

ON ANNIHILATIONS OF IDEALS IN SKEW MONOID RINGS

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ABSTRACT. According to Jacobson [31], a right ideal is bounded if it contains a non-zero ideal, and Faith [15] called a ring strongly right bounded if every non-zero right ideal is bounded. From [30], a ring is strongly right AB if every non-zero right annihilator is bounded. In this paper, we introduce and investigate a particular class of McCoy rings which satisfy Property (A) and the conditions asked by Nielsen [42]. It is shown that for a u.p.-monoid M and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a compatible monoid homomorphism, if R is reversible, then the skew monoid ring $R * M$ is strongly right AB . If R is a strongly right AB ring, M is a u.p.-monoid and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ is a weakly rigid monoid homomorphism, then the skew monoid ring $R * M$ has right Property (A).

1. Introduction

Throughout this article, all rings are associative with identity. Recall that a monoid M is called a u.p.-monoid (unique product monoid) if for any two nonempty finite subsets $A, B \subseteq M$ there exists an element $g \in M$ uniquely presented in the form ab where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. Unique product monoids and groups play an important role in ring theory, for example providing a positive case in the zero-divisor problem for group rings (see also [6]), and their structural properties have been extensively studied (see [17]). The class of u.p.-monoids includes the right and the left totally ordered monoids, submonoids of a free group, and torsionfree nilpotent groups. Every u.p.-monoid S is cancellative and has no non-unity element of finite order.

Let R be a ring, let M be a monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a monoid homomorphism. For any $g \in M$, we denote the image of g under σ by σ_g . Then we can form a skew monoid ring $R * M$ (induced by the monoid homomorphism σ) by taking its elements to be finite formal combinations $\sum_{g \in M} a_g g$ with multiplication induced by $(a_g g)(b_h h) = a_g \sigma_g(b_h) g h$.

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According to Jacobson [31], a right ideal of R is *bounded* if it contains a non-zero ideal of R . From [18], a ring R is *right (left) duo* if every right (left) ideal is an ideal, and Faith [13] said a ring would be called *strongly right bounded* if every non-zero right ideal were bounded. The class of strongly bounded rings has been observed by many authors (e.g. [7], [31], [48], [49]).

Due to H. Bell [5], a ring R is said to have the *insertion of factors property* (simply, *IFP*) if $ab = 0$ implies $aRb = 0$ for $a, b \in R$. Note that a ring R has *IFP* if and only if any right (or left) annihilator is an ideal. Rings with *IFP* are also called *semicommutative*, see [11]. Right (resp. left) duo rings are both strongly right (resp. left) bounded and semicommutative.

In [30], S. U. Hwang, N. K. Kim and Y. Lee introduced a condition that is a generalization of strongly bounded rings and semicommutative rings, calling a ring *strongly right AB* if every non-zero right annihilator is bounded. An element c of R is called right regular if $r_R(c) = 0$, left regular if $l_R(c) = 0$ and regular if $r_R(c) = 0 = l_R(c)$.

According to [7], a ring R is called *2-primal* if the prime radical of R and the set of nilpotent elements of R coincide. Another property between commutative and 2-primal is what Cohn in [10] calls *reversible* rings: those rings R with the property that $ab = 0 \Rightarrow ba = 0$ for all $a, b \in R$. We direct the reader to the excellent papers [1] and [38] for a nice introduction to some standard zero-divisor conditions.

There is another important ring theoretic condition common in the literature related to the zero divisor and annihilator conditions we have been studying. Nielsen in [42], calls a ring R *right McCoy* (resp. *left McCoy*) if for each pair of non-zero polynomial $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$ with $f(x)g(x) = 0$, then there exists a non-zero element $r \in R$ with $f(x)r = 0$ (resp. $rg(x) = 0$). Nielsen [42] asked whether there is a natural class of McCoy rings which includes all reversible rings and all rings R such that $R[x]$ is semicommutative. We use this to define a new class of rings strengthening the condition for reversible rings. This property between “reversible” and “McCoy” is what we call *nil-reversible* rings. We say a ring R is *nil-reversible*, if $ab = 0 \Leftrightarrow ba = 0$, where $b \in \text{nil}(R)$.

An important theorem in commutative ring theory, related to zero-divisor conditions, is that if I is an ideal in a Noetherian ring and if I consists entirely of zero divisors, then the annihilator of I is nonzero. This result fails for some non-Noetherian rings, even if the ideal I is finitely generated. Huckaba and Keller [29], say that a commutative ring R has *Property (A)* if every finitely generated ideal of R consisting entirely of zero divisors has nonzero annihilator. Many authors have studied commutative rings with Property (A) ([3], [22], [28], [29], [36], [45], etc.), and have obtained several results which are useful studying commutative rings with zero-divisors. Hong, Kim, Lee and Ryu [27] extended Property (A) to noncommutative rings, and study such rings and several extensions with Property (A).

In this paper, we investigate a particular class of McCoy rings which satisfy Property (A) and the conditions asked by Nielsen [42]. Whenever the skew

monoid ring $R * M$ is strongly right AB and $r_{R * M}(Y) \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$, for any $Y \subseteq R * M$. We then conclude that, nil-reversible rings is a larger class than the class asked by Nielsen [42], and satisfies the conditions. Indeed, nil-reversible rings is a natural class of McCoy rings which includes reversible rings, all rings R such that $R[x]$ is strongly right (or left) AB (and hence all rings R such that $R[x]$ is semicommutative).

We prove that for a u.p.-monoid M and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a compatible monoid homomorphism, if R is nil-reversible, then the skew monoid ring $R * M$ is strongly right AB . If R is strongly right AB , M a u.p.-monoid and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a weakly rigid monoid homomorphism, then $R * M$ has right Property (A).

It is also shown that, when M is a u.p.-group and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ is a group homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible and right duo, then R is right skew M -McCoy. Also, if $R * M$ is strongly right AB , then R is right skew M -McCoy and $R * M$ has right Property (A). Whenever R is strongly right AB and skew M -Armendariz, then $R * M$ is strongly right AB . Moreover, if R is strongly right AB and right skew M -McCoy, then $R * M$ has right Property (A).

Whenever R is a right duo ring and σ_i is a compatible automorphism of R and $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j , then R is right skew McCoy. This implies that, if R is a right duo ring, then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ have right Property (A), which also gives an answer to a question asked in [27].

For any non-empty subset X of R , annihilators will be denoted by $r_R(X)$ and $l_R(X)$. We write $Z_l(R)$, $Z_r(R)$ for the set of all left zero-divisors of R and the set of all right zero-divisors of R . The set of all nilpotent elements of R are denoted by $\text{nil}(R)$. For any $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_m g_m \in R * M$ ($a_i \neq 0$ for each i), we call m , the *length* of α and we denote by C_α the set of all coefficients of α .

2. Rings whose right annihilators are bounded

According to Jacobson [31], a right ideal of R is *bounded* if it contains a non-zero ideal of R . This concept has been extended in several ways. From Faith [13], a ring R is called *strongly right* (resp. *left*) *bounded* if every non-zero right (resp. left) ideal of R contains a non-zero ideal. A ring is called *strongly bounded* if it is both strongly right and strongly left bounded. Right (resp. left) duo rings are strongly right (resp. left) bounded and semicommutative. Birkenmeier and Tucci [7, Proposition 6] showed that a ring R is right duo if and only if R/I is strongly right bounded for all ideals I of R .

A ring R is called *right* (resp. *left*) AB if every essential right (resp. left) annihilator of R is bounded.

Definition 2.1 ([30]). A ring R is called *strongly right* (resp. *left*) AB if every non-zero right (resp. left) annihilator of R is bounded; R is called *strongly* AB if R is strongly right and strongly left AB .

Obviously strongly right bounded rings and semicommutative rings are both strongly right AB , but the converses need not be true (see [30]).

Definition 2.2. We say a ring R is *nil-reversible*, if for every $a \in R, b \in \text{nil}(R)$, $ab = 0 \Leftrightarrow ba = 0$.

Reversible rings are clearly nil-reversible. In [39] the authors called a ring R *nil-semicommutative* if for every $a, b \in \text{nil}(R), ab = 0$ implies $aRb = 0$. Obviously, every nil-reversible ring is nil-semicommutative, so nil-reversible rings form a proper subclass of the class of 2-primal rings, by [39, Lemma 2.7].

According to Krempa [34], an endomorphism α of a ring R is said to be *rigid* if $\alpha\alpha(a) = 0$ implies $a = 0$ for $a \in R$. A ring R is said to be α -*rigid* if there exists a rigid endomorphism α of R . In [21], the authors introduced α -compatible rings and studied their properties. A ring R is α -*compatible* if for each $a, b \in R, ab = 0$ if and only if $\alpha\alpha(b) = 0$. Basic properties of rigid and compatible endomorphisms, proved by Hashemi and the second author in [21, Lemmas 2.2 and 2.1].

Let R be a ring, M a monoid and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a monoid homomorphism. The ring R is called M -*compatible* if σ_g is compatible for every $g \in M$.

The following lemma which appeared in [21, Lemma 3.2] will be helpful in the sequel.

Lemma 2.3. *Let R be an α -compatible ring. Then we have the following:*

- (1) *If $ab = 0$, then $\alpha\alpha^n(b) = \alpha^n(a)b = 0$ for all positive integers n .*
- (2) *If $\alpha^k(a)b = 0$ for some positive integer k , then $ab = 0$.*
- (3) *If $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for all $a, b \in R$.*

Lemma 2.4. *Let R be a ring, M a u.p.-monoid and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ a compatible monoid homomorphism. Then we have the following:*

- (1) *$ab \in \text{nil}(R) \Leftrightarrow a\sigma_g(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for all $a, b \in R$ and all $g \in M$;*
- (2) *$abc = 0 \Leftrightarrow a\sigma_g(b)c = 0$ for all $a, b, c \in R$ and all $g \in M$.*

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of [44, Lemma 2.4]. □

Lemma 2.5 ([19, Theorem 4.4]). *Let R be a 2-primal ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $\text{nil}(R * M) = \text{nil}(R) * M$.*

Theorem 2.6. *Let R be a nil-reversible ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ is a strongly AB ring.*

Proof. We prove the right case, the proof of the left case is similar. Suppose $X \subseteq R * M$ and $r_{R * M}(X) \neq 0$. Let $X\beta = 0$, for some $\beta = b_1h_1 + b_2h_2 + \cdots + b_nh_n \in R * M$ with minimal length.

Case 1: $\beta \in \text{nil}(R * M)$. We show that $Xb_j = 0$ for every $1 \leq j \leq n$. Assume, on the contrary, that $Xb_k \neq 0$ for some $1 \leq k \leq n$. Then there exists $\alpha \in X$ such that $\alpha b_k \neq 0$, where $\alpha = a_1g_1 + \cdots + a_mg_m$. On the

other hand we have $\alpha\beta = 0$. Since M is a u.p.-monoid, there exist i, j with $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$ such that $g_i h_j$ is uniquely presented by considering two subsets $A = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ and $B = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$ of M . We may assume without loss of generality that $i = j = 1$. Then $a_1 \sigma_{g_1}(b_1) = 0$, as $g_1 h_1$ is uniquely presented. Since R is M -compatible nil-reversible and by Lemma 2.4, $b_1 a_1 = 0$. Now take $\bar{\beta}$ to be βa_1 . But $\bar{\beta}$ has $n - 1$ terms and $\alpha \bar{\beta} = 0$, which contradicts to our assumption that β has minimal length such that $\alpha\beta = 0$, thus $\bar{\beta} = 0$. By nil-reversibility of R , $a_1 \beta = 0$, and from $\alpha\beta = 0$ we get $(a_2 g_2 + \dots + a_m g_m)(b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_n h_n) = 0$. Continuing in this way we can show that $a_i \beta = 0$ for each $1 \leq i \leq m$, which contradicts with our assumption that $\alpha b_k \neq 0$. Thus $Xb_j = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, and this implies $XRb_j = 0$, as $\text{nil}(R * M) = \text{nil}(R) * M$ by Lemma 2.5 and R is M -compatible nil-reversible. So for every $\gamma = c_1 l_1 + \dots + c_k l_k \in R * M$, $Xc_t \sigma_{l_t}(b_j) = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, $1 \leq t \leq k$. Therefore $X(R * M)b_j = 0$, and so $R * M$ is strongly right AB .

Case 2: $\beta \notin \text{nil}(R * M)$. Then we have two subcases:

(i) $\beta C_X \neq 0$ (we denote by C_X the set of all coefficients of elements of X). In this case there exists $a \in C_X$ such that $\beta a \neq 0$. Then there exists $\gamma = c_1 l_1 + \dots + c_k l_k \in X$ with $a \in C_\gamma$. From $X\beta = 0$, we get $\gamma\beta = 0$. Since $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R , it is easy to see that $c_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, $1 \leq j \leq n$. Hence $b_j a \in \text{nil}(R)$ and that $\beta a \in \text{nil}(R * M)$. As $X\beta = 0$, we have $X\beta a = 0$ and reduce to the previous case.

(ii) $\beta C_X = 0$. When $XRb_j = 0$ for some $1 \leq j \leq n$, there is nothing to prove. Now assume that $XRb_j \neq 0$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n$. Then for some $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_m g_m \in X$, $\alpha Rb_j \neq 0$. So $a_k g_k r \beta \neq 0$ for some $r \in R$ and $1 \leq k \leq m$. Since $\beta C_X = 0$, we have $a_k g_k r \beta C_X = 0$. On the other hand $\beta a_k = 0$, as $\beta C_X = 0$. So $a_k \sigma_{g_k}(r C_\beta) \in \text{nil}(R)$, and hence by nil-reversibility $C_X a_k g_k r C_\beta = 0$. Thus $C_X R a_k r C_\beta = 0$, by nil-reversibility and M -compatibility of R . So for every $\gamma = c_1 l_1 + \dots + c_k l_k \in R * M$, $C_X c_t \sigma_{l_t}(a_k r C_\beta) = 0$, $1 \leq t \leq k$. This shows that $X(R * M)a_k r \beta = 0$ and we are done. \square

Clearly every nil-reversible ring is strongly AB .

Corollary 2.7. *Let R be a nil-reversible ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R . Assume that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then the skew polynomial rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ are strongly AB .*

Corollary 2.8. *If R is a nil-reversible ring, then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ are strongly AB .*

Corollary 2.9. *Let R be a reversible ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ is a strongly AB ring.*

Right (resp. left) duo rings are both strongly right (resp. left) bounded and semicommutative. By M. P. Darzin [12] a ring R is a CN -ring whenever every

nilpotent element of R is central. D. Khurana et al. [33], introduced the notion of *unit-central* rings (i.e., every invertible element of it lies in center), and show that each unit-central ring is a *CN*-ring. It is clear that *CN*-rings and reversible rings are nil-reversible.

Corollary 2.10. *Let R be a *CN*-ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ is a strongly *AB* ring.*

Corollary 2.11. *Let R be a *CN*-ring, let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ are strongly *AB*.*

Corollary 2.12. *If R is a *CN*-ring, then the polynomial rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ are strongly *AB*.*

A ring R is called *Armendariz* if whenever polynomials $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$, $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_j x^j$ satisfy $f(x)g(x) = 0$, then $a_i b_j = 0$ for each i, j . This definition was given by Rege and Chhawchharia in [46] using the name *Armendariz* since E. Armendariz had proved in [2] that reduced rings satisfied this condition. Also, by Anderson and Camillo [1, Theorem 4], a ring R is *Armendariz* if and only if so is $R[x]$.

Definition 2.13 ([19, Definition 3.1]). Let R be a ring, let M be a monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. A ring R is called *skew M -Armendariz*, if whenever elements $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + a_2 g_2 + \dots + a_n g_n$, $\beta = b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_m h_m \in R * M$ satisfy $\alpha \beta = 0$, then $a_i \sigma_{g_i}(b_j) = 0$ for each i, j .

Proposition 2.14. *Let R be a skew M -Armendariz ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. Then R is reversible and M -compatible if and only if $R * M$ is reversible.*

Proof. Let $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + a_2 g_2 + \dots + a_n g_n$ and $\beta = b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_m h_m$ be non-zero elements of $R * M$, such that $\alpha \beta = 0$. Since R is M -Armendariz, we have $a_i \sigma_{g_i}(b_j) = 0$. By M -compatibility of R , $a_i b_j = 0$. Since R is reversible and M -compatible, $b_j \sigma_{h_j}(a_i) = 0$. So $\beta \alpha = 0$ and $R * M$ is reversible. The converse is clear since reversible rings are closed under subring. It follows from [37, Lemma 4.4(ii)] that if $R * M$ is reversible, then R is M -compatible. \square

Corollary 2.15. *Let R be a σ_i -skew Armendariz ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R for each i . Assume that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then R is reversible if and only if the skew polynomial ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is reversible if and only if $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is reversible.*

Definition 2.16. Let R be a ring, let M be a monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. We say a ring R is *right skew M -McCoy* if

whenever $0 \neq \alpha = a_1g_1 + \cdots + a_ng_n, 0 \neq \beta = b_1h_1 + \cdots + b_mh_m \in R * M$ with $g_i, h_j \in M, a_i, b_j \in R$ satisfy $\alpha\beta = 0$, then $\alpha r = 0$ for some nonzero $r \in R$. Left skew M -McCoy rings are defined similarly. If R is both left and right skew M -McCoy, then we say R is skew M -McCoy.

Theorem 2.17. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. If $S = R * M$ is strongly right AB and $r_S(Y) \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$ for any $Y \subseteq S$.*

Proof. Suppose $Y \subseteq R * M$ and $r_{R * M}(Y) \neq 0$. Let Y' be the right ideal of $R * M$ generated by Y . Since $R * M$ is strongly right AB and $r_{R * M}(Y) \neq 0$; it follows that $r_{R * M}(Y') \neq 0$. Hence by [26, Theorem 3] we have $r_R(Y') \neq 0$ and thus $r_R(Y) \neq 0$. \square

Corollary 2.18. *Let R be a ring and let σ_i be an automorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Let S be either $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$. If S is strongly right AB and $r_S(Y) \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$ for any $Y \subseteq S$.*

Corollary 2.19. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. If $S = R * M$ is nil-reversible and $r_S(Y) \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$ for any $Y \subseteq S$.*

Corollary 2.20. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. If $S = R * M$ is a reversible ring and $r_S(Y) \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$ for any $Y \subseteq S$.*

Corollary 2.21. *Let R be a ring and let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. If $R * M$ is a strongly right AB ring, then R is a right skew M -McCoy ring.*

Corollary 2.22. *If the polynomial ring $R[x]$ is strongly right AB, then R is a right McCoy ring.*

Corollary 2.23. *The class of McCoy rings includes nil-reversible rings and all rings R such that $R[x]$ is strongly right AB.*

Therefore, we conclude that, nil-reversible rings is a larger class of rings which satisfy the conditions asked by Nielsen [42]. Indeed, nil-reversible rings is a natural class of McCoy rings which includes reversible rings, CN rings, all rings R such that $R[x]$ is strongly right (or left) AB (and hence all rings R such that $R[x]$ is semicommutative).

Lemma 2.24. *Let M be a u.p.-monoid, $|M| \geq 2$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in R * M$. Then there exist $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in M$ such that $\alpha_1k_1, \dots, \alpha_nk_n$ are distinct.*

Proof. Let $\alpha_i = a_{i1}h_1^{(i)} + a_{i2}h_2^{(i)} + \cdots + a_{in_i}h_{n_i}^{(i)}$ and put $A_i = \{h_1^{(i)}, h_2^{(i)}, \dots, h_{n_i}^{(i)}\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $1 \leq t \leq n$ be maximal number such that A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t are disjoint. In this case we take, $k_1 = k_2 = \cdots = k_t = e_M$. We need to assume that

$|A_i| \geq 2$ for each i . Now take $e_M \neq h_s^{(t+1)} \in A_{t+1}, 1 \leq s \leq n(t+1)$. We claim that there exists a positive integer m_{t+1} such that $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{t+1}(h_s^{(t+1)})^{m_{t+1}}$ are disjoint, otherwise for some $h_j^{(t+1)} \in A_{t+1}$ we get $h_j^{(t+1)}(h_s^{(t+1)})^k \in \bigcup_{i=1}^t A_i$, for all positive integers k . This follows a contradiction, since by [6, Lemma 1.1], u.p.-monoids are cancellative. So $h_i^{(t+1)}(h_s^{(t+1)})^{pl_i} \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^t A_i$ for some positive integers l_i and each $p \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq i \leq n(t+1)$. Therefore $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t, A_{t+1}k_{t+1}$ are disjoint, where $k_{t+1} = (h_s^{(t+1)})^{m_{t+1}}$ with $m_{t+1} = l_1l_2 \cdots l_{n(t+1)}$. By a similar method as above there exist $k_{t+2}, \dots, k_n \in M$ such that $\alpha_1k_1, \dots, \alpha_nk_n$ are distinct. \square

Lemma 2.25. *Let R be a semicommutative ring, let M be a u.p.-group and $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Assume that $\alpha = a_1g_1 + a_2g_2 + \cdots + a_mg_m$ and $\beta = b_1h_1 + \cdots + b_nh_n$ are non-zero elements of $R * M$ such that $\alpha\beta = 0$. Then there exists $a_i \in C_\alpha$ such that $a_i^n\beta = 0$.*

Proof. Let $\alpha = a_1g_1 + \cdots + a_mg_m$ and $\beta = b_1h_1 + \cdots + b_nh_n$ be non-zero elements of $R * M$. Since M is a u.p.-group, there exist i, j, t, k with $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq t, j, k \leq n$ such that $g_i h_t h_j^{-1} h_k$ is uniquely presented by considering two subsets $A = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ and $B = \{h_t h_j^{-1} h_k : 1 \leq t, j, k \leq n\}$ of M . We may assume without loss of generality that $i = j = k = t = 1$. Hence $a_1\sigma_{g_1}(b_1) = 0$. Since R is M -compatible, we have $a_1b_1 = 0$. By semicommutativity of $R, 0 = a_1\alpha\beta = (a_1^2g_1 + \cdots + a_1a_mg_m)(b_1h_1 + \cdots + b_nh_n) = (a_1^2g_1 + \cdots + a_1a_mg_m)(b_2h_2 + \cdots + b_nh_n)$. Since M is u.p.-group, $0 = (a_1^2g_1 + \cdots + a_1a_mg_m)(b_2h_2 + \cdots + b_nh_n)h_2^{-1}h_1 = (a_1^2g_1 + \cdots + a_1a_mg_m)(b_2h_1 + \cdots + b_nh_nh_2^{-1}h_1)$. Since g_1h_1 is uniquely presented, $a_1^2b_2 = 0$. Then by a similar argument as above and since R is semicommutative, we have $0 = a_1^2\alpha\beta = (a_1^3g_1 + \cdots + a_1^2a_mg_m)(b_1h_1 + \cdots + b_nh_n) = (a_1^3g_1 + \cdots + a_1^2a_mg_m)(b_3h_3 + \cdots + b_nh_n)$. Continuing this process, we can deduce that $a_1^n\beta = 0$. We consider $i = 1$, so there exist $a_i \in C_\alpha$ such that $a_i^n\beta = 0$. \square

Corollary 2.26. *Let R be a semicommutative ring and α be an automorphism of R . Assume that R is α -compatible. Also let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$ and $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + a_mx^m$ be non-zero elements of $R[x, x^{-1}; \alpha]$ or $R[x; \alpha]$, such that $f(x)g(x) = 0$. Then there exists $a_i \in C_f$ such that $a_i^m g(x) = 0$.*

In [27], Hong, Kim and Lee, asked a question that, if R is a right duo ring does $R[x]$ have right Property (A)? In Corollary 3.12, we show that, if R is a right duo ring, then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ have right Property (A). We need the following result which is a generalization of [8, Theorem 8.2] to the more general setting:

Theorem 2.27. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-group and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a group homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If R is a right duo ring, then R is right skew M -McCoy.*

Proof. We apply the method of Camillo and Nielsen in the proof of [8, Theorem 8.2]. For every $\gamma \in R * M$ we let I_γ denote the right ideal generated by the coefficients of γ . Suppose $\alpha, \beta \in R * M$ with $\alpha\beta = 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$. We will prove, by induction on the length of α , that there is some non-zero element in I_β which annihilates α on the right. Write $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i g_i$ and $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j h_j$. First, if $\alpha = a_1 g_1$, then

$$(a_1 g_1)(b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_n h_n) = 0.$$

Since M is a u.p.-group, there exist i, j, k , such that $g_1 h_i h_j^{-1} h_k$ is uniquely presented by considering two subsets $A = \{g_1\}$ and $B = \{h_i h_j^{-1} h_k : 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n\}$ of M . We may assume without loss of generality that $i = j = k = 1$. Hence $a_1 \sigma_{g_1}(b_1) = 0$. So $0 = (a_1 g_1)(b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_n h_n) = (a_1 g_1)(b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_n h_n)$. Since M is a u.p.-group, $0 = (a_1 g_1)(b_2 h_2 + \dots + b_n h_n) h_2^{-1} h_1 = (a_1 g_1)(b_2 h_1 + \dots + b_n h_n h_2^{-1} h_1)$. Since $g_1 h_1$ is uniquely presented, $a_1 \sigma_{g_1}(b_2) = 0$. Continuing this process and since R is M -compatible, we have $a_1 b_j = 0$, for each j . Let $\text{length}(\alpha) \geq 2$.

Since duo rings are semicommutative, there exists $1 \leq l \leq m$ satisfying $a_l^{n-1} b_j \neq 0 = a_l^n b_j$ by Lemma 2.25. We then have the following.

Case (i): Suppose $a_l \beta = 0$. This implies $a_l I_\beta = 0$. In this case we set $\alpha_1 = \alpha - a_l g_l$ and find $\alpha_1 \beta = 0$. But $\text{length}(\alpha_1) < \text{length}(\alpha)$, and hence by induction there exists a non-zero element $b \in I_\beta$ satisfying $\alpha_1 b = 0$, whence $\alpha b = 0$.

Case (ii): Suppose $a_l \beta \neq 0$. Then $a_l b_t = 0$ for some $b_t \in C_\beta$. Let $a_l b_j \neq 0$. Since R is right duo, there exists $r \in R$ with $a_l^{n-1} b_j = b_j r$. If we let $\beta_1 = \beta \sigma_{g_j}^{-1}(r)$, then clearly $\alpha \beta_1 = 0$, and $(0) \neq I_{\beta_1} \subseteq I_\beta$. This means we can replace β by β_1 without any loss of generality. By construction, a_l annihilates the first j coefficients of β_1 , so after repeating this process a finite number of times we reduce to the previous case. \square

Let S be either the skew polynomial ring $R[x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or the skew Laurent polynomial ring $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$. We say the ring R is *skew McCoy*, when the equation $f(x)g(x) = 0$ over S , where $f(x), g(x) \neq 0$ implies there exists a nonzero $r \in R$ with $f(x)r = 0$.

Corollary 2.28. *Let R be a right duo ring, let σ_i be a compatible automorphism of R such that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then R is skew McCoy.*

Corollary 2.29 ([8, Theorem 8.2]). *Every right duo ring is right McCoy.*

Theorem 2.30. *Let R be a M -compatible ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. If R is skew M -Armendariz and strongly right AB , then $R * M$ is strongly right AB .*

Proof. We adopt the proof of [30, Proposition 4.6]. Assume R is strongly right AB and $X \subseteq R * M$ with $r_{R * M}(X) \neq 0$ and let C be the set of all coefficients of the elements of X . Take non-zero $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + a_2 g_2 + \dots + a_n g_n \in r_{R * M}(X)$.

Then for any $\beta = b_1h_1 + b_2h_2 + \dots + b_mh_m \in X, \beta\alpha = 0$. Since R is skew M -Armendariz and M -compatible, $b_ia_j = 0$ for all i, j . Thus $a_j \in r_R(C)$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, entailing $r_R(C) \neq 0$. Since R is strongly right AB , there exists a non-zero ideal I of R such that $r_R(C) \supseteq I$. So $CRt = 0$ for each $0 \neq t \in I$. By M -compatibility of R , $X(R * M)t = 0$. Therefore $R * M$ is strongly right AB . \square

Proposition 2.31. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If $R * M$ is strongly right AB , then R is right skew M -McCoy and strongly right AB .*

Proof. We adopt the proof of [30, Proposition 4.6]. Suppose that $S = R * M$ is strongly right AB . Let $X \subseteq R$ with $r_R(X) \neq 0$. Note that $r_R(X) = r_S(X) \cap R$. Since $r_R(X) \neq 0$, we get $r_S(X) \neq 0$. But S is strongly right AB , so there is a non-zero ideal L of S such that $r_S(X) \supseteq L$. For every $\gamma = c_1l_1 + c_2l_2 + \dots + c_tl_t \in L$, $S\gamma S \subseteq L$. So $XR\gamma \subseteq XS\gamma = 0$. This implies that $XRc_k = 0, 1 \leq k \leq t$. So $r_R(X) \supseteq Rc_kR$. Therefore R is strongly right AB . \square

Corollary 2.32. *Let R be a σ_i -skew Armendariz ring for each i and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then R is strongly right AB if and only if $R[x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is strongly right AB if and only if $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is strongly right AB .*

Corollary 2.33 ([30, Proposition 4.6]). *Let R be an Armendariz ring. Then R is strongly right AB if and only if $R[x]$ is strongly right AB .*

Let R be a ring and σ denotes an endomorphism of R with $\sigma(1) = 1$. We denote the identity matrix and unit matrices in the full matrix ring $M_n(R)$, by I_n and E_{ij} , respectively. In [35], T. K. Lee and Y. Zhou introduced a subring of the skew triangular matrix ring as a set of all triangular matrices $T_n(R)$, with addition pointwise and a new multiplication subject to the condition $E_{ij}r = \sigma^{j-i}(r)E_{ij}$. So $(a_{ij})(b_{ij}) = (c_{ij})$, where $c_{ij} = a_{ii}b_{ij} + a_{i,i+1}\sigma(b_{i+1,j}) + \dots + a_{ij}\sigma^{j-i}(b_{jj})$ for each $i \leq j$ and denoted it, by $T_n(R, \sigma)$.

Let R be a ring with an endomorphism σ . Consider the following subset of triangular matrices $T_n(R, \sigma)$, denoted by

$$T(R, n, \sigma) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{array} \right) \mid a_i \in R \right\}$$

with $n \geq 2$. It is easy to see that $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is a ring with matrix addition and multiplication. We can denote elements of $T(R, n; \sigma)$ by (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) , then $T(R, n; \sigma)$ is a ring with addition pointwise and multiplication given by $(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})(b_0, \dots, b_{n-1}) = (a_0b_0, a_0*b_1 + a_1*b_0, \dots, a_0*b_{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}*b_0)$,

with $a_i * b_j = a_i \sigma^i(b_j)$ for each i and j . In the special case, when $\sigma = id_R$, we use $T(R, n)$ instead of $T(R, n, \sigma)$. On the other hand, there is a ring isomorphism $\varphi : R[x; \sigma]/(x^n) \rightarrow T(R, n, \sigma)$, given by $\varphi(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$. So $T(R, n, \sigma) \cong R[x; \sigma]/(x^n)$, where (x^n) is the ideal generated by x^n .

Lemma 2.34. *Let R be a ring and $0 \neq a \in R$. Then a is right (resp. left) regular if and only if $(a, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in T(R, n, \sigma)$ is right (resp. left) regular.*

Proof. We adopt the proof of [30, Lemma 2.1]. Suppose that $a \in R$ is right regular, and let

$$A = (a, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in T(R, n, \sigma).$$

We proceed by induction on n . Put $(a, a_1)(b, b_1) = 0$ for some $(b, b_1) \in T(R, n, \sigma)$. Then $ab = 0$ and $ab_1 + a_1\sigma(b) = 0$. Since a is right regular, $b = 0$, and so $b_1 = 0$; hence (a, a_1) is right regular. Next let

$$AB = 0, B = (b, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in T(R, n, \sigma).$$

Then we get

$$(a, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2})(b, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-2}) = 0.$$

By the induction hypothesis we obtain $b = 0$ and $b_j = 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n - 2$; hence $ab_{n-1} + a_1\sigma(b_{n-2}) + \dots + a_{n-2}\sigma^{n-2}(b_1) + a_{n-1}\sigma^{n-1}(b) = 0, ab_{n-2} + a_1\sigma(b_{n-3}) + \dots + a_{n-2}\sigma^{n-2}(b) = 0, \dots, ab = 0$. Inductively we obtain $b = 0$ and $b_j = 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$, concluding that A is right regular.

Conversely assume that A is right regular, and let $ab = 0$ for some $b \in R$. Then from $A(bE_{1(n-1)}) = 0$ we have $b = 0$. Thus a is regular. The proof of left case is similar. \square

Proposition 2.35. *A ring R is strongly right (resp. left) AB if and only if $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right (resp. left) AB for any $n \geq 2$.*

Proof. We apply the method of Hwang et al. in the proof of [30, Theorem 2.2]. Let R be strongly right AB and $X \subseteq T(R, n, \sigma)$ with $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(X) \neq 0$. Then any diagonal in matrices in X is not right regular by Lemma 2.34. Let Y be the set of all elements in R , which occur as diagonal entries of elements in X . If $Y = 0$, then $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(X)$ contains a non-zero ideal $RE_{1(n-1)}$ of $T(R, n, \sigma)$. Next we suppose $Y \neq 0$ and let a be in Y . Take

$$0 \neq (b, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(X).$$

We will show $r_R(Y) \neq 0$. If $b \neq 0$, then $r_R(Y) \neq 0$. Assume $b = 0$, since $(b, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \neq 0$, there exist $b_j \neq 0, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ and $ab_j = 0$. So $r_R(Y) \neq 0$.

Now since R is strongly right AB , there is a non-zero ideal I of R with $I \subseteq r_R(Y)$. Then $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}$ contains a non-zero ideal $IE_{1(n-1)}$ of $T(R, n, \sigma)$. Thus $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right AB .

Conversely suppose that $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right AB and $V \subseteq R$ with $r_R(V) \neq 0$. Let $W = \{aI_n \mid a \in V\} \subseteq T(R, n, \sigma)$, where I_n is the $n \times n$ identity

matrix. Then $r_{T(R,n,\sigma)}(W) \neq 0$ because $WU = 0$ for any non-zero matrix U in $T(R, n, \sigma)$ with entries in $r_R(V)$. Since $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right AB , there exists a non-zero ideal J of $T(R, n, \sigma)$ such that $r_{T(R,n,\sigma)}(W) \supseteq J$. Now set $K = \{c \in R \mid c \text{ is an entry of a matrix in } J\}$. Then K is a non-zero ideal of R from the computations $(aI_n)(rI_n)C = 0$ for $a \in V$, $r \in R$ and $C \in J$. Moreover $aK = 0$ for all $a \in V$ from $(aI_n)J = 0$, entailing $r_R(X) \supseteq K$. Thus R is strongly right AB . The proof of the left case is similar. \square

Example 2.36. Let R be a ring. Assume α and σ are rigid endomorphisms such that $\alpha\sigma = \sigma\alpha$. Since R is reduced, $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right AB by Proposition 2.35 and by [20, Theorem 2.8 and Corollary 2.5], $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is skew Armendariz and $\bar{\alpha}$ -compatible. So $T(R, n, \sigma)[x; \bar{\alpha}]$ is strongly right AB , by Corollary 2.32.

Definition 2.37 ([9]). A ring R is said to have the *right finite intersection property* (simply, *right FIP*) if, for any subset X of R , there exists a finite subset X_0 of X such that $r_R(X) = r_R(X_0)$.

Proposition 2.38. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-group with $|M| \geq 2$ and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a group homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If R is right duo and $R * M$ has right FIP, then $R * M$ is strongly right AB .*

Proof. Assume that $X \subseteq R * M$ and $r_{R * M}(X) \neq 0$. Then there exists a finite subset X_0 of X such that $r_{R * M}(X) = r_{R * M}(X_0)$, as $R * M$ has right FIP. Assume that $X_0 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$, where $\alpha_i = a_{i1}g_{i1} + a_{i2}g_{i2} + \dots + a_{in_i}g_{in_i}$, $1 \leq i \leq k$ with positive integers n_i . By Proposition 2.24, there exist $h_1, \dots, h_k \in M$ such that $\alpha_1h_1, \alpha_2h_2, \dots, \alpha_kh_k$, are distinct. Take $\alpha = \alpha_1h_1 + \alpha_2h_2 + \dots + \alpha_kh_k$. Then for some $0 \neq \beta \in R * M$ we have $\alpha\beta = 0$. By Theorem 2.27, right duo rings are right skew M -McCoy, so there exists $0 \neq c \in R$ such that $a_{ij}c = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, $1 \leq j \leq n_i$, as R is M -compatible. Since R is strongly right AB , there exists an ideal J such that $a_{ij}J = 0$. For each $0 \neq d \in J$, we have $a_{ij}Rd = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, $1 \leq j \leq n_i$. Thus we have $X_0(R * M)d = 0$, by M -compatibility of R . So $0 \neq (R * M)d(R * M) \subseteq r_{R * M}(X_0)$ and hence $R * M$ is strongly right AB . \square

Corollary 2.39. *Let R be a right duo ring and let σ_i be a compatible automorphism of R with $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Let S be either $R[x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$. If S has right IFP, then S is strongly right AB .*

Faith [15] called a ring R *right zip* provided that if the right annihilator $r_R(X)$ of a subset X of R is zero, then there exists a finite subset $Y \subseteq X$ such that $r_R(Y) = 0$. The concept of zip rings was initiated by Zelmanowitz [50] and appeared in various papers. Zelmanowitz stated that any ring satisfying the descending chain condition on right annihilators is a right zip ring, but the converse does not hold. Extensions of zip rings were studied by several

authors. Beachy and Blair [4] showed that if R is a commutative zip ring, then the polynomial ring $R[x]$ over R is a zip ring. In [47, Theorem 2.4], Singh and et al., show that, R is right zip if and only if $R * M$ is right zip.

Proposition 2.40. *Let R be a right skew M -McCoy ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid with $|M| \geq 2$ and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If R is strongly right AB and $R * M$ is right zip, then $R * M$ is strongly right AB.*

Proof. Let $r_{R*M}(X) \neq 0$, where $X \subseteq R * M$. Assume, on the contrary, that $r_{R*M}(X(R * M)) = 0$. Since $R * M$ is right zip there exists a finite subset $X_0 = \{\alpha_1\gamma_1, \alpha_2\gamma_2, \dots, \alpha_k\gamma_k\} \subseteq X(R * M)$, where $\alpha_i = a_{i1}g_{i1} + a_{i2}g_{i2} + \dots + a_{i n_i}g_{i n_i} \in X$, $\gamma_i \in R * M$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, such that $r_{R*M}(X_0) = 0$. Since $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subseteq X$, we have $0 \neq r_{R*M}(X) \subseteq r_{R*M}(\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\})$. So $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}\beta = 0$ for some $0 \neq \beta \in R * M$. By Proposition 2.24, there exist $h_1, \dots, h_k \in M$ such that $\alpha_1 h_1, \alpha_2 h_2, \dots, \alpha_k h_k$ are distinct. Put $\alpha = \alpha_1 h_1 + \alpha_2 h_2 + \dots + \alpha_k h_k$. Since $\alpha_i \beta = 0$ for every $1 \leq i \leq k$, we have $\alpha \beta = 0$. Since R is right skew M -McCoy, there exists $0 \neq c \in R$ such that $\alpha c = 0$. Therefore $a_{ij}c = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, $1 \leq j \leq n_i$, as R is M -compatible. Since R is strongly right AB, there exists an ideal J such that $a_{ij}J = 0$ for every i, j . For every $0 \neq d \in J$, $a_{ij}Rd = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, $0 \leq j \leq n_i$. Since R is M -compatible, $\alpha_i(R * M)d = 0$. But this is a contradiction as we assumed $r_{R*M}(X_0) = 0$. □

Corollary 2.41. *Let R be a skew McCoy, right zip and strongly right AB ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R with $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then the rings $R[x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ are strongly right AB.*

Corollary 2.42. *Let R be a right McCoy, right zip and strongly right AB ring. Then the rings $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ are strongly right AB.*

By Proposition 2.35, a ring R is strongly right (resp. left) AB if and only if $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right (resp. left) AB for any $n \geq 2$. Now we provide more examples of noncommutative zip rings.

Proposition 2.43. *Let R be a commutative ring with an endomorphisms σ and let $n \geq 2$. Then R is a zip ring if and only if $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is a zip ring.*

Proof. Assume that R is a zip ring and $X \subseteq T(R, n, \sigma)$ with $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(X) = 0$. Let Y be the set of all elements in R , which occur as main diagonal entries of elements in X . If $Y = 0$, then $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(X)$ contains E_{1n} which contradicts to our assumption. So $Y \neq 0$. We then have $r_R(Y) = 0$, as $a \in r_R(Y)$ implies $YaE_{1n} = 0$. Since R is right zip, there exists a finite subset $Y_0 = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\} \subseteq Y$, such that $r_R(Y_0) = 0$. For each $1 \leq i \leq n$, put U_i to be the set of matrices whose main diagonal entries are r_i . Take $A_i \in U_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Clearly $U = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$, $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(U) = 0$. So $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is right zip. For the

Converse we adopt the proof of [25, Proposition 3]. Suppose that $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is a right zip ring and $X \subseteq R$ with $r_R(X) = 0$. Let $Y = \{aI \mid a \in X\} \subseteq T(R, n, \sigma)$, where I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. If $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(Y)$, then $aI.B = 0$ for all $a \in X$. Thus $ab_j = 0$ for all j . Therefore $b_j \in r_R(X) = 0$ and so $b_j = 0$ for all j . Since $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is right zip, there exists a finite subset $Y_0 = \{a_1I, a_2I, \dots, a_mI\} \subseteq Y$ such that $r_{T(R, n, \sigma)}(Y_0) = 0$. Let $X_0 = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\} \subseteq X$. If $b \in r_R(X_0)$, then $a_kI(0, 0, \dots, 0, b) = 0$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Thus, $(0, 0, \dots, 0, b) \in r_R(Y_0) = 0$, so $b = 0$. Hence $r_R(X_0) = 0$ and therefore R is right zip. Moreover, R is zip because R is commutative. \square

By Proposition 2.35, a ring R is strongly right (resp. left) AB if and only if $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is strongly right (resp. left) AB for any $n \geq 2$. Also by Proposition 2.43, for each commutative ring R with an endomorphism σ and for $n \geq 2$, R is a zip ring if and only if $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is a zip ring. We can provide more examples of strongly right AB rings.

Example 2.44. For any commutative domain R with endomorphisms σ, α such that $\sigma\alpha = \alpha\sigma$, the ring $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -compatible and skew McCoy, by [20, Theorem 2.8 and Corollary 2.5]. Since R is zip and strongly right AB , $T(R, n, \sigma)$ is zip and strongly right AB . So the ring $T(R, n, \sigma)[x, \bar{\alpha}]$ is also strongly right AB .

Theorem 2.45. *Let R be a skew M -Armendariz ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then R is nil-reversible if and only if $R * M$ is nil-reversible.*

Proof. Let R be nil-reversible. Let $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i g_i \in R * M$ and $\beta = \sum_{j=0}^m b_j h_j \in \text{nil}(R * M)$ with $\alpha\beta = 0$. By Lemma 2.5, each $b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$, $0 \leq j \leq m$, as R is 2-primal. Since R is skew M -Armendariz and M -compatible, $a_i b_j = 0$ for every $0 \leq i \leq n$, $0 \leq j \leq m$. Therefore $b_j \sigma_{h_j}(a_i) = 0$, since R is nil-reversible and R is M -compatible. Consequently we have $\beta\alpha = 0$. So $R * M$ is nil-reversible. \square

Corollary 2.46. *Let R be a σ_i -skew Armendariz ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R for each i . Assume that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then R is nil-reversible if and only if the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is nil-reversible if and only if the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ is nil-reversible.*

Corollary 2.47. *Let R be an Armendariz ring. Then R is nil-reversible if and only if the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ is nil-reversible if and only if the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ is nil-reversible.*

3. Rings with Property (A)

Huckaba and Keller [29] introduced the following: a commutative ring R has *Property (A)* if every finitely generated ideal of R consisting entirely of zero-divisors has a nonzero annihilator. Property (A) was originally studied by

Quentel [45]. Quentel used the term Condition (C) for Property (A). The class of commutative rings with Property (A) is quite large. For example, Noetherian rings ([32], p. 56), rings whose prime ideals are maximal [22], the polynomial ring $R[x]$ and rings whose classical ring of quotients are von Neumann regular [22], are examples of rings with Property (A). Using Property (A), Hinkle and Huckaba [23] extend the concept Kronecker function rings from integral domains to rings with zero divisors. Many authors have studied commutative rings with Property (A), and have obtained several results which are useful studying commutative rings with zero-divisors. C. Y. Hong, N. K. Kim, Y. Lee and S. J. Ryu [27] extended the notion of Property (A) to noncommutative rings:

Definition 3.1 ([27]). A ring R has *right (left) Property (A)* if for every finitely generated two-sided ideal $I \subseteq Z_l(R)$ (resp. $Z_r(R)$), there exists nonzero $a \in R$ (resp. $b \in R$) such that $Ia = 0$ (resp. $bI = 0$). A ring R is said to have *Property (A)* if R has the right and left Property (A).

According to [41], a ring R with a monomorphism α is called α -*weakly rigid* if for each $a, b \in R$, $aRb = 0$ if and only if $a\alpha(Rb) = 0$. For any positive integer n , a ring R is α -weakly rigid if and only if, the n -by- n upper triangular matrix ring $T_n(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -weakly rigid if and only if, the matrix ring $M_n(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -weakly rigid, where $\bar{\alpha}((a_{ij})) = (\alpha(a_{ij}))$ for each $(a_{ij}) \in M_n(R)$. Also if R is a semiprime α -weakly rigid ring, then the polynomial ring $R[x]$ is a semiprime $\bar{\alpha}$ -weakly rigid ring, where $\bar{\alpha}(\sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha(r_i) x^i$. For every prime ring R and any automorphism α , the rings $M_n(R)$, $T_n(R)$, $R[X]$ and the power series ring $R[[X]]$, for X an arbitrary nonempty set of indeterminates, are weakly rigid rings.

Definition 3.2. Let R be a ring, let M be a monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism. We say R is M -*weakly rigid* if σ_g is weakly rigid for every $g \in M$.

Lemma 3.3. Let R be a ring, let M be a monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -weakly rigid. Then for every $a, b \in R$ and $g_i, g_j \in M$, $aRb = 0$ if and only if $\sigma_{g_i}(a)R\sigma_{g_j}(b) = 0$.

Proof. Suppose that $aRb = 0$, so $\sigma_{g_i}(aRb) = 0$, and hence $\sigma_{g_i}(a)\sigma_{g_i}(Rb) = 0$. Since R is M -weakly rigid, $\sigma_{g_i}(a)Rb = 0$. So for each $r \in R$, $\sigma_{g_i}(a)rRb = 0$, and hence $\sigma_{g_i}(a)r\sigma_{g_j}(Rb) = 0$. Thus $\sigma_{g_i}(a)r\sigma_{g_j}(b) = 0$, and for each i, j , $\sigma_{g_i}(a)R\sigma_{g_j}(b) = 0$. Now assume that $\sigma_{g_i}(a)R\sigma_{g_j}(b) = 0$, for each i, j . Since R is M -weakly rigid, $\sigma_{g_i}(a)\sigma_{g_i}(R\sigma_{g_j}(b)) = 0$, so $\sigma_{g_i}(aR(\sigma_{g_j}(b))) = 0$. Since σ_{g_j} is injective, $aR\sigma_{g_j}(b) = 0$. This implies that $aRb = 0$, as R is M -weakly rigid. \square

Hirano in [24, Theorem 2.2], proved that, when $r_{R[x]}(f(x)R[x]) \neq 0$ then $r_{R[x]}(f(x)R[x]) \cap R \neq 0$ for $f(x) \in R[x]$.

Proposition 3.4. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -weakly rigid. For $\alpha \in S = R * M$, if $r_S(\alpha S) \neq 0$, then $r_S(\alpha S) \cap R \neq 0$.*

Proof. We apply the method of Hirano in the proof of [24, Theorem 2.2]. Let $\alpha = a_1g_1 + a_2g_2 + \cdots + a_ng_n$. When $\alpha = 0$ or $\text{length}(\alpha) = 1$, then the assertion is clear. So, let $\text{length}(\alpha) = n$, $n > 1$. Assume, to the contrary, that $r_R(\alpha S) = 0$ and let $\beta = b_1h_1 + b_2h_2 + \cdots + b_mh_m \in S$ be a nonzero element with minimal length in $r_S(\alpha S)$. Since $\alpha S\beta = 0$, $\alpha R\beta = 0$. Since M is a u.p.-monoid, there exist i, j with $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ such that g_ih_j is uniquely presented by considering two subsets $A = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ and $B = \{h_1, \dots, h_m\}$ of M . We may assume, without loss of generality, that $i = n$, $j = m$. Then $a_n\sigma_{g_n}(Rb_m) = 0$, as g_nh_m is uniquely presented. Since R is M -weakly rigid, $a_nRb_m = 0$. This implies

$$a_nS\beta = a_nS(b_{m-1}h_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1h_1)$$

and

$$0 = \alpha S\beta \supseteq \alpha S(a_nS\beta) = \alpha S(a_nS(b_{m-1}g_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1g_1)).$$

So $a_nR(b_{m-1}g_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1h_1) \subseteq r_S(\alpha S)$. Now take $\bar{\beta}$ to be $a_nR\beta$. Since $\text{length}(\bar{\beta}) = n-1$, and $\alpha S\bar{\beta} = 0$ this contradicts with the assumption that β has minimal length such that $\alpha S\beta = 0$. Thus $\bar{\beta} = 0$ and we have $a_nS(b_{m-1}h_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1h_1) = 0$. Therefore $a_nRb_j = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq m$. Hence $(a_{n-1}g_{n-1} + \cdots + a_1g_1)S(b_mh_m + \cdots + b_1h_1) = 0$. Since M is a u.p.-monoid there exist i, j with $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ such that g_ih_j is uniquely presented by considering two subsets $A = \{g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}\}$ and $B = \{h_1, \dots, h_m\}$ of M . We may assume without loss of generality that $i = n-1$, $j = m$, and so $a_{n-1}\sigma_{g_{n-1}}(Rb_m) = 0$. Thus we have $\alpha S(a_{n-1}S(b_{m-1}h_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1h_1)) = \alpha(Sa_{n-1}S)\beta = 0$. Since β is a nonzero element with minimal length in $r_S(\alpha S)$, we have $a_{n-1}S(b_{m-1}h_{m-1} + \cdots + b_1h_1) = 0$. Therefore $a_{n-1}Rb_j = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq m$. Repeating this process, we have $a_iRb_j = 0$ for all i, j . So $a_i g_i R b_j = 0$ and $a_i R l_k b_j = 0$, $g_i, l_k \in M$, since R is M -weakly rigid. This implies that $b_1, \dots, b_m \in r_R(\alpha S)$. This is also a contradiction and hence the result follows. \square

Corollary 3.5. *Let R be a ring and let σ_i be a weakly rigid endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Assume that S is either the skew polynomial ring $R[x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or the skew Laurent polynomial ring $R[x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$. If $r_S(fS) \neq 0$, then $r_S(fS) \cap R \neq 0$ for each $f \in S$.*

Proposition 3.6. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid with $|M| \geq 2$ and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -weakly rigid. Then $S = R * M$ has right Property (A) if and only if whenever $\alpha S \subseteq Z_l(S)$, $r_S(\alpha S) \neq 0$.*

Proof. We adopt the proof of [27, Lemma 2.8]. Let $I = \sum_{i=1}^k S\alpha_i S \subseteq Z_l(S)$, where $\alpha_i = a_{i1}g_{i1} + a_{i2}g_{i2} + \dots + a_{in_i}g_{in_i}$. By Proposition 2.24, there exist $l_1, \dots, l_k \in M$ such that $\alpha_1 l_1, \alpha_2 l_2, \dots, \alpha_k l_k$ are distinct. Put $\beta = \alpha_1 l_1 + \alpha_2 l_2 + \dots + \alpha_k l_k \in I$. Thus $\beta S \subseteq I$. By hypothesis, $r_S(\beta S) = r_S(S\beta S) \neq 0$. So $r_S(S\beta S) \cap R \neq 0$, by Theorem 3.4. Thus for some nonzero $r \in R$, $S\beta S r = 0$. Since $R\beta R \subseteq S\beta S$ and R is M -weakly rigid, we have $Ra_{ij}Rr = 0$. Thus $Rt_k a_{ij} g_j R h_m r = 0$ for $t_k, g_j, h_m \in M$. So $Ir = (\sum_{i=1}^k S\alpha_i S)r = 0$. Therefore S has right Property (A). The converse is clear. \square

Corollary 3.7. *Let R be a ring and let σ_i be a weakly rigid endomorphism of the ring R such that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each i, j . Assume that S is the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$. Then S has right Property (A) if and only if whenever $fS \subseteq Z_l(S)$, $r_S(fS) \neq 0$ for each $f \in S$.*

Corollary 3.8 ([27, Lemma 2.8]). *For a ring R , $R[x]$ has right Property (A) if and only if whenever $f(x)R[x] \subseteq Z_l(R[x])$, $r_{R[x]}(f(x)R[x]) \neq 0$.*

There exists a ring R which does not have Property (A) whose the polynomial ring $R[x]$ has Property (A). For, the polynomial ring $R[x]$ over any commutative ring R has Property (A) [29, Theorem 1], and there is a commutative ring R which does not have Property (A).

Theorem 3.9. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If R is strongly right AB and right skew M -McCoy, then $R * M$ has right Property (A).*

Proof. Put $S = R * M$ and let $X = \alpha S \subseteq Z_l(S)$, where $\alpha = a_0 g_0 + a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n$. By hypothesis, there exists $\beta \in R * M$ such that $\alpha \beta = 0$. Since R is M -compatible and right skew M -McCoy, there exists $0 \neq c \in R$ such that $a_i c = 0$ for each i . Since R is strongly right AB, there exists an ideal J such that $a_i J = 0$ for each i . So for every $0 \neq d \in J$, $a_i R d = 0$ for each i . Since R is M -compatible, we have $\alpha S d = 0$. This implies that $R * M$ has right Property (A), by Proposition 3.6. \square

Corollary 3.10. *Let R be a strongly right AB, skew McCoy ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R for each $1 \leq i \leq n$. Assume that $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.11. *Let R be a right duo ring, let M be a u.p.-group and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a group homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ has right Property (A).*

Proof. It is clear that the right duo ring R is strongly right AB. Moreover, R is right skew M -McCoy by Theorem 2.27. So the result follows from Theorem 3.9. \square

Corollary 3.12. *Let R be a right duo ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.13. *If R is a right duo ring, then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.14. *Let R be a CN-ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.15. *Let R be a semicommutative and right skew M -McCoy ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ has right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.16. *Let R be a semicommutative skew McCoy ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R with $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each i, j . Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.17. *If R is a semicommutative right McCoy ring, then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.18 ([27, Proposition 2.10]). *If R is a semicommutative and right McCoy ring, then $R[x]$ has right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.19. *Let R be a reversible ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{End}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that R is M -compatible. Then $R * M$ has right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.20. *Let R be a reversible ring and let σ_i be a compatible endomorphism of R such that $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \sigma_j\sigma_i$ for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Then the rings $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ and $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ have right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.21 ([27, Corollary 2.11]). *If R is a reversible ring, then $R[x]$ has right Property (A).*

Theorem 3.22. *Let R be a ring, let M be a u.p.-monoid and let $\sigma : M \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ be a monoid homomorphism such that the ring R is M -compatible. If $R * M$ is strongly right AB, then $R * M$ has right Property (A).*

Proof. Let $X = \alpha S \subseteq Z_l(S)$, where $\alpha = a_0g_0 + a_1g_1 + \dots + a_ng_n$. By hypothesis, there exists $\beta \in R * M$ such that $\alpha\beta = 0$. Since R is M -compatible and right skew M -McCoy, there exists $0 \neq c \in R$ such that $a_ic = 0$ for each i . Since $R * M$ is strongly right AB, by 2.30, R is strongly right AB, so there exists an ideal J such that $a_iJ = 0$. So for every $0 \neq d \in J$, $a_iRd = 0$ for each i . Since R is M -compatible, we have $\alpha Sd = 0$. This implies that $R * M$ has right Property (A), by Proposition 3.6. \square

Corollary 3.23. *Let S be either the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ or the ring $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$ with $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Assume that S is a strongly right AB ring and σ_i is a compatible automorphism of R , $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then S has right Property (A).*

Corollary 3.24. *If either $R[x]$ or $R[x, x^{-1}]$ is a strongly right AB ring, then $R[x]$ and $R[x, x^{-1}]$ have right Property (A).*

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