

## STRONGLY GRADED RINGS WHICH ARE MAXIMAL ORDERS

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ABSTRACT.

Let  $R = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$  be a strongly graded ring of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In [6], it is shown that if  $R_0$  is a maximal order, then so is  $R$ . We define a concept of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order and show  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order if and only if  $R$  is a maximal order. We provide examples of  $R_0$  which are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal orders but not maximal orders.

**1 Introduction** Let  $R = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$  be a strongly graded ring of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the ring of integers. We always assume that  $R_0$ , the degree zero part, is a prime Goldie ring with its quotient ring  $Q_0$  and  $C_0 = \{c \in R_0 \mid c \text{ is regular in } R_0\}$ , which is a regular Ore set of  $R$  and the ring of fractions  $Q^g$  of  $R$  at  $C_0$  has the following properties:

- (i).  $Q^g = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} Q_0 R_n (Q_0 R_n = R_n Q_0)$ .
- (ii).  $Q^g = Q_0[X, X^{-1}, \sigma]$  for some automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R_0$  ([6, 1.3]) and so
- (iii).  $Q^g$  is a left and right principal ideal ring.

We denote by the quotient ring of  $R$  by  $Q$ . We define a concept of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order in order to get the following three conditions are equivalent: (i)  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order (ii)  $R$  is a maximal order (iii)  $R$  is a graded maximal order. We give examples of  $R_0$  which are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal orders but not maximal orders. We refer the readers to [7] or [8] and [9] for some elementary properties and some definitions of order theory and graded ring theory which are not mentioned in the paper.

**2 The proof of Theorem** Since  $Q^g$  is the quotient ring of  $R$  at  $C_0$ , the following lemma follows from the proof of [2, Theorem 1.31].

**Lemma 1** *Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $AQ^g = Q^g A$ .*

**Lemma 2** *Let  $A_0$  be an ideal of  $R_0$ . Then the right ideal  $A_0 R$  is an ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $R_n A_0 = A_0 R_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case,  $A_0 R$  is a graded ideal.*

*Proof.* If  $A_0 R$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $R_n A_0 R_{-n} \subseteq A_0$ , that is,  $R_n A_0 \subseteq A_0 R_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $R_{-n} A_0 \subseteq A_0 R_{-n}$  also follows. Hence  $R_n A_0 = A_0 R_n$ . Conversely if  $R_n A_0 = A_0 R_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then it is easy to see that  $A_0 R$  is an ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

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**Definition 1**

- (1). A left and right  $R_0$ -submodule  $A_0$  of  $Q_0$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant if  $R_n A_0 = A_0 R_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2).  $R_0$  is called a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order in  $Q_0$  if  $O_l(A_0) = R_0 = O_r(A_0)$  for any nonzero  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant ideal  $A_0$  of  $R_0$ .
- (3). (10, p.205)  $R$  is a graded maximal order in  $Q^g$  if for each graded over-ring  $S$  such that  $R \subseteq S \subseteq Q^g$  and  $aSb \subseteq R$  for some regular homogeneous elements  $a, b \in Q^g$ , it follows  $R = S$ .

**Lemma 3**

- (1). Let  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant left and right  $R_0$ -submodules in  $Q_0$ . Then  $A_0 B_0$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant.
- (2). Let  $A_0$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant left  $R_0$ -ideal which is a right  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$  and  $B_0$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant right  $R_0$ -ideal which is a left  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$ . Then  $C_0 = \{r_0 \in R_0 \mid A_0 r_0 \subseteq R_0\}$  and  $D_0 = \{r_0 \in R_0 \mid r_0 B_0 \subseteq R_0\}$  are both  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant.

*Proof.*

- (1). It is clear.
- (2).  $R_0 \supseteq A_0 C_0$  implies  $R_0 \supseteq R_n A_0 C_0 R_{-n} = A_0 R_n C_0 R_{-n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $R_n C_0 R_{-n} \subseteq C_0$  and also  $R_{-n} C_0 R_n \subseteq C_0$ . Hence  $C_0 R_n = R_n C_0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , that is,  $C_0$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant. Similarly  $D_0$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant. □

**Lemma 4** *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1).  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order.
- (2).  $O_l(A_0) = R_0$  for each  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant left  $R_0$ -ideal  $A_0$  which is a right  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$ , and  $O_r(B_0) = R_0$  for each  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant right  $R_0$ -ideal  $B_0$  which is a left  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$ .

*Proof.*

- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) This is a special case.
- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $A_0$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant left  $R_0$ -ideal which is a right  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$  and let  $C_0 = \{r_0 \in R_0 \mid A_0 r_0 \subseteq R_0\}$ . Then  $A_0 C_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant ideal of  $R_0$  by Lemma 3. Thus  $R_0 = O_l(A_0 C_0) \supseteq O_l(A_0) \supseteq R_0$  and so  $O_l(A_0) = R_0$  follows. Similarly if  $B_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant right  $R_0$ -ideal which is a left  $R_0$ -submodule in  $Q_0$ , then  $O_r(B_0) = R_0$ . □

**Theorem 1** *Let  $R = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$  be a strongly graded ring of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1).  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order in  $Q_0$ .
- (2).  $R$  is a maximal order in  $Q$ .
- (3).  $R$  is a graded maximal order in  $Q^g$ .

*Proof.*

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $S$  be an over-ring of  $R$  such that  $aSb \subseteq R$  for some regular  $a, b \in Q$ . We may assume that  $a, b \in R$ . Put  $T = R + RaS$ , an over-ring of  $R$  with  $Tb \subseteq R$ . We claim  $T = R$ . Since  $TbR$  is an ideal of  $R$ , it follows from Lemma 1 that  $TbQ^g = TbRQ^g = uQ^g = Q^g u$  for some regular element  $u \in Q^g$  since  $Q^g$  is a principal ideal ring. For any  $t \in T$ ,  $tu \in TbQ^g = Q^g u$  and so  $t \in Q^g$ . Thus  $T \subseteq Q^g$  follows. For any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $C_n(T) = \{a_n \in Q_0 R_n \mid \exists t = a_n + a_{n_1} + \cdots + a_{n_l} \in T \text{ such that } n > n_i (1 \leq i \leq l)\} \cup \{0\}$ , which is a left and right  $R_0$ -submodule of  $Q^g$ . It is easy to see that  $C_n(T) = R_n C_0(T) = C_0(T) R_n$ . So, in particular,  $C_0(T)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant over-ring of  $R_0$ . To prove that  $C_0(T)$  is a left  $R_0$ -ideal, write  $b = b_k +$  (the lower degree parts). Since  $Tb \subseteq R$ , it follows that  $R_0 \supseteq C_{-k}(T)b_k = C_0(T)R_{-k}b_k$  and so  $R_0 \supseteq C_0(T)R_{-k}b_k R_0$ . Hence  $C_0(T)$  is a left  $R_0$ -ideal since  $R_{-k}b_k R_0$  is a non-zero ideal of  $R_0$  and is a right  $R_0$ -submodule. Thus, by Lemma 4,  $O_l(C_0(T)) = R_0$  and  $R_0 \subseteq C_0(T) \subseteq O_l(C_0(T)) = R_0$  since  $C_0(T)$  is an over-ring of  $R_0$ , which implies  $R_0 = C_0(T)$  and  $R_n = R_n C_0(T) = C_n(T)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $T = R$  follows. Since  $aS \subseteq RaS \subseteq T = R$ , the left version of the above proof shows that  $S = R$ . Hence  $R$  is a maximal order in  $Q$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) This is a special case.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $A_0$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant ideal of  $R_0$ . By Lemma 2,  $A_0 R$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ . Thus it follows from [6, Lemma 1.5] that  $RO_l(A_0) = O_l(A_0 R) = R = O_r(RA_0) = O_r(A_0)R$  and so  $O_l(A_0) = R_0 = O_r(A_0)$ . Hence  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order in  $Q_0$ .  $\square$

Finally, we give some examples of maximal orders  $R$  such that  $R_0$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal orders but not maximal orders.

Let  $R_0$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring (an HNP ring for short) with its quotient ring  $Q_0$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (a). There is a cycle  $M_{01}, \dots, M_{0n}$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) so that  $X = M_{01} \cap \cdots \cap M_{0n}$  is a maximal invertible ideal of  $R_0$ .
- (b). Any maximal ideal different from  $M_{0i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is invertible.

See [1] and [5] for examples of HNP rings satisfying (a) and (b) (the simplest example is  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & p\mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number). Let

$$R = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} X^n (R_n = X^n)$$

a strongly graded ring of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $A_0$  be an eventually idempotent ideal of  $R_0$ . Then there are  $M_{0i_1}, \dots, M_{0i_r}$   $i_j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  ( $r < n$ ) which are the full set of maximal ideals containing  $A_0$ . Thus  $A_0$  is not a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant ideal by [4, Theorem 14].

Hence  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant maximal order since an ideal of  $R_0$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant if and only if it is invertible by [3, Theorem 2.9 and 4.2].

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