

# Assosymmetric Rings with Weak Novikov Identity

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we show that in a non-associative 2-and 3-divisible prime assosymmetric ring  $R$  satisfying the weak Novikov identity  $(w,x,yz) = y(w,x,z)$ , the square of every element of  $R$  is in the nucleus and then the non-zero idempotent  $e$  in  $R$  is the identity element of  $R$ .

## INTRODUCTION

Right alternative rings satisfying the weak Novikov identity are studied in [3] and it is shown that the square of every element of the ring is in the nucleus. Paul [4] proved that if  $R$  is a prime non-associative ring satisfying  $(x,y,z) = (x,z,y)$  and with commutators in the left nucleus, then a non-zero idempotent  $e$  is the identity element of  $R$  if and only if  $e$  belongs to the nucleus. Now we show that in a non-associative 2-and 3-divisible prime assosymmetric ring  $R$  satisfying the weak Novikov identity, the square of every element of  $R$  is in the nucleus and the non-zero idempotent  $e$  in  $R$  is the identity element of  $R$ .

## PRELIMINARIES

The commutator  $(x,y)$  of two elements  $x$  and  $y$  in a ring is defined by  $(x,y) = xy - yx$ . The associator  $(x,y,z)$  is defined by  $(x,y,z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$ , for all  $x,y,z$  in a ring. An assosymmetric ring  $R$  is a non-associative ring in which  $(x,y,z) = (P(x), P(y), P(z))$  for each permutation  $P$  of  $x, y$  and  $z$ . These rings are neither flexible nor power-associative. 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  $R$ . Let  $I$  be the associator ideal of  $R$ .  $I$  consists of the smallest ideal which contains all associators. A non-associative ring is called prime if for any two of its ideals  $A$  and  $B$  with  $AB = (0)$ , it follows that either  $A = (0)$  or  $B = (0)$ .  $R$  is called  $k$  - divisible if  $kx = 0$  implies  $x=0, x \in R$  and  $k$  is a natural number. A ring  $R$  is said to have a Peirce decomposition relative to the idempotent  $e \in R$  if  $R$  can be decomposed into a direct sum of  $R_{ij}$  ( $i,j=0,1$ ) where  $R_{ij} = \{x \in R / xe = jx \text{ and } ex = ix\}$ .

In an arbitrary ring the following identities hold:

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

$$f(w,x,y,z) = (wx,y,z) - x(w,y,z) - (x,y,z)w$$

$$(x,y,z) + (y,z,x) + (z,x,y) = (xy,z) + (yz,x) + (zx,y) \quad \dots(2)$$

And

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

Putting  $z = x$  in (3) gives

$$(xy,x) + x(x,y) = (x,y,z) \quad \dots(4)$$

In any assosymmetric ring (3) becomes :

$$(xy,z) - x(y,z) - (x,z)y = (x,y,z) \quad \dots(5)$$

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 :

$$f(w,x,y,z) = 0 \text{ , That is: } (wx,y,z) = x(w,y,z) + (x,y,z)w \quad \dots(6)$$

$$((w,x),y,z) = 0 \quad \dots(7)$$

And

$$((w,x,y),z,t) = 0 \quad \dots(8)$$

That is, every commutator and associator is in the nucleus N. Suppose that  $n \in N$ , Then with  $w = n$  in (1) we get  $(nx,y,z) = n(x,y,z)$ . Combining this with (7) yields :

$$(nx,y,z) = n(x,y,z) = (xn,y,z) \quad \dots(9)$$

From (7), we have :

$$(R, N) \subseteq N \quad \dots(10)$$

### MAIN RESULTS

**LEMMA:** If R is a 2- and 3- divisible prime assosymmetric ring, then all commutators are in the center.

**Proof :** By forming associators on each side of (4) and (7) :

$$((x,y,x),r,s) = (x(x,y),r,s) = ((x,y)x,r,s)$$

Using (1) and (7) we have :

$$((x,y)x,r,s) = (x,y) (x,r,s)$$

We conclude that :

$$((x,y,x),r,s) = (x,y) (x,r,s)$$

Linearizing (replacing x by x+t), we obtain :

$$((x,y,t) + (t,y,x),r,s) = (x,y)(t,r,s) + (t,y)(x,r,s).$$

If we substitute a commutator v for t, we see that  $(v,y) (x,r,s) = 0$ .

This can be restated as :

$((R,R),R) (R,R,R) = 0$  . But now the ideal generated by double commutators  $((R,R),R)$  (which can be characterized as all sums of double commutators plus right multiples of double commutators, because of (7)) annihilates the associator ideal. Since R is prime and not associative

$$\text{We conclude } ((R,R),R) = 0 \quad \dots(11)$$

Thus the commutators are in the center.

By forming the commutators of each side of (2) with w and using (11) it follows that

$$3((x,y,z),w) = 0$$

Thus  $((x,y,z),w) = 0$

**THEOREM 1** : If R is a non-associative 2-and 3-divisible assosymmetric ring satisfying weak Novikov identity :

$$(w,x,yz) = y(w,x,z) \quad \dots(12)$$

then  $x^2$  is in the nucleus N.

**Proof** : By taking  $w = x$  in (6), we get

$$(x^2,y,z) = x(x,y,z) + (x,y,z)x \quad \dots(13)$$

In an assosymmetric ring we have :

$$(x^2,y,z) = (y,z,x^2)$$

On the other hand (12) implies that :

$$(y,z,x^2) = x(y,z,x) = x(x,y,z)$$

Thus from (13) we must have  $(x,y,z)x = 0$

Since  $((x,y,z),x) = 0$  and  $(x,y,z)x = 0$ ,

We have  $x(x,y,z) = 0$ , so that using (13),

We get  $(x^2,y,z) = 0$ .

Therefore  $x^2$  is in the nucleus N.

We use the proof of theorem 2[4], to prove the next theorem.

**THEOREM 2** : If R is a non-associative 2- and 3- divisible prime assosymmetric ring satisfying the weak Novikov identity, then the non-zero idempotent  $e$  in R is the identity element of R.

**Proof** : From theorem 1,  $e \in N$ . By lemma 1 in Rich[5], we have a decomposition  $R = \bigoplus R_{ij}$ ,  $i,j = 0,1$  relative to  $e$  with  $R_{ij}R_{kl} \subseteq \delta_{jk}R_{il}$  ( $\delta$  denotes the kronecker delta). Now  $R_{10} = (e, R_{10}) = (R_{10}, e)$  and  $R_{01} = (R_{01}, e)$ . Since  $e \in N$  and  $(R,N) \subseteq N$ ,  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{01} \subseteq N$ . Now N is a subring of R. It follows that  $R_{10}R_{01} + R_{01}R_{10} \subseteq N$ . This, together with the property  $R_{ij}R_{kl} \subseteq \delta_{jk}R_{il}$ , allows us to conclude that :  $B = R_{10}R_{01} + R_{01}R_{10}$  is an ideal of R contained in N. Let I be the associator ideal of R. We shall show that  $BI = (0)$ . Let  $b \in B$ ,

Then using (1), we get :

$$(bx,y,z) - (b,xy,z) + (b,x,yz) = b(x,y,z) + (b,x,y)z$$

Since B is an ideal contained in N and  $b \in B$  we have :

$$(bx,y,z) = (b,xy,z) = (b,x,yz) = (b,x,y)z = 0$$

Thus, from the above equation, we get  $b(x,y,z) = 0$ .

Also, since  $b \in N$ , we get :

$$b((x,y,z)w) = (b(x,y,z))w = 0$$

Thus we have proved that  $bI = (0)$  for all  $b$  in B. Hence  $BI = (0)$ . But R is prime and non-associative . This implies that  $B = (0)$ . So we have  $R = R_{11} \oplus R_{00}$ .

Thus,  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{00}$  are ideals of R such that  $R_{11}R_{00} = (0)$ .

From the primeness of  $R$  again  $R_{11} = (0)$  or  $R_{00} = (0)$ . But  $0 \neq e \in R_{11}$  so that  $R_{11} \neq (0)$ . We must have  $R_{00} = (0)$ . This implies that  $e$  is the identity element of  $R$ .

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