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## GALOIS TRIANGLE THEORY FOR CERTAIN FREE MODULES

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to generalize the Galois triangle theory for free modules over local rings of a special type.

### I. Introduction

Let a local ring  $\mathbf{A}$  be given and let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a free  $\mathbf{A}$ -module. The purpose of this paper is to find 1–1 correspondences between the ordered set of submodules of  $\mathbf{M}$  and the set of left (right) annihilators of the ring of endomorphisms of  $\mathbf{M}$ .

The solution of this problem is well known for example when  $\mathbf{M}$  is a vector spaces ([1]) or a totally reducible module ([6]).

In this paper we will consider a linear algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  which as a vector space over a field  $\mathbf{T}$  has a basis

$$\{1, \eta, \eta^2, \dots, \eta^{m-1}\} \quad \text{with} \quad \eta^m = 0. \quad (1)$$

( $\mathbf{A}$  is isomorphic to the factor ring of polynomials  $\mathbf{T}[x]/(x^m)$ ).

Evidently,  $\mathbf{A}$  is a local ring with the maximal ideal  $\eta\mathbf{A}$ . The all ideals of  $\mathbf{A}$  are just  $\eta^j\mathbf{A}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

### II. $\mathbf{A}$ -spaces and their endomorphisms

Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a free finite dimensional module over  $\mathbf{A}$ . It is well known that all bases of  $\mathbf{M}$  have the same number of elements (called the  $\mathbf{A}$ -dimension of  $\mathbf{M}$ ) and from every system of generators of  $\mathbf{M}$  we may select a basis of  $\mathbf{M}$  (see [2]).

Moreover in our case the module  $\mathbf{M}$  has the following qualities (proved in [4]):

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1. Any linearly independent system can be completed to a basis of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
2. A submodule of  $\mathbf{M}$  is a free module if and only if it is a direct summand of  $\mathbf{M}$ .

**Remark.** Free finitely dimensional modules over local ring  $\mathbf{R}$  are called  $\mathbf{R}$ -spaces (see e.g. [2]) and their direct summands  $\mathbf{R}$ -subspaces.

We get that in our case  $\mathbf{A}$ -subspaces of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$  are just the free submodules of  $\mathbf{M}$ .

In what follows, let  $\mathbf{M}$  denote an arbitrary but fixed  $n$ -dimensional  $\mathbf{A}$ -space. Let us define an endomorphism  $\eta$  on an  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$  by the relation:

$$(\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M})(\eta(\mathbf{x}) = \eta \cdot \mathbf{x}). \tag{1}$$

**3. PROPOSITION.** *If  $S$  is a nontrivial submodule of  $\mathbf{M}$ , then there exists a system  $\mathcal{B}_0, \dots, \mathcal{B}_r$  of subsets of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that*

- (a)  $\mathcal{B}_0 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{B}_{r-1} \cup \mathcal{B}_r$  is a basis of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$ ,
- (b)  $\eta^{m-r}\mathcal{B}_0 \cup \eta^{m-r+1}\mathcal{B}_1 \cup \dots \cup \eta^{m-1}\mathcal{B}_{r-1}$  is a set of generators of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -module  $S$ ,
- (c)  $S \subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^r \wedge S \not\subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^{r-1}$ .

*Proof.* Let us define  $\vartheta \in \text{End } \mathbf{M}$  by  $\vartheta = \eta|_S$ . As  $S$  is  $\eta$ -invariant,  $\vartheta \in \text{End } S$ .

Using [5] ( $\mathbf{M}$  is a free  $\mathbf{A}$ -module) we get  $\eta^j \mathbf{M} = \text{Ker } \eta^{m-j}$ , which implies that

$$S \cap \eta^j \mathbf{M} = \text{Ker } \vartheta^{m-j}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1. \tag{2}$$

As  $\mathbf{T} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$  it is clear that  $\mathbf{M}$  (as well as every submodule of  $\mathbf{M}$ ) is a vector space over  $\mathbf{T}$ .

The operator  $\eta$  is a nilpotent endomorphism on the vector space  $\mathbf{M}$ . It is well known (see [3]) that the following kernels form a chain of inclusions

$$\{\mathbf{o}\} = \text{Ker } \eta^0 \subset \text{Ker } \eta \subset \dots \subset \text{Ker } \eta^{r-1} \subset \text{Ker } \eta^r \subset \dots \subset \text{Ker } \eta^{m-1} \subset \text{Ker } \eta^m = \mathbf{M}.$$

For any nontrivial submodule  $S$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  there is a uniquely determined integer  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq m$ , such that  $S \subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^r \wedge S \not\subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^{r-1}$ .

Thus we have the following chain for the endomorphism  $\vartheta = \eta|_S$  on  $S$ :

$$\{\mathbf{o}\} = \text{Ker } \vartheta^0 \subset \text{Ker } \vartheta \subset \dots \subset \text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-1} \subset \text{Ker } \vartheta^r = S.$$

Viewing these submodules as well as factor modules  $S/\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-1}$ ,  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-1}/\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-2}, \dots, \text{Ker } \vartheta/\text{Ker } \vartheta^0$  as vector spaces over  $\mathbf{T}$  we have guaranteed the existence of elements

$\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_0}, \mathbf{w}_{s_0+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_1}, \mathbf{w}_{s_1+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_2}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-2}+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-1}}$  of  $S$  such

that  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_0}$  is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis (i.e. a basis of this module considered as a vector space over  $\mathbf{T}$ ) of  $S$  relatively (= modulo) to  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-1}$ ,  
 $\eta \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \eta \mathbf{w}_{s_0}, \mathbf{w}_{s_0+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_1}$  is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-1}$  relatively to  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^{r-2}$ ,  
 $\dots$   
 $\eta^{r-k} \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \eta^{r-k} \mathbf{w}_{s_0}, \eta^{r-k-1} \mathbf{w}_{s_0+1}, \dots, \eta^{r-k-1} \mathbf{w}_{s_1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-k-1+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-k}}$   
 is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^k$  relatively to  $\text{Ker } \vartheta^{k-1}$ ,  $1 \leq k < r-1$ ,  
 $\dots$   
 $\eta^{r-1} \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \eta^{r-1} \mathbf{w}_{s_0}, \eta^{r-2} \mathbf{w}_{s_0+1}, \dots, \eta^{r-2} \mathbf{w}_{s_1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-2+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-1}}$ ,  
 is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $\text{Ker } \vartheta$ .

Further, the union of the above set forms a  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $S$ .

Since  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_0}\} \subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^r$  and  $\text{Ker } \eta^r = \eta^{m-r} \mathbf{M}$  (by (2)) we obtain the existence of elements  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{s_0}$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that

$$\mathbf{w}_i = \eta^{m-r} \mathbf{u}_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq s_0. \tag{3}$$

Similarly, having in mind that  $\{\mathbf{w}_{s_{r-k-1+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{s_{r-k}}\} \subseteq \text{Ker } \eta^k$  and  $\text{Ker } \eta^k = \eta^{m-k} \mathbf{M}$  we obtain the set of elements  $\mathbf{u}_{s_{r-k-1+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{s_{r-k}}$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  satisfying

$$\mathbf{w}_i = \eta^{m-k} \mathbf{u}_i, \quad s_{r-k-1} + 1 \leq i \leq s_{r-k}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, r-1. \tag{4}$$

Now, put  $\mathcal{C}_0 = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{s_0}\}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{r-k} = \{\mathbf{u}_{s_{r-k-1+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{s_{r-k}}\}$ ,  $k = r-1, \dots, 1$ .

We will prove that this system of sets has properties (a), (b) of the theorem.

Firstly, let us prove the linear independence of the union  $\mathcal{C}_0 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{C}_{r-1}$ .

Supposing

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} \xi_i \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{o}, \tag{5}$$

where (by (1) in I)  $\xi_i = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_{ij} \eta^j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}$  and all  $x_{ij} \in \mathbf{T}$ , we get that

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \eta^j \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{o}. \tag{6}$$

Multiplying this equality by  $\eta^{m-1}$  we get

$$\mathbf{o} = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \eta^{m-1+j} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \mathbf{u}_i = \eta^{m-1} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{i0} \mathbf{u}_i.$$

This may be expressed as

$$\sum_{1 < i \leq s_0} x_{i0} (\eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{s_0 < i \leq s_1} x_{i0} (\eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i) + \dots + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{i0} (\eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{o},$$

which (according to (3), (4)) gives

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_0} x_{i0}(\eta^{r-1} \mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{s_0 < i \leq s_1} x_{i0}(\eta^{r-2} \mathbf{w}_i) + \cdots + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{i0} \mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{o}.$$

Since it is a linear combination of elements of the  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $S$  (the coefficients of which belong to  $\mathbf{T}$ ) we obtain that  $x_{i0} = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s_{r-1}$ .

This implies that (6) may be written as

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1} \eta^j \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{o}.$$

Now, multiplying this equality by  $\eta^{m-2}$  and using (3), (4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{o} &= \eta^{m-1} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{i1} \mathbf{u}_i \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_0} x_{i1}(\eta^{r-1} \mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{s_0 < i \leq s_1} x_{i1}(\eta^{r-2} \mathbf{w}_i) + \cdots + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{i1} \mathbf{w}_i, \end{aligned}$$

which (as in the previous step) yields  $x_{i1} = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s_{r-1}$ . Thus (6) becomes

$$\sum_{2 \leq j \leq m-1} \eta^j \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{o}.$$

If we multiply (6) by  $\eta^{m-3}, \dots, \eta$ , successively, then in the same way we may deduce that all coefficients  $x_{ij}$  are zero and  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \cdots = \xi_{s_{r-1}} = 0$ , consequently. The linear independence of the union  $\mathcal{C}_0 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{C}_{r-1}$  is proved.

By Proposition 1 we may complete this set to an  $\mathbf{A}$ -basis of an  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$  by a subset  $\mathcal{C}_r$ .

Secondly, we will prove that  $\eta^{m-r} \mathcal{C}_0 \cup \eta^{m-r+1} \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \eta^{m-1} \mathcal{C}_{r-1}$  is a set of generators (over  $\mathbf{A}$ ) of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -module  $S$ .

Using the notation of the elements of basis of factormodules of the first part of this proof and having in mind (3), (4) we may write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x} &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq s_0 \\ 0 \leq j \leq r-1}} x_{ij}(\eta^j \mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{\substack{s_0 < i \leq s_1 \\ 0 \leq j \leq r-2}} x_{ij}(\eta^j \mathbf{w}_i) + \dots \\
 &\quad \dots + \sum_{\substack{s_{r-3} < i \leq s_{r-2} \\ 0 \leq j \leq 1}} x_{ij}(\eta^j \mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \mathbf{w}_i \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq s_0 \\ 0 \leq j \leq r-1}} x_{ij}(\eta^{j+m-r} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{\substack{s_0 < i \leq s_1 \\ 0 \leq j \leq r-2}} x_{ij}(\eta^{j+m-r+1} \mathbf{u}_i) + \dots \\
 &\quad \dots + \sum_{\substack{s_{r-3} < i \leq s_{r-2} \\ 0 \leq j \leq 1}} x_{ij}(\eta^{j+m-2} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} x_{ij} \eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq s_0 \\ 0 \leq k \leq m-1}} (x_{ik} \eta^k)(\eta^{m-r} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{\substack{s_0 < i \leq s_1 \\ 0 \leq k \leq m-1}} (x_{ik} \eta^k)(\eta^{m-r+1} \mathbf{u}_i) + \dots \\
 &\quad \dots + \sum_{\substack{s_{r-3} < i \leq s_{r-2} \\ 0 \leq k \leq m-1}} (x_{ik} \eta^k)(\eta^{m-2} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{\substack{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1} \\ 0 \leq k \leq m-1}} (x_{ik} \eta^k)(\eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i) \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s_0} \xi_i(\eta^{m-r} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{s_0 < i \leq s_1} \xi_i(\eta^{m-r+1} \mathbf{u}_i) + \dots \\
 &\quad \dots + \sum_{s_{r-3} < i \leq s_{r-2}} \xi_i(\eta^{m-2} \mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{s_{r-2} < i \leq s_{r-1}} \xi_i(\eta^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_i).
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, this implies that an arbitrary element of  $\mathbf{M}$  which may be expressed as a linear combination over  $\mathbf{T}$  of elements of  $\mathbf{T}$ -basis of  $S$  may also be written as a linear combination of elements of  $\eta^{m-r}C_0 \cup \eta^{m-r+1}C_1 \cup \dots \cup \eta^{m-1}C_{r-1}$  with coefficients from  $\mathbf{A}$  and vice versa.

Now, we may prove that the system of sets  $C_0, \dots, C_{r-1}, C_r$  has all the demanded properties. □

**4. THEOREM.** *Let  $S$  be a submodule of an  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$ . Then there exist endomorphisms  $f, g$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that*

$$\text{Ker } f = S, \quad \text{Im } g = S.^1)$$

**Proof.** Evidently, if  $S$  is trivial, then the theorem holds.

Let  $S$  be nontrivial. Let us construct a system of subsets  $B_0, \dots, B_r$  as in Proposition 3.

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<sup>1)</sup> Let us remark that in general this theorem does not hold for modules over an arbitrary ring (for example the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  may be considered as a (free) module over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The submodule of even numbers is not kernel of any endomorphism of the module  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

Denoting by  $\mathbf{M}_j$  the  $\mathbf{A}$ -subspace with basis  $\mathcal{B}_j$  for all  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq r$ , we get a system of  $\mathbf{A}$ -subspaces of  $\mathbf{M}$  with

$$\mathbf{M}_0 \oplus \mathbf{M}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{M}_r = \mathbf{M}, \quad (7)$$

$$\eta^{m-r}\mathbf{M}_0 + \eta^{m-r+1}\mathbf{M}_1 + \cdots + \eta^{m-r+j}\mathbf{M}_j + \cdots + \eta^{m-1}\mathbf{M}_{r-1} = S. \quad (8)$$

Let us define the endomorphism  $f$  on  $\mathbf{M}$  by

$$f|_{\mathbf{M}_j} = \eta^{r-j}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq r.^2) \quad (9)$$

Clearly, (8) implies that  $S \subseteq \text{Ker } f$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=0}^r \mathbf{x}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{M}_j$ . Supposing  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Ker } f$  we get (by (9))

$$\mathbf{o} = f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=0}^r f(\mathbf{x}_j) = \sum_{j=0}^r (\eta^{r-j}\mathbf{x}_j).$$

Since  $\eta^{r-j}\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{M}_j$  we obtain (by (7))  $\eta^{r-j}\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{o}$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq r$ . Having in mind that all  $\mathbf{M}_j$  are  $\mathbf{A}$ -spaces we have (as in the proof of 3)  $\text{Ker}(\eta|_{\mathbf{M}_j})^k = \eta^{m-k}\mathbf{M}_j$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq r$ . This yields that  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \eta^{m-r+j}\mathbf{M}_j$  and thus (by (8))  $\mathbf{x}_j \in S$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq r$ . Consequently,  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ .

The kernel of this endomorphism  $f$  is equal to  $S$ .

Now define an endomorphism  $g$  on  $\mathbf{M}$  by

$$g|_{\mathbf{M}_j} = \eta^{m-r+j}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq r. \quad (10)$$

Evidently,  $\text{Im } g \subseteq S$  (by (7) and (8)).

If  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ , then (by (8) and (10)) we may write

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=0}^r \eta^{m-r+j}\mathbf{y}_j.^3) = \sum_{j=0}^r g(\mathbf{y}_j) = g(\mathbf{y}),$$

where

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=0}^r \mathbf{y}_j,$$

which gives  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Im } g$ . □

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<sup>2)</sup> By  $\eta$  we denote the endomorphism defined by (1).

<sup>3)</sup> where, of course,  $\mathbf{y}_j \in \mathbf{M}_j$

### III. Galois triangle theory for $\mathbf{A}$ -spaces

Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be an  $\mathbf{A}$ -space as in the previous section.

#### 1. Notation.

**1.1.** We will denote by  $\mathbf{P}$  the ring of endomorphisms of  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{P} = \text{End } \mathbf{M}$ , and we will define the composition of  $f, g \in \mathbf{P}$  by  $(fg)(\mathbf{x}) = g(f(\mathbf{x}))$ .

**1.2.** Let  $J \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ . Then we will denote by  $\mathbf{L}(J)$  the left annihilator of  $J$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{L}(J) = \{f \in \mathbf{P} : (\forall g \in J)(fg = o)\}$  and by  $\mathbf{R}(J)$  the right annihilator of  $J$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{R}(J) = \{f \in \mathbf{P} : (\forall g \in J)(gf = o)\}$ .

**1.3.** We will denote by  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P})$  the set of the all left annihilators of the ring  $\mathbf{P}$ , by  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P})$  the set of the all right annihilators of  $\mathbf{P}$  and by  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})$  the set of the all submodules of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -space  $\mathbf{M}$ .

**1.4.** For every submodule  $S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})$  let us denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}(S) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P} : (\forall \mathbf{x} \in S)(f(\mathbf{x}) = o)\}, \\ \mathbf{Q}(S) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P} : (\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M})(f(\mathbf{x}) \in S)\}. \end{aligned}$$

(Equivalently,

$$\mathbf{N}(S) = \{f \in \mathbf{P} : S \subseteq \text{Ker } f\}, \quad \mathbf{Q}(S) = \{f \in \mathbf{P} : \text{Im } f \subseteq S\}.)$$

**1.5.** For every subset  $J$  of  $\mathbf{P}$  let us denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}(J) &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M} : (\forall f \in J)(f(\mathbf{x}) = o)\}, \\ \mathbf{M}(J) &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M} : (\exists f \in J)(\exists \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{M})(\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{y}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

(In the same way as in 1.4,

$$\mathbf{K}(J) = \bigcap_{f \in J} \text{Ker } f, \quad \mathbf{M}(J) = \bigcup_{f \in J} \text{Im } f.)$$

**2. Remark.** It is easy to see that, for every  $J \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  and every  $S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})$ ,  $\mathbf{L}(J)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(S)$  are left ideals of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{R}(J)$  and  $\mathbf{N}(S)$  are right ideals of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

It is also easy to derive that for every  $U, S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{P})$ ,  $J, H \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} J \subseteq H &\implies \mathbf{K}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{K}(H), \quad \mathbf{M}(J) \subseteq \mathbf{M}(H), \quad \mathbf{R}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{R}(H), \quad \mathbf{L}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{L}(H), \\ U \subseteq S &\implies \mathbf{N}(U) \supseteq \mathbf{N}(S), \quad \mathbf{Q}(U) \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(S). \end{aligned}$$

**3. THEOREM.** *For every submodule  $\forall S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})$  we have:*

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{N}(S)) = S, \quad \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{Q}(S)) = S.$$

*Proof.* It follows from the definition of  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ , respectively  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , that  $S \subseteq \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{N}(S))$ , respectively  $S \supseteq \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{Q}(S))$ . Let us prove the reverse inclusions. According to Theorem I.4 there exist endomorphisms  $f, g$  s.t.  $S = \text{Ker } f = \text{Im } g$ .

a) Using the fact  $S = \text{Ker } f$  we have that  $f \in \mathbf{N}(S)$  (by 1.4).

Let  $s$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{N}(S))$ . Then (by 1.5)

$$(\forall h \in \mathbf{N}(S))(h(s) = \mathbf{o}),$$

which gives  $f(s) = \mathbf{o}$ , of course. As  $S = \text{Ker } f$ , then  $s$  belongs to  $S$ .

b) Since  $S = \text{Im } g$ , we have (by 1.4)  $g \in \mathbf{Q}(S)$ .

If  $s$  be an arbitrary element of  $S$ , then it may be written as  $s = g(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}$ . This implies that  $s \in \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{Q}(S))$  (by 1.5).  $\square$

Using Definitions 1.4, 1.5 we may prove the following proposition as in the case when  $\mathbf{M}$  is a vector space (see [1]).

**4. PROPOSITION.** *For every subset  $J \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  we have:*

$$\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{M}(J)) = \mathbf{R}(J), \quad \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J)) = \mathbf{L}(J).$$

**5. PROPOSITION.** *For every submodule*

$$(\forall S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})) \left( \mathbf{N}(S) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{Q}(S)) \ \& \ \mathbf{Q}(S) = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{N}(S)) \right).$$

This proposition is a consequence of Propositions 3 and 4.

**6. Remark.** It follows from this proposition that  $\mathbf{N}(S)$  is an element of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(S)$  is an element of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P})$  for every  $S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M})$ .

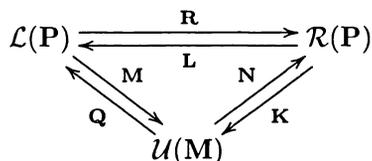
Using the Propositions 3 and 4 we may prove the following proposition as in the case  $\mathbf{M}$  is a vector space (see [1]).

**7. PROPOSITION.** *For every right annihilator  $H \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P})$ ,  $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{K}(H)) = H$ , for every left annihilator  $J \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P})$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{M}(J)) = J$ .*

Now, considering operators  $\mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$  as mappings of corresponding ordered sets we may formulate the fundamental theorem of the Galois triangle theory.

**THEOREM.**

1. The operators  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{K}$  are mutually inverse antiisomorphisms of the ordered sets  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
2. The operators  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  are mutually inverse isomorphisms of the ordered sets  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{M}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
3. The operators  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  are mutually inverse antiisomorphisms of the ordered sets  $(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
4. The following diagram is commutative.



*Proof.* This theorem follows from Propositions 3, 4, 5 and 7, and Remarks 2, 6 as in the case when  $\mathbf{M}$  is a vector space. □

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