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**A commutativity theorem involving certain polynomial constraints.** (English) Zbl 0735.16021  
Math. Jap. 36, No. 4, 785-789 (1991).

It is shown that if  $n$  is a positive integer and  $R$  is an associative ring with unity, having the property: (\*) given  $x, y$  in  $R$  there exists an integer  $m = m(x, y) > 1$  such that  $[xy - y^m x^n, x] = 0$  then  $R$  must be commutative. If we consider  $m$  independent of  $x$  and  $y$ , we obtain a theorem which has been proved by *M. A. Quadri* and *M. Khan* [Math. Jap. 33, 275-279 (1988; [Zbl 0655.16021](#))]. The case in which both  $m$  and  $n$  are allowed to depend on  $x$  and  $y$  remains open.

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