

## 202. Note on Lie Subrings in Malcev Rings

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A Malcev ring or a Moufang-Lie ring [2] is an anti-commutative ring  $M$  satisfying

$$(xy)(zx) + (xy \cdot z)x + (yz \cdot x)x + (zx \cdot x)y = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in M. \quad \text{Any}$$

Lie ring is Malcev and there are non-Lie Malcev rings [3, §3]. A Jacobian  $J$  of  $x, y, z$  is a skew-symmetric function defined by

$$J(x, y, z) = (xy)z + (yz)x + (zx)y.$$

In [3], Sagle proved the following theorem:

*Let  $A, B, C$  be subsets of a Malcev algebra  $M$ . If it holds*

$$J(A, A, M) = J(B, B, M) = J(C, C, M) = J(A, B, C) = (0),$$

*then there is a Lie subalgebra of  $M$  containing the subset  $A \cup B \cup C$ .*

In this note, we remark that the method by Grätzer and Schmidt [1] for proof of associativity theorem for alternative rings can be also applied for Malcev rings and obtain the following similar result, which is a generalization of Sagle's theorem:

**Theorem.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n (n \geq 2)$  be subsets of a Malcev ring  $M$  and  $D^*$  be Malcev subring of  $M$  generated by  $D = \cup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Then  $D^*$  is a Lie subring of  $M$  if and only if*

$$(1) \quad J(A_i, A_i, D^*) = (0)$$

*and*

$$(2) \quad J(A_i, A_j, A_{ij}) = (0), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

*where  $A_{ij}$  means a set of products of at most  $n-2$  factors  $a_{k_m}$  such that  $a_{k_m} \in A_{k_m}$ ,  $k_m$ 's are different each other and  $k_m \neq i, k_m \neq j$  for  $n > 2$  and  $i \neq j$ , and  $A_{ij} = (0)$  for  $n = 2$  or  $i = j$ .*

**Proof.** We assume (1) and (2) and prove that  $J(D^*, D^*, D^*) = (0)$ . First  $J(D, D, D) \subseteq \cup_{i,j,k} J(A_i, A_j, A_k) = (0)$  by (1) and (2). Denote  $D^p$  a set of products of  $p$  elements of  $D$  and by induction assume  $J(D^p, D^q, D^r) = (0)$  has been proved for all  $p, q, r$  satisfying  $p+q+r < N$ ,  $p, q, r$  being positive integers. Now by [3, (2.7)] we have

$$J(aa', b, c) + J(a, b, a'c) = J(a', b, c)a + J(a, a', bc).$$