

# SKEW REES RINGS WHICH ARE MAXIMAL ORDERS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a Noetherian prime Goldie ring,  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  and  $X$  be an invertible ideal of  $R$ . In this paper, we define the  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and show that a skew Rees ring  $R[Xt; \sigma]$  is a maximal order if and only if  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order, which is proved by using the complete description of  $v$ -ideals of  $R[Xt; \sigma]$ . We give some examples of  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders which are not maximal orders (event not  $\sigma$ -maximal orders) and also of  $\sigma$ -maximal orders but not  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a Noetherian prime ring with quotient ring  $Q$  (in another word,  $R$  is a Noetherian order in a simple Artinian ring  $Q$ ),  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of  $R$  and  $X$  is an invertible ideal of  $R$ .

Put

$$S = R[Xt, \sigma] = R \oplus Xt \oplus X^2t^2 \oplus \dots \oplus X^nt^n \oplus \dots$$

which is a subset of the skew polynomial ring  $R[t, \sigma]$  in an indeterminate  $t$ . If  $S$  is a ring, then it is called a *skew Rees ring* associated to  $X$ . In this case,  $S$  and  $R[t; \sigma]$  have the same quotient ring  $Q(S) = Q(R[t; \sigma])$  which is a simple Artinian ring.

The aim of this paper is to obtain a necessary and sufficient conditions for  $S$  to be a maximal order and to describe the structure of  $v$ -ideals of  $S$  (Theorem 9 and Proposition 11). As applications, we give a necessary and sufficient conditions for  $S$  to be a generalized Asano ring and a unique factorization ring in the sense of [1], respectively (Corollary 12). These are done by using a complete description of  $v$ -ideals in  $Q(S)$ .

Furthermore we give some examples of rings which are  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders but not maximal orders (even not  $\sigma$ -maximal orders). This means  $S$  is a maximal order but  $R[t; \sigma]$  is not a maximal order. We also give examples of rings which are  $\sigma$ -maximal orders but not  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders.

Generalized Rees rings were studied in [8] and [15] under *PI* conditions and in the book [16], they summarized them from torsion theoretical view points under *PI* conditions. Recently Akalan proved in [2] that if  $R$  is generalized Asano ring with *PI* conditions, then so is  $S$ , which motivates us to study skew Rees rings. Note we do not assume in this paper that  $R$  satisfies *PI* conditions.

In [2] Akalan defined generalized Dedekind prime ring  $R$ . It turns out that  $R$  is a generalized Dedekind ring if and only if it is a maximal order and any  $v$ -ideal is invertible. In this paper, we say that  $R$  is a *generalized Asano ring* if it is a generalized Dedekind ring in the sense of [2], because one-sided  $v$ -ideals are not necessarily projective.

We refer the readers to the books [12] or [13] for order theory.

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## 2. $(\sigma; X)$ –MAXIMAL ORDERS

First we introduce some notation. For any (fractional) right  $R$ –ideal  $I$  and left  $R$ –ideal  $J$ , let

$$(R : I)_l = \{q \in Q \mid qI \subseteq R\} \quad \text{and} \quad (R : J)_r = \{q \in Q \mid Jq \subseteq R\}$$

which is a left (right)  $R$ –ideal, respectively and

$$I_v = (R : (R : I)_l)_r \quad \text{and} \quad {}_vJ = (R : (R : J)_r)_l,$$

which is a right (left)  $R$ –ideal containing  $I(J)$ .  $I(J)$  is called a *right (left)  $v$ –ideal* if  $I_v = I$  ( ${}_vJ = J$ ). In case  $I$  is a two-sided  $R$ –ideal, it is said to be a  *$v$ –ideal* if  $I_v = I = {}_vI$ , and if  $I \subseteq R$ , we just say  $I$  is a  *$v$ –ideal* of  $R$ . An  $R$ –ideal  $A$  is said to be  *$v$ –invertible* if  ${}_v((R : A)_l A) = R = (A(R : A)_r)_v$ . We start with the following elementary lemma, which is frequently used in the paper.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $A$  be an  $R$ –ideal and  $I$  be a right  $R$ –ideal.*

- (1) *If  $A$  is  $v$ –invertible, then  $O_r(A) = R = O_l(A)$  and  $(R : A)_l = A^{-1} = (R : A)_r$ , where  $A^{-1} = \{q \in Q \mid AqA \subseteq A\}$ .*
- (2)  *$(IA_v)_v = (IA)_v$ . If  $A$  is  $v$ –invertible, then  $(I_v A_v)_v = (IA)_v$ .*

The following proposition is one of the crucial properties which shows a relation between ideals of  $R$  and of  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.** (1)  *$S = R[Xt; \sigma]$  is a ring if and only if  $\sigma(X) = X$ . In this case,  $S$  is also Noetherian.*

- (2) *Suppose  $\sigma(X) = X$ .*

(i) *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then*

$$\mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma] = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{a}Xt \oplus \mathfrak{a}X^2t^2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{a}X^n t^n \oplus \dots$$

*is an ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $X\sigma(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}X$ .*

(ii) *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an  $R$ –ideal in  $Q$  with  $X\sigma(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}X$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma]$  is an  $S$ –ideal in  $Q(S)$ .*

In the remainder of this paper, we assume that  $S = R[Xt; \sigma]$  is a ring and put  $T = Q[t; \sigma]$ , the skew polynomial ring over  $Q$ . Note that  $T$  is a principal ideal ring ([3, Corollary 6.2.2] or [12, Corollary 2.3.7]) and we use this property to study  $S$ –ideal.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $I$  be a right  $S$ –ideal and  $J$  be a left  $S$ –ideal. Then*

- (1)  *$(T : IT)_l = T(S : I)_l$  and  $(T : TJ)_r = (S : J)_r T$ .*
- (2)  *$(IT)_v = I_v T$  and  ${}_v(TJ) = T_v J$ .*
- (3) *If  $I'$  is a right ideal of  $T$ , then  $I' = (I' \cap S)T$ . If  $I'$  is an essential right ideal, then  $(I' \cap S)_v = I' \cap S$ .*

It is very important to investigate prime  $v$ –ideals  $P$  of  $S$  and there are two case whether  $P \cap R$  is  $(0)$  or not. In case  $P \cap R = (0)$ , we have the following by using Lemma 3.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $T = Q[t; \sigma]$ . There is a  $(1 - 1)$ –correspondence between*

$$\text{Spec}_0(S) = \{P : \text{prime ideal of } S \mid P \cap R = (0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Spec}(T)$$

*via  $P \mapsto PT$ ,  $P' \mapsto P' \cap S$ . In particular,  $P$  is a  $v$ –ideal.*

To express the case  $P \cap R \neq (0)$ , we need some preliminaries. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be a right  $R$ -ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma] = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{a}Xt \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{a}X^n t^n \oplus \dots$  is a right  $S$ -ideal. Similarly for any left  $R$ -ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$ ,  $S\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b} \oplus tX\mathfrak{b} \oplus \dots \oplus t^n X^n \mathfrak{b} \oplus \dots$  is a left  $S$ -ideal.

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be a right  $R$ -ideal and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be a left  $R$ -ideal. Then*

$$(S : \mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma])_l = S(R : \mathfrak{a})_l \quad \text{and} \quad (S : S\mathfrak{b})_r = (R : \mathfrak{b})_r S$$

*In particular,  $(\mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma])_v = \mathfrak{a}_v[Xt; \sigma]$  and  $_v(S\mathfrak{b}) = S_v \mathfrak{b}$ .*

It is well known that  $\sigma$  is naturally extended to an automorphism of  $Q(R[t; \sigma])$  by  $\sigma(f(t)) = tf(t)t^{-1}$  for any  $f(t) \in R[t; \sigma]$ . Note that  $\sigma$  induces an automorphism of  $S$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of  $R$ . We showed in Proposition 2 that  $\mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma]$  is an ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $X\sigma(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}X$  which is crucial property for  $S$  to be a maximal order. In general, a subset  $I$  of  $Q(S)$  is said to be  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant if  $X\sigma(I) = IX$ .

$R$  is said to be a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order if  $O_l(\mathfrak{a}) = R = O_r(\mathfrak{a})$  for any  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant ideal of  $R$ . If  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order, then it is proved that  $O_l(\mathfrak{a}) = R = O_r(\mathfrak{a})$  for any  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant  $R$ -ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Hence  $(R : \mathfrak{a})_l = \mathfrak{a}^{-1} = (R : \mathfrak{a})_r$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}^{-1} = \{q \in Q \mid \mathfrak{a}q\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}\}$  and  $\mathfrak{a}_v = \mathfrak{a}^{-1-1} = {}_v\mathfrak{a}$  follows.

Let  $D_{\sigma, X}(R)$  be the set of all  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant  $v$ -ideals. For any  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in D_{\sigma, X}(R)$ , we define  $\mathfrak{a} \circ \mathfrak{b} = (\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b})_v$ . Then we have the following whose proof is similar to one in the maximal orders ([12, (2.1.2)]).

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $R$  be a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order in  $Q$ . Then  $D_{\sigma, X}(R)$  is an Abelian group generated by maximal  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant  $v$ -ideals of  $R$ .*

The following lemmas show how to obtain prime ideals of  $S$  from ideals of  $R$  and how to connect ideals of  $S$  with ideals of  $R$ .

**Lemma 7.** *Suppose  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order in  $Q$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a maximal  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant  $v$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then  $P = \mathfrak{p}[Xt; \sigma]$  is a prime ideal and it is a  $v$ -ideal.*

**Lemma 8.** *Suppose  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order in  $Q$ . Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $S$  with  $A = A_v$  and  $\mathfrak{a} = A \cap R \neq (0)$ . Then*

- (1)  $A$  and  $\mathfrak{a}$  are  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant.
- (2)  $A = \mathfrak{a}[Xt; \sigma]$  and is  $v$ -invertible.

Theorem is proved by mainly using Lemmas 3 and 8.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian prime ring with its quotient ring  $Q$ ,  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  and  $S = R[Xt; \sigma]$  be a skew Rees ring associated to  $X$ , where  $X$  is an invertible ideal with  $\sigma(X) = X$ . Then  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order if and only if  $S = R[Xt; \sigma]$  is a maximal order in  $Q(S)$ .*

### 3. APPLICATIONS, EXAMPLES AND CONJECTURES

As applications of Theorem 9, we give a necessary and sufficient conditions for  $S$  to be a generalized Asano ring and a unique factorization ring (a UFR). Furthermore we give Noetherian prime rings which are  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders (but not maximal orders) and  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal

orders (but not  $\sigma$ -maximal orders) where an order  $R$  is called a  $\sigma$ -maximal order if for any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  with  $\sigma(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}$ ,  $O_l(\mathfrak{a}) = R = O_r(\mathfrak{a})$ .

If  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order, then  $S$  is a maximal order and so  $D(S)$ , the set of all  $v$ -ideals in  $Q(S)$ , is an Abelian group generated by prime  $v$ -ideals of  $S$  (see [12, Theorem 2.1.2]). Note that any maximal  $v$ -ideal of  $S$  is a prime  $v$ -ideal and the converse is also true. The set of principal  $S$ -ideals in  $Q(S)$  is a subgroup  $P(S)$  of  $D(S)$ . The factor group  $D(S)/P(S)$  is called the *class group* of  $S$  and denoted by  $C(S)$ . Similarly  $P_{\sigma, X}(R)$ , the set of  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant principal  $R$ -ideals in  $Q$  is a subgroup of  $D_{\sigma, X}(R)$  and  $C_{\sigma, X}(R) = D_{\sigma, X}(R)/P_{\sigma, X}(R)$  is called the  $(\sigma; X)$ -class group of  $R$ .

First we describe the structure of  $v$ -ideals in  $Q(S)$  as follows (this is proved by using Lemma 8 and [12, (2.3.11)]):

**Proposition 10.** *Suppose  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and let  $A$  be a  $v$ -ideal in  $Q(S)$ . Then  $A = t^n w \mathfrak{a} [Xt; \sigma]$  for some  $\mathfrak{a} \in D_{\sigma, X}(R)$ ,  $w \in Z(Q(T))$  the center of  $Q(T)$  and  $n$  is an integer.*

The statement (1) of Proposition 11 follows from Lemmas 3 and 8. To prove the second statement, consider the mapping  $\varphi : D_{\sigma, X}(R) \rightarrow D(S)$  given by  $\varphi(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a} [Xt; \sigma]$  for any  $\mathfrak{a} \in D_{\sigma, X}(R)$ .

**Proposition 11.** *Suppose  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order. Then*

- (1)  $D(S) \cong D_{\sigma, X}(R) \oplus D(T)$ .
- (2)  $C(S) \cong C_{\sigma, X}(R)$ .

An order  $R$  is called a *generalized Asano ring* (a  $G$ -Asano ring) if it is a maximal order and every  $v$ -ideal of  $R$  is invertible. Similarly  $R$  is called a *generalized  $(\sigma; X)$ -Asano ring* (a  $G - (\sigma; X)$ -Asano ring) if it is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and every  $(\sigma; X)$ -invariant  $v$ -ideals of  $R$  is invertible. If  $R$  is a  $G - (\sigma; X)$ -Asano ring, then  $S$  is a  $G$ -Asano ring by Proposition 10. The converse is also true which is proved by using Lemma 5.

In [1], they defined a non-commutative unique factorization ring (a UFR). It turns out that an order is a UFR if and only if it is a maximal order and every  $v$ -ideal is principal. We can define, in an obvious way, the concept of a  $(\sigma; X)$ -UFR and it follows from Proposition 11 that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -UFR if and only if  $C_{\sigma, X}(R) = (0)$ . Hence we have

**Corollary 12.** (1)  $R$  is a  $G - (\sigma; X)$ -Asano ring if and only if  $S = R[Xt; \sigma]$  is a  $G$ -Asano ring.  
(2)  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -UFR if and only if  $S$  is a UFR.

Now we give some examples of  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders but not maximal orders (even not  $\sigma$ -maximal orders). We also give examples of  $\sigma$ -maximal orders but not  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders. The first example is a trivial case.

*Example 1.* Any Noetherian maximal order  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and a  $\sigma$ -maximal order. Hence  $S$  and  $R[t; \sigma]$  are maximal orders (Theorem 9 and [12, Theorem 2.3.19]).

Let  $R$  be an HNP ring satisfying the following conditions :

- (a) There is a cycle  $\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{m}_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) such that  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{m}_2 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{m}_n$  is principal, say  $\mathfrak{p} = aR = Ra$  for some  $a \in \mathfrak{p}$ .
- (b) Any maximal ideal different from  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is invertible.

See [1] for examples of HNP rings satisfying conditions (a) and (b). Define an automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$  by  $\sigma(r) = ara^{-1}$  for  $r \in R$ . Then it follows from [1] that

- (1)  $\sigma(\mathfrak{m}_1) = \mathfrak{m}_2, \dots, \sigma(\mathfrak{m}_n) = \mathfrak{m}_1$  and
- (2)  $\sigma(\mathfrak{n}) = \mathfrak{n}$  for all maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{n}$  with  $\mathfrak{n} \neq \mathfrak{m}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).

*Example 2.* Suppose  $R$  is an HNP ring with the conditions (a) and (b).

- (1) Put  $X = \mathfrak{n}_1^{e_1} \dots \mathfrak{n}_k^{e_k}$ , where  $\mathfrak{n}_j$  are maximal ideals different from  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Then  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order which is not a maximal order (in fact, it is a  $G - (\sigma; X)$ -Asano ring as well as a  $\sigma - G$ -Asano ring), but it is a  $\sigma - G$ -Asano ring. Hence  $S$  and  $R[t; \sigma]$  are  $G$ -Asano rings.
- (2) Put  $X = \mathfrak{p}$ . Then
  - (i) If  $n = 2$ , then  $R$  is not a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and so  $S$  is not a maximal order.
  - (ii) If  $n \geq 3$ , then  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and so  $S$  is a maximal order (in fact, it is a  $G$ -Asano ring).

As in Example 2, put  $X = \mathfrak{p}$ . Then since  $\sigma(\mathfrak{m}_i) = X\mathfrak{m}_iX^{-1}$ , we have  $X\sigma^{-1}(\mathfrak{m}_i) = \mathfrak{m}_iX$  and so  $R$  is not a  $(\sigma^{-1}; X)$ -maximal order. Hence we have

**Remark 1** Under the same notation and assumptions as in Example 2(2),  $S_1 = R[Xt; \sigma^{-1}]$  is not a maximal order and  $R[t; \sigma^{-1}]$  is a maximal order.

Next we give examples of rings which are  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders but not  $\sigma$ -maximal orders.

Let  $k$  be a field with automorphism  $\sigma$  and let  $K = \begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ k & k \end{pmatrix}$ , the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $k$ . Then we can extend  $\sigma$  to an automorphism of  $K$  by  $\sigma(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(a) & \sigma(b) \\ \sigma(c) & \sigma(d) \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $q = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $U = K[x; \sigma]$  and  $I = eK + xU$ , where  $e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $I$  is a  $\sigma$ -invariant maximal right ideal of  $U$  with  $UI = U$ . We consider  $R = \{u \in U \mid uI \subseteq I\}$ , the idealizer of  $I$ . By [13, Theorem 5.5.10],  $R$  is an HNP ring and  $I$  is an idempotent maximal ideal of  $R$ . We note that  $R = K(1 - e) + eK + xU$ .  $R$  has another idempotent maximal ideal  $J = K(1 - e) + xU$ , which is a  $\sigma$ -invariant maximal left ideal of  $U$  with  $JU = U$ . Put  $X = I \cap J = eK(1 - e) + xU$ . Since  $O_r(I) = U = O_l(J)$  and  $O_r(J) = x^{-1}(eK(1 - e)) + R = O_l(I)$ ,  $\{I, J\}$  is a cycle and  $X$  is an invertible ideal of  $R$  by [5, Proposition 2.5].

*Example 3.* Under the same notation and assumptions,

- (1)  $R$  is not a  $\sigma$ -maximal order and  $R[t; \sigma]$  is not a maximal order.
- (2)  $R$  is a  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal order and  $S$  is a maximal order (in fact,  $S$  is a  $G$ -Asano ring). Furthermore
  - (i) If  $\sigma$  is of infinite order, then  $XS$  and  $XtS$  are only prime  $\nu$ -ideals of  $S$ .
  - (ii) If  $\sigma$  is of finite order, say  $n$ , then there are infinite number of prime  $\nu$ -ideals of  $S$ .

**Remark 2** There exist some examples of maximal orders which are not  $G$ -Asano rings ([2, Example 3.4] and [11, Example ]).

**Remark 3** In Examples 2 and 3, the rings are all HNP rings. However, by using examples in [10] we can provide  $(\sigma; X)$ -maximal orders which are neither HNP rings nor maximal orders. We will show them in detail in the forth-coming paper.

Finally we introduce a conjecture concerning skew Rees rings.

**Problem** Let  $S = R[Xt; \sigma, \delta]$  be a subset of an Ore extension  $R[t; \sigma, \delta]$ , where  $\delta$  is a left  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$ . Then what is a necessary and sufficient condition for  $S$  to be a maximal order or a generalized Asano ring?

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