



## On $J$ -rigid rings

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . We introduce the notion of  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings as a generalization of  $\sigma$ -rigid rings, and investigate its properties. It is proved that a ring  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid, while the  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid property is not Morita invariant. Moreover, we prove that every ring isomorphism preserves  $J$ -rigid structure, and several known results are extended.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity and  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . We denote the set of invertible elements of  $R$ , the Jacobson radical, the upper nil radical (i.e., the sum of all nil ideals), the set of all nilpotent elements of  $R$  and the ring of  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices over  $R$ , by  $U(R)$ ,  $J(R)$ ,  $nil^*(R)$ ,  $nil(R)$  and  $M_n(R)$ , respectively. In what follows,  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the ring of integer numbers and for a positive integer  $n$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is the ring of integers modulo  $n$ .

According to Krempa [10], an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be *rigid* if  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  for  $a \in R$ . Later a ring  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -*rigid* if there exists a  $\sigma$ -rigid endomorphism of  $R$  in Hong et al.'s article [7]. We recall that a ring is said to be *reduced* if it has no non-zero nilpotent element. Note that any rigid endomorphism of a ring is monomorphism and  $\sigma$ -rigid rings are reduced by Hong et al. [7]. In this work, we introduce and study  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings as a generalization of rigid rings. A ring  $R$  with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  is called  $\sigma$ - $J$ -*rigid* if for each  $a \in R$ ,  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  implies  $a \in J(R)$ . Among of the results, we show that local rings are  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid for an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . We also study some famous extensions of  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings. Suppose that the endomorphism  $\sigma$  is monomorphism. We say that an over-ring  $A$  of  $R$  is a Jordan extension of  $R$  if  $\sigma$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $A$  and  $A = \cup_{k=0}^{\infty} \sigma^k(R)$ . Jordan showed with the technique of left localization to the Ore extension  $R[x; \sigma]$  with respect to the set of powers of  $x$ , that for any pair  $(R; \sigma)$ , such an extension  $A$  always exists. In this paper, we prove

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that for a ring  $R$  with a monomorphism  $\sigma$  and some additional conditions,  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigidity and some related properties transfer from  $R$  to  $A$  and viceversa.

## 2. Some properties of $J$ -rigid rings

**Definition 2.1.** A ring  $R$  with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  is called  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if for each  $a \in R$ ,  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  implies that  $a \in J(R)$ , and a subring  $S$  of  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if  $S$  satisfies the same condition as  $R$  and  $\sigma(S) \subseteq S$ .

For  $J$ -semisimple rings, the concepts of  $\sigma$ -rigid and  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid are equivalent. Also,  $\sigma$ -rigid rings are  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid, but the following example shows that the converse is not true, in general.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  be an endomorphism defined by  $\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$ . Then it can be seen that  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring. But, since:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ -rigid.

Now, let  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$  rigid ring and  $I$  a  $\sigma$ -ideal (i.e.,  $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$ ), then  $I$  is also  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. In fact, for any  $a \in I$  with  $a\sigma(a) = 0$ , then we have  $a \in I \cap J(R) = J(I)$ . Using this fact to  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$  rigid, then so is every  $R_i$  as an ideal of  $R$ . Conversely, if every  $R_i$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$  rigid, then clearly so is  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . In particular we have:

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $e$  be a non-zero central idempotent of a ring  $R$ . Then  $eR$  and  $(1-e)R$  are  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings if and only if so is  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $\sigma(eRe) \subseteq eRe$  and  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring. Then  $eRe$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid for any  $e^2 = e$  of  $R$ .

**Proof.** If  $(ere)\sigma(ere) = 0$ , then  $ere \in J(R)$  by  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigidity of  $R$ . So  $ere = e(ere)e \in eJ(R)e = J(eRe)$ , as desired.  $\square$

Although  $\sigma$ -rigid rings are reduced by Hong [7], the above example shows that  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings are not necessarily reduced. Also, reduced rings are not necessarily  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid, by the following examples.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $S$  be any ring and  $R = S \times S$ . Define  $\sigma(a, b) = (b, a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in R$ , each  $S$  as subring of  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ -subring (i.e.,  $\sigma(S) \not\subseteq S$ ) and so is not  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. So we get the desired conclusion by taking  $R$  be any reduced ring.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $R = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid a \equiv b \pmod{2}\}$  be a ring with additive and multiplicative pairwise. Then  $R$  is a commutative reduced ring. Suppose  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  is an endomorphism defined by  $\sigma((a, b)) = (b, a)$ . We have  $(2, 0)\sigma((2, 0)) = (0, 0)$  and  $(2, 0) \notin J(R)$ , since  $R$  is  $J$ -semisimple.

For an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ , if  $I$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal (i.e.  $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$ ), then  $\bar{\sigma} : R/I \rightarrow R/I$  defined by  $\bar{\sigma}(r + I) = \sigma(r) + I$  is an endomorphism of  $R/I$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and  $I$  be a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq J(R)$ . If  $R/I$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid, then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.

**Proof.** Suppose  $r\sigma(r) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\bar{r}\bar{\sigma}(\bar{r}) = \bar{0}$ . Since  $R/I$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid, then  $\bar{r} \in J(R/I)$  and so  $r \in J(R)$ .  $\square$

In the following, we state an example of rings which satisfies the condition of Proposition 2.7.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $T(R)$  be the ring of countably infinite upper triangular matrices over a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring  $R$  with  $\bar{\sigma}((a_{ij})) = (\sigma(a_{ij}))$  for each  $A = (a_{ij}) \in T(R)$  and  $I$  be the ideal of  $T(R)$  with all diagonal elements zero. It is easy to see that  $I \subseteq J(T(R))$ . Also,  $T(R)/I \cong \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} R$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid. So  $T(R)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid, by above proposition.

The converse of Proposition 2.7 is not true with help of the next example.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $R$  denote the localization of  $\mathbb{Z}$  at  $3\mathbb{Z}$ . Consider the ring of quaternions  $Q$  over the ring  $R$ , that is, a free  $R$ -module with basis  $1, i, j, k$ . Then  $Q$  is a non-commutative domain and  $J(Q) = 3Q$ . So  $Q$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid for any monomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $Q$ . On the other hand,  $Q/J(Q)$  is isomorphic to  $2 \times 2$  full matrix ring over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  via an isomorphism  $f$  defined by

$$f\left(\frac{a_0}{b_0} + \frac{a_1}{b_1}i + \frac{a_2}{b_2}j + \frac{a_3}{b_3}k + 3Q\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a_0b_0^{-1} + a_1b_1^{-1} - a_2b_2^{-1} & a_1b_1^{-1} + a_2b_2^{-1} - a_3b_3^{-1} \\ a_1b_1^{-1} + a_2b_2^{-1} + a_3b_3^{-1} & a_0b_0^{-1} - a_1b_1^{-1} + a_2b_2^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the entries of the matrix are read modulo the ideal  $\langle 3 \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $\bar{\sigma} : M_2(\mathbb{Z}_3) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$  such that

$$\bar{\sigma}\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(a) & \sigma(b) \\ \sigma(c) & \sigma(d) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$  is not  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid and so is not  $Q/J(Q)$ .

According to Hang et al. [7], for a ring  $R$  with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ , a  $\sigma$ -ideal  $I$  is called  $\sigma$ -rigid if for each  $a \in R$ ,  $a\sigma(a) \in I$  implies that  $a \in I$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $I$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ideal of a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring  $R$ . Then  $R/I$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $\bar{r}\bar{\sigma}(\bar{r}) = \bar{0}$ . Therefore,  $r\sigma(r) \in I$ . So  $r \in I$ , since  $I$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid ideal and hence,  $\bar{r} \in J(R/I)$ . □

Now, we prove that the class of  $\sigma$ - $J$  rigid rings contains local rings as a proper subclass.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be a local ring. Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$  rigid for any endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a local ring. Then  $J(R) = m$  in which  $m$  is the only maximal ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $\bar{\sigma}$  is an endomorphism of  $R/m$  such that defined by  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{r}) = \sigma(r) + m$ . Let  $r\sigma(r) = 0$  for  $r \in R$ . Then  $\bar{r}\bar{\sigma}(\bar{r}) = \bar{0}$ . Since  $R/m$  is division ring, then  $r \in m$  or  $\sigma(r) \in m$ . If  $\sigma(r) \in m$ , then  $\sigma(r)$  and consequently  $r$  are not invertible. Hence  $r \in m$ , as desired. □

The converse of the above proposition is not true by the following example.

**Example 2.12.** Let  $F$  be a field and  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ . The only non-zero proper ideals of  $R$  are  $\begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence,  $R$  is not a local ring, but  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring by the Example 2.2.

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ ,  $S$  be a ring and  $\alpha : R \rightarrow S$  be a ring isomorphism. Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $S$  is  $\alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1}$ - $J$ -rigid.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. Let  $s(\alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1})(s) = 0$  for some  $s \in S$ . So  $\alpha^{-1}(s)\sigma(\alpha^{-1}(s)) = 0$  and thus  $\alpha^{-1}(s) \in J(R)$ , since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. Therefore,  $s = \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(s)) \in \alpha(J(R)) = J(S)$ . Conversely, suppose  $S$  is  $\alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1}$ - $J$ -rigid. Let  $r\sigma(r) = 0$ . Then  $\alpha(r)\alpha(\sigma(r)) = 0$  and so  $\alpha(r)\alpha(\sigma(\alpha^{-1}(\alpha(r)))) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\alpha(r) \in J(S)$ . Thus  $r \in \alpha^{-1}(J(S)) \subseteq J(R)$  and we are done. □

### 3. Extensions of $J$ -rigid rings

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings with endomorphisms  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively and  $M$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule. Then

$$T(R, M, S) = R \oplus M \oplus S = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} : r \in R, m \in M, s \in S \right\}$$

is a ring by usual addition and the following multiplication:

$$\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r' & m' \\ 0 & s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rr' & rm'+ms' \\ 0 & ss' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Also,

$$\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(r) & m \\ 0 & \beta(s) \end{pmatrix}.$$

is an endomorphism of  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings with endomorphisms  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively and  $M$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule. Then  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $R$  and  $S$  are  $\alpha$ - $J$ -rigid and  $\beta$ - $J$ -rigid, respectively.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be  $\alpha$ - $J$ -rigid and  $\beta$ - $J$ -rigid, respectively and  $\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \in T$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0$ . Then we have  $r\alpha(r) = 0$  and  $s\beta(s) = 0$ . This implies that  $r \in J(R)$  and  $s \in J(S)$ . Therefore,  $\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} J(R) & M \\ 0 & J(S) \end{pmatrix} = J(T)$ , as desired. Conversely, let  $r\alpha(r) = s\beta(s) = 0$  for some  $r \in R$  and  $s \in S$ . Thus  $\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0$  and so  $\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} \in J(T)$ , by  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigidity of  $T$ . Hence,  $r \in J(R)$  and  $s \in J(S)$  and the result follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . Then*

- (i)  $T(R, M)$  is a  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid ring if and only if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (ii) The trivial extension  $T(R, R)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.

In Proposition 2.4, we proved that if  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring, then so is  $eRe$ . In the following, we give an example which shows that  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigidity of  $R$  does not transfer to the full matrix ring  $M_n(R)$  and so  $J$ -rigid property is not Morita invariant.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $k$  be a field with monomorphism  $\sigma$ . Then  $k$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. Now, let  $R = M_2(k)$  and define  $\bar{\sigma} : R \rightarrow R$  such that:

$$\bar{\sigma}\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(a) & \sigma(b) \\ \sigma(c) & \sigma(d) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{\sigma}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin J(R) = 0$$

and consequently  $R$  is not  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.

Let  $F \cup \{0\}$  be the free monoid generated by  $U = \{u_1, \dots, u_t\}$  with 0 added, and  $M$  be a factor of  $F$  by setting certain monomial in  $U$  to 0. In fact for some positive integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $M^n = 0$ , where  $M' = M \setminus \{e\}$  and  $e$  is the identity of  $M$ . In [5] the authors defined and studied the skew monoid ring  $R[M; \alpha]$ , by taking its elements to be finite formal combinations  $\sum_{g \in M} r_g g$  with usual addition and multiplication subject to the relation  $u_i r = \alpha(r) u_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq t$ . Clearly for any endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$ , if  $\alpha\sigma = \sigma\alpha$ , then  $\bar{\sigma} : R[M; \alpha] \rightarrow R[M; \alpha]$  with  $\bar{\sigma}(\sum_{g \in M} r_g g) = \sum_{g \in M} \sigma(r_g) g$  is an endomorphism of  $R[M; \alpha]$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The ring  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $R[M; \alpha]$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid and  $(\sum_{g \in M} r_g g) \bar{\sigma}(\sum_{g \in M} r_g g) = 0$ . Then  $r_e \sigma(r_e) = 0$  and so  $r_e \in J(R)$ , by  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigidity of  $R$ . Thus  $(\sum_{g \in M} r_g g) \in J(R[M; \alpha])$ , by [5, Theorem 2.9]. Conversely, let  $R[M; \alpha]$  be  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid and for  $r \in R$  we have  $r \sigma(r) = 0$ . So  $(re)(\sigma(r)e) = 0$ . Therefore  $(re) \bar{\sigma}(re) = 0$  and so  $re \in J(R[M; \alpha])$ . Then  $r \in J(R)$ , by [5, Theorem 2.9] and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\alpha$  denotes an endomorphism of  $R$  with  $\alpha(1) = 1$ . In [2] Chen et al. introduced *skew triangular matrix* ring as a set of all triangular matrices with addition point-wise and a new multiplication subject to the condition  $E_{ij}r = \alpha^{j-i}(r)E_{ij}$  and denoted it by  $T_n(R, \alpha)$ . The subring of the skew triangular matrices with constant main diagonal is denoted by  $S(R, n, \alpha)$ ; and the subring of the skew triangular matrices with constant diagonals is denoted by  $T(R, n, \alpha)$ . It is well-known that  $T(R, n, \alpha) \cong R[x; \alpha]/(x^n)$ , where  $R[x; \alpha]$  is the skew polynomial ring with multiplication subject to the condition  $xr = \alpha(r)x$  for each  $r \in R$ , and  $(x^n)$  is the ideal generated by  $x^n$ . The rings  $S(R, n, \alpha)$  and  $T(R, n, \alpha)$  fit into the structure introduced above with  $U = \{E_{12}, E_{23}, \dots, E_{n-1,n}\}$  and  $U = \{E_{12} + E_{23} + \dots + E_{n-1,n}\}$ , respectively.

We consider the following two subrings of  $S(R, n, \alpha)$ , as follow (see [6, Page 13]).

$$A(R, n, \alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \sum_{i=1}^{n-j+1} a_j E_{i,i+j-1} + \sum_{j=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-j+1} a_{i,i+j-1} E_{i,i+j-1};$$

$$B(R, n, \alpha) = \{A + rE_{1k} \mid A \in A(R, n, \alpha) \text{ and } r \in R\} \quad n = 2k \geq 4.$$

In [12] showed that  $A(R, n, \alpha)$  and  $B(R, n, \alpha)$  are also fit into the structure  $R[M; \alpha]$ . If  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $\alpha\sigma = \sigma\alpha$ , then  $\bar{\sigma} : S(R, n, \alpha) \rightarrow S(R, n, \alpha)$ , given by  $\bar{\sigma}((a_{ij})) = (\sigma(a_{ij}))$  is an endomorphism of  $S(R, n, \sigma)$ . Now, as a corollary of Theorem 3.4, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with endomorphisms  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma$  such that  $\alpha\sigma = \sigma\alpha$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (ii)  $S(R, n, \alpha)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (iii)  $A(R, n, \alpha)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (iv)  $B(R, n, \alpha)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (v)  $T(R, n, \alpha)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (vi)  $R[x; \alpha]/(x^n)$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.

Let  $R$  be a ring with endomorphism  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma$  such that  $\alpha\sigma = \sigma\alpha$ . Recall that  $\bar{\sigma} : R[[x; \alpha]] \rightarrow R[[x; \alpha]]$  given by  $\bar{\sigma}(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma(a_i) x^i$  is an endomorphism.

**Proposition 3.6.**  *$R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring if and only if  $R[[x; \alpha]]$  is a  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid ring.*

**Proof.** First, suppose that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid and  $f(x) \bar{\sigma}(f(x)) = 0$ , where  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ . Therefore  $a_0 \sigma(a_0) = 0$  and hence  $a_0 \in J(R)$ . Next, let  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i x^i$  be an arbitrary element of  $R[[x; \alpha]]$ . Thus  $1 - a_0 b_0$  is invertible and so  $1 - f(x)g(x)$  is an invertible series of  $R[[x; \alpha]]$ . So  $f(x) \in J(R[[x; \alpha]])$ . The converse is proved by the similar method.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *A ring  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $R[[x]]$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.*

Let  $R$  be a ring with endomorphism  $\sigma$ . A subring  $S$  of  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -subring if  $\sigma(S) \subseteq S$ . In the following we give two examples which show that  $\sigma$ -subrings of a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring need not be  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $F$  be a field. We note that  $F[x]$  is a subring of  $F[[x]]$ . Define an endomorphism  $\sigma : F[[x]] \rightarrow F[[x]]$  by  $\sigma(f(x)) = f(0)$  for  $f(x) \in F[[x]]$ . We consider  $f(x) = ax$  for  $a \neq 0$ . We have  $f(x)\sigma(f(x)) = 0$ , but  $f(x) \notin J(F[x])$ . Then  $F[x]$  is not  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. Now we show that  $F[[x]]$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. Let  $f(x)\sigma(f(x)) = 0$  where  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ . Then  $a_i a_0 = 0$  for  $i \geq 0$ . It is clear that  $1 - f(x)g(x)$  is an invertible series of  $F[[x]]$  for each  $g(x) \in F[[x]]$ . So  $f(x) \in J(F[[x]])$  and we are done.

**Example 3.9.** For any countable field  $K$ , there exists a nil algebra  $S$  over  $K$  such that  $S[x]$  is Jacobson radical (i.e.  $J(S[x]) = S[x]$ ) but  $\text{nil}^*(S[x]) = 0$  by [3, Lemma 2.5]. Let  $R = K + S$ . Then  $R$  is a local ring, and so are  $R[[x]]$  and  $R[[x]][[y]]$ . This means that  $R[[x]][[y]]$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid for any endomorphism  $\sigma$ . We claim that subring  $R[x][y]$  of  $R[[x]][[y]]$  is not  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid. In fact,  $J(R[x][y]) \subseteq \text{nil}^*(R[x][y]) = \text{nil}^*(S[x][y]) = 0$  holds by [3, Lemma 2.4]. Indeed, this result is duo to Amitsur [1]. If  $R[x][y]$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid, then it is  $\sigma$ -rigid, and so is reduced. This is an obvious contradiction.

Recall that an algebra over a commutative ring  $S$  is just a ring  $R$  equipped with a specified ring homomorphism  $\phi$  from  $S$  to the center of  $R$ . Then  $\phi$  is used to define products of elements of  $S$  with elements of  $R$ . In fact for  $s \in S$  and  $r \in R$ , we set  $sr$  equal to  $\phi(s)r$ . Using this product, we can view  $R$  as an  $S$ -module.

Dorroh [4] introduced the *Dorroh extension* of  $R$  by  $S$  in which  $R$  is an algebra over a non-zero commutative ring  $S$ . In fact  $D = R \times S$  is the ring with operators

$$(r_1, s_1) + (r_2, s_2) = (r_1 + r_2, s_1 + s_2) \quad , \quad (r_1, s_1)(r_2, s_2) = (r_1 r_2 + s_1 r_2 + s_2 r_1, s_1 s_2),$$

where  $r_i \in R$ ,  $s_i \in S$ .

For an  $S$ -endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$  and the Dorroh extension  $D$  of  $R$  by  $S$ , the non-zero map  $\bar{\sigma} : D \rightarrow D$  defined by  $\bar{\sigma}((r, s)) = (\sigma(r), s)$  is an  $S$ -algebra homomorphism.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $D = R \times S$  be the Dorroh extension of  $R$  by  $S$  such that  $S$  is a reduced ring. Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $D$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid and  $(r, s)\bar{\sigma}((r, s)) = 0$ . Then  $s^2 = r\sigma(r) + sr + s\sigma(r) = 0$ . Thus,  $s = 0$  and consequently  $r\sigma(r) = 0$ . Therefore,  $r \in J(R)$ . We claim that  $(r, s) = (r, 0) \in J(D)$ . Proving this, we need to show that if  $r_1 \in R$  and  $s \in S$ , then  $(0, 1) - (r, 0)(r_1, s) = (-rr_1 - sr, 1) \in U(D)$ ; equivalently, we need to prove that there exists  $r_2 \in R$  such that  $(-rr_1 - sr, 1)(r_2, 1) = (0, 1)$ . Since  $r \in J(R)$ , then  $(1 - rr_1) \in U(R)$  and  $(-sr) \in J(R)$ . Therefore,  $(1 - rr_1 - sr) \in U(R)$ . Put  $r_2 = (1 - rr_1 - sr)^{-1} - 1$ . So  $(1 - rr_1 - sr)(1 + r_2) = 1$  and consequently  $-rr_1 r_2 - s r r_2 - rr_1 - sr + r_2 = 0$ . This implies that  $(-rr_1 - sr, 1)(r_2, 1) = (0, 1)$  and the claim is proved. Hence  $D$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid. Conversely, let  $D$  be  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid and  $r \in R$  with  $r\sigma(r) = 0$ . Then  $(r, 0)(\sigma(r), 0) = 0$  and so  $(r, 0)\bar{\sigma}((r, 0)) = 0$ . Since  $D$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ - $J$ -rigid, then we have  $(r, 0) \in J(D)$ . Now, we claim that  $r \in J(R)$ . Let  $r_1$  be an arbitrary element of  $R$ . Thus there exist  $r_2 \in R$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $((0, 1) - (r, 0)(r_1, 0))(r_2, s) = (0, 1)$ . Therefore  $s = 1$  and hence  $-rr_1 r_2 - rr_1 + r_2 = 0$ . So  $(1 - rr_1)r_2 = rr_1$  and consequently  $(1 - rr_1)(1 + r_2) = 1$ . Thus  $(1 - rr_1) \in U(R)$  and hence  $r \in J(R)$ . This implies  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Now, we consider Jordan's construction of the ring  $A(R, \sigma)$ . Let  $A = A(R, \sigma)$  be the subset

$$\{x^{-i} r x^i \mid r \in R, i \geq 0\}$$

of the skew Laurent polynomial ring  $R[x, x^{-1}; \sigma]$ . For each  $j \geq 0$ ,

$$x^{-i} r x^i = x^{-(i+j)} \sigma^j(r) x^{(i+j)}.$$

It follows that the set of all such elements forms a subring of  $R[x, x^{-1}; \alpha]$  with

$$x^{-i} r x^i + x^{-j} s x^j = x^{-(i+j)} (\sigma^j(r) + \sigma^i(s)) x^{(i+j)}$$

and

$$(x^{-i}rx^i)(x^{-j}sx^j) = x^{-(i+j)}(\sigma^j(r)\sigma^i(s))x^{(i+j)}$$

for  $r, s \in R$  and  $i, j \geq 0$ . Note that,  $\sigma(x^{-i}rx^i) = x^{-i}\sigma(r)x^i$  is actually an automorphism of  $A(R, \sigma)$ .

**Lemma 3.11.** *Let  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  with  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $J(R) = J(A) \cap R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $r \in J(R)$ . We show that  $1 - rb \in U(A)$  for each  $b \in A$ . Let  $b = x^{-i}sx^i$ . So,  $1 - rb = x^{-i}(1 - \sigma^i(r)s)x^i$ . Since  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$  then  $\sigma$  is an epimorphism of  $R$ . Therefore,  $\sigma(J(R)) \subseteq J(R)$ . So  $1 - \sigma^i(r)s \in U(R)$ . Therefore, by [9, Proposition 3.1]  $1 - rb \in U(A)$ , as desired. Now, let  $a \in J(A) \cap R$ . We show that  $1 - ab \in U(R)$  for all  $b \in R$ . Since  $R \subseteq A$  and  $a \in J(A)$ , we have  $1 - ab \in U(A)$ . So there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\sigma^n(1 - ab) \in U(R)$ , by [9, Proposition 3.1]. Since  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$ , then  $(1 - ab) \in U(R)$  and the result follows.  $\square$

Now, we state an example of rings which satisfies the condition of the above lemma.

**Example 3.12.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $n$  be a positive integer number. Suppose that  $S = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R_i$ , where  $R_i = R$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Define  $\sigma : S \rightarrow S$ , given by  $\sigma(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (a_n, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1})$ . Then  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism and  $\sigma^n = id_S$ .

Note that  $R$  is  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid if and only if  $a^2 = 0$  implies that  $a \in J(R)$  for each  $a \in R$ . According to [3] a ring  $R$  is called  $J$ -reduced if  $nil(R) \subseteq J(R)$ . Clearly,  $J$ -reduced rings are  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid.

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  and with  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $R$  is an  $id$ - $J$ -rigid ring if and only if so is  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be an  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid ring and  $p^2 = 0$  for  $p \in A$ . We have  $(x^{-i}rx^i)^2 = x^{-2i}\sigma^i(r^2)x^{2i} = 0$  for some  $i \geq 0$  and  $r \in R$  (as designed in [9]). Since  $\sigma$  is monomorphism, then  $r^2 = 0$ . Hence  $r \in J(R)$ . Since  $\sigma^j(r) \in J(R)$  for each  $j \geq 0$ , hence  $(1 - \sigma^j(r)\sigma^i(s)) \in U(R)$  for each  $s \in R$ . Therefore  $x^{-(i+j)}(1 - \sigma^j(r)\sigma^i(s))x^{(i+j)} \in U(R)$  for each  $j \geq 0$  and  $s \in R$ , as desired. Conversely, let  $A$  be identity- $J$ -reduced and  $r^2 = 0$  for  $r \in R$ . So  $r \in J(A)$ . By Lemma 3.11,  $r \in J(R)$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  with  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid ring if and only if so is  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid and  $p\sigma(p) = 0$  for  $p \in A$ . We claim that  $p \in J(A)$ . For, we prove  $1 - pq \in U(A)$  for each  $q \in A$ . Let  $p = x^{-i}rx^i$  and  $q = x^{-j}sx^j$  such that  $r, s \in R$ . We have  $1 - pq = x^{-(i+j)}(1 - \sigma^j(r)\sigma^i(s))x^{i+j}$ . From  $(x^{-i}rx^i)\sigma(x^{-i}rx^i) = 0$  and by extension  $\sigma$  to a mapping from  $A$  (as designed in [9]),  $x^{-i}r\sigma(r)x^i = 0$ . Hence,  $r\sigma(r) = 0$ . Therefore,  $r \in J(R)$ . Since  $J(R)$  is  $\sigma$ -ideal, hence  $\sigma^i(r) \in J(R)$ . Thus  $(1 - \sigma^j(r)\sigma^i(s)) \in U(R)$ . So, by [9, Proposition 3.1], we have  $1 - pq \in U(A)$ , as desired. Conversely, by Lemma 3.11 is trivial.  $\square$

According to [13], a ring  $R$  is said to be  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz if whenever  $f(x)g(x) = 0$ , where  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$  in  $R[x; \sigma]$ , then  $a_i \sigma^i(b_j) \in J(R)$ , for each  $i$  and  $j$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  with  $\sigma^k = id_R$  for some  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz if and only if so is  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz ring. Suppose  $f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$  and  $g = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$  are elements of  $A[x; \sigma]$  with  $fg = 0$ . We prove that  $a_i \sigma^i(b_j) \in J(A)$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . So, we show that  $1 - a_i \sigma^i(b_j)u \in U(A)$  for each  $u \in A$ . Since  $A = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \sigma^{-k}(R)$ , hence  $\sigma^k(1 - a_i \sigma^i(b_j)u) \in R$  for some  $k \geq 0$ . From  $fg = 0$ , we have

$\sigma^k(f)\sigma^k(g) = 0_{R[x;\sigma]}$ . Therefore,  $\sigma^k(a_i)\sigma^{i+k}(b_j) \in J(R)$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . So  $1 - \sigma^k(a_i)\sigma^{i+k}(b_j)r \in U(R)$  for all  $r \in R$ . Specially,  $1 - \sigma^k(a_i)\sigma^{i+k}(b_j)\sigma^k(u) \in U(R)$ . So, there exists  $w \in R$  such that  $(1 - \sigma^k(a_i)\sigma^{i+k}(b_j)\sigma^k(u))w = 1$ . By construction of  $A$ , there exists  $c \in A$  such that  $\sigma^k(c) = w$ . Therefore,  $\sigma^k((1 - a_i\sigma^i(b_j)u)c) = 1 = \sigma^k(1)$ . Thus  $1 - a_i\sigma^i(b_j)u \in U(A)$ , as desired. Conversely, by Lemma 3.11 is trivial.  $\square$

Next, we show that every  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz is not  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid, by the following example.

**Example 3.16.** Consider  $R = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ , a commutative polynomial ring over the ring of integers modulo 2. Let  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  be an endomorphism defined by  $\sigma(f(x)) = f(0)$ . We show that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz. To see this, let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i y^i$  and  $q = \sum_{j=0}^n g_j y^j \in R[y; \sigma]$ . Assume that  $pq = 0$ . Therefore,  $\sum_{l=0}^{m+n} \sum_{i+j=l} f_i \sigma^i(g_j) x^l = 0$ . Suppose that  $f_s \neq 0$  and  $f_0 = \dots = f_{s-1} = 0$ , where  $0 \leq s \leq m$ . So  $\sum_{i=0}^s f_i \sigma^i(g_{s-i}) = 0$ , implies that  $f_s \sigma^s(g_0) = 0$  and consequently  $f_s g_0(0) = 0$ . Thus,  $g_0(0) = 0$ . Also, by considering the equation  $\sum_{i=0}^{s+1} f_i \sigma^i(g_{s+1-i}) = 0$ , we obtain  $f_s \sigma^s(g_1) + f_{s+1} \sigma^{s+1}(g_0) = 0$  and so  $f_s g_1(0) = 0$ . This implies that  $g_1(0) = 0$ . Continuing this process, we have

$$g_0(0) = g_1(0) = \dots = g_n(0) = 0.$$

Thus,  $f_i \sigma^i(g_j) = 0$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . Therefore  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz. But  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid, because  $x\sigma(x) = 0$ , but  $x \notin J(R)$ .

The next example shows that there exists an  $id$ - $J$ -rigid ring  $R$  such that  $R[x; id]$  is not  $id$ - $J$ -rigid.

**Example 3.17.** Let  $R$  be the ring as in Example 3.9. Clearly,  $R$  is a local ring with  $J(R) = S$ , where  $S$  is nil algebra. So  $R$  is an  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid ring. If  $R[x]$  is  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid, then we are done. Otherwise, we choose the ring  $R[x][y]$ . Since  $J(R[x][y]) = I[y]$  for some nil ideal of  $R[x]$  and  $nil^*(R[x]) = nil^*(S[x])$  and we have  $nil^*(S[x]) = 0$  by [3, Lemma 2.5]. So  $J(R[x][y]) = 0$ . This implies that  $R[x][y]$  is not an  $id_R$ - $J$ -rigid ring. Assume on the contrary, since  $J(R[x][y]) = 0$  then it is an  $id_R$ -rigid ring. So it is reduced by Hong et al. [7], an obvious contradiction.

Matczuk investigated a characterization of  $\sigma$ -rigid rings in [11] and by using the over-ring  $A$ , gave positive answer to the question posed in Hong et al. [8]. That is, he proved that the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $\sigma$  is monomorphism,  $R$  is reduced and  $\sigma$ -skew Armendariz.
- (2)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid.
- (3)  $R[x; \sigma]$  is reduced.

We finish this article by a question on  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings. Under which conditions or properties, can we say  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid rings and  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz rings are equivalent? Are the following conditions equivalent?

- (1)  $\sigma$  is monomorphism,  $R$  is  $id$ - $J$ -rigid and  $\sigma$ - $J$ -skew Armendariz.
- (2)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ - $J$ -rigid.
- (3)  $R[x; \sigma]$  is  $id$ - $J$ -rigid.

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