

## ON CENTER OF FINITELY GENERATED LOCALLY (-1,1) RINGS

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**ABSTRACT :** A simple finitely generated locally (-1,1) ring must be an associative field.

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**INTRODUCTION :** Hentzel and smith [1] studied simple locally (-1,1) nil rings and showed that a simple locally (-1,1) nil ring of char.  $\neq 2,3$  must be associative. Hentzel [1] studied properties of nil potent ideals in semi simple (-1,1) rings which are nil. We concentrate mainly on the result of Hentzel [1] and prove that a simple finitely generated locally (-1,1) ring must be an associative field.

A ring is a (-1,1) ring if it is satisfies the conditions:

$$0 \equiv A(x,y,z) = (x,y,z) + (y,z,x) + (z,x,y). \quad \dots (1)$$

$$0 \equiv B(x,y,z) = (x,y,z) + (x,z,y). \quad \dots (2)$$

A ring is locally (-1,1) if the subring generated by any two of its elements is (-1,1). For example, both (-1,1) rings and alternative rings are locally (-1,1). In a nonassociative ring  $R$ , we define  $(x,y,z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$  and  $[x,y] = xy - yx$  for all  $x,y \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be simple if whenever  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$  then either  $A = R$  or  $A = 0$ . By the center  $Z$  of  $R$  we mean that the set of all elements  $z$  in  $N$  such that  $[z,R] = 0$  i.e.,  $Z = \{z \in N / [z,R] = 0\}$ . That is  $C$  represents set of all elements which commutes with all elements in the ring and  $c$  will always means and elements taken from  $C$ . We use the following identities which hold in locally (-1,1) ring char.  $\neq 2,3$ , which were proved by Hentzel [1]. Whereas the commutative center  $C$  is defined as  $C = \{c \in R / [c,R] = 0\}$ .

$$0 \equiv C(x,y,z) = (x,y,yz) - (x,y,z)y. \quad \dots (3)$$

$$0 \equiv D(x,y,z,w) = (x,yz,w) + (x,wz,y) - (x,z,w)y - (x,z,y)w. \quad \dots (4)$$

$$0 \equiv E(x,y,z) = (x,y^2,z) - (x,y,yz + zy). \quad \dots (5)$$

$$0 \equiv F(x,y,y',z) = (x,yy' + y'y,z) - (x,y,y'z + zy') - (x,y',yz + zy). \quad \dots (6)$$

$$0 \equiv G(x,y,z) = [x,yz] + [y,zx] + [z,xy]. \quad \dots (7)$$

$$0 \equiv H(x,y,z) = [x,[y,z]] + [y,[z,x]] + [z,[x,y]]. \quad \dots (8)$$

$$0 \equiv I(x,y,z,w) = (xy,z,w) - (x,yz,w) + (x,y,zw) - x(y,z,w) - (x,y,z)w. \quad \dots (9)$$

$$0 \equiv J(x,y,z) = [x,(y,z,x)] + [x,(z,y,x)]. \quad \dots (10)$$

$$0 \equiv K(x,y,z) = [x,(y,y,z)] + [z,(y,y,x)]. \quad \dots (11)$$

$$0 \equiv L(x,y,z) = [x,(y,y,z)] - 3[y,(x,z,y)]. \quad \dots (12)$$

$$0 \equiv M(x,y,z) = [xy,z] - x[y,z] - [x,z]y - 2(x,y,z) - (z,x,y). \quad \dots (13)$$

$$0 \equiv N(x,y,z,w) = (xy,z,w) + (x,y,[z,w]) - x(y,z,w) + (x,z,w)y. \quad \dots (14)$$

$$0 \equiv O(x,y,z,w) = ([x,y],z,w) - ([z,w],x,y) - [x,(y,z,w)] + [y,(x,z,w)]. \quad \dots (15)$$

$$0 \equiv P(x,y,z,w) = [x,(y,z,w)] - [y,(z,w,x)] + [z,(w,x,y)] - [w,(x,y,z)]. \quad \dots (16)$$

$$0 \equiv Q(x,y,c) = (x,y,c) + (y,x,c). \quad \dots (17)$$

$$0 \equiv R(c,x,y) = (c,x,y) - 2(y,x,c). \quad \dots (18)$$

$$0 \equiv S(x,y,c) = 3(x,y,c) - [x,y]c + [x,yc]. \quad \dots (19)$$

If  $S$  is a subset of a locally  $(-1,1)$  ring  $R$ , by  $S^c$  we mean  $\{x / 2^i 3^j x \in S \text{ for some } 0 \leq i, j\}$ . It is easily shown  $S^c \cdot T^c \subseteq (ST)^c$  and  $(S^c)^c = S^c$ . We call a set  $S$  fat if  $S^c = S$ .

We need the following theorem proved by Kleinfeld.

**THEOREM 1:** In any  $(-1,1)$  ring  $(x,y,(x,x,y)) = (y,x,(x,x,y)) = ((x,x,y),x,y) = (x,x,y)[x,y] = 0$ .

**PROOF :** The proof of the theorem can be found in [4, Lemmas 1,2].

**LEMMA 1:**  $A \subseteq \{x \mid 3^i x \in \text{additive subgroup generated by the set of all } (y,y,r) \text{ for all } y,r \in R\}$ .

**PROOF :** Let  $M = \{x \mid 3^i x \in \text{additive subgroup generated by the set of all } (y,y,r) \text{ for all } y,r \in R\}$ .  $(R,R,R) \subseteq M$  by [1, Lemma 2]. To show  $M$  is an ideal, by  $0 \equiv I$  it is only necessary to show  $x(y,y,r) \in M$  for all  $x,y,r$ . This follows from  $N(x,y,y,r) - C(x,y,r)$ . ♦

If  $R$  is a locally  $(-1,1)$  ring and  $k \in R$ , define  $T_a : R \rightarrow R$  by  $rT_k = rk$  (right multiplication by  $k$ ).  $T_k$  is an element of the associative ring of all endomorphism on the abelian group  $(R,+)$ . Let  $T_R =$  the subring of endomorphism on  $(R,+)$  generated by  $\{T_k \mid k \in R\}$ . Let  $I = (R,R,R)^c$ .  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $I \subseteq \{(x,x,R) \mid x \in R\}^c$  Lemma 1. Let  $T_I =$  the ideal of  $T_R$  generated by  $\{T_k \mid k \in I\}$ . We shall now derive the following identities.

**THEOREM 2:** Let  $R$  be a finitely generated locally  $(-1,1)$  ring, then  $T_i$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $T_R$ .

$$[R,R] \subseteq C. \quad \dots (20)$$

$$(C,C,R) = (C,R,C) = (R,C,C) = 0. \quad \dots (21)$$

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$$(x, x, C) = 0. \quad \dots (22)$$

$$(x, y, c)c' = (x, c'y, c). \quad \dots (23)$$

$$C \text{ is a commutative associative subring of } R. \quad \dots (24)$$

$$(vi) (x, x, y)c = (x, x, cy). \quad \dots (25)$$

**PROOF :** We prove equation (20) from equation (8).

$$0 = [[R, R], R] + [[R, R], R] + [R, R], R]$$

$$0 = [[R, R], R] \text{ by char } \neq 3 \text{ we obtain } [R, R] \subseteq C.$$

$$(21) \text{ follows from } 0 \equiv Q \text{ and } 0 \equiv R.$$

$$(22) \text{ follows from } 0 \equiv Q.$$

$$(23) \text{ follows from } 0 = N(c'y, x, c) - Q(x, c'y, c) + c' \cdot Q(y, x, c) \text{ and (ii).}$$

$$(24) \text{ follows from (21) and } 0 \equiv M.$$

$$(25) \text{ follows from } 0 = 2D(x, c, y, x) + R(c, xy, x) - R(c, y, x) \cdot x + C(c, x, y) - B(c, x, xy) + B(c, x, y) \cdot x + 2B(x, x, y) \cdot c - 2B(c, cy, x).$$

The proof of Theorem (1) begins.  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 2:** (a)  $(C, R, R) + (R, R, C) \subseteq C$ .

$$(b) (C, R, [R, R]) = ([R, R], R, C) = 0.$$

**PROOF :** From [1, Lemma 5] we have  $(C, R, R) \subseteq C$ . Since  $(x, y, c) = (z, y, x) - R(c, y, x)$ , by char.  $\neq 2$ ,  $(R, R, C) \subseteq C$ .

To prove (b), from [1, Corollary 1] we have  $(C, R, [R, R]) = 0$ . To second part is from  $([x, y], r, c) = (c, r, [x, y]) - R(c, r, [x, y])$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 3:** Let  $W = (R, R, C)$  then  $(R, R, W^i) \subseteq W^i$ .

**PROOF :** This is proved by induction. Since  $W \subseteq C$  by Lemma 2,  $(R, R, W^1) \subseteq W^1$ , and the result is true for  $i=1$ .

We now show  $(R, R, W^r) \subseteq W^r$  and  $(R, R, W^s) \subseteq W^s$  implies  $(R, R, W^{r+s}) \subseteq W^{r+s}$ .  $(R, R, W^r W^s) \subseteq (R, W^r, RW^s) + (R, W^r, W^s)R + (R, R, W^s)W^r$  by  $0 \equiv D \subseteq (R, W^r, R)W^s + 0 + (R, R, W^s)W^r$  by (23) and (21)  $\subseteq W^{r+s}$  by induction.

This finishes the poof of Lemma 3. If  $S \subseteq R$ , let  $(S)\# =$  ideal of  $R$  generated by  $S$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 4:**  $(W^i)\# = W^i + W^i R$ .

**PROOF :** It is sufficient to show that  $W^i + W^i R$  is an ideal of  $R$ .  $(W^i + W^i R)R \subseteq W^i R + W^i \cdot R^2 - (W^i, R, R) \subseteq W^i R + (R, R, W^i)$  by  $0 \equiv R \subseteq W^i + W^i R$ .  $R(W^i + W^i R) \subseteq RW^i + R(W^i) \subseteq RW^i + (R, R, W^i) \subseteq W^i + W^i R$ . Therefore  $W^i + W^i R$  is an ideal of  $R$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 5:**  $(W^i)\# \cdot (W^j)\# \subseteq (W^{i+j})\#$ .

**PROOF :** We do this proof in two parts. First  $W^i \cdot (W^j)\# = W^i(W^j + W^j R) \subseteq W^{i+j} + W^{i+j} R$  by (21). Second  $W^i R \cdot (W^j)\# \subseteq W^i \cdot R(W^j)\# + (W^i, (W^j)\#, R) \subseteq W^i(W^j)\# + W^i(W^j)\# \cdot R \subseteq$

$(W^{i+j})\#$  by the first part.  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 6:** If  $R$  is generated by a set of  $n$  elements  $G$ , then  $W^{n+1} = 0$ .

**PROOF :** We do this proof in three parts. First:  $(C, R, R) \subseteq \sum_{g \in G} (C, g, R)$

$$2(c, xy, r) = (c, xy + yx, r) + (c, [x, y], r) = (c, xy + yx, r) \text{ by (20) and (21)} = (c, x, yr + ry) + (c, y, xr + rx) \text{ by } 0 \equiv F = 2(c, x, yr) + 2(c, y, xr) \text{ by (20) and (21).}$$

$$\text{Second: } (C, a, R)(C, a, R) = 0.$$

$$(C, a, R)(C, a, R) \subseteq (C, (C, R)a, R) \text{ by (23)} \subseteq (C, (C, a, aR), R) \text{ by } 0 \equiv C = 0 \text{ by Lemma 1 and (21).}$$

Third: By  $0 \equiv R$ ,  $2W \subseteq (C, R, R)$ . Thus  $2^{n+1}W^{n+1} \subseteq (C, R, R)^{n+1}$ . We will show  $(C, R, R)^{n+1} = 0$ .

$(C,R,R)^{n+1} \subseteq \sum \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (C,x_i,R)$ , where  $x_i \in G$  by the first part. In each product  $\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (C,x_i,R)$  at least two of the  $x_i$

are identical as there are  $n+1$   $x_i$ 's taken from a set  $G$  containing  $n$  elements. By the second part  $\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (C,x_i,R) = 0$ .

We have shown  $W^{n+1} = 0$ . Let  $\langle W^i \rangle = ((W^i)\#)^c$ . For each  $I$ ,  $\langle W^i \rangle$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and from Lemma 5 we have  $\langle W^j \rangle \subseteq \langle W^{i+j} \rangle$ . ♦

**LEMMA 7:**  $I^2 \subseteq \langle W^1 \rangle$ .

**PROOF :** This proof takes four steps: (7.1),(7.2),(7.3) and (7.4).

$(a,a,x^2) = (a,ax + xa,x)$  by  $0 \equiv E = 2(a,a,x)x + (a,[a,x],x)$  by  $0 \equiv C \cdot 2(a,a,bc) = (a,a,bc + cb) + (a,a,bc + cb)$  by (i) and (iii). Combining these two statements gives use

$$2(a,a,bc) = 2(a,a,b)c + 2(a,a,c)b + (a,[a,b],c) + (a,[a,c],b). \quad \dots (7.1)$$

$$\text{We now show: } [R,I] \subseteq \langle W \rangle. \quad \dots (7.2)$$

$3R([a,c],a,b) \in W$ . By Lemma 2 we have  $[R,(R,R,R)] \subseteq W$  and thus  $[R,I] \subseteq W$ .

$$c \in I \text{ implies } (a,a,c) \in \langle W \rangle \quad \dots (7.3)$$

$$(a,a,c) = [c,a]a - [ca,a] + M(c,a,a) + B(a,c,a) \in \langle W \rangle. \quad \dots (7.4)$$

Let  $c \in I$ . By (7.1)  $2(a,a,bc) = 2(a,a,b)c + 2(a,a,c)b + (a,[a,b],c) + (a,[a,c],b)$ ;  $(a,[a,b],c)$  and  $(a,[a,c],b)$  are in  $\langle W \rangle$  by (7.3). The remaining term  $2(a,a,b)c$  must also be in  $W$ . We have shown  $(a,a,b)I \subseteq \langle W \rangle$  and thus  $I^2 \subseteq W$ . ♦

**LEMMA 8:**  $(I,I,W^i) \subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle$ .

**PROOF :** The proof of Lemma 8 takes four steps.

$$[(a,a,b),bc] = [(a,a,b)c,b] = [(a,a,cb),b] = -[(a,a,b),cb] \quad \dots (8.1)$$

By  $0 \equiv G$ , (vi) and  $0 \equiv K$ . Therefore  $[(a,a,b),bc] = 0$ .

$$((a,a,b),b,c) = 0. \quad \dots (8.2)$$

$3((a,a,b),b,c) = [(a,a,b),b]c - [(a,a,b),bc] + S((a,a,b),b,c) = 0$  by  $0 \equiv J$  and (8.1).

$$(I,I,W^i) \subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle. \quad \dots (8.3)$$

If  $c \in I$   $((a,a,b),c,z) = - (a,a,c),b,c$  by (8.2)  $\in (\langle W \rangle, b,c)$  by (7.3). Hence  $((a,a,b),c,W^i) \subseteq (\langle W \rangle, R, \langle W^i \rangle) \subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle$ . We have now shown  $(I,I,W^i) \subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle$ ; this completes the poof of Lemma (8). ♦

**LEMMA 9:**  $\langle W^i \rangle I \cdot I \subseteq W^{i+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PROOF : } (W^i)\# \cdot I \cdot I &\subseteq (W^i)\# \cdot I^2 + ((W^i)\#,I,I) \\ &\subseteq + (W^i,I,I) + (W^iR,I,I) \text{ by Lemmas (4),(5) and (7).} \\ &\subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle + W^i(R,I,I) + (W^i,I,I)R + (W^i,R,[I,I]) \end{aligned}$$

By  $0 \equiv N \subseteq \langle W^{i+1} \rangle$  by Lemmas 5,7 and 8. ♦

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**LEMMA 10:** If  $R$  has  $n$  generators, then  $T_1^{2n+2} = 0$ .

**PROOF :** Let  $I_0 = R$  and define inductively  $I_{i+1} = I_i \cdot I_1$ . It is easy to show  $I_i$  is a right ideal for each  $I$  and  $(T_1)^i \subseteq I_i$ .

By Lemma 8,  $I_{2i} \subseteq \langle W^i \rangle$ . This means  $R(T_1)^{2n+2} \subseteq I_{2n+2} \subseteq \langle W^{n+1} \rangle = 0$ .

We have finished the proof of Theorem 1.  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 11:** In a finitely generated locally (-1,1) ring  $R$ ,  $x \in (x(a,b,c)T_R)^c$  implies  $x = 0$ .

This means that if  $P$  is the right ideal generated by  $x(a,b,c)$  which has all right multiples of  $x(a,b,c)$ , but not necessarily  $x(a,b,c)$  as  $R$  might not have an identity, this right ideal is always a proper right ideal, and even if you enlarge it to  $P^c$ , it still is a proper right ideal.

**PROOF :** If  $2^i 3^j x = x(a,b,c)\tau$  for some  $\tau \in T_R$  then  $2^i 3^j x = xT_{(a,b,c)}\tau$  and iterating  $(2^i 3^j)^n x = x(T_{(a,b,c)}\tau)^n = 0$  for suitable index  $n > 0$  as  $T_{(a,b,c)}\tau \in$  the ideal  $T_1$  which is nilpotent. Therefore  $x = 0$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 12:** Suppose  $R$  is not necessarily generated. Here also  $x \in (x(a,b,c)T_R)^c$  implies  $x = 0$ .

**PROOF :** If  $x \in (x(a,b,c)T_R)^c$  then  $2^i 3^j x = xT_{(a,b,c)}\tau$  for some  $\tau \in T_R$ .  $\tau$  is a combination of sums and products of a finite number of elements of the form  $T_r : r \in R$ . Let  $R\#$  be the subring generated by  $a,b,c,x$  and the elements of which  $\tau$  was made. In  $R\#$   $x \in (x(a,b,c)T_{R\#})^c$  so  $x = 0$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 13:** If  $R$  has no proper fat right ideals then  $R$  is associative.

**PROOF :**  $I$  is a fat right ideal (actually, a fat two-sided). Thus (i)  $I = 0$  and  $R$  is associative or

(ii)  $I = R$ . In this case  $R(R,R,R) \cdot R = 0$  by Lemma 12; so  $R = 0$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**LEMMA 14:** If  $R$  has no proper ideals then  $R$  has no proper fat right ideals.

**PROOF :** Assume  $R$  has no proper ideals and that  $P$  is a proper fat right ideal of  $R$ . If  $z \in P$  then  $(R,R,z) \subseteq P$  since  $(a,b,z) = (z,b,a)$  by  $0 \equiv R$ .

We continue by letting  $A_1 = z$ ,

$$A_2 = (R,R,A_1),$$

$$A_{n+1} = (R,R,A_n).$$

Let  $A = \cup A_i$ . Now  $A \subseteq Z$  and  $A \subseteq P$ ;  $A + AR \subseteq P$  and  $A + AR$  is a 2 ideal. Thus  $A = 0$ . So  $P \cap Z = 0$ . Now  $[P^2, R] \subseteq Z$  and  $[P^2, R] \subseteq [PR, P] \subseteq P$  by  $0 \equiv G$  and (20); therefore  $[P^2, R] = 0$ . Thus  $p^2 \in P \cap Z$  so  $p^2 = 0$ . Furthermore  $(R,P,P) \subseteq (P,R,R) = 0$ ; so  $RP \cdot P = 0$ . Let  $P_1 = P + RP + (R,R,P)$ .  $P_1$  is a right ideal since  $(R,R,P)R \subseteq (R,R,R)P + (R,RR,P) + (R,PR,R)$  by  $0 \equiv D \subseteq RP + (R,R,P) \subseteq P_1$ . We will show  $P_1^c \neq R$ .  $P_1 P \subseteq P^2 + (RP) + (R,R,P)P$

$$\subseteq 0 + 0 + (R,R,P)R + (R,R,P^2) + (R,P,RP) \text{ by } 0 \equiv D$$

$$\subseteq (R,P,RP) \subseteq (R,P,PR) + (R,P,[R,P]) \subseteq (P,R,[R,P])$$

$$\subseteq P \text{ by (i) and } 0 \equiv Q.$$

Now  $P_1^c P^c \subseteq (P_1 P)^c \subseteq P$ . If  $P_1^c = R$  then  $RP \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is a two-sided, impossible. Thus  $P_1^c \neq R$ . Let us repeat this construction.

$$P_1 = (P + RP + (R,R,P))^c,$$

$$P_2 = (P_1 + RP_1 + (R,R,P_1))^c,$$

$$P_3 = (P_n + RP_n + (R,R,P_n))^c.$$

$P_i \neq R$  for all  $i$ , so  $P_i^2 = 0$ . Since  $\cup P_i$  is a two-sided, we have  $R^2 = 0$ ; this means  $RP \subseteq P$ . Therefore  $P$  is a two-ideal, contradiction.  $\blacklozenge$

**THEOREM 2:** If  $R$  is a simple locally (-1,1) ring then is an associative field.

**PROOF :** If  $R$  has no proper ideals, by Lemma 14  $R$  has no proper fat right ideals and by Lemma 13  $R$  is associative. The center of  $R$  is 0 or a field.  $[R,R] \subseteq \text{center}$ . This implies  $[x,y]^3 = 0$ ; hence  $[x,y] = 0$ .  $R$  must be commutative. A simple associative commutative ring is a field. So  $R$  is a field.     ♦

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