

Semisimplicity of Fixed Jordan Subrings of a Group of Jordan Automorphisms of a Ring R^* .

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<Abstract>

Let R be an associative ring and G be a group of some Jordan automorphisms of R . The semisimplicity of the fixed Jordan subrings of G implies that R is semisimple where R is semiprime and right noetherian and $|G|$ is a bijection on R .

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<요 약>

환 R 의 Jordan Automorphisms군에 대한 고정 Jordan 부분환이 반단순환일때 환 R 도 반 단순환이 됨을 보였다.

1. Introduction.

The relations between the structure of R^G and the structure of R were studied by some mathematicians for several years.

Especially these topics were related to the case of ordinary ring automorphisms of R or the case when R has an involution. I. N. Herstein also studied the structure of Jordan ring R^+ with the structure of a ring R .

We now explain our terminologies.

(1) If A is an additive subgroup of R , A is a Jordan subring of R if A is closed under squares (that is $x^2 \in A$) and under the quadratic operation where $a \cdot b = bab$. In fact if $2R = R$ this

definition is equivalent to A being closed under the single linear operation $a \cdot b = 1/2(ab + ba)$.

For example the ring R itself is a Jordan subring of R . In this case we will denote it by R^+

(2) A mapping $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$ of the rings R and R' is a Jordan homomorphism if (i) $\phi(a+b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$ (ii) $\phi(a^2) = \phi(a)^2$ (iii) $\phi(bab) = \phi(b)\phi(a)\phi(b)$ for arbitrary a and b in R .

Clearly a ring homomorphism is a Jordan homomorphism.

A Jordan automorphism of R is simply a Jordan homomorphism which is also one to one and onto; we let $\text{Aut}_J(R)$ denote the group of all Jordan automorphisms of R .

(3) $R^G = \{r \in R \mid r^\phi = r \text{ for every } \phi \text{ in } G\}$ is clearly a Jordan subring of R where G is a subgroup

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of $\text{Aut}_J(R)$. We know that R^G is not empty for $0 \in R^G$. Moreover, if G is finite, we define the trace of x by $\text{tr}(x) = \sum_{\phi \in G} x^\phi$. Then $\text{tr}(x) \in R^G$. We let $\text{tr}(R) = \{\text{tr}(x) | x \in R\}$

We will show some examples.

Example 1.1. Let $M_n(R)$ be the ring of n by n matrices where R is a commutative ring. Then $G = \{id, T_1\}$ is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}_J(M_n(R))$ where $T_1: A \rightarrow {}^tA$. In this case tA is the transpose of A , Thus $M_n(R)^G$ is the set of all symmetric matrices of $M_n(R)$.

Example 1.2. Let R be a non-commutative ring with involutions Define $\Psi: R \oplus R \rightarrow R \oplus R$ by $\Psi(a, b) = (a^*, b)$, then Ψ is a Jordan automorphism. Let $G = \{id, \Psi\}$. Then $(R \oplus R)^G = S_R \oplus R$ where $S_R = \{a \in R | a^* = a\}$

2. Some basic results.

In this section we studied some results for our main theorem. The following theorem of I. N. Herstein and the corollary of Martindale-Montgomery are basic on our thesis.

Proposition 2.1. (Herstein) Let $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$ be a Jordan homomorphism of R onto a prime ring R' . Then ϕ is either a homomorphism or an anti-homomorphism.

Proof See(3).

In that theorem the hypothesis that R is a prime ring is essential. In example 1.2., Ψ is neither a homomorphism nor an anti-homomorphism. Of course $R \oplus R$ is not prime but semi-prime.

Corollary 2.2. (Martindale-Montgomery) Let ϕ be a Jordan automorphism of R and let P be a prime ideal of R . Then P^ϕ is a prime ideal of R . Moreover the prime rings R/P and R/P^ϕ are either isomorphic or anti-isomorphic.

Proof. See(4).

We consider the following example.

Example 2.3. Let T be a simple, non-commutative ring with involution*, and let R be the direct sum of T_i where $T_i = T$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$. Define $\Psi: R \rightarrow R$ by $\Psi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (a_n^*, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$. Then Ψ is neither a homomorphism nor an anti-homomorphism. On the other hand let $P = T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_{n-1}$, then P is prime ideal of R and R/P is anti-isomorphic to R/P^ϕ via $(x+P)^\phi = x^\phi + P$ for every $x+P \in R/P$.

The following terminologies are basic for our theorem.

(1) Let A be a Jordan subring of R . The additive subgroup $I \subset A$ is said to be a Jordan ideal of A if whenever $b \in I$ and $a \in A$ then $b \circ a \in I$; that is $aba \in I$. Thus every ideal of R is a Jordan ideal. But one-sided ideal may be not a Jordan ideal.

(2) If I is an ideal of R , we say that I is G -invariant if $I^\phi \subset I$ for every ϕ in G . In this case G is a subgroup of Jordan automorphisms of I via restriction of ϕ on I .

(3) The ring R is said to have no n -torsion (or n torsion free) if $nr=0$ for some r in R implies $r=0$.

(4) For some positive integer n , n is a bijection on R if (i) $nR=R$ (ii) R has no n -torsion: that is n is a bijective function on R .

We remark the followings when G is of finite order n and n is a bijection on R .

$$(1) R^G = \text{tr}(R)$$

Proof. For arbitrary x in R^G there exist some y in R such that $ny=x$. We can denote y by $1/nx$. Then $y^\phi = ((1/n)x)^\phi = (1/n)n((1/n)x)^\phi = 1/n(n(1/n)x)^\phi = (1/n)x^\phi = y$. Thus $x = \sum_{\phi \in G} y^\phi = n((1/n)x) \in \text{tr}(R)$. For other direction, we already know that $\text{tr}(R) \subset R^G$. Thus $R^G = \text{tr}(R)$. Moreover, we know that $nR^G = R^G$.

(2) When I is G -invariant, $\bar{R} = R/I$ has an induced group of Jordan automorphisms, given as follows: for $\phi \in G$, define by $(x+I)^\phi = x^\phi + I$. Let K be the kernel of the mapping $\phi \rightarrow \bar{\phi}$ and let $\bar{G} = G/K$. Then \bar{G} is a group of Jordan automorphisms of R/I . In this case we get $\bar{R}^{\bar{G}} = \overline{R^G}$.

Proof. Clearly we have that $\bar{R}^G \subset \overline{\bar{R}^G}$ for $(x+I)^\phi = x^\phi + I = x + I$ for every x in R^G . On the other hand if $\bar{x} \in \bar{R}^G$ then $n\bar{x} = |K||G|x = |K| \sum_{\phi \in G} x^\phi = \sum_{\phi \in G} |K|x^\phi = \sum_{\phi \in G} x^\phi = I r(x) \in \bar{R}^G$. Since $\bar{R}^G = n\bar{R}^G$, $\bar{R}^G \subset \overline{\bar{R}^G}$

3. Semisimplicity

In this section we assume that $R=2R$ and $|G|$ is a bijection on R .

In a Jordan ring A , the Jacobson radical $J(A)$ is defined as the maximal quasi-regular ideal, where an element $x \in A$ is quasi-regular if $1-x$ is invertible (if $1 \notin A$, the inverse is formal). When A is a special Jordan ring, say $A \subset R^+$, where R is an associative ring, then being invertible in the Jordan sense is the same as being invertible in the associative sense. Thus x is quasi-regular in A if and only if there exists $y \in A$ such that $x+y+1/2(xy+yx)=0$. We also denote the Jacobson radical of R by $J(R)$: since $J(R)=J(R^+)$ by a theorem of McCrimmon(5).

To obtain our main results we need the following propositions by Martindale-Montgomery.

Proposition 3.1. If G is a finite group of Jordan automorphism of a ring R , such that R has no $|G|$ -torsion. Then $P(R \cap R^G) = P(R^G)$ where $P(R)$ is the prime radical of R .

Proof. See(4).

Proposition 3.2. Under same finite group G in proposition 3.1. If $|G|$ is a bijection on R , then $J(R^G) = J(R) \cap R^G$.

Proof. See(4).

From two propositions we know that if R is semi-simple then R^G is semisimple and if R is semiprime then R^G is semiprime. But the fact that if R^G is semisimple then R is semisimple is not known. Here we can prove that.

Lemma 3.3. If R^G is nilpotent, then R is a nil ring.

Proof. It is sufficient to show that R has

no prime ideals: that is $R=P(R)$. Assume that P is a proper prime ideal of R . If P is G -invariant, then G acts on $\bar{R}=R/P$ by remark (2) and $\bar{R}^G = \bar{R}^G$. On the other hand by proposition 3.1, we know that $P(R^G) = P(R) \cap R^G = \{0\}$ for $P(R) = \{0\}$ (since \bar{R} is prime.) In this case \bar{R}^G has no nilpotent ideals. But the fact that R^G is nilpotent implies \bar{R}^G is nilpotent because $\bar{R}^G = \bar{R}^G$. Thus P is not G -invariant.

We let $J = \bigcap_{\phi \in G} P^\phi$. If $J = \{0\}$ then $P(R) = \{0\} = 0$ implies R^G is no nilpotent. If $J \neq \{0\}$ let $R = R/J$ then we know that R is semiprime since all prime ideals of R are of the form P^ϕ/J . It is also contradiction. For, also the fact that R^G is nilpotent implies that \bar{R}^G is nilpotent. But this is impossible because \bar{R} is semiprime.

Theorem 3.4. If R is semiprime and right noetherian. Then if R^G is semisimple then R is semisimple.

Proof. It is sufficient to show that $J(R) = \{0\}$. Assume that $J(R) \neq \{0\}$. For arbitrary x in $J(R)$, x^ϕ is also in $J(R)$ for every $\phi \in G$ (in fact $x+y+1/2(xy+yx)=0$ implies $x^\phi+y^\phi+1/2(x^\phi y^\phi+y^\phi x^\phi)=0$ for every Jordan automorphism). Thus $J(R)$ is G -invariant since $J(R)$ is invariant under any Jordan automorphism of R . We recall that G is a group of Jordan automorphisms of $J(R)$ by remark(2). The assumption that $J(R) \neq \{0\}$ implies $J(R) \cap R^G \neq \{0\}$ implies $J(R)^G = \{0\}$. And if $J(R)^G = \{0\}$, then $J(R)$ is nil subring of R by lemma 3.3. But since every nil ideal of right noetherian ring is nilpotent (2), R contains nontrivial nilpotent ideal $J(R)$ (we recall that $J(R) = J(R^+)$.) This is impossible. Thus we obtain $J(R) = \{0\}$.

Finally we will show that some examples for appropriateness of our theorem: that is there exist many rings which are seiprime and right noetherian but not semisimple.

Example 3.5. Let R be the ring of all rational numbers whose denominators are odd. Then R is commutative prime ring for \bar{R} has

no zero divisors except 0. If q/p is contained in an ideal of R , then q is even number for otherwise 1 is contained in that ideal. Thus the ideal of all rational numbers whose numerators are even is unique maximal ideal of R (i.e. $J(R) \neq \emptyset$). And clearly R is noetherian for every proper ideal is contained in finitely many ideals of R .

This example shows that semiprime noetherian ring may not be semisimple.

4. Questions

If in theorem 3.4. The assumption that R is right noetherian is deleted, is the theorem true? In the course of proof we can know that $J(R)$ is nilpotent since R is right noetherian. In this case if the nilpotency of R^G implies the nilpotency of R , we can delete the assumption that R is right noetherian since $J(R)$ is nilpotent. In fact if G is a group of automorphisms of R and R has no $[G]$ -torsion, Then the nil-

potency of R^G implies the nilpotency of R by Bergman and Issac. But in case Jordan automorphism group, that has been neither proved nor disproved.

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