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SKEW POLYNOMIAL RINGS SATISFYING R-BND PROPERTY

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Abstract: In this paper we show that, a prime right noetherian ring A satisfies $r - (T) < \infty$ iff $A[x, \sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd.

Introduction

In [6] Robson has found a relation between the Krull dimension (in the sense of Rentschler, [5]) and the upper of the number of generators of right ideals in polynomial rings over simple right noetherian rings. Also Stafford in [8] studied the relation between a ring A and its polynomial ring A[x] if one of them satisfies r-Bnd property. Here we extend Robson's result to the Ore extension over simple right noetherian rings and study the relation between the properties $T(A) < \infty$ and the r - Bnd of the skew polynomial ring $A[x, \sigma]$.

1 – Definition and basic concepts

All rings here with identity and all modules are unitary. A right A-module Mis said to be torsion right A-module if for each $m \in M$ there exists an element $s \in S$ (the *m*-set of regular elements of A) such that ms = 0. A ring A is said to be T(A) = n if every finitely generated torsion right A-module can be generated by n elements. The ring A (the module M_A) is said to be r - Bndn, if every right ideal of A (submodule of M_A) can be generated by n elements. A right A-module M is said to be completely faithful, if every nonzero subfactor module is faithful, it is clear that each module over simple rings is completely faithful. The ring Krull dimension of A_A denoted by $K(A_A)$ is deviation of the lattice of submodule of A_A [6]. Consider the Ore extension ring of A, that is the ring

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 $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$, where σ is an automorphism of A and δ is a σ -derivation of A, where addition is componentwise and multiplication is given as

 $(ab) x = x \sigma(ab) + \delta(ab)$ and $\delta(ab) = \sigma(a) \delta(b) + \delta(a) b$.

The ideal I of A is called σ -ideal if $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$, it is well known that if A is a right noetherian ring, then $\sigma(I) = I$. The ideal I is called σ -prime ideal of A, if whenever J, K are σ -ideals of A such that $JK \subseteq I$, then $J \subseteq I$ or $K \subseteq I$. The ring A is called a σ -prime ring if (0) is a σ -prime ideal of A. The ideal I is called a σ -maximal ideal of A, if there is no proper σ -ideal J such that $I \subset J \subset A$.

2 – Preliminary remarks and results

1. Let $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$, where A is any ring, σ is an automorphism of A and δ is a σ -derivation of A. Let S be a multiplicative set of regular elements of A, such that $\sigma(S) \subseteq S$ and S satisfies the right Ore condition. Let $Q = AS^{-1}$, then

- i) σ and δ can be extended in a unique manner to an automorphism σ of Q and to a σ -derivation δ of Q.
- ii) S is the multiplicative set of regular elements of R, R satisfies the right Ore condition for S and $RS^{-1} = Q[x, \sigma, \delta]$ ([2], Theorem 7.1.2).

2. If A is a simple right Artinian ring, then $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ is a principal right ring, where σ is an automorphism of A and δ is a σ -derivation ([2], Corollary 6.2.2).

3. Suppose $n < \infty$ and A is a ring with K(A) > n. If M is a completely faithful noetherian right A-module, such that K(M) = n, then M can be generated by n + 1 elements [7].

4. If A is a simple right noetherian ring with K(A) = n, then any right ideal of A can be generated by n + 1 elements [7].

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- i) Let A be a ring with Krull dimension and $c \in S$ (the *m*-set of regular elements), then $K\{(A/cA)_A\} < K(A_A)$ ([4], Lemma 6.3.9, pp. 131.)
- ii) If M_A is finitely generated, then $K(M) \leq K(A_A)$ ([4], Lemma 6.2.5, pp. 131).
- iii) If N_A is a submodule of M_A , $k(M) = \sup\{K(N), K(M/N)\}$ ([4], Lemma 6.2.4, pp. 180).

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iv) Let M_A have Krull dimension and also be the sum of submodules each of which has Krull dimension $\leq \alpha$, then $K(M) \leq \alpha$ ([4], Lemma 6.2.14, pp. 184).

6. Let I be a nonzero σ -ideal of the σ -prime right noetherian ring A, then $I \cap S \neq \varphi$, where S is the *m*-set of regular elements ([1], Proposition I.12, pp. I.14).

7. The following are equivalent for a ring A with an automorphism σ of A and a σ -derivation δ of A

- i) A is right noetherian.
- ii) $A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ is right noetherian ([3], Theorem 2.2.15).

3 – The main results

Lemma 1. Let A be a prime right Goldie ring and $R = A[x, r, \delta]$, where σ is an automorphism of A and δ is a σ -derivation. If I is a right idea of $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$, then I contains an element g such that I/J = I/g and $A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ is a torsion right A-module.

Proof: Since, A is a prime right Goldie ring, then A has a right quotient ring Q which is simple Artinian. By Remark 1 ii) the automorphism σ of A and the σ -derivation δ of A can be extended in a unique manner to an automorphism σ of Q and a σ -derivation δ of Q. Consider the Ore extension ring $Q[x, \sigma, \delta]$, then by Remark 1 ii) $Q[x, \sigma, \delta] = As^{-1}[x, \sigma, \delta] = A[x, \sigma, \delta]S^{-1}$. Using Remark 2 $Q[x, \sigma, \delta]$ is a principal right ideal ring. Let I be a right ideal of $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$, then $I_S = IQ[x, \sigma, \delta] = \{ks^{-1} \mid k \in I, s \in S\}$. Since I_S is an ideal in $Q[x, \sigma, \delta]$, then $I_S = hA[x, \sigma, \delta]_S$, where $h \in I_S$. Since, S satisfies the right Ore condition, then $I_S = gs^{-1}A[x, \sigma, \delta]_S = gA[x, \sigma, \delta]_S$, where $g \in I <_r A[x, \sigma, \delta]$. Let $J = gA[x, \sigma, \delta]$ and consider the right A-module M = I/J, this is a torsion right A-module. Since $I \subseteq I_S = gA[x, \sigma, \delta]_S = \{ks^{-1} \mid k \in I, s \in S\}$, then each $i \in I$ can be written as i = gf, where $f \in A[x, \sigma, \delta]_S$. Thus $i = gms_1^{-1}$ where $m \in A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ and $s_1 \in S$. Accordingly, $is_1 = gm \in J = gA[x, \sigma, \delta]$ and m = I/J is a torsion right A-module.

Lemma 2. Let A be a prime right noetherian ring which satisfies r - (T) = n, then the Ore extension ring $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ of A satisfies r - Bnd(n+1).

Proof: Let *I* be a nonzero right ideal of *R*. Since, *A* is right noetherian, then *R* is right noetherian by Remark 7 and $I = \sum_{i=1}^{k} g_i R$ say k > n + 1. Using Lemma 1 there exists a nonzero element $g \in I$ such that I/J = I/gR is a torsion

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right A-module. Therefore, for each $g_i \in I$, there exists $r_i \in S$ (the *m*-set of regular elements) such that $g_i r_i \in J$. Now, if we define the *R*-homomorphism

$$\Phi \colon \sum_{i=1}^{k} (g_i R/g_i r_i R) \to \sum_{i=1}^{k} g_i R/\sum_{i=1}^{k} g_i r_i$$

as

$$\Phi(g_1a_1 + H_1, \dots, g_ka_k + H_k) = (g_1a_1 + \dots + g_ka_k) + H$$

where $H_i = g_i r_i R$ and $H = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i r_i R$, then it is easily verified that Φ is a well defined onto *R*-homomorphism. Also, since $g_i r_i \in J$ for each i = 1, ..., k, then $g_i r_i R \subseteq J$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k g_i r_i R \subseteq J$, thus

$$\varphi \colon \sum_{i=1}^k g_i R / \sum_{i=1}^k g_i r_i R \to \sum_{i=1}^k g_i R / g R = I / J$$

is onto. Consequently,

$$\tau \colon \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathfrak{g}_i R/g_i r_i R \to I/J \; .$$

where $\tau = \Phi \circ \varphi$ is also onto. Moreover, if we define *R*-homomorphism

$$\Theta \colon \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbb{R}/r_i R \to \sum_{i=1}^{k} (g_i R/g_i r_i R)$$

as

$$\Theta(a_1 + H'_1, ..., a_k H'_k) = (g_1 a_1 + H_1, ..., g_k a_k + H_k) ,$$

where $H'_i = r_i R$, then it is easily verified Θ is a well defined onto R-homomorphism.

Summarizing I/J is the homomorphic image of $\sum_{i=1}^{k \oplus R} R/r_i R$. Since, A satisfies r - T(A) = n and $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A$ is finitely generated torsion right A-module, hence $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A$ can be generated by n elements as A-module. Therefore, $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} R/r_i R$ can be generated by n elements as R-module. Since I/J is its homomorphic image, then it is generated as an R-module by n elements. Hence, I is generated by n + 1 elements and the lemma is proved.

The following result shows how can the right (left) Krull dimension [6] play an important role in determining the upper bound of the number of generators of the right (left) ideals in Ore extension rings.

Proposition 3. Let A be a simple right noetherian ring and $K(A_A) = n$, then both A and $R = A[x, \sigma, \delta]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n+1).

Proof: Since A is a simple right noetherian ring and $K(A_A) = n$, then by Remark 4 A satisfies r - Bnd(n+1). Also, using Remark 7 R is right noetherian.

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Then by the same argument used in Lemma 1 one can easily check that any nonzero right ideal I of R contains a nonzero element g and the right R-submodule J = gR such that I/J is a torsion right A-module. Let $I = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i R$, where K > n + 1, since I/J is a torsion right A-module, then for each a_i there exists $r_i \in S$ such that $a_i r_i \in J$. Also, as in Lemma 2 it can be easily verified that I/J is the homomorphic image of $\sum_{i=1}^{k} (A/r_i A)[x, \sigma, \delta]$. Since, each r_i is regular and K(A) = n, then by Remark 5 i) $K(A/r_i A) < n$ for each i = 1, ..., k. Consider the right A-module $M = \sum_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A$, since M is finitely generated A-module, then $K(M) \leq n$ by Remark 5 ii) and since, M is the sum of submodules each of Krull dimension < n, then by Remark 5 iv) K(M) < n. Since, M is the homomorphic image of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A$, we get that $K(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A) \leq K(M) < n$ by Remark 5 iii). Since A is simple and $K(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A) < n$, then by Remark 5 iii).

Consequently, $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A[x,\sigma,\delta]$ can be generated by n elements as R-module. Hence, I/J can be generated by n elements as a homomorphic image of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k} A/r_i A[x,\sigma,\delta]$. Then I can be generated by n+1 elements.

Proposition 4. Let A be a σ -prime right noetherian ring that satisfies r - T(A) = n. Then A is σ -simple.

Proof: Suppose that A is not σ -simple, then it contains a proper σ -ideal P, take to be the direct sum of m copies of A/P where m > n. Since, A is a σ -prime right noetherian ring and P is a nonzero σ -ideal, then by Remark 6 $P \cap S \neq \varphi$. The regular elements that belong to P annihilate all components of $M = (A/P)^m$. Thus, $M = (A/P)^m$ is a finitely generated torsion right A-module which can't be generated by less than m > n elements which contradicts our assumption. Thus, A is a σ -simple ring.

Lemma 5. Let A be a σ -prime right noetherian ring such that $A[x, \sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then A satisfies r - T(A) = n and A is σ -simple.

Proof: Consider a finitely generated torsion right A-module $M = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i A$, m > n. So, for each a_i there exists $r_i \in S$ such that $a_i r_i = 0$. Let α_i be an A-homomorphism: $A \to a_i A$, since $a_i r_i = 0$, then $r_i A \subseteq \ker \alpha_i$ for each i = 1, ..., m and we have an onto A-homomorphism: $A \to A/\ker \alpha_i \cong a_i A$. Now, consider the A-homomorphism

$$\phi \colon \sum_{i=1}^{m} A / \ker \alpha_i \to \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i A = M$$

defined by

$$(b_1 + \ker \alpha_1, ..., b_m + \ker \alpha_m) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i$$
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 ϕ is well defined, since if $(b_1 + \ker \alpha_1, ..., b_m + \ker \alpha_m) = 0$, then each $b_1 \in \ker \alpha_i$ (i.e., $a_i b_i = 0$) hence, $\sum_{i=1}^{m \oplus} a_i b_i = 0$ and it is clear that ϕ is onto. Let

$$\Phi \colon \sum_{i=1}^{m} A/r_i A \to \sum_{i=1}^{m} A/\ker \alpha_i$$

be an A-homomorphism defined by

$$(b_1 + r_1 A, ..., b_m + r_m A) \to (b_1 + \ker \alpha_1, ..., b_m + \ker \alpha_m);$$

it is clear that ϕ is a well defined and onto A-homomorphism. So, M is a homomorphic image of

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{m} A/r_i A = \sum_{i=1}^{m} n_i A$$

give N an $A[x, \sigma]$ -module structure by defining Nx = 0. Let I, J be a nonzero right ideals of $R = A[x, \sigma]$ given by

$$I = x^{m}R + x^{m}r_{1}^{\sigma^{-1}}R + x^{m-1}r_{1}^{\sigma^{-2}}r_{2}^{\sigma^{-1}}R + \dots + xr_{1}^{\sigma^{-1}}\cdots r_{m-1}^{\sigma^{-1}}R$$

and

$$J = x^{m} r_{1}R + x^{m-1} r_{1}^{\sigma^{-1}} r_{2}R + x^{m-2} r_{1}^{\sigma^{-1}} r_{3}R + \dots + x r_{1}^{\sigma^{-m-1}} \cdots r_{m-1}^{\sigma^{-1}} r_{m}R .$$

Hence

$$I/J = x^m R/x^m r_1 R \oplus x^{m-1} r_1^{\sigma^{-1}} R/x^{m-1} r_1^{\sigma^{-1}} r_2 R \oplus ... \oplus xr_{m-1}^{\sigma^{-m-1}} \cdots r_{m-1}^{\sigma^{-1}} R/xr_1^{\sigma^{-m-1}} \cdots r_{m-1}^{\sigma^{-1}} r_m R .$$

Let Ω be an $A[x,\sigma]$ -module homomorphism: $I/J \to N$ defined by $\Omega(\overline{x^m}) = n_1$ and $\Omega(\overline{x_1^{\sigma^{-m-1}} \cdots r_{m-i}^{\sigma^{-i}}}) = n_{i+1}$, then it can be easily shown that Ω is an isomorphism of $A[x,\sigma]$ -module. Since, $A[x,\sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then *i* can be generated by n < m elements. Hence, as a homomorphic image I/J can be generated by n < m elements. Consequently, N can be generated by n < m elements as an $A[x,\sigma]$ -module. Since, N has a trivial structure as $A[x,\sigma]$ -module, the same n elements will generate N as an A-module. Consequently A satisfies r - T(A) = n and by Lemma 4 A is σ -simple.

Now, if we put $\delta = 0$ in Lemma 2, then using the above proposition it follows that

Theorem 6. If A is a prime right noetherian ring and σ is an automorphism of A then

1) If A satisfies r - T(A) = n, then $A[x, \sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n+1).

2) If $A[x,\sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then A satisfies r - T(A) = n.

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Proposition 7. Let A be a ring such that $A[x, \sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then A/P satisfies r - T(A/P) = n for each σ -prime ideal P of A.

Proof: Since $A[x, \sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then $A[x, \sigma]$ is right noetherian. So, by Remark 7 A is right noetherian. Since P is a σ -prime ideal, then A/P is a σ' -prime ring, where σ' is an automorphism of A/P induced by σ and $A/P[x,\sigma'] \cong A[x,\sigma]/P[x,\sigma]$. Since $A[x,\sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then $A[x,\sigma]/P[x,\sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n). Hence, $A/P[x,\sigma']$ satisfies $r - C(A/P) = n < \infty$.

Corollary 8. Let A be a ring such that $A[x,\sigma]$ satisfies r - Bnd(n), then all σ -prime ideals of A are σ -maximal.

Proof: This follows directly from Propositions 4 and 7.

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