

## SKEW POLYNOMIAL RINGS OVER $\sigma$ -QUASI-BAER AND $\sigma$ -PRINCIPALLY QUASI-BAER RINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$ .  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -rigid (resp. reduced) if  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  (resp.  $a^2 = 0$ ) for any  $a \in R$  implies  $a = 0$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a  $\sigma$ -ideal if  $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$ .  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer (resp. right (or left)  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer) if the right annihilator of every  $\sigma$ -ideal (resp. right (or left) principal  $\sigma$ -ideal) of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent of  $R$ . In this paper, a skew polynomial ring  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of a ring  $R$  is investigated as follows: For a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring  $R$ , (1)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer if and only if  $A$  is quasi-Baer if and only if  $A$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ -quasi-Baer for every extended endomorphism  $\bar{\sigma}$  on  $A$  of  $\sigma$ ; (2)  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer if and only if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer if and only if  $A$  is right p.q.-Baer if and only if  $A$  is p.q.-Baer if and only if  $A$  is  $\bar{\sigma}$ -p.q.-Baer if and only if  $A$  is right  $\bar{\sigma}$ -p.q.-Baer for every extended endomorphism  $\bar{\sigma}$  on  $A$  of  $\sigma$ .

### 1. Introduction and some definitions

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will denote an associative ring with identity,  $\sigma$  will be an endomorphism of  $R$ , and  $A$  will be the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \sigma]$ , i.e.,  $A$  is a ring of polynomials over  $R$  in an indeterminate  $x$  with multiplication subject to the relation  $xr = \sigma(r)x$  for all  $r \in R$ . When  $\sigma$  is identity 1, we write  $R[x]$  for  $R[x; 1]$ . In [11] Kaplansky introduced the Baer rings (i.e., rings in which the right annihilator of every nonempty subset is generated (as a right ideal) by an idempotent) to abstract various properties of rings of operators on Hilbert spaces. In [8], Clark introduced the quasi-Baer rings (i.e., rings in which the right annihilator of every right ideal is generated (as a right ideal) by an

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idempotent) which are generalizations of Baer rings and used them to characterize a finite dimensional twisted matrix units semigroup algebra over an algebraically closed field. Further works on quasi-Baer rings appear in [12], [3], [4] and [5]. The study of Baer and quasi-Baer rings has its roots in functional analysis. Recently, in [6] Birkenmeier, Kim and Park defined a *right* (or *left*) *principally quasi-Baer* (simply, called *right* (or *left*) *p.q.-Baer*) ring as a generalization of quasi-Baer ring by the rings in which the right (or left) annihilator of every right (or left) principal ideal of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent of  $R$ .  $R$  is called a *p.q.-Baer* ring if it is both right p.q.-Baer and left p.q.-Baer. Another generalization of Baer ring is a p.p.-ring. A ring  $R$  is called a *right* (resp. *left*) *p.p.-ring* if the right (resp. left) annihilator of any element of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent of  $R$ .  $R$  is called a *p.p.-ring* if it is both right and left p.p.-ring.

A subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  is called a  $\sigma$ -set if  $S$  is a  $\sigma$ -stable set, i.e.,  $\sigma(S) \subseteq S$ . In particular, if a singleton set  $S = \{a\}$  of  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -set, i.e.,  $\sigma(a) = a$ , then  $a$  is called a  $\sigma$ -element of  $R$ . A *left* (*right*, *two-sided*) ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a left (*right*, *two-sided*)  $\sigma$ -ideal if  $I$  is a  $\sigma$ -set. By analog, we can define a  $\sigma$ -Baer ring (resp.  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer-ring) by the ring in which the right annihilator of every  $\sigma$ -set (resp.  $\sigma$ -ideal) is generated by an idempotent. We also define a *right* (or *left*)  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer ring (resp. *right* (or *left*)  $\sigma$ -p.p.-ring) by the ring in which the right (or left) annihilator of every right (or left) principal  $\sigma$ -ideal (resp.  $\sigma$ -element) is generated by an idempotent.  $R$  is called a  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer ring (resp.  $\sigma$ -p.p.-ring) if it is both right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer (resp. right  $\sigma$ -p.p.) and left  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer (resp. left  $\sigma$ -p.p.). In this paper, we denote the right (resp. left) annihilator of a subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  by  $r_R(S) = \{a \in R \mid Sa = 0\}$  (resp.  $l_R(S) = \{a \in R \mid aS = 0\}$ ). We recall that  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ -rigid (resp. *reduced*) ring if for some endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$ ,  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  (resp.  $a^2 = 0$ ) implies that  $a = 0$  for each  $a \in R$ . We can note that any  $\sigma$ -rigid ring is reduced and this endomorphism  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism. Now we can observe the following implications: Baer (resp. quasi-Baer)  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$ -Baer (resp.  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer); right (or left) p.q.-Baer (resp. right (or left) p.p.)  $\Rightarrow$  right (or left)  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer (resp. right (or left)  $\sigma$ -p.p.);  $\sigma$ -Baer  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer. All the implications are strict by the following examples;

EXAMPLE 1. [9, Example 9] Let  $Z$  be the ring of integers and consider the ring  $Z \oplus Z$  with the usual addition and multiplication. Then the subring  $R = \{(a, b) \in Z \oplus Z \mid a \equiv b \pmod{2}\}$  of  $Z \oplus Z$  is a commutative reduced ring which has only two idempotents  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . Observe

that  $R$  is not p.p. (and then  $R$  is not Baer). Indeed, for  $a = (2, 0) \in R$ ,  $r_R(a) = (0) \oplus 2Z$  which is not generated by an idempotent of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is reduced,  $R$  is not p.q.-Baer and hence it is not quasi-Baer. Let  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  be a map defined by  $\sigma((a, b)) = (b, a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in R$ . Then  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . Note that all the  $\sigma$ -sets of  $R$  are  $S \oplus S$  for some subset  $S$  of  $Z$ . Let  $T = S \oplus S$ . If  $T = (0)$ , then  $r_R(T) = R = (1, 1)R$ . If  $T \neq (0)$ , then  $r_R(T) = (0) = (0, 0)R$ . Hence  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -Baer, and so  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer,  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer and  $\sigma$ -p.p.

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $Z$  be the ring of integers. Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} Z & Z \\ 0 & Z \end{pmatrix}$  be the upper  $2 \times 2$  triangular matrix ring over  $Z$ . Since  $Z$  is quasi-Baer,  $R$  is quasi-Baer by [12, Proposition 9]. But it is neither left p.p. nor right p.p. by [7, Example 8.1] and hence it is not p.p.. Consider an endomorphism  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  given by

$$\sigma \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in R.$$

We claim that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -p.p. but it is not  $\sigma$ -Baer. First, note that every  $\sigma$ -element of  $R$  is of the form

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in r_R(\alpha)$  be arbitrary. Then  $\alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} ax & ay \\ 0 & cz \end{pmatrix} = 0$ .

Consider the following four cases;

(i) If  $a$  and  $c \neq 0$ , then  $x = y = z = 0$ . Thus  $r_R(\alpha) = (0)$ , which is generated by idempotent  $0$  of  $R$ .

(ii) If  $a \neq 0$  and  $c = 0$ , then  $x = y = 0$  and  $z$  is arbitrary. Thus

$$r_R(\alpha) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in R \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R,$$

i.e., it is generated by an idempotent  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  of  $R$ .

(iii) If  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ , then  $x, y$  are arbitrary and  $z = 0$ . Thus

$$r_R(\alpha) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R,$$

i.e., it is generated by an idempotent  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  of  $R$ .

(iv) If  $a$  and  $c = 0$ , then  $x, y$  and  $z$  are arbitrary. Thus  $r_R(\alpha) = R$ , which is generated by idempotent 1 of  $R$ . Hence  $R$  is a right  $\sigma$ -p.p. ring. Similarly, we can show that  $R$  is a left  $\sigma$ -p.p. ring.

Consequently,  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ -p.p. ring.

EXAMPLE 3. [6, Example 1.3] Let  $Z_2$  be the field of two elements and consider  $R = \{(x_n) \in \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_2 \mid x_n \text{ is eventually constant}\}$ . Then  $R$  is a Boolean ring which is not self-injective. By [12, p.79, p.249 and p.250],  $R$  is not Baer and hence it is not quasi-Baer since  $R$  is reduced. But  $R$  is p.q.-Baer and hence it is p.p. since  $R$  is reduced.

(1) Let  $\sigma_1 : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\sigma_1((x_1, x_2, \dots)) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$ . Then  $\sigma_1$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . Note that the  $\sigma_1$ -ideals of  $R$  are only  $R$  and  $(0)$ . Hence  $R$  is  $\sigma_1$ -quasi-Baer.

(2) Let  $\sigma_2 : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\sigma_2((x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)) = (0, x_2, x_3, \dots)$ . Then  $\sigma_2$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . Note that every ideal of  $R$  is a  $\sigma_2$ -ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $R$  is not  $\sigma_2$ -quasi-Baer. But  $R$  is  $\sigma_2$ -p.q.-Baer.

(3) Let  $\sigma_3 : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\sigma_3((x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)) = (x_2, x_1, x_3, \dots)$  and consider a projection  $\pi : R \rightarrow R$  given by  $\pi((x_1, x_2, \dots)) = (x_3, x_4, \dots)$ . Then  $\sigma_3$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . Note that every ideal of  $R$  is not always  $\sigma_3$ -ideal of  $R$ , for example,  $(0) \times Z_2 \times \pi(I)$  is an ideal of  $R$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  but it is not  $\sigma_3$ -ideal of  $R$ . On the other hand, for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $J = Z_2 \times Z_2 \times \pi(I)$  and  $K = (0) \times (0) \times \pi(I)$  are  $\sigma_3$ -ideals of  $R$ . Then  $r_R(J) = (0) \times (0) \times r_R(\pi(I))$  and  $r_R(K) = Z_2 \times Z_2 \times r_R(\pi(I))$ . Since  $R$  is not quasi-Baer,  $\pi(R)$  is not quasi-Baer and so  $R$  is not  $\sigma_3$ -quasi-Baer. But  $R$  is  $\sigma_3$ -p.q.-Baer.

We begin with the following lemmas;

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . Then*

- (1) *If  $I$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $RI$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ ;*
- (2) *If  $I$  is a left  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $IR$  is a left  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $I$  be a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Clearly,  $RI$  is a right ideal of  $R$ . Let  $t \in RI$  be arbitrary. Then  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$  for some  $a_i \in R$ ,  $b_i \in I$  and some integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Since  $I$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ ,  $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$ . For each  $i$ ,  $\sigma(a_i b_i) = \sigma(a_i) \sigma(b_i) \in RI$ , and so  $\sigma(RI) \subseteq RI$ . Hence  $RI$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ .

(2) It follows from the similar argument given as in (1).  $\square$

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer if and only if the right annihilator of every right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent.*

*Proof.* For any right  $\sigma$ -ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $RI$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $r_R(I) = r_R(RI)$  since  $R$  has an identity.  $\square$

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -Baer if and only if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer. Let  $S$  be any  $\sigma$ -set of  $R$ . Consider the right ideal  $\langle S \rangle$  of  $R$  generated by  $S$ . Since  $S$  is a  $\sigma$ -set of  $R$ ,  $\langle S \rangle$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer,  $r_R(\langle S \rangle) = eR$  for some idempotent  $e \in R$  by Lemma 1.2. We will show that  $r_R(S) = r_R(\langle S \rangle)$ . Clearly,  $r_R(\langle S \rangle) \subseteq r_R(S)$ . Let  $b = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i x_i \in \langle S \rangle$  be arbitrary. If  $a \in r_R(S)$ , then  $s_i a = 0$  for all  $s_i \in S$ . Since  $R$  is reduced,  $s_i a = 0$  if and only if  $a s_i = 0$  if and only if  $s_i R a = 0$ . Then  $0 = \sum_{i=1}^n (a s_i) x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (s_i x_i) a = b a$ , and so  $a \in r_R(\langle S \rangle)$ . Thus  $r_R(S) = r_R(\langle S \rangle) = eR$ . Hence  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -Baer.  $\square$

COROLLARY 1.4. *Let  $R$  be a reduced ring. Then  $R$  is Baer if and only if  $R$  is quasi-Baer.*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 1.3 by letting  $\sigma = 1$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 1.5. *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a right  $\sigma$ -p.p.-ring;
- (2)  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ -p.p.-ring;
- (3)  $R$  is a right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer ring;
- (4)  $R$  is a  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer ring;
- (5) For any  $\sigma$ -element  $a \in R$  and any positive integer  $n$ ,  $r_R(a^n R) = eR$  for some idempotent  $e \in R$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid,  $r_R(a) = l_R(a) = r_R(aR) = l_R(Ra) = r_R(a^n R)$  for any  $\sigma$ -element  $a \in R$  and any positive integer  $n$ . Hence we have the result.  $\square$

In [1], Armendariz has shown that if  $R$  is reduced, then  $R$  is a Baer ring if and only if the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is a Baer ring. In this paper, we will generalize the result by showing that if  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid, then  $R$  is

a  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer ring if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \sigma]$  is a quasi-Baer ring;  $R$  is a right (or left)  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer ring if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \sigma]$  is a right (or left) p.q.-Baer ring.

LEMMA 1.6. *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then for all  $a, b, c$ , and  $d \in R$ ,*

- (1)  $a\sigma(b) = 0$  if and only if  $\sigma(b)a = 0$ ;
- (2) If  $ab = 0$  and  $bc + da = 0$ , then  $bc = da = 0$ ;
- (3) If  $ab = 0$  and  $ad + cb = 0$ , then  $ad = cb = 0$ ;
- (4) If  $ab = 0$ , then  $a\sigma(b) = \sigma(a)b = 0$ ;
- (5) If  $a\sigma^k(b) = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then  $ab = 0$ .

*Proof.* (1) is clear.

(2) If  $ab = 0$  and  $bc + da = 0$ , then  $0 = (bc + da)b = (bc)b + (da)b = bcb$ , and so  $bc = 0$ . Hence  $da = 0$ .

(3) It is similar to the proof of (2).

(4) Suppose that  $ab = 0$ . Since  $R$  is reduced,  $ba = 0$ . Thus

$$a\sigma(b)\sigma(a\sigma(b)) = a\sigma(ba)\sigma^2(b) = 0.$$

Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid,  $a\sigma(b) = 0$ . Similarly, if  $ab = 0$ , then  $\sigma(a)b = 0$ .

(5) If  $a\sigma^k(b) = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then by using (4) repeatedly we have  $\sigma^k(ab) = \sigma^k(a)\sigma^k(b) = 0$ , and so  $ab = 0$  because  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism.  $\square$

For a ring  $R$  with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ , there exists an endomorphism of  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  which extends  $\sigma$ . For example, consider a map  $\bar{\sigma}$  on  $A$  defined by  $\bar{\sigma}(f(x)) = \sigma(a_0) + \sigma(a_1)x + \cdots + \sigma(a_n)x^n$  for all  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \in A$ . Then  $\bar{\sigma}$  is an endomorphism of  $A$  and  $\bar{\sigma}(a) = \sigma(a)$  for all  $a \in R$ , which means that  $\bar{\sigma}$  is an extension of  $\sigma$ . We call the endomorphism of  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  which extends  $\sigma$  an *extended endomorphism* of  $\sigma$ . Let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A$  of  $\sigma$ . Note that  $\Sigma_\sigma \neq \emptyset$  since  $\bar{\sigma} \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

LEMMA 1.7. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . Then*

- (1) If  $I$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $IA$  is a  $\theta$ -ideal of  $A$  for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ ;
- (2) If  $I$  is a right principal  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $IA$  is a right principal  $\theta$ -ideal of  $A$  for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ ;
- (3) If  $I$  is a left principal  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $AI$  is a left principal  $\theta$ -ideal of  $A$  for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

*Proof.* It is straitforward.  $\square$

LEMMA 1.8. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . Then  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid if and only if  $A$  is  $\theta$ -rigid for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ . In this case,  $\sigma(e) = e$  for every idempotent  $e \in R$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid and  $A$  is not  $\theta$ -rigid for some  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ . Then there exists a nonzero  $f \in A$  such that  $f\theta(f) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid,  $f \notin R$ . Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$  where  $a_i \in R, a_m \neq 0$  for some  $m \geq 1$ . Since  $f\theta(f) = 0$ ,  $a_m \sigma^m(a_m) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid,  $a_m^2 = 0$  by Lemma 1.6, and then  $a_m = 0$  since  $R$  is reduced, a contradiction. Hence  $A$  is  $\theta$ -rigid for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ . The converse is true by the definition of extended endomorphism of  $\sigma$ . Let  $e$  be any idempotent of  $R$ . In case that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -rigid for each  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$  (and then  $A$  is reduced). Hence  $e$  is central idempotent in  $A$ , and thus  $ex = xe = \sigma(e)x$ , which implies that  $\sigma(e) = e$ .  $\square$

Note that for a reduced ring  $R$ ,  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  is not necessarily reduced. Indeed, consider the reduced ring  $R$  and  $\sigma$  introduced in Example 1. Let  $f = (0, 2)x \in A$ . Then  $f^2 = (0, 2)x(0, 2)x = (0, 2)\sigma(0, 2)x^2 = (0, 2)(2, 0)x^2 = (0, 0)x^2 = 0$ . But  $f \neq 0$ . Hence  $A$  is not reduced.

We need the following corollary as a special case of [9, Proposition 6].

COROLLARY 1.9. *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then for any*

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i, g = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j \in R[x; \sigma],$$

*$fg = 0$  if and only if  $a_i b_j = 0$  for each  $i, j$ .*

## 2. Skew polynomial rings over $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer and $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer rings

We recall from [2] an idempotent  $e \in R$  is *left* (resp. *right*) *semicentral* in  $R$  if  $eae = ae$  (resp.  $eae = ea$ ), for all  $a \in R$ . Equivalently, an idempotent  $e \in R$  is *left* (resp. *right*) *semicentral* if  $eR$  (resp.  $Re$ ) is an ideal of  $R$ . Since the right annihilator of a right  $\sigma$ -ideal is an ideal, we can note that the right annihilator of a right  $\sigma$ -ideal is generated by a left semicentral idempotent in a  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer ring. Observe that

if  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  are left (or right) semicentral idempotents of  $R$ , then  $e = e_1 e_2 \cdots e_m$  is an idempotent of  $R$ . Thus we can obtain the following lemma;

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$ . Then  $R$  is a right (resp. left)  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer if and only if the right (resp. left) annihilator of every finitely generated right (resp. left)  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$  is generated by an idempotent of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* It is enough to show the left-handed version because the right-handed version is similarly proved. Suppose that  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer and let  $I = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i R$  be any finitely generated right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then  $r_R(I) = \bigcap_i^m e_i R$  where  $r_R(a_i R) = e_i R$ . By the above observation,  $r_R(I)$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $e_i$  is a left semicentral idempotent of  $R$ . Since each  $e_i$  is left semicentral idempotents of  $R$ ,  $e = e_1 e_2 \cdots e_m$  is idempotent of  $R$ , and so  $r_R(I) = eR$ . The converse is clear.  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. If  $e \in R$  is a left semicentral idempotent, then  $e$  is also a left semicentral idempotent in  $R[x; \sigma]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i \in R[x; \sigma]$  be arbitrary. Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid,  $\sigma(e) = e$  for any idempotent  $e \in R$  by Lemma 1.8. Since  $e$  is a left semicentral idempotent,  $ea_i e = a_i e$  for each  $i$ . Then  $fe = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i \sigma^i(e) x^i = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i e x^i = \sum_{i=0}^m ea_i e x^i = e f e$ . Hence  $e$  is a left semicentral idempotent in  $R[x; \sigma]$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid, then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer;
- (2)  $A$  is quasi-Baer;
- (3)  $A$  is  $\theta$ -quasi-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer. Let  $I$  be an arbitrary ideal of  $A$ . If  $g \in r_A(I)$ , then  $fg = 0$  for all  $f \in I$ . Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i, g = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$ . Then by Corollary 1.9,  $a_i b_j = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Consider the set  $I_c$  of all coefficients of polynomials in  $I$ . Then  $I_c$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n \in r_R(I_c)$ . We can observe that  $I_c$  is an  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Indeed, for any  $f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i \in I$ ,  $xf = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \sigma(a_i) x^i$ , and so  $\sigma(a_i) \in I_c$  for each  $i$ . Thus  $I_c$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer and  $I_c$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ ,  $r_R(I_c) = eR$  for some idempotent  $e \in R$ . Thus  $g = ge$  and hence  $r_A(I) \subseteq eA$ . Now  $I_c e = 0$ . Since  $\sigma(e) =$



$e$ , by Lemma 1.8, we have  $Ie = 0$  so  $eA \subseteq r_A(I)$ . Therefore  $r_A(I) = eA$ . Hence  $A$  is quasi-Baer.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -quasi-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ . Let  $I$  be any  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then by Lemma 1.7,  $IA$  is a  $\theta$ -ideal of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is  $\theta$ -quasi-Baer,  $r_A(IA) = eA$  for some semicentral idempotent  $e \in A$ . Since  $A$  is  $\theta$ -rigid (and so  $A$  is reduced) by Lemma 1.8,  $e$  is a central idempotent in  $A$ , and hence  $e$  is an idempotent in  $R$  by [10, Theorem 3.15]. Since  $r_R(I) = r_A(IA) \cap R = eR$ ,  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer.  $\square$

REMARK. (1) If  $\sigma$  is an automorphism, we can check the condition “ $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid” does not need by using a similar method in the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [6]. (2) there is an example of a  $\sigma$ -quasi-Baer ring  $R$  and an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$  such that  $R[x; \sigma]$  is not quasi-Baer (refer Example 1.4 in [6]).

COROLLARY 2.4. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid, then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -Baer;
- (2)  $A$  is Baer;
- (3)  $A$  is  $\theta$ -quasi-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 1.3 and Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

COROLLARY 2.5. [1, Theorem A] *Let  $R$  be a reduced ring and let  $A = R[x]$ . Then  $R$  is Baer if and only if  $R[x]$  is Baer.*

*Proof.* It follows from Corollary 1.4 and Corollary 2.4.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.6. *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid, then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer;
- (2)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer;
- (3)  $A$  is right p.q.-Baer;
- (4)  $A$  is p.q.-Baer;
- (5)  $A$  is  $\theta$ -p.q.-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ ;
- (6)  $A$  is right  $\theta$ -p.q.-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) follows from Lemma 1.5. (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) also follows from Lemma 1.5 by letting  $\sigma = 1$ . (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) is clear. It remains to show that (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose that  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer. Let  $I$  be any right principal ideal of  $A$  generated by  $h = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$ . If  $g \in r_A(I)$ , then  $fg = 0$  for all  $f \in I$ . Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^l c_i x^i, g = \sum_{j=0}^m b_j x^j$ . Then by Lemma 1.6,  $c_i b_j = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Let  $I_c$  be the set of all coefficients of all  $f \in I$ . Note that  $I_c$  is a right  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n \in r_R(I_c)$  as given in the proof of Theorem 2.3. Since  $I$  is a right principal ideal of  $A$ ,  $I_c$  is a right finitely generated ideal of  $R$  with a generating set  $\{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$ . Since  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer and  $I_c$  is a right finitely generated  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ ,  $r_R(I_c) = eR$  for some idempotent  $e$  of  $R$  by Lemma 2.1. Hence  $r_A(I) = eA$ , and so  $A$  is right p.q.-Baer.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $A$  is right  $\theta$ -p.q.-Baer for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ . Let  $I$  be any right principal  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then by Lemma 1.1,  $IA$  is a right principal  $\theta$ -ideal of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is  $\theta$ -p.q.-Baer,  $r_A(IA) = eA$  for some semicentral idempotent  $e \in A$ . Since  $A$  is  $\theta$ -rigid (and so reduced) by Lemma 1.8,  $e$  is a central idempotent in  $A$ , and hence  $e$  is an idempotent in  $R$  by [10, Theorem 3.15]. Since  $r_R(I) = r_A(IA) \cap R = eR$ ,  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.q.-Baer.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with an endomorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $\Sigma_\sigma$  be the set of all extended endomorphisms on  $A = R[x; \sigma]$  of  $\sigma$ . If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -rigid, then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -p.p.;
- (2)  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -p.p.;
- (3)  $A$  is right p.p.;
- (4)  $A$  is p.p.;
- (5)  $A$  is  $\theta$ -p.p. for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ ;
- (6)  $A$  is right  $\theta$ -p.p. for all  $\theta \in \Sigma_\sigma$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the Lemma 1.5 and Theorem 2.6.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.8.** [1, Theorem B] *Let  $R$  be a reduced. Then  $R$  is p.p.-Baer if and only if  $R[x]$  is p.p.-Baer;*

*Proof.* It follows from the Lemma 1.5 (by letting  $\sigma = 1$ ) and Corollary 2.7.  $\square$

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