

# ON THE STRUCTURE OF PRIMITIVE RINGS

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## Abstract

In this paper the author introduces two concepts, i. e. the concept of so-called  $\nu$ -socles of primitive rings and the concept of a pair of dual modules. Then the author establishes a general structure theorem for primitive rings with  $\nu$ -socles, which implies the well-known structure theorem for primitive rings with usual non-zero socles.

It is well known that the investigation of structure of primitive rings is usually restricted by their non-zero socles. There is almost nothing to do with the structure of primitive rings without non-zero socles. Even if we study the structure of primitive rings with non-zero socles, we are always concerned for their properties of finite-fold transitivity. But in general, primitive rings are infinite-fold transitive. Thus for the purpose of studying deeply the structure of primitive rings it is useful to introduce more general concept of so-called  $\nu$ -socles<sup>[3]</sup>. Using the concept of  $\nu$ -socles and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitivity we shall in this paper characterize some basic properties of  $\nu$ -socles. Then in §2 we extend the notion of a pair of dual vector spaces to the one of a pair of dual modules. Besides, it permits us to associate with every primitive ring having  $\nu$ -socle a pair of dual modules and then we establish a general structure theorem for primitive rings with  $\nu$ -socles, which implies the well-known structure theorem for primitive rings with usual non-zero socles.

1. Before preceding our theory we shall discuss a few preliminaries. Throughout this paper the term "vector space" without modifies will always mean left vector space over a division ring and primitive ring  $R$  always mean dense subring of the complete ring  $\Omega$  of all linear transformations of a vector space. A primitive ring  $R$  is called  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive if and only if for any subset  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  of linearly independent elements  $x_i$  and any subset  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I}$  of vector space  $\mathfrak{M}$  there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $x_i r = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ , where the cardinal number of  $I$ , denoted by  $|I|$ , is smaller than  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Specially, we say that  $R$  is finitely fold transitive if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = \mathfrak{S}_0$ . A primitive ring  $R$  is called having the largest  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -transitivity if  $R$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive and not  $\mathfrak{S}_{\nu+1}$ -

fold transitive. Two primitive rings are called the same fold transitivity if their largest transitivity are the same. Let  $\Omega$  be the complete ring of linear transformations of vector space  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $R$  a dense subring of  $\Omega$ . We always denote  $T_\nu = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid \rho(\omega) < \aleph_\nu\}$ , where  $\rho(\omega)$  denotes the rank of  $\omega$ . And we always mean  $N(\sigma) = \{m \in \mathfrak{M} \mid m\sigma = 0\}$  for any  $\sigma \in \Omega$ , and call  $N(\sigma)$  the annihilator of  $\sigma$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a left vector space over division ring  $F$ ,  $\Omega$  the ring of linear transformations,  $T_\nu = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid \rho(\omega) < \aleph_\nu\}$ . Let  $R$  be a subring of  $\Omega$  which is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$ . Suppose that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \neq \mathfrak{S}_\mu$  for any ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive.*

*Proof* If  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu = 0$  for any ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$ , then  $\nu$  is not a limit ordinal number, because if  $\nu$  is a limit ordinal number, then  $T_\nu = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} T_\mu$ . From this it follows that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} (R \cap T_\mu) = 0$ . Hence  $\nu$  is not a limit number. It is easy to see that there exists an element  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  with  $\rho(\sigma) = \aleph_{\nu-1}$ . Now we prove that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. In fact, we have  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ , where  $N(\sigma)$  is the annihilator of  $\sigma$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $|I| = \aleph_{\nu-1}$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ . Denote  $\{\bar{u}_j\}_{j \in J}$  as a set of  $F$ -linearly independent elements,  $\{b_j\}_{j \in J}$  an arbitrary set of elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $|J| < \aleph_\nu$ . Then there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $\bar{u}_j r = u_j \sigma$  or  $j \in J \subseteq I$ , since  $R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. On the other hand, there exists an element  $s \in R$  such that  $u_i \sigma s = b_i$  for  $i \in J$ , since the set  $\{u_i \sigma\}_{i \in I}$  is linearly independent. Therefore  $\bar{u}_i r \sigma s = b_i$  for  $i \in J$ . But  $r \sigma s \in R\sigma R \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . This implies that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive.

Now we may assume that there exists an  $\mu < \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu \neq 0$ . By hypothesis for our lemma we can choose an element  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  such that  $\rho(\sigma) \geq \aleph_\mu$ . From the above proof we know that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive, hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive. On the other hand, by hypothesis we have  $\mathfrak{S}_\alpha \neq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  where  $\mu < \alpha < \nu$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\alpha$ -fold transitive. This completes our proof.

**Lemma 1.2.** *Suppose  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive for any  $\mu < \nu$ .*

*Proof* Let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  denotes a set of linearly independent elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $|I| < \aleph_\mu$ ,  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I}$  an arbitrary set of elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then from the  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  it follows that there exists an element  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  such that  $x_i \sigma = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fx_i \oplus \sum_{j \in J} \oplus Fu_j \oplus N(\sigma)$ , where  $N(\sigma) = \{x \in \mathfrak{M} \mid x\sigma = 0\}$ ,  $|J| < \aleph_\nu$ . This implies that  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fx_i \sigma \oplus \sum_j \oplus Fu_j \sigma$ . Hence there exists an element  $\sigma' \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  such that  $x_i \sigma \sigma' = x_i \sigma$  for  $i \in I$  and  $u_j \sigma' \sigma = 0$  for  $j \in J$ . Clearly  $N(\sigma)\sigma \sigma' = 0$ . Because  $\{x_i \sigma \sigma'\}_{i \in I}$  is linearly independent, there exists an element  $\sigma'' \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  such that  $x_i \sigma \sigma' \sigma'' = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Let  $\tau = \sigma \sigma' \sigma''$ , then  $x_i \tau = y_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $u_j \tau = 0$  for  $j \in J$ ,  $N(\sigma)\tau = 0$ . But  $\tau = \sigma \sigma' \sigma'' \in R \cap T_\mu = \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ . This proved that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $R$  be a primitive ring which is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, then  $R$  have zero socle if and only if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = 0$ .*

*Proof* The sufficiency of the condition is clear. Now we are going to prove the necessity of the condition. If  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu = 0$  for all  $\mu < \nu$ , then by Lemma 1.1 either  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = 0$  or  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. If the latter case occurs, then  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  is  $\aleph_0$ -fold transitive by Lemma 1.2, hence  $R$  would have non-zero socle. This contradicts the assumption of our lemma. Hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = 0$ . Now we may assume that there exists an ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu \neq 0$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the least ordinal number of all number  $\tau \leq \nu$  with  $\mathfrak{S}_\tau = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Then we have  $\mathfrak{S}_\rho \neq \mathfrak{S}_\alpha$  for  $\rho < \alpha$ . By the property of  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity of  $R$  and Lemma 1.1 we can easily see that  $\mathfrak{S}_\alpha$  is  $\aleph_\alpha$ -fold transitive. Hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive by Lemma 1.2 for  $\mu < \alpha$ . This implies that  $R$  has non-zero socle. Thus we have again a contradiction.

**Definition 1.1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be the complete ring of linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$ ,  $R$  be a subring of  $\Omega$ .  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$ . We call  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$   $\nu$ -socle of  $R$  if and only if it satisfies the following conditions: (i)  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \Omega \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ , (ii)  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive (iii) if  $\sigma \in T_\nu$  and  $\sigma \mathfrak{S}_\nu \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ , then  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ .*

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $R$  be a primitive ring with  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \neq 0$ . Then there exists an ordinal number  $\mu \leq \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\mu$ -socle and  $\mathfrak{S}_\rho$  is also  $\rho$ -socle for any  $\rho < \mu$ .*

*Proof* First we show that if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\rho$  is  $\rho$ -socle for any  $\rho < \nu$ . For this purpose we need only to check the conditions of Definition 1.1.

(i) Let  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\rho$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ , where  $|I| < \aleph_\rho$  and  $N(\sigma)$  as before. Thus we have  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_I \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ . Let  $\omega$  be an element of the ring  $\Omega$  of linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Because  $R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $u_i\sigma r = u_i\sigma\omega$  for  $i \in I$ . From this it is easy to see that  $\sigma\omega = \sigma r$ . This proves  $\sigma\Omega = \sigma R \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\rho$ . (ii) Since  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, it follows that  $\mathfrak{S}_\rho$  is  $\aleph_\rho$ -fold transitive by Lemma 1.2. (iii) If  $\sigma \in T_\rho$  and  $\sigma \mathfrak{S}_\rho \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\rho$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ , where  $|I| < \aleph_\rho$ . Let  $u_i 1 = u_i$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $N(\sigma)1 = 0$ , then  $u_i 1\sigma = u_i\sigma$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $N(\sigma)1\sigma = N(\sigma)\sigma = 0$ , hence  $\sigma = 1\sigma$ . Now we want to prove that  $1 \in \mathfrak{S}_\rho$ . In fact, since  $\{u_i\sigma\}_{i \in I}$  is the set of  $F$ -linearly independent elements, there exists an element  $\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_\rho$  such that  $u_i\sigma\tau = u_i = u_i 1$  for  $i \in I$ , and  $N(\sigma)\sigma\tau = N(\sigma)1 = 0$ . Hence  $\sigma\tau = 1 \in \sigma \mathfrak{S}_\rho \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\rho$  by the assumption. From above relation  $\sigma = 1\sigma$  we get  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\rho \Omega \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\rho$ .

Now we want to show that if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \neq 0$ , then there exists  $\mu \leq \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\mu$ -socle. Certainly, we assume that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is not  $\nu$ -socle. Then from the proof of (i) we know that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \Omega \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is always true only if  $R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. From the proof of (iii) it follows that if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  satisfies the condition (iii) of Definition 1.1. Therefore, when  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is not  $\nu$ -socle,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is not  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive too. By

the proof of Theorem 1.1, there exists an ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu \neq 0$  and from this it follows that there exists an  $\alpha < \nu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\alpha$  is  $\aleph_\alpha$ -fold transitive. From the above we can conclude that  $\mathfrak{S}_\alpha$  is  $\alpha$ -socle. This completes the proof of our theorem.

Now from the proof of Theorem 1.2 we can further formulate the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $R$  be  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive primitive ring, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$  is  $\nu$ -socle if and only if  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive.*

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $R$  be a primitive ring,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$   $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is a principle ideal if and only if  $\nu$  is not a limit ordinal number.*

*Proof* If  $\nu$  is not a limit ordinal number, then  $\nu-1$  exists. By the property of  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity there exists an element  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  such that  $\rho(\sigma) = \aleph_{\nu-1}$ . By the proof of Lemma 1.1 we know that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. It needs only to prove  $R\sigma R = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . In fact, we need to prove that every  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive ideal  $L$  contains  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . For this purpose we let  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ , where  $|I| < \aleph_\nu$ . Write  $l: u_i l = u_i$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $N(\sigma)l = 0$ , then there exists an  $\tau \in L$  such that  $u_i\sigma\tau = u_i = u_i l$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $N(\sigma)\sigma\tau = N(\sigma)l = 0$ , hence  $l = \sigma\tau \in RL \subseteq L$ . On the other hand we have  $l\sigma = \sigma \in LR \subseteq L$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subseteq L$ . This proves  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = R\sigma R$ .

Conversely, let  $\nu$  is a limit ordinal number and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = R\sigma R$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Suppose that  $\rho(\sigma) = \aleph_\mu$  and  $\mu < \nu$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subset T_\mu$ . This contradicts that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. Thus  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  cannot be a principle ideal.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $R$  be a primitive ring with  $\nu$ -socle  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$ . Then  $R$  contains an ideal chain  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_{\nu+1} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_\mu \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_0$ , where  $\mu < \nu$ , and every ideal  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\mu$ -socle of  $R$ , every  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold ideal of  $R$  contains  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  as well. If  $\mu$  is not a limit ordinal number, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is principle. Let  $L$  be an non-zero ideal of  $R$  with  $L \subset T_\nu$ , then  $L$  must be one of the  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  of the above chain.*

*Proof* By Lemma 1.2 and Theorem 1.3,  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\mu$ -socle. Hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu \neq \mathfrak{S}_\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha \neq \mu$ , where  $\alpha, \mu < \nu$ . By the above lemma, if  $\mu$  is not limit ordinal number, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is a principle ideal and any  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive ideal contains  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$ . Hence we need only to prove the last assertion of the theorem. Since  $L \neq 0$ ,  $L \subset T_\nu$ , there exists an  $\mu$  such that  $L \subset T_\mu$  and  $L \not\subset T_\lambda$  where  $\lambda < \mu < \nu$ . If  $\mu$  is not a limit ordinal number, then  $L \not\subset T_{\mu-1}$ . Hence there exists an element  $\sigma \in L$  with  $\rho(\sigma) = \aleph_{\mu-1}$ . From the property of  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity it follows that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive. Thus  $\aleph_\mu \subseteq R\sigma R \subseteq L \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ . If  $\mu$  is a limit ordinal number, then  $L \not\subset T_\lambda$  for every non-limit ordinal number  $\lambda < \mu$ . Hence there exists an element  $\sigma \in L$  with  $\rho(\sigma) = \aleph_\alpha$  such that  $\aleph_\alpha \geq \aleph_\lambda$ . A similar argument as above can show that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_{\alpha+1}$ -fold transitive. Hence  $R\sigma R = \mathfrak{S}_{\alpha+1} \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_\lambda$ . Thus  $L \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_\lambda$ . But  $\lambda$  is arbitrary, hence  $L \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ . From  $L \subseteq T_\mu \cap R$  it follows that  $L = \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ .

From this theorem we get the following well known result.

**Corollary** Let  $\Omega$  be the ring of linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$ , then every ideal of  $\Omega$  must be an  $T_\nu$ .

**Proposition 1.1** Let  $R$  be primitive ring, then every  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive left ideal of  $R$  contains  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ .

*Proof* We write  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_I \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ ,  $N(\sigma) = \{m \in \mathfrak{M} \mid m\sigma = 0\}$ , and  $|I| < \aleph_\nu$ . Since  $L$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive, there exists an element  $\tau \in L$  such that  $u_i\sigma\tau = u_i\sigma$  for  $i \in I$ . Clearly  $N(\sigma)\sigma\tau = 0 = N(\sigma)\sigma$ . Thus  $\sigma = \sigma\tau \in L$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $R$  be a primitive ring with zero socle. Then every non-zero ideal of  $R$  have the same transitivity.

*Proof* Let  $R$  be  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive but not  $\aleph_{\nu+1}$ -fold transitive. Since the socle of  $R$  is zero, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = 0$  by Theorem 1.1. Hence every non-zero element  $\sigma$  of  $R$  has rank  $\geq \aleph_\nu$ . It is clear that we may assume that there exists an ordinal number  $\mu$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu = T_\mu \cap R \neq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda = 0$  for all  $\lambda < \mu$ . Hence  $\mu$  is not a limit ordinal number. Therefore, every element of  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  has rank  $\aleph_{\mu-1}$ , where  $\mu-1 \geq \nu$ . Now we prove that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. In fact, we can prove that the ideal  $R\sigma R$  generated by any non-zero element  $\sigma$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. This is, because  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_I \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_I \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ ,  $|I| = \aleph_{\mu-1}$ . Let  $\{\bar{u}_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a set of linearly independent elements,  $\{b_i\}_J$  a set of elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $|J| < \aleph_\nu$ , it follows from the  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitivity of  $R$  that there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $\bar{u}_i r = u_i$ . Hence  $\bar{u}_i r \sigma = u_i \sigma$  for  $i \in J \subset I$ . We have also an element  $s \in R$  such that  $\bar{u}_i r s \sigma = u_i \sigma s = b_i$  for  $i \in J$ . Clearly  $r s \sigma \in R\sigma R \subset \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive.

On the other hand, let  $L$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $\sigma \in L$ , then  $\sigma$  belongs to some  $\mathfrak{S}_\tau = T_\tau \cap R \neq 0$  where  $\tau \geq \mu$ . We can also show as before that  $R\sigma R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. Hence  $L$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. This completes the proof of our theorem.

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $R$  be a primitive ring, then  $R$  has zero socle if and only if the rank of any non-zero element of  $R$  is greater than the largest transitivity of  $R$ .

*Proof* The necessary part follows immediately from the proof of Theorem 1.5. Now we want to show the sufficient part. If  $R$  has non zero socle, then  $R$  has element with rank 1. This contradicts the assumption.

**Theorem 1.7.** Let  $R$  be a primitive ring, then  $R$  has zero socle if and only if  $R$  contains no right ideal of  $\Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  is the closure of  $R$  in the finite topology.

*Proof* If  $R$  contains a right ideal  $L$  of  $\Omega$  and  $\sigma \in L, \sigma \neq 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(\sigma)$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}\sigma = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i\sigma$ , hence there exists an element  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $u_i\sigma\omega = u_i$ ,  $u_j\sigma\omega = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in I$ . Let  $E_i$  be an element of  $\Omega$  such that  $u_i E_i = u_i$ ,  $u_j E_i = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in I$ .  $N(\sigma) E_i = 0$ . Hence  $E_i = \sigma\omega \in L$ , where  $i \in I$ . This follows that  $R$  has an non-zero socle. Conversely, if  $R$  has an non-zero socle, then according to the proof of Theorem 1.2,  $R$

contains a non-zero right ideal of  $\Omega$ .

2. In this section we first introduce the concept of a pair of modules over ring with identity, which extends the concept of a pair of dual vector space over division ring. After this we study further the structure of primitive rings.

Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$  be a vector space over division ring  $F$ ,  $\mathfrak{N} = \sum_{j \in I} \oplus Fu_j$  be a subspace of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Clearly, for any complementary vector space  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}$  of  $\mathfrak{N}$ , i. e.  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{N}}$ , there exists an idempotent element  $l$  such that  $nl = n$  for  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}l = 0$ . In this situation we say that  $l$  corresponds to  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}$  and denote  $l = l(\bar{\mathfrak{N}})$ , then it is easy to see that for any different complementary  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}_1$  from  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}$ , the corresponding idempotent elements  $l(\bar{\mathfrak{N}}_1)$  and  $l(\mathfrak{N})$  are different. Now we choose an arbitrary such idempotent element  $l$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}^*$  be the set of linear transformations from  $\mathfrak{M}$  into  $\mathfrak{N}$  and  $\Omega$  the ring of all linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ . In fact, if  $a^* \in \mathcal{A}^*$ , then it is clear  $a^* = a^* l \in \Omega l$ . Conversely,  $\Omega l$  is a set of linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M}$  into  $\mathfrak{N}$ . Hence  $\Omega l \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ . Suppose that  $\bar{\mathfrak{N}}_1$  is another complementary space of  $\mathfrak{N}$ , and  $l_1$  is the corresponding idempotent element, we can show that  $\Omega l = \Omega l_1$ . Since for  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$  it follows  $nl = nl_1 = nll_1$  and for  $\bar{n} \in \bar{\mathfrak{N}}$  it follows  $\bar{n}l = \bar{n}l_1 = 0$ , hence  $l = l_1$ ,  $\Omega l \subseteq \Omega l_1$ . Similarly, we have  $\Omega l_1 \subseteq \Omega l$ . This means that  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  is independent on the choice of complementary spaces of  $\mathfrak{N}$ , it is uniquely determined by  $\mathfrak{N}$ . Of course,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  determines the subspace  $\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{M} \Omega l$ . We have proved that the subspaces  $\mathfrak{N}$  and the left ideals  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  of  $\Omega$  as above are one to one correspondent.

Now we consider the set  $\mathcal{A}$  of linear transformations from  $\mathfrak{N}$  to  $\mathfrak{M}$ . We want to show that  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ . In fact, for any element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  there exists an element  $\omega \in l\Omega$  such that  $na = n\omega$  for all  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq l\Omega$ . Conversely,  $l\Omega$  is clearly a set of linear transformations from  $\mathfrak{N}$  to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , hence  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ . Therefore we have a pair of modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K} = l\Omega l$ , then  $l$  is the identity of  $\mathcal{K}$ .  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  is a left  $\mathcal{K}$ -module and  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  is a right  $\mathcal{K}$ -module.

We still denote  $\Omega$  as the complete ring of  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$ , and  $l$  is an idempotent element of  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{K} = l\Omega l$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N} \oplus N(l)$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a subspace and  $nl = n$  for all  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ ,  $N(l) = \{x \in \mathfrak{M} \mid xl = 0\}$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  and  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  are the complete rings of linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M}$  to  $\mathfrak{N}$  and of  $\mathfrak{N}$  to  $\mathfrak{M}$  respectively. This means that the pair of dual modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  over  $\mathcal{K} = l\Omega l$  are uniquely correspondent to the subspace  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** As stated above, we call the subspace  $\mathfrak{N}$  the underlying space of the pair of dual modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  over  $\mathcal{K}$ . Meanwhile, we call the  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^*$  are the underlying modules over  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $\mathfrak{N}$ .

Consider the pair of dual modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  over  $\mathcal{K} = l\Omega l$ . As usual we

define the bilinear form as follows:  $(a, a^*) = aa^*$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $a^* \in \mathcal{A}^*$ . Clearly,  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^*) = \mathcal{H}$ . We want to show that the bilinear form  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^*)$  is non-singular. In fact, if  $a^* \in \mathcal{A}^*$  and  $\mathcal{A}a^* = 0$ , then we have  $\Omega l \Omega a^* = 0$ , hence  $a^* = 0$ . Similarly, if  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $a\mathcal{A}^* = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  be a pair of dual modules over  $\mathcal{H} = l\Omega l$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  a submodule of  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . Suppose that  $a\mathcal{A}' = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  is called a pair of dual modules over  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the underlying space of the pair of dual modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  over  $\mathcal{H} = l\Omega l$ . We call the pair of dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  over  $\mathcal{H}$  the  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$ -typical dual modules over  $\mathcal{H}$  if  $\mathcal{A}'$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$ -fold transitivity of  $\mathfrak{M}$  to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , i.e. for any set of  $F$ -linearly independent elements  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and any set of elements  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  with  $|I| < \mathfrak{S}_\mu$  there exists an element  $a' \in \mathcal{A}'$  such that  $x_i a' = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = l\Omega l$ . Then the set of  $\mathcal{H}$ -endomorphisms of left  $\mathcal{H}$ -module  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Omega$ .

*Proof* Denote the set of  $\mathcal{H}$ -endomorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . If  $\sigma \in \tilde{\Omega}$  and  $\mathcal{A}\sigma = 0$ , then clearly  $\sigma = 0$ , hence  $\Omega \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}$ . Now we want to prove that  $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ . In fact, it is clear that  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega = l\tilde{\Omega}$ . For  $l^2 = l$  we have  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N} \oplus N(l)$ ,  $\mathfrak{N} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus F u_i$ ,  $|I| = \rho(l)$ , the rank of  $l$ . Then there exists a set  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  of idempotent elements with ranks 1 such that  $u_i E_i = u_i$ ,  $u_j E_i = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in I$  and  $N(l)E_i = 0$ . Clearly,  $E_i l = l E_i = E_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Write  $A_i = E_i \mathcal{A}$ , then  $A_i = E_i l \mathcal{A} = E_i \Omega = E_i \tilde{\Omega}$  for  $i \in I$ . It is clear  $K_i = E_i \Omega E_i \subseteq l\Omega l = \mathcal{H}$ ,  $A_i \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , hence every element of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  can be induced in space  $A_i$  a  $K_i$ -linear transformation. Now we want to show that if  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \tilde{\Omega}$  and  $A_i \tilde{\sigma} = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \tilde{\sigma} = 0$ . For this purpose we prove first, if  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \tilde{\Omega}$  and  $A_i \tilde{\sigma} = 0$  for some  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , then  $A_j \tilde{\sigma} = 0$  for all  $A_j = E_j \Omega$ ,  $j \in I$ . In fact, if it were false, i. e. there would exist  $a_j \tilde{\sigma} \neq 0$  for some element  $a_j$ , then as above it follows  $\sigma \in A_j \subseteq \Omega$ , if we set  $\sigma = a_j \tilde{\sigma}$ . By [2] we know that  $A_j = E_j \Omega$  as vector space over  $K_j = E_j \Omega E_j$  is  $(\psi, I)$ -isomorphic to  $A_i = E_i \Omega$  as vector space over  $K_i = E_i \Omega E_i$ . We denote this  $(\psi, I)$ -isomorphism by  $S$ , then from  $\sigma \in \Omega$ ,  $A_i \tilde{\sigma} = 0$  it follows that  $(E_j \sigma) S = (E_j S) \sigma \subseteq A_i \sigma = (A_i a_j) \tilde{\sigma} \subseteq A_i \tilde{\sigma} = 0$ , hence  $E_j \sigma = 0$  and  $a_j \tilde{\sigma} = 0$ . This implies the contradiction with  $a_j \tilde{\sigma} \neq 0$ . On the other hand  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus F u_i \oplus N(l)$ ,  $\Omega \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}$ ,  $l\Omega \tilde{\sigma} \subseteq l\Omega$ . It follows from  $E_i \Omega \tilde{\sigma} = 0$  that  $u_i (l\Omega \tilde{\sigma}) = u_i ((E_i l) \Omega \tilde{\sigma}) = 0$  for  $i \in I$  and  $N(l) (l\Omega \tilde{\sigma}) = 0$ , hence  $\mathcal{A} \tilde{\sigma} = l\Omega \tilde{\sigma} = 0$ . This proves the above assertion. Now  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is a  $\mathcal{H}$ -endomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ , hence from  $\mathcal{A} \tilde{\sigma} = 0$  it follows  $\tilde{\sigma} = 0$ . This proves that every element of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  must be a zero endomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$  if its induced linear transformation in  $A_i$  is a zero one. Again, if  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ , then  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is an induced  $K_i$ -linear transformation of  $A_i$ . Hence there exists an element  $\sigma$  of  $\Omega$  such that  $\sigma$  is equal to  $\tilde{\sigma}$  in  $A_i$ , i.e.  $A_i(\sigma - \tilde{\sigma}) = 0$ . But  $\Omega \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}$ , hence  $\mathcal{A}(\sigma - \tilde{\sigma}) = 0$  by the above assertion. Then it follows  $\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} \in \Omega$ . Therefore  $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  be a left module over  $\mathcal{K} = l\Omega l$ ,  $f$  is said to be a  $\mathcal{K}$ -linear function from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -homomorphism from left module  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\mathcal{K}$  to left module  $\mathcal{K}$  over  $\mathcal{K}$ . Denote the set of such linear functions by  $\mathcal{A}^*$ , then  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is said to be conjugate module of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is a right module over  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** The conjugate module of  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  is  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ .

*Proof* It is clear that  $\Omega l \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$ . It needs to prove  $\mathcal{A}^* \subseteq \Omega l$ . Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}^*$ , then  $f$  is also a  $\mathcal{K}$ -endomorphism of  $\mathcal{K}$ -module  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence  $f \in \Omega$  by Lemma 2.1. But for any element  $a$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  we have  $af = h = afl$  for  $h \in \mathcal{K}$ . Therefore  $f = fl \in \Omega l$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\Omega$  be the complete ring of linear transformations of vector space  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$  over  $F$ . An element  $l$  of  $\Omega$  is called idempotent relative to basis  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$  if and only if there exists a subset  $I$  of  $I$  such that  $u_i l = u_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $u_j l = 0$  for  $j \in I \setminus I$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a dense ring of the complete ring of linear transformations, then  $R$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive if and only if  $lR = l\Omega$  for all idempotent relative to a basis  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$  with rank of  $l < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ .

*Proof* The necessary condition is clear from the proof of Theorem 1.2, (i). Now we prove the sufficient condition. Let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a set of linearly independent elements of the vector space  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I}$  an arbitrary set of  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $|I| < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Then there exists a subset  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I^*}$  of  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $x_i \in \sum_{i \in I^*} \oplus Fu_i$  for  $i \in I$ . We have  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I^*} \oplus Fu_i \oplus \sum_{i \in I \setminus I^*} \oplus Fu_i$ , where  $|I^*| < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Hence there exists an element  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $x_i \omega = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ , therefore there exists an idempotent element  $l^*$  such that  $u_i l^* = u_i$  for  $i \in I^*$ , and  $u_j l^* = 0$  for  $j \in I \setminus I^*$ . Since  $l^* R = l^* \Omega$ , there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $x_i r = y_i$  for  $i \in I$ . This means that  $R$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitivity.

**Corollary.** Let  $R$  be a dense subring of the complete ring  $\Omega$  of linear transformations,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle if and only if  $l\mathfrak{S}_\nu = l\Omega$  for all idempotent elements  $l$  relative to a basis  $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$  with rank of  $l < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ .

Denote  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  as a pair of dual modules over  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid \omega \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$ ,  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = \{l \mid l \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\}$ , and the rank of  $l < \mathfrak{S}_\nu\} = T_\nu \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Then we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.** (Structure theorem with non-limit ordinal number) Let  $\nu$  be an non-limit ordinal number, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (I)  $R$  is a primitive ring with  $\nu$ -socle  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ ,
- (II)  $R$  is a  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive ring of linear transformations of a vector space  $\mathfrak{M}$  over division ring  $F$  containing an non-zero element with rank  $< \mathfrak{S}_{\nu-1}$ ,
- (III) there exists a pair of dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  over  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $R$  is a subring of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  containing the  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof* (I)  $\rightarrow$  (III). By assumption  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$  is  $\nu$ -socle. Hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold



transitive. Then there exists an idempotent element  $l \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  with rank of  $l = \mathfrak{S}_{\nu-1}$  such that  $Rl\Omega = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  (see the proof of Theorem 1.2(III)). Write  $\mathcal{A} = lR$ ,  $\mathcal{A}' = Rl$ . By Theorem 2.2 we have  $\mathcal{A} = lR = l\Omega$ . We want to prove that  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . In fact, if  $\sigma \in G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ , then  $\sigma\mathcal{A}' \subset \mathcal{A}'$ , hence  $\sigma\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . From the property of  $\nu$ -socle it follows that  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Hence  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Conversely, it is clear  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subseteq G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  by the definition of  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . We want to prove that  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A} = lR = l\Omega$ , it then follows immediately. Finally we want to prove that  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  is a pair of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -typical dual modules. Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be the underlying vector space of the pair of modules  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$  over  $\mathcal{H} = l\Omega l$ ,  $\mathfrak{N} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i \oplus N(l)$ ,  $N(l) = \{x \in \mathfrak{M} \mid xl = 0\}$ , and the rank of  $l = |I| = \mathfrak{S}_{\nu-1}$ . Then by Definition 2.3 we need only to prove that  $\mathcal{A}' = Rl$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive from  $\mathfrak{M}$  to  $\mathfrak{N}$ . Let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I'}$  be a set of linearly independent elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$  with  $|I'| < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ ,  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I'}$  be a set of arbitrary elements of  $\mathfrak{N}$ , then there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $x_i r = y_i$  for  $i \in I'$ , since  $R$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive. From  $y_i l = y_i$  it follows immediately that  $r = r l \in Rl = \mathcal{A}'$ .

(III)  $\rightarrow$  (I). Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  be a pair of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -typical dual modules over  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\mathcal{A} = l\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = l\Omega l$ . Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be the underlying subspace of the pair of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}'$  over  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathfrak{N} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus Fu_i$ ,  $|I| =$  the rank of  $l = \mathfrak{S}_{\nu-1}$ ,  $u_i l = u_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}'$  is a  $\mathcal{H}$ -subspace of  $\mathcal{A}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ . Let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I'}$  be a set of linearly independent elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $|I'| < \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  and let  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I'}$  be linearly independent elements of  $\mathfrak{N}$ ,  $\{z_i\}_{i \in I'}$  any set of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then from the  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitivity of  $\mathcal{A}'$  it follows that there exists an element  $a' \in \mathcal{A}'$  such that  $x_i a' = y_i$  for  $i \in I'$  and an element  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $y_i \omega = z_i$  for  $i \in I'$ . Hence  $x_i a' \omega = z_i$  for  $i \in I'$ . Since  $a' \omega \in \mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive. On the other hand, from  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}' \subset \mathcal{A}'$  it follows  $\mathcal{A}' \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}' \subset T_\nu$ , then  $\mathcal{A}' \subset G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Therefore  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive. Since  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R \supseteq G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive. By Theorem 1.3  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle.

(I)  $\rightarrow$  (III) is clear. Now we need only to prove (II)  $\rightarrow$  (I). If  $R$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive and contains an element  $\sigma$  with rank  $= \mathfrak{S}_{\nu-1}$ , then, by the foregoing proof,  $R\sigma\Omega$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive and contains in  $R$ . Hence  $R\sigma\Omega = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary** *Let  $\nu$  be an non-limit ordinal number. Suppose that there exists a pair of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -typical dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \supset R \supset G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A}$ , then  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A} = G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = \mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ , and  $\mathcal{A}' = \mathfrak{S}_\nu\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = \mathcal{A}'\Omega$ .*

*Proof* In the proof of Theorem 2.3, we see that  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -fold transitive and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \supseteq G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A}$  is a left ideal of  $R$ , by Proposition 1.1  $\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . This proves that  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . It is clear that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R \subseteq T_\nu \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . If  $\sigma \in G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ , then  $\sigma\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ , hence  $\sigma\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Using the property of  $\nu$ -socle we have  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Hence  $G_\nu(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ .

Finally we see that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{A} \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\mathcal{A}' \Omega = \mathfrak{S}_\nu \mathcal{H} \Omega = \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{A} \Omega = \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . This completes our proof.

**Remark.** If we set  $\nu=0$ , i. e.  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  the socle of  $R$ , then it follows immediately the well-known structure theorem of primitive ring with non-zero socle.

**Theorem 2.4.** (Structure theorem with limit ordinal numbers). Let  $\nu$  be a limit ordinal number, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $R$  is a primitive ring with  $\nu$ -socle,
- (ii)  $R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive and  $R$  contains an element with rank  $= \aleph_\mu$  for any non-limit ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$ ,
- (iii) there exists a pair of  $\aleph_\mu$ -typical dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \supset R \supset G_\mu(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \mathcal{A}_\mu$  for every non-limit ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$ .

*Proof* (i)  $\rightarrow$  (iii). Suppose that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = T_\nu \cap R$  is  $\nu$ -socle, then for any  $\mu < \nu$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive by Lemma 1.2. Hence if  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \nu$ , then we have  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu_1} \subsetneq \mathfrak{S}_{\mu_2}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} \mathfrak{S}_\mu$ , where  $\mu$  may be assumed as non-limit ordinal number. From Theorem 2.3 it follows that for every non-limit ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$  there exists a pair of  $\aleph_\mu$ -typical dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu)$  over  $\mathcal{H}_\mu = l_\mu \Omega l_\mu$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \supset R \supset G_\mu(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \mathcal{A}_\mu$ . This completes the proof of (i)  $\rightarrow$  (iii). Now we prove (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i). In fact, for every non-limit ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$  there exists a pair of  $\aleph_\mu$ -typical dual modules  $(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu)$  by the assumption such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \supset R \supset G_\mu(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \mathcal{A}_\mu$ . From the above corollary, it follows that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive. Hence  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} \mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. Therefore  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle by Theorem 1.3.

Finally we want to prove that (i) and (ii) are equivalent. If (i) is true, then  $R$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. According to Lemma 1.2,  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is  $\aleph_\mu$ -fold transitive for every non-limit ordinal number  $\mu < \nu$ . Hence there exists an element  $l_\mu \in \mathfrak{S}_\mu$  with rank  $= \aleph_{\mu-1}$ . This implies that (ii) is true. Conversely, if (ii) is true, then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu \neq 0$  for every  $\mu$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu_1} \subsetneq \mathfrak{S}_{\mu_2} \subsetneq \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  for  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \nu$ . By Lemma 1.1,  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\aleph_\nu$ -fold transitive. Applying Theorem 1.3 we see that  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle. Hence (i) is true. This completes the proof.

**Remark 1.** Theorem 2.3 implies the well-known structure theorem, if we set  $\nu=0$ , i. e.  $\aleph_\nu = \aleph_0$ .

**Remark 2.** Denote  $\mathfrak{M} = \sum_{i \in I} \oplus F u_i$ , and  $\Omega$  the complete ring of  $F$ -linear transformations of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $l: u_i l = u_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $u_j l = 0$  for  $j \in I \setminus I$ . Then there exists a set  $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $u_i E_j = \delta_{ij} u_i$  for  $i, j \in I$ . Write  $\mathcal{A} = l \Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^* = \Omega l$ , and  $\mathcal{A}'$  a submodule of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  over  $\mathcal{H} = l \Omega l$ , let  $A_i = E_i \Omega$ ,  $A'_i = \mathcal{A}' E_i$ ,  $K_i = E_i \Omega E_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Denote  $\mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i) = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid \omega A'_i \subseteq A_i\}$ . Then it is clear  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \subset \mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i)$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(A_i, A'_i) = \{\omega \in \mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i), \text{ and the rank of } \omega < \infty\} \subset \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . In fact,  $A'_i$  is a subspace of  $A_i^* = \Omega E_i$  over  $K_i$ , i. e.  $A'_i K_i \subseteq A'_i$ ,  $A'_i \subseteq \mathcal{A}^* E_i = \Omega E_i = A_i^*$ . On the other hand, if  $\sigma \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ , then  $\sigma \mathcal{A}' E_i \subseteq \mathcal{A}' E_i$ , i. e.  $\sigma A'_i \subseteq A'_i$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \subset \mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i)$ . We

have  $\mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i) \supset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \supset R \supset \mathfrak{S}_\nu \supset \mathfrak{F}(A_i, A'_i)$ . This refines the well-known chain  $\mathcal{L}(A_i, A'_i) \supset R \supset \mathfrak{F}(A_i, A'_i)$  of usual structure theorem.

**Remark 3.** Suppose that the condition (iii) of Theorem 2.4 is true, then 
$$\bigcap_{\mu < \nu} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \supset R \supset \mathfrak{S}_\nu = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} G_\mu(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \mathcal{A}_\mu = \bigcup_{\mu < \nu} G_\mu(\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}'_\mu) \bigcap_{\mu < \nu} \mathcal{A}'_\mu \mathcal{A}_\mu.$$

**Definition 2.6.** A primitive ring  $R$  with  $\nu$ -socle  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is said to be maximal if  $R$  cannot be imbedded properly in another primitive ring  $R'$  with the same  $\nu$ -socle.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\nu$  be a non-limit ordinal number. Then a primitive ring  $R$  with  $\nu$ -socle  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is maximal if and only if  $R$  is isomorphic to a ring  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  where  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  is a pair of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$ -typical dual modules.

*Proof* Of course, we may assume that  $R$  is a subring of the complete ring  $\Omega$  of linear transformations of a vector space. We prove first the necessity of the condition. Let  $l$  be an idempotent element of  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  with rank  $\aleph_{\nu-1}$ , and denote  $\mathcal{A} = lR$ ,  $\mathcal{A}' = Rl$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = lRl$ , then we have  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subset R \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Since  $R$  is maximal by assumption, hence  $R = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Now we prove the sufficiency of the condition. If  $R = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \supset \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ , then by Corollary of Theorem 2.3  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A}'$ . If  $L \supset R = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}') \supset \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is  $\nu$ -socle of  $L$ , then  $L\mathfrak{S}_\nu \subset \mathfrak{S}_\nu$ . Hence  $L\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ . This proves that  $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}')$  is maximal.

**Remark.** Theorem 2.5 generalizes the well-known theorem, if  $\mathfrak{S}_0 = \mathfrak{S}_\nu$  is usual socle of primitive ring (see p. 88 Theorem 1[1]).

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