



**NILPOTENCY OF IDEALS GENERATED BY SETS CONTAINED IN THE CENTER**

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**ABSTRACT**

*In this paper we consider  $R$  be a nonassociative and noncommutative ring. Let  $S$  be an additive subgroup of  $R$  such that  $(S, R) = 0$ . Now we take  $V = \{x \in R / (x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } y \in R\}$ . From  $(S, R) = 0$ , it follows that  $s \in V$ , where  $s$  is in  $S$ , and  $V$  is subring of  $R$ . Using these we show that  $V$  equals the center  $C$  of  $R$ , the set  $I = S + SR$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $(S + SR)^n = S^n + S^n R$  for all positive integers  $n$ . Also it is proved that the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $S$  is nilpotent if and only if the subring generated by  $S$  is nilpotent.*

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**INTRODUCTION**

Yen and Hentzel [3] studied the nonassociative rings with the ideal generated by sets contained in two of the three nuclei. In this paper we consider  $R$  be a nonassociative and noncommutative ring. The associator  $(a, b, c)$  and commutator  $(x, y)$  are defined by  $(a, b, c) = (ab)c - a(bc)$ ,  $(x, y) = xy - yx$  for all  $a, b, c, x, y$  in  $R$ . The nucleus  $N$  and center  $C$  of  $R$  are defined by  $N = \{n \in R / (n, R, R) = (R, n, R) = (R, R, n) = 0\}$  and center  $C = \{c \in N / (c, R) = 0\}$ . The ideal of  $R$  is nilpotent if there is a positive integer  $n$  such that every product involving  $n$  elements is zero. In any nonassociative ring we have the Teichmuller identity  $(ab, c, d) - (a, bc, d) + (a, b, cd) = a(b, c, d) + (a, b, c)d$ . Thus  $(R, R, R) + (R, R, R)R = (R, R, R) + R(R, R, R)$ . Kleinfeld [1] showed that  $(R, R, R) + (R, R, R)R$  is an ideal of  $R$ . This is called the associator ideal. It is the ideal which is generated by all associators. Similarly, we have  $(R, R) + (R, R)R = (R, R) + R(R, R)$ . Let  $S$  be an additive subgroup of  $R$  such that  $(S, R) = 0$ . So  $S + SR = S + RS$ . Examples of  $S$  are  $(R, R)$  and  $(R, R, R)$ . Now we take  $V = \{x \in R / (x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } y \in R\}$ . From  $(S, R) = 0$ , it follows that  $s \in V$  where  $s$  is in  $S$  and  $V$  is a subring of  $R$ . Using these we show that  $V$  equals the center  $C$  of  $R$ . Thus  $S$  is contained in the center  $C$  of  $R$ . Then we prove that the set  $I = S + SR$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $(S + SR)^n = S^n + S^n R$  for all positive integers  $n$ . Also we show that the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $S$  is nilpotent if and only if the subring generated by  $S$  is nilpotent.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Let  $R$  be a nonassociative and noncommutative ring. Let  $S$  be an additive subgroup of  $R$  such that

$$(S, R) = 0 \tag{1}$$

Now we take  $V = \{x \in R / (x, y) = 0, \text{ for all } y \in R\}$ . From (1) it follows that  $s \in V$  where  $s$  is in  $S$  and  $V$  is a subring of  $R$ . We now prove the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1:** The set  $W = \{s / s \in V, R s \subset V\}$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $(x, y, s) \in W$  and  $(s, y, x) \in W$ , for  $s \in V$  and all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Proof:** From (1), we see that  $W$  is a two sided ideal of  $R$ . From the Teichmuller identity  $a(b, c, d) + (a, b, c)d = (ab, c, d) - (a, bc, d) + (a, b, cd)$ , which holds in any ring, we get  $z(x, y, s) = (zx, y, s) - (z, xy, s) + (z, x, ys) - (z, x, y)s \in V$ , since  $V$  is a subring of  $R$  and (1) holds. Similarly we get  $z(s, y, x) = (s, y, x)z \in V$ . Hence  $(x, y, s) \in W$  and  $(s, y, x) \in W$ .

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**Lemma 2:** Let R be a ring without non zero ideals  $\neq R$  satisfying  $(S, R) = 0$ . Then V equals the center C of R.

**Proof:** The ideal W of lemma 1 is contained in V of R. Since R has no non trivial ideal either  $W=R$  or  $W = 0$ . If  $W = R$ , then R is commutative, which is a contradiction to our assumption. Hence  $W \neq R$ . So  $W=0$ . Then from lemma 1 we get  $(x, y, s) = 0$  and  $(s, y, x) = 0$ , for all  $s \in S, x, y \in R$ . We know the semijacobi identity  $(x, z, y) = (x, y, z) + (z, x, y) - (xy, z) + (x, z)y - x(y, z)$ , which holds in any ring, we get  $(x, s, y) = (x, y, s) + (s, x, y) - (xy, s) + (x, s)y - x(y, s) = 0$ , from (1),  $(x, y, s) = 0$  and  $(s, y, x) = 0$ . Hence S contained in the nucleus N of R. Therefore V equals the center C of R.

## MAIN RESULTS

From lemma 2 we have that S is contained in the center C of R. Let the set  $I=S+SR$ . From (1) we have  $S+SR=S+RS$ . By assumption  $SR \subset I$  and  $RS \subset I$ .

**Lemma 3:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ , then the set  $I=S+SR$  is a two sided ideal of R.

**Proof:** Since S is in the center of R,  $RI=R(S+SR)=RS+R.SR=RS+RS$ .  $R \subset I+IR$  and  $IR=(S+SR)R=SR+RS$ .  $R=SR+R.SR \subset I+RI$ . Hence  $I+IR=I+RI$ . Now  $IR=(S+SR)R=SR+SR.R =SR+SR^2 \subset I$ . So I is a right ideal of R. Since  $I+IR=I+RI$ , we have that I is a left ideal of R. Hence I is an ideal of R.

**Lemma 4:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R)=0$ , then  $S^n+S^nR=S^n+RS^n$  for all positive integers n.

**Proof:**  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} S^i$  is an associative subring contained in the center of R. So  $(S^i, S^j, R) = (S^i, R, S^j) = (R, S^i, S^j) = 0$  for all integers  $i, j \geq 1$ . By induction, it is true for  $n=1$ . We assume the result for n. Then we get  $S^{n+1}R=S^n.S.R=S^n.SR \subset S^n(S+RS)=S^{n+1}+S^n.RS=S^{n+1}+S^nR.S \subset S^{n+1}+(S^n+S^nR)S=S^{n+1}+S^nR.S =S^{n+1}+RS^n.S=S^{n+1}+R.S^{n+1}$  and  $RS^{n+1}=R.S^n.S=RS^n.S \subset (S^n+S^nR)S=S^{n+1}+S^nR.S=S^{n+1}+S^n.RS \subset S^{n+1}+S^n.(S+SR) = S^{n+1}+S^n.SR=S^{n+1}+S^{n+1}.R$ .

So,  $S^{n+1}+S^{n+1}R=S^{n+1}+RS^{n+1}$ , for all positive integers n. This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 5:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ , then  $S^n+S^nR=S^n+RS^n$  is the ideal of R generated by  $S^n$  for all positive integers n.

**Proof:** From lemma 4, we have  $S^n+S^nR=S^n+RS^n$ . If we replace S by  $S^n$  in lemma 3, we get the ideal  $S^n+S^nR=S^n+RS^n$ , where n is any positive integer.

**Lemma 6:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ , then  $S^iR.S^jR \subset S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}R$  for all integers  $i, j \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Since S is in the center C of R, by lemma 5,  $S^iR.S^jR=S^i.R(S^jR) \subset S^i.(S^jR) \subset S^i(S^j+S^jR)=S^{i+j}+S^i(S^jR)=S^{i+j}+(S^i.S^j).R=S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}R$ .

**Lemma 7:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ , then  $S^iR.S^j \subset S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}R$  for all integers  $i, j \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Since S is in the center C of R and using lemma 5,  $S^iR.S^j=S^i.RS^j \subset S^i(S^j+S^jR) =S^{i+j}+S^i.S^jR = S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}.R$ .

**Lemma 8:** If S is an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ , then  $(S+SR)^n = S^n+S^nR$  for all positive integers n.

**Proof:** We assume the result for all positive integers  $m \leq n$ . Then using this inductive hypothesis, the lemma 7 and lemma 6 for all integers i and j,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , we get  $(S+SR)^{i+j}=(S+SR)^i(S+SR)^j=(S^i+S^iR)(S^j+S^jR) =S^{i+j}+S^i.S^jR+S^iR.S^j+S^iR.S^jR = S^{i+j}+S^iS^j.R+S^iR.S^j+S^iR.S^jR=S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}R$ .

Therefore  $(S+SR)^{i+j} = S^{i+j}+S^{i+j}R$ .

This proves the lemma

Now we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem:** Let R be a non associative, non commutative ring and S be an additive subgroup of R such that  $(S, R) = 0$ . The ideal of R generated by S is nilpotent if and only if the subring generated by S is nilpotent.

**Proof:** If the ideal of R generated by S is nilpotent then  $(S+SR)^n = 0$ . From lemma 8 it follows that  $S^n+S^nR = 0$ . So the subring generated by S is nilpotent. The converse follows similarly.

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