

Recall: R is ^(right) Goldie ring if R_R has finite uniform dimension and satisfies ACC on right annihilators. $(I = r\text{-ann}(S) \Leftrightarrow I = \{r \in R : sr = 0 \ \forall s \in S\})$

• R has classical quot. ring Q (Q is quot. n.r.t. $X = \{\text{reg. elts}\}$)
 • $\forall x \in X: x^{-1} \in Q$ • $q \in Q: 0 \cdot x^{-1} = 0$
 Prop 3.3.3: If R has class. quot. $Q \Rightarrow R$ is Goldie (R semiprime $\Rightarrow Q \cong$)

Lemma 3.3.7 Let R be a semiprime right Goldie ring and $x \in R$

TRUE: (a) x is regular.

(b) $r\text{-ann}_R(x) = 0$.

(c) $xR \subset R_R$ is an essential right ideal.

Pf: (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): By def of regular.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c): Since $r\text{-ann}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow xR \cong R_R$. Thus $\text{udim}(xR) = \text{udim}(R) < \infty \Rightarrow xR \subseteq_e R_R$ is ess. by Cor 2.3.10 (2) $\Rightarrow N \subseteq_e R$.
 $N \subset M, \text{udim}(N) = \text{udim}(M) \Rightarrow N \subseteq_e M$.

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (a): By Prop 3.3.6. (2), the left annihilator of an ess. right ideal is 0 $\Rightarrow l\text{-ann}(xR) = 0$ and so $l\text{-ann}(x) = 0$.

We need to show that $I = r\text{-ann}(x) = 0$.

Therefore, choose a right ideal J , which is maximal s.t. $I \cap J = 0$.

Then $I \oplus J \subseteq_e R$ by Lemma 2.3.4. (6).

Claim: $xJ \subseteq_e xR$.

Pf of Claim: Choose $xr^* \in xR$ and set $K = \{k \in R : rk \in (I+J)\}$. $\xrightarrow{r^{-1}(I+J)}$

By Lemma 2.3.4. (3) we get that $K \subseteq_e R_R$. Now Prop 3.3.6. (2) implies that $l\text{-ann}(K) = 0$ and hence $xrK \neq 0$. However,

$$xrK \subset x(I+J) = xJ$$

whence $xrR \cap xJ \neq 0$. Thus $xJ \subseteq_e xR$.

Since R has finite uniform dimension. Cor 2.3.10 implies that $\text{udim}(xJ) = \text{udim}(xR) = \text{udim}(R)$. Since $J \cap l\text{-ann}(x) = 0$, we have $J \cong xJ$ and hence $\text{udim}(J) = \text{udim}(R)$. Again by Cor 2.3.10.

$\Rightarrow J \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential. Thus $I=0$ and x is regular. $\square$ (2)

Lemma 3.3.8 Let R be a semiprime right Goldie ring. Then R satisfies the DCC for right annihilators.

Pf: By Prop. 3.3.6., the left annihilators of essential right ideals are 0. Let $I_1 \supset I_2 \supset \dots$ be a descending chain of left annihilators and suppose that $I_j := \ell\text{-ann}(A_j)$ for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then: $\text{udim}(I_1) \geq \text{udim}(I_2) \geq \dots$

Hence $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{udim}(I_m) = \text{udim}(I_n) \quad \forall n \geq m$.

Then Cor 2.3.10 $\Rightarrow I_n \subseteq_e I_m \quad \forall n \geq m$ and we show that $I_n = I_m$:

let therefore $n \geq m$ be given. Choose some $x \in I_m$ and set

$$J = \{r \in R : xr \in I_n\}.$$

Then $J \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential and $A_n x J = 0$. Since $\ell\text{-ann}(J) = 0$, it follows that $A_n x = 0$ and hence $x \in \ell\text{-ann}(A_n) = I_n$. $\square$

Prop 3.3.9 (Goldie's Regular element lemma): Let R be a semiprime Goldie ring, and let $I \subseteq R$ be a right ideal. Then I is an essential right ideal $\Leftrightarrow I$ contains a regular element.

Pf: $\Leftarrow$: Let $x \in I$ be a regular element. By Lemma 3.3.7.

$xR \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential and hence $I \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential.

$\Rightarrow$: Conversely, suppose that $I \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential. By Lemma 3.3.8, $\exists x \in I$ s.t. $A := \ell\text{-ann}(x)$ is minimal among all right annihilators of elements from I .

Claim: $xR \subseteq_e I$ is essential.

Suppose the Claim holds true. Since $I \subseteq_e R$ is essential, it follows that $xR \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential, $\Rightarrow x$ is regular by Lemma

3.3.7.

(3)

Only remains to prove the claim: Let $B \subset I$ be a right ideal with $B \cap xR = 0$. We have to show that $B = 0$.

For every $b \in B$ we have $bR = xR = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$r\text{-ann}(b+x) = r\text{-ann}(b) \cap r\text{-ann}(x) \subset A.$$

Since $x+b \in I$, the minimality of A implies that

$$A = r\text{-ann}(b+x) = r\text{-ann}(b) \cap r\text{-ann}(x) \subset r\text{-ann}(b)$$

and hence $bA = 0$. Thus we obtain $BA = 0$.

Since $(B \cap A)^2 \subset BA = 0$ and R is semiprime, it follows that $B \cap A = 0$.

Similarly $(RB \cap A)^2 \subset RBA = 0$ implies that $RB \cap A = 0$.

Note that for the 2-sided ideal RB we have $xRB \subset RB$, whereas $xB \cap B \subset xR \cap B = 0$. Since $RB \cap A = 0$, left multiplication by x from $RB \xrightarrow{x} RB$ is a monomorphism $\Rightarrow xRB \cong RB$.

Since $(RB)_R$ has finite uniform dim and $\text{ulim}(xRB) = \text{ulim}(RB)$,

Cor 2.3.10 (2) implies that $xRB \subseteq_e RB$ is essential.

However, since $B \cap xRB \subset B \cap xR = 0$, it follows that $B = 0$. $\square$

Cor 3.3.10 Let R be a prime right Goldie ring. Then every nonzero ideal of R contains a regular element.

Pf By Lemma 2.3.3 every nonzero ideal of R is essential and thus the assertion follows from Prop 3.3.9. $\square$

Thm 3.3.11 (Goldie's Theorem) TFAE:

(a) R has a semisimple classical right quotient ring.

(b) R is a semiprime right Goldie ring.

In particular, every semiprime right noetherian ring has a semisimple right quotient ring.

Pf: Since every right noetherian ring has finite uniform dim.,

it is right Goldie. Thus the "in particular" statement follows. (4)

(a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) This follows from Prop 3.3.3.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) First show that the set of regular elements of R satisfy the right Ore condition.
 $\forall x \in R, \nexists b \in R : bR \cap xR = \emptyset \iff \exists z \in R, c \in R \text{ s.t. } bz = xc$
 $\leftarrow$ Ore-lemma

Because then, by Thm 3.1.5, R has a classical right quotient ring Q . (b) $\Rightarrow$ (c)

Let now $a, x \in R$, and suppose that x is regular. Then, by Lemma 3.3.7 $xR \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential, and hence the right ideal $J = \{r \in R : ar \in xR\} \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential. By Prop 3.3.9, there is a regular element $y \in J$ and hence $ay = xb$ for some $b \in R$. Thus the right Ore condition holds.

It remains to show that Q is semisimple. By Lemma 2.3.4. (7) it suffices to show that Q_Q has no proper essential right ideals: let therefore $I \subseteq_e Q$ be an essential right ideal.

Claim : $I \cap R \subseteq_e R$ is essential.

If the Claim holds, then Prop 3.3.9 $\Rightarrow I \cap R$ contains a regular element y . Since y is invertible in Q , it follows that $I = Q$.

Pf of Claim: Consider a nonzero $b \in R$. We have to show that $bR \cap (I \cap R) \neq \emptyset$. Clearly $\exists q^{*0} \in Q$ s.t. $q^{*0}b \in I$. We set $q = ax^{-1}$ with $a, x \in R$ and x regular. Then $bq = bax^{-1} \neq 0$ is contained in $bR \cap I$. $\square$
 $\leftarrow x$ regular!

Prop 3.3.12 Let R be a semiprime right Goldie ring. Then every essential right ideal is generated (as a right module) by regular elements.

Pf: The proof is based on a study of the connections between right ideals of R and of its quotient ring. For details

see [McConnell-Robson, Section 3.3.7]. $\square$

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Thm 3.3.13 (1) Suppose that R has a semisimple classical right quotient ring Q . Then Q is simple $\Leftrightarrow R$ is prime.

(2) TFAE: (a) R has a simple artinian classical right quotient ring.

(b) R is a prime right Goldie ring.

(3) If R is prime and right noetherian, then R has a simple artinian classical right quotient ring.

Pf: (1) Note that $R_R \subset Q_R$ is essential, since the product of any nonzero fraction with its denominator is a nonzero element of R .

$\Leftarrow$: Assume R prime, $I \neq 0$ an ideal in Q . Since $R_R \subset Q$ is essential, $I \cap R \neq 0$ in R . ideal of R

R prime $\Rightarrow I \neq 0$ is essential

Then Lemma 2.3.3 implies that $I \cap R \subseteq_e R_R$ is essential, $\Rightarrow I \cap R \subseteq_e Q$.

Thus, $I_R \subseteq_e Q_R$ is essential and hence $I_Q \subseteq_e Q_Q$. Since Q is semisimple, this implies that $I = Q$. (Lemma 2.3.4.(7)) $\Rightarrow Q$ is simple.

$\Rightarrow$: Suppose that Q is simple. Consider ideals $A, B \subset R$ with $AB = 0$ and suppose that $A \neq 0$. We have to show that $B = 0$, which implies that $0 \in \text{Spec}(R)$.

Since $QAQ \subset Q$ is $\neq 0$, it follows that $QAQ = Q$. $\swarrow$ Q simple

Thus we can write

$$1 = p_1 a_1 q_1 + \dots + p_n a_n q_n, \text{ where } a_i \in A, p_i, q_i \in Q \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Set $b_1, \dots, b_n, x \in R$, with x regular s.t. $q_i = b_i x^{-1} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i q_i \right) x = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i \in QA$$

$\in A$, since A 2-sided ideal in R

$\Rightarrow xB \subset QAB = 0$. Since x is regular, it follows that $B = 0$.

(2) This follows from (1) and Thm 3.3.11.

(3) This follows from (2) and Thm 3.3.11. $\square$

Remk 3.3.14 (1) By Thm 3.1.5, classical right quotient rings

are unique up to isomorphism.

(2) If R is a right + left Goldie ring, then R is called Goldie ring.

Let R be a semiprime Goldie ring. By Prop 3.1.7, every classical left quotient ring is a classical right quotient ring and conversely. By (1) we speak of the classical quotient ring.

4. Further topics?

- Orders in quotient rings (Q is called quot. ring if every regular element is invertible, $R \subset Q$ is a right order in Q if each $q \in Q$ has the form rs^{-1} for some $r, s \in R$. Def. left order analogously $\leadsto$ order = left + right order). $\leadsto$ classically: study orders over integral domains in central simple algebras.

Study rings of the form: $\text{End}_R M$

- Morita theory
- Dimensions (Kull dim, global dimension, GK-dimension, ...)