# PF-rings of skew generalized power series

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#### Abstract

Let R be a ring which is S-compatible and  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz. In this paper, we investigate that the skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  is a PF-ring if and only if for any two S-indexed subsets P and Q of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$  and there exists  $a \in ann_R(P)$  such that qa = q for all  $q \in Q$ . Further, we prove that if R be a Noetherian ring then  $R[[S, \omega]]$  is a PP-ring if and only if R is a PP-ring.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1974, Armendariz [4] proved that if the product of two polynomials over a reduced ring (that is, a ring without nonzero nilpotent elements) is zero, then the products of their coefficients are all zero, that is, for the polynomial ring R[x] the following holds:

if 
$$f(x)g(x) = 0$$
 for any  $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$   
then  $a_ib_j = 0$  for all  $i, j$ , where  $a_i, b_j \in R$ .  $(\tau)$ 

This property ( $\tau$ ) is known as the Armendariz property. In 1997, Rage and Chhawchharia [18] used this property and coined the definition of Armendariz ring. According to the definition, a ring Rsatisfying the property( $\tau$ ) is called Armendariz ring. Some basic properties, examples and various generalization of Armendariz rings were studied by several authors in [4, 6, 7, 8, 18]. Recently, Marks et al. [15, 16] introduced the concept of Armendariz property for skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$ , which is known as  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz property; and also studied the properties of skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  related to semicommutative and abelian rings using  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz property.  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz property can also be used to study other properties of skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  related to ring structures such as PF-ring and PPring. A ring R is called a PF-ring (resp. PP-ring) if every principal ideal is flat (resp. projective); further, if R is a Noetherian ring then these two notations are equal [21, Corollary 4.3].

Al-Ezeh [1] proved that a ring R is a PF-ring if and only if  $ann_R(m)$  for each  $m \in R$  is a pure ideal (that is, for all  $b \in ann_R(r)$  there exists  $c \in ann_R(r)$  such that bc = b). In [2], Al-Ezeh also proved that the power series ring R[[X]] is a PF-ring if and only if for any two countable subsets  $P = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, ...\}$  and  $Q = \{q_1, q_2, ...\}$  of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ , there exists  $r \in ann_R(P)$ such that qr = q for all  $q \in Q$ . Further, J.H. Kim [9] showed that for a Noetherian ring R, R[[X]] is a PF (resp. PP)-ring if and only if R is a PF (resp. PP)-ring. Later, Liu and Ahsan [13] investigated that the ring  $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$  of generalized power series is a PP-ring if and only if R is a PP-ring and every S-indexed subset C of B(R) (set of all idempotents of R) has a least upper bound in B(R).

**Tbilisi Mathematical Journal** 4 (2011), pp. 39–44. Tbilisi Centre for Mathematical Sciences. *Received by the editors:* 29 March 2011; 20 September 2011 . *Accepted for publication:* 04 November 2011 . In this paper, R and S denote an associative ring with identity and monoid, respectively. We here extend the above results to skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  using  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz property.

### 2 Preliminaries and Definitions

This section deals with the fundamentals of the skew generalized power series rings,  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz rings and S-compatible rings.

Firstly, in order to define skew generalized power series ring, we need to give the following definitions. Let  $(S, \leq)$  be a partial ordered set,  $(S, \leq)$  is called artinian if every strictly decreasing sequence of elements of S is finite, and  $(S, \leq)$  is called narrow if every subset of pairwise orderincomparable elements of S is finite. Thus,  $(S, \leq)$  is artinian and narrow if and only if every nonempty subset of S has at least one but only a finite number of minimal elements.

An ordered monoid is a pair  $(S, \leq)$  consisting of a monoid S and an order  $\leq$  on S such that for all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $a \leq b$  implies  $ca \leq cb$  and  $ac \leq bc$ . An ordered monoid  $(S, \leq)$  is said to be strictly ordered if for all  $a, b, c \in S$ , a < b implies ca < cb and ac < bc (for more details see [19, 20]).

Let R be a ring,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid and  $\omega : S \to \operatorname{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism. For  $s \in S$ , let  $\omega_s$  denote the image s under  $\omega$ , that is,  $\omega_s = \omega(s)$ . Let A be a set of functions  $\alpha : S \to R$  such that the  $\operatorname{supp}(\alpha) = \{s \in S : \alpha(s) \neq 0\}$  is an artinian and narrow. Then for any  $s \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in A$  the set  $X_s(\alpha, \beta) = \{(x, y) \in \operatorname{supp}(\alpha) \times \operatorname{supp}(\beta) : s = xy\}$  is finite. Thus, one can define the product of  $\alpha\beta : S \to R$  of  $\alpha, \beta \in A$  as follows:

$$(\alpha\beta)(s) = \sum_{(x,y)\in X_s(\alpha,\beta)} \alpha(x)\omega_x(\beta(y));$$

with point-wise addition and multiplication as defined above, A becomes a ring, called the ring of skew generalized power series with coefficients in R and exponents in S, denoted by  $R[[S, \omega, \leq]]$  (or by  $R[[S, \omega]]$ ). The skew generalized power series ring is common generalization of (skew) polynomial rings, (skew) power series rings, (skew) Laurent polynomial rings, (skew) Laurent power series rings, (skew) monoid rings, Mal'cev-Neumann Laurent series rings, and generalized power series rings. We will use the symbol 1 to denote the identity elements of S, the ring R, and the ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  as well as the trivial monoid homomorphism  $1: S \to End(R)$  that send the every element of S to identity endomorphism.

Let  $r \in R$  and  $s \in S$ , and define a mappings  $c_r, e_s \in R[[S, \omega]]$  as follows:

$$c_r(x) = \begin{cases} r & \text{if } x = 1\\ 0 & \text{if } x \in S \setminus \{1\}, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad e_s(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = s\\ 0 & \text{if } x \in S \setminus \{s\}, \end{cases}$$

then it is clear that the ring R is canonically embedded as a subring of  $R[[S, \omega]]$ , and S is canonically embedded as a submonoid of  $(R[[S, \omega]] - \{1\})$ , and  $e_s c_r = c_{\omega_s(r)} e_s$ .

Moreover, for each nonempty subset X of R we write  $X[[S, \omega]] = \{\alpha \in R[[S, \omega]] : \alpha(x) \in X \cup \{0\}$ for every  $s \in S\}$ , denotes the subsets of  $R[[S, \omega]]$ , and for each nonempty subset Y of  $R[[S, \omega]]$ ,  $C_Y = \{\beta(t) : \beta \in y \text{ and } t \in S\}$ , denotes the subset of R (for more details see [14, 15, 16]). With the help of the definition of skew generalized power series ring, Marks et al. [15, 16] introduced the definition of  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz ring such as:

**Definition 2.1.** Let R be a ring,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid, and  $\omega : S \to \text{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism. A ring R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz if whenever  $\alpha\beta = 0$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in R[[S, \omega]]$ , then  $\alpha(s)\omega_s(\beta(t)) = 0$  for all  $s, t \in S$ . If  $S = \{1\}$ , then every ring is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz.

**Definition 2.2.** An endomorphism  $\sigma$  of a ring R is called compatible if for all  $ab \in R$  implies  $a\sigma(b) = 0$ . Let R be a ring,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid and  $\omega : S \to \text{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism. Then R is called S-compatible if  $\omega_s$  is compatible for all  $s \in S$  (for more details [16]).

#### 3 Main results

For the purpose of this section we consider a ring R,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid and  $\omega : S \to \text{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism. In this section, we study main results on PF-rings and PP-rings related to the skew generalized power series ring[ $[S, \omega]$ ]. To prove the main results of this section, we need to invoke Lemma 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 due to Marks et al. [16].

**Lemma 3.1.** Let R be a ring,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid,  $\omega : S \to \text{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism and  $A = R[[S, \omega]]$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) R is S-compatible.
- (ii) for any  $a \in R$  and any nonempty subset  $Y \subseteq A$ ,  $a \in ann_R(C_Y) \Leftrightarrow c_a \in ann_A(Y)$ .

*Proof.* See [16, Lemma 3.1].

**Proposition 3.2.** Let R be a ring,  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid,  $\omega : S \to \text{End}(R)$  a monoid homomorphism and  $A = R[[S, \omega]]$ . Assume that R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz.

- (i) if f is an idempotent of A, then f(1) is an idempotent of R and  $f = c_{f(1)}$ .
- (ii) A is abelian.

Proof. See [16, Proposition 4.10].

**Theorem 3.3.** If a ring R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible then the skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  is a PF-ring if and only if for any two S-indexed subsets P and Q of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$  and there exists  $a \in ann_R(P)$  such that qa = q for all  $q \in Q$ .

Proof. For convenience of the notation, we write  $A = R[[S, \omega]]$ . We first established that if R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible, and only if part is hold then A is a PF-ring. Let  $\beta \in ann_R(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in A$ . Then  $\beta \alpha = 0$ . Since R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible,  $\beta(t)\alpha(s) = 0$  for all  $s, t \in S$ . Then  $\beta(t) \in ann_R(\alpha(s))$ . Now, suppose  $C_{\{\alpha\}} = P = \{\alpha(s) : s \in \text{supp}(\alpha)\}$  and  $C_{\{\beta\}} = Q = \{\beta(t) : t \in \text{supp}(\beta)\}$  are S-indexed subsets of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ . There exists  $a \in ann_R(P)$  such that  $\beta(t)a = \beta(t)$  for all  $\beta(t) \in Q$ , it follows that  $\beta(t)a = \beta(t)$  for all  $t \in S$ . Thus  $\beta c_a = \beta$ , and by Lemma 3.1,  $c_a \in ann_A(\alpha)$ . Therefore for any  $\beta \in ann_A(\alpha)$ , there exists  $c_a \in ann_A(\alpha)$  such that  $\beta c_a = \beta$ , for all  $\beta \in Q$ . Hence A is a PF-ring.

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Conversely, suppose that A is a PF-ring. Let  $P = \{p_s : s \in I\}$  and  $Q = \{q_t : t \in J\}$  are two S-indexed subsets of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ , where I and J are artinian and narrow subsets of S. Define a mapping  $\alpha : R \to S$  and  $\beta : R \to S$ , respectively, via

$$\alpha(s) = \begin{cases} p_s & \text{if } s \in I \\ 0 & \text{if } s \notin I \end{cases} \text{ and } \beta(t) = \begin{cases} q_t & \text{if } t \in J \\ 0 & \text{if } t \notin J. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\operatorname{supp}(\alpha) = I$  and  $\operatorname{supp}(\beta) = J$  are artinian and narrow and so  $\alpha, \beta \in A$ . Thus  $\beta(t) \in Q \subseteq \operatorname{ann}_R(P)$ ,  $\beta(t)\alpha(s) = 0$  for all  $\alpha(s) \in P$  and  $s, t \in S$ . Since R is S-compatible, thereby  $\beta(t)\omega_t(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $\beta\alpha = 0$ , it implies that  $\beta \in \operatorname{ann}_A(\alpha)$ . Now, by assumption, A is a PF-ring, there exists  $\gamma \in \operatorname{ann}_A(\alpha)$  such that  $\beta\gamma = \beta$ . Thus  $\gamma\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta\gamma = \beta$ . Since R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible,  $\gamma(u)\alpha(s) = 0$  and  $\beta(t)(\gamma(1) - c_1(1)) = 0$  for all  $u, t, s \in S$ . It follows that  $\gamma(1) \in \operatorname{ann}_R(\alpha(s))$  and  $\beta(t)\gamma(1) = \beta(t)c_1(1) = \beta(t)$  for all  $\beta(t) \in B$ . It proves the Theorem. Q.E.D.

Let  $(S, \leq)$  be an ordered monoid. If for any  $g_1, g_2, h \in M$ ,  $g_1 < g_2$  implies that  $g_1h < g_2h$  and  $hg_1 < hg_2$ , then  $(S, \leq)$  is a called strictly totally ordered monoid.

**Corollary 3.4** ([10, Theorem 2.4]). Let R be a commutative ring with identity and  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly totally ordered monoid. Then  $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$  is a PF-ring if and only if for any two S-indexed subsets P and Q such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ , there exists  $c \in ann_R(P)$  such that qc = q for all  $q \in Q$ .

**Corollary 3.5** ([10, Corollary 2.5]). Let  $\mathbb{Q}^+ = \{a \in \mathbb{Q} : a \ge 0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{a \in R : a \ge 0\}$ . Then the ring  $[[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N},\leq}]], [[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{R},\leq}]], [[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N},\leq}]], [[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N},\leq}]], [[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N},\leq}]]$  and  $[[\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{R},\leq}]]$  are PF-rings, where  $\le$  is the usual order.

**Corollary 3.6** ([10, Corollary 2.7]). Let R be a commutative ring. Then  $[[R^{N\geq 1,\leq}]]$  is a PF-ring if and only if for any two S-indexed subsets P and Q of R such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ , there exists  $c \in ann_R(P)$  such that qc = q for all  $q \in Q$ .

**Corollary 3.7** ([10, Corollary 3.8]). Let R be a commutative ring and  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly ordered monoid with S being cancellative and torsion-free. If for any two S-indexed subsets P and Q such that  $Q \subseteq ann_R(P)$ , there exists  $c \in ann_R(p)$  such that qc = q for all  $q \in Q$  and  $(S, \leq)$  is narrow, then  $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$  is a PF-ring.

**Theorem 3.8.** If a ring R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz, S-compatible and Noetherian then the skew generalized power series ring  $R[[S, \omega]]$  is a PP-ring if and only if R is a PP-ring.

Proof. For convenience of the notation, we write  $A = R[[S, \omega]]$ . Suppose A is a PP-ring and  $a \in R$ . Then  $c_a \in A$  and  $ann_A(c_a) = \varphi A$ , where  $\varphi^2 = \varphi \in A$ . Since R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible, by Proposition 3.2, there exists an idempotent  $\varphi(1) \in R$  such that  $c_{\varphi(1)} = \varphi$ . Now we need to show that  $ann_R(a) = \varphi(1)R$ . Since  $ann_R(a) = \varphi A$ ,  $a\varphi = 0$ . Therefore  $a\varphi(1) = 0$  implies  $\varphi(1) \in ann_R(a)$ . Thus  $\varphi(1)R \subseteq ann_R(a)$ . Suppose any  $b \in ann_R(a)$ , then ab = 0, which implies  $c_b \in ann_R(c_a)$  since R is S-compatible. Since A is a PP-ring, therefore  $c_b = \varphi \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in A$ . Now,

$$b = c_b(1)$$
  
=  $(\varphi \alpha)(1)$   
=  $\varphi(1)\omega_1(\alpha(1))$   
=  $\varphi(1)\alpha(1) \in \varphi(1)R$ ,

therefore  $ann_R(a) \subseteq \varphi(1)R$ . Hence  $ann_R(a) = \varphi(1)R$ .

Conversely, suppose that R is a PP-ring. Let  $\beta \in ann_A(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $\beta \alpha = 0$ . Since R is  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible,  $\beta(s)\alpha(t) = 0$  for all  $s, t \in S$ . By hypothesis R is a Noetherian ring, therefore  $C(\alpha)$  is finitely generated, say  $C(\alpha) = (\alpha(t_0), \alpha(t_1), \ldots, \alpha(t_n))$ . Let  $I = ann_R(C(\alpha))$ , then

$$\beta(s) \in I = ann_R(C(\alpha))$$
$$= \bigcap_{i=0}^n ann_R(\alpha(t_i))$$

Since R is a PP-ring,  $ann_R(\alpha(t_i)) = e_i R$ , where  $e_i^2 = e_i \in R$  for all i = 0, 1, ..., n. Thus  $\beta(s) \in I = eR$ , where  $e = e_0 e_1 \dots e_n \in R$ . Since R is S-compatible,  $\beta \in c_e A$ . By hypothesis,  $ann_R(C(\alpha)) = eR$ , where  $C(\alpha)$  is finitely generated. It implies  $\beta(s) \in ann_R(C(\alpha))$ . Since  $(S, \omega)$ -Armendariz and S-compatible, so by [16, Theorem 3.4],  $\beta \in ann_A(\alpha)$ . Therefore  $ann_A(\alpha) = c_e A$ . Hence A is a PP-ring.

**Corollary 3.9** ([10, Theorem 2.10]). Let R be a Noetherian ring and  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly totally ordered monoid. Then  $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$  is a PP-ring if and only if R is a PP-ring.

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