

## Weak Annihilator Condition and Zip Rings

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### Abstract

In [15], L. Ouyang introduced the notion of weak zip rings and proved that, a ring  $R$  is weak zip if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip, when  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and reversible. We prove that, when  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and quasi-IFP in the sense of Kim et al. [9], then  $nil(R)[x; \alpha, \delta] = nil(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , and  $R$  is weak zip if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with unity,  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$  is an endomorphism and  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  an  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$ , that is,  $\delta$  is an additive map such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)b + \alpha(a)\delta(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ . We adopt the notations  $M_n(R)$ ,  $T_n(R)$  and  $R[x]$  to represent the ring of all  $n \times n$  full matrices, the ring of all  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices and the ring of all polynomials over a ring  $R$  in indeterminate  $x$ , respectively. We denote by  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  the Ore extension whose elements are the polynomials over  $R$ , the addition is defined as usual, and the multiplication subject to the relation  $xa = \alpha(a)x + \delta(a)$ , for each  $a \in R$ . By a  $nil(R)$ , we mean the set of all nilpotent elements in  $R$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is called *reduced* if  $a^2 = 0$  implies that  $a = 0$ , for all  $a \in R$ ;  $R$  is *symmetric* if  $abc = 0$  implies  $acb = 0$ , for all  $a, b, c \in R$ ;  $R$  is *reversible* if  $ab = 0$  implies  $ba = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ ;  $R$  has *IFP* (or is *semicommutative*) if  $ab = 0$  implies  $aRb = 0$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *2-primal* if  $P(R) = nil(R)$ , where  $P(R)$  is the prime radical of  $R$ .

According to Krempa [12], an endomorphism  $\alpha$  of a ring  $R$  is called *rigid* if  $a\alpha(a) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  for  $a \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -*rigid* if there exists a

rigid endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$ . Note that any rigid endomorphism of a ring is a monomorphism and  $\alpha$ -rigid rings are reduced by Hong et al. [7]. Properties of  $\alpha$ -rigid rings have been studied in Krempa [12], Hong et al. [7] and others. By Hashemi and Moussavi [6], a ring  $R$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R, ab = 0 \Leftrightarrow a\alpha(b) = 0$ . Moreover,  $R$  is called  $\delta$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R, ab = 0 \Rightarrow a\delta(b) = 0$ . If  $R$  is both  $\alpha$ -compatible and  $\delta$ -compatible, then  $R$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible. By [6], a ring  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -rigid if and only if  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and reduced.

H. K. Kim et al. [9] introduced the notion of quasi-IFP, and defined a ring  $R$  to have quasi-IFP provided that  $\sum_{i=0}^n Ra_iR$  is nilpotent whenever  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i \in R[x]$  is nilpotent. They proved that, a ring  $R$  has quasi-IFP if and only if  $N_0(R) = \text{nil}(R)$ , where  $N_0(R)$  is the Wedderburn radical of  $R$ . They also showed that every ring with quasi-IFP is 2-primal, and rings with IFP (semicommutative rings) have quasi-IFP. In general, each of these implications is irreversible.

Faith [4] called a ring  $R$  right zip provided that if the right annihilator  $r_R(X)$  of a subset  $X$  of  $R$  is zero, then there exists a finite subset  $Y \subseteq X$  such that  $r_R(Y) = 0$ .  $R$  is zip if it is right and left zip. In [15], Ouyang introduced the notion of weak zip rings and investigated their properties. Put  $Nr_R(X) = \{a \in R \mid xa \in \text{nil}(R) \text{ for all } x \in X\}$  and  $Nl_R(X) = \{a \in R \mid ax \in \text{nil}(R) \text{ for all } x \in X\}$ . It is not hard to see that weak zip property is left-right symmetric. Ouyang [15] proved that for an endomorphism  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha$ -derivation  $\delta$  of a ring  $R$ ,  $R$  is right (left) weak zip if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is right (left) weak zip, when  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and reversible. We extend the results in [15] and show that when  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and quasi-IFP, then  $\text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta] = \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , and that  $R$  is a weak zip ring if and only if the skew polynomial ring  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip.

## 2 Main Results

For any  $0 \leq i \leq j$ ,  $f_i^j \in \text{End}(R, +)$  will denote the map which is the sum of all possible “words” in  $\alpha, \delta$  built with  $i$  letters  $\alpha$  and  $j - i$  letters  $\delta$  (e.g.,  $f_n^n = \alpha^n$ ,  $f_0^n = \delta^n$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $f_{n-1}^n = \alpha^{n-1}\delta + \alpha^{n-2}\delta\alpha + \dots + \delta\alpha^{n-1}$ ). Properties of the right (left) annihilator of a subset in a ring  $R$  are studied by many authors. As a generalization of the right (left) annihilator, in [15] Ouyang introduced the notion of a weak annihilator of a subset in a ring, and investigated the weak annihilator properties over the Ore extension ring  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Motivated by the results in [15], in this section, we continue the study of weak zip property of Ore extension rings.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring such that  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal*

of  $R$ . Then, for any  $a, b, c \in \text{nil}(R)$ , we have the following:

- (1) If  $abc = 0$ , then  $abd^s(c) = 0$  and  $a\delta^t(b)c = 0$ , for all positive integers  $s, t$ .
- (2) If  $abc = 0$ , then  $a\delta^s(b)\delta^t(c) = 0$ , for all positive integers  $s, t$ .
- (3) If  $ab = 0$ , then  $\alpha^n(a)\delta^m(b) = 0$ ,  $\delta^m(a)\alpha^n(b) = 0$ , for all positive integers  $m, n$ .

**Proof.** (1) Since  $R$  is  $\delta$ -compatible,  $\delta(\text{nil}(R)) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ , so we have  $abd^s(c) = 0$ . From  $abc = 0$ , since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, we get  $a\delta(bc) = a\delta(b)c + ab\delta(c) = 0$ . Thus  $a\delta(b)c = 0$ , so  $a\delta(b)\delta(c) = 0$ . So  $a\delta(\delta(b)c) = a\delta^2(b)c + a\delta(b)\delta(c) = 0$  and hence  $a\delta^2(b)c = 0$ . Continuing in this process we get  $a\delta^t(b)c = 0$ .

(2) Since  $\delta(\text{nil}(R)) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ , it is an immediate consequence of (1).

(3) From (1), we obtain  $\alpha^n(a)\delta^m(b) = 0$ . From  $ab = 0$ , we get  $\delta(a)b + a\delta(b) = 0$ . Thus  $\delta(a)b = 0$ , since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . So,  $\delta^2(a)b + \alpha(\delta(a))\delta(b) = 0$ . Hence  $\alpha(\delta(a))\delta(b) = 0$  and thus  $\delta^2(a)b = 0$ . Continuing in this process, we get  $\delta^m(a)b = 0$  and hence  $\delta^m(a)\alpha^n(b) = 0$ , as needed.

According to [9] a ring  $R$  is called *quasi-IFP*, provided that  $\sum_{i=0}^n Ra_iR$  is nilpotent whenever  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in R[x]$  is nilpotent. Also, by [9, Lemma 1.3], If  $R$  is a quasi-IFP ring, then  $\text{nil}(R)$  forms an ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible quasi-IFP ring. Then we have,*

$$\text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta] = \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta]).$$

**Proof.** For the forward direction, suppose that  $a_i \in \text{nil}(R)$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then there exist  $k_i$  such that

$$(a_i R)^{k_i} = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n. \quad (1)$$

Let  $k = k_0 + k_1 + \dots + k_n + 1$ . Then we have  $(a_i R)^k = 0$ , for each  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Taking  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$ , we claim that  $[f(x)]^k = 0$ . We have

$(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i f_0^i(a_0) + (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_1^i(a_0) + \sum_{i=0}^n a_i f_0^i(a_1)) x +$   
 $(\sum_{i=2}^n a_i f_2^i(a_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_1^i(a_1) + \sum_{i=0}^n a_i f_0^i(a_2)) x^2 + \dots +$   
 $(\sum_{s+t=k} (\sum_{i=s}^n a_i f_s^i(a_t))) x^k + \dots + a_n \alpha^n(a_n) x^{2n}$ . We can show that the coefficients of  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i)^k$  can be written as sums of monomials of length  $k$  in  $a_i$  and  $f_u^v(a_j)$ , where  $a_i, a_j \in \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $v \geq u \geq 0$  are positive integers. Consider each monomial

$$a_{i_1} (f_{s_2})^{t_2} (a_{i_2}) \dots (f_{s_k})^{t_k} (a_{i_k}) = 0,$$

where  $a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_k} \in \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $t_j, s_j$  ( $t_j \geq s_j, 2 \leq j \leq k$ ) are non-negative integers. We will show that  $a_{i_1} (f_{s_2})^{t_2} (a_{i_2}) \dots (f_{s_k})^{t_k} (a_{i_k}) = 0$ . If the number of  $a_0$  in  $a_{i_1} (f_{s_2})^{t_2} (a_{i_2}) \dots (f_{s_k})^{t_k} (a_{i_k})$  is greater than  $k_0$ , then we can write monomial  $a_{i_1} (f_{s_2})^{t_2} (a_{i_2}) \dots (f_{s_k})^{t_k} (a_{i_k})$  as

$$b_1 (f_{s_{01}}^{t_{01}}(a_0))^{j_1} b_2 (f_{s_{02}}^{t_{02}}(a_0))^{j_2} \dots b_v (f_{s_{0v}}^{t_{0v}}(a_0))^{j_v} b_{v+1},$$

where  $j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_v > k_0$ ,  $1 \leq j_1, j_2, \dots, j_v$  and  $b_q$  ( $q = 1, 2, \dots, v + 1$ ) is a product of some elements choosing from  $\{a_{i_1}, f_{s_2}^{t_2}(a_{i_2}), \dots, f_{s_k}^{t_k}(a_{i_k})\}$  or is equal to 1. Since by (1) we have  $(Ra_i R)^{k_i} = 0$ , so  $(a_0)^{j_1} b_2 (a_0)^{j_2} \cdots b_v (a_0)^{j_v} b_{v+1} = a_0 \cdots a_0 b_2 a_0 \cdots a_0 b_3 \cdots b_v a_0 \cdots a_0 b_{v+1} = 0$ , since  $b_q a_0, a_0, a_0 b_q \in a_0 R$ , ( $q = 1, 2, \dots, v + 1$ ) and thus we have  $b_1 (f_{s_{01}}^{t_{01}}(a_0))^{j_1} b_2 (f_{s_{02}}^{t_{02}}(a_0))^{j_2} \cdots b_v (f_{s_{0v}}^{t_{0v}}(a_0))^{j_v} b_{v+1} = 0$ . Thus  $a_{i_1} f_{s_2}^{t_2}(a_{i_2}) \cdots f_{s_k}^{t_k}(a_{i_k}) = 0$ . If the number of  $a_i$  in  $a_{i_1} f_{s_2}^{t_2}(a_{i_2}) \cdots f_{s_k}^{t_k}(a_{i_k})$  is greater than  $k_i$ , then a similar discussion yields that  $a_{i_1} f_{s_2}^{t_2}(a_{i_2}) \cdots f_{s_k}^{t_k}(a_{i_k}) = 0$ . Thus each monomial appears in  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i)^k$  equals to 0. Therefore  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a nilpotent element, as desired.

For the backward direction, suppose that  $f(x) \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ . There exists some positive integer  $k = 2^p$  such that  $[f(x)]^k = (a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n)^k = 0$ . Then  $0 = [f(x)]^k = \text{lower terms} + a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(k-1)n} (a_n) x^{nk}$ . Hence  $a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(k-1)n} (a_n) = (a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{2}-1)n} (a_n))$ . Therefore  $\alpha^{\frac{kn}{2}} (a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{2}-1)n} (a_n)) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible ring, then  $a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{2}-1)n} (a_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . On the other hand, we can see  $(a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{4}-1)n} (a_n)) \alpha^{\frac{kn}{4}} (a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{4}-1)n} (a_n))$  is nilpotent, since  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible, then  $a_n \alpha^n (a_n) \alpha^{2n} (a_n) \cdots \alpha^{(\frac{k}{4}-1)n} (a_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Applying the preceding method repeatedly, we have  $a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Then  $f_i^j(a_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq j$ . Let  $Q = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ . Then we have  $0 = (Q + a_n x^n)^k = (Q + a_n x^n)(Q + a_n x^n) \cdots (Q + a_n x^n) = (Q^2 + Q \cdot a_n x^n + a_n x^n \cdot Q + a_n x^n \cdot a_n x^n)(Q + a_n x^n) \cdots (Q + a_n x^n) = \cdots = Q^k + \Delta$ , where  $\Delta \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Note that the coefficients of  $\Delta$  can be written as sums of monomials in  $a_i$  and  $f_u^v(a_j)$  where  $a_i, a_j \in a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $v \geq u \geq 0$  are positive integers, and each monomial has an or  $f_s^t(a_n)$ . Since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, we obtain that each monomial is in  $\text{nil}(R)$ , and so  $\Delta \in \text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Thus we obtain  $(a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1})^k = \text{lower terms} + a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} (a_{n-1}) \cdots \alpha^{(n-1)(k-1)} (a_{n-1}) x^{(n-1)k} \in \text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} (a_{n-1}) \cdots \alpha^{(k-1)(n-1)} (a_{n-1}) \in \text{nil}(R)$  and so  $a_{n-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$ , since  $R$  is  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible. Using induction on  $n$ , we obtain  $a_i \in \text{nil}(R)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , and the result follows.

**Corollary 2.3.** [15, Lemma 3.6.] *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible and reversible. Then,*

$$\text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta] = \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta]).$$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $\text{nil}(R)[x; \alpha, \delta] = \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ . If  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$  if and only if  $a f_i^j(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ , so  $ba \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Assume that  $f = b$  and  $g = ax \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Then  $fg \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , so  $gf = a\delta(b) + a\alpha(b)x \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ . Thus  $a\delta(b), a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Now suppose that  $f = \alpha(b), g = ax \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ ,

then  $fg \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ . So  $gf = a\delta\alpha(b) + a\alpha^2(b)x \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , and hence  $a\delta\alpha(b), a\alpha^2(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Since  $a\delta(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , for  $h = \delta(b)$  and  $k = ax \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ , we have  $hk \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , so  $kh = a\delta^2(b) + a\alpha\delta(b)x \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , thus  $a\alpha\delta(b), a\delta^2(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Continuing in this process we obtain  $a\alpha^{k_1}\delta^{t_1}\alpha^{k_2}\delta^{t_2} \dots \alpha^{k_p}\delta^{t_j}(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , where  $k_i, t_j \geq 0$ . Thus  $af_i^j(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible quasi-IFP ring. Then  $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$  if and only if  $af_i^j(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ .*

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible quasi-IFP ring. If  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i, g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j \in R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  such that  $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R[x; \alpha, \delta])$ , then  $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ , for each  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ .*

**Proof.** We have  $f(x)g(x) = (\sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i)(\sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j) = (\sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i) b_0 + (\sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i) b_1 x + \dots + (\sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i) b_n x^n = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i f_0^i(b_0) + (\sum_{i=1}^m a_i f_1^i(b_0) + \sum_{i=0}^m a_i f_0^i(b_1)) x + \dots + (\sum_{s+t=k} (\sum_{i=s}^m a_i f_s^i(b_t))) x^k + \dots + a_m \alpha^m(b_n) x^{m+n}$ . From Theorem 2.2, we have the following equations:

$$\Delta_{m+n} = a_m \alpha^m(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R) \tag{2}$$

$$\Delta_{m+n-1} = a_m \alpha^m(b_{n-1}) + a_{m-1} \alpha^{m-1}(b_n) + a_m f_{m-1}^m(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R) \tag{3}$$

$$\Delta_{m+n-2} = a_m \alpha^m(b_{n-2}) + \sum_{i=m-1}^m a_i f_{m-1}^i(b_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=m-2}^m a_i f_{m-2}^i(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R) \tag{4}$$

$$\sum_{s+t=k} \left( \sum_{i=s}^m a_i f_s^i(b_t) \right) \in \text{nil}(R). \tag{5}$$

From equation (2) and Corollary 2.5, we obtain  $a_m b_n \in \text{nil}(R)$  (\*), so  $b_n a_m \in \text{nil}(R)$ . If we multiply equation (3) on the left side by  $b_n$ , then  $b_n a_{m-1} \alpha^{m-1}(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal. Thus by Corollary 2.5, we obtain  $b_n a_{m-1} b_n \in \text{nil}(R)$ , and so  $b_n a_{m-1} \in \text{nil}(R), a_{m-1} b_n \in \text{nil}(R)$  (\*\*). From (\*), (\*\*) and the fact that  $\Delta_{m+n-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$  and  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, using Corollary 2.5, we have  $a_m \alpha^m(b_{n-1}) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , thus  $a_m b_{n-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$  (\* \* \*). Now, multiply equation (4) from right on the  $a_m$ . Since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, we deduce that  $a_m \alpha^m(b_{n-2}) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . We also have  $\sum_{i=m-1}^m a_i f_{m-1}^i(b_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=m-2}^m a_i f_{m-2}^i(b_n) = a_{m-1} f_{m-1}^{m-1}(b_{n-1}) + a_m f_{m-1}^m(b_{n-1}) + a_{m-2} f_{m-2}^{m-2}(b_n) + a_{m-1} f_{m-2}^{m-1}(b_n) + a_m f_{m-2}^m(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , since  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal. By (\*), (\*\*), (\* \* \*), Corollary 2.5 and the fact that  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, we get  $a_{m-1} f_{m-1}^{m-1}(b_{n-1}) + a_{m-2} f_{m-2}^{m-2}(b_n) \in \text{nil}(R)$ . (\* \* \* \*) Multiply equation (4) from right on the  $a_{m-1}$  and using (\*\*), we get  $a_{m-1} f_{m-1}^{m-1}(b_{n-1}) a_{m-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$ , by

Corollary 2.5,  $a_{m-1}b_{n-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Using  $(***)$  and that  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal, we deduce that  $a_{m-2}b_n \in \text{nil}(R)$ . Applying the preceding method repeatedly, we deduce that  $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible quasi-IFP ring. Then  $R$  is weak zip if and only if  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  is a weak zip ring and  $S = R[x; \alpha, \delta]$ . Let  $X \subseteq S$  such that  $Nr_S(X) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$ . For  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in S$ ,  $C_f$  denotes the set of coefficients of  $f(x)$ , and for a subset  $V$  of  $S$ ,  $C_V$  denotes the set  $\bigcup_{f \in V} C_f$ . Then  $C_V \subseteq R$ . Now, we show that  $Nr_R(C_X) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . If  $r \in Nr_R(C_X)$ , then  $ar \in \text{nil}(R)$  for any  $a \in C_X$ . So for any  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \in X$ , we obtain  $a_i r \in \text{nil}(R)$  and so  $a_i f_s^t(r) \in \text{nil}(R)$ , by Corollary 2.5. Hence  $f(x)r \in \text{nil}(S)$ , by Theorem 2.2. So  $r \in Nr_S(X) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$  and thus  $r \in \text{nil}(R)$  and  $Nr_R(C_X) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . Since  $R$  is weak zip, there exists a finite subset  $Y_0 \subseteq C_X$  such that  $Nr_R(Y_0) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . For each  $a \in Y_0$ , there exists  $g_a(x) \in X$  such that some of the coefficients of  $g_a(x)$  are  $a$ . Let  $X_0$  be a minimal subset of  $X$  such that  $g_a(x) \in X_0$  for each  $a \in Y_0$ . Then  $X_0$  is a finite subset of  $X$ . Let  $Y_1$  be the set of all coefficients of elements of  $X_0$ , then  $Y_0 \subseteq Y_1$  and so  $Nr_R(Y_1) \subseteq Nr_R(Y_0) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . If  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_k x^k \in Nr_S(X_0)$ , then  $g(x)f(x) \in \text{nil}(S)$  for any  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_t x^t \in X_0$ . By Lemma 2.6, we obtain  $b_i a_j \in \text{nil}(R)$  for each  $i, j$ . Thus  $a_j \in Nr_R(Y_1) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$  for  $0 \leq j \leq k$  and so  $f(x) \in \text{nil}(S)$ , by Theorem 2.2. Hence  $Nr_S(X) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$ . Therefore,  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is a weak zip ring. Conversely, suppose that  $S = R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip. Let  $Y$  be a subset of  $R$  such that  $Nr_R(Y) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . If  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n \in Nr_S(Y)$ , then  $a_i \in Nr_R(Y) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , and so  $f(x) \in \text{nil}(S)$ , by Theorem 2.2 and hence  $Nr_S(Y) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$ . Since  $S = R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip, there exists a finite subset  $Y_0 \subseteq Y$  such that  $Nr_S(Y_0) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$ . Hence,  $Nr_R(Y_0) = Nr_S(Y_0) \cap R \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ . Therefore,  $R$  is weak zip, and the result follows.

**Corollary 2.8.** [15, Theorem 3.11.] *Let  $R$  be an  $(\alpha, \delta)$ -compatible reversible ring. Then  $R$  is weak zip if and only if  $R[x; \alpha, \delta]$  is weak zip.*

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