

TORSION THEORIES OVER N -RINGS

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Abstract

In this paper the author studies some properties concerned with torsion theories over an N -ring. Among other things, it is proved that N -rings are stable.

§0. Introduction

All rings in this paper are assumed to be commutative with identity, while all modules unitary.

In [1], [2] and [3], N -rings have been studied extensively by Gilmer, Heinzer and Lantz. An N -ring, by definition, is a ring R with the following property: for every ideal I of R , there exists a unitary extension T of R (i. e. $R \subseteq T$ and T has the same identity as R) such that T is noetherian and $IT \cap R = I$. Such rings can be viewed as a generalization of noetherian rings. Many examples of nonnoetherian N -rings are offered in the papers mentioned above.

The purpose of the present paper is to study torsion theories over N -rings and consider some related questions. In §1, we first extend to N -rings the well-known characterization of idempotent filters of commutative noetherian rings (see [4]) and then extend the result in Gabriel's paper [5] (also see [6]) that commutative noetherian rings are stable. In §2, we discuss some miscellaneous questions. In §3, we show that the fixed subring of an N -ring R under a finite automorphism group of R is itself an N -ring. In a more general setting, we probe into the localization rings of fixed subrings.

Throughout this paper, all terminologies and notations concerning torsion theories (resp. commutative algebra) are kept in accordance with [7] (resp. [8]). We use $E_R(M)$, or $E(M)$ when R is clear from the context, to denote the injective hull of an R -module M . As usual, $\text{Spec } R$ stands for the prime spectrum of R .

§1.

We start by recalling that a nonempty set A of ideals of a (commutative) ring

R is an idempotent filter if

A1. If $I \in A$ and $a \in R$, then $(I:a) \in A$,

A2. If I is an ideal of R for which there is an $H \in A$ such that $(I:h) \in A$ for all $h \in H$, then $I \in A$.

Proposition 1.1. Let $S = \{I_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$ be a nonempty set of ideals of an N -ring R . Then the following set is an idempotent filter of R

$$\mathcal{L} = \{I \triangleleft R \mid I \supseteq I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n, I_i \in S\},$$

where for $i \neq j$, I_i and I_j are not necessarily different.

Proof Suppose that $I \in \mathcal{L}$, $I \supseteq I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n$, $I_i \in S$. Given any $x \in R$, we have $(I:x) \supseteq I \supseteq I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n$. Therefore, $(I:x) \in \mathcal{L}$. So A1 holds for \mathcal{L} .

To check A2 for \mathcal{L} , let $H \in \mathcal{L}$, or $H \supseteq I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n$ for some $I_i \in S$ and I be an ideal of R such that for all $h \in H$, $(I:h) \in \mathcal{L}$. We shall show that $I \in \mathcal{L}$. Take a noetherian unitary extension T of R such that $IT \cap R = I$. Since T is noetherian, we have

$$I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n T = x_1 T + \cdots + x_t T$$

with x_i in $I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n$. Then we know from the hypothesis that for each x_i there are $J_1^{(i)}, \dots, J_n^{(i)} \in S$ such that $J_1^{(i)} J_2^{(i)} \cdots J_n^{(i)} \subseteq (I:x_i)$. Let J be the product of all the $J_k^{(i)}$ s. Then it follows that $J \supseteq (I:x_1) \cap (I:x_2) \cap \cdots \cap (I:x_t)$. Thus, $J I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n \subseteq J I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n T \cap R = \left(\sum_{i=1}^t J x_i T \right) \cap R \subseteq IT \cap R = I$, i. e. $I \in \mathcal{L}$.

We refer to the torsion theory determined by S as the S -adic torsion theory and denote it by τ_S .

Definition. A primary ideal I of a ring R is said to be strongly primary if some power of the radical is contained in I . A ring R is said to be strongly Lasker if every proper ideal of R can be represented as the intersection of a finite number of strongly primary ideals.

Proposition [GH] (Proposition 2.14 in [1]). N -rings are strongly Lasker.

This result, which plays a fundamental role in this paper, indicates that prime decompositions are practicable in N -rings. The following results reveal to us that to bring all the idempotent filters of R under control we have only to know all the prime ideals of R and their behavior under product.

Proposition 1.2. Let R be an N -ring and τ a nontrivial torsion theory over R . Then we have $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{P}}$, where $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{L}_{\tau} \cap \text{Spec } R$.

Proof We are going to show that $\mathcal{L}_{\tau} = \mathcal{L}_{\tau_{\mathcal{P}}}$. It is obvious that \mathcal{P} is nonempty. According to Proposition 1.1, \mathcal{P} determines a torsion theory $\tau_{\mathcal{P}}$. Since $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$, we have $\mathcal{L}_{\tau_{\mathcal{P}}} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$. For the other direction, let $I \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$ and $I \neq R$. Then

$$I = \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$$

by Proposition [GH], where I_i is P_i -primary for some $P_i \in \text{Spec } R$ and $P_i \not\subseteq I_i$ for

ome m_i . From $P_i \supseteq I_i \supseteq I$, we deduce that $P_i \in \mathcal{L}_\tau \cap \text{Spec } R$. Noting that $P_1^{m_1} P_2^{m_2} \dots P_n^{m_n} \subseteq I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \dots \cap I_n = I$, we have $I \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$, i. e., $\mathcal{L}_\tau \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \mathcal{P}}$.

Now we start to prove that N -rings are seminoetherian. We begin with the following useful lemma.

Lemma 1.3. *Let R be a ring and $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$. Given $P \in \text{Spec } R$, then R/P is either τ -torsion or τ -torsion-free.*

Proof If R/P is not τ -torsion-free, then there must be an $\tau \in R/P$ and an $I \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ such that $I\tau \subseteq P$. Since P is prime, we have $I \subseteq P$, so $P \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$, namely, R/P is τ -torsion.

Definition. *Let R be a ring and $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$. A nonzero R -module M is said to be τ -cocritical if M is τ -torsion-free and every proper quotient module of M is τ -torsion. A ring R is said to be seminoetherian if every proper torsion theory τ over R has a τ -cocritical R -module.*

Theorem 1.4. *N -rings are seminoetherian.*

Proof Let R be an N -ring. We must show that every proper torsion theory τ over R has a τ -cocritical module.

By Proposition [GH], $0 = I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \dots \cap I_n$ where I_i is P_i -primary and $P_i^{m_i} = I_i$ for some natural number m_i . Then $P_1^{m_1} P_2^{m_2} \dots P_n^{m_n} \subseteq I_1 I_2 \dots I_n \subseteq I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \dots \cap I_n = 0$, i. e., $P_1^{m_1} P_2^{m_2} \dots P_n^{m_n} = 0$. By the assumption that τ is proper, we must have $P_i \notin \mathcal{L}_\tau$ for some i . Therefore R/P_i has to be τ -torsion-free in view of Lemma 1.3. Thus the set

$$\mathcal{P} = \{P \in \text{Spec } R \mid R/P \text{ is } \tau\text{-torsion-free}\}$$

is not empty. Using Proposition [GH] and the fact that strongly Laskerian rings have a. c. c. for prime ideals (see Theorem 4 in [9]), we can find a maximal element P in \mathcal{P} . We claim that R/P is τ -cocritical. From our choice we know that R/P is τ -torsion-free. To complete the proof, it suffices to show that for an ideal $I \neq R$, $I \not\subseteq P$, R/I is τ -torsion. Again using Proposition [GH], we have $I \supseteq P_1 P_2 \dots P_k$ where $P_i \in \text{Spec } R$ and $P_i \supseteq I \supseteq P$. By the maximality of P in \mathcal{P} , we know that P_i is not τ -torsion-free, so it is τ -torsion by Lemma 1.3. Hence, $P_1 P_2 \dots P_k \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ and therefore $I \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$.

Definition. *Let R be a ring. $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$. τ is said to be stable if \mathcal{T}_τ is closed under taking injective hulls. R is said to be stable if every torsion theory over R is stable.*

Proposition 1.5. *Let R be a seminoetherian ring. Then R is stable if and only if every prime torsion theory over R is stable.*

Proof An intersection of stable torsion theories is stable. According to Raynaud's Theorem (see Proposition 20.12 in [7] where "seminoetherian" is misprinted as "semiartinian"), each torsion theory over a seminoetherian ring is an intersection of prime torsion theories.

From this, the desired result is clear. Next, we give a lemma which assures us

of certain "boundedness".

Lemma 1.6. *Let R be an N -ring, $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$. Given a pair of ideals of R $I \subseteq J$ such that $J/I \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$, then we can find an $H \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ such that $HJ \subseteq I$.*

Proof. Take a noetherian unitary extension T of R such that $IT \cap R = I$. Suppose that $x_1T + x_2T + \cdots + x_nT = JT$ with x_i in J . Since $J/I \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$, by assumption, there exist $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ such that $H_i x_i \subseteq I$. Set $H = H_1 H_2 \cdots H_n$. Then $H \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ and we have $HJ \subseteq H(\sum x_i T) \cap R \subseteq (\sum (H x_i) T) \cap R \subseteq IT \cap R = I$.

Theorem 1.7. *N -rings are stable.*

Proof. Let R be an N -ring. By Theorem 1.4 and Proposition 1.5, it suffices to show that prime torsion theories over R are stable.

In the commutative case, prime torsion theories coincide with the localization at a prime ideal (Example 3 of Chapter VII in [7]). So we have to show the stableness for $\tau = \chi(R/P)$ where P is prime. Suppose, on the contrary, that τ is not stable, or equivalently, that there exists an R -module M such that $M \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$ but $E(M) \notin \mathcal{T}_\tau$. Since $T_\tau(E(M)) \not\subseteq M$, we may assume that $T_\tau(M) = 0$ without loss of generality. Take any $m \in E(M) \setminus M$, we have $Rm = R/I \notin \mathcal{T}_\tau$, but

$$T_\tau(Rm) = Rm \cap M = J/I \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$$

and that J/I is essential in R/I as R -modules. By Lemma 1.6 we have an $H \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$ such that $HJ \subseteq I$, or equivalently, there is an $s \in R \setminus P$ such that $sJ \subseteq I$. Suppose that $sp \in sP \cap J$ for some $p \in P$. Since $R/J \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$, it follows that $J \cap R \setminus P = \emptyset$ and hence $J \subseteq P$. So $P/J \subseteq R/J$ and $P/J \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$. Hence, $sp \in J$ implies that $p \in J$. Thus, we obtain $sP \cap J \subseteq sJ \subseteq I$, in other words, $(sP + I)/I \cap J/I = 0$. Noting that J/I is essential in R/I , we have $sP \subseteq I \subseteq J$. Again using the fact that $R/J \in \mathcal{T}_\tau$, we have $P \subseteq J$. In summary, we have proved that $P = J$. Then, $sR \cap P = sP = sJ \subseteq I$. Similarly, we have $sR \subseteq I \subseteq J = P$. In particular, $s \in P$, a contradiction. Therefore, we have finished the proof that R is stable.

Corollary 1.8. *Commutative noetherian rings are stable.*

§ 2.

First, we consider N -rings of Krull dimension zero. Here, the Krull dimension of a ring R is the largest length of prime ideals of R .

Theorem 2.1. *If R is an N -ring of Krull dimension zero, then R is isomorphic to a direct product of a finite number of local N -rings of Krull dimension zero and this decomposition is unique up to isomorphism.*

Proof. By using Proposition [GH], the proof is similar to that of the Structure Theorem for Artinian Rings (see, for instance, [8]). The only thing that needs more explanation is that each direct summand in the decomposition is an N -ring. This

is true because the class of N -rings is closed under taking homomorphic images (see Corollary 2.3 in [1]).

We now give an application of Theorem 2.1.

Proposition 2.2. *Suppose that R is an N -ring of Krull dimension zero. Then there is a ring $S = F_1[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n[x]$ where F_i 's are fields and x an indeterminate satisfying the condition that $R[x]$ -tors and S -tors are isomorphic as lattices.*

Proof By Proposition 2.1, $R = R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus R_n$, where R_i 's are local N -rings of Krull dimension zero. Let A_i be the unique maximal ideal of R_i and $F_i = R_i/A_i$. We have $R[x] = R_1[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus R_n[x]$. The zero ideal of R_i can be represented as a product of prime ideals of R_i by Proposition [GH]. Since A_i is the only prime ideal of R_i , $A_i^k = 0$ for some k . Consequently, we know that $A_1[x] + \cdots + A_n[x]$ is nilpotent. It is known that if T is a ring and I an ideal of T , then we have a one-to-one correspondence between T/I -tors and the subset of T -tors $\{\tau \in T\text{-tors} \mid \tau \leq \xi(T/I)\}$. Moreover, this correspondence is order-preserving (see [10]). Since I is now nilpotent, $I^k = 0$ for some k , thus $\xi(R/I) = \chi$. It follows that $\{\tau \in T\text{-tors} \mid \tau \leq \xi(R/I)\} = T\text{-tors}$ where T is $R_1[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus R_n[x]$ and $I = A_1[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n[x]$. Note that $T/I \cong F_1[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n[x] = S$, therefore $R[x]$ -tors is isomorphic to S -tors as lattices.

Proposition 2.4 indicates that the lattice $R[x]$ -tors for an N -ring R of Krull dimension zero has been determined to a great extent because the torsion theories over a direct product of a finite number of rings can be constructed from that over each of its direct summand (see the remark at the end of Chapter II in [7]). And $F_i[x]$, as a noetherian ring, is much more concret as far as the lattice of torsion theories is concerned.

In general, $R[x]$ -tors for an N -ring R need not be an N -ring. In fact, it is an N -ring if and only if R is noetherian.^[1]

We know that semiartinian noetherian rings are artinian (see Proposition 12.8 in [7]). Nevertheless, semiartinian N -rings need not be artinian. We may assure ourselves of this fact by examining the example presented in [1]: Let $R = F(t_1, t_2, \dots)/(\{t_i t_j\})$, where F is a field and t_1, t_2, \dots a set of an infinite number of indeterminates over F .

It is well-known that a commutative noetherian ring R is artinian if and only if the Krull dimension of R is zero. Similarly, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3. *An N -ring R is semiartinian if and only if the Krull dimension of R is zero.*

Proof We select a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of simple R -modules and denote it by $R\text{-simp}$. We use m to denote the set of maximal ideals of R .

Suppose that R is semiartinian. Then $\chi = \chi(0) = \xi(R\text{-simp})$ by definition.

Remember that τ_m is the m -adic torsion theory determined by m , we have

$$\xi(R\text{-simp}) = \tau_m.$$

Hence $\tau_m = \chi$ and consequently $0 = M_1 M_2 \cdots M_k$ for some $M_i \in m$. For any $P \in \text{Spec } R$, we have $M_1 M_2 \cdots M_k = 0 \subseteq P$ and therefore $M_j \subseteq P$ for some j , thus, $M_j = P$. This is equivalent to saying that the Krull dimension of R is zero.

Conversely, suppose that R is zero-dimensional. Again, by Proposition [GH], $0 = P_1 P_2 \cdots P_k$ where $P_i \in \text{Spec } R = m$. Therefore, $0 \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau_m} = \mathcal{L}_{\xi(R\text{-simp})}$, i. e.,

$$\xi(R\text{-simp}) = \chi,$$

namely, R is semiartinian.

The characterization of idempotent filters among ideal classes is always interesting problem. Here we contribute some items to the list of idempotent filter over N -rings.

Definitions. We define the Gabriel filtration of a ring R as a chain $\{\tau_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of torsion theories over R satisfying

$$(i) \quad \tau_{-1} = \xi = \xi(0),$$

(ii) if i is not a limit ordinal

$$\tau_i = \tau_{i-1} \vee \xi(M \in R\text{-mod } M \text{ is } \tau_{i-1}\text{-cocritical}),$$

(iii) if i is a limit ordinal

$$\tau_i = \bigvee \{\tau_j \mid j < i\}.$$

Theorem 2.4. Let $\tau_{-1} < \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \cdots$ be the Gabriel filtration of an N -ring. Then for any integer $h \geq 0$, we have $\tau_n = \tau_{\mathcal{P}_n}$ where \mathcal{P}_n is the set of all prime ideals of whose depths do not exceed n .

Proof. We use induction on n .

If $n=0$, it is clear.

Suppose that $\tau_n = \tau_{\mathcal{P}_n}$ hold for $n \leq k$. Consider the case when $n = k+1$. Let $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$, $\text{depth } P = k+1$. We claim that R/P is τ_k -cocritical. First, we have that R/I is τ_k -torsion-free, for, otherwise, by Lemma 1.3, R/P would be τ_k -torsion, then $0 = P_1 P_2 \cdots P_m$ for some prime ideals P_i of depth not exceeding k . So $P \supseteq P_i$ for some i . This contradicts the fact that $\text{depth } P = k+1$. Second, suppose that $P \not\subseteq I \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\tau_k}$. According to Proposition [GH], $I \supseteq Q_1 Q_2 \cdots Q_t$ for some $Q_i \in \text{Spec } R$ and $Q_i \not\subseteq P$. This implies that $\text{depth } Q_i \leq k$. So we deduce that $I \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau_k}$, by the induction hypothesis $\mathcal{L}_{\tau_{\mathcal{P}_k}} = \mathcal{L}_{\tau_k}$, so $R/I \in \mathcal{T}_{\tau_k}$. Thus $\tau_{\mathcal{P}_{k+1}} \subseteq \tau_{k+1}$. For the inverse inclusion, let M be a τ_k -cocritical R -module. It suffices to show that every cyclic submodule of M is τ_k -torsion. Suppose that $0 \neq R_m = R/P$ is a cyclic submodule. Then P must be prime (Proposition 18.2 and Corollary 18.8 in [7]). We claim that $\text{depth } P = k+1$. First, P cannot be smaller than $k+1$, or else we would have $R/P \in \mathcal{T}_{\tau_k} = \mathcal{T}_{\tau_{\mathcal{P}_k}}$, a contradiction to the fact that R/P is τ_k -torsion-free. Second, the depth of P cannot be larger than $k+1$ either. Suppose, on the contrary, that there is a chain of prime ideals

$P \not\subseteq P_0 \not\subseteq P_1 \not\subseteq \dots \not\subseteq P_{k+2}$. Note that R/P is τ_k -cocritical, so $P_1 \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau_k}$. This tells us that $P_1 \supseteq Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_s$ with $Q_i \in \text{Spec } R$ and $\text{depth } Q_i \leq k$, so $P \supseteq Q_j$ for some j . This contradicts the fact that $\text{depth } P_1 \geq k+1$. Thus the depth of P must be $k+1$. The proof is completed.

Corollary 2.5. *If R is an N -ring. The n th Gabriel dimension of R $G\text{-dim } R$ is finite if and only if the Krull dimension of R $K\text{-dim } R$ is finite. In addition, if they are indeed finite, they must be equal.*

Proof For any integer $n \geq 0$, $G\text{-dim } R \leq n$ implies that $\tau_n = \chi$, i. e., \mathcal{L}_{τ_n} contains all the prime ideals of R . By Theorem 2.4, $\tau_n = \tau_n = \chi$. This is the same as saying that $\text{depth } P \leq n$ for all $P \in \text{Spec } R$. Therefore, $K\text{-dim } R \leq n$. Note that the deduction above is reversible, so the first statement has been proved. When the two dimensions are both finite, the above proof also indicates that for any integer $n \geq 0$, $G\text{-dim } R \leq n$ if and only if $K\text{-dim } R \leq n$. This forces the two dimensions to be equal.

§ 3.

In this section, we always assume that R is a ring, G a finite automorphism group of R such that the order of G , $n = |G|$, is an invertible element in R and $R^G = \{r \in R \mid \alpha(r) = r \text{ for all } \alpha \in G\}$, the fixed subring of R under G .

Proposition 3.1. *For any ideal I of R^G , $IR \cap R^G = I$.*

Proof It is clear that $I \subseteq IR \cap R^G$.

Suppose that $r \in IR \cap R^G$. Then

$$r = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \alpha_i$$

for some $\alpha_i \in I$, $r_i \in R$. Write G as $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$. Then for each $j=1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$r = \alpha_j(r) = \sum \alpha_j(r_i) \alpha_j(\alpha_i) = \sum \alpha_j(r_i) \alpha_i.$$

Taking summation about j , we obtain

$$nr = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(r_i) \right) \alpha_i.$$

It is easy to see that $n^{-1}(\sum \alpha_j(r_i)) \in R^G$ for all i . Thus, $IR \cap R^G = I$.

Corollary 3.2. *If R is an N -ring, then R^G is also an N -ring.*

Proof Given any ideal I of R^G , by assumption, we can find a noetherian unitary extension T of R such that $IRT \cap R = IR$. According to Proposition 3.1, $R \cap R^G = I$, so

$$IT \cap R^G = (IRT \cap R) \cap R^G = IR \cap R^G = I.$$

Definition. A torsion theory τ over R is said to be R^G -lifted if $I \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$ and $J \supseteq I \cap R^G$ for $J \triangleleft R$ imply $J \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$.

Proposition 3.3. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between R^G -tors and R^G -*

lifted torsion theories over R .

Proof Given $\sigma \in R^G\text{-tors}$, send it to $\sigma^e \in R\text{-tors}$ determined by $\mathcal{L}_{\sigma^e} = \{I \triangleleft R \mid I \supseteq HR \text{ for some } H \in \mathcal{L}_{\sigma}\}$.

It is known that \mathcal{L}_{σ^e} is an idempotent filter (see section 9 in [7]). σ^e is obviously R^G -lifted. Next, given any R^G -lifted $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$, we define $\tau^e \in R^G\text{-tors}$ by $\mathcal{L}_{\tau^e} = \{I \triangleleft R^G \mid I = H \cap R^G \text{ for some } H \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau}\}$. Using Proposition 3.1, we can prove that \mathcal{L}_{τ^e} is indeed an idempotent filter and that $\sigma^{ee} = \sigma$ and $\tau^{ee} = \tau$. We leave out the proof since it is routine.

For the rest of this paper, we assume, once and for all, that $\sigma \in R^G\text{-tors}$ and $\sigma^e \in R\text{-tors}$.

Lemma 3.4. *If M is an R -module, then $T_{\sigma}(M) = T_{\tau}(M)$ as R^G -modules.*

Proof It is clear since $\tau = \sigma^e$.

Proposition 3.5. *Suppose, in addition, that σ is perfect. Then we can map $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ into an R -module so that the R -module structure on $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ preserves the canonical R -module structure on $\bar{R} = R/T_{\sigma}(R)$. Moreover, $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ and $Q_{\tau}(R)$ are isomorphic R -modules and this isomorphism extends the identity map on \bar{R} .*

Proof Since σ is perfect, we have $Q_{\sigma}(R) = (R^G)_{\sigma} \otimes_{R^G} R$. This makes $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ an R -module.

From

$$\hat{\sigma}_R: R \rightarrow Q_{\sigma}(R) \quad r \mapsto i \otimes r$$

and $\text{Ker } \hat{\sigma}_R = T_{\sigma}(R)$, we see directly that the R -module structure on $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ preserves the R -module structure on \bar{R} .

Note that $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ is an essential extension of \bar{R} as R -module. By Lemma 3.4, \bar{R} is τ -dense in $Q_{\sigma}(R)$. Using the τ -injectiveness of $Q_{\tau}(R)$, we can extend embedding of \bar{R} into $Q_{\tau}(R)$ to an R -homomorphism $\alpha: Q_{\sigma}(R) \rightarrow Q_{\tau}(R)$. Since restriction of α to \bar{R} is a monomorphism, so is α . We assert that it is also epic suffices to prove that $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ is a τ -injective R -module. Suppose that $I \in \mathcal{L}_{\tau}$ and $I \rightarrow Q_{\sigma}(R)$ an R -homomorphism. By Lemma 3.4, I is a σ -dense submodule of R^G -module R . By use of the σ -injectiveness of $Q_{\sigma}(R)$, β can be extended to R^G -homomorphism $\bar{\beta}: R \rightarrow Q_{\sigma}(R)$. The proof will be finished if we can prove this is also an R -homomorphism. To do this, let $r \in R$. Set

$$f_r: R \rightarrow Q_{\sigma}(R) \quad s \mapsto \bar{\beta}(rs) - r\bar{\beta}(s).$$

Then f_r is an R^G -homomorphism. For any $a \in I$, $f_r(a) = \bar{\beta}(ra) - r\bar{\beta}(a) = \beta(ra) - r\beta(a) = 0$. So f_r induces an R^G -homomorphism \bar{f}_r from R/I to $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ such that $\bar{f}_r(s) = f_r(s)$. $Q_{\sigma}(R)$ is σ -torsion-free while, by Lemma 3.4, R/I is σ -torsion, so \bar{f}_r must be the zero map, i. e., $\bar{\beta}(rs) = r\bar{\beta}(s)$ for all $s \in R$. Since r is arbitrarily chosen, $\bar{\beta}$ is an R -homomorphism.

Theorem 3.6. *Suppose, as before, that σ is perfect. Then an automorphism of R*

which belongs to G induces an automorphism of R . Therefore, G induces a finite homomorphism group H of R satisfying

$$(R^G)_\sigma \cong (R_\tau)^H = \{x \in R_\tau \mid \alpha(x) = x \text{ for all } \alpha \in H\}.$$

Proof First of all, we show that $(R^G)_\sigma$ can be embedded into R_τ as rings. Since σ is perfect, we have, as R^G -modules, $Q_\tau(R) \cong Q_\sigma(R) \cong (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$. We can make $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$ into a ring by first stipulating that $(a \otimes b)(c \otimes d) = ac \otimes bd$ and then extending it linearly to $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$ (see, for example, [8]).

Now look at the map $\hat{\sigma}_R: R \rightarrow (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R, r \mapsto 1 \otimes r$. We can identify R with its image under the embedding induced by $\hat{\sigma}_R$. We see that the multiplication defined above is consistent with the R -module structure on $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$. Because the uniqueness of such multiplications, we know that the multiplication we defined is just the one of $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$ as the localization of R at τ . So $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$ is isomorphic to R_τ as rings. Next suppose that

$$g: (R^G)_\sigma \rightarrow (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R, x \mapsto x \otimes 1.$$

It is easy to see that g is a ring homomorphism and the restriction of g to $R^G = T(R^G)$ is the identity map. We claim that there is a $0 \neq x \in (R^G)_\sigma$ such that $x \otimes 1 = 0$. Then there is an $r \in R^G$ such that $0 \neq rx \in R^G$. Write rx as \bar{s} for $s \in R^G$. Then

$$0 = r(x \otimes 1) = rx \otimes 1 = \bar{s} \otimes 1 = s(1 \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes s.$$

Hence $\hat{\sigma}_R(s) = 1 \otimes s$ and $\text{Ker } \hat{\sigma}_R = T_\sigma(R)$, $s \in T_\sigma(R^G)$ and hence $\bar{s} = 0$, a contradiction. Therefore, g is an embedding.

Now given an $\alpha \in G$, then α becomes automatically an R^G -endomorphism of R . It induces an abelian group homomorphism

$$1 \otimes \alpha: (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R \rightarrow (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R \\ a_i \otimes b_i \mapsto a_i \otimes \alpha(b_i).$$

Obviously, $1 \otimes \alpha$ is invertible and $(1 \otimes \alpha)^{-1} = 1 \otimes \alpha^{-1}$.

It is readily seen that $1 \otimes \alpha$ is also a ring homomorphism and hence an automorphism of $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$. Set $H = \{1 \otimes \alpha_1, \dots, 1 \otimes \alpha_n\}$. It is easy to see that $(R^G)_\sigma \subseteq R^H$. Conversely, for a given element $\sum a_i \otimes b_i$ in $(R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} R$ which is fixed by H , e.,

$$\sum a_i \otimes \alpha_j(b_i) = \sum a_i \otimes b_i,$$

hence $n^{-1}(\sum \alpha_j(b_i)) \in R^G$, $\sum a_i \otimes b_i = \sum a_i (n^{-1} \sum \alpha_j(b_i)) \otimes 1 \in (R^G)_\sigma$. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Corollary 3.7. *If σ is perfect, then so is τ . Moreover, for any R -module M ,*

$$Q_\tau(M) = (R^G)_\sigma \otimes_{R^G} M.$$

Proof Given any $I \in \mathcal{L}_\tau$, then $I \cap R^G \in \mathcal{L}_\sigma$.

Since σ is perfect, $(R^G)_\sigma(I \cap R^G) = (R^G)_\sigma$. So $1 = \sum r_i a_i$ for some $r_i \in (R^G)_\sigma$ and $a_i \in I \cap R^G$. Since $(R^G)_\sigma$ is a subring of R_τ , we have $1 \in R_\tau I$, i. e., $IR_\tau = R_\tau$. This

proves that τ is perfect (see Proposition 17.1 in [7]). And what is more,

$$Q_\tau(M) = R_\tau \otimes_R M = ((R^G)_\circ \otimes_{R^G} R) \otimes_R M = (R^G)_\circ \otimes_{R^G} (R \otimes_R M) = (R^G)_\circ \otimes_{R^G} M.$$

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