

97. An Observation on the Brown-McCoy Radical

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We wish to characterize in this note the Brown-McCoy radical $G(A)$ of an associative ring A , as a radical $(1, 1, 1, 1)(A)$, $(1, 1, 1, 0)(A)$, $(1, 1, 0, 1)(A)$ and $(1, 2, 1, 1)(A)$, respectively, where $(k, l, m, n)(A)$ is a well-defined special F -radical of the ring A in the sense of Brown-McCoy [3] for arbitrary nonnegative integers k, l, m and n . The concept of a (k, l, m, n) -radicalring A can be illustrated by the following elementary remarks. If the elements of A form on the operation $a \circ b = a + b - ab$ ($a, b \in A$) a Neumann-regular semigroup (for instance in the case of a Jacobson-radicalring A , when $(A, 0)$ is a group), then A is a $(k, 0, 1, 1)$ -radicalring and a $(0, l, 1, 1)$ -radicalring at the same time for any integers $k, l \geq 0$. Furthermore any (k, l, m, n) -semisimple ring A with minimum condition on *twosided* principal ideals is, as an (A, A) -doublemodule, completely reducible in a weak meaning, which generalizes the classical Wedderburn-Artin structure theorem also. (For the details of radicals, see [1], [2], [3].)

In this note the knowing of the results of Brown-McCoy [3] will be assumed for the reader. We denote the sum of all *twosided* principal ideals $(a^{(m)} \circ x \circ a^{(n)} - k \cdot a^{(l)})$ by $(k, l, m, n)(a)$, where a is a fixed element, X a varying element of A , $a \circ b = a + b - ab$, $a^{(0)} = 0$, $a^{(1)} = a$, $a^{(k+1)} = a^{(k)} \circ a$ and k, l, m, n are nonnegative integers. An element $a \in A$ is called (k, l, m, n) -regular, if $a \in (k, l, m, n)(a)$. We call an element $a \in A$ *strictly* (k, l, m, n) -regular, if any element b of the *twosided* principal ideal (a) generated by a is (k, l, m, n) -regular. The set $(k, l, m, n)(A)$ of all strictly (k, l, m, n) -regular-elements of A is called the (k, l, m, n) -radical of A . *This is evidently a special F -radical of A* [3]. The rings with (k, l, m, n) -radical (0) are called (k, l, m, n) -semisimple. We call a subdirectly irreducible (k, l, m, n) -semisimple ring A shortly: (k, l, m, n) -primitive. An element $a \neq 0$ with the condition $(k, l, m, n)(a) = 0$ is called here a (k, l, m, n) -distinguished element of A . By [3] the (k, l, m, n) -radical of A is the intersection of such ideals \mathfrak{X}_γ ($\gamma \in \Gamma$) of A , that the factorrings A/\mathfrak{X}_γ are (k, l, m, n) -primitive. $A/(k, l, m, n)(A)$ is (k, l, m, n) -semisimple, and a subdirect sum of (k, l, m, n) -primitive rings. By [3] a subdirectly irreducible ring A is (k, l, m, n) -primitive if and only if the minimal ideal $\mathfrak{D} \neq 0$ of A contains a (k, l, m, n) -distinguished element $d \neq 0$ playing the role of unity element in the case of radical