

## ON INDECOMPOSABLE MODULES OVER RINGS WITH MINIMUM CONDITION

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Let  $A$  be an associative ring with left minimum condition and identity. Let  $g(d)$  denote the number of nonisomorphic indecomposable  $A$ -modules which have composition length  $d$ ,  $d$  a nonnegative integer. If, for each integer  $n$ , there exists an integer  $d > n$ , such that  $g(d) = \infty$ ,  $A$  is said to be of strongly unbounded module type.

Assume that the center of the endomorphism ring of each simple (left)  $A$ -module is infinite. The following results concerning the structure of rings of strongly unbounded type are obtained.

I. If the ideal lattice of  $A$  is infinite, then  $A$  is of strongly unbounded module type.

II. If  $A$  is commutative, then  $A$  has only a finite number of (nonisomorphic) finitely generated indecomposable modules if and only if the ideal lattice of  $A$  is distributive. Otherwise,  $A$  is of strongly unbounded module type.

III. If the ideal lattice of  $A$  contains a vertex  $V$  of order greater than three such that, for some primitive idempotent  $e \in A$ , the image  $Ve$  of  $V$  is a vertex of order greater than three in the submodule lattice of  $Ae$ , then  $A$  is of strongly unbounded module type.

These results are generalizations of earlier ones obtained by J. P. Jans for finite dimensional algebras over algebraically closed fields.

Let  $A$  be an associative ring with left minimum condition and identity. The length,  $c(M)$ , of a (left)  $A$ -module  $M$  with composition series is the number of composition factors of  $M$ . Let  $g(d)$  denote the number of nonisomorphic indecomposable  $A$ -modules which have length  $d$ ,  $d$  a nonnegative integer. If  $\sum_d g(d) < \infty$ ,  $A$  is said to be of *finite module type*. If there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $g(d) = 0$  for all  $d > n$ ,  $A$  is of *bounded module type*. If not of bounded module type,  $A$  is of *unbounded module type*. If for each integer  $n$ , there exists  $d > n$  such that  $g(d) = \infty$ ,  $A$  is of *strongly unbounded module type*. R. Brauer, J. P. Jans, and R. M. Thrall have conjectured that infinite algebras of unbounded type are of strongly unbounded type, and that algebras of bounded type are of finite type [4]. A discussion of the state of these conjectures may be found in [2] and [4].

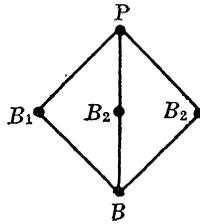
J. P. Jans has given sufficient conditions that a finite dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field be of strongly unbounded type [4]. Through extension and modification of the techniques used

by Jans and by H. Tachikawa [6], some of these results can be obtained for arbitrary rings with minimum condition, provided that the endomorphism rings of the simple  $A$ -modules have infinite centers.

2. **Rings with infinite ideal lattices.** Let  $A$  be a ring with left minimum condition with the property that the lattice of ideals of  $A$  is infinite. H. Tachikawa showed that  $A$  is of unbounded type [6]. If  $A$  is also a finite dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field,  $A$  is of strongly unbounded type [4]. The following theorem generalizes these results.

**THEOREM.** *If the center of the endomorphism ring of each simple (irreducible)  $A$ -module is infinite and if the ideal lattice of  $A$  is infinite, then  $A$  is of strongly unbounded module type.*

*Proof.* Since the ideal lattice of  $A$  is infinite, the lattice contains a projective root [1].



Since  $A/B$ -modules are  $A$ -modules, we can assume that  $B=0$ . Also, there exists an  $A - A$  isomorphism  $\psi: B_1 \cong B_2$ . Let  $N$  denote the radical of  $A$  and define  $M = l(N) \cap r(N)$ . Since  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are simple ideals we have  $B_1 + B_2 = B_1 \oplus B_2 \subseteq M$ . There exist primitive idempotents  $e, f \in A$  such that  $fMe \cong fB_1e \oplus fB_2e \supset (0)$ . Choose  $u = fue \neq 0$  in  $fB_1e$  and let  $v = \psi(u)$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset fAf$  be a set of representatives for the nonzero distinct cosets of the center of  $fAf/fNf$ . Evidently,  $\mathcal{A}$  is infinite. For  $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}$ , define  $s(\lambda) = \lambda v - u$ . Since  $fAu, fAv, fAs(\lambda)$ , are all nonzero and  $u, v, s(\lambda) \in M$ , we have  $Af/Nf \cong Au \cong Av \cong As(\lambda)$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *If  $\lambda \neq \mu \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a, b \in A$ , and  $s(\lambda)a = bs(\mu)$ , then  $s(\lambda)a = bs(\mu) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We may assume that  $a \in eAe, b \in fAf$ . Since  $B_1 \cap B_2 = 0$ , we have  $\lambda va = b\mu v$  and  $ua = bu$ . Since  $v = \psi(u)$ ,  $va = bv$  so that  $\lambda bv = b\mu v$ . Thus, since  $fAf/fNf$  is a division ring,  $\lambda b = b\mu \pmod{fNf} = \mu b \pmod{fNf}$ . Since  $\lambda \neq \mu \pmod{fNf}$ ,  $b = 0 \pmod{fNf}$ . Since  $v \in M$ , the lemma follows.

**LEMMA 2.** *If  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and  $s(\lambda)a + vb = cs(\lambda) + dv$ , then  $va = cv$ ,  $ua = cu$ , and  $vb = dv$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $B_1 \cap B_2 = 0$  and  $v = \psi(u)$ , we have  $cu = ua$ ,  $cv = va$ , and  $\lambda va + vb - c\lambda v - dv = 0$ . Hence, since  $\lambda c = c\lambda \pmod{fNf}$ ,  $vb = dv$ .

For each positive integer  $n$ , let  $X^n$  be the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $Ae$ ,

$$X^n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(Ae),$$

and let  $Y^n$  denote the socle of  $X^n$ . For  $\lambda \in A$ , define

$$T_\lambda^n = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(a_{i-1}v + a_i s(\lambda)): a_0 = 0, a_i \in A \right\}.$$

Let  $H_\lambda^n = X^n/T_\lambda^n$  and  $S_\lambda^n = Y^n/T_\lambda^n$ . Since the length of  $T_\lambda^n$  is  $n$ , the length of  $S_\lambda^n \geq 2n - n = n$ .

We proceed to show that  $H_\lambda^n$  and  $H_\mu^n$  are not isomorphic, provided  $\lambda \neq \mu \in A$ . Suppose  $\theta: H_\lambda^n \cong H_\mu^n$ . Since  $X^n$  is projective [3], there exists  $\bar{\theta}: X^n \rightarrow X^n$  such that  $\theta\pi_\lambda = \pi_\mu\bar{\theta}$ , where  $\pi_\lambda, \pi_\mu$  are the natural projections of  $X^n$  onto  $H_\lambda^n, H_\mu^n$ , respectively. There exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in eAe$ , such that

$$\bar{\theta}\varepsilon_n(e) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(x_i).$$

Since  $\pi_\lambda\varepsilon_n s(\lambda) = 0$ , and  $\theta\pi_\lambda = \pi_\mu\bar{\theta}$ , we have  $\pi_\mu\bar{\theta}\varepsilon_n s(\lambda) = 0$  and hence  $\bar{\theta}\varepsilon_n s(\lambda) \in T_\mu^n$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(s(\lambda)x_i) = \bar{\theta}\varepsilon_n s(\lambda) \in T_\mu^n.$$

According to the definition of  $T_\mu^n$ , there exist  $a_0 = 0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ , such that

$$s(\lambda)x_i = a_{i-1}v + a_i s(\mu), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Using an induction and Lemma 1, we conclude that  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in eNe$ , and hence

$$\theta\pi_\lambda\varepsilon_n(v) = \pi_\mu \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(vx_i) = 0.$$

This contradicts the assumption that  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

Next, suppose that  $H_\lambda^n$  decomposes. Let  $\eta$  be the idempotent endomorphism of  $H_\lambda^n$  associated with an indecomposable direct summand of  $H_\lambda^n$  such that  $\eta\pi_\lambda\varepsilon_n(v) \neq 0$ .

LEMMA 3. *The restriction of  $\eta$  to  $S_\lambda^n$  is a monomorphism.*

*Proof.* Since  $X^n$  is projective,  $\eta$  may be lifted to an endomorphism  $\bar{\eta}$  of  $X^n$ . There exist  $y_{ij} \in eAe$  such that

$$\bar{\eta}\varepsilon_j(e) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(y_{ij}), \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

From the definition of  $T_\lambda^n$ , we have that

$$\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_{j-1}(s(\lambda)) + \varepsilon_j(v)) \in T_\lambda^n, \quad j = 2, \dots, n.$$

and  $\bar{\eta}\varepsilon_n(s(\lambda)) \in T_\lambda^n$ . Thus,

$$\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_{j-1}(s(\lambda)) + \varepsilon_j(v)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(s(\lambda)y_{i,j-1} + vy_{ij}) \in T_\lambda^n,$$

for  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , and

$$\bar{\eta}\varepsilon_n s(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(s(\lambda)y_{in}) \in T_\lambda^n.$$

Hence, there exist  $a_{ij} \in fAf$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_\lambda y_{1,j-1} + vy_{1j} &= a_{1,j-1} s_\lambda, \\ s_\lambda y_{i,j-1} + vy_{ij} &= a_{i,j-1} s_\lambda + a_{i-1,j-1} v, \\ s_\lambda y_{in} &= a_{in} s_\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$s_\lambda y_{in} = a_{in} s_\lambda + a_{i-1,n} v, \quad \text{for } i, j = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

Since  $fs_\lambda e = s_\lambda$  and  $fve = v$ , we may assume that  $a_{ij} \in fAf$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Applying Lemma 2, we obtain,

$$uy_{ij} = a_{ij} u,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} vy_{ij} &= a_{ij} v, & i, j &= 1, 2, \dots, n; \\ vy_{ij} &= a_{i-1,j-1} v, & i, j &= 2, 3, \dots, n; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$y_{i-1,n} = 0 \pmod{eNe}, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

Suppose  $i < j$ . Then we have

$$vy_{ij} = a_{ij} v = vy_{i+1,j+1} = \dots = vy_{i+n-j,n} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $y_{ij} = 0 \pmod{eNe}$ . Suppose  $i > j$ . Then

$$vy_{ij} = a_{i-1, j-1}v = vy_{i-1, j-1} = \cdots = vy_{i-j+1, 1}.$$

Also,

$$vy_{kk} = vy_{nn}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since  $\eta\pi_\lambda(\varepsilon_n(v)) = \pi_\lambda\varepsilon_n(vy_{nn}) \neq 0$ , we have  $y_{nn} \neq 0 \pmod{eNe}$ . From these equations and the idempotence of  $\eta$  it follows that

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} e \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } i = j. \\ 0 \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } i < j. \\ y_{i-j+1, 1} \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } i > j. \end{cases}$$

Next assume that  $x \in Y^n$  and  $\eta\pi_\lambda(x) = 0$ . Then  $\bar{\eta}(x) \in T_\lambda^n$ . There exist elements  $r_j$  of the socle of  $Ae$  such that  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n \varepsilon_j r_j$ , from which the equation

$$\bar{\eta}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \left( r_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_j y_{i-j+1, 1} \right)$$

follows. Since  $\bar{\eta}(x) \in T_\lambda^n$ , there exist  $b_0 = 0, b_1, \dots, b_n \in Ae$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_j y_{i-j+1, 1} + r_i = b_i s(\lambda) + b_{i-1} v, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Defining

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 &= 0, \\ \alpha_1 &= b_1, \\ \alpha_k &= b_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha_j a_{k-j+1, 1}, \quad k = 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$r_k = \alpha_k s(\lambda) + \alpha_{k-1} v, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Thus,  $x \in T_\lambda^n$  and  $\pi_\lambda x = 0$ . This proves Lemma 3.

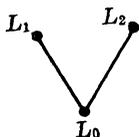
From Lemma 3, we conclude that  $S_\lambda^n$  is contained in an indecomposable direct summand  $V_\lambda$  of  $H_\lambda^n$ . Calculation of  $H_\lambda^n/S_\lambda^n \cong X^n/Y^n$  shows that every direct summand of  $H_\lambda^n$  not equal to  $V_\lambda$  is isomorphic to  $Ae/S(Ae)$ ,  $S(Ae)$  the socle of  $Ae$ . Thus,  $V_\lambda \cong V_\mu$  if and only if  $H_\lambda^n \cong H_\mu^n$  and hence  $V_\lambda \not\cong V_\mu$  if  $\lambda \neq \mu \in \mathcal{A}$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

### 3. Commutative rings.

**THEOREM.** *If  $A$  is commutative, then  $A$  is of finite type if and only if the ideal lattice of  $A$  is distributive. Otherwise,  $A$  is of*

unbounded type, strongly so if the endomorphism ring of each simple  $A$ -module is infinite.

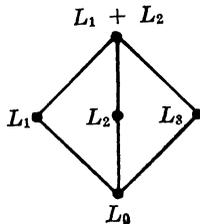
*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that, if the ideal lattice of  $A$  is distributive,  $A$  is generalized uni-serial (see [5]). Let  $e$  be a primitive idempotent in  $A$  and consider the lattice of submodules of  $Ae$ . Since  $A$  is commutative, these submodules are ideals in  $A$ . Suppose the lattice contains a vertex



where we assume, without loss of generality, that the lattice from  $(0)$  to  $L_0$  is a chain. Then  $L_0 = N^{k+1}e$  for some  $k$ , and  $L_1 + L_2 \subseteq N^k e$ . Choose  $\alpha_i \in L_i - L_0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and define

$$L_3 = Ae(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + L_0.$$

The mapping  $ae \rightarrow ae(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + L_0$  induces an isomorphism  $L_3/L_0 \cong Ae/Ne$  so that we have  $L_0 \subset L_3 \subset L_1 + L_2$ . Since  $L_1 \cap L_2 = L_0$ , it follows directly that  $L_3 \cap L_1 = L_3 \cap L_2 = L_0$ . Clearly  $L_1 + L_2 = L_1 + L_3 = L_2 + L_3$ . Hence the ideal lattice of  $A$  contains the projective root



which contradicts the assumption that the lattice is distributive. Thus,  $A$  is generalized uni-serial and of finite type.

**4. Lattices with vertex of order four.** In this section we assume that the center of the endomorphism ring of each simple  $A$ -module is infinite.

**THEOREM.** *If the ideal lattice of  $A$  contains a vertex  $V$  of order greater than three such that for some primitive idempotent  $e \in A$ , the image  $Ve$  of  $V$  is a vertex of order greater than three in the submodule lattice of  $Ae$ , then  $A$  is of strongly unbounded module type.*

*Proof.* There exists an ideal  $B_0 \subseteq A$  with distinct covers  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  such that  $B_i e \supset B_0 e, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Since  $A/B_0$  modules are  $A$ -modules we can assume that  $B_0 = 0$ . Because of the theorem of §1, we assume that the ideal lattice of  $A$  is distributive and hence that

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 B_i = \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 B_i .$$

There exist primitive idempotents  $f_i \in A$  such that  $f_i B_i e \neq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset eAe$  be a set of representatives for the nonzero cosets of the center of  $eAe/eNe$ . Choose  $u_i = f_i u_i e \neq 0 \in B_i e, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For  $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}$  we have  $Af_i/Nf_i \cong Au_i \cong Au_i \lambda, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For each positive integer  $n$  define

$$X^n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(Ae)$$

and denote the socle of  $X^n$  by  $Y^n$ . Define

$$T_\lambda^n = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(a_i u_1 + c_i u_3 + d_i u_4 \lambda + d_{i-1} u_4) + \varepsilon_{i+n}(b_i u_2 + c_i u_3 + d_i u_4); \right. \\ \left. d_0 = 0, a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \in A, i = 1, \dots, n. \right\},$$

$$H_\lambda^n = X^n / T_\lambda^n ,$$

and

$$S_\lambda^n = Y^n / T_\lambda^n .$$

Since the composition length of  $T_\lambda^n$  is equal to  $4n$  and the composition length of  $Y^n$  is greater than or equal to  $8n$ , the composition length of  $S_\lambda^n$  increases without bound as  $n$  increases.

Let  $\lambda \neq \mu$  be elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We next prove that  $H_\lambda^n$  and  $H_\mu^n$  are not isomorphic. Suppose  $\theta$  is an isomorphism from  $H_\lambda^n$  onto  $H_\mu^n$ . Since  $X^n$  is projective,  $\theta$  can be lifted to an endomorphism  $\bar{\theta}$  of  $X^n$ . There exist  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n}, y_1, \dots, y_{2n}$  in  $eAe$  such that

$$\bar{\theta} \varepsilon_{2n}(e) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(x_i)$$

and

$$\bar{\theta} \varepsilon_n(e) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(y_i) .$$

Since,  $\theta \pi_\lambda \varepsilon_n(u_4) \neq 0$ , we have

$$\pi_\mu \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_4 y_i) \right) = \theta \pi_\lambda \varepsilon_n(u_4) \neq 0 .$$

Thus, since  $u_4 \in M$ , there exists  $k, 1 \leq k \leq 2n$ , such that

$$y_k \notin eNe .$$

Since  $u_1 y_i \in Au_2 + Au_3 + Au_4$  for  $i > n$ , we have  $u_1 y_i = 0$  for  $i > n$ , and hence, since  $eAe/eNe$  is a division ring,  $y_i \in eNe$ , for  $i > n$ . Similarly,  $\bar{\theta}\varepsilon_{2n}(u_2) \in T_\mu^n$  implies  $x_i \in eNe$ , for  $i \leq n$ . It follows that

$$\bar{\theta}(\varepsilon_n u_3 + \varepsilon_{2n} u_3) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(u_3 y_i) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_3 x_i) \in T_\mu^n .$$

Therefore,  $u_3 y_i = u_3 x_{i+n}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and hence,

$$y_i = x_{i+n} \pmod{eNe} \quad i = 1, \dots, n .$$

From this we obtain

$$\bar{\theta}(\varepsilon_n(u_4 \lambda) + \varepsilon_{2n}(u_4)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(u_4 \lambda y_i) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_4 y_{i-n}) \in T_\mu^n .$$

Hence, using the definition of  $T_\mu^n$  there exist  $d_1, \dots, d_n \in A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_4 \lambda y_1 &= d_1 u_4 \mu , \\ u_4 \lambda y_j &= d_j u_4 \mu + d_{j-1} u_4 , \quad j = 2, \dots, n , \end{aligned}$$

and

$$u_4 y_j = d_j u_4 , \quad j = 1, \dots, n .$$

Replacing  $d_j u_4$  by  $u_4 y_j$  in these equations, we have

$$u_4 \lambda y_1 = u_4 y_1 \mu$$

and

$$u_4 \lambda y_j = u_4 y_j \mu + u_4 y_{j-1} , \quad j = 2, \dots, n .$$

Since  $u_4 \in M$ , a simple induction shows that

$$y_i \in eNe , \quad i = 1, \dots, n .$$

We conclude that  $H_\lambda^n$  and  $H_\mu^n$  are not isomorphic.

Next, suppose that  $H_\lambda^n$  decomposes and let  $\eta$  be an idempotent endomorphism of  $H_\lambda^n$  such that  $\eta\pi_\lambda(\varepsilon_n(u_3)) \neq 0$ . Since  $X$  is projective,  $\eta$  can be lifted to an endomorphism  $\bar{\eta}$  of  $X^n$ . There exist  $y_{ij} \in eAe$  such that  $\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_j(e)) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(y_{ij})$ . If  $j \leq n$ , we have

$$\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_j u_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_1 y_{ij}) \in T_\lambda^n$$

and hence

$$y_{ij} = 0 , \quad (\text{mod } eNe) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, n+1 \leq j \leq 2n .$$

For  $j \leq n$ , we have,

$$\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_j(u_3) + \varepsilon_{j+n}(u_3)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(u_3 y_{ij}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_3 y_{i,j+n}) \in T_\lambda^n.$$

Thus, by the definition of  $T_\lambda^n$ ,

$$y_{ij} = y_{i+n,j+n} \pmod{eNe}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

We infer that

$$\bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_n(u_4\lambda) + \varepsilon_{2n}(u_4)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(u_4\lambda y_{in}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_4 y_{i-n,n}) \in T_\lambda^n.$$

Hence, there exist  $d_0, \dots, d_n \in A$ ,  $d_0 = 0$ , such that

$$u_4\lambda y_{jn} = d_j u_4\lambda + d_{j-1} u_4,$$

and

$$u_4 y_{jn} = d_j u_4, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Replacing  $d_j u_4$  by  $u_4 y_{jn}$ , we have

$$u_4\lambda y_{1n} = u_4 y_{1n}\lambda,$$

and

$$u_4\lambda y_{jn} = u_4 y_{jn}\lambda + u_4 y_{j-1,n}, \quad j = 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, for  $i < n$  we obtain  $y_{in} = 0 \pmod{eNe}$ . And, since  $\eta$  is idempotent and  $eAe/eNe$  is a division ring,  $y_{nn} = e \pmod{eNe}$ . Now suppose  $k < n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\eta}(\varepsilon_k(u_4\lambda) + \varepsilon_{k+1}(u_4) + \varepsilon_{k+n}(u_4)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(u_4\lambda y_{ik} + u_4 y_{i,k+1}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(u_4 y_{i-n,k}) \in T_\lambda^n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there exist  $d_1^k, d_2^k, \dots, d_n^k \in A$ ,  $d_0^k = 0$ , such that

$$u_4\lambda y_{ik} + u_4 y_{i,k+1} = d_j^k u_4\lambda + d_{j-1}^k u_4,$$

and

$$u_4 y_{jk} = d_j^k u_4, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Replacing  $d_j^k u_4$  by  $u_4 y_{jk}$  we obtain  $u_4 y_{1,k+1} = 0$ , and  $u_4 y_{j,k+1} = u_4 y_{j-1,k}$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ . It follows from these equations that  $y_{1k} = 0, \pmod{eNe}$  for  $k = 2, \dots, n$ , and  $y_{jk} = y_{j+1,k+1} \pmod{eNe}$ ,  $j, k = 1, \dots, n-1$ . If  $i < j \leq n$ , then

$$y_{ij} = y_{i-1,j-1} = \dots = y_{1,j-i+1} = 0 \pmod{eNe}.$$

And, if  $n \geq i \geq j$ ,

$$y_{ij} = y_{i-1,j-1} = \cdots = y_{i-j+1,1} \pmod{eNe}.$$

These results imply

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } i < j, \text{ or } j \leq n < i, \\ e \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } i = j, \\ y_{i-j+1,1} \pmod{eNe}, & \text{if } j < i \leq n, \text{ or } n < j < i. \end{cases}$$

We shall now show that the restriction of  $\eta$  to  $S_\lambda^n$  is a monomorphism and that  $\eta(S_\lambda^n) = S_\lambda^n$ . Suppose that  $x \in Y^n$  is such that  $\pi_\lambda(x)$  is an element of the kernel of  $\eta$ ,

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(x_i).$$

We have  $\eta\pi_\lambda(x) = \pi_\lambda\bar{\eta}(x) = 0$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\eta}(x) &\in T_\lambda^n. \\ \bar{\eta}(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \bar{\eta}\varepsilon_j(x_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(x_j y_{ij}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i(x_j y_{i-j+1,1}) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} \sum_{i=j}^{2n} \varepsilon_i(x_j y_{i-j+1,1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there exist  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  in  $A, d_0 = 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^i x_j y_{ij} = a_i u_1 + c_i u_3 + d_i u_4 \lambda + d_{i-1} u_4,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^i x_{n+j} y_{ij} = b_i u_2 + c_i u_3 + d_i u_4, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Using the definition of  $T_\lambda^n$ , it follows that

$$x_j = \alpha_j u_1 + \gamma_j u_3 + \delta_j u_4 \lambda + \delta_{j-1} u_4,$$

and

$$x_{j+n} = \beta_j u_2 + \gamma_j u_3 + \delta_j u_4, \quad j = 1, \dots, n-1,$$

where  $\alpha_1 = a_1, \beta_1 = b_1, \gamma_1 = c_1, \delta_0 = 0, \delta_1 = d_1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_k u_1 &= a_k u_1 - \alpha_{k-1} u_1 y_{21} - \cdots - \alpha_1 u_1 y_{k1} \\ \beta_k u_2 &= b_k u_2 - \beta_{k-1} u_2 y_{21} - \cdots - \beta_1 u_2 y_{k1} \\ \gamma_k u_3 &= c_k u_3 - \gamma_{k-1} u_3 y_{21} - \cdots - \gamma_1 u_3 y_{k1} \\ \delta_k u_4 &= d_k u_4 - \delta_{k-1} u_4 y_{21} - \cdots - \delta_1 u_4 y_{k1}, \quad \text{for } k > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\pi_\lambda(x) = 0$ , and the restriction of  $\eta$  to  $S_\lambda^n$  is a monomorphism.

The proof can now be completed as in § 1.

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