

## ON RADICALLY-SYMMETRIC IDEALS

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**ABSTRACT.** A ring  $R$  is called symmetric, if  $abc = 0$  implies  $acb = 0$  for  $a, b, c \in R$ . An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called symmetric (resp. radically-symmetric) if  $R/I$  (resp.  $R/\sqrt{I}$ ) is a symmetric ring. We first show that symmetric ideals and ideals which have the insertion of factors property are radically-symmetric. We next show that if  $R$  is a semicommutative ring, then  $T_n(R)$  and  $R[x]/(x^n)$  are radically-symmetric, where  $(x^n)$  is the ideal of  $R[x]$  generated by  $x^n$ . Also we give some examples of radically-symmetric ideals which are not symmetric. Connections between symmetric ideals of  $R$  and related ideals of some ring extensions are also shown. In particular we show that if  $R$  is a symmetric (or semicommutative)  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring, then  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ring. As a corollary we obtain a generalization of [13].

### 0. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity and  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  will stands for the Ore extension of  $R$ , where  $\alpha$  is an endomorphism and  $\delta$  an  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$ , that is,  $\delta$  is an additive map such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + \alpha(a)\delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in R$ . Recall from [14] that an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  has the *insertion of factors property* (or simply, IFP) if  $ab \in I$  implies  $aRb \subseteq I$  for  $a, b \in R$  (H. E. Bell in 1970 introduced this notion for  $I = 0$ ). Observe that every *completely semiprime* ideal  $I$  (i.e.,  $a^2 \in I$  implies  $a \in I$ ) of  $R$  has the IFP [13, Lemma 3.2(a)]. If  $I = 0$  has the IFP, then  $R$  has the IFP (i.e., *semicommutative*). A ring  $R$  is called *reduced* if it has no non-zero nilpotent element. By [5], reduced rings have the IFP. If  $R$  has the IFP, then it is *Abelian* (i.e., all idempotents are central).

Liang, Wang and Liu [13] introduced weakly semicommutative rings which are a generalization of semicommutative rings. A ring  $R$  is called *weakly semicommutative* if for any  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $arb$  is a nilpotent element for any  $r \in R$ .

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According to Hong et al. [6], for an endomorphism  $\alpha$  of a ring  $R$ , a  $\alpha$ -ideal  $I$  (i.e.,  $\alpha(I) \subseteq I$ ) is called to be  $\alpha$ -rigid if  $a\alpha(a) \in I$  implies  $a \in I$  for  $a \in R$ . They studied connections between  $\alpha$ -rigid ideals of  $R$  and related ideals of some ring extensions.

Recall from [3], that an ideal  $I$  is called  $\alpha$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in I \Leftrightarrow a\alpha(b) \in I$ . Moreover,  $I$  is said to be  $\delta$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in I \Rightarrow a\delta(b) \in I$ . If  $I$  is both  $\alpha$ -compatible and  $\delta$ -compatible, it called a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal. If  $I = 0$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal, we say that  $R$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring. The definition is quite natural, in the light of its similarity with the notion of  $\alpha$ -rigid ideals, in [3], the author show that  $I$  is a  $\alpha$ -rigid ideal if and only if  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible and completely semiprime.

Following Lambek [12], an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is *symmetric* if  $abc \in I$  implies  $acb \in I$  for  $a, b, c \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *symmetric* if  $I = 0$  is a symmetric ideal of  $R$ . It is obvious that each ideal of a commutative ring is symmetric. Reduced rings are symmetric by the results of Anderson and Camillo [1], but there are many non-reduced commutative (so symmetric) rings.

Kim and Lee [10] proved that if  $R$  is Armendariz, then the ordinary polynomial ring over  $R$  is symmetric if and only if  $R$  is symmetric. There is an example [8] of symmetric ring  $R$  for which the ring of polynomials  $R[x]$  is not symmetric.

We say an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is *radically-symmetric* if  $\sqrt{I}$  is a symmetric ideal of  $R$ . If  $I = 0$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R$ , we say  $R$  is a radically-symmetric ring.

In this paper we will show that for each  $n \geq 2$ , there exists a non-zero radically-symmetric ideal of the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix ring over the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  that is not symmetric. Also we will show that each ideal of  $R$  which has the IFP and each symmetric ideal of  $R$  are radically-symmetric. Thus radically-symmetric rings are a generalization of symmetric rings. We next show that if  $R$  is a semicommutative ring, then  $T_n(R)$  and  $R[x]/(x^n)$  are radically-symmetric, where  $(x^n)$  is the ideal generated by  $x^n$ .

A natural question for a given class of ring is: How does the given class behave with respect to polynomial extensions? In Section 2, connections between symmetric ideals of  $R$  and related ideals of some ring extensions are also shown. In particular we will show that:

(1) If  $I$  is a symmetric  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$ , then  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ .

(2) If  $I$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP, then  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . As a corollary, if  $R$  is a symmetric  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring, then  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric. Also, if  $R$  is a semicommutative  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring, then  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ring and hence weakly semicommutative ring. As a corollary we obtain a generalization of [13].

## 1. Examples

Recall that for an ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $\sqrt{I}$  equals the intersection of all prime ideals containing  $I$ .

**Definition 1.1.** For an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  we say  $I$  is radically-symmetric if  $\sqrt{I}$  is a symmetric ideal of  $R$ . If  $I = 0$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R$ , we say  $R$  is a radically-symmetric ring.

**Lemma 1.2.** For an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $I$  is symmetric;
- (2) For any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$ ,  $a_1 \cdots a_n \in I$  implies  $a_{i_1} a_{i_2} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). For  $n = 3$  we have  $1a_1(a_2a_3) = a_1a_2a_3 \in I$ . Hence  $a_2a_3a_1 = 1(a_2a_3)a_1 \in I$ , since  $I$  is symmetric. By a similar argument one can show that  $a_{i_1}a_{i_2}a_{i_3} \in I$  for each  $\{i_1, i_2, i_3\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Now let  $a_1 \cdots a_n \in I$ . Then  $(a_1a_2)a_3 \cdots a_n \in I$ . By induction on  $n$ ,  $(a_1a_2)a_{i_3} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $\{i_3, \dots, i_n\} = \{3, \dots, n\}$ . Since  $a_1a_2(a_3 \cdots a_n) \in I$  and  $I$  is symmetric,  $a_1(a_3 \cdots a_n)a_2 \in I$ . Then by the induction hypothesis,  $(a_1a_3)a_{i_3} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $\{i_3, \dots, i_n\} = \{2, 4, \dots, n\}$ . Continuing this process yields  $(a_1a_t)a_{i_3} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $t = 2, \dots, n$  and  $\{i_3, \dots, i_n\} = \{2, \dots, n\} - \{t\}$ . Therefore  $a_1a_{i_2} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $\{i_2, \dots, i_n\} = \{2, \dots, n\}$ . By a similar argument we can show that  $a_{i_1}a_{i_2} \cdots a_{i_n} \in I$  for each  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). It is clear.  $\square$

**Definition 1.3.** For an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  we say  $I$  has the radically insertion of factors property (or simply, radically IFP) if  $\sqrt{I}$  has the IFP. If  $I = 0$  has the radically IFP, we say  $R$  has the radically IFP.

Clearly, if  $I = 0$  has the IFP, then  $R$  has the IFP (i.e.,  $R$  is semicommutative). The following example shows that, there exists a ring  $R$  such that all non-zero ideals of  $R$  have the IFP but  $R$  does not has the IFP.

**Example 1.4.** Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $F$  is a division ring. The only non-zero proper ideals of  $R$  are  $I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$  and  $I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Huh, Lee and Smoktunowicz [8], show that  $R/I_i$  is semicommutative for each  $i$ , but  $R$  isn't semicommutative.

By using Lemma 1.2 we have the following result.

**Corollary 1.5.** Symmetric ideals have the IFP.

**Proposition 1.6.** Let an ideal  $I$  has the IFP. Then  $I$  is a radically-symmetric ideal.

*Proof.* First we show that  $\sqrt{I} = \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ . Clearly  $\sqrt{I} \subseteq \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ . Let  $a \in \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ . Then  $a^n \in I$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Hence  $ar_1ar_2 \cdots ar_n \in I$  for each  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in$

$R$ , since  $I$  has the IFP. Thus  $(aR)^n \subseteq I$ . If  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$ , then  $(aR)^n \subseteq I \subseteq P$  implies  $a \in P$ . Hence  $a \in \sqrt{I}$  and  $\sqrt{I} = \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ .

Now, let  $abc \in \sqrt{I}$ . Then  $(abc)^n \in I$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Since  $I$  has the IFP, by a simple computation one can show that  $(acb)^{2n} \in I$ . Therefore  $I$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.7.** *Let  $R$  be a semicommutative ring. Then  $R$  is a radically-symmetric ring.*

For a ring  $R$ , let  $R_n(R)$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  upper-triangular matrices with constant main diagonal. Clearly,  $R_n(R)$  is a subring of  $T_n(R)$ , the  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix ring over  $R$ . It is well known  $R_n(R) \cong R[x]/(x^n)$ , where  $(x^n)$  is the ideal of  $R[x]$  generated by  $x^n$ . In the following we will see the converse of Proposition 1.6 is not true.

**Example 1.8.** Let  $J = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in 2p\mathbb{Z} \right\}$  be an ideal of  $R_4(\mathbb{Z})$ , where

$p \neq 2$  is a prime number and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. Then  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & p & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$ , but  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & p & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3p^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin J$ . Hence  $J$  doesn't have the IFP, but  $J$  is radically-symmetric, by Proposition 1.11.

By a similar way as used in Example 1.8, we can construct numerous radically-symmetric ideals of  $R_n(\mathbb{Z})$  such that don't have the IFP for  $n \geq 4$ .

**Example 1.9.** Let  $J = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in 2p\mathbb{Z} \right\}$  be an ideal of  $T_3(\mathbb{Z})$ , where  $p$  is a prime number and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. Then  $\begin{pmatrix} p & p & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$ , but  $\begin{pmatrix} p & p & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin J$ . Hence  $J$  doesn't have the IFP, but is radically-symmetric by Proposition 1.15.

Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R_n(R)$  and

$$I = \left\{ a \in R \mid \begin{pmatrix} a & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a \end{pmatrix} \in J \text{ for some } a_{ij} \in R \right\}.$$

Then  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proposition 1.10.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R_n(R)$  such that  $R_n(I) \subseteq J$ , where  $I$  is the ideal that mentioned above. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a \end{pmatrix} \in R_n(R)$  such that  $a^k \in I$  for some non-negative integer  $k$ . Then  $A^{nk} \in J$ .*

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $n$ . Let  $n = 2$ . For a positive integer  $k$ ,  $A^k = \begin{pmatrix} a^k & b_{12} \\ 0 & a^k \end{pmatrix}$  and that  $A^{2k} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{2k} & a^k b_{12} + b_{12} a^k \\ 0 & a^{2k} \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence  $A^{2k} \in J$ , since  $a^{2k}, a^k b_{12} + b_{12} a^k \in I$ . Now, let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a \end{pmatrix} \in R_n(R)$  such that  $a^k \in I$  for a non-negative integer  $k$ . Consider  $A^{(n-1)k} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{(n-1)k} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & a^{(n-1)k} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a^{(n-1)k} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A^k = \begin{pmatrix} a^k & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ 0 & a^k & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a^k \end{pmatrix}$ . By the induction hypothesis all  $b_{ij}$ 's, except  $b_{1n}$ , are in  $I$ . Let

$$x = a^k b_{1n} + c_{12} b_{2n} + \cdots + c_{1n} a^{(n-1)k}. \text{ Then } A^{nk} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{nk} & y_{12} & \cdots & y_{1n-1} & x \\ 0 & a^{nk} & \cdots & y_{2n-1} & y_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a^{nk} & y_{n-1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a^{nk} \end{pmatrix} \in J, \text{ since } a^{nk}, x \text{ and all } y_{ij} \text{'s are in } I. \quad \square$$

**Proposition 1.11.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R_n(R)$  such that  $R_n(I) \subseteq J$ , where  $I$  is the ideal that mentioned above. If  $I$  has the IFP, then  $J$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R_n(R)$  for each  $n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & b & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} c & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ 0 & c & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & c \end{pmatrix} \in R_n(R)$  such that  $ABC \in \sqrt{J}$ . Then  $(abc)^k \in I$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Since  $I$  has the IFP, one can show that  $(acb)^{2k} \in I$ . Thus  $ACB \in \sqrt{J}$ , by Proposition 1.10. Therefore  $J$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R_n(R)$ .  $\square$

By using Proposition 1.11 we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.12.** *Let  $R$  be a semicommutative ring. Then  $R_n(R)$  is a radically-symmetric ring.*

**Lemma 1.13.** *Let  $J = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in I_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq n, i \leq j \leq n \right\}$ , such that  $I_{ij} \subseteq I_{is}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n, i \leq j \leq s \leq n$  and  $I_{sj} \subseteq I_{ij}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n, 1 \leq i \leq s \leq n$  and  $I_{ij}$  is an ideal of  $R$  for each  $i, j$ . Then  $J$  is an ideal of  $T_n(R)$ .*

*Proof.* It is straightforward.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.14.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $T_n(R)$  that mentioned in Lemma 1.13.*

*Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in T_n(R)$  such that  $a_{ii}^k \in I_{ii}$  for some non-negative integer  $k$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then  $(A^{2k+1})^{n-1} \in J$ .*

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 2$ , let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ . Since  $A^{2k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{2k+1} & x \\ 0 & a_{22}^{2k+1} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $x = \sum a_{11}^i a_{12} a_{22}^j$ ,  $i + j = 2k$ ,  $i, j \geq 0$ , we have  $A^{2k+1} \in J$ . Now, assume  $n \geq 3$  and  $A \in T_n(R)$ . Consider  $(A^{2k+1})^{n-2} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{(2k+1)(n-2)} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2k+1)(n-2)} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn}^{(2k+1)(n-2)} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A^{2k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{2k+1} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{2k+1} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn}^{2k+1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

By the induction hypothesis all  $b_{ij}$ 's, except  $b_{1n}$ , are in  $I$ . Hence  $(1, n)$ -entry of  $(A^{2k+1})^{n-1}$  is  $x = a_{11}^{(2k+1)} b_{1n} + c_{12} b_{2n} + \cdots + c_{1n-1} b_{n-1n} + c_{1n} a_{nn}^{(2k+1)(n-2)} \in I$ , since  $a_{11}^{(2k+1)}, a_{nn}^{(2k+1)}, b_{2n}, \dots, b_{n-1n} \in I$ . Therefore  $(A^{2k+1})^{n-1} \in J$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.15.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $T_n(R)$  that mentioned in Lemma 1.13.*

*If each  $I_{ii}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  has the IFP, then  $J$  is radically-symmetric.*

*Proof.* Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ 0 & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in T_n(R)$  such that  $ABC \in \sqrt{J}$ . Then  $(a_{ii} b_{ii} c_{ii})^k \in I_{ii}$  for a positive integer  $k$  and each  $i$ . Since  $I_{ii}$  has the IFP, one can show that  $(a_{ii} c_{ii} b_{ii})^{2k} \in I_{ii}$  for each  $i$ . Thus  $ACB \in \sqrt{J}$ , by Proposition 1.14. Therefore  $J$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $T_n(R)$ .  $\square$

By using Proposition 1.15 we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.16.** *If  $R$  is a semicommutative ring, then  $T_n(R)$  is a radically-symmetric ring for each  $n \geq 2$ .*

## 2. Extensions of symmetric ideals

**Definition 2.1.** For an ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , we say that  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in I \Leftrightarrow a\alpha(b) \in I$ . Moreover,  $I$  is said to be  $\delta$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in I \Rightarrow a\delta(b) \in I$ . If  $I$  is both  $\alpha$ -compatible and  $\delta$ -compatible, we say that  $I$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible. If  $I = 0$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal, we say  $R$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring.

Note that there exists a ring  $R$  for which all non-zero proper ideals are  $\alpha$ -compatible but  $R$  isn't  $\alpha$ -compatible. For example, consider the ring  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $F$  is a field, and the endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$  is defined by  $\alpha\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  for  $a, b, c \in F$ .

**Proposition 2.2** ([3]). *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $J$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  an endomorphism of  $R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $J$  is an  $\alpha$ -rigid ideal of  $R$ ;
- (2)  $J$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible, semiprime and has the IFP;
- (3)  $J$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible and completely semiprime.

*If  $\delta$  is an  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$ , then the following are equivalent:*

- (4)  $J$  is an  $\alpha$ -rigid  $\delta$ -ideal of  $R$ ;
- (5)  $J$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible, semiprime and has the IFP;
- (6)  $J$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and completely semiprime.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b \in R$ .*

- (1) *If  $ab \in I$ , then  $a\alpha^n(b), \alpha^n(a)b \in I$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Conversely, if  $a\alpha^k(b)$  or  $\alpha^k(a)b \in I$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then  $ab \in I$ .*
- (2) *If  $ab \in I$ , then  $\alpha^m(a)\delta^n(b), \delta^n(a)\alpha^m(b) \in I$  for each non-negative integers  $m, n$ .*

*Proof.* (1) If  $ab \in I$ , then  $\alpha^n(a)\alpha^n(b) \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -ideal. Hence  $\alpha^n(a)b \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible. If  $\alpha^k(a)b \in I$ , then  $\alpha^k(a)\alpha^k(b) \in I$ , and so  $ab \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible.

(2) It is enough to show that  $\delta(a)\alpha(b) \in I$ . If  $ab \in I$ , then by (1) and  $\delta$ -compatibility of  $I$ ,  $\alpha(a)\delta(b) \in I$ . Hence  $\delta(a)b = \delta(ab) - \alpha(a)\delta(b) \in I$ . Thus  $\delta(a)b \in I$  and  $\delta(a)\alpha(b) \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$ . If  $(ab)^k \in I$  for some  $k \geq 0$ , then  $(a\alpha(b))^k, (a\delta(b))^k \in I$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible and  $(ab)^k = (ab) \cdots (ab) \in I$  we have  $a\alpha(b)\alpha(ab \cdots ab) = a\alpha(bab \cdots ab) \in I$ . Hence  $a\alpha(b)(ab \cdots ab) \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible. Now,  $a\alpha(b)a\alpha(b)\alpha(ab \cdots ab) = a\alpha(b)a\alpha(b \cdots ab) \in I$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $(a\alpha(b))^k \in I$ . Since  $I$  is  $\delta$ -compatible and  $(ab)^k = (ab) \cdots (ab) \in I$ , we have  $a\delta(bab \cdots ab) = a\delta(b)(ab \cdots ab) + a\alpha(b)\delta(ab \cdots ab) \in I$ . Since  $a\alpha(b)(ab \cdots ab) \in I$  and  $I$  is  $\delta$ -compatible, we have  $a\alpha(b)\delta(ab \cdots ab) \in I$ . Thus  $a\delta(b)(ab \cdots ab) \in I$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $(a\delta(b))^k \in I$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP. Then*

- (1)  $\sqrt{I}$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP.
- (2)  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  and  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  are ideals of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ .

*Proof.* (1) By the proof of Proposition 1.6,  $\sqrt{I} = \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ , hence the result follows from Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 2.3.

(2) It follows from  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatibility of  $I$  and  $\sqrt{I}$ .  $\square$

In [6, Example 2], the authors show that there exists a non-zero ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  such that has the IFP but ideal  $I[x]$  of  $R[x]$  isn't symmetric. In the sequel we will show that if  $I$  has the IFP, then  $I[x]$  is radically-symmetric and hence has the radically IFP. More generally, we will show that: (1) If  $I$

is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP, then the ideal  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is radically-symmetric and hence has the radically IFP.

For non-empty subsets  $A, B$  of  $R$  and  $r \in R$ , put  $AB = \{ab | a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,  $A^0 = \{1\}$  and  $rA = \{ra | a \in A\}$ .

**Notation.** Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism,  $\delta$  an  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq j$  and  $a \in R$ . Let us write  $f_i^j$  for the set of all “words” in  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  in which there are  $i$  factors of  $\alpha$  and  $j - i$  factors of  $\delta$ . For instance,  $f_j^j(a) = \{\alpha^j(a)\}$ ,  $f_0^j(a) = \{\delta^j(a)\}$  and  $f_{j-1}^j(a) = \{\alpha^{j-1}\delta(a), \alpha^{j-2}\delta\alpha(a), \dots, \delta\alpha^{j-1}(a)\}$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP. Then  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta] = \{f \in R[x; \alpha, \delta] | f^k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta] \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\sqrt{I} = \{a \in R | a^n \in I \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ , by the proof of Proposition 1.6. Let  $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in \{f \in R[x; \alpha, \delta] | f^n \in I[x; \alpha, \delta] \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$ . Then  $(f(x))^k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  for some positive integer  $k$  and  $a_n \alpha^n(a_n) \dots \alpha^{k(n-1)}(a_n) \in I$ , since it is the leading coefficient of  $(f(x))^k$ . Hence  $a_n \in \sqrt{I}$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible. Since  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is an ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  and  $a_n \in \sqrt{I}$ , we have  $a_n x^n \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . There exists  $g(x), h(x) \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  such that  $f(x)^k = (a_0 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1})^k + a_n x^n g(x) + h(x) a_n x^n$ . Hence  $(a_0 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1})^k \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , since  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is an ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  and  $a_n x^n \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . By using induction on  $n$ , we have  $a_i \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i$ . Thus  $\{f \in R[x; \alpha, \delta] | f^k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta] \text{ for some } k \geq 1\} \subseteq \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ .

Now, let  $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Then  $a_i^{m_i} \in I$  for some  $m_i \geq 1$ . Let  $k = m_0 + \dots + m_n + 1$ . Then

$$(f(x))^k = \sum (a_0^{i_{01}}(a_1 x)^{i_{11}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{n1}}) \dots (a_0^{i_{0k}}(a_1 x)^{i_{1k}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{nk}}),$$

where  $i_{0r} + i_{1r} + \dots + i_{nr} = 1$  and  $0 \leq i_{rs} \leq 1$  for  $r = 1, \dots, k$ . Each coefficient of  $(a_0^{i_{01}}(a_1 x)^{i_{11}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{n1}}) \dots (a_0^{i_{0k}}(a_1 x)^{i_{1k}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{nk}})$  is a sum of such elements  $\gamma \in ((f_{r_{01}}^{s_{01}}(a_0))^{i_{01}} \dots (f_{r_{n1}}^{s_{n1}}(a_n))^{i_{n1}}) \dots ((f_{r_{0k}}^{s_{0k}}(a_0))^{i_{0k}} \dots (f_{r_{nk}}^{s_{nk}}(a_n))^{i_{nk}})$ . It can be easily checked that there exists  $a_t \in \{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$  such that  $i_{t1} + i_{t2} + \dots + i_{tk} \geq m_t$ . Since  $a_t^{m_t} \in I$  and  $I$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and has the IFP, hence by Proposition 2.3,  $\gamma \in I$ . Thus each coefficient of  $(f(x))^k$  belong to  $I$ . Therefore  $f(x) \in \{f \in R[x; \alpha, \delta] | f^k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta] \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP and  $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n, g(x) = b_0 + \dots + b_m x^m \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Then*

- (1)  $f(x)g(x) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  if and only if  $a_i b_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j$ .
- (2)  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  has the IFP.

*Proof.* (1) Note that  $f(x)g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m (a_i x^i)(b_j x^j)$ . Then  $a_n \alpha^n(b_m) \in \sqrt{I}$ , since it is the leading coefficient of  $f(x)g(x)$ . Hence  $a_n b_m \in \sqrt{I}$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible. Thus  $a_n f_i^j(b_m) \subseteq \sqrt{I}$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq j$ , by Proposition 2.3. Since the coefficient of  $x^{m+n-1}$  is  $a_n \alpha^n(b_{m-1}) + a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1}(b_m) + a_n r$ , where  $r$  is a sum of such elements  $\gamma \in f_{n-1}^n(b_m)$  and  $a_n r \in \sqrt{I}$ , we have  $a_n \alpha^n(b_{m-1}) +$



$a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1}(b_m) \in \sqrt{I}$ . Hence  $a_n\alpha^n(b_{m-1})b_m + a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1}(b_m)b_m \in \sqrt{I}$  and that  $a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1}(b_m)b_m \in \sqrt{I}$ , since  $a_n\alpha^n(b_{m-1})b_m \in \sqrt{I}$ . Thus  $a_{n-1}b_m \in \sqrt{I}$ , by Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.5(1). Hence  $a_nb_{m-1} \in \sqrt{I}$ . Consequently,

$$a_nf_i^j(b_m) \cup a_{n-1}f_i^j(b_m) \cup a_nf_i^j(b_{m-1}) \subseteq \sqrt{I} \text{ for each } 0 \leq i \leq j.$$

The coefficient of  $x^{m+n-2}$  is  $a_n\alpha^n(b_{m-2}) + a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1}(b_{m-1}) + a_{n-2}\alpha^{n-2}(b_m) + t$ , where  $t$  is a sum of such elements  $\gamma \in \bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq j} [a_nf_i^j(b_m) \cup a_{n-1}f_i^j(b_m) \cup a_nf_i^j(b_{m-1})]$ . By a similar way as above, one can show that  $a_nb_{m-2}, a_{n-1}b_{m-1}, a_{n-2}b_m \in \sqrt{I}$ . Continuing this process yields  $a_ib_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $a_ib_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j$ . Since  $\sqrt{I}$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible,  $f(x)g(x) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ .

(2) Let  $h(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_kx^k \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  and  $f(x)g(x) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Then  $a_ib_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j$ , by (1). Since  $\sqrt{I}$  has the IFP, we have  $a_ic_rb_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j, r$ . Then  $f(x)h(x)g(x) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$ . Therefore  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  has the IFP.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP. Then  $\sqrt{I[x; \alpha, \delta]} = \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta] = \{f \in R[x; \alpha, \delta] \mid f^k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta] \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.6, it is enough to show that  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta] \subseteq \sqrt{I[x; \alpha, \delta]}$ . We show that if  $Q$  is a prime ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  containing  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , then  $\sqrt{I} \subseteq Q$ . Let  $a \in \sqrt{I}$ . Then  $a^k \in I$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Hence  $ag_1ag_2 \cdots ag_k \in I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  for each  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , since  $I$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and has the IFP. Thus  $(aR[x; \alpha, \delta])^k \subseteq I[x; \alpha, \delta] \subseteq Q$  implies  $a \in Q$ . Therefore  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta] \subseteq Q$  and  $\sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta] \subseteq \sqrt{I[x; \alpha, \delta]}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $I$  be a  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ideal of  $R$  and has the IFP. Then  $I[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = a_0 + \cdots + a_nx^n, g(x) = b_0 + \cdots + b_mx^m, h(x) = c_0 + \cdots + c_kx^k \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  and  $f(x)g(x)h(x) \in \sqrt{I[x; \alpha, \delta]} = \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Then  $a_i(g(x)h(x)) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$  for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , by Lemma 2.7. Hence  $a_ib_jc_k \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j, k$ , by Lemma 2.7. Thus  $a_ic_kb_j \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $i, j, k$ , by Proposition 1.6. Therefore  $f(x)h(x)g(x) \in \sqrt{I}[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible.  $\square$

By using Theorem 2.9 we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a semicommutative  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring. Then  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ring.*

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be a semicommutative ring. Then  $R$  is a radically-symmetric ring.*

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $I$  be a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  has the radically IFP.*

*Proof.* Let  $ab \in \sqrt{I}$ . Then  $abc \in \sqrt{I}$  for each  $c \in R$ , since  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $acb \in \sqrt{I}$ , since  $I$  is a radically-symmetric ideal of  $R$ . Therefore  $I$  has the radically IFP.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.13** ([13, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $R$  be a semicommutative  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. Then  $R[x; \alpha]$  is a weakly semicommutative ring.*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.12 and Corollary 2.10.  $\square$

Since symmetric ideals have the IFP, hence we have the following result:

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $R$  be a symmetric  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring. Then  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a radically-symmetric ring and hence weakly semicommutative ring.*

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