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## ON WEAKLY $\alpha$ -SHIFTING RING

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**Abstract.** For a ring endomorphism  $\alpha$ , we introduce weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring which is an extension of reduced as well as  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. The notion of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring is a generalization of weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. We investigate various properties of this ring including some kinds of examples in the process of development of this new concept.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this article, all rings are associative with identity 1 and  $\alpha : R \longrightarrow R$  is an ring endomorphism of a ring  $R$ . An element  $x$  of a ring  $R$  is nilpotent whenever  $x^m = 0$  for some positive integer  $m$ . We denote  $Nil(R)$ , the set of nilpotent elements of  $R$ . We recall that a ring is said to be reduced whenever it has no non zero nilpotent elements. Again a ring is defined as symmetric in [1] whenever  $xyz = 0 \Rightarrow xzy = 0$  for any  $x, y, z \in R$ . In 1999, Cohn [2] defined that

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a ring is said to be reversible if  $xy = 0$  implies  $yx = 0$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Again a ring is called semicommutative if for any  $x, y \in R$ ,  $xy = 0$  implies  $xRy = 0$ , this ring is also called ZI ring in [14]. If a ring is commutative, then it is always reversible, symmetric and semicommutative. It is mentioned that reduced rings are symmetric [3, Theorem I.3]. We can see that symmetric rings are reversible and reversible rings are always semicommutative by using their definitions. D.D. Anderson and V. Camillo provided the examples of non reduced symmetric ring [3, Example II.5] and a non symmetric reversible ring [3, Example I.5]. Moreover Example 1.5 of [15] is given to establish that a semicommutative ring may not be reversible.

In 1996, J. Krempa furnished a new concept rigid endomorphism of a ring in [5]. An endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$  is stated as rigid if  $x\alpha(x) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  for any  $x \in R$ . A ring is said to be  $\alpha$ -rigid if there exists a some rigid endomorphism  $\alpha$ . Motivated by that new term, L. Ouyang defined weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring [6] in the context of  $Nil(R)$  in 2008. A ring is weak  $\alpha$ -rigid if  $x\alpha(x) \in Nil(R) \Leftrightarrow x \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x \in R$ . Another term  $\alpha$ -reversible ring [7] was introduced in 2009. A ring  $R$  is right (left)  $\alpha$ -reversible whenever  $xy = 0$  implies  $y\alpha(x) = 0$  ( $\alpha(y)x = 0$ ) for any  $x, y \in R$ . A ring is said to be  $\alpha$ -reversible if it satisfies the both conditions of right and left  $\alpha$ -reversible. In 2014, A. Bahlekeh introduced weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring [8] by extending  $\alpha$ -reversible ring with the help of the set  $Nil(R)$ . Whenever  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$  implies  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ , then  $R$  is said to be weak  $\alpha$ -reversible. On the other hand, T.K. Kwak extended the concept of symmetric ring to  $\alpha$ -symmetric [9] by using ring endomorphism  $\alpha$  in 2007. A ring  $R$  is right(left)  $\alpha$ -symmetric if  $xyz = 0 \Rightarrow xz\alpha(y) = 0$  ( $\alpha(y)xz = 0$ ) for any  $x, y, z \in R$ . Motivated by this above definition, L.Ouyang and H.Chen introduced weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric ring [10] in 2010. A ring  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric ring if  $xyz \in Nil(R)$  implies  $xz\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y, z \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -compatible [11] if  $xy = 0 \Leftrightarrow x\alpha(y) = 0$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Again in 2011, weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring [12] was introduced by using the weak condition to  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. A ring  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible if  $xy \in Nil(R) \Leftrightarrow x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . In 2010, the concept of reversible ring extend to  $\alpha$ -shifting ring [13] by using ring endomorphism  $\alpha$ . They defined  $R$  is right(left)  $\alpha$ -shifting whenever  $x\alpha(y) = 0$  ( $\alpha(x)y = 0$ ) implies  $y\alpha(x) = 0$  ( $\alpha(y)x = 0$ ) for any  $x, y \in R$ . The ring is  $\alpha$ -shifting whenever it satisfies both the conditions of right and left  $\alpha$ -shifting.

Motivated by all of the above definitions, we have introduced the concept of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring which is an extension of reduced as well as  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. The notion of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring is a generalization of weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring.

## 2. WEAKLY $\alpha$ -SHIFTING RING

In this section we introduce and study a class of rings, called weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring which is an extension of  $\alpha$ -shifting rings. We prove that weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring is a generalization of weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. We investigate the connections of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring to weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring, weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring and weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric rings. Moreover some results of  $\alpha$ -shifting rings can be extended to weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. We now start with the following definition:

**Definition 2.1.** *A ring  $R$  is called weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting if  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ .*

It is very easy to check that

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$  then  $yx \in Nil(R)$ .*

We get the following remark from the above Lemma and the definition of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

**Remark 2.1.** *All rings are always weakly  $Id$ -shifting rings where  $Id$  is the identity ring endomorphism.*

It is shown that the concept of reduced ring and  $\alpha$ -shifting ring do not depend on each other by the Example 1.1(2) and Example 2.3 of [13]. Now the next proposition shows the connection between  $\alpha$ -shifting and weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $R$  is reduced and  $\alpha$ -shifting ring then  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.*

*Proof.* Let  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . It implies  $x\alpha(y) = 0$  as  $R$  is reduced ring. Since  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -shifting, so  $x\alpha(y) = 0$  implies  $y\alpha(x) = 0$ . As  $R$  is reduced,  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

Let  $T_n(R)$  denote  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix ring over  $R$ . Then the map  $\bar{\alpha} : T_n(R) \longrightarrow T_n(R)$  defined by  $\bar{\alpha}((a_{ij})) = (\alpha(a_{ij}))$  for all  $(a_{ij}) \in T_n(R)$  is a ring endomorphism of  $T_n(R)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.**  *$R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring if and only if  $T_n(R)$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting ring for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Let us consider  $A\bar{\alpha}(B) \in Nil(T_n(R))$  for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } T_n(R).$$

Therefore  $(A\bar{\alpha}(B))^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ . It implies  $(a_{ii}\alpha(b_{ii}))^k = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $a_{ii}\alpha(b_{ii}) \in Nil(R)$ . Consequently  $b_{ii}\alpha(a_{ii}) \in Nil(R)$  as  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. So  $(b_{ii}\alpha(a_{ii}))^{k_i} = 0$  for some positive integer  $k_i$ . Now  $(B\bar{\alpha}(A))^{\bar{k}} \in Nil(T_n(R))$  where  $\bar{k} = \max\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$ . Thus  $B\bar{\alpha}(A) \in Nil(T_n(R))$  and so  $T_n(R)$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting ring.

Conversely let  $T_n(R)$  be weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting ring. Now let us consider  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for  $x, y \in R$ . It implies  $(x\alpha(y))^m = 0$  for some positive integer  $m$ . It leads to

$$\left( \left( \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a \end{pmatrix} \bar{\alpha} \left( \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right)^m = 0.$$

Now by using the definition of weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting of  $T_n(R)$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} y & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in Nil(T_n(R)).$$

Now it is very easy to check that  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus we have  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

The next example shows that there exists a weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring which is not  $\alpha$ -shifting.

**Example 2.1.** We prove that the ring  $R \oplus R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring as shown in Example[2.15]. Then  $T_2(R \oplus R)$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting by immediate consequence of above Proposition

2.5. Let us consider  $A = \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (0,0) \\ (0,0) & (1,0) \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (0,1) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix}$  in  $T_2(R \oplus R)$ . Therefore

we have  $A\bar{\alpha}(B) = 0$  but  $B\bar{\alpha}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} (0,0) & (0,1) \\ (0,0) & (0,0) \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$ . Thus  $T_2(R \oplus R)$  is not  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\alpha : R \longrightarrow S$  be any ring endomorphism. If  $x \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x \in R$ , then  $\alpha(x) \in Nil(S)$ .

**Remark 2.2.** The converse of the Lemma ?? holds whenever  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. Then we have the following:

- (i)  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -reversible.
- (ii)  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $yx \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2 and the condition that  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. Thus  $R$  is a weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring.

(ii) Let  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . It implies  $xy \in Nil(R)$  as  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible ring. Again  $xy \in Nil(R)$  implies  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  by using Proposition 2.9(i). Thus  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $R$  be a weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring for a monomorphism  $\alpha$ . Then we have the following:

- (i)  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible.
- (ii)  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting.

*Proof.* (i) Let us consider  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Now  $xy \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow yx \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2 and  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring.

Conversely, let  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $\alpha(y)\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  by using the definition of weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring of  $R$ . It implies  $\alpha(yx) \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow yx \in Nil(R)$  by using Remark 2.8. Now we have  $xy \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2. So for any  $x, y \in R$ ,  $xy \in Nil(R) \Leftrightarrow x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible.

(ii) From Proposition 2.10(i), we have  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -compatible. Now  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting by using Proposition 2.9(ii).

**Proposition 2.5.** *Weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric rings are always weak  $\alpha$ -reversible.*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric ring. Let  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Since  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric ring, so  $xy = 1.x.y \in Nil(R)$  implies  $y\alpha(x) = 1.y.\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -reversible.

The next corollary is a direct deduction of Proposition 2.11 and Proposition 2.10(ii).

**Corollary 2.1.** *Weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric rings are weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting whenever  $\alpha$  is monomorphism.*

The next example provides a weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric which is not weak  $\alpha$ -compatible.

**Example 2.2.** *Let us consider that  $F$  be any field and  $R = F[x]$ . Let  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\alpha(f(x)) = f(0)$  for all  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Clearly  $\alpha$  is a ring endomorphism of  $F[x]$ . We know that  $R$  is a domain. We can easily show that for any ring endomorphism  $\alpha$ , domains are weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric ring. Thus  $F[x]$  is weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric. Now let  $f(x) = x \neq 0$  and  $g(x) = a \neq 0$ . So clearly  $g(x)\alpha(f(x)) = 0 \in Nil(R)$ . But  $g(x)f(x) = ax \neq 0 \notin Nil(R)$  where  $Nil(R) = 0$  as  $R$  is domain. Thus we can see that  $R$  is not weak  $\alpha$ -compatible.*

**Remark 2.3.** *Since the ring  $R = F[x]$  given in Example 2.13 is also a weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring by Proposition 2.11. Therefore the above example also provides a weak  $\alpha$ -reversible ring which is not weak  $\alpha$ -compatible.*

In the next example, we give a weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring which is not weak  $\alpha$ -reversible.

**Example 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Let  $\alpha : R \oplus R \rightarrow R \oplus R$  such that  $\alpha((a, b)) = (b, a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in R \oplus R$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a ring endomorphism of  $R \oplus R$ . Now our first motive is to show that  $R \oplus R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Therefore let us consider  $(a, b)\alpha((c, d)) \in Nil(R \oplus R)$  for any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in R \oplus R$ . It implies  $(ad, bc) \in Nil(R \oplus R)$ . So there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $((ad, bc))^m = 0$ . So we have  $((ad))^m = ((bc))^m = 0$ . Since  $R$  is commutative, so  $((da))^m = ((cb))^m = 0$ . Now  $((c, d)\alpha(a, b))^m = ((cb, da))^m = 0 \Rightarrow (c, d)\alpha((a, b)) \in Nil(R \oplus R)$ .*

Therefore  $R \oplus R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

Now we see that  $(1,0)(0,1) = 0 \in Nil(R \oplus R)$ . But  $(0,1)\alpha(1,0) = (0,1)$  is not nilpotent element of  $R \oplus R$ . So  $R \oplus R$  is not weak  $\alpha$ -reversible.

**Remark 2.4.** We can see that  $R \oplus R$ , the weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring given in Example 2.15 is neither weak  $\alpha$ -compatible nor weak  $\alpha$ -symmetric by using Proposition 2.9(i) and Proposition 2.11 respectively.

**Proposition 2.6.** If  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring and  $Nil(R)$  forms an ideal, then  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting.

*Proof.* Let us consider  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring. Let  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . It implies  $yx\alpha(y)\alpha(x) = yx\alpha(yx) \in Nil(R)$  as  $Nil(R)$  forms an ideal. Since  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring, we have  $yx \in Nil(R)$ . Now  $yx \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow \alpha(yx) \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.7. Since  $Nil(R)$  forms an ideal, then we have  $\alpha^2(x)\alpha(y)\alpha(x)y \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $\alpha(\alpha(x)y)\alpha(x)y \in Nil(R)$ . Now by using the definition of weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring, we have  $\alpha(x)y \in Nil(R)$ . Now  $\alpha(x)y \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2. Thus  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

**Example 2.4.** From the example of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring given in Example 2.15, we can see that  $(1,0)\alpha(1,0) = (1,0)(0,1) = 0 \in Nil(R \oplus R)$  but  $(1,0)$  is not nilpotent element of  $R \oplus R$ . Thus  $R \oplus R$  is not weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring.

**Lemma 2.3.** [16]  $R$  is semicommutative  $\Rightarrow Nil(R)$  forms an ideal.

We have the following corollary from the Proposition 2.17 and Lemma 2.19.

**Corollary 2.2.** If  $R$  is weak  $\alpha$ -rigid ring and semicommutative then  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting.

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $R$  be weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Then we have the following:

- (i) If  $x\alpha^k(y) \in Nil(R)$ , then  $y\alpha^k(x) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k$ .
- (ii) If  $xy \in Nil(R)$ , then  $x\alpha^k(y), y\alpha^k(x) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k = 2m$ .

*Proof.* (i) For  $k = 1$ ,  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  implies  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  by the definition of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Let us consider  $x\alpha^m(y) \in Nil(R)$  implies  $y\alpha^m(x) \in Nil(R)$  for some  $m > 1$ .

Now let  $x\alpha^{m+1}(y) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $x\alpha(\alpha^m(y)) \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow \alpha^m(y)\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$  as  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. By using the Lemma 2.2, we have  $\alpha(x)\alpha^m(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Again by using our assumption  $y\alpha^{m+1}(x) = y\alpha^m(\alpha(x)) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $x\alpha^k(y) \in Nil(R)$  implies  $y\alpha^k(x) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k$  by using principle of mathematical induction.

(ii) Let  $xy \in Nil(R)$ . By using Lemma 2.7, we have  $\alpha(xy) = \alpha(x)\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting, then  $y\alpha^2(x) = y\alpha(\alpha(x)) \in Nil(R)$ . Again by using Lemma 2.7, we have  $\alpha(y\alpha^2(x)) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $\alpha(y)\alpha^3(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Now by using Lemma 2.2, we have  $\alpha^3(x)\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring, therefore  $y\alpha^4(x) = y\alpha(\alpha^3(x)) \in Nil(R)$ . Continuing the same process, we get  $y\alpha^k(x) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k = 2m$ . On the other hand, if  $xy \in Nil(R)$ , then  $yx \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2. Using the above method for  $yx$  in lieu  $xy$ , we get  $x\alpha^k(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k = 2m$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $R$  be weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring for monomorphism  $\alpha$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $xy \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ .
- (ii)  $x\alpha^k(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k = 2m$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) is obvious by Proposition 2.21 (ii).

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). If  $x\alpha^k(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any positive integer  $k = 2m$ , then  $x\alpha(\alpha^{k-1}(y)) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring, we get  $\alpha^{k-1}(y)\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $\alpha(\alpha^{k-2}(y)x) \in Nil(R)$ . By using Remark 2.8, we have  $\alpha^{k-2}(y)x \in Nil(R)$ . Again by using Lemma 2.2, we get  $x\alpha^{k-2}(y) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $x\alpha(\alpha^{k-3}(y)) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring, we get  $\alpha^{k-3}(y)\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $\alpha(\alpha^{k-4}(y)x) \in Nil(R)$ . Again by using Remark 2.8 and Lemma 2.2, we get  $x\alpha^{k-4}(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Now continuing this procedure, we obtain  $xy \in Nil(R)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [8] *If  $R$  is semicommutative and  $f(x) = r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n \in R[x]$ . Then  $f(x) \in Nil(R[x]) \Leftrightarrow r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n \in Nil(R)$ .*

Let us define  $\bar{\alpha} : R[x] \longrightarrow R[x]$  such that  $\bar{\alpha}(r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n) = \alpha(r_0) + \alpha(r_1)x + \dots + \alpha(r_n)x^n$  for all  $r(x) = r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n \in R[x]$ . Then  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a ring endomorphism of  $R[x]$ .



**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be semicommutative, then  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting iff  $R[x]$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting whereas  $\bar{\alpha}(r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n) = \alpha(r_0) + \alpha(r_1)x + \dots + \alpha(r_n)x^n$ .*

*Proof.* Let us consider that  $R$  be weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Now let  $r(x) = r_0 + r_1x + r_2x^2 + \dots + r_nx^n$  and  $s(x) = s_0 + s_1x + s_2x^2 + \dots + s_mx^m$  in  $R[x]$  so that  $r(x)\bar{\alpha}(s(x)) \in Nil(R[x])$ . We know that

$$(2.1) \quad r(x)\bar{\alpha}(s(x)) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} (\sum_{i+j=k} r_i\alpha(s_j)) x^k$$

Now by using Lemma 2.23, we have

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{i+j=k} r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$$

For  $k = 0$ , (2) implies  $r_0\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$  and it implies  $\alpha(s_0)r_0 \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.2. Now for  $k = 1$ ,  $r_0\alpha(s_1) + r_1\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$  from Eq(2). Again it implies  $(r_0\alpha(s_1) + r_1\alpha(s_0))r_0 \in Nil(R)$  by using Lemma 2.19. By using the same Lemma 2.19, we have  $r_0\alpha(s_1) \in Nil(R)$ . Similarly we can show that  $(r_0\alpha(s_1) + r_1\alpha(s_0))r_1 \in Nil(R)$  implies  $r_1\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$ . So  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  for  $k = i + j = 0, 1$ .

Now let us assume that there exists some positive integer  $p > 1$  such that  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  where  $i + j \leq p$ . Therefore  $r_0\alpha(s_p), r_1\alpha(s_{p-1}), \dots, r_p\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$ . Then we have

$$\alpha(s_p)r_0, \alpha(s_{p-1})r_1, \dots, \alpha(s_0)r_p \in Nil(R) \text{ by using Lemma 2.2.}$$

Now we will show that  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  for  $i + j = p + 1$ . From Eq. (2) for  $k = p + 1$ , we have

$$(2.3) \quad r_0\alpha(s_{p+1}) + r_1\alpha(s_p) + \dots + r_{p+1}\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$$

Now multiplying Eq. (3) by  $r_0$  from the right hand side, we have

$$(2.4) \quad (r_0\alpha(s_{p+1}) + r_1\alpha(s_p) + \dots + r_{p+1}\alpha(s_0))r_0 \in Nil(R).$$

Again by using our assumption that  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  for  $i + j \leq p$  and Lemma 2.19, we have  $r_0\alpha(s_{p+1})r_0 \in Nil(R)$  and it leads to  $r_0\alpha(s_{p+1}) \in Nil(R)$ .

Again multiplying Eq.(3) by  $r_1$  from the right hand side and continuing with the same procedure as above, we can show that  $r_1\alpha(s_p) \in Nil(R)$ . Similarly we can get  $r_2\alpha(s_{p-1}), \dots, r_{p+1}\alpha(s_0) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  for  $i + j = p + 1$ . Now by induction hypothesis we can conclude that  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $k = i + j$  where  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m + n$ . Again  $r_i\alpha(s_j) \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow s_j\alpha(r_i) \in Nil(R)$  as  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring.

Therefore it can be easily shown that

$$s(x)\bar{\alpha}(r(x)) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} (\sum_{i+j=k} s_j\alpha(r_i))x^k \in Nil(R[x])$$

by using Lemma 2.23 and hence  $R[x]$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting. Converse part is trivial.

Let  $I$  be an ideal and  $\alpha$  be a ring endomorphism of a ring  $R$ . Then the map  $\bar{\alpha} : R/I \rightarrow R/I$  defined by  $\bar{\alpha}(x+I) = \alpha(x) + I$  for all  $x+I \in R/I$  is a ring endomorphism of quotient ring  $R/I$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *If  $I \subseteq Nil(R)$ . Then  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting.*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Now let us consider that  $(x+I)\bar{\alpha}(y+I) \in Nil(R/I)$  for any  $x+I, y+I \in R/I$ . It implies clearly that  $(x\alpha(y) + I)^m = I$  for some positive integer  $m$ . It implies  $(x\alpha(y))^m + I = I$ . So we have  $(x\alpha(y))^m \in Nil(R)$  by using the condition that  $I \subseteq Nil(R)$ . So there exists some positive integer  $k$  such that  $(x\alpha(y))^{mk} = 0$ . Clearly,  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting, therefore  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R) \Rightarrow y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $(y\alpha(x))^n = 0$  for some positive integer  $n$ . It implies  $(y\alpha(x))^n + I = I \Rightarrow ((y+I)\bar{\alpha}(x+I))^n = I \Rightarrow (y+I)\bar{\alpha}(x+I) \in Nil(R/I)$ . Thus  $R/I$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting.

Conversely let us consider  $R/I$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting ring. Now we have to prove that  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Let  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . So we have  $(x\alpha(y))^t = 0$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $(x\alpha(y))^t + I = I$ . Therefore  $((x+I)\bar{\alpha}(y+I))^t = I$ . It implies  $(x+I)\bar{\alpha}(y+I) \in Nil(R/I)$ . Since  $R/I$  is weakly  $\bar{\alpha}$ -shifting ring, so  $(y+I)\bar{\alpha}(x+I) \in Nil(R/I)$ . It implies  $(y\alpha(x) + I)^r = I$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $(y\alpha(x))^r \in I \subseteq Nil(R)$ . Now it leads to  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Therefore  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting.

**Proposition 2.11.** *If  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting for a monomorphism  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha(1) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring for a monomorphism  $\alpha$ . Here  $(1 - \alpha(1))\alpha(1) = 0 \in Nil(R)$  as  $\alpha(1)$  is an idempotent element of  $R$ . Now by using the definition of weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting of  $R$ ,  $\alpha(1 - \alpha(1)) = 1 \cdot \alpha(1 - \alpha(1)) \in Nil(R)$ . It implies  $1 - \alpha(1) \in Nil(R)$  by using Remark ???. Therefore  $(1 - \alpha(1))^m = 0$  for some integer  $m$ . It implies  $1 - \alpha(1) = 0$  as  $1 - \alpha(1)$  is an idempotent element. Thus  $\alpha(1) = 1$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $\sigma : R \longrightarrow S$  be a ring isomorphism. Then  $R$  is a weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring  $\Leftrightarrow S$  is weakly  $\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1}$ -shifting ring.*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring. Let  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in S$  so that  $\bar{x}(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\bar{y}) \in Nil(S)$ . Since  $\sigma$  is onto, therefore there exist  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$  such that  $\sigma(x) = \bar{x}$  and  $\sigma(y) = \bar{y}$ . It implies  $\sigma(x)(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\sigma(y)) \in Nil(S)$ . It leads to  $\sigma(x\alpha(y)) \in Nil(S)$ . Now by using the Remark 2.8,  $x\alpha(y) \in Nil(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting ring, therefore  $y\alpha(x) \in Nil(R)$ . Again by using Lemma 2.7, we have  $\sigma(y\alpha(x)) \in Nil(S)$ . It leads to  $\sigma(y)(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\sigma(x)) \in Nil(S) \Rightarrow \bar{y}(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\bar{x}) \in Nil(S)$ . Thus we can conclude that  $S$  is weakly  $\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1}$ -shifting ring.

Conversely let  $S$  be a weakly  $\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1}$ -shifting ring. Let  $r\alpha(s) \in Nil(R)$  for any  $r, s \in R$ . Then  $\sigma(r\alpha(s)) \in Nil(S)$  by Lemma 2.7. It implies  $\sigma(r)(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\sigma(s)) \in Nil(S) \Rightarrow \bar{r}(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\bar{s}) \in Nil(S)$  where  $\sigma(r) = \bar{r}$  and  $\sigma(s) = \bar{s}$ . Since  $S$  is weakly  $\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1}$ -shifting, so  $\bar{s}(\sigma\alpha\sigma^{-1})(\bar{r}) \in Nil(S)$ . It implies  $\sigma(s\alpha(r)) \in Nil(S)$ . Now using Remark 2.8, we get  $s\alpha(r) \in Nil(R)$ . Thus  $R$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -shifting.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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