

205. On Potent Rings. III

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In [5], [6], we have mainly investigated potent irreducible rings. The purpose of this paper is to prove that a right locally uniform potent ring with zero right singular ideal is an essential irredundant subdirect sum *PI*-rings and conversely. A number of concepts and results are needed from [5] and [6].

By the same argument as in Theorem 2.2 of [2], we obtain the following

Proposition 1. *Let R be a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R) = 0$, let I be a right ideal of R and let I^* be a unique maximal essential extension of I in R . Then $I^* = \{a \in R \mid aE \subseteq I \text{ for some } E \subset R\}$.*

Let R be a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R) = 0$ and let \hat{R} be the maximal right quotient ring of R . Then the mappings

$$A \rightarrow E_R(A), A \in L_r^*(R); \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{A} \cap R, \hat{A} \in L_r^*(\hat{R})$$

are mutually inverse isomorphisms between $L_r^*(R)$ and $L_r^*(\hat{R})$, where $E_R(A)$ is a right R -injective hull of A (see [1]). Let A be an element of $L_r^*(R)$. Then we denote by \hat{A} the element of $L_r^*(\hat{R})$ which corresponds to A . Clearly \hat{A} is a right R -injective hull of A and is right \hat{R} -injective. Let A and B be uniform right ideals of R . As in [5], A and B are similar (in symbol; $A \sim B$) iff A and B contain mutually isomorphic nonzero right ideals A' and B' , respectively. The set of all uniform right ideals of R can be classified by the equivalence relation \sim . $\{A_i\}$ will denote the class containing the uniform right ideal A_i . We now set $R_i = (\sum_{A \in \{A_i\}} A)^*$. Then we obtain

Proposition 2. *Let R be a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R) = 0$. Then the following properties hold:*

- (1) $\sum_{A \in \{A_i\}} A$ is a two-sided ideal.
- (2) R_i is an ideal of R for each i .
- (3) If B is a uniform right ideal of R and if $B \subseteq R_i$, then $B \sim A_i$.
- (4) $\sum_i R_i$ is a direct sum.

Proof. Let A be a uniform right ideal and let x be an element of R . Then $xA = 0$ or $xA \cong A$ and hence (1) follows immediately.

(2) follows immediately from Proposition 1 and (1).

(3) is obtained by the same argument as in Lemma 5.5 of [3].

(4) We can prove that \hat{R}_i is an \hat{R} -injective hull of the sum of all minimal right ideals of \hat{R} which are isomorphic to \hat{A}_i . Hence the

sum of \hat{R}_i is a direct sum and therefore $\sum_i R_i$ is a direct sum.

Proposition 3. *If R is a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R)=0$, then the followings hold:*

- (1) \hat{R}_i is right self-injective, regular and prime as a ring.
- (2) \hat{R}_i is the maximal right quotient ring of R_i for each i .
- (3) $L_r^*(R_i)=\{I \in L_r^*(R) \mid I \subseteq R_i\}$.
- (4) If R is a potent ring, then R_i is a PI-ring.

Proof. (1) Since \hat{R}_i is an \hat{R} -injective hull of the sum of all minimal right ideals which are isomorphic to \hat{A}_i , \hat{R}_i is an ideal of \hat{R} and is a direct summand of \hat{R} . From these (1) follows immediately.

(2) Since \hat{R}_i is a regular ring and is a right self-injective ring by (1), it is enough to prove that $\hat{R}_i \supset R_i$ as right R_i -modules. Let q be a nonzero element of \hat{R}_i . Then there exists $r \in R$ such that $0 \neq qr \in R \cap \hat{R}_i = R_i$. Since $R_i R_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$), $\sum_i R_i \subset R$ and $Z_r(R)=0$, we obtain $qrR_i \neq 0$. Hence there exists $r' \in R_i$ such that $0 \neq (qr)r' = q(rr') \in R_i$ and $rr' \in R_i$, as desired.

(3) Let I be a closed right ideal of R such that $I \subseteq R_i$. Then \hat{I} is a direct summand of \hat{R}_i and $I = \hat{I} \cap R = (\hat{I} \cap \hat{R}_i) \cap R = \hat{I} \cap (\hat{R}_i \cap R) = \hat{I} \cap R_i$. Hence we have $I \in L_r^*(R_i)$. Conversely, let I be a closed right ideal of R_i and let $\bar{I} = E_{R_i}(I)$. Then \bar{I} is a right ideal of \hat{R} and is a direct summand of \hat{R} . Since $\bar{I} \cap R = (\bar{I} \cap \hat{R}_i) \cap R = \bar{I} \cap (\hat{R}_i \cap R) = \bar{I} \cap R_i = I$, we obtain $I \in L_r^*(R)$ and $I \subseteq R_i$, as desired.

(4) follows from (1) and (3).

We shall call R_i an irreducible component of R .

Let R be a right locally uniform potent ring with $Z_r(R)=0$. Then R is said to be locally residue-finite iff the irreducible components R_i of R are residue-finite as a ring. By Proposition 3, if R is a right locally uniform potent ring with $Z_r(R)=0$ and if R is locally residue-finite, then R_i is a residue-finite PI-ring for each i . Now we set $P_i = (\sum_{j \neq i} R_j)^*$ and $\bar{R}_i = R/P_i$ for each i . Then the followings hold:

- (i) $\bigcap_i P_i = 0$.
- (ii) $\bigcap_{j \neq i} P_j \neq 0$.
- (iii) $\bar{R}_i \supset R_i$ as a right R_i -module for each i .
- (iv) If R_i is a residue-finite PI-ring, then so is \bar{R}_i .

Let R be a subdirect sum of a family R_i of rings (that is $R \subset \prod_i R_i$ and the projection $R \rightarrow R_i$ is onto for each i). The subdirect sum will be called essential irredundant iff $\prod_i R_i \supset \sum_i \oplus (R \cap R_i)$ as a right R -module (see [1]).

Now, we can summarize the above-mentioned results as follows:

Theorem 1. *Let R be a right locally uniform potent ring with $Z_r(R)=0$ and $\{\bar{R}_i\}$ be as above. Then R is an essential irredundant subdirect sum of $\{\bar{R}_i\}$, where \bar{R}_i is a PI-ring for each i . Furthermore if R is locally residue-finite, then \bar{R}_i is a residue-finite PI-ring.*

We now give a converse of Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. *Let $\{\bar{R}_i\}$ be a family of PI-rings and let R be an essential irredundant subdirect sum of $\{\bar{R}_i\}$. Then*

- (1) *R is a right locally uniform potent ring with $Z_r(R)=0$.*
- (2) *If \bar{R}_i is residue-finite for each i , then R is locally residue-finite.*

Proof. We first prove that R is a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R)=0$. Let \hat{R}_i be the maximal right quotient ring of \bar{R}_i for each i . Then \hat{R}_i is a full left linear ring over a division ring. We set $S = \prod_i \hat{R}_i$. Then, by ([4; p. 72, Proposition]), $\hat{S} = \prod_i \hat{R}_i$ is the maximal right quotient ring of S . By ([1, p. 117, Theorem 3.9]), \hat{S} is right self-injective, right locally uniform and regular as a ring. Since, by the assumption, $S \supset \sum_i \oplus (\bar{R}_i \cap R)$ as a right R -module, \hat{S} is the maximal right quotient ring of R and hence R is a right locally uniform ring with $Z_r(R)=0$. Let I be a closed right ideal of R and let $I_i = \{x_i \in \bar{R}_i \mid a = (x_i) \in I \text{ for some } a \in I\}$. Then we can prove that I_i is a closed right ideal of \bar{R}_i . Hence R is a potent ring. Now we set $R_i = \bar{R}_i \cap R$. Then the following properties hold.

- (1) $R_i \in L_{r_2}^*(R)$ and \bar{R}_i is a right quotient ring of R_i for each i .
- (2) $\{R_i\}$ are the irreducible components of R .

Hence, by Proposition 3, we obtain $L_r^*(R_i) = \{I \in L_r^*(R) \mid I \subseteq R_i\}$. Furthermore, we can prove that $\bar{T} = \hat{T} \cap \bar{R}_i$ is a closed ideal of R_i for each $T \in L_{r_2}^*(R_i)$. Since $L_r^*(R_i) \cong L_r^*(\bar{R}_i)$, R_i is residue-finite if \bar{R}_i is residue-finite. Hence if \bar{R}_i is residue-finite for each i , then R is locally residue-finite.

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