R is a primitive ring then R has a maximal right ideal which contains no non-zero ideal of R . Consequently, we obtain $(ab - ba)R = 0$. This further yields $ab - ba = 0$ due to primitivity of R . Hence R is commutative.

Theorem 2.3.8: Let R be an alternative prime ring with $(ab^2)a - (ba^2)b \in Z(R)$ for all a, b in R . Then R is commutative.

Proof : First we shall prove that $Z(R) \neq (0)$

Let us suppose that $Z(R) = (0)$

Hence by hypothesis, $(ab^2)a = (ba^2)b$,2.34

for all a, b in R .

Replacing b by $b+b^2$ in 2.3.34. we obtain $(a(b^2 + b^4 + 2b^3))a = (ba^2 + b^2a^2)(b+b^2)$

i.e., $(ab^2)a + (ab^4)a + 2(ab^3)a = (ba^2)b + (ba^2)b^2 + (b^2a^2)b + (b^2a^2)b^2$

i.e., $2(ab^3)a = (b^2a^2)b + (ba^2)b^2$ 2.35

Since $(b^2a^2)b = (b(ba^2))b = b(ba^2)b = b((ab^2)a) = ((ba)b^2)a = (ba)(b^2a)$

and $(ba^2)b^2 = ((ba)a)b^2 = (ba)(ab^2)$

Hence 2.35 reduced to, $2(ab^3)a = (ba)(b^2a + ab^2)$ 2.36

If R is not 2 –torsion free, 2.36, becomes $(ba)(b^2a + ab^2) = 0$

With $a = (a+b)$, this gives $(ba + b^2)(b^2a + b^3 + ab^2 + b^3) = 0$

i.e., $b^2(b^2a + ab^2) = 0$ 2.37

put $a = ra$ in 2.37, then we get

$$b^2(b^2(ra) + (ra)b^2) = 0 \quad \dots 2.38$$

since $b^2(b^2r) = b^2(rb^2)$

From 2.37 and 2.38, we have $b^2(r(b^2a + ab^2)) = 0$.

We write this as $b^2r(b^2a + ab^2) = 0$

Since R is prime, either $b^2 = 0$ or $b^2a + ab^2 = 0$. i.e., $b^2 \in Z(R) = 0$.

Thus in either case $b^2 = 0$ for every b in R .

If R is 2- torsion free, we replace b by $b + b^3$ in 2.33, and get

$$2(ab^4)a = (b^3a^2)b + (ba^2)b^3 \quad \text{or}$$

$$2(b^2a^2)b^2 = b^2((ba^2)b) + ((ba^2)b)b^2 = b^2((ab^2)a) + ((ab^2)a)b^2$$

We write this as $(b^2a^2)b^2 - b^2((ab^2)a) = ((ab^2)a)b^2 - (b^2a^2)b^2$ or

$$(b^2a)(ab^2 - b^2a) = (ab^2 - b^2a)b^2$$

We replacing a by $a + b$: Then we get

$$b^3(ab^2 - b^2a) = (ab^2 - b^2a)b^3 \quad \dots 2.39$$

For all a, b in R

Let Ib^2 be the inner derivation by b^2 i.e., $a \rightarrow ab^2 - b^2a$ and Ib^3 be the inner derivation by b^3 . Then 2.39 becomes $Ib^3(Ib^2(a)) = 0$

Thus the product of these derivation is again a derivation. we can conclude

that either b^2 or b^3 in $Z(R)$, i.e., b^2 or b^3 is zero.

If $b^3 = 0$, then 2.35, becomes $(b^2a^2)b + (ba^2)b^2 = 0$

Substituting $a+b$ for a , we get

$$(b^2a^2 + b^3 + 2b^2(ab))b + (ba^2 + b^3 + 2b(ab))b^2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } 2(b^2a)b^2 + 2(b(ab^3))b^2 = 0$$

Then we get $2(b^2a)b^2 = 0$ or $(b^2a)b^2 = 0$, Then $b^2 = 0$

Thus if $Z(R) = (0)$, then $b^2 = 0$ for every b in R .

Then $0 = (a+b) = (ab)a$ or $aR = 0$

Then $a = 0$ or $R = 0$, a contradiction. Therefore $Z(R) \neq (0)$

Taking $\lambda \neq 0$ in $Z(R)$ and let $a = a + \lambda$ in $(ab^2)a - (ba^2)b$ in $Z(R)$, we get

$$\lambda(ab^2 - 2(ba)b + b^2(a)) \text{ in } Z(R).$$

Since R is prime, we must have

$$ab^2 - 2(ba)b + b^2a \text{ in } Z(R) \quad \dots 2.40$$

if λa is in $Z(R)$, then $\lambda ab - b\lambda a = 0 = \lambda(ab - ba)$

Then, $R\lambda(ab - ba) = 0 = \lambda R(ab - ba)$ and since $\lambda \neq 0$, we have

$ab - ba = 0$, i.e., is in $Z(R)$.

In 2.3.40., let $a = ab$ and get

$$ab^2 - 2(ba)b + (b^2a)b \text{ in } Z(R), \text{ then } b \text{ is in } Z(R),$$

unless $ab^2 - 2(ba)b + b^2a = 0$. So if b is not in $Z(R)$,

$$ab^2 - 2(ba)b + b^2a = 0, \text{ for every } a \text{ in } R, \text{ and}$$

b is in $Z(R)$, then $ab^2 - 2(ba)b + b^2a$ is still zero.

$$\text{Therefore, } ab^2 + b^2a = 2(ba)b, \quad \dots 2.41$$

for every a, b in R

If R is 2-torsion free, then R is commutative.

If R is not 2-torsion free, then 2.3.41 becomes $ab^2 + b^2a = 0$ or b^2 is in $Z(R)$ for every

$$y \text{ in } R. \text{ Then } (a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + ab + ba \text{ is in } Z(R)$$

i.e., $ab + ba$ is in $Z(R)$

Let $a = ab$ and get $(ab + ba)b$ is in $Z(R)$

Then b is in $Z(R)$, unless $ab + ba = 0$, which also means b is in $Z(R)$.

Thus $Z(R) = R$ and R is commutative

We give an example showing that the unity in the statement of the theorem 2.7. is essential.

Example : Let $R =$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in Z \right\}$$

$a, b \in Z$, We can easily verify the identity of theorem 2.7. i.e., $(ab)^2 - b(a^2b) \in Z(R)$. But R is not commutative.

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