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## Linearly Compact Rings and Strongly Quasi-Injective Modules.

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### Introduction.

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and all modules are unitary.

Let  $R$  be a ring. A left  $R$ -module  ${}_R K$  is called *strongly quasi-injective* (for short s.q.i.) if given any submodule  $B$  of  ${}_R K$ , a morphism  $f: B \rightarrow {}_R K$  and an element  $x \in K \setminus B$ ,  $f$  extends to an endomorphism  $\bar{f}$  of  ${}_R K$  such that  $(x)\bar{f} \neq 0$ .

The notion of s.q.i. module comes from the study of dualities, induced by topological bimodules, between a category of abstract modules and a category of topological modules, where it plays a central role (cf. [2]).

Investigating on the concept of s.q.i. module, the following question naturally arises. Let  ${}_R K$  be a s.q.i. module,  $A = \text{End}({}_R K)$ . When is  $K_A$  s.q.i.? The study of this problem leads to the following characterization of linearly compact rings.

**THE MAIN THEOREM.** *Let  $R$  be a left linearly topologized ring with respect to a ring topology  $\tau$ , let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$  and let  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the hereditary pretorsion class of left  $R$ -modules associated with  $\mathcal{F}$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

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- (a)  $R$  is linearly compact in the topology  $\tau$ .
- (b) If  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $A = \text{End}({}_R K)$ , then  ${}_R K_A$  is faithfully balanced and  $K_A$  is quasi-injective.
- (c) There exists a faithfully balanced module  ${}_R K_A$  such that  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $K_A$  is quasi-injective.
- (d) Let  ${}_R U$  be a minimal cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $T = \text{End}({}_R U)$ . Then  ${}_R U_T$  is faithfully balanced and both the modules  ${}_R U$  and  $U_T$  are s.q.i.

Moreover, if condition (d) is fulfilled,  $T$  is linearly compact in its  $U$ -adic topology

(See below for explained definitions.)

Some results obtained in [4] for discrete linearly compact rings are here extended to the general case.

As an application of our results, we get a quick proof of Leptin's theorem which characterizes a linearly compact ring with zero Jacobson radical as a cartesian product of endomorphism rings of vector spaces.

A structure theorem on faithfully balanced modules  ${}_R K_A$  which are s.q.i. both on  $R$  and  $A$ , obtained as intermediate result, has an intrinsic interest (cf. Theorem 10).

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*Some conventions and notations.* Let  $R$  be a ring.  $R\text{-Mod}$  will denote the category of left  $R$ -modules and  $\text{Mod-}R$  that of right  $R$ -modules. The notation  ${}_R M$  will be used to emphasize that  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module. Morphisms between modules will be written on the opposite side to that of the scalars and the composition of morphisms will follow this convention. For every  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ ,  $E_R(M)$ , or simply  $E(M)$ , will denote the injective envelope of  $M$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$  and  $\text{Soc}({}_R M)$ , or simply  $\text{Soc}(M)$ , the socle of  $M$ . If  $L$  is a subset of  ${}_R M \in R\text{-Mod}$ , we denote by  $\text{Ann}_R(L)$  the annihilator of  $L$  in  $R$ :

$$\text{Ann}_R(L) = \{r \in R: rx = 0 \text{ for every } x \in L\}.$$

If  $L = \{x\}$ , we will simply write  $\text{Ann}_R(x)$ .

If  $J$  is a left ideal of  $R$ , we define the annihilator of  $J$  in  $M$ ,  $\text{Ann}_M(J)$ , by setting:

$$\text{Ann}_M(J) = \{x \in M: rx = 0 \text{ for every } r \in J\}.$$

The annihilator in  $R$  of  $\text{Ann}_M(J)$  will be denoted by  $\text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_M(J)$ .

Analogous notations will be used for right modules.

$\mathbf{N}$  will denote the set of positive integers.

1. To begin with, let us recall some definitions.

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ .  ${}_R M$  is *quasi-injective* (for short q.i.) if for every submodule  $L \leqslant_R M$  and every morphism  $f: L \rightarrow {}_R M$ ,  $f$  extends to an endomorphism  $\bar{f}$  of  ${}_R M$ .  ${}_R M$  is a *self-cogenerator* if, for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , given a submodule  $L$  of  ${}_R M^n$  and an element  $x \in M^n \setminus L$ , there exists a morphism  $f: {}_R M^n \rightarrow {}_R M$  such that  $(L)f = 0$  and  $(x)f \neq 0$ . Clearly if  ${}_R M$  is both quasi-injective and selfcogenerator, then  ${}_R M$  is strongly quasi-injective. The converse is true as well (cf. [2], Corollary 4.5).

Let  ${}_R K_A$  be a bimodule.  ${}_R K_A$  is *faithfully balanced* if  $A \cong \text{End}({}_R K)$  and  $R \cong \text{End}(K_A)$  canonically.

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . The  $M$ -*topology* of  $R$  is defined by taking as a basis of neighbourhoods of 0 in  $R$  the annihilators in  $R$  of the finite subsets of  $M$ . It is easy to check that this topology is a left linear ring topology on  $R$ .

Finally recall that a linearly topologized left module  $M$  over a discrete ring  $R$  is said to be *linearly compact* if  $M$  is Hausdorff and if any finitely solvable system of congruences  $x \equiv x_i \pmod{X_i}$ , where the  $X_i$  are closed submodules of  ${}_R M$ , is solvable.

2. PROPOSITION. *Let  $R$  be a ring,  ${}_R K \in R\text{-Mod}$  a selfcogenerator,  $A = \text{End}({}_R K)$ . If  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology, then  $K_A$  is quasi-injective.*

PROOF. Cf. [4], Prop. 3.4 a).

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\tau$  a left linear ring topology on  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  the filter of open left ideals of  $R$ . The left exact preradical in  $R\text{-Mod}$  associated with  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $t_{\mathcal{F}}$ , is defined by setting, for every  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ :

$$t_{\mathcal{F}}(M) = \{x \in M : \text{Ann}_R(x) \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

The hereditary pretorsion class of  $R\text{-Mod}$  associated with  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined by setting

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}} = \{M \in R\text{-Mod} : M = t_{\mathcal{F}}(M)\}.$$

3. LEMMA. *Let  $R$  be a left linearly topologized ring with respect to a ring topology  $\tau$ , let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$  and let  ${}_R K$*

be a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . For every closed left ideal  $J$  of  $R$  it is

$$\text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_K(J) = J.$$

PROOF. Let  $r \in R \setminus J$ . There is an open left ideal  $L$  of  $R$  such that  $L \geq J$  and  $r \notin L$ . Since  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ , there is a morphism  $f: R/L \rightarrow {}_R K$  such that  $(r + L)f \neq 0$ . Hence there is an  $x \in {}_R K$  such that  $Lx = 0$  and  $rx \neq 0$ . Thus  $Jx = 0$  and therefore  $r \notin \text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_K(J)$ .

4. PROPOSITION. Let  ${}_R K_A$  be a faithfully balanced bimodule, let  $\tau$  be a left linear Hausdorff ring topology on  $R$  and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$ . Assume that  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and that  $K_A$  is quasi-injective. Then  $R$  is linearly compact in the topology  $\tau$ .

PROOF. The following technique is due to Müller (cf. [3], Lemma 4). Let  $(J_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of closed left ideals of  $R$  and let

$$(1) \quad x \equiv r_i \pmod{J_i} \quad (r_i \in R)$$

be a finitely solvable system of congruences in  $R$ . Set  $L = \sum_{i \in I} \text{Ann}_K(J_i)$ .  $L$  is a submodule of  $K_A$ . Define a morphism  $g: L \rightarrow K_A$  by setting  $g\left(\sum_{i \in F} x_i\right) = \sum_{i \in F} r_i x_i$ , where  $F$  is a finite subset of  $I$  and, for every  $i \in F$ ,  $x_i \in \text{Ann}_K(J_i)$ . Since (1) is finitely solvable,  $g$  is well defined. Since  $K_A$  is quasi-injective,  $g$  extends to an endomorphism of  $K_A$ . Since  ${}_R K_A$  is faithfully balanced, this endomorphism is the left multiplication by an element  $r \in R$  so that we have, for every  $i \in I$ ,  $r - r_i \in \text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_K(J_i)$ . By Lemma 3,  $\text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_K(J_i) = J_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , thus (1) is solvable.

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\tau$  be a left linear ring topology on  $R$ . The *Leptin topology*  $\tau^*$  of  $\tau$  is the ring topology on  $R$  defined by taking as a basis of neighbourhoods of 0 in  $R$  the cofinite open left ideals of  $R$ . Recall that a left ideal of  $R$  is *cofinite* if it is a finite intersection of completely irreducible left ideals of  $R$ . A left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is *completely irreducible* if  $R/I$  is an essential submodule of the injective envelope  $E(S)$  of a left simple  $R$ -module  $S$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$ . In the following  $\mathcal{S}$  will always denote a system of representatives of the isomorphism classes of the simple left  $R$ -modules and  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}}$  the intersection  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

Let  ${}_R U$  be the minimal cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . It is well known that

$${}_R U = t_{\mathcal{F}}\left(\bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}} E(S)\right) = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S))$$

and hence, in our notations, it is:

$${}_R U = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}}} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S)).$$

5. LEMMA. *Let  $R$  be a left linearly topologized ring with respect to a ring topology  $\tau$ , let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$  and let  ${}_R U$  be the minimal cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then the  $U$ -topology of  $R$  coincides with the Leptin topology  $\tau^*$  of  $\tau$ .*

PROOF. Let  $x \in {}_R U$ . Then  $\text{Ann}_R(x)$  is open and cofinite in  $R$ . Conversely, let  $J \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $E(R/J) = E(S)$  where  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . Since  $J \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $R/J \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  so that  $R/J \leq t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(R/J)) = t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S)) \leq {}_R U$ .

6. LEMMA. *In the hypothesis of Lemma above, let  ${}_R K$  be a cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  is equivalent to  $\tau$  (i.e. they have the same closed ideals).*

PROOF. Let  $J$  be a left ideal of  $R$  which is closed in the  $K$ -topology of  $R$ . Since  ${}_R K \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $J$  is closed in  $\tau$ . Conversely assume  $J$  closed in  $\tau$ .  $J$  is an intersection of open completely irreducible ideals of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus, by Lemma 5,  $J$  is closed in the  $U$ -topology of  $R$ . Since  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ , it contains the minimal cogenerator  ${}_R U$ . Hence the  $U$ -topology of  $R$  is contained in the  $K$ -topology and thus  $J$  is closed in the  $K$ -topology of  $R$ .

Let  ${}_R K_A$  be a bimodule over the rings  $R$  and  $A$ . We say that  $R$  separates points and (finitely generated) submodules of  $K_A$  if for every (finitely generated) submodule  $L$  of  $K_A$  and for every  $x \in K \setminus L$ , there is an  $r \in R$  such that  $r(L) = 0$  and  $rx \neq 0$ .

7. LEMMA. *Let  $R$  be a ring,  ${}_R K \in R\text{-Mod}$ ,  $A = \text{End}({}_R K)$ . If  ${}_R K$  is quasi-injective, then  $R$  separates points and finitely generated submodules of  $K_A$ .*

PROOF. Let  $L$  be a finitely generated submodule of  $K_A$  and let  $y \in K$ . Assume that  $\text{Ann}_R(y) \supseteq \text{Ann}_R(L)$  and let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite system of generators of  $L_A$ . Consider the element  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in K^n$

and define a morphism  $f: Rx \rightarrow Ry$  by setting  $(rx)f = ry$  ( $r \in R$ ).  $f$  is well defined since  $rx = 0$  means  $r \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{Ann}_R(x_i) = \text{Ann}_R(L) \leq \text{Ann}_R(y)$  by assumption. Since  ${}_R K$  is q.i. and by Proposition 6.6 [2],  $f$  extends to a morphism  $\bar{f}: {}_R K^n \rightarrow {}_R K$ . Hence there are  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that  $y = (x)f = (x)\bar{f} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i \in L$ .

8. LEMMA. *Let  $M$  be a left linearly topologized  $R$ -module over the discrete ring  $R$ . Assume that  $M$  is linearly compact and let  $Y$  be an open submodule of  ${}_R M$ ,  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  a family of closed submodules of  ${}_R M$ . If  $M/Y$  is finitely embedded and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i \subseteq Y$ , then there is a finite subset  $F$  of  $I$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in F} X_i \subseteq Y$ .*

PROOF.  $M/Y$  is finitely embedded means that there is a finite number  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of modules of  $M$  such that  $Y = Y_1 \cap \dots \cap Y_n$  and, for each  $i$ ,  $E(M/Y_i)$  is the injective envelope of a simple left  $R$ -module  $S_i$ . The same proof of Lemma 2 [3] shows that for every  $j = 1, \dots, n$  there is a finite subset  $F_j$  of  $I$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in F_j} X_i \subseteq Y_j$ . Setting  $F = \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_j$  we get  $\bigcap_{i \in F} X_i \subseteq Y$ .

9. Let  $R$  and  $A$  be rings and let  ${}_R K_A$  be a faithfully balanced bimodule such that both  ${}_R K$  and  $K_A$  are strongly quasi-injective. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of left ideals of  $R$  which are open in the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  and let  ${}_R \mathcal{F}$  be the set of maximal left ideals of  $R$  belonging to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $P \in {}_R \mathcal{F}$ .  $R/P$  is a left simple  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ , i.e.  $R/P \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the filter of right ideals of  $A$  which are open in the  $K$ -topology of  $A$ . By statements *d*) and *e*) in 6.9 [2] it follows that for every  $P \in {}_R \mathcal{F}$ , set  $S = R/P$  and  $S^* = \text{Hom}_R(S, K) = \text{Ann}_K P$ ,  $S^*$  is a right simple submodule of  $K_A$  and moreover each simple submodule of  $K_A$  has this form. Since  $K_A$  is strongly quasi-injective,  $K_A$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$  (cf. [2], Theorem 6.7), thus  $K_A$  contains a copy of each right simple  $A$ -module in  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$ . Therefore the right simple  $A$ -modules of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$  are precisely those of the form  $\text{Ann}_K P$  where  $P \in {}_R \mathcal{F}$ . Moreover, by Lemma 3, for each  $P \in {}_R \mathcal{F}$ ,  $P = \text{Ann}_R \text{Ann}_K(P)$ .

Let  $(S_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a system of representatives of the isomorphisms classes of the left simple  $R$ -modules of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Note that if  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ ,  $\lambda \neq \mu$  then  $S_\lambda^* \neq S_\mu^*$ . Let  $\sigma(S_\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , be the isotypical component of  $\text{Soc}({}_R K)$  with respect to  $S_\lambda$  and write  $\sigma(S_\lambda) = S_\lambda^{(\nu_\lambda)}$  where  $\nu_\lambda$  is a

suitable cardinal number and  $S_\lambda^{(\nu_\lambda)}$  denotes the direct sum of  $\nu_\lambda$  copies of  $S_\lambda$ . By Proposition 6.10 [2],  $\text{Soc}({}_R K) = \text{Soc}(K_A)$ ,  $\text{Soc}({}_R K)$  is essential in  ${}_R K$  and  $\text{Soc}(K_A)$  is essential in  $K_A$ . Moreover it is  $\text{Soc}(K_A) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} \sigma(S_\lambda^*)$  and  $\sigma(S_\lambda) = \sigma(S_\lambda^*)$ . Finally, for every  $\lambda \in A$ ,  $\sigma(S_\lambda^*) = S_\lambda^{*(\mu_\lambda)}$  where  $\mu_\lambda$  is a suitable cardinal number. The cardinal numbers  $\nu_\lambda$  and  $\mu_\lambda$  ( $\lambda \in A$ ) are uniquely determined by  ${}_R K_A$ .

10. THEOREM. *Let  ${}_R K_A$  be a faithfully balanced bimodule over the rings  $R$  and  $A$  such that  ${}_R K$  is strongly quasi-injective. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $K_A$  is strongly quasi-injective.
- (b)  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology and  $R$  separates points and submodules of  $K_A$ .
- (c)  $R$  is a linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology and  $\text{Soc}({}_R K)$  is essential in  ${}_R K$ .

*If these conditions hold, then  $A$  is linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology and moreover, using the notations of 9., it is*

$${}_R K \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E_R(\sigma(S_\lambda))) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} [t_{\mathcal{F}}(E_R(S_\lambda))]^{(\nu_\lambda)}$$

and

$$K_A \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} t_{\mathcal{G}}(E_A(\sigma(S_\lambda^*))) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} [t_{\mathcal{G}}(E_A((S_\lambda^*))) ]^{(\mu_\lambda)}.$$

PROOF. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) follows by Proposition 4, since, as we remarked in 9.,  ${}_R K$  is a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) follows by Proposition 2.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). By (b)  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology and since  ${}_R K_A$  is faithfully balanced with both  ${}_R K$  and  $K_A$  s.q.i.,  $\text{Soc}({}_R K)$  is essential in  ${}_R K$ , as we recalled in 9.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). First of all, let us prove that  ${}_R K \leq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S_\lambda))^{(\nu_\lambda)}$ .

Let  $x \in K$ .  $Rx$  is linearly compact discrete and hence  $\text{Soc}(Rx)$  is a direct sum of a finite number of left simple  $R$ -modules  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ . By hypothesis,  $\text{Soc}({}_R K)$  is essential in  ${}_R K$ . Hence  $\text{Soc}(Rx)$  is essen-



tial in  $Rx$ . It follows that

$$(1) \quad Rx \leq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S_i))$$

and hence the claimed inclusion is proved.

Let us prove that  $R$  separates points and submodules of  $K_A$ . Let  $L \leq K_A$  and let  $x \in K$ . Assume that  $\text{Ann}_R(x) \geq \text{Ann}_R(L)$ . Note that, by (1),  $R \setminus \text{Ann}_R(x) \cong Rx$  is finitely embedded. Hence, by Lemma 8, there is a finite subset  $F \subseteq L$  such that  $\text{Ann}_R(x) \geq \bigcap_{l \in F} \text{Ann}_R(l)$ . Thus, by Lemma 7,  $x$  belongs to the submodule of  $K_A$  spanned by  $F$  and hence  $x \in L$ .

Let us assume that the equivalent conditions (a), (b) and (c) hold. We have already seen in the proof of (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) that

$${}_R K \leq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} [t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S_\lambda))]^{(v_\lambda)}.$$

Obviously, it is clear that for every  $\lambda \in A$ ,

$$[t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S_\lambda))]^{(v_\lambda)} \leq t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(\sigma(S_\lambda))).$$

Since  ${}_R K$  is s.q.i.,  ${}_R K$  is an injective cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  (cf. [2], Theorem 6.7). Thus it is straightforward to prove that  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(\sigma(S_\lambda))) \leq {}_R K$ . Hence we get the following chain of inclusions:

$${}_R K \leq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} [t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S_\lambda))]^{(v_\lambda)} \leq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(\sigma(S_\lambda))) \leq {}_R K$$

and therefore the first chain of inclusions is proved.

In view of remarks in 9. and by symmetry, the analogous equalities hold for  $K_A$ .

11. COROLLARY. *Let  ${}_R K_A$  be a faithfully balanced bimodule such that both  ${}_R K$  and  $K_A$  are s.q.i. Let  ${}_R \mathcal{F}$  be the set of left maximal ideals of  $R$  which are open in the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  and let  $J(R)$  be the Jacobson radical of  $R$ . Then*

$$J(R) = \bigcap \{P : P \in {}_R \mathcal{F}\}.$$

*In particular,  $J(R)$  is closed in the  $K$ -topology of  $R$ .*

PROOF. Let  $Z_A$  denote the socle of  $K_A$ . As we recalled in 9., it is  $\text{Ann}_R(Z_A) = \bigcap \{P: P \in {}_R\mathcal{F}\} \supseteq J(R)$ .

Let  $a \in \text{Ann}_R(Z_A)$  and, by way of contradiction, assume that  $a \notin J(R)$ . Thus there is a left maximal ideal  $Q$  of  $R$  such that  $a \notin Q$ . Hence  $Ra + Q = R$  and therefore  $1 = ra + q$ , where  $r \in R$  and  $q \in Q$ . Since  $a \in \text{Ann}_R(Z_A)$ , for every  $x \in Z_A$  it is  $qx = (1 - ra)x = x$ . Thus, since  $Z_A$  is essential in  $K_A$ ,  $q$ , as endomorphism of  $K_A$ , is injective and  $\text{Im}(q) = K_A$ . Let  $q': \text{Im}(q) \rightarrow K$  be the left inverse of the corestriction of  $q$  to  $\text{Im}(q)$ . Since  $K_A$  is q.i.,  $q'$  extends to an endomorphism of  $K_A$ . Thus  $1 \in Q$ . Contradiction.

12. REMARK. Let  $R$  be a linearly compact ring with respect to a left linear topology  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $R$ . Let  ${}_R U = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}}} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S))$  be the minimal cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and denote by  $\mathcal{F}^*$  the filter of left ideals which are open in the  $U$ -topology of  $R$ , i.e. in the Leptin topology of  $\tau, \tau^*$  (cf. Lemma 5). Clearly, a left simple  $R$ -module belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  if and only if it belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}^*}$ . Moreover for each simple left  $R$ -module  $S$ ,  $t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S)) = t_{\mathcal{F}^*}(E(S))$ . In fact, since  $\mathcal{F}^* \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ ,  $t_{\mathcal{F}^*}(E(S)) \leq t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S))$ . On the other hand,

$$t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S)) \leq {}_R U \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}^*}.$$

*In particular  ${}_R U$  is also the minimal cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}^*}$ .*

PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  ${}_R K$  be a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and let  $A = \text{End}({}_R K)$ . By Lemma 6, the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  is equivalent to  $\tau$  and hence  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $K$ -topology too. Thus, since  ${}_R K$  is a selfcogenerator, by Corollary 7.4 [2],  $R = \text{End}(K_A)$  and therefore  ${}_R K_A$  is faithfully balanced. By Proposition 2,  $K_A$  is q.i.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) is trivial.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Since  ${}_R K$  is faithful, the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  is Hausdorff. By Lemma 6,  $\tau$  is equivalent to the  $K$ -topology of  $R$  and hence  $\tau$  is Hausdorff too. Thus, by Proposition 4,  $R$  is linearly compact.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) is trivial.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Let us remark, first of all, that in view of Lemma 5,  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $U$ -topology. Let us now proceed by steps.

1)  ${}_R U$  is *q.i.* Set  $E = E\left(\bigoplus_{S \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{F}}} S\right)$ . Let us prove that  ${}_R U = t_{\mathcal{F}}(E)$ .

From this the claim will follow for  ${}_R U$  will be a fully invariant submodule of  ${}_R E$ . Since  ${}_R U = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathfrak{S}_{\mathcal{F}}} t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(S))$ , it is clear that  ${}_R U \leq t_{\mathcal{F}}(E)$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in t_{\mathcal{F}}(E)$ . Then  $\text{Ann}_R(x) \in \mathcal{F}$  and hence  $Rx \cong \cong R/\text{Ann}_R(x)$  is linearly compact discrete. Thus  $\text{Soc}(Rx)$  is a direct sum of a finite number of (non-isomorphic) left simple  $R$ -modules. Since  $x \in E$ ,  $\text{Soc}(Rx)$  is essential in  $Rx$ . Thus  $x \in t_{\mathcal{F}}(E(\text{Soc}(Rx))) \leq {}_R U$ .

2)  ${}_R U$  is *s.q.i.* By Remark 12 and by Theorem 6.7 [2].

3)  ${}_R U_{\tau}$  is *faithfully balanced*. Since  $R$  is linearly compact in the  $U$ -topology, it is complete. Thus, since  ${}_R U$  is a selfcogenerator, by Corollary 7.4 [2],  $R = \text{End}(U_{\tau})$ .

4)  $U_{\tau}$  is *s.q.i.* Note that  $\text{Soc}({}_R U)$  is essential in  ${}_R U$ . Then the claim follows by Theorem 10.

13. COROLLARY. *Let  $R$  be a left linearly compact ring with respect to a ring topology  $\tau$ , let  ${}_R \mathfrak{S}$  be the set of open left maximal ideals of  $R$  and let  $J(R)$  be the Jacobson radical of  $R$ . Then*

$$J(R) = \bigcap \{P : P \in {}_R \mathfrak{S}\}.$$

*In particular,  $J(R)$  is closed in  $R$ .*

PROOF. Follows by THE MAIN THEOREM, by Corollary 11 and by Remark 12.

The idea of the following application is due to Prof. A. Orsatti.

14. THEOREM (Leptin [1]). *Let  $R$  be a left linearly topologized ring with respect to a ring topology  $\tau$ . Assume that  $R$  is linearly compact and that the Jacobson radical of  $R$ ,  $J(R)$ , is zero. Then  $R$ , endowed with the Leptin topology of  $\tau$ , is topologically isomorphic to a topological product  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{End}_{D_{\lambda}}(V_{\lambda})$  where, for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $V_{\lambda}$  is a vector space over the division ring  $D_{\lambda}$  and  $\text{End}_{D_{\lambda}}(V_{\lambda})$  is endowed with the finite topology.*

(Zelinsky [5]). *Moreover if  $\tau$  has two-sided ideals as a basis of neighbourhoods of zero, each  $V_{\lambda}$  has finite dimension over  $D_{\lambda}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter of open left ideals of  $\tau$  and let  ${}_R U$  be the minimal cogenerator of  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Set  $A = \text{End}({}_R U)$ . By THE MAIN

**THEOREM,**  ${}_R U_A$  is faithfully balanced and both the modules  ${}_R U$  and  $U_A$  are s.q.i. Suppose that  $\text{Soc}(U_A)$  is strictly contained in  $U_A$ . Then, since  $U_A$  is s.q.i. and  $R = \text{End}(U_A)$ , there is a non zero element  $r \in R$  such that  $r(\text{Soc}(U_A)) = 0$ . Thus, by 9., by Remark 12 and by Corollary 13,  $r$  belongs to the Jacobson radical of  $R$ . Hence  $\text{Soc}(U_A) = U_A$ . Since  $\text{Soc}(U_A) = \text{Soc}({}_R U)$  (cf. 9.), we get  ${}_R U = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in A} S_\lambda$ ,

where  $(S_\lambda)_{\lambda \in A}$  is a system of representatives of the isomorphism classes of the left simple  $R$ -modules of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Thus each  $S_\lambda$  is fully invariant in  ${}_R U$  and hence  $A$  is canonically isomorphic to the ring product  $\prod_{\lambda \in A} D_\lambda$  where, for each  $\lambda \in A$ ,  $D_\lambda = \text{End}_R(S_\lambda)$  is a division ring.

Of course such a product acts componentwise over  $U$  so that the action of  $A$  over each  $S_\lambda$  naturally identifies with that of  $D_\lambda$ . Recall that, by 9.,  $S_\lambda = \sigma(S_\lambda^*)$ . Moreover, since  $R = \text{End}(U_A)$ , each  $S_\lambda$  is fully invariant submodule of  $U_A$ . Therefore we get the natural algebraic isomorphisms

$$(1) \quad \text{End}(U_A) \cong \prod_{\lambda \in A} \text{End}_A(S_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in A} \text{End}_{D_\lambda}(S_\lambda).$$

Now, since  ${}_R U$  is a selfgenerator, by Corollary 7.4 [2],  $\text{End}(U_A)$ , endowed with the finite topology, is isomorphic to the completion of  $R$  in the  $U$ -topology. Since  $R$  is linearly compact in  $\tau$ , the first statement follows easily by Lemma 5, as soon as we note that the finite topology of  $\text{End}(U_A)$  corresponds, through the isomorphisms (1), to the product topology of the finite topologies on the  $\text{End}_{D_\lambda}(S_\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in A$ .

Assume now that  $\tau$  has two-sided ideals as a basis of neighbourhoods of 0. Fix  $\lambda \in A$  and let  $P \in {}_R \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $R/P \cong S_\lambda$ . Since  $P \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,  $P$  contains an open two-sided ideal. Since  $\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda)$  is the largest two-sided ideal contained in  $P$ , it follows that  $\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda) \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a basis of  $S_\lambda$  as a vector space over  $D_\lambda$ . Then  $\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda) = \bigcap_{i \in I} \text{Ann}_R(e_i)$ . Since  $(\text{Ann}_R(e_i))_{i \in I}$  is a family of open coprimary left ideals of  $R$  and  $R$  is linearly compact, it is easy to check that the diagonal map  $R/\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} R/\text{Ann}_R(e_i)$  of the canonical maps  $R/\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda) \rightarrow R/\text{Ann}_R(e_i)$  ( $i \in I$ ), is an isomorphism. Since  $R/\text{Ann}_R(S_\lambda)$  is linearly compact discrete,  $I$  must be finite.

15. REMARKS. 1) In the hypothesis of Theorem above, if  $\tau$  is the discrete topology, then  $R$  is semisimple artinian ([5]). In fact, since  ${}_R U$  is linearly compact discrete (cf. [3], Th. 1),  $A$  is finite.

2) In the hypothesis of Theorem above, if  $\tau$  has two-sided ideals as a basis of neighbourhoods of zero, then  $\tau = \tau^*$ . In fact let  $L$  be an open two-sided ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R/L$  is a discrete linearly compact ring with zero Jacobson radical. By 1) above,  $R/L$  is artinian. Thus  $L$  is cofinite.

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