

# On Skew Power-serieswise nil-Armendariz Rings

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**Abstract:** For a ring endomorphism  $\alpha$ , in this paper we introduce the notion of  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings, which are a generalization of  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz rings. A number of properties of this generalization are established, and the extensions of  $\alpha$ -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  $a_i b_j \in \text{nil}(R)$  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  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ ,  $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x]]$  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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings for an endomorphism  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz rings are  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz. Examples are given to show that the converse is not true. Thus  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings are a common generalization of  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz rings. It is shown that  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if and only if  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of a ring  $R$ .  $R$  is called an  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz ring is semicommutative.
- (2) If  $R$  is an  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, then  $\alpha$  is injective and  $a\alpha(b) = 0 \iff ab = 0$  for any  $a, b \in R$ .
- (3) Let  $R$  be an  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$  is injective. This implies  $ba \in \text{nil}(R)$  and then  $ab \in \text{nil}(R)$ .

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

**Proof** Clearly,  $R/\text{nil}(R)$  is reduced. If  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

**Theorem 2.5** If  $R$  is an  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise Armendariz ring, then  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

**Proof** Since  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of a ring  $R$ . Then  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if and only if  $\text{nil}(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz.

Let  $R_i$  be a ring and  $\alpha_i$  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  $\alpha_i$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz if the set  $I$  is finite.

Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of a ring  $R$  and  $M_n(R)$  be the  $n \times n$  full matrix ring over  $R$ . Clearly,  $\alpha$  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

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

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

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

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of a ring  $R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent

- (1)  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -power-serieswise nil-Armendariz rings is  $\alpha$ -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**  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$ , 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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$  is an endomorphism of a ring  $R$ , then the map  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$ -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  $f_i = a_{i0} + a_{i1}x + \dots + a_{ik_i}x^{k_i}, g_j = b_{j0} + b_{j1}x + \dots + b_{jl_j}x^{l_j}$  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  $k_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \text{deg} f_i + \sum_{j=0}^n \text{deg} g_j + 1$ , 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

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

Let  $f(x) = f_0(x^t) + f_1(x^t)x^{tk_1+1} + \dots + f_m(x^t)x^{mtk_m+m} + \dots$  and  $g(x) = g_0(x^t) + g_1(x^t)x^{tk_1+1} + \dots + g_n(x^t)x^{ntk_n+n} + \dots$ . 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

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

Since  $R$  is  $\alpha$ -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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