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***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  $\mathfrak{i}$  such that  $I^c Q \subseteq \mathfrak{i}$  and  $\mathfrak{i} \cap IQ = (0)$ , then  $\mathfrak{i} \cap R \cap I \subseteq \mathfrak{i} \cap IQ = (0)$ , hence since  $I^c \subseteq \mathfrak{i} \cap R$ ,  $I^c = \mathfrak{i} \cap R$  and  $I^c Q = (\mathfrak{i} \cap R) Q = \mathfrak{i}$ . 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.<sup>1)</sup> *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.

PROPRSION 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  $\lambda$  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,  $[r_1 z R^1]^\rho = [I_1]$  and  $[r_2 y R^1] = [I_2]$ . Hence  $\lambda$  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*

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

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

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  $\theta$  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  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$  with  $\Delta\text{-dimm} = \Delta\text{-dimm}'$ , then the cardinal numbers for basic left ideals coincide with ones for basic right ideals, where  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$  is the ring of continuous endomorphisms of  $\mathfrak{m}$ , topologized by  $\mathfrak{m}'$ -topology, and  $\Delta$  is the division ring of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{m}'(\mathfrak{m})}$ -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  $B_\alpha$  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  $\phi$  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  $\phi(uq^{-1}) = \phi(u)q^{-1} = \phi(u)pd^{-1} = \phi(Up)d^{-1} = \phi(u' s)d^{-1} = \phi(u')sd^{-1} = \phi(u')q'^{-1}$ . Since  $UQ$  is irreducible, the  $Q$ -endomorphism ring of  $UQ$  is a division ring. Hence if  $\phi$  is not zero, then  $\phi$  is non singular. Let  $\psi$  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  $\tau = eQ$  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)  $MQ = \iota_r *$  is so in  $Q$ . Let  $\iota_0$  be an irreducible left ideal contained in  $\iota$ , then  $Q \neq \iota_0 * \supseteq \iota_r *$ , hence  $\iota_0 * = \iota_r * = MQ$ . Therefore  $M \subseteq \iota_0 * \cap R = (\iota_0 \cap R)_r = B_r$  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  $\tau$  with  $(\tau : Q)_r = (0)$  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 irreducible<sup>3)</sup>, (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  $MQ \subseteq \dot{\iota}^c$ . Since  $(\dot{\iota} \cap R)^{c'} = \dot{\iota}^c \cap R \supseteq M$ ,  $MQ = (\dot{\iota}^c \cap R)Q = \dot{\iota}^c$ , hence  $MQ$  is a maximal complement in  $Q$ , and  $MQ \cap R = M$ . Let  $\tau$  be a right ideal with  $(\tau : Q)_r = (0)$  and  $\tau \supseteq MQ$ . Then since  $\tau \not\supseteq \dot{\iota}^c$  there exists a minimal right ideal  $\tau_0$  such that  $\tau \cap \tau_0 = (0)$ . Hence  $\tau$  is contained in a maximal complement. Therefore  $\tau = MQ$ . Conversely if  $MQ$  satisfies the property mentioned in Theorem, then  $MQ \not\supseteq \dot{\iota}^c$  and  $MQ \cap \tau_0 = (0)$ ;  $\tau_0$  a minimal right ideal, and  $MQ \subseteq \tau_0^c$ . Since  $(\tau_0^c : Q) = (0)$ ,  $MQ = \tau_0^c$ . If  $MQ \subset \tau^c$ , then  $(\tau^c : Q)_r = (0)$ . By (10)  $M = MQ \cap R = (\tau_0^c \cap R) = (\tau_0 \cap R)^{c'}$ . 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  $\tau_0$  such that  $\tau_0 \cap MQ = (0)$  and  $MQ = \tau_0^c$ .  $M = MQ \cap R = \tau_0^c \cap R = (\tau_0 \cap R)^{c'}$  by (10) and  $\tau_0 \cap R$  is basic. Conversely let  $M = B^c$ .  $MQ = B^c Q = (BQ)^{c'}$  and  $BQ$  is minimal. If  $\mathfrak{J} = (BQ^c \cap \mathfrak{J}) \oplus BQ \oplus \tau_1$ , where  $\mathfrak{J}$  is the socle of  $Q$ , then for  $y \in (BQ^{c'} \oplus \tau_1) \cap BQ = x_1 + x_2$ ,  $x_1 \in BQ^{c'}$ ,  $x_2 \in \tau_1$ , we have  $x_1 = y - x_2 \in (BQ \oplus \tau_1) \cap BQ^{c'} \subseteq \mathfrak{J} \cap (BQ)^{c'}$ . Hence  $((BQ)^{c'} \oplus \tau_1) \cap BQ = (0)$  and  $\tau_1 = (0)$ . If  $MQ \subseteq \tau^c$ , then  $\tau^c \not\supseteq \mathfrak{J}$  hence  $\tau^c \cap BQ = (0)$  and  $\tau^c = MQ$ . 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  $(MQ)^c = M^{c'}Q$ ,  $M^{c'}$  is uniform and by (1)  $M^{c'}$  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  $\mathfrak{r}_0$ . If  $\mathfrak{r}_0^* \supseteq MQ$  then  $MQ = \mathfrak{r}_0^* \cap (MQ \oplus \mathfrak{r}_0)$  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  $r$  which contains  $MQ$ ,  $r \cap R \supseteq M$  and since from Theorem 4  $r \cap R$  is minimal irreducible,  $M = r \cap R$  is a maximal complement.

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