

LIBERAL EXTENSION OF RINGS

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1. Introduction

Let R, S be rings with identity such that $R \subseteq S$.

We call S a liberal extension of R if there is a finite set of elements $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ of S such that $S = \sum a_i R$ and $a_i r = r a_i$ for each i and for all $r \in R$.

In this section we consider the relationship between the two rings R, T such that $R \subseteq T \subseteq M_n(R)$ where $M_n(R)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix ring over R .

S is a normalizing extension of R such that $S = \sum a_i R$ and $a_i R = R a_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. There exists ring T such that $R \subseteq T \subseteq S$ and $T \subseteq S = M_n(R)$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The result is frequently used in this paper.

2. Intermediate matrix rings

Before outlining the results it seems worthwhile to indicate some properties of liberal extensions which are commonly encountered.

$R[G]$ has krull dimension if and only if R has krull dimension. by I. G. Connel.

S has krull dimension if and only if R has krull dimension by B. Lemoonnier.

S is right Noetherian if and only if R is right Noetherian by E. Formanek- A. Jategaonkar.

If $\text{K-dim } R[G]$ exists with $|G| < \infty$, then G satisfies A.C.C. on finite subgroup by S. M. Woods.

Definition 2.1

A left module M is faithful if its left annihilator $(0 : M)$ is 0.

A ring R is left primitive if there exists a simple faithful left R - module.

Proposition 2.2

A prime ring with a faithful module of finite length is primitive.

Proof

Suppose M_R has a faithful with finite length. There must be $M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset M_2 \supset \dots \supset M_{n-1} \supset M_n = \{0\}$

Let $\{M_i\}$ be an n -series for M and set

$$A_1 = (0 : M/M_1), A_2 = (0 : M_1/M_2), \dots, A_{n-1} = (0 : M_{n-1}/M_n).$$

Since M is faithful, $A_1 \neq 0, A_2 \neq 0, \dots, A_{n-1} \neq 0$ and $MA_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1} = 0$ imply that $A_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1} = 0$. Moreover, this implies that $A_i = 0$ for $i \leq n-1$.

It easily follow from this fact that $A_i = (0 : M_i/M_{i+1}) = 0$. Hence M_i/M_{i+1} is a faithful irreducible R -module. We conclude that R is primitive.

Theorem 2.3

Let R, T be ring such that $R \subseteq T \subseteq M_n(R)$ where $M_n(R)$ is the matrix ring over R .

T has krull dimension if and only if R has krull dimension. In this case

$$K \dim T = K \dim R.$$

Proof

Necessity. If a ft $\sigma : \mathcal{L}_r(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_r(T)$ is defined by $\sigma(I) = IT$, then σ is injective. Suppose $IT = JT$.

We have that $I = IT \cap R = JT \cap R = J$, thus σ is injective. Suppose that $K \dim T$ exists. We get $K \dim R \leq K \dim T$, $K \dim R$ exists.

Sufficiency. $K \dim {}_R R$ exists. We easily get that $K \dim {}_R M_n(R) = K \dim {}_R R$, since $R \subseteq T \subseteq M_n(R)$ $K \dim {}_R T \leq K \dim {}_R M_n(R) = K \dim {}_R R$, $K \dim {}_R T$ exists.

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