

# SKREW POLYNOMIAL RINGS OVER GENERALIZED GCD DOMAINS

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**Abstract.** A ring  $R$  is said to be a **right generalized GCD domain** if any finitely generated right  $v$ -ideal is a projective generator of the category  $\text{Mod-}R$  of right  $R$ -modules. A skew polynomial ring  $D[x, \sigma]$  over a commutative generalized GCD domain  $D$  is a right generalized GCD domain, where  $\sigma$  is an automorphism with finite order.

## 1 Preliminaries

At first, we introduce some elementary notions and notations. We refer to [MR] and [MMU] for details about orders and  $v$ -ideals.

Throughout this note, let  $R$  be an order in a division ring  $Q$ , that is, any non-zero element of  $R$  has its inverse in  $Q$ , and for any element  $q$  of  $Q$ , there exist  $a, b \in R$  and non-zero  $s, t \in R$  such that  $q = as^{-1} = t^{-1}b$ .

A non-zero right  $R$ -submodule  $I$  of  $Q$  is called a **right  $R$ -ideal** if there exists a non-zero element  $a$  of  $Q$  such that  $aI \subseteq R$ . Similarly, a **left  $R$ -ideal** of  $Q$  is a non-zero left  $R$ -submodule  $J$  of  $Q$  with  $Ja \subseteq R$  for some non-zero element  $a$  of  $Q$ .

For any subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $Q$ , let

$$(A : B)_l = \{q \in Q \mid qB \subseteq A\}$$

and

$$(A : B)_r = \{q \in Q \mid Bq \subseteq A\}.$$

If  $I$  is a right  $R$ -ideal of  $Q$ , then  $(R : I)_l$  is a left  $R$ -ideal.  $(R : I)_r$  is a right  $R$ -ideal if  $J$  is a left  $R$ -ideal of  $Q$ .

For a right  $R$ -ideal  $I$  of  $Q$ , we set

$$I_v = (R : (R : I)_l)_r.$$

Clearly we have  $I \subseteq I_v$ , and  $I$  is called a **right  $v$ -ideal** if  $I = I_v$ . Furthermore, a right  $R$ -ideal  $I$  is said to be a **finitely generated  $v$ -ideal** if there exist finitely many elements

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$a_1, \dots, a_k (\in I)$  such that  $I = (a_1R + \dots + a_kR)_v$ . Similarly, we set

$${}_vJ = (R : (R : J)_r)_l$$

for a left  $R$ -ideal  $J$  of  $Q$ .  $J$  is called a **left  $v$ -ideal** if  $J = {}_vJ$ , and  $J$  is said to be a **finitely generated left  $v$ -ideal** if  $J = {}_v(Ra_1 + \dots + Ra_k)$  for some finitely many elements  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  of  $J$ .

For a right  $R$ -ideal  $I$  of  $Q$ , we put

$$O_r(I) = (I : I)_r = \{q \in Q \mid Iq \subseteq I\}.$$

$O_r(I)$  is called the **right order** of  $I$ . In fact,  $O_r(I)$  is an order in  $Q$ . We define similarly the **left order**  $O_l(I)$  of  $I$ :

$$O_l(I) = (I : I)_l = \{q \in Q \mid qI \subseteq I\},$$

and  $O_l(I)$  is also an order in  $Q$ .

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a **generator** of the category  $\text{Mod-}R$  of right  $R$ -modules if  $\sum_{f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, R)} f(M) = R$ . We note that, for a right  $R$ -ideal  $I$  of  $Q$ ,  $I$  is a generator of  $\text{Mod-}R$  if and only if  $(R : I)_l I = R$ . Furthermore, if  $I$  is a generator of  $\text{Mod-}R$ , then  $O_l(I) = R$  (cf. Lemma 1.4 of [MMU]).

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a **progenerator** of  $\text{Mod-}R$  if  $M$  is a finitely generated projective  $R$ -module and a generator. Note that a right  $R$ -ideal  $I$  of  $Q$  is projective if and only if  $I(R : I)_l = O_l(I)$ . If  $I$  is projective, then  $I$  is finitely generated as a right  $R$ -module and  $I_v = I$  (cf. Lemma 1.5 of [MMU]).

## 2 Right generalized GCD domains

A commutative domain is called a GCD domain if any non-zero two elements have the greatest common divisor. In a commutative domain  $D$ , the greatest common divisor  $d$  of elements  $a$  and  $b$  is characterized to be the element such that

$$dD = \bigcap_{eD \supseteq aD + bD} eD.$$

By Proposition 1.8 of [MMU], we have

$$\bigcap_{eD \supseteq aD + bD} eD = (aD + bD)_v.$$

Hence  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  if and only if  $dD = (aD + bD)_v$ . Thus a domain is GCD if and only if any finitely generated  $v$ -ideal is principal.

Now, a principal ideal  $dD$  is clearly an invertible ideal, that is,  $(dD)(dD)^{-1} = D$ , where  $(dD)^{-1} = \{q \in F \mid q(dD) \subseteq D\}$  and  $F$  is the quotient field of  $D$ . So, the notion

of a GCD domain is naturally extended to that of a generalized GCD domain, that is, a commutative domain  $D$  is called a generalized GCD domain if any finitely generated  $v$ -ideal of  $D$  is invertible (cf. [FHP] Chapter VI).

By the way, the polynomial ring  $D[x]$  over a generalized GCD domain  $D$  is also a generalized GCD domain (cf. Theorem 6.2.3 of [FHP]). Then, what is a skew polynomial ring over a generalized GCD domain, or what is an Ore extension over a generalized GCD domain?

From these point of view, we define a non-commutative generalized GCD domain as follows: Let  $R$  be an order in a division ring  $Q$ . If any finitely generated right  $v$ -ideal of  $Q$  is a progenerator of  $\text{Mod-}R$ , then we call  $R$  a **right generalised GCD domain** (a **right G-GCD domain** for short), that is,  $R$  is G-GCD if

1.  $(R : I)_t I = R$ , and
2.  $I(R : I)_t = O_t(I)$ .

for any finitely generated right  $v$ -ideal  $I$  of  $Q$ . We note that a right Püfer order in  $Q$  is a right G-GCD domain (cf. [MMU]).

Now we have the following characterization of right G-GCD domains.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $R$  be an order in a division ring  $Q$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a right G-GCD domain.
- (2) For any non-zero elements  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  of  $R$ , the left  $R$ -ideal  $Ra_1 \cap Ra_2$  is a progenerator of the category  $R\text{-Mod}$  of left  $R$ -module.
- (3) For any left  $R$ -ideals  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  which are progenerator of  $R\text{-Mod}$ ,  $J_1 \cap J_2$  is also a progenerator of  $R\text{-Mod}$ .

### 3 Skew polynomial rings over generalized GCD domains

Let  $D$  be a commutative domain and let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $D$ . Then we can define the skew polynomial ring  $D[x, \sigma]$  over  $D$  with multiplication  $xa = \sigma(a)x$ , where  $a \in D$ . Since  $D[x, \sigma]$  is a prime Goldie ring,  $D[x, \sigma]$  has the quotient division ring  $Q$ .

We say that an automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $D$  has a **finite order** if  $\sigma^k = \text{id}_D$  for some positive integer  $k$ , where  $\text{id}_D$  is the identity mapping of  $D$ .

Then we have the following.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $D$  be a commutative generalized GCD domain and let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $D$  with finite order. Then the skew polynomial ring  $D[x, \sigma]$  is a right G-GCD domain.*

In particular, by Theorem 3.1, a skew polynomial ring over a commutative Prüfer domain is a right G-GCD domain. We note that the case of automorphisms with infinite order is an open problem. Also we don't know whether an Ore extension of a G-GCD domain is right G-GCD or not.

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