

On Scalar Quasi - Weak Commutative Algebras

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Abstract: The concepts of scalar commutativity defined in an Algebra A over a commutative ring R and Quasi - weak commutativity defined in a near- ring are mixed together to coin the concept of scalar quasi weak commutativity in an algebra A over a commutative ring R and its various properties are studied.

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I. Introduction:

Koh,Luh,Putchu [5] called an algebra A over a commutative ring R to be scalar commutative if for every $x,y \in A$ there exists an $\alpha \in R$ depending on x and y such that $xy = \alpha yx$.Coughlin and Rich[1] and Coughlin,Kleinfield [2] have studied scalar commutativity in algebras over a field F.G.Gopalakrishnamoorthy,S.Geetha and M.kamaraj[3] have defined a near - ring N to be Quasi – weak commutative if $xyz = yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in N$.They have obtained many interesting results of Quasi – weak commutativity in Near – rings. In this paper we call an algebra A over a commutative ring R to be scalar Quasi – weak Commutative, if for every $x,y,z \in A$, there exists a scalar $\alpha \in R$ depending on x,y,z such that $xyz = \alpha yxz$. We prove many interesting results.

II. Preliminaries:

In this section we give the basic definitions and various well known results which we use in the sequel.

2.1 Definition[5]:

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R .If for every $x,y \in A$,there exists an element $\alpha \in R$ depending on x,y such that $xy = \alpha yx$, then A is said to be scalar commutative.If for every $x,y \in A$, there exists an element $\alpha \in R$ depending on x,y such that $xy = -\alpha yx$, then A is said to anti-scalar commutative.

2.2 Definition[3]:

Let N be a near – ring inwhich $xyz = yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in N$.Then N is called Quasi - weak commutative near-ring.If $xyz = - yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in N$,then N is said to be Quasi - weak anti-commutative.

2.3 Lemma 3.5[4]:

Let N be a distributive near-ring.If $xyz = \pm yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in N$,then N is either quasi weak commutative or quasi weak anti- commutative.

III. Main Results:

3.1 Definition:

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R .If for every $x,y,z \in A$,there exists $\alpha \in R$ depending on x,y,z such that $xyz = \alpha yxz$,then A is said to be scalar quasi weak commutative.

If $xyz = -\alpha yxz$,then A is said to be scalar quasi weak anti- commutative.

3.2 Theorem:

Let A be an algebra (not necessarily associative) over a field F .If A is scalar quasi weak commutative,then A is either quasi weak commutative or quasi weak anti commutative.

Proof:

Suppose $xyz = yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in A$,there is nothing to prove.Suppose not,we shall prove that $xyz = - yxz$ for all $x,y,z \in A$.We shall first prove that if $x,y,z \in A$ such that $xyz \neq yxz$,then $x^2z = y^2z = 0$.

Let $x, y, z \in A$ such that $xyz \neq yxz$. Since A is scalar quasi weak commutative, there exists $\alpha = \alpha(x, y, z) \in F$ such that

$$xyz = \alpha yxz \rightarrow (1)$$

Also there exists $\gamma = \gamma(x, x+y, z) \in F$ such that

$$x(x+y)z = \gamma(x+y)xz \rightarrow (2)$$

(1) - (2) gives

$$xyz - x^2z - xyz = \alpha yxz - \gamma x^2z - \gamma yxz.$$

$$\text{i.e., } \gamma x^2z - x^2z = (\alpha - \gamma) yxz.$$

$$(\gamma - 1) x^2z = (\alpha - \gamma) yxz$$

$$\text{i.e., } (1 - \gamma) x^2z = (\gamma - \alpha) yxz \rightarrow (3)$$

Now

$yxz \neq 0$ for if $yxz = 0$, then from (1) we get $xyz = 0$ and so $xyz = yxz$, contradicting our assumption that $xyz \neq yxz$.

Also $\gamma \neq 1$, for if $\gamma = 1$, then from (3) we get $\alpha = \gamma = 1$.

Then from (1) we get $xyz = yxz$, again contradicting our assumption that $xyz \neq yxz$.

Now from (3) we get

$$x^2z = \frac{\gamma - \alpha}{1 - \gamma} yxz$$

$$\text{i.e., } x^2z = \beta yxz \text{ for some } \beta \in F \rightarrow (4)$$

Similarly $y^2z = \delta yxz$ for some $\delta \in F$

$$\rightarrow (5)$$

Now corresponding to each choice of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \in F$, there is an $\eta \in F$ such that

$$(\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 y) (\alpha_3 x + \alpha_4 y) z = \eta (\alpha_3 x + \alpha_4 y) (\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 y) z$$

$$(\alpha_1 \alpha_3 x^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_4 xy + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 yx + \alpha_2 \alpha_4 y^2) z = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_1 x^2 + \alpha_3 \alpha_2 xy + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 yx + \alpha_4 \alpha_2 y^2) z.$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_3 x^2 z + \alpha_1 \alpha_4 xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 yxz + \alpha_2 \alpha_4 y^2 z = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_1 x^2 z + \alpha_3 \alpha_2 xy z + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 yx z + \alpha_4 \alpha_2 y^2 z) \rightarrow (6)$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_3 \beta yxz + \alpha_1 \alpha_4 xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 yxz + \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \delta yxz = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_1 \beta yxz + \alpha_3 \alpha_2 xy z + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 yx z + \alpha_4 \alpha_2 \delta yxz) \text{ (using (4) and (5))}$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_3 \beta \alpha^{-1} xyz + \alpha_1 \alpha_4 xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha^{-1} xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \delta \alpha^{-1} xyz$$

$$= \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_1 \beta yxz + \alpha_3 \alpha_2 xy z + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 yx z + \alpha_4 \alpha_2 \delta yxz)$$

$$\text{i.e., } (\alpha_1 \alpha_3 \beta \alpha^{-1} + \alpha_1 \alpha_4 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha^{-1} + \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \delta \alpha^{-1}) xyz$$

$$= \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_1 \beta + \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 + \alpha_4 \alpha_2 \delta) yxz \rightarrow (7)$$

If in (7) we choose $\alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_4 = -\beta$, the right hand side of (7) is zero where as the left hand side of (7) is

$$(\beta \alpha^{-1} - \beta) xyz = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } \beta(\alpha^{-1} - 1) xyz = 0.$$

Since $xyz \neq 0$ and $\alpha \neq 1$, we get $\beta = 0$.

Hence from (4) we get $x^2z = 0$.

Also if in (7), we choose $\alpha_3 = 0, \alpha_4 = \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_1 = -\delta$, the right hand side of (7) is zero where as the left hand side of (7) is

$$(-\delta + \delta \alpha^{-1}) xyz = 0.$$

$$\text{i.e., } \delta(\alpha^{-1} - 1) xyz = 0.$$

Since $xyz \neq 0$ and $\alpha \neq 1$, we get $\delta = 0$.

Hence from (5) we get $y^2z = 0$.

Then (6) becomes

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_4 xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 yxz = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_2 xyz + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 yxz)$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_4 xyz + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha^{-1} xyz = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_2 xyz + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \alpha^{-1} xyz)$$

$$\text{i.e., } (\alpha_1 \alpha_4 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha^{-1}) xyz = \eta (\alpha_3 \alpha_2 + \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \alpha^{-1}) xyz.$$

This is true for any choice of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \in F$. Choose $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = 1, \alpha_2 = \alpha^{-1}$, we get

$$(1 - (\alpha^{-1})^2) xyz = 0.$$

Since $xyz \neq 0, 1 - (\alpha^{-1})^2 = 0$. Hence $(\alpha^{-1})^2 = 1$.

$$\text{i.e., } \alpha = \pm 1. \text{ Since } \alpha \neq 1, \text{ we get } \alpha = -1.$$

$$\text{i.e., } xyz = -yxz \text{ for } x, y, z \in A.$$

Thus A is either quasi weak commutative or quasi weak anti commutative.

3.3 Lemma:

Let A be an algebra (not necessarily associative) over a commutative ring R .

Suppose A is scalar quasi- weak commutative. Then for all $x, y, z \in A, \alpha \in R, \alpha xy = 0$ iff

$\alpha yxz = 0$. Also $xyz = 0$ iff $yxz = 0$.

Proof:

Let $x, y, z \in A, \alpha \in R$ such that $\alpha xy = 0$.

Since A is scalar quasi weak commutative, there exists $\beta = \beta(\alpha y, x, z) \in R$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha y)xz &= \beta x(\alpha y)z = \beta \alpha xyz = 0 \\ \text{(ie)} \quad \alpha yxz &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

If $\alpha yxz = 0$, then there exists $\gamma \in R$ such that $\gamma = \gamma(x, \alpha y, z) \in R$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} x(\alpha y)z &= \gamma(\alpha y)xz = \gamma \alpha yxz = 0 \\ \text{(ie)} \quad \alpha xyz &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\alpha xyz = 0$ iff $\alpha yxz = 0$.

Assume $xyz = 0$.

Since A is scalar quasi weak commutative there exists $\delta = \delta(y, x, z) \in R$ such that

$$yxz = \delta xyz = 0$$

Similarly if $yxz = 0$, then there exists $\eta = \eta(x, y, z) \in R$ such that

$$xyz = \eta yxz = 0$$

Thus $xyz = 0$ iff $yxz = 0$.

3.4 Lemma:

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R. Suppose A is scalar quasi weak commutative. Let $x, y, z, u \in A$, $\alpha, \beta \in R$ such that

$$xu = ux, \quad yxz = \alpha xyz \quad \text{and} \quad (y+u)xz = \beta x(y+u)z. \quad \text{Then } (xu - \alpha xu - \beta xu + \alpha \beta xu)z = 0.$$

Proof:

Given

$$\begin{aligned} (y+u)xz &= \beta x(y+u)z && \rightarrow (1) \\ yxz &= \alpha xyz && \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\text{and} \quad xu = ux \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

From (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} yxz + uxz &= \beta xyz + \beta xuz \\ \alpha xyz + uxz &= \beta xyz + \beta xuz \quad \text{(using (2))} \\ \text{i.e., } \alpha xyz + xuz &= \beta xyz + \beta xuz \quad \text{(using (3))} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } x(\alpha y + u - \beta y - \beta u)z = 0.$$

By Lemma 3.3 we get

$$(\alpha y + u - \beta y - \beta u)xz = 0.$$

$$\alpha yxz + uxz - \beta yxz - \beta uxz = 0.$$

$$\alpha yxz + uxz - \alpha \beta xyz - \beta uxz = 0. \quad \text{(using (4))} \rightarrow (4)$$

From (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} yxz + uxz &= \beta xyz + \beta xuz \\ yxz + uxz &= \beta xyz + \beta uxz \quad \text{(using (3))} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } yxz - \beta xyz = \beta uxz - uxz.$$

Multiply by α ,

$$\alpha yxz - \alpha \beta xyz = \alpha \beta uxz - \alpha uxz \quad \rightarrow (5)$$

From (4) and (5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \beta uxz - \alpha uxz + uxz - \beta uxz &= 0 \\ \text{i.e., } (\alpha \beta ux - \alpha ux + ux - \beta ux)z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } (ux - \alpha ux - \beta ux + \alpha \beta ux)z = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } (xu - \alpha xu - \beta xu + \alpha \beta xu)z = 0 \quad (\because xu = ux)$$

Hence the Lemma.

3.5 Corollary:

Taking $u = x$, we get

$$(x^2 - \alpha x^2 - \beta x^2 + \alpha \beta x^2)z = 0.$$

$$(x - \alpha x)(x - \beta x)z = 0.$$

3.6 Theorem:

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R. Suppose A has no zero divisors. If

A is scalar quasi weak commutative, then A is quasi weak commutative.

Proof:

Let $x, y, z \in A$.

Since A is scalar quasi weak commutative, there exists scalars $\alpha = \alpha(y, x, z) \in R$ and

$\beta = \beta(y+x, x, z) \in R$ such that

(y+x) xz = βx (y+x) → (1)

and

$$yxz = \alpha xyz \rightarrow$$

(2)

From (1) we get

$$yxz + x^2 z = \beta xyz + \beta x^2 z.$$

$$\alpha xyz + x^2 z - \beta xyz - \beta x^2 z = 0. \quad (\text{using (2) })$$

$$x(\alpha y + x - \beta y - \beta x)z = 0.$$

By Lemma 3.3,

$$(\alpha y + x - \beta y - \beta x) xz = 0.$$

$$\alpha yxz + x^2 z - \beta yxz - \beta x^2 z = 0$$

$$\alpha yxz + x^2 z - \alpha \beta xyz - \beta x^2 z = 0 \quad (\text{using (2)}) \rightarrow (3)$$

From (1) we get

$$yxz + x^2 z = \beta xyz + \beta x^2 z.$$

$$yxz - \beta xyz = \beta x^2 z - x^2 z.$$

$$\alpha yxz - \alpha \beta xyz = \alpha \beta x^2 z - \alpha x^2 z \rightarrow$$

(4)

From (3) and (4) we get

$$\alpha \beta x^2 z - \alpha x^2 z + x^2 z - \beta x^2 z = 0.$$

$$(x^2 - \alpha x^2 - \beta x^2 + \alpha \beta x^2) z = 0.$$

$$(x - \alpha x)(x - \beta x) z = 0.$$

Since A has no zero divisors.

$$x = \alpha x \text{ or } x = \beta x.$$

If $x = \alpha x$, then from (2) we get

$$yxz = xyz.$$

If $x = \beta x$, then from (1) we get

$$(y+x) xz = x (y+x) z$$

$$yxz + x^2 z = xyz + x^2 z$$

$$yxz = xyz$$

Thus A is quasi weak commutative.

3.7 Definition:

Let R be any ring and x,y,z ∈ R. We define xyz – yxz as the quasi weak commutator of x,y,z.

(ie) $xyz - yxz = (xy - yx)z = [x, y]z$ is called the quasi weak commutator of x, y, z.

3.8 Theorem:

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R. Let A be a scalar quasi-weak commutative. If A has an identity, then the square of every quasi-weak commutator is zero.

(ie)., $(xyz - yxz)^2 = 0$ for all x,y,z ∈ A.

Proof:

Let x,y,z ∈ A. Since A is scalar quasi-weak commutative, there exists scalars $\alpha = \alpha(y,x,z) \in R$ and $\beta = \beta(x,y+1,z) \in R$ such that

$$yxz = \alpha xyz \rightarrow (1)$$

and

$$x(y+1) = \beta(y+1)xz \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2) we get

$$xyz + xz - \beta yxz - \beta xz = 0$$

$$\alpha xyz + xz - \alpha \beta yxz - \beta xz = 0$$

$$x(y+1 - \alpha \beta y - \beta)z = 0$$

By Lemma 3.3,

$$(y+1 - \alpha \beta y - \beta)xz = 0$$

$$yxz + xz - \alpha \beta yxz - \beta xz = 0$$

$$\alpha xyz + xz - \alpha \beta yxz - \beta xz = 0 \quad (\text{using(1)}) \rightarrow (3)$$

Also from (2) we get

$$yxz + xz = \beta yxz + \beta xz$$

Multiplying by α

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha xyz + \alpha xz &= \alpha \beta yxz + \alpha \beta xz \\ \alpha xyz - \alpha \beta yxz &= \alpha \beta xz - \alpha xz \end{aligned} \rightarrow (4)$$

From (3) and (4) we get

$$xz - \beta xz + \alpha \beta xz - \alpha xz = 0$$

(ie) $x(z - \alpha z) = x(\beta z - \alpha \beta z)$

Multiplying by $(y+1)$ on the left we get

$$\begin{aligned} (y+1)x(z - \alpha z) &= (y+1)x(\beta z - \alpha \beta z) \\ (y+1)(xz - \alpha xz) &= \beta(y+1)xz - \alpha \beta(y+1)xz \\ \text{(ie) } (y+1)(x - \alpha x)z &= \beta x(y+1)z - \alpha x(y+1)z \end{aligned} \quad \text{(using (2))}$$

$$[yx - \alpha yx + x - \alpha x]z = [xy + x - \alpha xy - \alpha x]z$$

(ie) $[yx - xy + x - x]z = [\alpha yx + \alpha x - \alpha xy - \alpha x]z$

(ie) $yxz - xyz = \alpha yxz - \alpha xyz$

$$\alpha xyz - xyz = \alpha \cdot \alpha xyz - \alpha xyz$$

(ie) $xyz - 2\alpha xyz + \alpha^2 xyz = 0$

(ie) $x(y - 2\alpha y + \alpha^2 y)z = 0 \rightarrow (5)$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (xyz - yxz)^2 &= (xyz - \alpha xyz)^2 \\ &= (xyz - \alpha xyz)(xyz - \alpha xyz) \\ &= xyzxyz - \alpha xyzxyz - \alpha xyz + \alpha^2 xyzxyz \\ &= x(y - 2\alpha y + \alpha^2 y)zxyz \\ &= 0 \quad \text{(using(5))} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(xyz - yxz)^2 = 0$.

(ie) Square of every quasi-weak commutator is zero.

3.9 Definition:

Let R be a P.I.D (Principal ideal domain) and A be an algebra over R. Let $a \in R$.

Then the order of a, denoted as $O(a)$ is defined to be the generator of the ideal $I = \{ \alpha \in R / \alpha a = 0 \}$.

$O(a)$ is unique upto associates and $O(a)=1$ if and only if $a=0$.

3.10 Lemma:

Let A be an algebra with identity over P.I.D. If A is scalar quasi-weak commutative, $y \in R$ with $O(y) = 0$, then y is in the center of A.

Proof:

Let $y \in R$ with $O(y) = 0$.

For every $x \in A$, there exists scalars $\alpha = \alpha(x,y,1) \in R$ and $\beta = \beta(y,x+1,1) \in R$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} x y \cdot 1 &= \alpha y x \cdot 1 \\ xy &= \alpha yx \end{aligned} \rightarrow (1)$$

and $y(x+1) = \beta(x+1)y \cdot 1$

(ie) $y(x+1) = \beta(x+1)y \rightarrow (2)$

From (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} yx + x &= \beta xy + \beta y \quad \text{(using(1))} \\ yx + x - \beta xy - \beta y &= 0 \\ y(x + 1 - \alpha \beta x - \beta \cdot 1) \cdot 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 3.3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 1 - \alpha \beta x - \beta \cdot 1) y \cdot 1 &= 0 \\ xy + y - \alpha \beta xy - \beta y &= 0 \end{aligned} \rightarrow (3)$$

Also from (2) we get

$$yx + y - \beta xy - \beta y = 0$$

Multiply by α

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha yx + \alpha y - \alpha \beta xy - \alpha \beta y &= 0 \\ xy + \alpha y - \alpha \beta xy - \alpha \beta y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(using(1))} \rightarrow (4)$$

From (3) and (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} y - \beta y - \alpha y + \alpha \beta y &= 0 \\ (y - \beta y) - \alpha(y - \beta y) &= 0 \\ (1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $O(y) = 0$ we get $\alpha = 1$ or $\beta = 1$

If $\alpha = 1$, from (1) we get $xy = yx$

If $\beta = 1$ from (2) we get $y(x+1) = (x+1)y$

$$\begin{aligned} yx+y &= xy + y \\ yx &= xy \end{aligned}$$

(ie) y commutes with x .

As $x \in A$ is arbitrary, y is in the center of A .

3.11 Lemma:

Let A be an algebra with unity over a principal ideal domain R . If A is scalar quasi-weak commutative, $x \in A$ such that $O(xz) = 0$, then $xyz = yxz$ for all $y, z \in A$.

Proof:

Let $x \in A$ with $O(xz) = 0$

For $y, z \in A$, there exists scalars $\alpha = \alpha(y, x, z) \in R$ and $\beta = \beta(x, y+1, z) \in R$ such that

$$yxz = \alpha yz \tag{1}$$

$$(y+1)xz = \beta x(y+1)z \tag{2}$$

From (2) we get

$$yxz + xz = \beta xz + \beta xz \tag{3}$$

$$\alpha yz + xz - \beta xyz - \beta xz = 0 \tag{using(1)}$$

$$x(\alpha y + x - \beta y - \beta.1)z = 0$$

By Lemma 3.3, we get

$$(\alpha y + x - \beta y - \beta.1)xz = 0$$

$$(ie) \alpha yxz + x^2z - \beta yxz - \beta xz = 0 \tag{4}$$

Multiplying (3) by α , we get

$$\alpha yxz + \alpha xz - \alpha \beta xz - \alpha \beta xz = 0 \tag{5}$$

(4) - (5) gives

$$x^2z - \beta xz - \alpha xz + \alpha \beta xz = 0$$

$$(1 - \alpha - \beta + \alpha \beta)xz = 0$$

$$(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)xz = 0 \tag{6}$$

Since $O(xz) = 0$, we get $1 - \alpha = 0$ or $1 - \beta = 0$.

That is $\alpha = 1$ or $\beta = 1$.

If $\alpha = 1$, then from (1) we get $yxz = xyz$.

If $\beta = 1$, then from (3) we get

$$yxz + xz = xyz + xz$$

$$(ie) yxz = xyz.$$

3.12 Lemma:

Let A be an algebra with identity over a P.I.D R . Suppose that A is scalar quasi-weak commutative. Assume further that there exists a prime $p \in R$ and a positive integer $m \in Z^+$ such that $p^m A = 0$. Then A is quasi-weak commutative.

Proof:

Let $x, y \in A$ such that $O(yx) = p^k$ for some $k \in Z^+$. We prove by induction on k that $xyu = yxu$ for all $u \in A$.

If $k = 0$, then $O(yx) = p^0 = 1$ and so $yx = 0$.

So $xyu = 0$. By Lemma 3.3 $xyu = 0$.

Hence $xyu = yxu$ for all $u \in A$. So, assume that $k > 0$ and that the statement is true for all $l < k$.

We first prove that for any $u \in A$,

$$xyu - yxu \neq 0 \text{ implies}$$

$$y(xu)w - (xu)yw = 0 \text{ for all } w \in A.$$

So, let $xyu - yxu \neq 0$. Since A is scalar quasi-weak commutative, there exists scalars

$$\alpha = \alpha(x, y, u) \text{ and}$$

$$\beta = \beta(x, y+1, u) \text{ such that}$$

$$xyu = \alpha yxu \tag{1}$$

and

$$x(y+1)u = \beta (y+1)xu \tag{2}$$

From (2) we get

$$xyu + xu = \beta yxu + \beta xu$$

$$\alpha yxu + xu = \beta yxu + \beta xu \tag{using (1)}$$

$$(\alpha - \beta) yxu = (\beta - 1) xu \tag{3}$$

$$\text{If } (\alpha - \beta) yxu = 0, \text{ then } (\beta - 1) xu = 0 \text{ and so } \beta xu = xu \tag{4}$$

So from (2) we get

$$x(y+1)u = (y+1)\beta xu$$

$$= (y+1)xu$$

$$xyu + xu = yx + xu$$

i.e., $xyu - yxu = 0$, contradicting our assumption that $xyu \neq yxu$.

So $(\alpha - \beta)yxu \neq 0$. In particular $\alpha - \beta \neq 0$.
 Let $(\alpha - \beta) = p^t \delta$ →(5)

for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $\delta \in R$ with $(\delta, p) = 1$. If $t \geq k$, then since $O(yx) = p^k$, we would get $(\alpha - \beta)yxu = 0$, a contradiction. Hence $t < k$.
 Since $p^k yxu = 0$, by Lemma 3.3, $p^k xyu = 0$.

From (3) we get

$$p^{k-t} (\beta - 1)xu = p^{k-t} (\alpha - \beta) yxu$$

$$= p^{k-t} p^t \delta yxu$$

$$= p^k \delta yxu = 0.$$

Let $O(xu) = p^i$. If $i < k$, then by induction hypothesis $xyu = yxu$ contradicting our assumption. So $i \geq k$.

Hence $p^k \mid p^i \mid p^{k-t} (\beta - 1)$.
 Thus $p^t \mid \beta - 1$ and let $\beta - 1 = p^t \gamma$ → (6) for some $\gamma \in R$.
 From (3) we get

$$(\alpha - \beta) yxu = (\beta - 1) xu$$

$$p^t \delta yxu = p^t \gamma xu \quad \text{(using (4) and (6))}$$

$$\therefore p^t (\delta y - \gamma \cdot 1) (xu) = 0.$$

Hence by induction hypothesis $(\delta y - \gamma \cdot 1) (xu) w = xu (\delta y - \gamma \cdot 1) w$ for all $w \in A$.

$$\delta yxuw - \gamma xuw = \delta xuyw - \gamma xuw$$

$$\therefore \delta \{y(xu)w - (xu)yw\} = 0 \quad \rightarrow (7)$$

Since $(\delta, p) = 1$, there exists $\mu, \delta \in R$ such that $\mu p^m + \gamma \delta = 1$.
 $\therefore \mu p^m \{y(xu)w - (xu)yw\} + \gamma \delta \{y(xu)w - (xu)yw\} = \{y(xu)w - (xu)yw\}$

$$0 + 0 = \{y(xu)w - (xu)yw\} \quad (\because p^m A = 0)$$
 i.e., $y(xu)w - (xu)yw = 0$

$$\text{i.e., } xyu - y(xu) \neq 0 \text{ implies } y(xu)w - (xu)yw = 0 \text{ for all } w \in A. \quad \rightarrow (8)$$

Now we proceed to show that $xyu = yxu$ for all $u \in A$. Suppose not there exists $u \in A$ such that $xyu - y(xu) \neq 0$ → (9)

Then also we have $xy(u+1) - yx(u+1) \neq 0$ → (10)

From (8) and (9) we get $y(xu)w - (xu)yw = 0$ for all $w \in A$. → (11)

From (8) and (10) we get $y(x(u+1))w - (x(u+1))yw = 0$ for all $w \in A$. → (12)

From (12) we get $y(xu+x)w - (xu+x)yw = 0$
 $y(xu)w + yxw - (xu)yw - xyw = 0$
 i.e., $yxw - xyw = 0$ for all $w \in A$. (using (11))

a contradiction. This contradiction proves that $xyu = yxu$ for all $x, y, u \in A$.
 Thus A is quasi-weak commutative.

3.13 Theorem:

Let A be an algebra with identity over a principal ideal domain R . If A is scalar quasi-weak commutative, then A is quasi-weak commutative.

Proof:

Suppose A is not quasi-weak commutative, there exists $x \in A$ such that $xyz \neq yxz$ for all $y, z \in A$.

Also $(x+1)yz \neq y(x+1)z$.
 By Lemma 3.10 $O(x) \neq 0$ and $O(x+1) \neq 0$.

Hence $O(1) \neq 0$. Let $O(1) = d \neq 0$. Then d is not a unit and hence $d = p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} \dots p_k^{i_k}$ for some primes $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k \in A$ and some positive integers i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k .

Let $A_j = \{a \in A \mid p_j^{i_j} a = 0\}$. Then each A_j is a non-zero sub-algebra of A and $A = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A_k$. Being sub-algebras of A , each A_j is scalar quasi-weak commutative. Being homomorphic image of A , all the A_j 's have identity element 1. By Lemma 3.12 each A_j is quasi-weak commutative and hence A is quasi-weak commutative, a contradiction. This contradiction proves that A is quasi-weak commutative.

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