

## A NOTE ON MARTINDALE QUOTIENT RINGS OF DUBROVIN VALUATION RINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a Dubrovin valuation ring of a simple Artinian ring  $Q$  and let  $Q_s(R)(Q_l(R))$  be the symmetric (left) Martindale ring of quotients of  $R$ . It is shown that either  $Q_s(R) = R_P = Q_l(R)$  for the minimal Goldie prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$  such that the prime segment  $P \supset (0)$  is simple or  $Q_s(R) = Q = Q_l(R)$ .

### 1. Introduction.

Throughout this note,  $R$  will be a Dubrovin valuation ring of a simple Artinian ring  $Q$ , and  $Q_s(R)(Q_l(R))$  will be the symmetric (left) Martindale ring of quotients of  $R$ , respectively. We will prove that either  $Q_s(R) = R_P = Q_l(R)$  for the minimal prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$  such that the prime segment  $P \supset (0)$  is simple or  $Q_s(R) = Q = Q_l(R)$  by using the prime segments, where  $R_P$  is a localization of  $R$  at  $P$ . Since  $Q$  is an injective hull of a left  $R$ -module  $R$ , it follows that  $Q_l(R) = \{q \in Q \mid Aq \subseteq R \text{ for some non-zero ideal } A \text{ of } R\}$  and  $Q_s(R) = \{q \in Q_l(R) \mid qB \subseteq R \text{ for some non-zero ideal } B \text{ of } R\}$  (see [7, (10.6)]). For any ideal  $A$  we write  $(R : A)_l = \{q \in Q \mid qA \subseteq R\}$  and  $(R : A)_r = \{q \in Q \mid Aq \subseteq R\}$ . With these notation, we have  $Q_l(R) = \cup\{(R : A)_l \mid A \text{ runs over all non-zero ideals of } R\}$ . A prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is called *Goldie prime* if  $R/P$  is a prime Goldie ring. Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be Goldie prime ideals of  $R$  with  $P_1 \supset P_2$ . The pair  $P_1 \supset P_2$  is said to be a *prime segment* of  $R$  if there are no Goldie prime ideals properly between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Recall some properties of a Dubrovin valuation ring  $R$  as follows :

(1) A prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is Goldie prime if and only if it is localizable, i.e.,  $C(P) = \{c \in R \mid c \text{ is regular mod } P\}$  is a regular Ore set ([1, §1]).

(2) There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of all overrings of  $R$  and the set of all Goldie prime ideals of  $R$ , which is given by

$$S \longrightarrow J(S); P \longrightarrow R_P$$

, where  $S$  is an overring of  $R$ ,  $P$  is a Goldie prime ideal of  $R$  and  $J(S)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $S$ . In particular, the mapping is anti-inclusion-preserving ([6, (6.7) and (14.5)]).

(3) Let  $S$  be a proper overring of  $R$ . Then  $(R : S)_l = J(S) = (R : S)_r$  and  $(R : J(S))_l = S = (R : J(S))_r$  ([5, (1.1)]).

### 2. The symmetric (left) Martindale ring of quotients of $R$ .

In order to characterize the symmetric (left) Martindale ring of quotients of  $R$ , we will

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consider the following two cases :

Case 1. There is the minimal Goldie prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$ :

(a) The prime segment  $P \supset (0)$  is Archimedean, i.e., for any  $a \in P \setminus (0)$ , there is an ideal  $A$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $\cap A^n = (0)$ .

(b) The prime segment  $P \supset (0)$  is exceptional, i.e., there is a non-Goldie prime ideal  $C$  such that  $P \supset C \supset (0)$ , there are no ideals properly between  $P$  and  $C$  and  $\cap C^n = (0)$ .

(c) The prime segment  $P \supset (0)$  is simple, i.e., there are no ideals properly between  $P$  and  $(0)$ .

Case 2. There are no minimal Goldie prime ideals, i.e.,  $\cap P_\alpha = (0)$ , where  $P_\alpha$  runs over all non-zero Goldie prime ideals.

With these notation, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem.** *Let  $R$  be a Dubrovin valuation ring of a simple Artinian ring  $Q$ . Then*

(1)  $Q_s(R) = Q = Q_l(R)$  in the case where Case 1 (a) or (b), or Case 2.

(2)  $Q_s(R) = R_P = Q_l(R)$  in the case where Case 1 (c).

*Proof.* Suppose that Case 2 occurs. Then for any Goldie prime ideal  $P_\alpha$ , we have  $R \supseteq P_\alpha = P_\alpha R_{P_\alpha} = R_{P_\alpha} P_\alpha$ , because  $J(R_{P_\alpha}) = P_\alpha$  and so  $R_{P_\alpha} \subseteq Q_s(R)$ . Thus  $Q_s(R) \supseteq S = \cup R_{P_\alpha}$ , an overring of  $R$ , where  $P_\alpha$  runs over all non-zero Goldie prime ideals of  $R$ . Assume that  $Q \supset S$ . Then  $J(S)$  is a non-zero Goldie prime ideal by (2) and  $S \supseteq R_{P_\alpha}$ . So  $J(S) \subseteq P_\alpha$  for any  $P_\alpha$  by (2), i.e.,  $J(S) \subseteq \cap P_\alpha = (0)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $Q_s(R) = Q$  and so  $Q_s(R) = Q = Q_l(R)$ .

Suppose that Case 1 occurs. Then since  $R \supseteq P = R_P P = P R_P$ , we have  $R_P \subseteq Q_s(R) \subseteq Q_l(R) \subseteq Q$ . Thus either  $R_P = Q_s(R)$  or  $Q_s(R) = Q$  by (2).

Suppose that Case 1 (a) occurs. Then there is an element  $b$  in  $R_P$  such that  $I = b R_P = R_P b \subseteq P = J(R_P)$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{b^n \mid n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a regular Ore set of  $R_P$  with  $Q = (R_P)_{\mathcal{C}} = \{\alpha b^{-n} \mid \alpha \in R_P, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  by the proof of [2,(2.3)]. So, for any regular element  $c$  in  $R$ , there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $c^{-1} b^n \in R_P$  and  $b^n c^{-1} \in R_P$ . Hence  $c^{-1} I^n P \subseteq R_P P = P \subseteq R$  and  $P I^n c^{-1} \subseteq R$ , which show  $c^{-1} \in Q_s(R)$ . Therefore  $Q_s(R) = Q$  follows.

Suppose that Case 1 (b) occurs. Then we claim that  $P \supset C \supset (0)$  is an exceptional prime segment of  $R_P$ . By [2, (2.2)],  $C$  is an ideal of  $R_P$ . In fact, it is a prime ideal of  $R_P$ , because there are no ideals of  $R$  properly between  $P$  and  $C$ . Suppose that  $C$  is a Goldie prime ideal of  $R_P$ . Then  $(R_P)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a proper overring of  $R_P$  by (2) which contradicts the fact that  $R_P$  is the maximal over ring of  $R$  by (2). Hence  $C$  is a non-Goldie prime ideal of  $R_P$ . This means the prime segment  $P \supset C \supset (0)$  is exceptional as the prime ideals of  $R_P$ . Since  $R_P$  is of rank one, i.e.,  $P = J(R_P)$  is the only non-zero Goldie prime ideal of  $R_P$ , we can use the method in [2,(2.2)]. For any regular element  $c$  in  $R$ , there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $c^{-1} C^n \subseteq R_P$  and  $C^n c^{-1} \subseteq R_P$ . So as in Case 1 (a),  $c^{-1} C^n P \subseteq R_P P \subseteq R$  and  $R C^n c^{-1} \subseteq P R_P \subseteq R$ . Hence  $c^{-1} \in Q_s(R)$  and thus  $Q_s(R) = Q = Q_l(R)$  follows.

Suppose that Case 1 (c) occurs. Assume that  $Q_l(R) = Q$ . Then for any  $q \in Q \setminus R_P$ , there is a non-zero ideal  $A$  of  $R$  with  $Aq \subseteq R$ . If  $A \supset P$ , then  $R_P A = R_P$  so that  $q \in R_P q = R_P A q \subseteq R_P$ , a contradiction. Thus  $A \subseteq P$  and so  $A = P$ , because the prime segment is simple. Hence  $q \in (R : A)_r = (R : P)_r = R_P$  by (3), because  $P = J(R_P)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $Q_l(R) \subset Q$ . Since  $R_P$  is the maximal overring of  $R$  by (2), It follows that  $Q_s(R) = R_P = Q_l(R)$ , because  $R_P \subseteq Q_s(R) \subseteq Q_l(R)$ .

We end this note with remarks on examples : All prime segments of any commutative valuation rings are Archimedean. Moreover, if  $Q$  is of finite dimensional over its center, then all

prime segments of  $R$  is Archimedean. Let  $G = \oplus Z_i$  be the direct sums of  $Z_i$  with  $Z_i = Z$ , where  $Z$  is the ring of integers, which is a totally ordered abelian group by lexicographical ordering and let  $V$  be the valuation ring with  $G$  as its value group (see[4]). Then  $V$  does not have the minimal prime ideals. Examples of Dubrovin(in fact, total) valuation rings satisfying Case 1 (b) and Case (c) are given in [1, Examples 11 and 12]. We will give another example of Dubrovin valuation rings satisfying Case 1 (c) which is taken from [8,(2.4)]: Let  $F_0$  be any field and let  $F = F_0(\{y_i \mid i \in Z\})$  be the rational function field over  $F_0$  in indeterminates  $y_i$ . We define an automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $F$  as follows; $\sigma(a) = a$  for any  $a \in F_0$  and  $\sigma(y_i) = y_{i-1}$  for all  $i \in Z$  (note that we defined  $\sigma(y_i) = y_{i+1}$  in [8]). Also define a valuation  $v$  of  $F$  as follows;  $v(a) = 0$  for any  $a \in F_0$  and  $v(Y_i) = g_i = (\dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \in G = \oplus Z_i (i \in Z$  and  $Z_i = Z)$ , the  $i$ th component is one and the other components are all zeros. Let  $V$  be the valuation ring of  $F$  determined by  $v$ . Then  $\sigma$  induces an automorphism of  $V$ . Furthermore, we define  $P_i = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} y_{i+1}^j V$  for any  $i \in Z$ . Then  $P_i$ 's are prime ideals by [4,(17.1)] such that  $\sigma(P_i) = P_{i-1} \subset P_i, J(V) = \cup P_i$  and  $\bigcap_i P_i = (0)$ . Let  $V[x, \sigma]$  be the skew polynomial ring over  $V$  in an indeterminate  $x$  and let  $R = V[x, \sigma]_{J(V)[x, \sigma]}$  is a total valuation ring of rank one and the prime segment  $J(R) \supset (0)$  is simple by [3, Theorem 1 and Lemma 5].

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