

The structure of rings whose quotient rings are primitive rings with minimal one sided ideals

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Recently A. W. Goldie [2] has proved that the quotient ring of a prime ring with some ascending chain condition is a simple ring with minimal condition. In this note we shall show that we can obtain the properties of a ring whose quotient ring is a primitive ring with minimal one sided ideals (P.M.I.), which are analogous to those of a prime ring in [2]. The following example shows that there exists such a ring.

Let I be the ring of rational integers. Let R_n be a sub-ring of matrix ring with infinite degree over the ring of rational numbers such that

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} (a_{ij}) \\ 2m_1 \\ 2m_2 \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \quad m_i \in I, \quad (a_{ij}) \in I_n.$$

Let $R = \bigcup_n R_n$, then if an element a of R is not zero divisor, a is the following form :

$$a = \left(\begin{array}{c} (a_{ij}) \\ 2m_1 \\ 2m_2 \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \quad |a_{ij}| \neq 0, \quad m_i \neq 0.$$

Hence the right (and left) quotient ring of R is $Q = \bigcup Q_n$:

$$Q_n = \left(\begin{array}{c} (a_{ij}) \\ m_1 \\ m_2 \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \quad (a_{ij}) \in Q_n \quad \text{and} \quad m_i \in Q',$$

where Q' is the ring of rational numbers, and Q is P.M.I..

In this note there are many statements which overlap [2], but we shall repeat those for the sake of completeness.

1. Preliminaries.

Let R be a ring with the right and left quotient ring Q and we shall call non zero divisor elements regular elements. We shall denote one sided ideals of R by Roman and ones of Q by German.

We have the following statements.

(1) If c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are regular elements of R , then there exist regular elements d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n and c such that

$$c_i^{-1} = d_i c^{-1}.$$

We can prove this by the induction with respect to n , cf. Asano [1], and [2] Lemma 4.2.

(2) If A is a right, left and two sided ideal respectively, then AQ, QA and QAQ consist of $ac^{-1}, c^{-1}a$ and $d^{-1}ac^{-1}, a \in A$ and $c, d \in R$, respectively.

Cf. [2] Lemma 4.3.

(3) Let \mathfrak{r} be a non zero right ideal of Q , then $\mathfrak{r} \cap R \neq (0)$.

Let S be a sub-set of Q . We shall define the following annihilators.

$$S_r = \{x \in R, Sx = (0)\},$$

$$S_{r^*} = \{x \in Q, Sx = (0)\} \text{ and}$$

$$\tilde{S} = \{a \in R, \text{ there exists a regular element } b \text{ in } R \text{ such that}$$

$$b^{-1}a \in S\} \cup (S \cap R).$$

(4) Let \mathfrak{r} be a right ideal of Q , then

$$\mathfrak{r} = (\mathfrak{r} \cap R)Q.$$

It is clear $\mathfrak{r} \supseteq (\mathfrak{r} \cap R)Q$. If $x \in \mathfrak{r}$ then $x = ac^{-1}$, $a, c \in R$ and $a = xc \in \mathfrak{r} \cap R$. Hence $x \in (\mathfrak{r} \cap R)Q$.

$$(5) \quad S_r = S_{r^*} \cap R \text{ and } S_{r^*} = S_r Q.$$

It is clear that $S_{r^*} \supseteq S_r Q$. If $a \in S_{r^*}$ and $a = bc^{-1}$, $b, c \in R$, then $(0) = Sa = Sbc^{-1}$ hence $b \in S_r$.

We have clearly

$$(6) \quad S_{r^*} = (\tilde{S})_{r^*} \text{ and } (\tilde{S})_r = S_{r^*} \cap R.$$

Let \mathfrak{l} be a left ideal of Q , then

$$(7) \quad (\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r = \mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \cap R.$$

By the definition $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \mathfrak{l} \cap R$ and by (6) we have $(\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_r = \mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \cap R$.

(8) Let I_r be a maximal annihilator in R , then $I_r Q$ is so in Q .

Let \mathfrak{l}_{r^*} be a maximal annihilator in Q , then $\mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \cap R$ is so in R .

It is clear that $I_r Q$ is an annihilator. If there exists an annihilator \mathfrak{l}_{r^*} such that $\mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \supseteq I_r Q$, then $(\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r = \mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \cap R \supseteq I_r Q \cap R \supseteq I_r$. By (3) $\mathfrak{l} \cap R \neq (0)$, and $(\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r \neq R$, hence $(\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r = I_r$ and $\mathfrak{l}_{r^*} = (\mathfrak{l}_{r^*} \cap R)Q = (\mathfrak{l} \cap R)_r Q = I_r Q$. Conversely let \mathfrak{r} be a maximal annihilator, then $\mathfrak{r} \cap R$ is an annihilator in R by (7). If $I_r \supseteq \mathfrak{r} \cap R$, by (4) we have

$$\mathfrak{r} = (\mathfrak{r} \cap R)Q \subseteq I_r Q = I_{r^*}, \text{ hence } \mathfrak{r} = I_{r^*} \supseteq I_r \text{ and } \mathfrak{r} \cap R = I_r.$$

Let $I (\neq (0))$ be a right ideal in R . We shall call maximal right ideals J with $J \cap I = (0)$ complements of I (denoted by $I^c, I^{c'}, \dots$).

Let I be a right ideal in R . For any complement I^c of I in R there exists a complement $(IQ)^{c'}$ of IQ such that

$$(9) \quad I^c Q = (IQ)^{c'},$$

and conversely for any complement $(IQ)^{c'}$ of IQ there exists a complement I^c of I satisfying (9).

If $x \in (IQ \cap I^c Q)$, then $x = ic^{-1} = jd^{-1}$, $i \in I, j \in I^c$ and we have by (2) $c^{-1} = af^{-1}$, $d^{-1} = bf^{-1}$, hence $ia = jb \in I \cap I^c = (0)$ and $x = 0$. If there exists a right ideal \mathfrak{j} such that $I^c Q \subseteq \mathfrak{j}$ and $\mathfrak{j} \cap IQ = (0)$, then $\mathfrak{j} \cap R \cap I \subseteq \mathfrak{j} \cap IQ = (0)$, hence since $I^c \subseteq \mathfrak{j} \cap R, I^c = \mathfrak{j} \cap R$ and $I^c Q = (\mathfrak{j} \cap R) Q = \mathfrak{j}$. Therefore $I^c Q$ is a complement of IQ . Conversely let $(IQ)^{c'}$ be a complement, then from the fact $(IQ)^{c'} \cap R \cap I = (0)$, $(IQ)^{c'} \cap R \subseteq I^c$ hence $(IQ)^{c'} = ((IQ)^{c'} \cap R) Q \subseteq I^c Q$. From the above $I^c Q = (IQ)^{c'}$, hence $(IQ)^{c'} = (IQ)^{c''} = I^c Q$.

Let \mathfrak{i} be a right ideal in Q . For any complement \mathfrak{i}^c of \mathfrak{i} in Q there exists a complement $(\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$ of $(\mathfrak{i} \cap R)$ in R such that

$$(10) \quad \mathfrak{i}^c \cap R = (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$$

and conversely for any complement $(\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$ there exists a complement right ideal \mathfrak{i}^c in Q satisfying (10).

From the fact $\mathfrak{i} \cap R \cap \mathfrak{i}^c \cap R = (0)$ we have $\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R \subseteq (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$. $\mathfrak{i}^c = (\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R) Q \subseteq (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'} Q = ((\mathfrak{i} \cap R) Q)^{c''} = \mathfrak{i}^{c''}$ by (9). Hence $\mathfrak{i}^c = \mathfrak{i}^{c''}$ and $\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R = \mathfrak{i}^{c''} \cap R = (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'} Q \cap R \supseteq (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$. Conversely $(\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'} \cap (\mathfrak{i} \cap R) = (0)$, then $\mathfrak{i} \cap (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'} Q = (0)$. Hence $(\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'} Q \subseteq \mathfrak{i}^c$ for some complement I^c of I and $\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R \subseteq (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$. By the above $\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R = (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c''} \supseteq (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$, hence $\mathfrak{i}^c \cap R = (\mathfrak{i} \cap R)^{c'}$.

2. Uniform right ideals.

We can classify the right ideals in R as follows;

$I \equiv J$ if and only if there exist regular elements d, d' in R such that for any elements $r \in I, r' \in J, rd \in J$ and $r'd' \in I$.

It is clear that

$$I \equiv J \text{ if and only if } IQ = JQ.$$

We shall denote the class containing I by $[I]$.

PROPOSITION 1. *The right ideals in Q are lattice isomorphic to $\{[I]\}$.*

Proof. From the definition and (3) it is clear that this correspondence is onto and that $(I_1 \cap I_2) Q \subseteq I_1 Q \cap I_2 Q$. If $x \in I_1 Q \cap I_2 Q$, $x = r_1 q_1^{-1} = r_2 q_2^{-1}$, $r_i \in I_i$ and by (1) we have $x = r_1 p_1 t^{-1} = r_2 p_2 t^{-1}$, hence $r_1 p_1 = r_2 p_2 \in I_1 \cap I_2$ and $x \in (I_1 \cap I_2) Q$. We have clearly $(I_1 \cup I_2) Q = I_1 Q \cup I_2 Q$.

$[I]Q \cap R$ is the unique maximal right ideal in $[I]$. Since Q is P.M.I. there exist minimal right ideals and we call a right ideal in R which corresponds to a minimal right ideal in Q a *uniform right ideal* and the unique maximal right ideal in this class *basic right ideal*.

PROPOSITION 2. *If U is a uniform right ideal, then for any non zero right ideals $I, J (\subseteq U)$ $I \cap J \neq (0)$.*

Proof. Since U is uniform, UQ is irreducible, hence $IQ = JQ = UQ$. From Proposition 1 $I \cap J \neq 0$.

LEMMA 1.¹⁾ *Let Q be a P.M.I. ring. If a right ideal r is not minimal, then it contains at least two minimal right ideals.*

Proof. Let r contain only one minimal right ideal r_0 . Then $r_3 \subset r \cap r_3$ and $r_3 = r_0 = eQ$ where e is the socle of Q . Hence $r_3 = er_3$. For any elements $r \in r, z \in r_3$ we have $rz = erz$ i.e. $(er - r)z = 0$. Therefore $er - r \in r_3 = (0)$ and $er = r$. Hence $er = r = eQ$.

PROPOSITION 3. *Let U be a right ideal in R . If for any non zero right ideals I, J in U $I \cap J \neq (0)$, then U is uniform.*

Proof. If U is not uniform, there exist two minimal right ideals r_1, r_2 in UQ by Lemma 1. Since $r_1 \cap U \neq (0), r_2 \cap U \neq (0)$ and $r_1 \cap U \cap r_2 \cap U = (0)$, it is a contradiction.

PROPOSITION 4. *Let I be a right ideal in R . I is uniform if and only if there exist elements y_1, y_2 and regular elements y'_1, y'_2 in R such that for any elements $x, x' \in I$ $xy'_1 = x'y_1, x'y'_2 = xy_2$.*

Proof. Let xq^{-1} and $x'q'^{-1}$ be elements in IQ . Then by the hypothesis $x'y' = xy$ with regular element y' . Hence $x'q'^{-1} = xyy'^{-1}q'^{-1} = xq^{-1}qyy'^{-1}q'^{-1} \in xQ$, therefore IQ is irreducible. The converse is similar.

PROPOSITION 5. *There exist mutually isomorphic uniform right ideals in any two classes which contain basic right ideals.*

Proof. Let I_1 and I_2 be basic. Since Q is P.M.I. there exists a Q -isomorphism λ of I_1Q to I_2Q . Let $I_iQ = e_iQ, e_i = r_i x_i^{-1}, r_i \in I_i, x_i \in R$ and $\lambda(e_1) = e_2q, q \in Q$. Then $\lambda(r_1) = \lambda(e_1 x_1) = e_2 q x_1$. If we put $x_2 q x_1 = y z^{-1}, y, z \in R$, we have $0 \neq \lambda(r_1 z) = e_2 q x_1 z = e_2 x_2^{-1} x_2 q x_1 z = r_2 y$. Since I_1Q and I_2Q are irreducible, $[r_1 z R^1]^{(2)} = [I_1]$ and $[r_2 y R^1] = [I_2]$. Hence λ sends $r_1 z R^1$ isomorphically onto $r_2 y R^1$.

If e is a primitive idempotent in R , then so is e in Q , hence eR is basic. But basic right ideals are not always principal even if R has the unit. For example, let K be a field and x be an independent over K and R_0 be the subring of elements in $K[x]$ without constant-term. If we put $R = EK + \cup (R_0)_n$ as in the first ex-

1) Mr. Kanzaki kindly pointed out to me this proof.

2) aR^1 means the right ideal in R generated by a .

ample, then its quotient ring is $Q = EK + \cup K(x)_n$. Let $r = e_{11}Q$. If $r \cap R$ is principal: $r \cap R = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} R$, there exist g_1, \dots, g_n and $k \neq 0 \in K$ such that $f_1(k + g_1) + \dots + f_n g_n = x$, hence min. degree of $f_1 = 1$. On the other hand there exist g'_1, \dots, g'_n and $k' \neq 0 \in K$ such that $f_1(k'_1 + g'_1) + \dots + f_n g'_n = 0$, hence min. degree of $f_1(x) \geq 2$. This is a contradiction. Next example shows that basic right ideals are not always mutually isomorphic. Let $R = (R_0)_n + e_{33}K + \dots + e_{nn}K$. If an element x of R is not a zero-divisor in R then x is regular in $K(x)_n$, for the adjoint of x is in R . Let $(x_{ij}), (y_{ij})$ be elements of R , and suppose that (x_{ij}) is non zero-divisor. Then $(x_{ij})^{-1}(y_{ij})|x_{ij}|E = \text{adj}(x_{ij}) \cdot (y_{ij})$ is in R , hence $(x_{ij}) \text{adj}(x_{ij}) \cdot (y_{ij}) = (y_{ij})|x_{ij}|E$ and $|x_{ij}|E$ is a non zero divisor. Therefore R has the quotient ring $Q = K(x)_n$. $e_{11}Q \cap R$ is basic and not principal, because if $e_{11}Q \cap R = (e_{11}f_1 + e_{12}f_2 + \dots + e_{1n}f_n)R$, $f_i \in R_0$ then $x = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g_i$, $g_i \in R_0$ which is a contradiction. On the other hand $e_{33}Q \cap R = e_{33}R$ is basic and principal. Therefore $e_{11}Q \cap R$ is not isomorphic to $e_{33}R$.

PROPOSITION 6. *Any right ideal I in R contains a uniform right ideal in R .*

Proof. Since Q is P.M.I., IQ contains a minimal right ideal r in Q , and further $(0) \neq I \cap r = I \cap r \cap R$ and $(I \cap r \cap R)Q = r$, hence $I \cap r \cap R$ is uniform.

PROPOSITION 7. *Let U be a uniform right ideal in R . Then*

$$U_I = \{x \in R, x_{r \cap} U \neq (0)\}.$$

Proof. If $xu = 0$ for any $u \in U$, then since UQ is irreducible, $UQ = uQ$, hence $xUQ = xuQ = (0)$. Therefore $x \in U_I$.

An element u in R is called right uniform if uR^1 is a uniform right ideal (equivalently if uR is uniform ($R_l = R_r = (0)$)).

We can define similarly left uniform elements. But the left uniform elements coincide with the right uniform elements, because if u is left uniform, then $Qu = Qe$ is irreducible where e is a primitive idempotent, since Q is P.M.I., eQ is irreducible, hence $uQ = ueQ$ is also irreducible. Therefore u is right uniform, and the converse is similar. Hence we may call right (left) uniform elements simply uniform elements.

PROPOSITION 8. *Let I be a right ideal in R . If there exists some uniform element u such that $u_{r \cap} I = (0)$, then I is uniform. Furthermore if R is prime, then the converse is true.*

Proof. If $u_{r \cap} I = (0)$, for any element $aq^{-1} \in u_{r^* \cap} IQ$, $a \in I$ we have $ua = 0$, hence $a \in I \cap u_r = (0)$ and so $u_{r^* \cap} IQ = (0)$. Let θ be a mapping: $q \rightarrow uq$. Since $\theta^{-1}(0) \cap IQ = (0)$, we have a isomorphism $IQ \approx uQ$, hence I is uniform. Let R be prime and I be uniform. If $u_{r \cap} I \neq (0)$ for all element u in I , then $I^2 = 0$ by Proposition 7. This is a contradiction.

From the definition xU is uniform if U is so, hence the sum R_0 of all uniform right ideals is two sided ideal and R_0 is the sum of all uniform elements. Therefore R_0 coincides with the sum of all left uniform ideals. Furthermore R_0Q is the socle \mathfrak{z} of Q . $R_0Q \subseteq \mathfrak{z}$ and since $(r_i \cap R)Q = r_i$, for $x \in \mathfrak{z}$, $x \in \Sigma r_i$ and $x \in R_0Q$.

THEOREM 1. *The cardinal numbers of the maximal length of direct-sums of basic right ideals are equal. Further if Q is a sub-P.M.I. ring of $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$ with $\Delta\text{-dim } \mathfrak{m} = \Delta\text{-dim } \mathfrak{m}'$, then the cardinal numbers for basic left ideals coincide with ones for basic right ideals, where $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$ is the ring of continuous endomorphisms of \mathfrak{m} , topologized by \mathfrak{m}' -topology, and Δ is the division ring of $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$ -endomorphisms of \mathfrak{m} .*

Proof. Let $B = \{B_\alpha\}$ be the set of basic right ideals. We can order direct-sums $S_j = \sum_{\alpha \in j} B_\alpha$ of elements B_α of B as follows :

$S_i > S_j$ if and only if $S_i = S_j \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in i-j} B_\alpha$. By the Zorn's Lemma there exists a maximal element S_0 in this order. Then S_0 meets all basic right ideals. If $S_0Q \not\subseteq \mathfrak{z}$ there exists a minimal right ideal r_0 such that $r_0 \cap S_0Q = (0)$. Hence $(0) = R \cap r_0 \cap S_0Q \supseteq R \cap r_0 \cap S_0$ and since $R \cap r_0$ is basic, it is a contradiction. Therefore $S_0Q = \mathfrak{z}$. Since Q is P.M.I. the right dimension of \mathfrak{z} is constant. It is also true for left basic ideals. Further if Q is as in Theorem, then the left dimension coincides with the right one.

THEOREM 2. *Let U be a uniform right ideal in R and $\varepsilon(U)$ be the R -endomorphism ring of U . Then non zero element of $\varepsilon(U)$ is non singular. $\varepsilon(U)$ has the right quotient division ring which is the Q -endomorphism ring of Q -irreducible module.*

Proof. If $\phi \in \varepsilon(U)$, then ϕ can be extended to a Q -endomorphism of UQ . Because if $uq^{-1} = u'q'^{-1} \in UQ$, then there exist p, s, d by (1) such that $q^{-1} = pd^{-1}$, $q'^{-1} = sd^{-1}$, hence $\phi(uq^{-1}) = \phi(u)q^{-1} = \phi(u)pd^{-1} = \phi(up)d^{-1} = \phi(u'p)s^{-1}d^{-1} = \phi(u')sd^{-1} = \phi(u')q'^{-1}$. Since UQ is irreducible, the Q -endomorphism ring of UQ is a division ring. Hence if ϕ is not zero, then ϕ is non singular. Let ψ be any Q -endomorphism of UQ . Then there exists y in UQ such that $\psi(y) = u \in U$; $y = u'x^{-1}$, $u' \in U$ and for any element w in U $\psi \lambda_{u'} w = \psi(u'w) = \psi(yxw) = u x w = \lambda_{ux} w$ where $\lambda_a : x \rightarrow ax$, $x \in R$. Hence $\psi = \lambda_{ux} \lambda_{u'}^{-1}$.

3. Complements and annihilators.

THEOREM 3. *Let B be basic then $B = B_{lr}$. A right ideal B in R is basic if and only if B is a minimal annihilator. A right ideal M in R is a maximal annihilator if and only if $M = u_r$ where u is a uniform element.*

Proof. Let B be basic, then $B = BQ \cap R$ and $BQ = eQ$, $e = e^2$. By (7) $B_{lr} = (BQ \cap R)_{lr} = BQ_{lr} \cap R = eQ_{lr} \cap R = eQ \cap R = B$. If $B \supseteq L_r$ then $(QL)_r = L_r Q \subseteq BQ$. Since BQ is irreducible $BQ = (QL)_r$. Hence $B = BQ \cap R = (QL)_r \cap R = L_r$. Therefore

B is a minimal annihilator. Let $I=L_r$ be a minimal annihilator. If $L_r Q \supseteq L'_r *$ for some subset L' in Q , then $L_r = L_r Q \cap R \supseteq L'_r * \cap R = \tilde{L}'_r$ by (6). Hence $L_r = \tilde{L}'_r$ and $L_r Q = \tilde{L}'_r Q = L'_r *$. Therefore $L_r Q$ is also a minimal annihilator. Let $r = eQ$ be an irreducible right ideal in Q contained in $L_r Q$. Then $eQ = (Q_{(1-e)})_r$ and since $L_r Q$ is a minimal annihilator, $eQ = L_r Q$, hence $L_r = L_r Q \cap R$ is basic. Let M be a maximal annihilator. By (8) $MQ = l_r *$ is so in Q . Let l_0 be an irreducible left ideal contained in l , then $Q \neq l_{0r} * \supseteq l_r *$, hence $l_{0r} * = l_r * = MQ$. Therefore $M \subseteq l_{0r} * \cap R = (l_0 \cap R)_r = B_r$ and B is basic. From Proposition 7 we have $B_r = u_r$ for any element u in B . Conversely if u is a uniform element, then Qu is irreducible, hence $(Qu)_{r*} = u_{r*}$ is a maximal right ideal. By (8) $u_r = u_{r*} \cap R$ is a maximal annihilator.

THEOREM 4. *Let M be a right ideal in R . M is a maximal complement in R if and only if MQ is a maximal one of right ideals r with $(r:Q)_r = (0)$ and $MQ \cap R = M$ or if and only if $M = B^c$ where B is basic. Let M be a maximal complement in R . Then (1) for any basic right ideal B $M \supseteq B$ or $M \cap B = (0)$, (2) M is minimal irreducible³⁾, (3) if M_0 is of the maximal length of direct-sum of basic right ideals contained in M , then there exists a basic right ideal B such that $M \oplus B$ is of the maximal length of direct-sum of basic right ideals in R and (4) M^c is basic. Maximal annihilators are maximal complements.*

Proof. Let M be a maximal complement in R ; $M = I^c$. By (9) $MQ = (IQ)^{c'}$. Let $MQ \subseteq j^c$. Since $(j \cap R)^{c'} = j^c \cap R \supseteq M$, $MQ = (j^c \cap R)Q = j^c$, hence MQ is a maximal complement in Q , and $MQ \cap R = M$. Let r be a right ideal with $(r:Q)_r = (0)$ and $r \supseteq MQ$. Then since $r \not\supseteq j$ there exists a minimal right ideal r_0 such that $r \cap r_0 = (0)$. Hence r is contained in a maximal complement. Therefore $r = MQ$. Conversely if MQ satisfies the property mentioned in Theorem, then $MQ \not\supseteq j$ and $MQ \cap r_0 = (0)$; r_0 a minimal right ideal, and $MQ \subseteq r_0^c$. Since $(r_0^c:Q) = (0)$, $MQ = r_0^c$. If $MQ \subset r^c$, then $(r^c:Q)_r = (0)$. By (10) $M = MQ \cap R = (r_0^c \cap R) = (r_0 \cap R)^{c'}$. Further if $M \subseteq I^c$ then $MQ \subseteq I^c Q = (IQ)^{c'}$, hence $MQ = I^c Q$. Therefore $M = I^c$, and M is a maximal complement. Let M be a maximal complement in R , then MQ is so in Q . Hence there exists a minimal right ideal r_0 such that $r_0 \cap MQ = (0)$ and $MQ = r_0^c$. $M = MQ \cap R = r_0^c \cap R = (r_0 \cap R)^{c'}$ by (10) and $r_0 \cap R$ is basic. Conversely let $M = B^c$. $MQ = B^c Q = (BQ)^{c'}$ and BQ is minimal. If $\mathfrak{J} = (BQ^c \cap \mathfrak{J}) \oplus BQ \oplus r_1$, where \mathfrak{J} is the socle of Q , then for $y \in (BQ^c \oplus r_1) \cap BQ = x_1 + x_2$, $x_1 \in BQ^c$, $x_2 \in r_1$, we have $x_1 = y - x_2 \in (BQ \oplus r_1) \cap BQ^c \subseteq \mathfrak{J} \cap (BQ)^{c'}$. Hence $((BQ)^{c'} \oplus r_1) \cap BQ = (0)$ and $r_1 = (0)$. If $MQ \subseteq r^c$, then $r^c \not\supseteq \mathfrak{J}$ hence $r^c \cap BQ = (0)$ and $r^c = MQ$. Therefore MQ is a maximal complement in Q and further $B^c = M \subseteq MQ \cap R = (BQ)^{c'} \cap R = (BQ \cap R)^{c''} = B^{c''}$ and we have $M = MQ \cap R$. 1). Let B be basic. Since BQ is a minimal right ideal, $BQ \subseteq MQ$ or

3) From this theorem a right ideal I is called irreducible if $I = M \cap N$ implies $I = M$ or $I = N$.

$BQ \cap MQ = (0)$. Hence $B \subseteq MQ \cap R = M$ or $M \cap B = (0)$. 2). If $M \subseteq N$, $M \subseteq S$, and $M = N \cap S$, then $MQ \subseteq SQ$ for $MQ = SQ$ implies $M = S$. Hence $SQ \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$ and $NQ \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$. Therefore $NQ \cap SQ \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$ and this is a contradiction. If $M_0 \subseteq M$, then $M_0 = (M_0 \oplus M^c) \cap M$, hence M is minimal irreducible. From the above argument and the fact that $MQ \cap R = M$, M is a maximal complement. Let $MQ \cap r_0 = (0)$ for a minimal right ideal r_0 . Since $MQ \oplus r_0 \supseteq MQ$, $MQ \oplus r_0 \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$. We define the right ideal

$$\mathfrak{i} = \{j \in MQ, \text{ there exists an element } z \in \mathfrak{z} \text{ such that } z = j + r, r \in r_0\}.$$

Then $\mathfrak{i} \subseteq \mathfrak{z} \cap MQ$ and $\mathfrak{z} = \mathfrak{i} + r_0$, $\mathfrak{i} = \Sigma \oplus r_i$, r_i 's are minimal ideals. $M = MQ \cap R \supseteq \mathfrak{z} \cap MQ \cap R \supseteq \mathfrak{i} \cap R = \Sigma r_i \cap R$. If $(MQ)^c$ is not minimal, then it contains two minimal right ideals, r_1, r_2 by Lemma 1. Hence $MQ \cap (r_1 \oplus r_2) = (0)$ and $(MQ \oplus r_1) \cap r_2 = (0)$. Therefore since $(MQ)^c$ is minimal and $(MQ)^c = M'Q$, M' is uniform and by (1) M' is basic. Let M' be a maximal annihilator. By (8) $M'Q = \mathfrak{l}_r^*$ is so in Q . If $\mathfrak{l}_0 = Qe$ is a minimal left ideal in \mathfrak{l} , then $\mathfrak{l}_r^* = \mathfrak{l}_0 r^* = (1-e)Q$ and $\mathfrak{l}_r^* \cap eQ = (0)$. Since \mathfrak{l}_r^* is maximal, \mathfrak{l}_r^* is a maximal complement.

The following example with field Q/\mathfrak{z} analogous to the first one in this note shows that a maximal complement is not always a maximal annihilator. Let \mathfrak{r} be the right ideal generated by elements $e_{11} + e_{21}, e_{22} + e_{32}, \dots$. Since $(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{m} : \mathcal{A}) = 1$, \mathfrak{r} is a maximal right ideal contained in \mathfrak{z} , where \mathfrak{m} is an irreducible Q -module and \mathcal{A} is its Q -endomorphism ring. If $\mathfrak{r}^* \supseteq \mathfrak{r}$ then an element x of $\mathfrak{r}^* - \mathfrak{r}$ is of the following form

$$x = x_1 + \alpha E, \quad \alpha \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 \in \mathfrak{z}.$$

If $\alpha \neq 0$, then $x e_{ii} = \alpha e_{ii} \in \mathfrak{r}^*$ for a sufficiently large i . Hence $\mathfrak{r}^* \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$. If $\alpha = 0$, then $x \in \mathfrak{z}$. Therefore $\mathfrak{r}^* \supseteq \mathfrak{z}$. From Theorem 4 $R \cap \mathfrak{r}$ is a maximal complement but not a maximal annihilator since \mathfrak{r} is not maximal. Furthermore in this ring R if a right ideal M is minimal irreducible and $M = MQ \cap R$, then M is maximal complement. Because if M is minimal irreducible then MQ is so in Q . Since \mathfrak{r} is minimal irreducible $MQ \supset \mathfrak{z}$, hence $MQ \subseteq \mathfrak{r}_0^*$ for some minimal right ideal r_0 . If $\mathfrak{r}_0^* \supseteq MQ$ then $MQ = \mathfrak{r}_0^* \cap (MQ \oplus r_0)$ is not irreducible. Hence $MQ = \mathfrak{r}_0^*$ and by the first mention in the proof MQ is a maximal complement.

THEOREM 5. *If Q satisfies the minimal conditions, then the complement right ideals coincide with the annihilator right ideals. A right ideal M is a maximal complement if and only if M is minimal irreducible and M contains no regular elements.*

Proof. Let $I = J^c$ be a complement right ideal. $IQ = J^c Q = (JQ)^{c'} = (eQ)^{c'} = (1-e)Q = (Qe)_r$ where $e^2 = e$, $JQ = eQ$, because Q is a simple ring with minimal conditions. On the other hand if $IQ \cap R = I' \supseteq I$ then $I' \cap J \neq (0)$, hence $(0) \neq I'Q \cap JQ$ which is a contradiction. Therefore $I = J^c = J^c Q \cap R = (Qe)_r \cap R = (Qe \cap R)_r$. Conversely if $I = J_r$ then $J_r = J_r^* \cap R = (eQ)^c \cap R$ where $J_r^* = (1-e)Q$. By (10)

$J_r = J_r^* \cap R = (eQ)^c \cap R = (eQ \cap R)^c$. Let M be a minimal irreducible right ideal with $MQ \neq Q$. Then there exists a maximal right ideal \mathfrak{r} which contains MQ , $\mathfrak{r} \cap R \supseteq M$ and since from Theorem 4 $\mathfrak{r} \cap R$ is minimal irreducible, $M = \mathfrak{r} \cap R$ is a maximal complement.

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