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## SOME PROPERTIES OF THE LATTICE OF F-CLOSED RIGHT IDEALS

**Abstract:** Throughout this paper  $R$  is a unitary associative ring and  $f$  is an injective ring endomorphism of  $R$ . In the present article, we introduce the notion of the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  of all  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  with some special operation instead of the intersection operation. The paper is devoted to the study of this lattice. In particular, we investigate the interrelationship between the lattice of all  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  and the lattice of right ideals of the Cohn-Jordan extension  $A$ . We obtained some results in this direction.

In Theorem 1 we give necessary and sufficient conditions, in terms of the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$ , for the Cohn-Jordan extension  $A$  be a right Artinian ring. This theorem implies in particular that  $A$  is right Artinian provided that  $R$  is right Artinian. Theorem 2 is a structural theorem and states that a ring  $R$  with a bounded length of chains of the right  $f$ -closed ideals is embeddable in a semisimple Artinian ring. The authors' original proof is based on the Cohn-Jordan extension. The Cohn-Jordan extensions were first introduced in [8] for the study of skew polynomial rings constructed by means of a ring endomorphism. Five open questions are formulated.

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### Introduction

Throughout this paper all rings are associative. In what follows let  $R$  be a ring and  $f$  be an injective ring endomorphism of  $R$ . Recall that David Alan Jordan introduced in [8] the construction of the smallest ring  $A$  containing  $R$  such that every endomorphism  $f$  of  $R$  to an automorphism of  $A$  (see also [2, 10]). More precisely, let  $A = A(R, f)$  be a ring, containing  $R$  and  $\tilde{f}$  be an automorphism of  $A$  that extends the endomorphism  $f$ . Then the ring  $A$  together with the automorphism  $\tilde{f}$  is called the Cohn-Jordan extension of the ring  $R$  with endomorphism  $f$ , if each element  $a$  of  $A$  can be presented as  $a = f^{-n}(r)$ , where  $r \in R$  and  $n$  is some positive integer.

### Materials and Methods

Using the construction of a direct limit one can verify that this extension is unique. Let us consider a countable number of copies  $R_i$  of the ring  $R$  labeled by nonnegative integers  $i$  and natural isomorphisms  $\varepsilon_i: R \rightarrow R_i$ . Given a pair of indexes  $(m, n)$  with  $m \leq n$ , the mapping  $f_{m,n}: R_m \rightarrow R_n$  is defined by  $f_{m,n} = \varepsilon_n \circ f^{n-m} \circ \varepsilon_m^{-1}$ . Then the equality  $f_{m,n} = f_{m,k} \circ f_{k,n}$  holds for all  $k$  such that  $m \leq k \leq n$ . Therefore, there is a direct limit

$$A(R, f) = \varinjlim (R_n, f_{m,n} : m, n \geq 0),$$

One can check that the mapping defined by  $\tilde{f}: \varepsilon_i(r) \mapsto \varepsilon_{i+1}(r)$ , where  $i \geq 0, r \in R$ , is a correctly defined automorphism of  $A(R, f)$  and the

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restriction of  $\tilde{f}$  to  $R$  is equal to the endomorphism  $f$ . Thus, the direct limit  $A(R, f)$  and its automorphism  $\tilde{f}$  form the Cohn-Jordan extension of  $R$  with respect to the endomorphism  $f$ .

There is another method to construct the Cohn-Jordan extension of  $R$ . This method based on the classical left ring of quotients  $Q = X^{-1}R[x, f]$ , where  $X = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\}$  and the multiplication in the skew polynomial ring is defined by  $xr = f(r)$  ( $\forall r \in R$ ). It is easy to prove that the set  $A = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} x^{-n}R x^n$  of all elements  $Q$  of the form  $x^{-n}r x^n$  is a ring containing  $R$ . Furthermore, the inner automorphism  $\tilde{f}: x^{-n}r x^n \mapsto x^{1-n}r x^{n-1}$  of  $A$  is an extension of the endomorphism  $f$ . Moreover,  $A = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \tilde{f}^{-n}(R)$ . Cohn-Jordan extensions are studied and used for differ purposes in scientific papers [9, 11].

Throughout the sequel, let  $A$  together with  $\tilde{f}$  denote the Cohn-Jordan extension of the ring  $R$  and its injective endomorphism  $f$ .

**Definition 1.** A right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be  $f$ -closed (see [3, 7]), if

$$I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} f^{-n}(f^n(I)R).$$

One can check, that a right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is  $f$ -closed if and only if  $I = IA \cap R$ . It implies that any  $f$ -closed right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  has the form  $I = MA \cap R$  for some available right ideal  $M$  of  $A$ . Conversely, all the right ideals of this kind are  $f$ -closed.

An ideal  $N$  of  $R$  is called an  $f$ -ideal if  $f^{-1}(N) = N$  (see [1, 5]).

Let us consider the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  of all  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  supplied the following operations:

- 1)  $B \wedge C = B \cap C$ ;
- 2)  $B \vee C = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(f^n(B)R + f^n(C)R)$ .

The result of the first operation is the largest  $f$ -closed right ideal contained in the  $f$ -closed right ideals  $B$  and  $C$ . The result of the second operation is the smallest  $f$ -closed right ideal containing both right ideals  $B$  and  $C$ .

**Remark a).** If  $B$  and  $C$  are  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$ , then the following two equalities hold:

$$f^{-n}(f^n(B)R \cap f^n(C)R) \subseteq f^{-n}(f^n(B)R) = B$$

$$\text{and } f^{-n}(f^n(B)R \cap f^n(C)R) \subseteq f^{-n}(f^n(C)R) = C.$$

Therefore, we need not to describe the operation  $B \wedge C$  in the same way as the operation  $B \vee C$ , because  $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(f^n(B)R \cap f^n(C)R) = B \cap C$ .

- 6). The following relation holds:

$$B \vee C = (BA + CA) \cap R.$$

Recall that, the submodules of some right module  $M_R$  over a ring  $R$ , partially ordered by inclusion, form a modular lattice. In particular, the lattice of right ideals of some ring is a modular lattice. This means

that the lattice satisfies the following condition called "Modular law": if  $B, C$  and  $D$  are submodules of a module  $M$  over a ring  $R$  and  $B \sqsubseteq C$ , then  $(C \cap D) + B = C \cap (D + B)$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $B, C$  и  $D$  are  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  with  $B \subseteq C$ . Then  $B \vee (C \cap D) \subseteq C \cap (B \vee D) \subseteq (BA + (CA \cap DA)) \cap R$ .

*Proof.* First we show that " $B \vee (C \cap D) \subseteq C \cap (B \vee D)$ ".

Let  $r \in B \vee (C \cap D) = (BA + (C \cap D)A) \cap R$ . Then  $r = \sum b_i a_i + \sum x_j \tilde{a}_j$ , where  $b_i \in B, x_j \in C \cap D, a_i, \tilde{a}_j \in A$ . Observe, that  $\sum b_i a_i \in BA \subseteq CA$  and  $\sum x_j \tilde{a}_j \in CA$ . Hence  $r \in CA \cap R = C$ . Since  $b_i \in B, x_j \in D$ , we have  $r \in (BA + DA) \cap R = B \vee D$ . Therefore,  $r \in C \cap (B \vee D)$ .

Next we show that " $C \cap (B \vee D) \subseteq (BA + (CA \cap DA)) \cap R$ ". To prove this inclusion observe that  $BA \subseteq CA$  and by modular law we obtain that  $C \cap (B \vee D) \subseteq CA \cap (BA + DA) = BA + (CA \cap DA)$ . QED.

**Corollary 1.** If  $B \vee (C \cap D) = (BA + (CA \cap DA)) \cap R$  for all  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$ , then the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  of all  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  is modular.

**Lemma 1.** If  $M_0 \subsetneq M_1 \subsetneq M_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq M_d$  is a strictly ascending chain of right ideals of  $A$  of the length  $d$ , then  $R$  must have strictly ascending chain of  $f$ -closed right ideals of length  $d$ .

*Proof.* Choose elements  $m_i \in M_i \setminus M_{i-1}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ). By Definition 1  $m_i \in f^{-n_i}(R)$  for some non-negative integers  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d$ . Let  $n$  be the largest of these integer numbers. Then  $b_i = f^n(m_i) \in R$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  and right ideals  $B_i = \tilde{f}^n(M_i)$  form the strictly ascending chain  $B_0 \subsetneq B_1 \subsetneq B_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq B_d$ . Moreover,  $b_i \in B_i \cap R$  и  $b_i \notin B_{i-1} \cap R$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ . Hence the chain of  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$

$B_0 \cap R \subsetneq B_1 \cap R \subsetneq B_2 \cap R \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq B_d \cap R$  is strictly ascends. But this chain has length  $d$ . QED.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $B_0 \subsetneq B_1 \subsetneq B_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq B_d$  be a strictly ascending chain of  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  of length  $d$ . Then

$B_0 A \subsetneq B_1 A \subsetneq B_2 A \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq B_d A$  is a strictly ascending chain of right ideals of  $A$  of the same length  $d$ .

*Proof.* If the relation  $B_{i-1} A = B_i A$  were satisfied at some point in the second chain, then we would have

$B_{i-1} = B_{i-1} A \cap R = B_i A \cap R = B_i$  by virtue of the  $f$ -closeness of the right ideals  $B_{i-1}$  and  $B_i$ . But the last equality contradicts the condition of the lemma. QED.

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*Theorem 1.* The following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is right Artinian;
- (2) there exists a non-negative integer  $d$  such that all strictly ascending chains of  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  have length at most  $d$ .

*Proof.* “(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)”. Let  $A$  be right Artinian. Then by Hopkins–Levitzki theorem  $A$  is also right Noetherian and by Jordan-Holder theorem (see [6], Theorem 4.10, P. 44)  $A$  has finite composition length  $d$  (as a right module over itself). If  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  contained a strictly ascending chain of  $f$ -closed right ideals of length more than  $d$ , then by Lemma 2 the ring  $A$  would contain a chain of right ideals of length more than  $d$ . This leads to a contradiction. Therefore, all strictly ascending chains of  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  have length at most  $d$ .

“(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1)”. Suppose that condition (2) holds. Then Lemma 1 shows that lengths of all strictly ascending chains of right ideals of  $A$  do not exceed  $d$ . It follows that  $A$  is right Artinian of length at most  $d$ . QED.

*Proposition 2.* Let  $f$  be an endomorphism of  $S$  and  $N$  be an  $F$ -ideal of  $S$ . Suppose that  $\text{Ker } F \subseteq N$ . Then  $F : S \rightarrow S$  induces the endomorphism  $f : S/N \rightarrow S/N$  such that  $f(s+N) = F(s)+N$  for all  $s \in S$ . In addition, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{F^n} & S \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ R & \xrightarrow{f^n} & R \end{array}$$

is commutative in the following sense:

- a)  $\pi \circ F^n(s) = f^n \circ \pi(s)$  for all positive integer  $n$  and all  $s \in S$ ;
- b) if  $Y$  is an ideal of  $S$  and  $N \subseteq Y$ , then  $\pi(F^{-n}(Y)) = f^{-n}(\pi(Y))$ .

*Proof.* a).

$$f^n \circ \pi(s) = f^n(s+N) = F^n(s)+N = \pi \circ F^n(s).$$

Check equality b):

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(F^{-n}(Y)) &= \{x+N \in R : F(x) \in Y\} = \\ &= \{x+N \in R : f(x+N) \in \pi(Y)\} = \\ &= \{x+N \in R : F(x)+N \in \pi(Y)\} = \\ &= \{x+N \in R : f(x+N) \in \pi(Y)\} = f^{-n}(\pi(Y)). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S$  be a ring and  $N$  be a prime radical of  $S$ . QED.

*Lemma 3.* Let  $S$  be a ring satisfying ascending chain condition on right annihilators. Suppose that every nil-subring of  $R$  is nilpotent. Let  $F$  be an endomorphism of  $S$  with  $\text{Ker } F \subseteq N$ . Then  $f^{-1}(N) = N$ .

For a proof we refer on [2; 4].

*Theorem 2.* Let  $F$  be an endomorphism of  $S$  and  $\text{Ker } fF \subseteq N$ . Suppose that  $d$  there exists a non-negative integer  $d$  such that all strictly ascending

chains of  $F$ -closed right ideals of  $S$  have length at most  $d$ . Then the quotient-ring  $R = S/N$  can be embedded in a product of finitely many matrix rings over division rings  $D_i$ .

*Proof.* The right annihilator of a set in the ring  $S$  is the intersection of  $S$  and the right annihilator of this set in the Cohn-Jordan extension  $A = A(S, F)$ , i.e.

$$r_S(M) = S \cap r_{A(S,F)}(M).$$

It follows that all right annihilators in the ring  $S$  are  $F$ -closed. Hence, by Theorem 1, the ring  $S$  is a subring of the right Artinian ring, and every nil subring of an Artinian ring is nilpotent. Therefore, every nil subring of  $S$  is nilpotent.

Let  $P$  be a prime radical of  $A(S, F)$  and  $\tilde{F}$  be an automorphism of  $A(S, F)$  extending  $F$ . Then  $P$  is a nilpotent ideal and, consequently,  $P \cap \tilde{F}^{-n}(S) \subseteq \text{rad}(\tilde{F}^{-n}(S)) = \tilde{F}^{-n}(N)$ .

Thus  $S = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{F}^{-n}(N)$ . It implies  $N \subseteq P$ . Moreover, since  $P$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $S$ , it follows that  $P \cap S \subseteq N$ . Therefore,  $P \cap S = N$ . By Proposition 2 the last equality shows that the map

$$s + N \mapsto s + P \quad (s \in S)$$

is an embedding of the quotient-ring  $R = S/N$  in the semisimple Artinian ring  $A(S, F)/P$ . To complete the proof of the theorem, it remains to note that the ring  $A(S, F)/P$  is isomorphic to a finite direct product of complete matrix rings over the division rings by Weddeburn-Artin theorem (see [6], § 61, Theorem 5.16). QED.

*Proposition 2.* A right ideal  $L$  of  $A$  is essential in  $A$  if and only if for each nonzero element  $r \in R$  and for every nonnegative integer  $n$ , there is a nonnegative integer  $m$  such that  $f^m(r)R \cap \tilde{f}^{n+m}(L) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $L$  be an essential right ideal of the ring  $A$ , let  $0 \neq r \in R$  and let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer. Set  $a = \tilde{f}^{-n}(r)$ . Since  $aA \cap L \neq 0$ , there is a number  $m \geq 0$  such that  $a \cdot \tilde{f}^{-n-m}(R) \cap L \neq 0$ . Applying the automorphism  $\tilde{f}^{n+m}$  to the last inequality, the demanded inequality  $f^m(r)R \cap \tilde{f}^{n+m}(L) \neq 0$  follows.

Suppose now that for each nonzero element  $r \in R$  and for any nonnegative integer  $n$  there is a nonnegative integer  $m$  such that  $f^m(r)R \cap \tilde{f}^{n+m}(L) \neq 0$ . Every element  $a \in A$  can be represented in the form  $a = \tilde{f}^{-n}(r)$  where  $r \in R$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Applying the automorphism  $\tilde{f}^{-n-m}$  to the inequality  $f^m(r)R \cap \tilde{f}^{n+m}(L) \neq 0$ , we get that  $a \tilde{f}^{-n-m}(R) \cap L \neq 0$ . QED.

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### Conclusion

Here are some problems which will probably be useful for magistrates and graduate students.

#### Open problems:

1. Give necessary and sufficient conditions on  $R$  and  $f$  for the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  be modular. Give some examples demonstrating that these conditions are essential.

2. If  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  satisfies the descending chain condition, then does  $A$  need to be right Artinian?

3. Suppose that  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  contains some chain of length  $d$ , and all strictly ascending chains of  $f$ -closed right ideals of  $R$  have length at most  $d$ . Is it true that all maximal strictly ascending chains of  $f$ -closed right ideals have length  $d$ ?

4. What is the relationship between the essential elements of the lattice  $\text{Lat}(R, f)$  and the essential right ideals of the Cohn-Jordan extension?

5. Find a necessary and sufficient condition for the Cohn-Jordan extension  $A(R, f)$  to be a right Goldie ring.

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