



## **(-1,1) Metabelian rings\***

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**ABSTRACT:** The structure of the set of all non-nilpotent  $(-1,1)$  metabelian ring is studied. An additive basis of a free  $(-1,1)$  metabelian rings is constructed. It is proved that any identity in a non-nilpotent 2, 3-torsion free  $(-1,1)$  metabelian ring of degree greater than or equal to 6 is consequence of four defining identity of  $\mathcal{M}$  where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the metabelian  $(-1,1)$  ring.

**Key Words:** Non-nilpotent, variety of  $(-1,1)$  rings, free metabelian rings,  $(-1,1)$  rings.

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### **1. Introduction**

The first example of solvable but not nilpotent alternative and  $(-1, 1)$  rings were constructed by Dorofeev [4], [5]. He also gave an example of a finite dimensional right alternative right nilpotent algebra which is not nilpotent.

Varieties of two-step solvable nearly associative algebras were studied by many authors [2,6,7,8,9]. Thus Medvedev [9] proved that the varieties of metabelian alternative, Jordan Mal'tsev and type  $(-1, 1)$  algebras are specht. Pchelintsev [6] obtained a series results on the structure of lattices of varieties of nearly associative metabelian algebras.

In this paper, we study  $(-1, 1)$  metabelian rings. They are contained in the class of algebras of type  $(\gamma, \delta)$ . In this class of ring the square of an ideal is also an ideal and hence called 2- variety. A 2, 3- torsion free ring of type  $(\gamma, \delta)$  if satisfies the identities

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$$\begin{aligned}(x, x, x) &= 0, \\ (x, y, z) + \gamma(y, z, x) + \delta(z, y, x) &= 0, \\ (x, y, z) - \gamma(x, z, y) + (1 - \delta)(y, z, x) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma^2 - \delta^2 + \delta - 1 = 0$ , and  $(x, y, z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$  is the associator of elements  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

This paper includes the five sections. In sec 2 we prove that the simplest consequences of the defining relations. In sec 3 and 4, operator of the length 3 and 4 are processed. In sec 5 the function  $\{x, y, z\} = (yx)z + (zx)y$  is introduced, its properties are studied, and auxiliary identities necessary for constructing additive bases in free rings are proved. In sec 6, a basis of a free  $(-1, 1)$  metabelian rings is constructed and the following main results is proved.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Any identity of degree  $\geq 6$  in a non-nilpotent sub variety of the variety  $\mathcal{M}$  of metabelian  $(-1, 1)$  ring which is 2 and 3- torsion free is a consequence of the defining identities of  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

Using the terminology of [7], we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.2.** *The topological rank of the variety of metabelian rings of type  $(-1, 1)$  is equal to 2.*

## 2. Consequences of the defining relations

An algebra is said to be metabelian if the identity  $(xy)(zt) = 0$  holds in this algebra. follows, by a ring we always mean a metabelain ring of type  $(-1, 1)$  and use the identity  $(xy)(zt) = 0$ .

A ring  $R$  is said to be a  $(-1, 1)$  ring if it satisfies the following identities

$$(x, y, z) + (y, z, x) + (z, x, y) = 0, \tag{1}$$

and

$$(x, y, z) + (x, z, y) = 0. \tag{2}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

In a nonassociative ring  $R$  we define a commutator  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ , and the anticommutator is defined as  $x \circ y = xy + yx$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . The Jordan identity is defined as the product is commutative, that is  $xy = yx$  and the lie identity is defined as the the product is anti commutative that is  $xy = -yx$ . Throughout this paper we use Lie and Jordan identities toget the results. Now applying (2) in (1) setting  $z = ab$  and using metabelian condition we obtain

$$0 = -x(y(ab)) + y(x(ab)) + ((ab)x)y.$$

$$\text{Hence } R_x R_y = L_y L_x + L_x L_y .$$

Thus

$$R_x R_y = L_x \circ L_y. \tag{3}$$

Again setting  $x = ab$  in (2) and using the metabelain condition, anti-commutativity and Jordan identity we obtain

$$0 = ((ab)y)z - (ab)(yz) + ((ab)z)y - (ab)(zy)$$

Thus

$$(xy)z = (xz)y. \quad (4)$$

The above relation in operator form is

$$R_y R_z - R_z R_y = 0 \text{ implies } [R_y, R_z] = 0. \quad (5)$$

Similarly setting  $y = ab$  in (2) we obtain

$(xy)z = x(yz)x(zy)$ . This relation in operator form is  $L_x R_z = R_z L_x - L_z L_x$   
Thus

$$L_x R_z = (R_z - L_z)L_x. \quad (6)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Any operator word in a metabelian ring  $(-1, 1)$  can be represented as a linear combination of words of the form  $T_a L_b \dots L_c$  having the same composition.*

**Proof:** The Lemma is proved by applying the identities from (3) to (6) by an obvious induction on the length of an operator word.  $\square$

### 3. Processing of operator words of length 3

**Lemma 3.1.**  $R_x(L_y \circ L_z) = (L_x \circ L_y)R_z = R_x R_y R_z$ , and all these functions are symmetric with respect to the variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .

**Proof:** From the relation (3) the Lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *The following relation holds:  $(L_x L_z L_y + L_y L_x L_z) + L_z(L_x \circ L_y) = 0$ .*

**Proof:** We calculate the product  $R_x R_y R_z$  by using Lemma 2.1:

$$\begin{aligned} R_x R_y R_z &= (L_x \circ L_y)R_z = L_x L_y R_z + L_y L_x R_z \\ &= L_x((R_z - L_z)L_y) + L_y((R_z - L_z)L_x) \text{ (by (6))} \\ &= ((R_z - L_z)L_x)L_y + ((R_z - L_z)L_y)L_x - (L_x L_z L_y + L_y L_z L_x) \text{ (by (6))} \\ &= R_z(L_x \circ L_y) - L_z(L_x \circ L_y) - (L_x L_z L_y + L_y L_z L_x) \\ R_x R_y R_z &= R_z R_x R_y - L_z(L_x \circ L_y) - (L_x L_z L_y + L_y L_z L_x) \text{ (by (3))} \\ \text{Thus } L_z(L_x \circ L_y) &+ (L_x L_z L_y + L_y L_z L_x) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.3.**  $\Sigma L_{x\sigma} L_{y\sigma} L_{z\sigma} = 0$ , where  $\sigma$  ranges over the symmetric group  $S_3$ .

**Proof:**  $L_zL_xL_y + L_zL_yL_x + L_xL_zL_y + L_yL_zL_x = 0$ . Setting  $x = y = z$  in the Lemma 3.2, we obtain

$$4L_x^3 = 0. \text{ (as the ring is 2- torsion free )}$$

$$L_x^3 = 0. \quad \square$$

The linearization of this identity proves Lemma 3.2.

**Lemma 3.4.** *The following relation holds  $(L_x \circ L_y)L_z = R_xR_yL_z = 0$ .*

**Proof:** Lemma 3.2 implies  $(L_xL_zL_y + L_yL_zL_x) + L_z(L_x \circ L_y) = 0$ .

This together with Lemma 3.3 gives

$$0 = L_xL_yL_z + L_yL_xL_z$$

$$= (L_xL_y + L_yL_x)L_z$$

$$= (L_x \circ L_y)L_z .$$

Now this equality and relation (3) gives  $R_xR_yL_z = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *The following relation holds:*

$$(R_aL_yL_b + R_bL_yL_a) + R_y(L_a \circ L_b) - L_y(L_a \circ L_b) = 0.$$

**Proof:** The following identity which holds in any arbitrary ring is obtain by multiplying out associators and performing cancellations generally known as Tiechmuller identity.

$$(w, x, y, z) - (w, xy, z) + (w, x, yz) = w(x, y, z) + (w, x, y)z.$$

Taking the defining identities in to account, we obtain

$$x(x, y, x) + (x, x, y)x - (x^2, y, x) + (x, xy, x) - (x, x, yx)$$

$$= x((yx)x) + (x, y, x^2) + (x^2, y, x) - (x(xy))x - ((xy)x)x - (x(x(yx))) - (x^2, x, y) + x(x^2y)$$

$$= x((xy)x - x(yx)) + (x^2y)x - (x(xy))x - (x^2y)x + x^2(yx) + (x(xy))x - ((xy)x) - x^2(yx) + x(x(yx))$$

$$= x((yx)x) + (x, y, x^2) - (x(xy))x - x(x(yx)) - x(x(yx)) + x(x^2y) - ((xy)x)x$$

$$= x((yx)x) - x(x^2y)x + x^3y - (x(xy))x - ((xy)x)x - x(x(yx)) + x(x^2y)$$

$$= x((yx)x) + x^3y - (x(xy))x - ((xy)x)x - x(x(yx))$$

Thus we have the identity

$$x((yx)x) + x^3y - (x(xy))x - ((xy)x)x - x(x(yx)) = 0 \quad (7)$$

Let us linearize this identity with respect to  $x$  and assuming that  $a, b \in R$  and  $c \in R^2$  we obtain

$$a((yc)b) + b((yc)a) + ((ca)b + (cb)a + (ac)b + (bc)a)y - (a(cy))b - (b((cy))a) - ((cy)a)b - ((cy)b)a - a(b(yc)) - b(a(yc)) = 0.$$

The operator form of this identity is

$$0 = L_y(R_aL_b + R_bL_a) + (R_aR_b + R_bL_a)R_y + (L_aR_b + L_bR_a)R_y - R_y(L_bR_b + L_bR_a) - R_y(R_aR_b + R_bR_a) - L_y(L_aL_b + L_bL_a).$$

$$= L_y(R_aL_b + R_bL_a) + (R_a \circ R_b)R_y + (L_aR_b + L_bR_a)R_y - R_y(L_aR_b + L_bR_a) - R_y(R_a \circ R_b) - L_y(L_a \circ L_b) .$$

Applying equation (5) we reduce this equality to the form

$$0 = L_y(R_a L_b + R_b L_a) + (L_a R_b + L_b R_a) R_y - R_y(L_a R_b + L_b R_a) - L_y(L_a \circ L_b) .$$

Let us transform its right-hand side by using (6) and (3)

$$0 = ((R_a - L_a)L_y)L_b + ((R_b - L_b)L_y)L_a + L_a(L_b \circ L_y) + L_b(L_a \circ L_y) - R_y(R_b - L_b)L_a - R_y(R_a - L_a)L_b - L_y(L_a \circ L_b) .$$

Removing parentheses and performing cancellations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= R_a L_y L_b - L_a L_y L_b + R_b L_y L_a - L_b L_y L_a + L_a L_b L_y + L_a L_y L_b + L_b L_a L_y + L_b L_y L_a - \\ &R_y R_b L_a + R_y L_b L_a - R_y R_a L_b + R_y L_a L_b - L_y L_a L_b - L_y L_b L_a . \\ &= R_a L_y L_b + R_b L_y L_a + ((L_a \circ L_b)L_y - R_y R_b L_a - R_y R_a L_b) + R_y L_a L_b + R_y L_b L_a + \\ &R_y L_a L_b - L_y L_a L_b - L_y L_b L_a . \end{aligned}$$

This relation together with Lemma 3.4 gives the required result.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6.** *The relation  $R_y(L_x \circ L_y) = 0$  holds.*

**Proof:** By Lemma 3.5 we have

$$0 = (R_a L_b L_y + R_b L_y L_a) + R_y(L_a \circ L_b) - L_y(L_a \circ L_b). \quad (8)$$

Permuting each of the symbols  $(by)$  and  $(ay)$  in this equality, we obtain

$$0 = (R_a L_y L_b + R_y L_b L_a) + R_b(L_a \circ L_y) - L_b(L_a \circ L_y). \quad (9)$$

and

$$0 = (R_y L_b L_a + R_b L_a L_y) + R_a(L_y \circ L_b) - L_a(L_b \circ L_y). \quad (10)$$

Adding of the inequalities (8), (9) and (10) we obtain

$$0 = 2(R_y(L_a \circ L_b) + R_b(L_a \circ L_y) + R_a(L_b \circ L_y)) - (L_y(L_a \circ L_b) + L_b(L_a \circ L_y) + L_a(L_y \circ L_b)).$$

This equality and Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3 imply

$$0 = 2(3R_a(L_b \circ L_y))$$

$$= 6R_a(L_b \circ L_y), \text{ whence}$$

$$R_a(L_b \circ L_y) = 0 \text{ because of } 2, 3 \text{-torsion free.} \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.7.** *The following relation holds:  $R_a L_x L_b + R_b L_x L_a = L_x(L_a \circ L_b)$ .*

**Proof:** The relation is obtained from Lemma 3.5 and Lemma 3.6:

$$0 = (R_x L_b L_a + R_a L_b L_x) - L_b(L_x \circ L_a). \quad (11)$$

Cyclically permuting the symbols  $x, b$  and  $a$ , we obtain

That is

$$0 = (R_b L_a L_x + R_x L_a L_b) - L_a(L_b \circ L_x) \quad (12)$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.8.**  $(R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x = L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a .$

**Proof:**

In Lemma 3.7

The sum of (11) and (12) equalities gives

$$0 = (R_x L_b L_a + R_a L_b L_x) - L_b(L_x \circ L_a).$$

$$= (R_b L_a L_x + R_x L_a L_b) - L_a(L_b \circ L_x).$$

$$\text{Thus } R_x(L_b L_a + R_a L_b) + (R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x = L_a(L_b \circ L_x) + L_b(L_x \circ L_a).$$

$$\text{That is } R_x(L_a \circ L_b) + (R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x = L_a(L_b \circ L_x) + L_b(L_x \circ L_a).$$

$$\text{From Lemmas (3.4) and (3.6) we get } (R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x = L_a L_b L_x + L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a + L_b L_a L_x$$

$$= L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.9.** *The relation  $R_x R_y T_z = 0$  holds.*

**Proof:** This Lemma follows from equation (5) and Lemma (3.4) and (3.6).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10.** *In any metabelian  $(-1, 1)$  ring the following relations are valid:*

$$(a) R_x(L_y \circ L_z) = (L_x \circ L_y)L_z = R_x R_y T_z;$$

$$(b) (R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x = L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a;$$

$$(c) R_a L_x L_b + R_b L_x L_a = L_x(L_a \circ L_b).$$

**Corollary 3.11.** *The function  $T_a L_x L_y \dots L_z L_b$  is skew-symmetric with respect to  $x, y, z$*

#### 4. Processing of operator words of length 4

**Lemma 4.1.** *The relation  $(R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x L_y = 0$  holds.*

**Proof:** Applying Lemmas (3.8) and (3.4), we have

$$(R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x L_y = L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a.$$

$$\text{That is } ((R_a L_b + R_b L_a)L_x)L_y = (L_a L_x L_b + L_b L_x L_a)L_y$$

$$= L_a L_x L_b L_y + L_b L_x L_a L_y. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 4.2.** *The relation  $L_a L_b(L_x \circ L_y) = 0$  holds.*

**Proof:** From Lemmas (3.8) and (3.4), we have

$$0 = R_x L_y L_b + R_y L_x L_b - L_x L_b L_y - L_y L_b L_x = R_x L_y L_b + R_y L_x L_b + L_b(L_x \circ L_y)$$

Multiplying this equality by  $L_a$  on the left and transforming the result by using

identity (6) and Lemmas (3.4) and (3.7), we obtain

$$-L_a L_b(L_x \circ L_y) = L_a R_x L_y L_b + L_a R_y L_x L_b$$

$$= (R_x - L_x)L_a L_y L_b + (R_y - L_y)L_a L_x L_b$$

$$= R_x L_a L_y L_b - L_x L_a L_y L_b + R_y L_a L_x L_b - L_y L_a L_x L_b$$

$$= (R_x L_a L_y + R_y L_a L_x)L_b - L_x L_a L_y L_b - L_y L_a L_x L_b$$

$$= L_a L_x L_y L_b + L_a L_y L_x L_b - L_x L_a L_y L_b - L_y L_a L_x L_b$$

(by Lemma 3.7)

$$= L_a L_x L_y L_b + L_a L_y L_x L_b + L_a L_x L_y L_b + L_a L_y L_x L_b$$

(by Lemma 3.4)

$$= L_a(L_x \circ L_y)L_b + L_a(L_x \circ L_y)L_b$$

$$= 2L_a(L_x \circ L_y)L_b = 0.$$

(by Lemma 3.4)

### 5. Auxiliary Identities

Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}$  is an arbitrary variety of metabelian algebras of type  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $R$  is a free ring in the variety  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $X = \{ x_1, x_2, \dots \}$  is a set of free generators of  $R$ . For elements  $x, y \in R^2$ , we write  $x \approx y(n)$  and  $x \equiv y(n)$  if, for any  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in R$ ,  $(x - y)L(a_1)L(a_2)\dots L(a_n) = 0$  and  $(x - y)T(a_1)T(a_2)\dots T(a_n) = 0$ , respectively.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.1.**  $[[x, y], z] \equiv 0(2)$ .

**Proof:** Identity (1) implies

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (zx)y - z(xy) - (xz)y + x(zx) + (yz)x - y(zx). \\ \text{That is } z(xy) &= (zx)y - (xz)y + x(zx) + (yz)x - y(zx). \\ &= (zx)y + y(xz) - x(yz) + (yz)x - y(zx). \\ &= (zx)y + (xz)y - x(zx) + (yz)x - y(zx). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the last equality by  $R_t L_u$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (xy)L_z R_t L_u &= ((zx)y + y(xz) - x(yz) + (yz)x - y(zx))R_t L_u \\ &= (zx)R_y R_t L_u + (xz)R_y R_t L_u - (zy)L_x R_t L_u + (yz)R_x R_t L_u - (zx)L_y R_t L_u \\ &= -(zy)L_x R_t L_u - (zx)L_y R_t L_u \text{ (by Lemma 3.9)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(xy)L_z R_t L_u = -(zy)L_x R_t L_u - (zx)L_y R_t L_u$ . Since the right hand side of this equality is symmetric with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  we have

$$(xy)L_z R_t L_u = (yx)L_z R_t L_u, \text{ or}$$

$$[x, y]L_z R_t L_u = 0. \quad (13)$$

Thus

$$[x, y](R_t - L_t)L_z L_u, \text{ by identity (2.6)} \quad (14)$$

$$[[x, y], t]L_z L_u = 0. \quad (15)$$

Lemma (3.9) gives  $[x, y]R_z R_t L_u = 0$

Subtracting (11) from this equality, we obtain

$$[x, y](R_z - L_z)R_t L_u = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$[[x, y], z]R_t L_u = 0.$$

This relation, equality (11), and Lemma (3.1) imply the required assertion.  $\square$

Let us introduce the auxiliary function  $\{ x, y, z \} = (yx)z + (zx)y$  obviously, it is symmetric with respect to  $y$  and  $z$  i.e.,  $\{ x, y, z \} = \{ x, z, y \}$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *The following assertions are valid*

$$(a) \{ a, b, x \} L_y + \{ a, b, y \} L_x + \{ a, x, y \} L_b \approx 0 (2);$$

$$(b) \{ a, b, x \} \approx \{ b, a, x \} L_y (2);$$

$$(c) \{ a, b, x \} \approx 0 (2).$$

**Proof:** In the proof of this lemma,  $u \approx v$  means  $u \approx v (2)$ .

(a) Note that Lemma 4.2 can be written in the form  $R_a L_b + R_b L_a \approx 0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \{ a, b, x \} L_y + \{ a, b, y \} L_x &= (ba)R_xL_y + (xa)R_bL_y + (ba)R_yL_x + (ya)R_bL_x \\ &\approx (xa)R_bL_y + (ya)R_bL_x \approx -(xa)R_bR_y - (ya)R_bL_x \\ &\approx -\{ a, x, y \} L_b. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Taking into account identities (1) and (2), and applying the Jordan product we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (ba)x + (xa)b &= (ba)x - b(ax) + b(ax) + (xa)b - x(ab) + x(ab) \\ &= (b, a, x) + (x, a, b) + b(ax) + x(ab) \\ &= -(a, x, b) + b(ax) + x(ab) \\ &= -(ax)b + a(xb) + b(ax) + x(ab). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } (ba)x + (xa)b = -[b, ax] - a(xb) - x(ab) = 0.$$

The application of the operator  $L_uR_yL_v$  to this relation yields

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= ((ba)R_x + (xa)R_b - [b, ax] - (xb)L_a - (ab)L_x)L_uR_yL_v \\ &= ((ba)R_x + (xa)R_b - (xb)L_a - (ab)L_x)L_uR_yL_v \text{ (by (11))} \\ &= ((ba)R_x + (xa)R_b - (xb)L_a - (ab)L_x)(R_y - L_y)L_uL_v \text{ (by (6))} \\ &= -(xb)(R_y - L_y)L_a - (ab)(R_y - L_y)L_x - (ba)R_xL_y + (xb)L_aL_y + (ab)L_xL_y)L_uL_v \\ &= -(xb)R_yL_a + (xb)L_yL_a - (ab)R_yL_x + (ab)L_yL_x - (ba)R_xL_y - (xa)R_bL_y + \\ &\quad (xb)L_aL_y + (ab)L_xL_y)L_uL_y \\ &= -(ba)R_xL_y - (xa)R_bL_y - (xb)R_yL_a - (ab)R_yL_x(L_yL_a + L_aL_y) + (ab)(L_yL_x + \\ &\quad L_xL_y)L_uL_y \\ &= -(ba)R_xL_y - (xa)R_bL_y - (xb)R_yL_a - (ab)R_yL_x + (xb)R_yR_a + (ab)R_yR_x)L_uL_x \\ &\text{by Lemma (3.4)} \\ &= -(ba)R_xL_y - (xa)R_bL_y - (xb)R_yL_a - (ab)R_yL_x \approx 0 \\ &= (ba)R_xL_y + (xa)R_bL_y \approx (xb)R_yL_a - (ab)R_yL_x \\ &= \{ a, b, x \} L_y \approx \{ b, a, x \} L_y \text{ (by Lemma (4.1))} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Assertions (a) and (b) imply  $(\{ b, a, x \} L_y + \{ b, a, y \} L_x) + \{ a, x, y \} L_b \approx 0$ . Applying (8) to the expression in parentheses, we obtain

$$-\{ b, a, x \} L_y + \{ a, x, y \} L_b \approx 0,$$

$$\text{that is } \{ a, x, y \} L_b \approx \{ b, x, y \} L_a.$$

Therefore, the function  $\{ a, b, x \} L_yL_uL_v$  is symmetric with respect to the variables  $a, b, x$ , and  $y$ . By virtue of (a), we have  $3\{ a, b, x \} L_y \approx 0$ , and the assumption on the Torsion free gives the required relation (c).  $\square$

**Lemma 5.3.** *If a ring  $R$  satisfies the relation  $R[R^2, R] \equiv 0(n)$  for some  $n \geq 2$  then  $R$  is nilpotent.*

**Proof:** First  $[R^2, R]R \subseteq R[R^2, R] + [[R^2, R], R] \equiv 0(n)$ , which means that  $[R^2, R] \equiv 0(n+1)$  as is known, the identity

$$[xy, z] = x[y, z] + [x, z]y + (x, y, z) + (z, x, y) - (x, z, y)$$

holds in an arbitrary ring. By virtue of identity (2), the expression in parenthesis vanishes,

$$-(z, x, y) = x[y, z] + [x, z]y - [xy, z] + (x, y, z) - (x, z, y)$$

$$(z, x, y) = x[y, z] + [x, z]y - [xy, z].$$

Setting  $y = w \in R^2$  in the last equality, we obtain  $(z, x, w) = [xw, z] - x[w, z] \equiv 0(n+1)$  whence  $wL_xL_z \equiv 0(n+1)$ . In particular,  $wR_cL_xL_z \equiv 0(n+1)$ . Finally, Lemma 2.1 implies  $R^2 \equiv 0(n+4)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** *suppose that, in ring  $R$   
 $[a, b] L(x_1)L(x_2)\dots L(x_n) = 0$  or  $[a, b] R(x_1)L(x_2)\dots L(x_n) = 0$   
for any elements  $a, b, x_1\dots x_n (n \geq 3)$ . Then the ring  $R$  is nilpotent.*

**Proof:** Let  $[a, b]L(x_1)L(x_2)\dots L(x_n) = 0$ . By virtue of (11) we have  
 $[a, b]L(x_1)R(x_2)L(x_3)\dots L(x_n) = 0$ .  
These two equalities and Lemma 2.1 imply  $[a, b]L(x_1) \equiv 0(n-1)$ , i.e.,  $R[R, R] \equiv 0(n)$  by Lemma 5.3 the ring  $R$  is nilpotent.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.5.** *If in a ring  $R$ ,  $0 = (R_a - L_a)L_b\dots L_c$  for any element  $a, b\dots c$ , then  $R$  is nilpotent.*

**Proof:** Relation (6) (that is,  $L_xR_z - R_zL_x + L_zL_x = 0$ ) and the assumptions of the Lemma imply  
 $0 = (L_xR_z - R_zL_x + L_zL_x)L_b\dots L_c = (L_xL_z - L_zL_x + L_zL_x)L_b\dots L_c = L_xL_zL_b\dots L_c$ .  
Moreover,  $R_xL_zL_b\dots L_c = 0$ ; thus the ring  $R$  is nilpotent by Lemma(2.1).  $\square$

## 6. A basis of a free metabelain $(-1, 1)$ ring

**Definition 6.1.** *The regular words in a ring  $R$  on the alphabet  $X_n := \{x_1, x_2, \dots x_n\}$   
( $n \geq 6$ ) are the polylinear monomials*

- (a)  $(x_1x_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$ ,
  - (b)  $(x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$ ,
  - (c)  $(x_2x_1)R(3)L(4)\dots L(n)$ ,
- where  $T(k) := T(x_k)$  and  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots k_{n-2}$ .

**Lemma 6.2.** *The space  $P_n(R)$  of polylinear monomials in variables from  $X_n (n \geq 6)$  is linearly generated by the regular words in the ring  $R$ .*

**Proof:** By Lemma 2.1, the space  $P_n(R)$  is linearly generated by words of the form  $(x_ix_j)T_aL_b\dots L_c$ . Next, according to the corollary to Lemmas 3.10 and Lemma 4.2 words having the form  $(x_ix_j)L(k_1\sigma)L(k_2\sigma)\dots L(k_{n-2}\sigma)$  where  $\sigma \in S_{n-2}, k_1 < k_2 < \dots k_{n-2}$ , are linearly expressed in terms of words having the form  $(x_ix_j)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$  where  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{n-2}$ . By Lemmas 3.1 and 4.1 words of the form  $(x_ix_j)R(k_1\sigma)L(k_2\sigma)\dots L(k_{n-2}\sigma)$  where  $\sigma \in S_{n-2}, k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{n-2}$  are linearly expressed in terms of words of the form  $(x_ix_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$ , where  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{n-2}$ . Identity (1) implies  $0 = (x_1x_i)x_j - x_1(x_ix_j) - (x_ix_1)x_j - x_i(x_1x_j) + (x_jx_i)x_1 + x_j(x_ix_1)$  where

$$x_1(x_ix_j) = (x_1x_i)x_j + (x_ix_1)x_j - x_i(x_1x_j) + (x_jx_i)x_1 - x_j(x_ix_1), \quad (16)$$

$$(x_ix_j)x_1 = x_i(x_jx_1) + (x_ix_1)x_j - x_i(x_1x_j). \quad (17)$$

By virtue of (2), we have  $(x_ix_j)x_1 - x_i(x_jx_1) - (x_ix_1)x_j + x_i(x_1x_j) = 0$ . According to the relation (16) and (17), monomials of the form  $(x_ix_j)T(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$ , where  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{n-2}$ , are linearly expressed in terms of words of the form

$$(x_1x_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}), (x_jx_1)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}), \\ (x_1x_j)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}), (x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}).$$

By (9),  $[x, y]R_zL_tL_u = [x, y]L_zL_tL_u$ . Therefore,

$$[x_1x_j]R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) = [x_1x_j]L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}),$$

which gives

$$(x_1x_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) - (x_jx_1)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ = (x_1x_j)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) - (x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}).$$

whence

$$(x_1x_j)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) = (x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ - (x_1x_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) + (x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}).$$

Now, consider words of the form  $(x_jx_1)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$  where  $j \geq 3$ . We have

$$= (x_jx_1)R(2)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) = ((x_jx_1)x_2)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ = - \{ x_1, x_2, x_3 \} L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) - ((x_2x_1)x_j)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ = - (x_2x_1)x_jL(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.2(c)}) \\ = - (x_2x_1)R(j)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ = (-1)^j(x_2x_1)R(3)L(4)\dots L(n) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.4, 4.1, and 4.2}).$$

This means precisely that the space  $P_n(R)$  is linearly generated by the regular words in the ring  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.3.** *If a ring  $R$  is not nilpotent, then the regular words in this algebra are linearly independent.*

**Proof:** Suppose that some linear combination of regular words in  $R$  vanishes, that is,

$$\sum_j \alpha_j (x_1x_j)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) + \sum_j \beta_j (x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) \\ + \gamma(x_2x_1)R(3)L(4)\dots L(n) = 0. \quad (18)$$

Take  $v \in [R, R], w \in R^2$ , and  $j_0 \geq 3$ . Setting  $x_{j_0} = v$  and applying (10), we obtain  $\beta_{j_0}(vx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) = 0$ .

Since the ring  $R$  is not nilpotent, the corollary of Lemma 6.2 implies  $\beta_{j_0} = 0$ . Therefore, all terms of the form  $\beta_j(x_jx_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})$  in (5.3) vanish.

Next, setting  $x_{j_0} = w$  and using Lemma 3.4 we obtain

$$\alpha_{j_0}(x_1w)R(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) = 0.$$

According to (6) we have

$\alpha_{j_0}w(R(k_1)L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2}) - L(k_1)L(k_2)\dots L(k_{n-2})) = 0$ . Since the ring  $R$  is not nilpotent, Lemma 5.5 implies  $\alpha_{j_0} = 0$ , and equality 6.1 takes the form  $\gamma(x_2x_1)R(3)L(4)\dots L(n) = 0$ . Setting  $x_1 = w$ , we obtain  $\gamma(x_2w)R(3)L(4)\dots L(n) = 0$ . Arguing the above, we conclude let  $\gamma = 0$ . Thus the regular words are linearly independent. Lemma 6.3 readily implies Theorem 1.1. Since not all of the metabelian  $(-1, 1)$  rings are nilpotent [2], Corollary 1.2 is valid as well.  $\square$

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