

## $G(X)$ -QUASI INVO-CLEAN RINGS

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### Abstract

Let  $C(R)$  be the center of a ring  $R$  and  $g(x) \in C(R)[x]$  be a fixed polynomial. In this paper, we introduce the notion of  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean rings where every element  $r$  can be written as  $r = v + s$ , where  $v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $s$  is a root of  $g(x)$ . We study various properties of  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean rings. We prove that, for an even polynomial  $g(x)$ , the ring  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean if and only if every  $R_i$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity. An element  $v \in R$  is called an involution when  $v^2 = 1$ . Moreover,  $v$  is said to be a

quasi-involution if either  $v$  itself or its complement  $1 - v$  is an involution [9]. We use the following notations throughout:  $U(R)$  for the set of units of  $R$ ,  $Id(R)$  for the collection of idempotent elements,  $Inv(R)$  for the set of involutions, and  $Qinv(R)$  for the set of quasi-involutions. A ring  $R$  is termed clean if every  $r \in R$  can be written as  $r = u + e$ , where  $u \in U(R)$  and  $e \in Id(R)$  [3, 20]. Various extensions of the concept of clean rings have been investigated in the literature [2, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17]. The ring  $R$  is called  $g(x)$ -clean whenever, for every  $r \in R$  there exist a unit  $u \in U(R)$  and a root  $s$  of the polynomial  $g(x)$  such that  $r = u + s$  [11]. Similarly,  $R$  is said to be invo-clean if for each  $r \in R$  one can find  $v \in Inv(R)$  and  $e \in Id(R)$  satisfying  $r = v + e$  [6, 7]. In the same manner, the ring  $R$  is defined as  $g(x)$ -invo-clean when for each  $r \in R$  there exist  $v \in Inv(R)$  and a root  $s$  of  $g(x)$  with  $r = v + s$  [10]. Finally,  $R$  is called quasi invo-clean if for every  $r \in R$  there exist an element  $v \in Qinv(R)$  together with an idempotent  $e \in Id(R)$  such that  $r = v + e$  [8]. In this paper, we introduce and investigate the concept of a  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $g(x) \in C(R)[x]$  be a fixed polynomial. An element  $r \in R$  is said to be  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean if there exist some  $v \in Qinv(R)$  and a root  $s$  of  $g(x)$  such that  $r = v + s$ . The ring  $R$  itself is called  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean whenever every element of  $R$  admits such a decomposition. We study various properties of  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean rings. We establish a number of structural results concerning these rings. In particular, for a ring  $R$ , elements  $a, b \in R$  and a natural number  $n$ , we prove that  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} - bx)$ -quasi invo clean if and only if it is  $(ax^{2n} + bx)$ -quasi invo clean (Lemm 7). Moreover, it is shown that if  $g(x)$  is an even polynomial, then the direct product ring  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean precisely when each component ring  $R_i$  enjoys the same property (Lemma 13).

Finally, we demonstrate that for any commutative ring  $R$ , the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  fails to be  $(x^2 - x)$ -quasi invo-clean (Theorem 17).

## 2 Main Results

**Definition 1.** A ring  $R$  is said to be *invo-clean* if for each  $r \in R$  one can find  $v \in \text{Inv}(R)$  and  $e \in \text{Id}(R)$  satisfying  $r = v + e$  [6].

**Definition 2.** An element  $v \in R$  is said to be a *quasi-involution element* if  $v^2 = 1$  or  $(1 - v)^2 = 1$ .  $\text{Qinv}(R)$  denotes the set of all quasi-involutions in  $R$  [8].

**Definition 3.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $g(x) \in C(R)[x]$  be a fixed polynomial. The ring  $R$  is called  *$g(x)$ -invo-clean* when for each  $r \in R$  there exist  $v \in \text{Inv}(R)$  and a root  $s$  of  $g(x)$  with  $r = v + s$  [10].

**Definition 4.** A ring  $R$  is called *quasi invo-clean* if for every  $r \in R$  there exist an element  $v \in \text{Qinv}(R)$  together with an idempotent  $e \in \text{Id}(R)$  such that  $r = v + e$  [8].

**Definition 5.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $g(x) \in C(R)[x]$  be a fixed polynomial. An element  $r \in R$  is said to be  *$g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean* if there exist some  $v \in \text{Qinv}(R)$  and a root  $s$  of  $g(x)$  such that  $r = v + s$ . The ring  $R$  itself is called  *$g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean* whenever every element of  $R$  admits such a decomposition.

Every  $g(x)$ -invo-clean ring as well as every quasi-invo-clean ring automatically belongs to the class of  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean rings. However, the next example demonstrates that, in general, a  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring need not be  $g(x)$ -invo-clean nor quasi-invo-clean.

**Example 6.** (i) Let  $Z$  denote the set of integers and  $R = Z_5$ . Then  $\text{Qinv}(R) = \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ ,  $\text{Inv}(R) = \{1, 4\}$  and  $\text{Id}(R) = \{0, 1\}$ . Hence  $R$  is a quasi invo-clean ring which is not invo-clean. Then  $R$  is a  $(x^2 - x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring which is not  $(x^2 - x)$ -invo-clean.

- (ii) Let  $Z$  denote the set of integers and  $R = Z_7$  and  $g(x) = x^7 + 6x \in C(R)[x]$ . Then  $Qinv(R) = \{0, 1, 2, 6\}$ ,  $Root(g(x)) = \{0, 2, 3, 5, 6\}$  and  $Id(R) = \{0, 1\}$ . Hence  $R$  is a  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring which is not quasi invo-clean.

**Lemma 7.** Suppose  $R$  is a ring and  $a, b \in R$  with a natural number  $n$ . Then  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} - bx)$ -quasi invo clean precisely when it is  $(ax^{2n} + bx)$ -quasi invo clean.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} - bx)$ -quasi invo clean and  $r \in R$ . Hence  $1 - r = v + s$  where  $v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $as^{2n} - bs = 0$ . Then  $r = (1 - v) + (-s)$  such that  $1 - v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $a(-s)^{2n} + b(-s) = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} + bx)$ -quasi invo clean.

Conversely, assume that  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} + bx)$ -quasi invo clean and  $r \in R$ . Hence  $1 - r = v + s$  where  $v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $as^{2n} + bs = 0$ . Then  $r = (1 - v) + (-s)$  such that  $1 - v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $as^{2n} - bs = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is  $(ax^{2n} - bx)$ -quasi invo clean.  $\square$

The next example illustrates that Lemma 7 fails to remain valid when odd powers are considered.

**Example 8.** Let  $Z$  denote the set of integers. Then the ring  $Z_7$  is a  $(x^7 + 6x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring which is not  $(x^7 - 6x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

**Corollary 9.** A ring  $R$  is quasi invo-clean precisely when it is  $(x^2 + x)$ -quasi invo clean.

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 7.  $\square$

Suppose  $R$  and  $S$  are two rings and  $\phi : C(R) \rightarrow C(S)$  is a ring homomorphism with  $\phi(1_R) = 1_S$ . If  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i \in C(R)[x]$ , we let  $g_\phi(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i) x^i \in C(S)[x]$ .

**Lemma 10.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings, and let  $\phi : R \rightarrow S$  be a surjective ring homomorphism. Suppose  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i \in C(R)[x]$  is an even polynomial. If  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean, then the image ring  $S$  is  $g_\phi(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

*Proof.* Let  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i \in C(R)[x]$  and define  $g_\phi(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i) x^i \in C(S)[x]$ . Take any element  $a \in S$ . Then there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $1 - a = \phi(r)$ . Since  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean, we can write  $r = v + s$  with  $v \in Qinv(R)$  and  $s \in R$  satisfying  $g(s) = 0$ . Consequently,  $1 - a = \phi(r) = \phi(v) + \phi(s)$ , which implies  $a = (-1 + \phi(v)) + \phi(-s) = \phi(-1 + v) + \phi(-s)$ , where  $\phi(-1 + v) \in Qinv(S)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} g_\phi(\phi(-s)) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i)(\phi(-s))^i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i)\phi((-s)^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \phi(r_i(-s)^i) \\ &= \phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^n r_i(-s)^i\right) = \phi(g(-s)) = \phi(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $S$  is  $g_\phi(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.  $\square$

**Definition 11.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings and  $g(x) \in C(R)[x]$  be an even polynomial such that  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean. If there is an epimorphism  $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ , then  $S$  is called a  $\bar{g}(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

**Corollary 12.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings and  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) Let  $I$  be an ideal of a  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean ring  $R$ . Then  $R/I$  is  $\bar{g}(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.
- (ii) Let the upper triangular matrix ring  $T_n(R)$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean. Then  $R$  is  $\bar{g}(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.
- (iii) Let the skew formal power series  $R[[x, \alpha]]$  over  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean. Then  $R$  is  $\bar{g}(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.
- (iv) Let  $M$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$  be the

formal triangular matrix ring. If  $T$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean. Then  $R$  and  $S$  are  $\bar{g}(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 10.  $\square$

**Lemma 13.** Let  $\{R_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be rings and  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial. Then the direct product ring  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean precisely when each component ring  $R_i$  enjoys the same property.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean. Since  $\pi_j : \prod_{i=1}^n R_i \rightarrow R_j$  by  $\pi_j((r_i)) = r_j$  is a ring epimorphism, for every  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $R_j$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean, by Corollary 12. Conversely, Suppose that  $r = (r_i) \in R$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , write  $r_i = v_i + s_i$  such that  $v_i \in Qinv(R_i)$  and  $g(s_i) = 0$ . Then  $r = (v_i) + (s_i)$  such that  $(v_i) \in Qinv(R)$  and  $g((s_i)) = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring with an identity and  $S$  be a ring which is an  $R$ - $R$ -bimodule such that  $(s_1 s_2)r = s_1(s_2 r)$ ,  $(s_1 r)s_2 = s_1(rs_2)$  and  $(rs_1)s_2 = r(s_1 s_2)$  hold for all  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  and  $r \in R$ . The ideal extension of  $R$  by  $S$  is defined to be the additive abelian group  $I(R, S) = R \oplus S$  with multiplication  $(r, s_1)(r', s_2) = (rr', rs_2 + s_1 r' + s_1 s_2)$ . If  $g(x) = (r_0, s_0) + (r_1, s_1)x + \cdots + (r_n, s_n)x^n \in C(I(R, S))[x]$ , then  $g_R(x) = r_0 + r_1 x + \cdots + r_n x^n \in C(R)[x]$ .

**Lemma 14.** Let  $R$  be a ring with an identity,  $S$  be a ring which is an  $R$ - $R$ -bimodule and  $g(x) \in C(I(R, S))[x]$  be an even polynomial. If  $I(R, S)$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean, then  $R$  is  $g_R(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\phi_R : I(R, S) \rightarrow R$  by  $\phi_R(r, s) = r$ . Since  $\phi_R$  is a ring epimorphism,  $R$  is  $g_R(x)$ -quasi invo-clean by Lemma 10.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  be a ring endomorphism. The ring  $R[[x, \alpha]]$  of skew formal power series over  $R$ ; that is all formal power series in  $x$  with coefficients from  $R$  with multiplication

defined by  $xr = \alpha(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ . It is clear that  $R[[x]] = R[[x, 1_R]]$  and  $R[[x, \alpha]] \cong I(R, \langle x \rangle)$  where  $\langle x \rangle$  is the ideal generated by  $x$ .

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  be a ring endomorphism and  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial. If  $R[[x, \alpha]]$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean, then  $R$  is  $g_\phi(x)$ -quasi invo-clean such that  $\phi : R[[x, \alpha]] \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $\phi(f) = f(0)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 10.  $\square$

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $h = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i \in Qinv(R[x])$ . Then  $r_0 \in Qinv(R)$  and  $r_i \in Nil(R)$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $h = \sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i \in Qinv(R[x])$ ,  $h^2 = 1$  or  $(1-h)^2 = 1$ . Hence  $r_0^2 = 1$  or  $(1-r_0)^2 = 1$ , and so  $r_0 \in Qinv(R)$ . Suppose that  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $(R/P)[x]$  is an integral domain. Let  $\psi : R[x] \rightarrow (R/P)[x]$  by  $\psi(\sum_{i=0}^n r_i x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n (r_i + P)x^i$ . Then  $\psi$  is a ring epimorphism. Since  $\psi(h)\psi(h) = 1$  or  $\psi(1-h)\psi(1-h) = 1$ ,  $deg(\psi(h)\psi(h)) = deg(\psi(1))$  or  $deg(\psi(1-h)\psi(1-h)) = deg(\psi(1))$ . Then  $r_1 + P = r_2 + P = \dots = r_n + P = P$ . Therefore  $r_i \in Nil(R)$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 17.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  fails to be  $(x^2 - x)$ -quasi invo-clean.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R[x]$  is  $(x^2 - x)$ -quasi invo-clean. Hence  $x = v + s$  where  $v \in Qinv(R[x])$  and  $s$  is a root of  $x^2 - x$ . Then  $x - s \in Qinv(R[x])$ . So  $1 \in Nil(R)$  and  $-s \in Qinv(R)$  by Lemma 16, a contradiction.  $\square$

A Morita context is a 6-tuple  $\mathcal{M}(R, M, K, S, \phi, \psi)$ , where  $R$  and  $S$  are rings,  $M$  is an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule,  $K$  is a  $(S, R)$ -bimodule, and  $\phi : M \otimes_S K \rightarrow R$  and  $\psi : K \otimes_R M \rightarrow S$  are bimodule homomorphisms such that  $T(\mathcal{M}) = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ K & S \end{pmatrix}$  is an associative ring with the obvious matrix operations. The ring  $T(\mathcal{M})$  is the

Morita context ring associated with  $\mathcal{M}$ . For more on Morita context rings see [1, 4, 18, 19]. If  $g(x) = \begin{pmatrix} r_0 & m_0 \\ k_0 & s_0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & m_1 \\ k_1 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} x + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} r_n & m_n \\ k_n & s_n \end{pmatrix} x^n \in C(T(\mathcal{M}))[x]$ , then  $g_R(x) = r_0 + r_1x + \cdots + r_nx^n \in C(R)[x]$  and  $g_S(x) = rs_0 + s_1x + \cdots + s_nx^n \in C(S)[x]$ .

**Theorem 18.** *Let  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial and the Morita context ring  $T(\mathcal{M}) = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ K & S \end{pmatrix}$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean with  $\phi, \psi = 0$ . Then  $R$  is  $g_R(x)$ -quasi invo-clean and  $S$  is  $g_S(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T(\mathcal{M})$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean with  $\phi, \psi = 0$ . Hence  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ K & S \end{pmatrix}$  and  $J = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ K & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are two ideals of  $T(\mathcal{M})$ . Since  $T(\mathcal{M})/I \cong R$  and  $T(\mathcal{M})/J \cong S$ , the assertion holds by Lemma 10.  $\square$

**Corollary 19.** *Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings,  $M$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule and  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial. Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$  be the formal triangular matrix ring. If  $T$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo clean, then  $R$  is  $g_R(x)$ -quasi invo-clean and  $S$  is  $g_S(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.*

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 18.  $\square$

**Corollary 20.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $M$  be an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule such that  $2M = 0$  and  $g(x)$  be an even polynomial. Then  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo clean precisely when  $R$  is  $g(x)$ -quasi invo-clean.*

*Proof.* Follows from Lemma 10 and Corollary 19.  $\square$

We close the article with the following two problems.

**Problem 21.** *What is the behaviour of the matrix rings over  $g(x)$ -quasi invo clean rings?*

**Problem 22.** Let  $R$  be a  $g(x)$ -quasi invo clean ring and  $e \in Id(R)$ . What is the behaviour of the corner ring  $eRe$ ?

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