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# On $g$ -Semisymmetric Rings

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We introduce right (left)  $g$ -semisymmetric ring as a new concept to generalize the well-known concept: symmetric ring. Examples are given to show that these classes of rings are distinct. They coincide under some conditions. It is shown that  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right if and only if  $R$  is symmetric, whenever  $R$  is regular. It is shown that a ring  $R$  is strongly regular if and only if  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right. For a right  $p.p.$ -ring  $R$  it is shown that  $R$  is reduced if and only if  $R$  is symmetric, if and only if  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left, if and only if  $R$  is IFP, if and only if  $R$  is abelian. We prove that there is a special subring of the ring of  $3 \times 3$  matrices over a ring without zero divisors which is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 2 from left and boundary 2 from right. Also we show that flat left modules over bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right are bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.

## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are associated with identity and all modules are unitary. For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the left (right) annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  is denoted by  $l(X)$  ( $r(X)$ ). If  $X = \{a\}$ , we usually abbreviate  $l(a)$  ( $r(a)$ ). According to Lambic [1], a ring  $R$  is called *symmetric* if  $abc = 0$  then  $acb = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *reduced* if it has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Reduced rings are symmetric according to [2, Theorem 1.3]. According to Lee and Zhou [3], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is reduced if  $a^2m = 0$  implies  $aRm = 0$ , for all  $a \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . Abelian rings are rings in which each idempotent is central. According to Buhphang and Rege [4], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is *semincommutative*, if  $am = 0$  implies  $aRm = 0$ , for all  $a \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . Reduced rings are symmetric [2, Theorem 1.3]. Commutative rings are symmetric. Semicommutative rings are abelian [5, Lemma 2.7]. Several examples

in the indicated references were given to show that the converse of these implications is not necessary to be true, for example, [2, Example II.5] is an example of noncommutative nonreduced symmetric ring. g-semisymmetric rings are defined and studied herein. A ring  $R$  is called right g-semisymmetric if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(c)$ ,  $l = l(b)$  such that  $ac^n b^l = 0$ . A ring  $R$  is called bounded right g-semisymmetric with boundary  $n$  from left if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exists two positive integers  $n$ ,  $l = l(b)$  such that  $ac^s b^l = 0$ , for all  $s \geq n$ . Clearly, symmetric rings are right g-semisymmetric. Examples 2.2 and 2.21 are given to show that there exist right g-semisymmetric rings which are not symmetric. Bounded right g-semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left is abelian. This is false for rings without identity, by Example 2.2. Also its converse is not necessary true as shown from Example 2.17. The converse holds if  $R$  is right  $p.p.$ -ring, by Theorem 2.19.

## 2. G-Semisymmetric Rings

*Definition 2.1.* (1) A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called g-semisymmetric if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $mab = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l = l(a)$  such that  $mb^n a^l = 0$ . A ring  $R$  is called right g-semisymmetric if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(c)$ ,  $l = l(b)$  such that  $ac^n b^l = 0$ .

(2) A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called g-semisymmetric if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $abm = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l = l(a)$  such that  $b^n a^l m = 0$ . A ring  $R$  is called left g-semisymmetric if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l = l(a)$  such that  $b^n a^l c = 0$ .

(3) A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called bounded g-semisymmetric with boundary  $n$  from left if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $mab = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n$ ,  $l = l(a)$  such that  $mb^s a^l = 0$ , for all  $s \geq n$ . A ring  $R$  is called bounded right g-semisymmetric with boundary  $n$  from left if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n$ ,  $l = l(b)$  such that  $ac^s b^l = 0$ , for all  $s \geq n$ .

(4) A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called bounded g-semisymmetric with boundary  $l$  from right if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $mab = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l$  such that  $mb^n a^s = 0$ , for all  $s \geq l$ . A ring  $R$  is called bounded right g-semisymmetric with boundary  $l$  from right if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(c)$ ,  $l$  such that  $ac^n b^s = 0$ , for all  $s \geq l$ .

(5) A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called bounded g-semisymmetric with boundary  $n$  from left if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $abm = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n$ ,  $l$  such that  $abm = 0$ , then  $b^s a^l m = 0$ , for all  $s \geq n$ . A ring  $R$  is called bounded left g-semisymmetric with boundary  $n$  from left if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n$ ,  $l = l(a)$  such that  $b^s a^l c = 0$ , for all  $s \geq n$ .

(6) A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called bounded g-semisymmetric with boundary  $l$  from right if for  $m \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$  with  $abm = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l$  such that  $abm = 0$ , then  $b^n a^s m = 0$ , for all  $s \geq l$ . A ring  $R$  is called bounded left g-semisymmetric with boundary  $l$  from right if for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc = 0$ , there exist two positive integers  $n = n(b)$ ,  $l$  such that  $b^n a^s c = 0$ , for all  $s \geq l$ .

Every symmetric ring is right g-semisymmetric ring, the converse is not true as illustrated by the following example, due originally to Bell [6, Example 9] with changes in its multiplications.

*Example 2.2.* Let  $S = \{a, b\}$  be the semigroup with multiplication  $a^2 = ba = a$ ,  $b^2 = ab = b$ . Put  $T = F_2S$ , which is a four-element semigroup ring without identity. This ring  $T$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from right and with boundary 1 from left, but  $T$  is neither symmetric ring nor reversible.

*Remark 2.3.* (1) A ring  $R$  is left  $g$ -semisymmetric if and only if the module  ${}_R R$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric. (2) A ring  $R$  is right  $g$ -semisymmetric if and only if the module  $R_R$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.

**Proposition 2.4.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a right  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

- (1)  $M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.
- (2) All cyclic submodules of  $M$  are  $g$ -semisymmetric.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $N = mR$  be a cyclic submodules of  $M$ , and let  $m' \in N$ . Since  $M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, then for  $a, b \in R$  with  $m'ab = 0$ , it implies that  $m'b^m a^n = 0$ , and some positive integers  $m = m(b), n = n(a)$ . Hence  $N$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $a, b \in R, m \in M$  such that  $mab = 0$ . Since the cyclic  $R$ -module  $mR$  is semisymmetric, then there exist positive integers  $m = m(b), n = n(a)$  such that  $mb^m a^n = 0$ . Therefore  $M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (i)  $R$  is strongly regular.
- (ii) Every right  $R$ -module is flat and  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right.
- (iii) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is flat and  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right.
- (iv)  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $R$  be a strongly regular ring, and let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is flat module. Let  $m \in M$  and  $r, s \in R$  with  $mrs = 0$ , and let  $I = \{x \in R \mid mx = 0\}$ . Since  $R$  is strongly regular, then the right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is a two-sided ideal and  $R$  has no nilpotent elements. Hence  $\bar{R} = R/I$  has no nilpotent elements. Since  $rs \in I$ , then  $((\bar{s})^m (\bar{r})^n)^2 = \bar{0}$  and hence  $(\bar{s})^m \bar{r} = \bar{0}$ . This shows that  $ms^m r = 0$ . Therefore  $M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Clear.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Suppose that every cyclic right  $R$ -module is flat and  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right. Since every cyclic right  $R$ -module is flat, then  $R$  is a regular ring [7, Theorem 4.21]. Since every cyclic right  $R$ -module is  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right, then  $R_R$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right proving that the ring  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $R$  be regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right. Suppose that  $x \in R$  with  $x^2 = 0$ . Since  $R$  is regular, then there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $x = xyx$ . Since  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from right and  $y(x)(xy) = 0$ , then  $y(xy)^n x^l = 0$  for all  $l \geq 1$ . Since  $x = xyx = xyxyx = xyxyxyx = \cdots = (xy)^n x$ , then  $yx = y(xy)^n x = 0$ . Therefore  $x = xyx = 0$ . Hence  $R$  has no nonzero nilpotent element and  $R$  is strongly regular ring.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *If a ring  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right, then  $R$  is reduced.*

A one-sided ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is said to have the insertion-of-factors principle (or simply IFP) if  $ab \in I$  implies  $aRb \subseteq I$  for  $a, b \in R$ . Hence the ring  $R$  is called IFP ring if the zero ideal of  $R$  has the IFP. Such rings are also known as semicommutative rings or rings satisfying SI condition or ZI rings, see [6, 8–10]. The equivalences of (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) in the following proposition are in [11, Proposition 2.7 (7)]. By Corollary 2.6 and the fact that every symmetric ring is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right, we state without proof the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a von Neumann regular ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is right (left) duo,
- (2)  $R$  is reduced,
- (3)  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from right,
- (4)  $R$  is symmetric,
- (5)  $R$  is IFP,
- (6)  $R$  is abelian.

**Proposition 2.8.** (1) *The class of right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings is closed under subrings.*

(2) *The class of bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right is closed under direct products.*

(3) *A ring is semiperfect and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 1 from left if and only if  $R$  is a finite direct sum of local bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings from left.*

(4) *A ring  $R$  is strongly regular if and only if  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left if and only if  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from right.*

*Proof.* (1) Trivial.

(2) Assume that  $R$  is a direct product of bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings  $R_i$ ,  $i \in I$  with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right. Let  $x_i, y_i, z_i \in R_i$ ,  $i \in I$  with  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)(y_1, y_2, \dots)(z_1, z_2, \dots) = (0, 0, \dots)$ . Then  $x_i y_i z_i = 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $R_i$ ,  $i \in I$  are bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, then  $x_i z_i^{s_i} y_i^{n_i} = 0$ , for all  $s_i \geq 1$ , and  $n_i \geq 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)(z_1, z_2, \dots)^s (y_1, y_2, \dots)^n = 0$ , for all  $s \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Hence  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.

(3) Assume that  $R$  is semiperfect bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left. Since  $R$  is semiperfect,  $R$  has a finite orthogonal set of local idempotents whose sum is 1 [1, Proposition 3.7.2]. Hence we consider  $R = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i R$  such that each  $e_i R e_i$  is a local ring. Since  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings with boundary 1 from left, then  $R$  is abelian by Lemma 2.16, whence every  $e_i$  is central and  $e_i R$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus  $e_i R = e_i R e_i$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . It follows that each  $e_i R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left, by (1).

Conversely, suppose that  $R$  is a finite direct sum of local bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric rings with boundary 1 from left. Then, by (2), and the fact that local rings are semiperfect,  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left.

(4) By Lemma 2.16, every bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left with identity is abelian. Moreover, as  $R$  is regular, then this is equivalent to  $R$  be strongly regular by [12, Theorem 3.7] which is equivalent to the condition  $R$  is regular and bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from right, by Proposition 2.5.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $\theta : R \rightarrow A$  be a ring homomorphism and  $M$  a left  $A$ -module; then  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module via  $r \cdot m = \theta(r) \cdot m$ . Moreover,*

- (1) *If  ${}_A M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, then so is  ${}_R M$ ,*
- (2) *If  $\theta$  is onto and  ${}_R M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, then so is  ${}_A M$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  ${}_A M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, and let  $a, b \in R, m \in M$  such that  $abm = 0$ . Then  $0 = abm = \theta(ab)m = \theta(a)\theta(b)m$ . Since  ${}_A M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, then there exist positive integers  $s = s(b), t = t(a)$  such that  $\theta(b)^s \theta(a)^t m = 0$ . Hence  $b^s a^t m = \theta(b^s a^t)m = \theta(b^s)\theta(a^t)m = \theta(b)^s(\theta(a))^t m = 0$ . Therefore  ${}_R M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.

(2) Let  $a, b \in A, m \in M$  such that  $abm = 0$ . Since  $\theta$  is onto, there exists  $r, s \in R$  such that  $\theta(r) = a, \theta(s) = b$ . Now  $0 = abm = \theta(r)\theta(s)m = rsm$ . Since  ${}_R M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric, then there exist positive integers  $t = t(s), n = n(r)$  such that  $s^t r^n m = 0$  and  $b^t a^n m = \theta(s^t)(\theta(r))^n m = \theta(s^t)\theta(r^n)m = s^t r^n m = 0$ . Hence  ${}_A M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10** (see [10, Proposition 2.6]). *Suppose that  $M$  is a flat left  $R$ -module. Then for every exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  where  $F$  is  $R$ -free, one has  $(IF) \cap K = IK$  for each right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ; in particular, one has  $xF \cap K = xK$  for each element  $x$  of  $R$ .*

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be a bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, then every free left  $R$ -module  $M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is free module, then  $M$  is isomorphic to a (possibly infinite) direct sum of copies of  $R$ , see [7]. Since  $R$  is bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, then  ${}_R M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, by Proposition 2.8.  $\square$

Now we are ready to prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.12.** *Flat left modules over bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right are bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.*

*Proof.* Let  ${}_R M$  be a flat module over bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring  $R$  with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right. Let  $m \in M$  and  $a \in R$  be such that  $abm = 0$ . Suppose that for the epimorphism  $\beta : F \rightarrow M$  the sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Now there exists  $y \in F$  such that  $\beta(y) = m$ . This implies that  $\beta(aby) = abm = 0$ . Hence  $aby \in \ker(\beta) = \text{Im } K = K$ . Therefore  $aby \in (abF) \cap K = abK$ , by Lemma 2.10. Hence for some  $k \in K$ ,  $aby = abk$ , yielding  $ab(y - k) = 0$ . Since  $F$  is free  $R$ -module over bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, then  ${}_R F$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, by Lemma 2.11. Therefore  $b^n a^s (y - k) = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Hence  $b^n a^s y = b^n a^s k$  and so  $\beta(b^n a^s y) = \beta(b^n a^s k)$  gives  $b^n a^s \beta(y) = b^n a^s \beta(k)$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Since  $k \in \ker \beta$ , then  $b^n a^s \beta(k) = 0$  implies  $b^n a^s \beta(y) = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Hence  $b^n a^s m = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Thus  ${}_R M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.  $\square$

In the following propositions  $E(M)$  denotes the  $R$ -endomorphism ring of  $M$ . The associativity is deduced from the generalized associativity situation in the standard Morita context  $(R, M, M^*, E(M))$  without explicit mention, where  $M^*$  is the left  $E(M)$ -right  $R$ -bimodule  $\text{Hom}_R(M, R)$ .

A torsionless  $R$ -module  $M$  is an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $M$  is a direct product of copies of  $R$ , or, equivalently, if  $0 \neq m \in M$ , then there exists  $q \in M^*$  such that  $mq \neq 0$ . If  $M$  is faithful  $R$ -module, then  $R$  is a submodule of a direct product of copies of  $M$ . The following proposition is an application of Remark 2.3 and Proposition 2.8.

**Proposition 2.13.** *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is a bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.
- (2) Every torsionless left  $R$ -module is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.
- (3) Every submodule of a free left  $R$ -module is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.
- (4) There exists a faithful, bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric left  $R$ -module with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.

An application of Propositions 2.13 and 2.9 yields the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.14.** *For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , let  $\bar{R}$  denote the ring  $R/\text{ann}(M)$ . Then one has the following.*

- (1) The left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $g$ -semisymmetric if and only if the left  $\bar{R}$ -module  $M$  is  $g$ -symmetric.
- (2) If the left  $\bar{R}$ -module  $M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right, then  $\bar{R}$  is bounded left  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.
- (3) If the right  $E(M)$ -module  $M$  is bounded  $g$ -semisymmetric from left, then the ring  $E(M)$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundaries 1 from left and 1 from right.

An application of Proposition 2.9 yields (1); since the left  $R$ -, right  $E(M)$ -bimodule  $M$  is faithful as a left  $\bar{R}$ -module and is also faithful as a right  $E(M)$ -module, applying (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of Proposition 2.13 we get (2) and (3).

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Then as in [10]  $M$  is called

- (1) reduced if  $ma^2 = 0$ , then  $mRa = 0$ ,  $a \in R, m \in M$ ;
- (2) ZI (zero-insertive ring) if  $ma = 0$ , then  $mRa = 0$ ,  $a \in R, m \in M$ .

**Proposition 2.15.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then,*

- (1) if  $M$  is reduced, then  $M$  is symmetric [10, Proposition 2.2],
- (2) if  $M$  is symmetric, then  $M$  is ZI [10, Proposition 2.2].

**Lemma 2.16.** *If  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left, then  $R$  is abelian.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left and  $e$  is an idempotent. Then  $e - e^2 = 0$  gives  $e(1 - e) = 0$ . Hence for all  $x \in R$  there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $ex^s(1 - e)^n = 0$  for all  $s \geq 1$ . Therefore  $ex = exe$ . And since  $(1 - e)e = 0$ , then  $xe = exe$ . Therefore  $e$  is central.  $\square$

The previous lemma is false for rings without identity. Indeed, the ring  $T$  in Example 2.2 is a ring without identity and it is a bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from right and 1 from left which is nonabelian ring. Also its converse is not necessary true as shown from the following example.



*Example 2.17.* We use [1, Example 2.10], as a counter example. Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}) : a \equiv d \pmod{2}, b = c \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \right\}$ , where  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z})$  is the full matrix ring over the ring of integers. Since the zero and the identity matrices are only the idempotent elements in  $R$ , then  $R$  is abelian ring. Since  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^m \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^n \neq 0$  for any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , then  $R$  is not right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring.

A ring  $R$  be a right  $p.p.$ -ring if for any  $a \in R$ ,  $r(a) = eR$  for some idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.18.** Let  $R$  be a right  $p.p.$ -ring. If  $R$  is abelian, then  $R$  is reduced.

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be abelian right  $p.p.$ -ring. Let  $a^2 = 0$ . Since  $R$  is right  $p.p.$ -ring, then  $r(a) = eR$ , for some idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is abelian and  $a \in r(a)$ , then  $a = ea = ae = 0$  and hence  $R$  is reduced.  $\square$

Since every reduced ring is symmetric, bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left and IFP, since every bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left is abelian, by Lemma 2.16 and since every reduced ring, symmetric ring, and IFP ring are abelian, then we deduce the following theorem from the above proposition.

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $R$  be right  $p.p.$ -ring. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $R$  is reduced.
- (2)  $R$  is symmetric.
- (3)  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 1 from left.
- (4)  $R$  is IFP.
- (5)  $R$  is abelian.

**Theorem 2.20.** Let  $S$  be a ring without zero divisors and  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in S \right\}$ . Then  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric with boundary 2 from left and boundary 2 from right.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $0 \neq A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ 0 & a_1 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $0 \neq B = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ 0 & a_2 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $0 \neq C = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & a_3 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \in R$  such that  $ABC = 0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 a_2 a_3 &= 0, \\ a_1 a_2 b_3 + a_1 a_3 c_3 + a_2 a_3 b_1 &= 0, \\ a_1 a_2 d_3 + a_3 b_1 d_2 + a_2 a_3 d_1 &= 0, \\ a_1 a_2 c_3 + a_1 b_2 d_3 + a_1 a_3 c_2 + a_2 b_1 d_3 + a_3 b_1 d_2 + a_2 a_3 c_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have the following cases:

- (1) if  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $a_3 \neq 0$ , then  $A = 0$ , impossible,
- (2) if  $a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_3 \neq 0$ , then  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & a_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ; in this case,  $ACB^2 = 0$ ,
- (3) if  $a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $a_3 = 0$ , then  $C = 0$ , impossible,
- (4) if  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_3 \neq 0$ , then  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_2 & c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & a_3 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  
hence  $ACB^2 = 0$ ,
- (5) if  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $a_3 = 0$ , then  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ 0 & a_2 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  which

implies that  $AC^2B = 0$ ,

(6) if  $a_1 \neq 0, a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0$ , then  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ 0 & a_1 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  which implies that  $ACB^2 = 0$ .

These cases prove that  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from left and right.  $\square$

The following example gives a bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from left and right which is not symmetric.

*Example 2.21.* Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Then  $R$  is a bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from left and boundary 2 from right which is not symmetric.

Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring without zero divisors, then  $R$  is bounded right  $g$ -semisymmetric ring with boundary 2 from left and boundary 2 from right, by the above theorem. This ring is not symmetric, indeed; suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $ABC = 0$  and  $ACB \neq 0$ , and hence  $R$  is not symmetric ring. Also we notice that  $AB^2 = 0$  and  $ACB \neq 0$  and therefore  $R_R$  is not reduced.

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