

# Commutativity of Periodic Rings with Some Identities in the Center

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be an periodic ring. In this paper, we prove that an  $(n + 1)n$ -torsion free periodic ring satisfying the properties  $(ab)^n - ba \in Z(R)$ ,  $(ab)^{n+1} - ba \in Z(R)$ ,  $a^n(ab) - (ba)a^n \in Z(R)$  for all  $a, b \in R$  is commutative, then  $R$  is commutative.

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## 1. Introduction

Herstein [6] shown that if  $R$  is a ring satisfying  $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ , where  $n > 1$  then  $R$  has a nil commutator ideal. Also Abu-Khuzam [1] proved that if  $R$  is an identity element 1 satisfying  $(ab)^n = a^n b^n \forall a, b \in R$  and  $n > 1$ , then  $R$  is commutative . and then Gupta [5] proved that if  $R$  is a semi prime ring with centre  $Z(R)$  satisfying  $(ab)^2 - a^2 b^2 \in Z(R) \forall a, b \in R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. In [2] it is proved that  $R$  is commutative if  $R$  is a semi prime ring satisfying  $(ab)^n - a^n b^n \in Z(R)$  and  $(a^2 b^n) - a^{2n} b^n \in Z(R) \forall a, b \in R$ . In this direction we prove that, if  $R$  is an  $(n + 1)n$ -torsion free periodic ring such that  $(ab)^n - ba \in Z(R)$  and  $(ab)^{n+1} - ba \in Z(R)$  or  $(ab)^{n+1} - ab \in Z(R)$  and if the set of nilpotent elements of  $R$  is commutative Then  $R$  is commutative. We prove that an  $n$ -torsion free periodic ring (not necessarily with unity) for which  $(ab)^n - (ba)^n$  is in the center is commutative which provided that the set  $A$  of nilpotent's of  $R$  form a commutative set. If  $a \in aR \cap Ra$ ,  $\forall a \in R$ , then the ring  $R$  is called s-unital. In [8] it is proved that if  $R$  is an S-unital ring satisfying the following identities. (1)  $[a^n, b^n] = 0$ , (2)  $n[a, b] = 0 \Rightarrow [a, b] = 0$  (3)  $[a, a^n(ab)^n - (ba)^n a^n] = 0 \forall a, b \in R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. Using this we prove that if  $R$  is an  $n(n + 1)$ -torsion free periodic ring (not necessarily with unity) satisfying the identity  $a^n(ab) - (ba)a^n \in Z(R) \forall a, b \in R$  and if  $A$  is commutative, then  $R$  is commutative .We also prove that  $(ab)^n - b^n a^n \in Z(R) \forall a \in R/A, b \in R/A$  and  $A$  is commutative then  $R$  is commutative.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout in this paper  $R$  represents a periodic ring not necessarily with unity and  $A$  denotes the set of nilpotent elements of  $R$ .  $Z(R)$  is the center of  $R$ . We start the results with following lemmas :

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $[a, [a, b]] = 0$ , then  $[a^t, b] = ta^{t-1}[a, b] \forall$  integers  $t \geq 1$ .

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*Proof.* For  $t = 1$ , identity  $[a^t, b] = t.a^{t-1}[a, b]$  is true. If we assume that

$$[a^t, b] = ta^{t-1}[a, b] \quad (1)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} [a^{t+1}, b] &= [a^t a, b] \\ &= a^t[a, b] + [a^t, b]a \\ &= a^t[a, b] + ta^{t-1}[a, b]a, \text{ by (1)} \\ &= a^t[a, b] + ta^t[a, b], \text{ since } [a, [a, b]] = 0 \\ &= (t+1)a^t[a, b] \quad \forall t > 1 \\ [a^{t+1}, b] &= (t+1)a^t[a, b] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by induction  $[a^t, b] = ta^{t-1}[a, b]$  for all integers  $t \geq 1$ . □

**Lemma 2.2.** *A periodic ring  $R$  has following axioms.*

- (1). *For every  $a$  in  $R$ , some powers of  $a$  is idempotent.*
- (2). *For every  $a$  in  $R$ ,  $\exists$  an integer  $n > 1$  such that  $a - a^{n(x)}$  is nilpotent.*
- (3). *If  $p : R \rightarrow R'$  is an epimorphism, then  $p(A)$  is equals to the set of nilpotent elements of  $R'$ .*
- (4). *If  $A$  is central, then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.*

- (1). If  $a^n = a^m$  with  $n > m$ , then  $a^{j+t(n-m)} = a^j$  for all positive integer  $t$  and every  $j \geq m$ . So we assume that  $n-m+1 \geq m$ . Then it follows that  $a^{n-m+1} = (a^{n-m+1})^{n-m+1}$ . Thus  $(a^{n-m+1})^{n-m}$  is idempotent.
- (2). Consider  $a^n = a^m$ ,  $n > m > 1$ . Then  $a^{m-1}(a - a^{n-m+1}) = 0 = a^{m-2}a(a - a^{n-m+1}) = a^{m-2}a^{n-m+1}(a - a^{n-m+1})$ . So  $a^{m-2}(a - a^{n-m+1})^2 = 0$ . By induction the result follows :
- (3). By Lemma 1 [3], we know that  $(a + Z)$  is a non zero nilpotent element if  $R'$ , where  $Z$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $R$  has a nilpotent element  $V$  such that  $a = V(mod Z)$ . Hence if  $p : R \rightarrow R'$  is an epimorphison, then  $P(N)$  is equals to the set of nilpotent elements of  $R^1$ .
- (4). If  $A$  is the set of nilpotent elements of  $R$ , then it is easily seen that  $A$  is an ideal. Also if  $a \in R$  and  $e$  is an idempotent  $R$ , then both  $ea = eae$  and  $ae - eae$  exist in  $R$ . So commute with  $e$ . Therefore idempotent in  $R$  are central.

We know that homomorphic images inherit the hypothesis on  $R$ . Thus we consider only the case of sub directly irreducible  $R$ . As per this assumption, part (1) of the Lemma 2.2 prove that  $R$  is either nil and hence commutative or  $R$  has a multiplicative identity element 1 which is unique non-zero central idempotent. From (2) of Lemma 2.2 that every element of  $R$  is either nilpotent or invertible. Therefore the set  $D$  of zero divisors is equal to  $A$  is a central ideal. Moreover by (2) of Lemma 2.2  $\bar{R} = R/D$  has a property of Jacobson is  $x^n = x$ , so that  $R$  is commutative and  $R$  has torsion group which is additive group. Thus if  $x, y \in R/D$  is a finite field which is generated by  $\bar{x} = x + D$ , and  $\bar{y} = y + D$ .  $R/D$  has cyclic multiplicative group. Hence there exist  $g \in R$  and  $d_1, d_2 \in D$  such that

$$x = g^i + d_1$$

$$y = g^j + d_2,$$

$i, j$  are positive integers. It follows that  $x, y$  must commute. □

**Lemma 2.3.** *If commutator ideal  $C(R) \in R$  is nil, then the nilpotent  $A \in R$  form an ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in A$  and  $\bar{R} = R/C(R)$ . Then  $\bar{x} = x + C(R)$  and  $\bar{y} = y + C(R)$  are also nilpotent. Therefore  $\bar{x} - \bar{y}$  is nilpotent. [ $\because R$  is commutative]. Assuming  $(\bar{x} - \bar{y})^t = 0$ .  $(x - y)^t$  of  $C(R) \subseteq A$ . By hypothesis,  $(x - y) \in A$ . Let  $a \in R$  be an arbitrary element  $\Rightarrow xa$  is also nilpotent. Let  $(\bar{xa})^m = \bar{0} \Rightarrow (xa)^m \in C(R) \subseteq A$ . Thus  $xa \in A$ . Similarly  $ax \in A \forall x \in A, a \in A$ . Hence  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$ . □

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a periodic ring and  $A$  is commutative, thus the commutator ideal of  $R$  is nil, and  $A$  forms an ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be the set of nilpotent elements. We have to prove that (i)  $V_1 - V_2 \in A, V_1, V_2 \in A$  by using the standard argument for the commutative and also we prove by induction on  $t$  that if  $v_t = 0$  and  $r \in R$ , it is true that  $(vr)^t = (rv)^t = 0$ . First consider  $t = 2$ . Let  $V \in R$  such that  $V^2 = 0$  and  $k$  be a positive integer for which  $(vr)^k = e$  is idempotent. Then  $(re - ere)$  is nilpotent and commutative with  $V$ . i.e.

$$(vr)(vr)^k - v(vr)^k r(vr)^k = r(vr)^k v - (vr)^k r(vr)^k v \tag{2}$$

multiplying above by  $V$  on right, we get,  $vr(vr)^k v = 0$ . Hence  $(vr)^{k+2} = (rv)^{k+2} = 0$ , which implies that  $v$  commutes with both  $rv$  and  $vr$ . Hence  $(rv)^2 = (vr)^2 = 0$ . Suppose the above result is true for all  $b$  with  $b^m = 0, m < t$ , and  $v^t = 0, t \geq 3$  multiplying (2) by  $r$  on left and  $v$  on right side by defining  $k$  as above, we obtain

$$(rv)^{k+2} = rv^2\alpha + \beta v^2 \tag{3}$$

$\alpha, \beta$  are elements of subring generated by  $r$  and  $v$ . Since  $(v^2)^{t+1} = 0 \Rightarrow rv^2\alpha$  and  $\beta v^2$  are nilpotent. Hence (3) represents  $rv$  and  $vr$  are nilpotent. Again the element  $v$  must commute with  $vr$  and  $rv$ . Therefore  $(rv)^t = (vr)^t = 0$  and  $A$  is an ideal. □

**Lemma 2.5.** *If  $R$  be a periodic ring such that  $A$  is commutative and for every  $a \in R$  and  $x \in A, \exists$  an integer  $n = n(a, x) \geq 1$  such that  $[a^n, [a^n, x]] = 0$  and  $[a^{n+1}, [a^{n+1}, x]] = 0$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.2 (3), it is enough to prove that if  $R$  is sub directly irreducible, then  $R$  equals to  $A$  or  $R$  is a commutative local ring with radical  $A$ , so that we can consider that  $R$  is subdirectly irreducible and  $R \neq A$ . Let  $a \in R/A$  be an arbitrary element. Then  $\exists$  a positive integer  $t$  such that  $e = a^t (\neq 0)$  is an idempotent. By hypothesis, there exists a positive integer  $n = n(a)$  such that

$$(a^n, [a^n, x]) = 0 \text{ and } [a^{n+1}, [a^{n+1}, x]] = 0$$

According to  $[e, [e, x]] = 0 \forall x \in A$ ,  $e$  is central and equal to 1, which proves that  $a$  is invertible and  $R$  is a local ring with radical  $A$ . We can easily seen,  $R$  is not  $p^j$ -torsion free, where  $p$  is a prime and  $\bar{a} = \bar{a} + A$  generates a sub field of  $\bar{R} = R/A$ . Let  $x \in A$ , since  $((\bar{a})^n)^{[p^{it}]} = ((\bar{a})^n)$  and  $A$  is commutative. By (1), we can prove that  $[a^n, x] = [(a^n)^{p^{it}}, x] = p^{it}(a^n)^{p^{it}}[a^n, x] \neq 0$ . Also we can also prove that  $a^n[a, x] = a^n[a, x] + [a^n, x]a = (a^{n+1}, x) = 0$ . Since 'a' is invertible,  $[a, x] = 0$ , which proves that  $A$  is central. Hence by Lemma 2.2 (4)  $R$  is commutative. □

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $p : R \rightarrow R'$  be an epimorphism,  $R$  be a  $m$ -torsion free ring and  $n$  be a positive integer. If  $R$  is  $n$ -torsion free, then  $R'$  is  $n$ -torsion free.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the greatest common divisor of  $m$  and  $n \Rightarrow m = t_1\mathcal{D}$  and  $n = t_2\mathcal{D}$  where  $t_1, t_2$  are positive integers. If  $\mathcal{D} \neq 1$ , then  $R$  is not  $m(\neq t_1)$ -torsion free and also exist element  $b \in R$  such that  $t_1b \neq 0$ , now  $n(t_1b) = (t_2\mathcal{D})t_1b = t_2mb = 0$  it contradicts our assumption that  $R$  is  $m$ -torsion free. So  $\mathcal{D} = 1$  and  $(m, n) = 1$ . Since  $P : R \rightarrow R'$  is an epimorphism then for all  $a' \in R'$ , there exists an element  $a \in R$  such that  $a' = p(x)$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} mx' &= mp(x) \\ &= p(mx) \\ &= p(0) \\ &= 0 \quad \forall a' \in R' \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{char } R' = m'$ , where  $m'$  divides  $m$ . So,  $(m', n) = 1$ , since  $(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow rm' + sn = 1$ , where  $r, s$  are integers. If  $nb' = 0$  for some  $b' \in R'$ . Then  $b' = (rm' + sn)b' = r(m'b') + s(nb') = 0$ . Hence  $R'$  is  $n$ -torsion free.  $\square$

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $R$  be an  $(n+1)n$ -torsion free periodic such that  $(ab)^n - ba \in Z(R)$  and  $(ab)^{n+1} - ba \in Z(R)$ . If  $A$  is commutative, then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.4, the set  $A$  of nilpotent elements of  $R$  is an ideal of  $R$  and since  $A$  is commutative. We know that

$$A^2 \subseteq Z(R). \quad (4)$$

Let  $e$  be an idempotent element of  $R$  and 'a' be any element of  $R$ . From the hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} [e(e + ea - eae)]^n - (e + ea - eae)e &\in Z(R). \\ [e(e + ea - exe)] - (e + ex - exe)e &\in Z(R). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(ea - eae)e \in Z(R) \Rightarrow e(ea - eae) = (ea - eae)e \Rightarrow ea = eae$ . Similarly

$$ae = eae \quad (5)$$

Thus  $ea = ae$  and the idempotent of  $R$  are central. Let  $a, b \in R$  be the two elements. Then by the hypothesis,

$$(ab)^n - ba = W_1 \in Z(R) \quad \text{and} \quad (ba)^n - ab = W_2 \in Z(R) \quad (6)$$

Now,  $(ab)^n a = a(ba)^n$  and using (4) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (W_1 + ba)a &= a(ab + W_2) \\ W_1a + ba^2 &= a^2b + aW_2 \\ a^2b - ba^2 &= (W_1 - W_2)a \\ \Rightarrow [a^2, [a^2, b]] &= 0 \quad \forall a, b \in R \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Let  $x \in A, b = x + 1$  in (7) and use the fact that  $A^2 \subseteq Z(R)$  in (4), to get that

$$[x^2, [x^2, a]] = 0 \quad \forall a \in R, x \in A \tag{8}$$

Repeating the above process from (6) using the hypothesis,  $(ab)^{n+1} - ba \in Z(R)$ , we get

$$[a^3, [a^3, x]] = 0 \quad \forall a \in R, x \in A. \tag{9}$$

Using (8), (9) and Lemma (5) we see that R must be commutative. Hence the theorem proved. □

**Theorem 3.2.** *If R is an n-torsion free periodic ring satisfying  $(ab)^n - (ba)^n \in Z(R)$  and A is commutative, then R is commutative.*

*Proof.* First we consider that R has unity by Lemma 2.4, since A is an ideal of R and commutative,  $A^2 \subseteq Z(R)$ . Consider  $x \in A, y \in R$ , put  $a = (1 + x)y, b = (1 + x)^{-1}$ , then hypothesis  $(ab)^n - (ba)^n \in Z(R)$  becomes

$$(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n \in Z(R) \tag{10}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n](1 + x) &= (1 + x)[(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n] \\ (1 + x)y^n - y^n(1 + x) &= (1 + x)[(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n] \\ xy^n - yx^n &= (1 + x)[(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n] \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Since A is a commutative ideal,  $(1 + x)(xy^n - y^n x) = (1 + x)[(1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} - y^n]$ , since  $x \in A, (1 + x)$  is a unit in R. Thus  $xy^n - y^n x = (1 + x)y^n(1 + x)^{-1} \in Z(R)$  by (10),

$$[x, y^n] \in Z(R), \quad (x \in N, y \in R) \tag{12}$$

Now, if  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R$ , since  $R/Z(R)$  is commutative.  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n = (a_1^n a_2^n \dots a_k^n) \in Z(R) \subseteq A$  by Lemma 2.3. But A is commutative, and therefore

$$[x, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n] = [x, (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n)] \quad (x \in A) \tag{13}$$

Adding (12) and (13), we get

$$[x, (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n)] \in Z(R), \quad (x \in A, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R \text{ and } K \geq 1) \tag{14}$$

Let  $s'$  be the subring of R generated by the  $n^{th}$  powers of elements of R. Then by (14),

$$[x, a] \in Z(s') \quad \forall x \in A(s'), a \in s'. \tag{15}$$

(Hence  $Z(s')$  and  $A(s')$  denote the centre of  $s'$  and the set of nilpotent's of  $s'$ , respectively). Therefore  $A(s')$  is commutative and (15), a Theorem of 2.2 shows that  $s'$  is commutative and hence

$$[a^n, b^n] = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in R \tag{16}$$

Observe that R is an n-torsion free ring with unity satisfying (16) and  $(ab)^n - (ba)^n$  is always central. Therefore R is commutative. □

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $R$  is  $s$ -unital ring satisfying the identities.*

- (1).  $[a^n, b^n] = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in R$   
 (2).  $n[a, b] = 0$  implies  $[a, b] = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in R$   
 (3).  $[a, a^n(ab) - (ba)a^n] = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in R$  then  $R$  is commutative.

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $R$  is an  $(n+1)n$ -torsion free periodic ring satisfying identity.  $a^n(ab) - (ba)a^n \in Z(R) \quad \forall a, b \in R$  and if  $A$  is commutative, then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* we prove the theorem, when  $R$  has unity 1. By Lemma 2.3,  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$  and commutative  $A^2 \subseteq Z(R)$ . Let  $x \in A$  gives that  $x$  is quasi regularly and it has quasi inverse, hence  $(1+x)$  has inverse in  $R$ . Now for  $x, y \in A$ , we consider  $a = 1+x, b = y(1+x)^{-1}$  in the above identity, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^n[(1+x)y(1+x)^{-1}] - [y(1+x)^{-1}(1+x)](1+x)^n &\in Z(R) \\ (1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n &\in Z(R) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\}(1+x) &= (1+x)\{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\} \\ (1+x)^{n+1}y - y(1+x)^{n+1} &= (1+x)\{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\} \end{aligned}$$

Using binomial expansion and the  $N(R)^2 \subseteq Z(R)$ , we get,

$$\{1 + (n+1)x + \dots + (n+1)x^n + x^{n+1}\}y - y\{1 + (n+1)x + \dots + (n+1)x^n + x^{n+1}\} = (1+x)\{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\}$$

Hence

$$(n+1)(xy - yx) = (1+x)\{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\} \quad (18)$$

since  $A$  is commutative ideal,  $(x+1)(xy-yx) = xy-yx$  and hence (18) gives,  $(n+1)(x+1)(xy-yx) = (1+x)\{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\}$ , since  $x \in A$ ,  $(1+x)$  is unit in  $R$  and by (9), we get,  $(n+1)(xy-yx) = \{(1+x)^{n+1}y(1+x)^{-1} - y(1+x)^n\} \in Z(R)$ .  $(n+1)(xy-yx) \in Z(R)$ , since  $R$  is  $(n+1)n$ -torsion free, we get,

$$[x, y] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x \in A, y \in R \quad (19)$$

Now consider  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R$ . Since  $R/Z(R)$  is commutative,  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n - (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n) \in Z(R) \subseteq A(R)$  by Lemma 2.3, therefore  $N(R)$  is commutative yields that

$$[x, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n] = [x, (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n)] \quad \forall x \in A(R) \quad (20)$$

By combining (19) and (20), we get

$$[x, (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n)] \in Z(R) \quad \forall x \in A, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in R, K = 1 \quad (21)$$

let  $S^*$  be the subring generated by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of the elements of  $R$  then by (21), we have,

$$[x, a] \in Z(S^*) \quad \forall x \in A(S^*), a \in S^* \quad (22)$$

Here  $z(S^*)$  and  $A(S^*)$  denote the center of  $S^*$  and set of nilpotent element of  $S^*$ . Combining the fact that  $A(S^*)$  is commutative,  $S^*$  is periodic and (22), Lemma 2.4 shows that  $S^*$  is commutative. Hence  $[a^n, b^n] = 0 \forall a, b \in R$ , since every commutator in  $R$  is  $(n + 1)n$ -torsion free and  $R$  satisfies the axiom

$$a^n(ab) - (ba)a^n \in Z(R) \forall a, b \in R \tag{23}$$

Equation (23) and Lemma 3.3 give that  $R$  is commutative by Lemma 3.3, we get required result. It shows that for each non zero idempotent  $e$ ,  $eR$  is commutative. Hence  $e[a, b] = 0 \forall a, b \in R$ . Thus if  $x \in R$  is potent with  $x^n = x$ ,  $n > 1$ , then  $x^{n-1}[x, y] = 0 = [x, y] \forall y \in R$  since every element of periodic ring equals to the sum of a potent element and nilpotent element, this implies  $A \in Z(R)$  and  $R$  is commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $n \geq 1$  is a fixed integer,  $R$  is  $(n + 1)n$ -torsion free periodic ring  $A$  is commutative and  $(ab)^n - b^n a^n \in Z(R) \forall a \in R/A, b \in R/A$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is commutative and  $R$  is periodic, by Lemma 2.4, the commutator ideal of  $R$  is nil and  $A$  forms an ideal of  $R$ . Also, since  $A^2 \subseteq Z(R)$  and the ideal commutative. Let  $1 \in R$ ,  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in R/A$ , put  $a = x + 1$  in identity, then  $[(x + 1)y]^n - y^n(x + 1)^n \in Z(R)$  and  $[y(x + 1)]^n - (x + 1)^n y^n \in Z(R)$ . By subtractions above results and using  $A^2 \subseteq Z(R)$ , we get,  $(n + 1)(x, y^n) \in Z(R)$  and since  $R$  is  $(n + 1)n$ -torsion free

$$[x, y^n] \in Z(R) \forall x \in A, y \in R/A \tag{24}$$

since  $a$  is commutative, (24) implies

$$[x, y^n] \in Z(R) \forall x \in A, y \in R \tag{25}$$

Now consider  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R$ , since  $R/Z(R)$  is commutative,  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n - (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n) \in Z(R) \subseteq A$ . But  $A$  is commutative and therefore

$$[x, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^n] = [x, (a_1^n a_2^n \dots a_k^n)] \quad (x \in A) \tag{26}$$

By combining (25) and (26), we get,

$$[x, (a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots, a_k^n)] \in Z(R) \quad (x \in A, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R \forall K \geq 1) \tag{27}$$

Let  $S'$  be the subring of  $R$  generated by  $n^{th}$  power of elements of  $R$ , using (27),

$$[x, a] \in Z^*(R) \forall x \in A^*, a \in S' \tag{28}$$

where  $Z^*(R)$  and  $A^*$  denote the center of  $S'$  and the set of nilpotent of  $S'$  respectively. Combining the facts that  $S'$  is periodic,  $A^*$  is commutative and (28), Lemma 2.5 gives that  $S'$  is commutative. Hence

$$[a^n, b^n] = 0 \forall a, b \in R \tag{29}$$

Further we assume that  $x \in A$ ,  $y \in R/A$ . Then, by hypothesis and facts that  $R/Z(R)$  is commutative and  $Z(R) \in A$ . We have

$$[(1 + x)y]^n - y^n(1 + z)^n = w \in Z(R) \cap A \tag{30}$$

$$[y(1+x)]^n - [(1+x)^n y^n] = w' \in Z(R) \cap A \quad (31)$$

Equation (30) and (31) gives

$$y[(1+x)y]^n(1+x) - y^{n+1}(1+x)^{n+1} = yw(1+x) \quad (32)$$

$$(1+x)[y(1+x)]^n y - (1+x)^{n+1} y^{n+1} = (1+x)w'y \quad (33)$$

Observe that  $w \in A$  by (30) and  $A^2 \in Z(R)$ . Hence  $ywx \in Z(R)$ . Similarly,  $xw'y \in Z(R) \Rightarrow w \in Z(R)$  and  $w' \in Z(R)$  we see that  $[yw(1+x), y] = 0$  and  $[(1+x)w'y, y] = 0$ . Hence by (32) and (33), we get

$$\{y(1+x)^{n+1} - y^{n+1}(1+x)^{n+1}\} \text{ commutes with } y \quad (34)$$

$$\text{and } \{(1+x)y^{n+1} - (1+x)^{n+1}y^{n+1}\} \text{ commutes with } y \quad (35)$$

According that  $A^2 \in Z(R)$  and subtracting (34) from (35), we get

$$n[y^{n+1}, x] \text{ commutes with } y, \forall x \in A, y \in R/A \quad (36)$$

Since  $A$  is commutative,  $R$  is  $(n+1)n$ -torsion free and by (36) implies,

$$[x, y^{n+1}] \text{ commutes with } y, \text{ for all } x \in A, y \in R \quad (37)$$

by (29),  $[a^n, b^n] = 0 \forall a, b \in R, 1 \in R$  (case (i)) and  $R$  is  $n$ -torsion free. Hence

$$[x, y^n] = 0 \forall x \in A, y \in R \quad (38)$$

Now, (37) implies that  $xy^{n+2} - y^{n+1}xy = yxy^{n+1} - y^{n+2}x$  and by (38), we obtain  $y^n xy^2 - y^{n+1}xy = y^{n+1}xy - y^{n+2}x$ . Hence  $y^n\{[x, y]y\} = y^n[y[x, y]]$ . Thus

$$y^n[(x_1y)y] = 0 \forall x \in A, y \in R \quad (39)$$

write  $y$  by  $1+y$  in (39), we get

$$(1+y)^n[[x, y], y] = 0 \forall x \in N, y \in R \quad (40)$$

by (7), (39) and (40) gives that

$$[[x, y], y] = 0 \forall x \in A, y \in R \quad (41)$$

Since  $A$  is commutative,  $R$  is periodic and by Lemma 2.5 and (41),  $R$  is commutative.  $\square$

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