

On Skew Power-serieswise nil-Armendariz Rings

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Abstract: For a ring endomorphism α , in this paper we introduce the notion of α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings, which are a generalization of α -power-serieswise Armendariz rings. A number of properties of this generalization are established, and the extensions of α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings are investigated. Which generalizes the corresponding results of nil-Armendariz rings and power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings.

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§1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative rings with identity, unless specified otherwise. For a ring R , we denote by $\text{nil}(R)$ the set of all nilpotent elements of R . $\text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ denotes the set of the power series in $R[[x; \alpha]]$ with all coefficients are nilpotent elements.

Recall from [1] that a ring R is called nil-Armendariz if whenever any polynomials $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$, $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m \in R[x]$ satisfy $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[x]$, then $a_ib_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any i and j , where $\text{nil}(R)$ denotes the set of nilpotent elements of R . In [2], Hizem extended the study of nil-Armendariz property to power series rings, and introduced power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings. A ring R is called power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if whenever power series $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_ix^i$, $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_jx^j \in R[[x]]$ satisfy $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x]]$,

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then $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any i and j . Some properties of power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings and related rings have been studied in [1-4].

For a ring R with a ring endomorphism $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$, the skew power series ring $R[[x; \alpha]]$ over R is the ring obtained by giving the power series ring over R with the new multiplication $xr = \alpha(r)x$ for all $r \in R$.

In this paper, we introduce α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings for an endomorphism α of a ring R . We do this by considering the nil-Armendariz property in the skew power series ring $R[[x; \alpha]]$ instead of the ring $R[[x]]$. We will show that α -power-serieswise Armendariz rings are α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz. Examples are given to show that the converse is not true. Thus α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings are a common generalization of α -power-serieswise Armendariz rings. It is shown that R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if and only if $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R and α satisfies the condition $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R) \iff ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any $a, b \in R$. This generalizes the result in [2, Theorem 1] for power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings. Moreover, we investigate the power-serieswise nil-Armendariz property of the polynomial ring $R[x]$ and power series ring $R[[x]]$. Several known results relating to nil-Armendariz rings and power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings can be obtained as corollaries of our results.

§2. Skew Power-serieswise nil-Armendariz Rings

Definition 2.1 Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R . R is called an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring if whenever power series $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$, $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x; \alpha]]$ satisfy $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$, then $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any i and j .

Proposition 2.2 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring. For $a, b \in R$, we have the following

- (1) If $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $a\alpha^n(b)$, $\alpha^n(a)b \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any positive integer n .
- (2) If $a\alpha^n(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n , then $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$.
- (3) If $\alpha^n(a)b \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n , then $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Proof (1) Suppose $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$. It is enough to show that $a\alpha(b), \alpha(a)b \in \text{nil}(R)$. Let $f(x) = \alpha(a)x$ and $g(x) = bx$ in $R[[x; \alpha]]$. Then $f(x)g(x) = \alpha(a)\alpha(b)x^2 = \alpha(ab)x^2 \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, thus $\alpha(a)b \in \text{nil}(R)$. Note that $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $ba \in \text{nil}(R)$. Hence $\alpha(b)a \in \text{nil}(R)$ by the proof above, and then $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$.

(2) Suppose $a\alpha^n(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n . Let $f(x) = ax^n$ and $g(x) = bx$ in $R[[x; \alpha]]$. Then $f(x)g(x) = a\alpha^n(b)x^{n+1} \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Thus $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

(3) Suppose $\alpha^n(a)b \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n . Then $b\alpha^n(a) \in \text{nil}(R)$. Thus $ba \in \text{nil}(R)$ by (2), this implies $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Recall that a ring R is semicommutative if $ab = 0$ implies $aRb = 0$ for any $a, b \in R$.

Lemma 2.3 Let R be a ring. Then the following hold

- (1) Every α -power-serieswise Armendariz ring is semicommutative.
- (2) If R is an α -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, then α is injective and $a\alpha(b) = 0 \iff ab = 0$ for any $a, b \in R$.
- (3) Let R be an α -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, $a, b \in R$. If $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $a\alpha^n(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any positive integer n .
- (4) Let R be an α -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, $a, b \in R$. If $a\alpha^n(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n , then $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Proof (1) and (2) are the results in [5, Theorem 2.4] and [5, Lemma 2.2].

(3) Suppose $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$. It is enough to show that $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$. Let $(ab)^k = 0$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $a\alpha(b)\alpha((ab)^{k-1}) = a\alpha(b(ab)^{k-1}) = 0$. Since R is α -power-serieswise Armendariz, thus $a\alpha(b)(ab)^{k-1} = 0$ by (2). Therefore, we have $a\alpha(b)a\alpha(b)\alpha((ab)^{k-2}) = a\alpha(b)a\alpha(b(ab)^{k-2}) = 0$. Continuing this procedure yields that $(a\alpha(b))^k = 0$, this means $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$.

(4) If $a\alpha^n(b) \in \text{nil}(R)$ for some positive integer n , then $\alpha^n(b)a \in \text{nil}(R)$. Thus $\alpha^n(ba) = \alpha^n(b)\alpha^n(a) \in \text{nil}(R)$ by (3). Suppose $[\alpha^n(ba)]^k = \alpha^n((ba)^k) = 0$, then $(ba)^k = 0$ since α is injective. This implies $ba \in \text{nil}(R)$ and then $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R . According to [6], α is called rigid if $a\alpha(a) = 0$ implies $a = 0$ for any $a \in R$. R is called an α -rigid ring if there exists a rigid endomorphism α of R .

Let I be an ideal of R . If $\alpha(I) \subseteq I$, then $\bar{\alpha} : R/I \rightarrow R/I$ defined by $\bar{\alpha}(a + I) = \alpha(a) + I$ for any $a \in R$ is an endomorphism of the factor ring R/I .

Lemma 2.4 Let R be a ring and α be an endomorphism of R . If α satisfies the condition $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R) \iff ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any $a, b \in R$, and $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R , then R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Proof Clearly, $R/\text{nil}(R)$ is reduced. If α satisfies the condition $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R) \iff ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then we have $\bar{a}\bar{\alpha}(\bar{b}) = 0 \iff \bar{a}\bar{b} = 0$ in $R/\text{nil}(R)$. Thus $R/\text{nil}(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -rigid. Then $R/\text{nil}(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise Armendariz by [5, Proposition 2.3]. Given any $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i, g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x; \alpha]]$ with $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$, then $\overline{f(x)} \cdot \overline{g(x)} = 0$ in $R/\text{nil}(R)[[x; \bar{\alpha}]]$. Thus $\bar{a}_i \bar{b}_j = 0$ for any i and j since $R/\text{nil}(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise Armendariz. This implies $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$. Therefore, R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Theorem 2.5 If R is an α -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, then R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Proof Since R is α -power-serieswise Armendariz, thus it is semicommutative by Lemma 2.3. From [7, Lemma 3.1], we have that $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R . By Lemma 2.3 and Lemma

2.4, the result follows.

Lemma 2.6 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring and $n \geq 2$. If $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in R[[x; \alpha]]$ with $f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$, then $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$, where a_i is any coefficient of f_i for each i .

Proof Suppose $f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ and let a_i be any coefficient of f_i . Then $f_1(f_2 \cdots f_n) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ implies $a_1 b \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any coefficient b of $f_2 \cdots f_n$. Hence, $a_1 f_2 \cdots f_n \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ and so $(a_1 f_2)(f_3 \cdots f_n) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Since $a_1 a_2$ is a coefficient of $a_1 f_2$, we have $a_1 a_2 c \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any coefficient c of $f_3 \cdots f_n$. Thus, $a_1 a_2 f_3 \cdots f_n \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Continuing this process, we have $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Lemma 2.7 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring.

(1) If $a \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $ar, ra \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any $r \in R$.

(2) If $a, b, c \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $a + bc \in \text{nil}(R)$.

(3) If $a, b \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $a - b \in \text{nil}(R)$.

Proof (1) Suppose $a \in \text{nil}(R)$. Then there exists positive integer n such that $a^n = 0$. For any $r \in R$, we have

$$a(1 - rx)[1 + rx + (rx)^2 + \cdots + (rx)^n + \cdots] = a \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]].$$

Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, thus $ar \in \text{nil}(R)$ by Lemma 2.6. Then $ra \in \text{nil}(R)$.

(2) Suppose $a, b, c \in \text{nil}(R)$. By (1), we have bc and $b(a + bc)$ are also nilpotent. Hence $\alpha(b\alpha(a + bc)) \in \text{nil}(R)$ by Proposition 2.2. Note

$$[1 - \alpha(b)x][c + \alpha(a + bc)x] = c + \alpha(a)x - \alpha(b\alpha(a + bc))x^2 \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]].$$

Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, we have $1 \cdot \alpha(a + bc) \in \text{nil}(R)$. Therefore $a + bc \in \text{nil}(R)$ by Proposition 2.2.

(3) Suppose $a, b \in \text{nil}(R)$. Then $a^2 - ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ by (2). Now by applying (2) several times we can see that $a^2 - ab - ba \in \text{nil}(R)$, hence $a^2 - ab - ba + b^2 \in \text{nil}(R)$. Therefore $(a - b)^2 \in \text{nil}(R)$, which means that $a - b$ is nilpotent.

From Lemma 2.7, we get the following result.

Proposition 2.8 If R is an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring, then $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R .

By Proposition 2.2, Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 2.8, we can easily obtain the following result.

Theorem 2.9 Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R . Then R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if and only if $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R , and α satisfies the condition $a\alpha(b) \in \text{nil}(R) \iff ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any $a, b \in R$.

Proposition 2.10 Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R and I be an ideal of R with $\alpha(I) \subseteq I$. If $I \subseteq \text{nil}(R)$ and R/I is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, then R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Proof Let $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$, $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x; \alpha]]$ be such that $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Then $(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \bar{a}_i x^i)(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{b}_j x^j) \in \text{nil}(R/I)[[x; \bar{\alpha}]]$. Since R/I is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, $(\bar{a}_i \bar{b}_j)^{n_{ij}} = 0$ for some positive integer n_{ij} . Thus $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$. This means that R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Let R_i be a ring and α_i an endomorphism of R_i for each $i \in I$. For the product $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ of R_i and the endomorphism $\bar{\alpha} : \prod_{i \in I} R_i \mapsto \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ defined by $\bar{\alpha}((a_i)) = (\alpha_i(a_i))$. It can be easily checked that $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if and only if each R_i is α_i -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if the set I is finite.

Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R and $M_n(R)$ be the $n \times n$ full matrix ring over R . Clearly, α can be extended to the endomorphism $\bar{\alpha} : M_n(R) \rightarrow M_n(R)$ defined by $\bar{\alpha}((a_{ij})) = (\alpha(a_{ij}))$. Let $T_n(R)$ denotes the $n \times n$ upper triangular matrix ring over R . We also have an extended map $\bar{\alpha}$.

Let R be a ring and denote

$$S_n = \left\{ \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a \end{pmatrix} \right) \mid a, a_{ij} \in R \right\},$$

$$R_n = \left\{ \left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mid a_i \in R (1 \leq i \leq n) \right\}.$$

Then S_n and R_n are rings with addition point-wise and usual matrix multiplication.

Theorem 2.11 Let α be an endomorphism of a ring R . Then the following conditions are equivalent

- (1) R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.
- (2) $T_n(R)$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.
- (3) S_n is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

(4) R_n is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Proof (1) \implies (2) Let $I = \{A \in T_n(R) \mid \text{each diagonal entry of } A \text{ is zero}\}$. Then I is an ideal of $T_n(R)$ with $I \subseteq \text{nil}(T_n(R))$. Clearly, $T_n(R)/I \cong R^n$. So $T_n(R)/I$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz. Thus $T_n(R)$ is also $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz by Proposition 2.10.

Note that any invariant subring of α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz. Thus (2) \implies (3) \implies (4) \implies (1) is obvious.

§3. Polynomial Ring

Let R be a ring. According to [8], R is nil-semicommutative if whenever $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$, then $arb \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any $r \in R$.

Proposition 3.1 α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings are nil-semicommutative.

Proof Given any $a, b \in R$ with $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$. Then we have $a(1-rx)[1+rx+(rx)^2+\cdots+(rx)^n+\cdots]b = ab \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ for any $r \in R$. Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, thus $arb \in \text{nil}(R)$ by Lemma 2.6. This means that R is nil-semicommutative.

Lemma 3.2 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring, then $\text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]]) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$.

Proof Suppose $f(x) \in \text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]])$, then $f(x)^n = 0$ for some positive integer n . According to Lemma 2.6, we have $a_1a_2 \cdots a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$, where a_i is any coefficient of $f(x)$ for any i . In particular, for any coefficient a of $f(x)$, we have $a^n \in \text{nil}(R)$. Thus $a \in \text{nil}(R)$. This means that $f(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$.

Proposition 3.3 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring such that $\text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]] \subseteq \text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]])$, then $R[[x; \alpha]]$ is nil-semicommutative.

Proof Suppose that $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i, g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x; \alpha]]$ are such that $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]])$. Then $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$ by Lemma 3.2. Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, thus $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any i and j . Given any $h(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \in R[[x; \alpha]]$, we have $a_i c_k b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$ since R is nil-semicommutative by Proposition 3.1. Note that $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R , thus $f(x)h(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]]$. Since $\text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]] \subseteq \text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]])$, thus $f(x)h(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R[[x; \alpha]])$. This means that $R[[x; \alpha]]$ is nil-semicommutative.

Recall that if α is an endomorphism of a ring R , then the map α can be extended to an endomorphism of the polynomial ring $R[x]$ defined by $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha(a_i) x^i$. We denote the extended map $R[x] \mapsto R[x]$ by $\bar{\alpha}$.

Theorem 3.4 Let R be an α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz ring with $\text{nil}(R)[x] = \text{nil}(R[x])$. If $\alpha^t = I_R$ for some positive integer t , then $R[x]$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Proof Suppose that $p(y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i y^i, q(y) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} g_j y^j \in R[x][[y; \bar{\alpha}]]$ are such that $p(y)q(y) \in$

$\text{nil}(R[x])[y; \bar{\alpha}]$. Let $f_i = a_{i0} + a_{i1}x + \cdots + a_{ik_i}x^{k_i}$, $g_j = b_{j0} + b_{j1}x + \cdots + b_{jl_j}x^{l_j}$ for any i and j , where $a_{i0}, a_{i1}, \dots, a_{ik_i}, b_{j0}, b_{j1}, \dots, b_{jl_j} \in R$. We claim that $f_i g_j \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ for all i and j . Let $k_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \deg f_i + \sum_{j=0}^n \deg g_j + 1$, where the degree is as polynomials in $R[x]$ and the degree of zero polynomial is taken to be 0. Since $p(y)q(y) \in \text{nil}(R[x])[y; \bar{\alpha}]$ and $\text{nil}(R)[x] = \text{nil}(R[x])$, we have

$$f_0 g_0 \in \text{nil}(R)[x];$$

$$f_0 g_1 + f_1 \bar{\alpha}(g_0) \in \text{nil}(R)[x];$$

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$$f_0 g_n + f_1 \bar{\alpha}(g_{n-1}) + \cdots + f_{n-1} \bar{\alpha}^{n-1}(g_1) + f_n \bar{\alpha}^n(g_0) \in \text{nil}(R)[x];$$

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Let $f(x) = f_0(x^t) + f_1(x^t)x^{tk_1+1} + \cdots + f_m(x^t)x^{mtk_m+m} + \cdots$ and $g(x) = g_0(x^t) + g_1(x^t)x^{tk_1+1} + \cdots + g_n(x^t)x^{ntk_n+n} + \cdots$. Then the set of coefficients of the $f_i(x)$ (respectively, $g_j(x)$) equals the set of coefficients of $f(x)$ (respectively, $g(x)$). Since $\alpha^t = I_R$, we have

$$f(x)g(x) = f_0(x^t)g_0(x^t) + [f_0(x^t)g_1(x^t) + f_1(x^t)\bar{\alpha}(g_0(x^t))]x^{tk_1+1} + \cdots \in \text{nil}(R)[[x; \alpha]].$$

Since R is α -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz, thus $a_{il}b_{jr} \in \text{nil}(R)$ for any i and j . Note that $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R , thus $f_i g_j \in \text{nil}(R)[x]$. Since $\text{nil}(R)[x] = \text{nil}(R[x])$, thus $f_i g_j \in \text{nil}(R[x])$. This implies that $R[x]$ is $\bar{\alpha}$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

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