

### 3. A Note on Artinian Subrings

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Throughout,  $A$  will represent a ring with the identity element 1,  $J(A)$  the radical of  $A$ , and a subring of  $A$  will mean one containing 1. If  $S$  is a subset of  $A$ ,  $V_A(S)$  means the centralizer of  $S$  in  $A$ . A left  $A$ -module  $M$  is always unital and denoted by  ${}_A M$ .

The purpose of this note is to prove the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $B$  be a subring of  $A$  such that  ${}_B A$  is f.g. (finitely generated), and  $T$  a left Artinian subring of  $A$  containing  $B$ . Let  $\bar{T} = T/J(T)$ , and  $\bar{B} = B + J(T)/J(T)$ . If  $\bar{T} = \bar{B} \cdot V_{\bar{T}}(\bar{B})$  and the left  $\bar{T}$ -module  $\bar{A} = A/J(T)A$  is faithful then  $B$  is left Artinian.*

Our theorem contains evidently D. Eisenbud [3; Theorem 1 b)] and draws out J.-E. Björk [2; Theorem 3.4] as an easy corollary.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $M = Au_1 + Au_2 + \cdots + Au_n$  be a unital  $A$ - $A$ -module such that  $Au_i = u_i A$  and  $u_1$  is left  $A$ -free. If for every non-zero ideal  $\alpha$  of  $A$  there holds  $\alpha M = M$ , then  $A$  is two-sided simple.*

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $M \neq Au_1 + \cdots + Au_{i-1} + Au_{i+1} + \cdots + Au_n$  for each  $1 < i \leq n$ . We shall prove then by induction  $M = Au_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Au_n$ , which implies at once that  $A$  is two-sided simple. We set  $M_k = Au_1 + \cdots + Au_k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Evidently,  $\alpha_n = \{a \in A \mid au_n \in M_{n-1}\}$  is an ideal of  $A$ . If  $\alpha_n$  is non-zero then  $M = \alpha_n M = M_{n-1}$ . This contradiction proves  $M = M_{n-1} \oplus Au_n$ . Next, assume that  $M = M_k \oplus Au_{k+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus Au_n$  has been proved. It will be easy to see that  $M_k \neq Au_1 + \cdots + Au_{i-1} + Au_{i+1} + \cdots + Au_k$  for each  $1 < i \leq k$ . If  $\alpha$  is a non-zero ideal of  $A$  then  $\alpha M_k \oplus \alpha u_{k+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \alpha u_n = M_k \oplus Au_{k+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus Au_n$  implies at once  $\alpha M_k = M_k$ . Hence, by the first step, we obtain  $M_k = M_{k-1} \oplus Au_k$ , which completes the induction.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $A = A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n$ , where  $A_i$  is a two-sided simple [Artinian simple] ring with the identity element  $e_i$ . Let  $B$  be a subring of  $A$  such that  ${}_B A$  is f.g. If  $A = B \cdot V_A(B)$  then  $V_A(B) = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_n$  and  $B = B_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus B_k$  ( $k \leq n$ ), where  $V_i$  is Artinian simple and  $B_i$  is two-sided simple [Artinian simple].*

**Proof.** At first, we shall prove the case  $A = A_1$ . Evidently,  $A = Bv_1 + \cdots + Bv_s$  with  $v_1 = 1$  and  $v_2, \dots, v_s \in V_A(B)$ . As we can easily

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