

# QUASI-REGULAR ELEMENTS AND DORROH EXTENSIONS

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## 0. Introduction

In this paper, all rings are to be associative, and all mappings are to be written (at least in spirit) to the left. We shall consider certain portions of  $Q(U)$ , the group of quasi-regular (q.r.) elements of a ring  $U$ , portions which, in particular, extend the Jacobson radical  $J(U)$  of  $U$ . The portion under consideration will depend upon the way in which  $U$  is regarded as an algebra. Our principal device will be the introduction of a different multiplication on  $U$ , an introduction brought about by employing a q.r. operator on  $U$ . We shall show (Theorem 1) that if a suitable change of multiplication is introduced into the bimultiplication ring  $M(U)$ , [5], on  $U$ , then this modified  $M(U)$  can be injected into the bimultiplication ring of a modified version of  $U$  which is obtained from  $U$  by making a related change of multiplication theorem. By employing a properly chosen commutative subring  $S(U)$  of  $M(U)$ , it is possible to turn  $U$  into an  $S(U)$ -algebra. If  $U$  is an algebra over a commutative ring  $T$ , and if  $U$  has trivial bicenter [5], [3], then the map  $\alpha$  which effects the action of  $T$  on  $U$  can be factored through  $S(U)$  (Theorem 2).

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  be the set of all q.r. elements of  $U$  which are also q.r. with respect to all the changes of multiplication on  $U$  which are induced by the members of  $Q(T)$ . One finds that  $\mathfrak{Q} \geq J(U)$ . If  $Q(U)$  is central in  $U$ , and if  $U$  is treated as an  $S(U)$ -algebra, the resulting  $\mathfrak{Q}$ , here called  $\mathfrak{R}(U)$ , is (Theorem 3) a subring of  $U$ , an algebra over a certain  $\mathfrak{Q}$  of  $S(U)$ . If  $U$  is without divisors of zero, is commutative, is not a radical ring, and has its underlying abelian group  $U^+$  irreducible as a  $U$ -module, then  $\mathfrak{R}(U)$  vanishes (Theorem 4).

If a ring extension is not too formidable, it is possible to obtain information about its Jacobson radical. We select an uncomplicated extension  $V(U, \alpha, T)$  of  $U$  by  $T$  (going back to Dorroh [1]) which happens to be splitting. If  $T$  is an integral domain, and if  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  has been turned into an appropriate algebra, then the obvious  $\mathfrak{Q}$  of  $V$  is a related extension of  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  by a certain  $\mathfrak{Q}$  of  $T$  (Theorem 5). If  $T$  is commutative and if the members of  $J(T)$  operate on  $U$  in such a way that  $ru = ru^2$  for all  $r \in J(T)$  and all  $u \in U$ , then  $J(V)$  is a related extension (Theorem 6) of  $J(U)$  by  $J(T)$ . Finally, if  $U^+$  is an irreducible  $T$ -module ( $T$  commutative and  $U$  a  $T$ -algebra), and if the members of  $J(T)$  do not act as automorphisms on  $U^+$ , then (Theorem 7)  $J(V)$  reduces to the algebra direct sum of  $J(T)$  and  $U$ .

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We shall take for granted the reader's knowledge of the introductory portions of [5]. See also [3]. If  $\sigma$  is a bimultiplication on  $U$ , then the endomorphisms  $\sigma_L$  and  $\sigma_R$  are to be the respective left and right mappings on  $U^+$  induced by  $\sigma$ . Similarly, if  $u \in U$ , then  $u_L$  and  $u_R$  are to be the respective left and right multiplications on  $U$  by  $u$ . Such standard objects and concepts as q.r. elements  $u$ , their quasi-inverses (q.i.'s)  $u^*$ , the circle composition, and the Jacobson radical and its properties are treated as in such easily available sources as [2] and [4]. A subset  $A$  of a ring  $U$  is said to be *central in  $U$*  if  $A$  is extended to the center of  $U$ . For any subset  $B$  of  $U$ ,  $C(B, U)$  is to be the centralizer of  $B$  in  $U$ . The center of  $U$  is, of course, just  $C(U, U)$ . If  $\zeta$  is a map with domain  $B$ , and if  $A \leq B$ , then  $\zeta|A$  is just  $\zeta$  with its domain cut down to  $A$ . The symbol  $\zeta^{-1}$  will be used whenever a complete inverse image is required whether or not  $\zeta$  is one-to-one. If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, then  $A^B$  has its usual meaning of all functions with domain  $B$  and range included in  $A$ . The symbol  $\oplus$  denotes direct sum. A subset  $A$  of a ring  $U$  is said to have the *left (right) ideal property in  $U$*  if  $ua(au) \in A$  for each  $u \in U$  and each  $a \in A$ .

### 1. Symmetric bimultiplications

Let  $U$  be a ring with bimultiplication ring  $M(U)$ . Choose any  $\tau \in M(U)$  which is *symmetric* in that  $\tau u = u\tau$  for each  $u \in U$ . Write

$$g_\tau(u_1, u_2) = u_1 u_2 - \tau u_1 u_2$$

for all  $u_1, u_2 \in U$ . Under  $+$  and  $g_\tau$ , the set  $U$  is reconstituted as a ring  $U_\tau$  where  $U_\tau^+ = U^+$ . If, for instance,  $\tau$  is the zero of  $M(U)$ , then  $U_\tau$  is the same ring as  $U$ , while if  $\tau$  is the unity of  $M(U)$ , then  $U_\tau$  is the zero ring on  $U^+$ . Let  $\nu_U$  be the member of  $\text{Hom}(U, M(U))$  which carries each  $u \in U$  onto that inner bimultiplication  $\nu_U(u)$  which consists of the pair of maps  $u_L$  and  $u_R$ . One calls  $\tau \in M(U)$  *permuting* if  $(\sigma u)\tau = \sigma(u\tau)$  and if  $(\tau u)\sigma = \tau(u\sigma)$  for each  $u \in U$  and for each  $\sigma \in M(U)$ . It is known [5] that the members of  $\text{Im } \nu_U$  are permuting in  $M(U)$ , although the only symmetric maps among these are the images of the central members of  $U$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose that  $\tau \in M(U)$  is both symmetric and permuting. Then  $\tau$  is central in  $M(U)$ , and  $\tau' = \nu_{M(U)}(\tau)$  is symmetric in  $M(M(U))$ . If, further,  $\tau$  is q.r. in  $M(U)$ , then  $(M(U))_{\tau'}$  can be injected into  $M(U_\tau)$  in such a way that the image of  $\tau$  is central.*

*Proof.* For each  $x \in U$  and each  $\sigma \in M(U)$ ,  $x(\tau'\sigma) = x(\tau\sigma) = (x\tau)\sigma = (\tau x)\sigma$ , this last since  $\tau$  is symmetric. Likewise,  $x(\sigma\tau') = x(\sigma\tau) = (x\sigma)\tau = \tau(x\sigma) = (\tau x)\sigma$ , this last since  $\tau$  is permuting. Thus  $\tau'\sigma$  and  $\sigma\tau'$  are equal as right operators (similarly, equal as left operators). Thus,  $\tau'$  is symmetric as a member of  $M(M(U))$ , so that  $(M(U))_{\tau'}$  exists. Because  $\tau'\sigma = \sigma\tau'$  can be rewritten as  $\tau\sigma = \sigma\tau$ ,  $\tau$  is central in  $M(U)$ .

For each  $\eta \in (M(U))_{\tau'}$ , construct a pair of maps  $\lambda_\eta^{[\tau]} = \lambda_\eta$  from  $U_\tau$  to  $U_\tau$

via

$$\lambda_\eta a = \eta(a - \tau a) \quad \text{and} \quad a\lambda_\eta = (a - \tau a)\eta$$

for each  $a \in U_\eta$ . For  $a, b \in U$  one can establish such relationships as  $g_\tau(a, \lambda_\eta b) = g_\tau(a\lambda_\eta, b)$  by appealing to the assumptions on  $\tau$  and  $\eta$ . In this routine way we can show that  $\lambda_\eta \in M(U_\tau)$ . We define  $\lambda^{[\tau]} = \lambda$  by setting  $\lambda(\eta) = \lambda_\eta$ . We find that  $\lambda$  preserves both addition and  $g_\tau$ -multiplication. If, for any  $\eta, \lambda(\eta) = 0$ , then  $\lambda_\eta a = 0 = a\lambda_\eta$  for all  $a \in U$ . Upon expanding, we have  $\eta = \tau\eta \in M(U)$ . Let  $\iota$  here denote the unity of  $M(U)$ . We now have  $(\iota - \tau)\eta = 0$ . But  $\tau$  was assumed to be q.r. so that  $\iota - \tau$  is regular, whence  $\eta = 0$ , and  $\lambda$  is an injection.

To show that  $\lambda(\tau)$  is central in  $M(U_\tau)$ , we first note that  $\tau^*$ , the q.i. of  $\tau$ , is symmetric; for,  $\tau, \iota - \tau$ , and therefore  $(\iota - \tau)^{-1} = \iota - \tau^*$ , are symmetric. From this it is easy to show that  $\tau^* \in M(U_\tau)$ . Thus  $(U_\tau)_{\tau^*}$  is meaningful; but a brief calculation shows that this last reduces as a ring to  $U$ . Now if  $W$  is a ring and if  $\rho \in M(W)$  is symmetric, then one readily shows that  $M(W) \leq M(W_\rho)$ . In particular,  $M(U_\tau) \leq M((U_\tau)_{\tau^*}) = M(U)$ . Thus, under the supposition that  $\gamma \in M(U_\tau)$ ,

$$\lambda_\tau \gamma - \gamma \lambda_\tau = \tau\gamma - \gamma\tau - \tau^2\gamma + \gamma\tau^2.$$

Since  $\tau$  is central in  $M(U)$ , this last sum is zero, so that each  $\gamma \in M(U_\tau)$  commutes with  $\lambda_\tau$ , as we wished to show.

One should observe that the quasi-regularity of  $\tau$  implies that  $\lambda^{[\tau]}(\tau^*) = -\tau$  as members of  $M(U_\tau)$ . For, since  $\tau \in M(U) \leq M(U_\tau)$ ,  $\lambda(\tau^*) + \tau \in M(U_\tau)$ , and

$$(\lambda_{\tau^*} + \tau)b = \tau^*(b - \tau b) + \tau b = 0$$

for each  $b \in U$  (likewise for operators on the right).

## 2. Factorization of some algebra-producing maps

If  $U$  and  $T$  are rings, then  $U$  is said to be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(T, \text{End } U^+)$  if  $\text{Im } \alpha$  centralizes all left and all right multiplications on  $U$  by elements of  $U$ :  $(\alpha(t)u)v = \alpha(t)(uv) = u(\alpha(t)v)$  for all  $t \in T$  and all  $u, v \in U$ . We shall call such an  $\alpha$  a  $T$ -algebra-producing mapping (or map) for  $U$ . The set  $\text{Sm}(U)$  of symmetric bimultiplications on  $U$ , though closed under addition and subtraction, cannot be multiplicatively closed if  $\text{Sm}(U)$  is non-commutative. Nevertheless, the intersection  $S(U)$  of  $\text{Sm}(U)$  with the centralizer in  $M(U)$  of  $\text{Sm}(U)$  is easily shown to be a subring of  $M(U)$ . The members of  $\text{Sm}(U)$ , and therefore of  $S(U)$ , are certain pairs of equal endomorphisms on  $U^+$ . Let  $\kappa_U$  be the map which carries each  $\gamma \in S(U)$  onto the common endomorphism of its endomorphism pair. Not only is  $\kappa_U$  in  $\text{Hom}(S(U), \text{End } U^+)$ , but  $U$  is an  $S(U)$ -algebra via monomorphic  $\kappa_U$ . Let  $U$  be any commutative ring. Then  $U$  is a  $U$ -algebra via  $\kappa_U \nu_U$ . We shall call this algebra *the multiplication algebra on the commutative ring  $U$* , and we shall have occasion to refer to it in the sequel.

Recall [5] [3] that *the bicenter of  $U$*  is defined as  $\ker \nu_U$ . If  $U$  has a unity, or any other left or right non-divisor of zero, then the bicenter is trivial.

**THEOREM 2.** (a) *If  $U$  is a ring with trivial bicenter, then  $\text{Sm}(U) = S(U)$ .*

(b) *Let  $U$ , a ring with a trivial bicenter, be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$  where  $T$  is commutative. Then there exists  $\beta \in \text{Hom}(T, S(U))$  such that  $\alpha = \kappa_U \beta$ .*

*Proof.* (a) Let  $U^*$  be the ideal in  $U$  which is generated by all the composite members of  $U$ , that is, by all  $u \in U$  where  $u = ab$  for some  $a, b \in U$ . If  $\sigma, \delta \in \text{Sm}(U)$  then

$$(ab)\sigma\delta = \delta[a(b\sigma)] = (\delta a)(b\sigma) = [(a\delta)b]\sigma = [a(b\delta)]\sigma = (ab)(\delta\sigma).$$

Likewise,  $\sigma\delta(ab) = \delta\sigma(ab)$ , so that  $\sigma\delta$  and  $\delta\sigma$  are equal if their domains are cut down to  $U^*$ .

Now suppose that one could find an  $a \in U$  for which  $b = (\sigma\delta - \delta\sigma)a \neq 0$ . Since  $U$  has a trivial bicenter, there must exist some  $c \in U$  such that at least one of  $bc$  and  $cb$  is non-zero. From  $bc \neq 0$ ,  $(\sigma\delta - \delta\sigma)(ac) \neq 0$ , contradicting the statement that  $(\sigma\delta - \delta\sigma)|U^* = 0$ . From  $cb \neq 0$ ,  $c[(\sigma\delta - \delta\sigma)a] = ca(\sigma\delta - \delta\sigma) \neq 0$ , again a contradiction. (In this last step, we first use the assumption that  $\sigma$  lies in  $\text{Sm}(U)$ , not just in  $M(U)$ .) We have proved that  $\delta\sigma$  and  $\sigma\delta$  coincide as left mappings. Similarly, they coincide as right mappings, giving (a).

(b) If  $\gamma \in \text{End } U^+$  has the property that it centralizes both the left and the right multiplications by the elements of  $U$  on  $U$ , define a pair of maps  $\gamma^*$  from  $U$  to  $U$  by  $\gamma^*u = \gamma u = u\gamma^*$ . Then  $\gamma^* \in \text{Sm}(U)$  which last equals  $S(U)$ , by (a). For each  $t \in T$ , take  $\beta(t) = (\alpha(t))^*$ , and observe that  $\kappa_U(\alpha(t))^* = \alpha(t)$ . It is clear that  $\beta$  preserves addition; and the commutativity of  $T$ , used only here, causes  $\beta$  to preserve multiplication, completing the proof.

### 3. Change of multiplication

Let  $T$  be a commutative ring, and let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$ . For  $t \in T$ , form  $s(t) = (\alpha(t))^* \in S(U)$ , as in the proof of Theorem 2. Introduce a new production  $U$ , as in Section 1, by setting

$$g_{s(t)}(u, v) = uv - (\alpha(t))^*(uv).$$

It will simplify notation considerably if we write  $g_t$  instead of  $g_{s(t)}$ , if we write  $uv - \alpha(t)(uv)$  or  $uv - t(uv)$  instead of  $uv - (\alpha(t))^*(uv)$ , and if we write  $U_t$  instead of  $U_{s(t)}$ . If  $0$  is the zero of  $T$ , we shall write  $U$  instead of  $U_0$ . To say that  $u \in Q(U_t)$  means that there exists (an actually unique)  $u^{(t)} \in U_t$  such that  $g_t(u, u^{(t)}) = u + u^{(t)} = g_t(u^{(t)}, u)$ . One calls  $u^{(t)}$  (if it exists) *the  $t$ -quasi-inverse ( $t$ -q.i.) of  $u \in U$*  and says that  $u$  is  *$t$ -quasi-regular ( $t$ -q.r.) in  $U$* . Here,  $(u^{(t)})^{(t)} = u$ , and  $u^{(t)} \in Q(U_t)$ . If  $u$  is q.r. we write the usual  $u^*$  instead of  $u^{(0)}$  and substitute the standard notations q.i. and q.r. for respective 0-q.i. and 0-q.r.

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) = \bigcap_q Q(U_q)$  where  $q$  runs over all of  $Q(T)$ . It will be

convenient (i) to write  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$  instead of  $\mathfrak{Q}(T, \kappa_T \nu_T, T)$ ,  $T$  here being considered as the multiplication algebra on  $T$ ; (ii) to write  $\mathfrak{R}(U)$  instead of  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \kappa_U, S(U))$ . Just as we fashioned members of  $M(U_r)$  from elements of  $M(U)$  in Section 1, we now construct  $T_t$ -algebra-producing maps for  $U_t$  from  $T$ -algebra-producing maps for  $U$  where  $t \in T$ . That is, if  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra ( $T$  commutative) via  $\alpha$ , let  $\alpha_t \in (U^U)^T$  be defined by setting  $\alpha_t(s)u = \alpha(s - ts)u$  for all  $s \in T$  and all  $u \in U$ . Then  $\alpha_t \in \text{Hom}(T_t, \text{End } U^+)$ , and  $U_t$  is a  $T_t$ -algebra via  $\alpha_t$ . The basic computational result is as follows:

LEMMA 1. *Let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra ( $T$  commutative).*

(a) *If  $u \in U$  and if  $q_1, q_2 \in Q(T)$ , then  $u \in Q(U_{q_1})$  if and only if  $u - (q_1 \circ q_2^*)u \in Q(U_{q_2})$ , in which case*

$$(u - (q_1 \circ q_2^*)u)^{(q_2)} = u^{(q_1)} - (q_1 \circ q_2^*)u^{(q_1)}.$$

(b) *For each  $t \in Q(T)$ ,  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) = \mathfrak{Q}(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t)$  as subsets of  $U$ .*

*Proof.* (a) can be verified directly. As for (b), fix  $t \in Q(T)$  throughout the discussion. Then  $u \in \mathfrak{Q}(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t)$  if and only if  $u \in Q((U_t)_r)$  for each  $r \in Q(T_t)$ . But  $u \in Q((U_t)_r)$  if and only if there exists  $v = v(r) \in U$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} g_t(u, v) - \alpha_t(r)g_t(u, v) &= uv - (t \circ (r - tr))uv = u + v \\ &= vu - (t \circ (r - tr))vu = g_t(v, u) - \alpha_t(r)g_t(v, u). \end{aligned}$$

By part (a),  $r - tr \in Q(T)$ , whence  $u \in Q((U_t)_r)$  if and only if  $u \in Q(U_{d(r;t)})$  where  $d(r; t) = t \circ (r - tr) \in Q(T)$ . We now have

$$Q(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t) = \bigcap_r Q(U_{d(r;t)})$$

as  $r$  ranges over  $Q(T_t)$ . One easily finds that

$$r = (t^* \circ d(r; t)) - t^*(t^* \circ d(r; t)).$$

Now suppose that  $j$  is any member of  $Q(T)$ . Define  $e(j; t) \in T$  by

$$e(j; t) = (t^* \circ j) - t^*(t^* \circ j).$$

By part (a),  $e(j; t) \in Q(T_t)$ . A short calculation gives  $d(e(j; t); t) = j$ , so that  $\bigcap_r Q(U_{d(r;t)}) = \bigcap_j Q(U_j)$  as  $j$  ranges over  $Q(T)$ . But this last intersection is just  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , completing the proof. We have, incidentally, established that, for given  $t \in Q(T)$ ,  $Q((U_t)_r) = Q(U_{d(r;t)})$  and  $Q(U_j) = Q((U_t)_{e(j;t)})$  for all  $j \in Q(T)$  and all  $r \in Q(T_t)$ . These identities will be used below without reference.

THEOREM 3. (a) *Let  $T$  be a commutative ring with unity  $1_T$ , and suppose that  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra via monomorphic  $\alpha$  where  $\alpha(1_T)$  is the identity automorphism on  $U^+$ . Suppose that  $Q(U)$  is central and that, for each  $u \in Q(U)$ , there is (necessarily precisely) one  $s \in Q(T)$  such that  $u_L = \alpha(s^*)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  is a subring of  $U$  in such a way that it is a  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$ -algebra.*

(b) If  $T$  is a commutative ring and unity  $1_T$ , then  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$  is a subring of  $U$ .

(c) Let  $U$  be a ring for which  $Q(U)$  is central. Then  $\mathfrak{R}(U)$  is a subring of  $U$  in such a way that it is a  $\mathfrak{Q}(S(U))$ -algebra.

*Proof.* (a) Suppose that  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . In particular,  $v_2 \in Q(U)$  so that hypothesis provides us with  $q \in Q(T)$  such that  $(v_2)_L = \alpha(q^*)$ . Since  $v_1 \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ ,  $v_1 \in Q(U_q)$ . There exists, by hypothesis,  $p \in Q(T)$  such that  $(v^*)_L = \alpha(p)$ . Since  $v_2 \circ v^* = 0$ ,  $\alpha(q^* \circ p) = (v_2 \circ v_2^*)_L = 0$ . But  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism by assumption, so that  $q^* \circ p = 0$ , and  $p = q$ . Using the centrality of  $Q(U)$  and this last we have (I)  $v_2^* v_1 = q v_1 = v_1 v_2^*$ .

From  $v_1 + v_1^{(q)} = (1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}v_1$ , we have

$$v_2 v_1 + v_2 v_1^{(q)} = q(1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}v_1,$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 v_2 + v_1^{(q)} v_2 &= (1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}v_1 v_2 = (1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}v_2 v_1 \\ &= (1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}(q v_1) = q(1_T - q)v_1^{(q)}v_1, \end{aligned}$$

again by the central position of  $Q(U)$ . Thus we have (II)  $v_2 v_1^{(q)} = v_1^{(q)} v_2$ . It is now quite simple, employing (I) and (II), to show that  $(v_1 + v_2)^*$  exists and equals  $v_2^* + (1_T - q)^2 v_1^{(q)}$ .

Suppose  $v \in Q(U_t)$  where  $t \in Q(T)$ . Then, by Lemma 1 (a),  $w = v - tv \in Q(U)$  so that  $v = w - t^*w$ . If  $u$  is any member of  $U$ , then  $g_t(v, u) = (v - tv)u = wu = s^*u$  for some  $s \in Q(T)$ , as provided by hypothesis. By Lemma 1 (a),  $r = s - t^*s \in Q(T_t)$ , and  $r^{(t)} = s^* - t^*s^*$ , from which  $s^* = r^{(t)} - tr^{(t)}$ . That is,  $g_t(v, u) = (r^{(t)} - tr^{(t)})u = \alpha_t(r^{(t)})u$ ; thus, (III) each  $v \in Q(U_t)$  can be realized as a left multiplication under  $g_t$ -composition by  $\alpha_t(r^{(t)})$  for some  $r \in Q(T_t)$ . The centrality of  $w$  in  $U$  as a member of central  $Q(U)$  allows us to assert that  $w = uw - t^*uw = wu - t^*wu = vu$ , so that  $v$  is central under ordinary, therefore under  $g_t$ -, multiplication. We now have that (IV) the center of  $U_t$  extends  $Q(U_t)$ .

One can readily check that (V)  $T_t$  is commutative with unity  $1_{T_t} = 1_T - t^*$ . Since  $\alpha_t(1_T - t^*)u = u$ , (VI)  $\alpha_t(1_{T_t})$  is the identity automorphism on  $U^+$ . If  $\alpha_t(b) = 0$  for any  $b \in T_t$ , then  $\alpha(b - tb) = 0$ . But  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism, so that  $b(1_T - t) = 0$ . Since  $1_T - t$  is regular,  $b = 0$ . Thus (VII)  $\alpha_t$  is a monomorphism. By (III)–(VII),  $U_t, T_t, \alpha_t$ , and  $1_{T_t}$  can replace their respective counterparts without  $t$  in the hypothesis of (a). Recall, from Lemma 1 (b), that, as sets,  $\mathfrak{Q}(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t) = \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . If we change from ordinary to  $g_t$ -multiplication, the steps of the argument can now be repeated to put  $v_1 + v_2$  in  $Q(U_t)$ . It follows that  $v_1 + v_2 \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , whence this set is closed under the addition of  $U$ .

If  $v \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , then  $v \in Q(U_q)$  for each  $q \in Q(T)$ , from which

$$(-v) + (-v^{(q)}) = (q - 1_T)(-v)(-v^{(q)}) = (q - 1_T)(-v^{(q)})(-v).$$

Since  $q - 1_T$  is a unit of  $T$  (with inverse  $q^* - 1_T$ ),  $-v \in Q(U_{2_T - q})$  where

$2_T = 2(1_T)$ , and  $(-v)^{(2_T \cdot q)} = -v^{(q)}$ . If  $r$  is any member of  $Q(T)$ , then  $r$  may be written in the form  $2_T - q$  where  $q \in Q(T)$  with  $q^* = 2_T - r^*$ . That is,  $2_T - q$  is as general a member of  $Q(T)$  as is  $q$  itself, whence  $-v \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , and this latter set is now closed under both addition and subtraction.

If  $v \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , and if  $q, t \in Q(T)$ , then

$$v - tv = v - ((t \circ q) \circ q^*)v.$$

Since  $v \in \mathfrak{Q}(U_{t \circ q})$ , Lemma 1 (a) places  $v - tv$  in  $Q(U_q)$ . Allowing  $q$  to run over  $Q(T)$ , we have  $v - tv \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , a set which was just shown to be closed under subtraction. Thus,  $tv \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . If  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , then the hypothesis provides us with  $r \in Q(T)$  such that  $v_1 v_2 = r^* v_2$ . But we have just proved that all elements like  $r^* v_2$  lie in  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ ; that is, the set  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  is a subring of  $U$ . If  $r \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$ , and if  $u \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , then  $r \in Q(T)$ , so that  $ru \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . Since  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra, and since  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$  operates on  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , this last must be a  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$ -algebra, establishing all of (a). Since  $T$  as the multiplication algebra satisfies the conditions in (a),  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$  is a subring of  $T$ , and we have (b).

(c) Since members of  $Q(U)$  are central,  $w \in Q(U)$  implies that  $\nu_U(w) = (f(w))^*$  for some  $f(w) \in Q(S(U))$ . It follows that  $w_L = \kappa_U((f(w))^*)$ . Recall that  $S(U)$  has a unity and that  $\kappa_U$  is a monomorphism which carries this unity onto the identity automorphism of  $U^+$ . Since the conditions of (a) hold, we have (c).

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $U$ , a ring with trivial bicenter, be a  $T$ -algebra ( $T$  commutative with unity  $1_T$ ) via monomorphic  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha(1_T)$  is the identity automorphism on  $U^+$ , in such a way that, for each  $u \in Q(U)$ ,  $u_L = \alpha(s^*)$  and  $u_R = \alpha(t^*)$  for some  $s, t \in Q(T)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  is a  $\mathfrak{Q}(T)$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* If  $u \in Q(U)$  and if  $y, w \in U$ , then  $(uy)w = u(yw) = s^*(yw) = y(s^*w) = y(uw) = (yu)w$ , so that  $(uy - yu)w = 0$ ; and  $w(uy) = (wu)y = (t^*w)y = w(t^*y) = w(yu)$ , so that  $w(uy - yu) = 0$ . If  $uy - yu \neq 0$ , the assumption that  $U$  has trivial bicenter provides us with at least one non-zero  $w \in U$  such that at least one of  $(uy - yu)w$  and  $w(uy - yu)$  is non-zero. The resulting contradiction shows that each  $u \in Q(U)$  is central. Now apply (a).

#### 4. The Jacobson radical

Let  $T$  be a commutative ring,  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra, and  $X$  be a  $T$ -subalgebra of  $U$ . Recall [2] that  $(X:U) = [s; s \in T \text{ and } su \in X \text{ for all } u \in U]$  is an ideal (=  $T$ -subalgebra) of  $T$ . Let  $\text{Epen } U^+$  be the set of endomorphisms on  $U^+$ .

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $T$  be a commutative ring, and let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$ . Then*

- (a)  $J(U)$  is a  $T$ -subalgebra of  $U$  via some  $\alpha_J \in \text{Hom}(T, \text{End}(J(U))^+)$ ;
- (b) if  $(J(U):U) \cap \alpha^{-1}(\text{Epen } U^+)$  is non-empty, then  $U$  is a radical ring;
- (c) as sets,  $J(U_q) = J(U)$  for each  $q \in Q(T)$ ;
- (d)  $J(U) \leq \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T), \mathfrak{R}(U)$ ;

- (e) if  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  has the (left, right) ideal property in  $U$ , then  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) = J(U)$ ; and
- (f)  $\mathfrak{Q}(J(U), \alpha_J, T) = J(U)$ .

*Proof.* (a) Suppose that  $s \in T$  and that  $u \in J(U)$ . Then, for each  $v \in U$ ,  $(su)v = u(sv)$ , q.r. since right multiples of radical elements  $u$  are q.r., so that  $su$  has q.r. right multiples exclusively and is thus itself a radical element.

(b) If  $r \in (J(U):U) \cap \alpha^{-1}(\text{Epen } U^+)$ ,  $\alpha(r) \in \text{Epen } U^+$ , so that, to each  $u \in U$ , there corresponds at least one  $u' \in U$  with  $\alpha(r)u' = ru' = u$ . Since  $r \in (J(U):U)$ ,  $u = ru' \in J(U)$  from which  $U = J(U)$ .

(c)  $w \in J(U_q)$  if and only if  $v = v(a) = g_q(w, a) \in Q(U_q)$  for all  $a \in U$ . Equivalently,

$$v - qv = (w - 2qw + q^2w)a = w'a \in Q(U)$$

where  $w' = w - 2qw + q^2w$ . But  $w'a \in Q(U)$  for each  $a \in U$  if and only if  $w' \in J(U)$ . Now suppose that  $w \in J(U)$ . Since  $J(U)$  is a  $T$ -subalgebra,  $w' \in J(U)$ . By what we have just shown,  $w \in J(U_q)$ , giving  $J(U) \leq J(U_q)$ . By an exchange of roles,  $J(U_q) \leq J(U)$ , and we have (c). From (c), (d) is immediate.

(e) If  $u \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , and if  $a \in U$ , then  $ua \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$  should this set have the right ideal property. Since  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) \leq Q(U)$ ,  $ua \in Q(U)$  so that  $u$  is a radical element. That is,  $\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) \leq J(U)$ . Combining this last with (d), we have the right case of (e). The left case is similar. As for (f),

$$J(U) = J(J(U)) \leq \mathfrak{Q}(J(U), \alpha_J, T) \leq J(U).$$

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $U$  be a non-trivial commutative ring without divisors of zero. Suppose, further, that  $U$  is not a radical ring and that  $U^+$  as a  $U$ -module is irreducible. Then  $\mathfrak{R}(U) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $U^+$  is irreducible, and since  $J(U) \neq U$ , we must have  $J(U) = 0$ . Now  $u \in \mathfrak{R}(U)$  if and only if  $u \in Q(U_\gamma)$  for each  $\gamma \in Q(S(U))$ . If we let  $w_\gamma = u - \gamma u$ , we can solve for  $u$  to obtain

$$u = w_\gamma - \gamma^* w_\gamma = (\iota - \gamma_L^*) w_\gamma$$

where, here,  $\iota$  is the identity automorphism on  $U^+$ .

If  $v$  is a non-zero member of  $U$ , then  $v_L$  is a monomorphism on  $U^+$  since  $U$  has no divisors of zero. Since  $U^+$  is  $U$ -irreducible,  $U$  is strictly cyclic on  $v$  [2, Prop. 1, p. 6], so that  $v_L$  is an endomorphism and, therefore, an automorphism on  $U^+$ . Since  $U$  is commutative, it is possible to construct  $\tau = (\iota - v_L)^* \in \text{Sm}(U)$  where  $\tau_L = \iota - v_L$ . See the proof of Theorem 2 (b). We shall show that  $\tau \in Q(S(U))$ .

Suppose that  $\eta \in \text{Sm}(U)$ . For each  $w \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau\eta)w &= (\iota - v_L)\eta w = \eta w - v(\eta w) = \eta w - (v\eta)w = \eta w - (\eta v)w \\ &= \eta(w - vw) = \eta(\iota - v_L)w = \eta\tau w, \end{aligned}$$



making  $\tau\eta$  and  $\eta\tau$  equal as left operators (similarly, as right operators). Thus  $\tau \in S(U)$ .

Let  $\delta$  be the automorphism on  $U^+$  which is inverse to  $v_L$ . With  $\eta$  and  $w$  as above,  $v(w\eta) = (vw)\eta$ . Replacing  $w$  by  $\delta x$  where  $x = vw$  and operating on both sides of the resulting identity by  $\delta$ , we have  $(\delta x)\eta = \delta(x\eta)$ . Since  $x$  is as general a member of  $U$  as  $w$  is, we have established the permutation property  $\eta_R \delta = \delta\eta_R$  (similarly,  $\eta_L \delta = \delta\eta_L$ ) which will be of use presently.

In this context only, let us write  $w' = \delta w$  for all  $w \in U$ . If  $a, b, \epsilon \in U$ , then  $(\iota - \delta)(ab) = ab - \delta v_L(a'b) = ab - a'b = ab - (\delta a)b = [(\iota - \delta)a]b$ . Similarly,  $(\iota - \delta)(ab) = ab - ab' = a[(\iota - \delta)b]$ . Moreover,

$$[(\iota - \delta)a]b = ab - a'b = ab - va'b' = a[(\iota - \delta)b].$$

Thus, it is possible to construct  $\sigma = (\iota - \delta)^* \epsilon \text{ Sm}(U)$  where  $\sigma_L = \iota - \delta$ . The permutation property of  $\delta$ , above, can now be used to show that  $\sigma\eta = \eta\sigma$  for each  $\eta \in \text{Sm}(U)$ . At once,  $\sigma \in S(U)$ , and it is readily verified that  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are q.i. to each other, placing both in  $Q(S(U))$ .

For  $u \in \mathfrak{R}(U)$  and  $v \in U$ ,

$$vu = v_L u = (\iota - \tau_L)u = (\iota - \tau_L)(\iota - \gamma^*_L)w_\gamma$$

for each  $\gamma \in Q(S(U))$ . That is,  $vu = (\iota - (\tau \circ \gamma^*)_L)w_\gamma$ . But  $\rho = \gamma \circ \tau^*$  is as general a member of  $Q(S(U))$  as is  $\gamma$  itself. That is,  $vu = (\iota - \rho^*_L)y_\rho$  where  $y_\rho = w_{\tau \circ \rho} \in Q(U)$ . Equivalently,  $vu - \rho v u \in Q(U)$  for each  $\rho \in Q(S(U))$  since the expression in question reduces to  $y_\rho$ . By the initial remarks in the proof,  $vu \in \mathfrak{R}(U)$  giving this last the left ideal property. We can now apply Lemma 2 (e) to show that  $\mathfrak{R}(U) = J(U)$ . But  $J(U)$  has already been shown to be 0, so that the proof is complete.

### 5. A splitting extension

Let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$  where, throughout this section,  $T$  is a commutative ring. Then there is a standard way, which goes back to Dorroh [1], of extending the  $T$ -algebra  $U$  to a splitting extension by the  $T$ -algebra  $T$ ; let  $V(U, \alpha, T)$  be the set of all  $(s, u)$ , where  $s \in T$  and  $u \in U$ , under direct-sum addition, with multiplication given by

$$(s, u)(t, w) = (st, sw + tu + uw) \quad (s, t \in T \text{ and } u, w \in U)$$

and with  $V$  turned into a  $T$ -algebra via the  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{R}}$  in  $\text{Hom}(T, \text{End}(T^+ \oplus U^+))$  which is defined by setting  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{R}}(t)(s, u) = t(s, u) = (ts, tu)$ . This extension of  $U$  by  $T$  is not the most general splitting extension [3], but it does have enough inherent commutativity to make questions concerning the radical accessible.

One readily checks that  $Q(V)$  is the set of all  $(q^*, x) \in V$  where  $q \in Q(T)$  and  $x \in Q(U_q)$ ; here,

$$(q^*, x)^* = (q, x^{(q)} - (q \circ q)(x^{(q)}).$$

If  $\phi_q$  is the map which carries each such  $(q^*, x)$  onto  $q^*$ , then the sequence of

groups (each under circle composition)

$$0 \rightarrow Q(U) \rightarrow Q(V(U, \alpha, T)) \xrightarrow{\phi_Q} Q(T) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Note that, as a map from a set to a set,  $\phi_Q = \phi \mid Q(V)$  where  $\phi$  is the map given by  $\phi(s, u) = s$ , this  $\phi$  making

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \xrightarrow{\phi} T \rightarrow 0$$

exact as a sequence of  $T$ -algebras. Likewise, let  $\phi_J = \phi \mid J(V)$ , a  $T$ -algebra homomorphism which makes

$$0 \rightarrow J(U) \rightarrow J(V) \xrightarrow{\phi_J} J(T)$$

exact. In particular, if  $(r, u) \in J(V)$ , then  $r \in J(T)$ , while the Lie product  $[u, x] = ux - xu$  lies in  $J(U)$  for every  $x \in U$ .

Similarly, if  $u \in J(U)$  and if  $r \in J(T) \cap (J(U):U)$ , then  $(r, u) \in J(V)$ . For, taking any  $(t, y) \in V$ ,  $rt \in J(T) \leq Q(T)$  so that  $rt = q^*$  for some  $q \in Q(T)$ , and  $(r, u)(t, y) = (q^*, z)$  where  $z = ry + tu + uy$ . Since  $J(U)$  is both an ideal and a  $T$ -subalgebra in  $U$ ,  $tu + uy \in J(U)$ . But  $r \in (J(U):U)$  so that all of  $z$  lies in  $J(U)$ . It follows that, for each  $s \in T$ ,  $z - sz \in J(U) \leq Q(U)$ . Now take  $s = q$ , so that Lemma 1 (a) gives  $z \in Q(U_q)$ . By our remarks on the nature of the elements of  $Q(V)$ ,  $(q^*, z)$  is in this last so that  $(r, u) \in J(V)$ , as we wished to show.

The case where  $T$  is a field is discussed from a somewhat different point of view in [6]. We shall say something below about the case where  $T$  is an integral domain. Let  $\alpha_\Omega = \alpha \mid \Omega(T)$ , a ring map whenever  $\Omega(T)$  is a subring of  $T$ . If  $\Omega(U, \alpha, T)$  is a  $T$ -algebra it is also a  $\Omega(T)$ -algebra via  $\alpha_\Omega$  whenever  $\Omega(T)$  is a ring. In this case

$$B = B(U, \alpha, T) = V(\Omega(U, \alpha, T), \alpha_\Omega, \Omega(T))$$

is a subring of  $V(U, \alpha, T)$ . It is also a  $\Omega(T)$ -algebra: if  $s \in \Omega(T)$  and if  $(p, x) \in B$ , then  $s(p, x) = (sp, sx) \in B$ , and the operators from  $T$  commute with the left and right multiplications on  $B$ . Let  $A = A(U, \alpha, T)$  denote  $\Omega(V(U, \alpha, T), \alpha_\#, T)$ , and let  $\phi_\Omega = \phi \mid B$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $T$  be a commutative ring with unity  $1_T$ , and let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$  where  $\alpha(1_T)$  is the identity automorphism on  $U^+$ . Suppose that  $\Omega(U, \alpha, T)$  is a  $\Omega(T)$ -algebra as a subring of  $U$ . Then*

(i)  $B(U, \alpha, T) \leq A(U, \alpha, T)$ ;

(ii)  $0 \rightarrow \Omega(U, \alpha, T) \rightarrow B(U, \alpha, T) \xrightarrow{\phi_\Omega} \Omega(T) \rightarrow 0$

is an exact sequence of  $\Omega(T)$ -algebras; and

(iii) if  $A(U, \alpha, T)$  is closed under the subtraction of  $V(U, \alpha, T)$ , or if  $T$  is an integral domain, then  $A(U, \alpha, T) = B(U, \alpha, T)$ .

*Proof.* First observe that the identity automorphism on the direct-sum group  $T^+ \oplus U^+$  is also a ring isomorphism on  $V(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t)$  onto

$(V(U, \alpha, T))_t$  for each  $t \in Q(T)$ . That is, as sets,

$A = \bigcap_t \mathfrak{Q}((V(U, \alpha, T))_t) = \bigcap_t \mathfrak{Q}(V(U_t, \alpha_t, T_t))$ ,  
 $t$  running over  $Q(T)$ . Hence  $(p, x) \in V(U, \alpha, T)$  lies in  $A$  if and only if  
 $p \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$  and

$$x \in \bigcap_t Q((U_t)_{p^{(t)}}) = \bigcap_t Q(U_{d(p^{(t)}; t)}),$$

as we can see by appealing to our earlier results and definitions. Since  $d(p^{(t)}; t) \in Q(T)$ ,  $\bigcap_t Q(U_{d(p^{(t)}; t)}) \geq \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . Now suppose that  $(p, x) \in B$  so that  $p \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$  and  $x \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . By what we have just done,  $(p, x) \in A$ , whence  $B \leq A$ , and we now have (i). The exactness of the sequence of (ii) is immediate.

Let us assume that  $A$  is closed under the subtraction of  $V(U, \alpha, T)$ , and let us take  $(s, u) \in A$ . By our above remarks on  $A$ ,  $s \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$ . Since  $0 \in \bigcap_t Q(U_{d(s^{(t)}; t)})$ , we have  $(s, 0) \in A$ ; therefore  $(s, u) - (s, 0) = (0, u) \in A$ . That is,  $u \in \bigcap_t Q(U_{d(0; t)})$ . But  $d(0; t) = t$ , whence  $u \in \bigcap_t Q(U_t) = \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . It thus appears that  $(s, u) \in B$ , whence  $A \leq B$ .

Assume, alternately, that  $T$  is an integral domain and thus  $(p, x) \in A$  so that  $p \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$  and  $x \in \bigcap_t Q(U_{d(p^{(t)}; t)})$  as  $t$  runs over  $Q(T)$ . Recall that  $r = 2_T - s \in Q(T)$  whenever  $s \in Q(T)$ . Since  $p \in \mathfrak{Q}(T) \leq Q(T_r)$ , Lemma 1 (a) provides that

$$(1_T - r)p = -(1_T - s)p \in Q(T).$$

The quantity  $1_T + (1_T - s)p$  is thus a unit of  $T$ , and one can show that

$$t(s) = 1_T - (1_T - s)(1_T + (1_T - s)p)^{-1} \in Q(T).$$

From this, one has

$$p^{(t(s))} = -(1_T - s)p^2 - p$$

and

$$p^2 s = p^2 + p + p^{(t(s))} = p(p + p^{(t(s))} - t(s)p^{(t(s))}) = p^2 d(p^{(t(s))}; t(s)).$$

If  $p \neq 0$ , the integrity of  $T$  yields  $s = d(p^{(t(s))}; t(s))$ . A consequence is that

$$\mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) = \bigcap_s Q(U_s) = \bigcap_s Q(U_{d(p^{(t(s))}; t(s))}) \geq \bigcap_t Q(U_{d(p^{(t)}; t)})$$

where both  $t$  and  $s$  range over  $Q(T)$ . We saw, however, (VIII) that  $x$  lies in this last intersection so that  $x \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ , and (IX) that  $p \in \mathfrak{Q}(T)$ . From the definition of  $B$ , we now must have  $(p, x) \in B$ .

If  $p = 0$ , then we have  $p^{(t)} = 0$ ,  $d(p^{(t)}; t) = t$ , and again  $x \in \bigcap_t Q(U_t) = \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T)$ . That is,  $(0, x) \in B$ . In any event,  $A \leq B$ , completing the proof.

## 6. The radical of the extension

Let  $\alpha_{J,J} = \alpha_J | J(T)$ , where, as before,  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra via  $\alpha$ , and  $T$  is, throughout this section, a commutative ring. Observe that  $V(J(U), \alpha_{J,J}, J(T))$  is a  $T$ -algebra, a subalgebra of  $V(U, \alpha, T)$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $U$  be a non-trivial  $T$ -algebra ( $T$  commutative) via  $\alpha$ . Suppose that  $r(u - u^2) = 0$  for each  $r \in J(T)$  and for each  $u \in U$ . Then*

$$J(V(U, \alpha, T)) = V(J(U), \alpha_{J, J}, J(T)).$$

*Proof.* For  $(r, u) \in V(U, \alpha, T)$ ,  $(r, u) \in J(V(U, \alpha, T))$  if and only if  $(r, u)(s, x) = (rs, rx + su + ux)$  is q.r. for each  $(s, x) \in V$ . That is, equivalently,  $rs$  is q.r. and  $rx + su + ux \in Q(U_{(rs)^*})$ . Equivalently, again,  $r \in J(T)$ , and  $rx + su + ux - (rs)^*(rx + su + ux) \in Q(U)$ .

If  $t \in J(T)$ , and if  $v \in U$ , then

$$tv + t^*v = (t + t^*)v = (tt^*)v = (tt^*)v^2 = (tv)(t^*v),$$

by the special condition in the hypothesis. That is,  $tv$  is q.r. with  $(tv)^* = t^*v$ . For  $w \in U$ ,  $(tv)w = t(vw)$  so that, by what we have just done,  $(tv)w$  is q.r. for each  $w \in U$ . But this means that  $tv \in J(U)$  from which  $J(T) \leq (J(U):U)$ .

If  $(r, u) \in J(V)$ , then  $(r, u)(0, x)$  is q.r. for each  $x \in U$ , which is to say that  $rx + ux \in Q(U)$ . We know also that  $r \in J(T)$ . Replace  $x$  by  $xy$  to obtain  $(rx + ux)y \in Q(U)$  for each  $x, y \in U$ , from which  $rx + ux \in J(U)$ . But  $J(T) \leq (J(U):U)$  gives  $rx \in J(U)$ . Hence  $ux \in J(U) \leq Q(U)$  for each  $x \in U$ , so that  $u \in J(U)$ . We have established that  $J(V(U, \alpha, T)) \leq V(J(U), \alpha_{J, J}, J(T))$ .

Conversely, if  $(r, u)$  is in the right-hand set of the preceding inclusion, then (X)  $r \in J(T)$ , and  $u \in J(U)$ . We have  $rx, su$ , and  $ux$  lying in  $J(U)$ , so that (XI)

$$rx + su + ux - (rs)^*(rx + su + ux) \in J(U) \leq Q(U).$$

But (X) and (XI) are equivalent to  $(r, u) \in J(V(U, \alpha, T))$ , completing the proof.

We should observe that the condition  $r(u - u^2) = 0$  holds for any Boolean ring  $U$  which is also a  $T$ -algebra. To obtain another example, let  $p$  be a prime,  $T$  be the ring of  $p$ -adic integers, and  $U$  be any ring of characteristic  $p$ . It is easy to see that  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra. Recall [2] that  $J(T)$  is the principal ideal generated by the  $p$ -adic integer  $p$ . Since  $pv = 0$  for each  $v \in U$ ,  $r(u - u^2) = 0$  whenever  $r \in J(V)$ .

If we have  $r(u - u^2) = 0$  for each  $r \in J(T)$  and each  $u \in U$ , then  $ra = 0$  for each  $a \in Q(U)$ , and  $ru = -r^*u$ . For,  $raa^* = (ra)aa^* = ra^2 + raa^*$  so that  $0 = ra^2 = ra$ . Also,  $(r + r^*)u = r(r^*u) = ra$  where  $a = r^*u \in J(U) \leq Q(U)$ , since  $J(T) \leq (J(U) : U)$ . That is,  $ra = 0$  from which  $ru = -r^*u$ . (Cf.,  $\lambda^{[r]}(\tau^*)$  and  $-\tau$  in Section 1.)

**COROLLARY.** *Under the conditions of the theorem, for no  $r \in J(T)$  is  $\alpha(r)$  an endomorphism on  $U^+$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2(b),  $U$  is a radical ring whenever any member  $r_0$  of  $J(T)$  acts as an endomorphism on  $U^+$ . But, by the above remarks,  $r_0 u = 0$  for every  $u \in U$  since  $U = Q(U)$  under these circumstances.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $U$  be a  $T$ -algebra ( $T$  commutative) via  $\alpha$  where  $U^+$  is an irreducible  $T$ -module.*

(a) *Suppose that no member of  $J(T)$  is carried by  $\alpha$  onto an automorphism of  $U^+$ . Then  $J(V(U, \alpha, T))$  is, to within an isomorphism, either  $J(T)$  or the algebra direct sum of the  $T$ -algebras  $J(T)$  and  $U$ .*

(b) *If  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism, then  $V(U, \alpha, T)$  either has trivial radical or has its radical essentially  $U$ .*

*Proof.* (a) Since  $T$  is commutative,  $(\ker \alpha(r))^+$  is a  $T$ -submodule of  $U^+$  for each  $r \in T$ . By the irreducibility of  $U^+$ , this submodule would have to vanish if  $\alpha(r)$  were to be an endomorphism. But  $\alpha(r)$  would then have to be an automorphism, contrary to assumption if  $r$  is taken from  $J(T)$ . Hence, if  $r \in J(T)$ ,  $\text{Im } \alpha(r) < U$ . But  $(\text{Im } \alpha(r))^+$  is a  $T$ -submodule of irreducible  $U^+$ . Thus,  $\text{Im } \alpha(r)$  reduces to the trivial algebra, and  $J(T)$  operates trivially on  $U^+$  via  $\alpha | J(T)$ . Now suppose that  $(r, u) \in J(V)$  so that  $r \in J(T)$ . For all  $y \in U$ ,  $(r, u)(0, y) = (0, ry + uy) \in J(V)$ . But  $ry = 0$  since  $J(T)$  operates trivially on  $U^+$ , giving  $(0, uy) \in J(V)$  and  $uy \in Q(U)$ . Thus  $u \in J(U)$ .

Conversely, if  $r \in J(T)$ , and if  $u \in J(U)$ , then

$$rx + su + ux - (rs)^*(rs + su + ux)$$

reduces to  $su + ux \in J(U) \leq Q(U)$ , from which  $(r, u) \in J(V)$ , as we see from the proof of Theorem 6. Since  $J(T)$  acts trivially on  $U^+$ , it is readily verified that  $(r, u)(s, w) = (rs, uw)$  where  $r, s \in J(T)$  and  $u, w \in J(U)$ . To within an isomorphism,  $J(V)$  is just  $J(T) \oplus J(U)$ . Finally, the irreducibility of  $U^+$  shows that  $J(U) = 0$  or  $U$ .

(b) Since  $U^+$  is irreducible via faithful  $\alpha$ ,  $T$  is primitive and thus has zero radical [4]. The members of  $J(V)$  are thereby seen to be all  $(0, u)$  where  $su + ux \in Q(U)$  as  $s$  runs over  $T$  and as  $x$  runs over  $U$ . For a special case, take  $s = 0$  from which  $ux \in Q(U)$  for all  $x \in U$ , so that  $u \in J(U)$  whenever  $(0, u) \in J(V)$ . As a  $T$ -algebra, therefore,  $J(V)$  is isomorphic to  $J(U) = 0$  or  $U$ .

## 7. Some examples

(a) Let  $T = Z_{24}$ , the ring of integers modulo 24. Then

$$J(T) = \mathfrak{Q}(T) = (6).$$

(b) Let  $T = Z_{24}$ , and let  $U = (2) \leq T$ , so that  $U$  is a  $T$ -algebra, and each multiplication on  $U$  by a member of  $Q(U)$  can be realized by an operation from  $Q(T)$ . Again  $J(U) = \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) = (6)$ , although  $\alpha$  is no monomorphism.

(c) Let  $T$  be  $Z_{24}$ , and let  $U$  be the  $T$ -algebra of two-by-two matrices over  $T$ . Note that  $J(U) = (6I)$  where  $I$  is the identity matrix. Now

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{Q}(U, \alpha, T) \setminus J(U);$$

likewise for

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 23 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Nevertheless, their sum

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not even q.r. in  $U$ . Notice that there are left multiplications on  $U$  by elements of  $Q(U)$  which cannot be realized by multiplications from  $Q(T)$ .

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