

Fixed Rings of Automorphisms on Fully Right Idempotent Rings.

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〈Abstract〉

A fixed ring R^G of a fully right idempotent ring is fully right idempotent where G is a finite group of automorphism and G is a bijection on R . Moreover, if R is strongly semi-prime ring, then R^G is strongly semi-prime ring and a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity.

Fully Right Idempotent 환위의 Automorphisms의 고정환에 대하여

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〈요 약〉

fully right idempotent 환의 고정환 R^G 는 다시 fully right idempotent ring이고 만약 R 이 strongly semiprime 환이면 R^G 는 항등원을 가지는 simple 환들의 유한개의 direct 곱으로 표시된다.

J. Osterburg showed that the fixed ring R^G of R is a direct sum of simple rings. We will prove that by using another method in this paper.

A ring R is said to be fully right idempotent if every right ideal of R is idempotent, or equivalently, if $a \in (aR)^2$ for every $a \in R$. Let G be a group which acts on R . The skew group ring R^*G is defined by $R^*G = \{rg \mid g \in G, r \in R\}$ with addition given component wise and multiplication given as follows: if $r, s \in R$ and $g, h \in G$, then $(rg)(sh) = rs^ggh$. If $x = \sum r_i g_i$ is an element of R^*G then the support of x is the set $\text{Supp}(x) = \{g \in G \mid r^g \neq 0\}$

Let G be a finite group of automorphisms acting on the ring R . The fixed ring R^G of R is defined by $R^G = \{r \in R \mid r^g = r \text{ for every } g \in G\}$. For any integer n , we will say that n is a bijection on R if $nR = R$ and $nx = 0$ implies $x = 0$

for any $x \in R$. If n is a bijection, then for any $x \in R$ there exists a unique $y \in R$ such that $y = x/n$. For any $x \in R$, define the trace of x to be $tr(x) = \sum r^g$. Then clearly $tr(x) \in R^G$.

Lemma 1. Let G be group which acts on R . If R is a fully right idempotent ring with identity, then R^*G/I is a flat left R -module for every ideal I of R^*G .

Proof. It is sufficient to prove that $a(R^*G \cap I) \subset aI$ for every $a \in R$ (1. Corollary 11.23.). By induction with respect to n , we shall show that if $a(r_1 g_1 + \dots + r_n g_n) \in I$, $r_i \in R$, $g_i G \subset G$, then $a(r_1 g_1 + \dots + r_n g_n) \in aI$. Since R is fully right idempotent, $ar_1 = ar_1 \sum_{i=1}^m b_i ar_1 c_i$ with some $b_i, c_i \in R$, and therefore $ar_1 g_1 = ar_1 \sum_{i=1}^m b_i ar_1 c_i g_1 = ar_1 \sum_{i=1}^m b(ar_1 g_1) c_i^{g_1} \in aI$, which proves the case $n=1$. Now, assume that $n > 1$. As above, there exists $a_i, b_i \in R$ such that $ar_n = ar_n \sum_{i=1}^m$

$b_i a r_n c_i$. If we set $y = r_n \sum_{i=1}^m b_i a (r_1 g_1 + \dots + r_n g_n) c_i^{s_i-1} \in I$, we see that $v = a(r_1 g_1 + \dots + r_n g_n - y) \in I$ and the cardinality of $\text{Supp}(v)$ is less than n , by induction hypothesis, there exists then some $z \in I$ such that $v = az$. It follows therefore that $a(r_1 g_1 + \dots + r_n g_n) = a(y+z) \in aI$.

By using this lemma we will prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let R be a fully right idempotent ring with identity and G a finite group acts on R . If $|G|$ is a bijection on R , then R^*G is fully right idempotent.

Proof. Since $|G|$ is a bijection on R it suffices to show that S/I is a flat left S -module for each ideal I of S where S is R^*G (4). By lemma 1 S/I is a flat left R -module. Hence for any $a \in I$, there exists an R -homomorphism $\theta: S \rightarrow I$ such that $\theta(ga) = ga$ for all $g \in G$ (1. Proposition 11.27.). As is easily verified, the map $\hat{\theta}: S \rightarrow I$ defined by $\hat{\theta}(s) = |G| \sum_{g \in G} g^{-1} \theta(gs)$ is an S -homomorphism with $\hat{\theta}(a) = a$. Hence S/I is flat again by (2. Proposition 11.27). Consequently S is fully right idempotent.

Cororally 3. Let R be a fully right idempotent ring with identity and G a finite group of automorphisms of R such that G is a bijection on R . Then the fixed subring R^G is fully right idempotent.

Proof. Since $R^G = e(R^*G)e$ where $e = |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} g$ (4. Lemma 1.2). It is obvious that R^G is fully right idempotent.

To prove our main theorem we now introduce right strongly semiprime ring and give some lemma. A ring R is called a right strongly semiprime ring provided if I is an ideal of R and is essential as a right ideal then there exists a finite subset F of X with $r(F) = 0$, where $r(F) = \{r \in R \mid rf = 0 \text{ for any } f \in F\}$. On the other hand we know that if R is a semiprime ring, then an ideal I of R is essential as a right ideal iff $r(I) = 0$. Therefore we see that a ring R is a right strongly semiprime

ring iff R is a semiprime ring and $r(I) = 0$ implies $r(F) = 0$ for some $F \subset I$.

Lemma 4. The following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) R is a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity.
- (2) R is a right strongly semiprime, fully right idempotent ring.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) It is clear that R is a right strongly semiprime ring. In order to see that R is fully right idempotent it suffices to show that every simple ring with identity is fully right idempotent. In fact, if S is a simple ring with identity and I is a right ideal of S , then $I^2 = (IS)I = I(SI) = IS = I$. (2) \Leftarrow (1) Let I be an arbitrary right ideal of R , and choose an ideal K of R which is maximal with respect to the property that $I \cup K = 0$. We set $L = I \oplus K$. Since R is semiprime and $(L \cup r(L))^2 = 0$, $r(L)$ has to be 0 by the choice of K . Hence, there exists a finite subset F of L with $r(F) = 0$. Since the ideals generated by F is a right s -unital ring, there exists an $e \in S$ such that $xe = x$ for all $x \in F$ (5. Theorem 1) Since $a - ea \in r(F) = 0$ for all $a \in R$, e is a left identity of R . Now, let b be an arbitrary element of R , and choose an element f such that $(be - b)f = be - b$. Since $(be - b)f = bef - bf = bf - bf = 0$, we obtain $be = b$, which means that e is the identity of R . Since e belongs to L , we readily obtain $R = L = I \oplus K$. We therefore have seen that R is a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity.

Using that lemma we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 5. If R is a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity, then R^G is a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity.

Proof. Since R is a fully right idempotent and strongly right semiprime ring, R^G is fully right idempotent by Cororally 3. And if $r(I) = 0$ where I is an essential ideal of R^G , then there exists some ideal J of R such that $r(J) = 0$

where $I = R^e \cap J$. Since R is strongly semiprime there exists a finite subset F of R such that $r(F) = 0$. $F \cap R^e \subset I$ is finite and $r(F \cap R^e) = 0$. Thus R^e is strongly semiprime. Hence R^e is a finite direct sum of simple rings with identity.

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