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### Associators in the Nucleus of Antiflexible Rings

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#### Abstract

In this paper, first we prove that if  $R$  is a semi prime third power associative ring of char  $\neq 2$  then either  $N = C$  or  $R$  is associative. Using this result we prove that if  $R$  is a simple third power associative antiflexible ring of char  $\neq 2,3$  satisfying  $(x, x, y) = k(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $k \neq 0$  and  $3k^2 + 2k + 1 \neq 0$  then either  $R$  is associative or nucleus equals center.

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#### Introduction

E. Kleinfeld and M. Kleinfeld [3] studied a class of Lie admissible rings. Also in [4] they have proved some results of a simple Lie admissible third power associative ring  $R$  satisfying an equation of the form  $(x, y, x) = k(x, x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $k \neq 0, 1$  and  $k^2 + 2 \neq 0$ . In this paper, we prove that if  $R$  is a simple third power associative antiflexible ring of char  $\neq 2, 3$  satisfying  $(x, x, y) = k(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $k \neq 0$  and  $3k^2 + 2k + 1 \neq 0$  then either  $R$  is associative or nucleus equals center.

#### Preliminaries

Let  $R$  be a non associative ring. We denote the commutator and the associator by  $(x, y) = xy - yx$  and  $(x, y, z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$  respectively. The nucleus  $N$  of a ring  $R$  is defined as  $N = \{ n \in R / (n, R, R) = (R, n, R) = (R, R, n) = 0 \}$ . The center  $C$  of ring  $R$  is defined as  $C = \{ c \in N / (c, R) = 0 \}$ . A ring  $R$  is called simple if  $R^2 \neq 0$  and the only non-zero ideal of  $R$  is itself. A ring  $R$  is called Prime if whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are ideals of  $R$  such that  $AB = 0$ , then either  $A = 0$  (or)  $B = 0$ .

#### Main Results

Let  $R$  be an antiflexible, then it satisfies the identity

$$A(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) = (z, y, x) \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

By the third power associativity, we have

$$(x, x, x) = 0 \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Linearizing of (2) gives

$$B(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y) = 0 \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

We use the following two identities Teichmuller and semi Jacobi which holds in all rings

$$C(w, x, y, z) = (wx, y, z) - (w, xy, z) + (w, x, yz) - w(x, y, z) - (w, x, y)z = 0 \quad \text{-----(4)}$$

$$\text{And } D(x, y, z) = (xy, z) - x(y, z) - (x, z)y - (x, y, z) - (z, x, y) + (x, z, y) = 0 \quad \text{-----(5)}$$

$$\text{We denote } E(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y) \quad \text{-----(6)}$$

Then from  $D(x, y, z) - D(y, x, z)$ , we obtain

$$((x, y), z) + ((y, z), x) + ((z, x), y) = E(x, y, z) - E(x, z, y) \quad \text{-----(7)}$$

As we observed by Maneri in [1], in any arbitrary ring with elements  $w, x, y, z$  we have

$$0 = C(w, x, y, z) - C(x, y, z, w) + C(y, z, w, x) - P(z, w, x, y) \\ = E(wx, y, z) - E(xy, z, w) + E(yz, w, x) - E(zw, x, y) - (w, (x, y, z)) + (x, (y, z, w)) - (y, (z, w, x)) + (z, (w, x, y)).$$

We now assume that  $R$  satisfies identity (3),  $E(a, b, c) = 0$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .

So the above equation imply

$$(w, (x, y, z)) + (x, (y, z, w)) - (y, (z, w, x)) + (z, (w, x, y)) = 0 \quad \text{-----(8)}$$

Let  $N$  be the nucleus of  $R$  and let  $n \in N$ . By substituting  $n$  for  $w$  in (8), we get

$$(n, (x, y, z)) = 0 \quad \text{-----(9)}$$

i.e.,  $n$  commutes with all associators.

The combination of (9) & (4) yields

$$(n, w(x, y, z)) = - (n, (w, x, y)z) \quad \text{-----(10)}$$

If u and v are two associators in R, then substituting z=n, x=u, y=v in (5), we get

$$(uv, n) = 0 \quad \text{-----(11)}$$

If u = (a, b, c) then ((a, b, c)v, n) = 0

Using (10), we have - (a(b, c, v),n) = 0

From this and (5), we obtain -a((b, c, v),n) - (a, n)(b, c, v) = 0

Using (9), we have (a, n) (b, c, v) = 0 \quad \text{-----(12)}

Now we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem:** If R is semiprime third power associative ring of char ≠ 2 which satisfies (3), then either N = C (or) R is associative.

**Proof:**

If N ≠ C, then there exist n ∈ N and a ∈ R such that (a, n) ≠ 0.

Hence from (12), we have (b, c, v) = 0 for all associators v and b, c ∈ R.

We can write this as (R, R, (R, R, R)) = 0.

By putting v = (q, r, s) in (11), we get (u(q, r, s), n) = 0

Using (10) this leads to -((u, q, r)s, n) = 0.

From this and (5), we obtain (u, q, r) (s, n) = 0.

Since N ≠ C, we have (u, q, r) = 0 for all associators u and q,r ∈ R.

We can write this as ((R, R, R), R, R) = 0.

Using (R, R, (R, R, R)) = 0 = ((R, R, R), R, R) the identity (3) gives (R, (R, R, R), R) = 0

Thus (R,R,R) ⊆ N. Since R is semiprime, we use the result in [1] to conclude that R must be associative.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Henceforth we assume that R satisfies an equation of the form

$$(x, x, y) = k (y, x, x) \quad \text{-----(13)}$$

for all x, y ∈ R, k ≠ 0 and using (3), identity (13) implies

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

Putting y=x, z=y => (x, x, y) + (x, y, x) + (y, x, x) = 0

$$k(y, x, x) + (x, y, x) + (y, x, x) = 0$$

$$(k+1) (y, x, x) + (x, y, x) = 0$$

$$(x, y, x) = - (k+1) (y, x, x)$$

$$= - (k+1) (x, x, y)$$

$$= - \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) (x, x, y) \quad \text{(by (1) & (13))} \quad \text{-----(14)}$$

**Lemma:** Let T = { t ∈ R / (t, N) = 0 = (tR, N) = (Rt, N) }. Then T is an ideal of R.

**Proof:** Let t ∈ T, n ∈ N and x, y, z ∈ R.

Then (t.xy, n) = (t.xy, n) = 0 .

Using (9) and the definition of T. Also (5) implies (y.tx, n) = (y,n).tx.

But (5) also yields (yt, n) = (y, n)t = 0 since (yt,n) = 0.

Now, ((y, n), t, x) = ((y, n).t)x - (y, n).tx

$$= 0 - (y, n).tx$$

$$= - (y.tx, n)$$

or (y.tx, n) = - ((y, n), t, x) \quad \text{-----(15)}

Now consider, ((y, n), x, x) = (yn, x, x) - (ny, x, x) \quad \text{-----(16)}

Using (14), (x, x, yn) = k (yn, x, x)

While 0 = C (x, x, y, n) = (x, x, yn) - (x, x, y)n and

0 = C (n, y, x, x) = (ny, x, x) - n(y, x, x)

Substitute this in (16) and using (14) & (9) gives

$$((y, n), x, x) = (yn, x, x) - (ny, x, x)$$

$$= (x, x, yn) - n(y, x, x) \quad \text{(by (1))}$$

$$= (x, x, yn) - n(x, x, y) \quad \text{(by (1))}$$

$$= (x, x, y)n - n(x, x, y) \quad \text{(by (4))}$$

$$= ((x, x, y), n)$$

$$= 0$$

Linearizing the above identity, we get

$$((y, n), x, z) = -((y, n), z, x) \text{-----(17)}$$

Again consider  $((x, n), y, x) = (xn, y, x) - (nx, y, x)$  -----(18)

From  $C(x, n, y, x) = 0$ , it follows that  $(xn, y, x) = (x, ny, x)$

From (14), it follows that

$$(x, ny, x) = -(k+1)(x, x, ny) \text{ (by (14))}$$

$$= -(k+1)(ny, x, x) \text{ (by (1))}$$

And from  $C(n, y, x, x) = 0$  we have

$$(ny, x, x) = n(y, x, x)$$

Thus we have  $(x, ny, x) = -(k+1)(x, x, ny)$  -----(19)

From  $C(n, x, y, x) = 0$ , it follows that  $(nx, y, x) = n(x, y, x)$

While from (14), we have  $n(x, y, x) = -(k+1)n(x, x, y)$

Therefore  $(nx, y, x) = n(x, y, x) = -(k+1)n(x, x, y)$  -----(20)

Substitute (19) & (20) in (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned} ((x, n), y, x) &= (xn, y, x) - (nx, y, x) \\ &= -(k+1)n(x, x, y) + (k+1)n(x, x, y) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \text{----- (21)}$$

Linearizing (21), we get

$$((x, n), y, z) = -((z, n), y, x) \text{-----(22)}$$

Combining (17) and (22), we get  $((\pi(x), n), \pi(y), \pi(z)) = \text{Sgn}(\pi)((x, n), y, z)$  -----(23)

for every permutation  $\pi$  on the set  $\{x, y, z\}$ .

Applying (23), we see that  $((y, n), t, x) = ((y, n), x, t)$  (by (17))

$$= -((t, n), x, y) \text{ (by (22))}$$

$$= ((t, n), y, x) \text{ (by (17))}$$

$$= 0 \text{ (by defn. of T)}$$

Combined this with (15), we obtain  $(y, tx, n) = 0$

So T is a right ideal of R. By using the anti-isomorphic ring, we similarly prove that T is a left ideal of R.

Therefore T is an ideal of R.

**Theorem:** If R is a simple third power associative antiflexible ring with (13) of char  $\neq 2, 3$  is either associative or satisfies nucleus equals center,  $N = C$ .

**Proof:** Simplicity of R implies either that  $T = R$  or  $T = 0$ .

If  $T = R$ , then  $N = C$ .

Hence assume that  $T = 0$ .

Let  $u = (a, b, c)$  be an arbitrary associator with elements  $a, b, c \in R$ .

We have already observed that for every associator  $v$ , we have  $(uv, n) = 0$ .

Now using  $(C(u, x, x, y), n) = 0$  and (9) gives

$$((u, x, x)y, n) = -(u(x, x, y), n) = 0$$

Using  $(C(y, x, x, u), n) = 0$  gives  $(y(x, x, u), n) = -((y, x, x)u, n) = 0$

Also (14) implies that  $y(x, x, u) = k y(u, x, x)$

$$\Rightarrow y(u, x, x) = \frac{1}{k} y(x, x, u)$$

So  $(y(u, x, x), n) = 0$  Since  $((u, x, x), n) = 0$  (by (7))

$$\text{We have } (u, x, x) \in T.$$

Since we are assuming  $T = 0$ , we have  $(u, x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

Using this in (14), we get

$$(x, u, x) = 0 \text{ and } (x, x, u) = 0$$

Thus  $(x, u, x) = (x, x, u) = (u, x, x) = 0$  -----(24)

For  $a, b \in R$ , we define  $a \equiv b$  if and only if  $(a-b, n) = 0$  for all  $n \in N$ .

Let  $\alpha = x(y, x, z)$

Because of (9), all associators are congruent to zero.

Thus  $C(x, y, x, z) = 0$  Implies  $\alpha = -(x, y, x)z$ .

Equ (14) implies  $\alpha = -(x, y, x)z = (k+1)(y, x, x)z$

By using  $C(w, x, y, z) = 0$  continuously and (14) yields

$$\alpha = x(y, x, z)$$

$$\equiv -(x, y, x)z$$

$$\equiv \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)(x, x, y)z \text{ (by (14))}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv - \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) x(x, y, z) \\ &\equiv \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) (x, x, y)z \\ &\equiv (k+1) (y, x, x)z \\ &\equiv - (k+1) y(x, x, z) \\ &\equiv k y(x, z, x) \\ &\equiv - k (y, x, z)x \\ &\equiv k y(x, z, x) \\ &\equiv - k (k+1) y(z, x, x) \\ &\equiv k (k+1) (y, z, x)x \text{ -----(25)} \end{aligned}$$

Permuting y and z in (25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \beta = x(z, x, y) &= - (x, z, x)y \\ &= \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) (x, x, z)x \\ &= - \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) x(x, z, x) \\ &= \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) (x, x, z)y \\ &= (k+1) (z, x, x)y \\ &= - (k+1) z(x, x, y) \\ &= k z(x, y, x) \\ &= - k (z, x, y)x \\ &= k z(x, y, x) \\ &= - k (k+1) z(y, x, x) \\ &= k (k+1) (z, y, x)x \text{ -----(26)} \end{aligned}$$

From identity (3) we obtain

$$x(x, y, z) + x(z, x, y) = - x(y, z, x) \text{ -----(27)}$$

using (25) and (26) in (27), we get

$$\left(-\frac{k}{k+1}\right)\alpha + \beta = - x(y, z, x) \text{ -----(28)}$$

However  $C(x, y, z, x) = 0$  gives  $-x(y, z, x) \equiv (x, y, z)x$

$$\text{Thus } \left(-\frac{k}{k+1}\right)\alpha + \beta = (x, y, z)x \text{ -----(29)}$$

However using (1) and  $C(z, x, x, x) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x, x, z)x &= (z, x, x)x \quad (\text{by (1)}) \\ &= - z(x, x, x) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(x, x, x) = 0$ , we have  $(x, x, z)x = 0$

Linearization of this gives

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z)x + (y, x, z)x + (x, x, z)y &\equiv 0 \\ \text{or } (x, y, z)x &\equiv - (y, x, z)x - (x, x, z)y \text{ -----(30)} \end{aligned}$$

Using (29), (25) and (26) in (30), we get

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{k}{k+1}\alpha + \beta &= \frac{\alpha}{k} - \frac{k}{k+1}\beta \\ \frac{\alpha}{k} + \frac{k}{k+1}\alpha &= \beta + \frac{k}{k+1}\beta \\ \left(\frac{k^2+k+1}{k(k+1)}\right)\alpha &= \left(\frac{2k+1}{k+1}\right)\beta \end{aligned}$$

Using (25) and (26) to substitute for  $\frac{\alpha}{k+1}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{k+1}$  in the above equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{k^2+k+1}{k}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{k}\right)x(x, y, z) &\equiv (2k+1)\left(-\frac{1}{k}\right)x(x, z, y) \\ \Rightarrow (k^2+k+1)x(x, y, z) &\equiv (2k^2+k)x(x, z, y) \text{ -----(31)} \end{aligned}$$

Linearizing (31), we obtain

$$(k^2+k+1)(w(x, y, z) + x(w, y, z)) \equiv (2k^2+k)(w(x, z, y) + x(w, z, y)) \text{ -----(32)}$$

By substituting  $w=u=(a, b, c)$  in (32) and using (11), we get

$$(k^2+k+1)x(u, y, z) \equiv (2k^2+k)x(u, z, y) \text{ -----(33)}$$

Linearizing (24) we have  $(u, z, y) = - (u, y, z)$

Using this in (33), we obtain

$$(k^2+k+1)x(u, y, z) \equiv - (2k^2+k)x(u, y, z)$$

$$(3k^2+2k+1) x(u, y, z) = 0$$

Thus if  $(3k^2+2k+1) \neq 0$ , we have  $x(u, y, z) \equiv 0$

or  $[x(u, y, z), n] = 0$  for all  $n \in N$

Thus  $(u, y, z) \in T$ . Since  $T = 0$ , we have  $(u, y, z) = 0$

Similarly,  $(\frac{k^2+k+1}{k(k+1)}) \alpha \equiv (\frac{2k+1}{k+1}) \beta$  also yields

$$(k^2+k+1) (y, z, x)x \equiv (2k^2+k) (z, y, x)x$$

Linearizing the above equation, we get

$$(k^2+k+1) ((y, z, x)w + (y, z, w)x) = (2k^2+k) ((z, y, x)w + (z, y, w)x)$$

Putting  $w=u=(a, b, c)$  in above and using (11), using  $(z, y, x)u = 0$  and  $(y, z, x)u = 0$ , we get

$$(k^2+k+1) (y, z, u)x \equiv (2k^2+k) (z, y, u)x$$

linearizing (24), we have  $(z, y, u) = -(y, z, u)$

using this in the previous equ, we obtain

$$(k^2+k+1) (y, z, u)x \equiv -(2k^2+k) (y, z, u)x$$

$$\Rightarrow (3k^2+2k+1) (y, z, u)x = 0$$

Thus if  $(3k^2+2k+1) \neq 0$ , we have  $(y, z, u)x \equiv 0$

or  $[(y, z, u), n] = 0$  for all  $n \in N$

Using  $C(x, y, z, u) = 0$  and  $(x, y, z)u = 0$

$$x(y, z, u) = 0 \text{ or } (x(y, z, u), n) = 0 \text{ for all } n \in N.$$

Thus  $(y, z, u) \in T$ . Since  $T = 0$  we have  $(y, z, u) = 0$

Now we have both  $(y, z, u) = 0$  and  $(u, y, z) = 0$ .

Using these two equations in (3) we get  $(z, u, y) = 0$

Now we are in the situation where all associators are in the nucleus.

i.e.,  $(R, R, R) \subseteq N$ .

we use result in [2] to conclude that  $R$  must be associative.

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