

## NOTE ON THE JACOBSON RADICAL IN ASSOCIATIVE TRIPLE SYSTEMS OF SECOND KIND

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $\Phi$  be a commutative associative ring with an identity. A *triple system over  $\Phi$*  is defined as a unital  $\Phi$ -module  $T$  with a trilinear composition  $(x, y, z) \longrightarrow \langle xyz \rangle$ . A triple system  $T$  over  $\Phi$  is called an *associative triple system (ATS) of first kind* if the trilinear composition satisfies

$$\langle \langle xyz \rangle uv \rangle = \langle x \langle yzu \rangle v \rangle = \langle xy \langle zuv \rangle \rangle.$$

Associative triple systems of first kind have been called *ternary algebras* or  $\tau$ -*algebras* by Lister [1]. Loos [2] introduces another kind of associative triple system and calls a triple system  $M$  over  $\Phi$  an *associative triple system (ATS) of second kind* if the trilinear composition satisfies

$$\langle \langle xyz \rangle uv \rangle = \langle x \langle uzy \rangle v \rangle = \langle xy \langle zuv \rangle \rangle.$$

The basic example of ATS of first kind is a submodule of an associative algebra which is closed relative to  $\langle xyz \rangle = xyz$ , while the basic example of ATS of second kind is a submodule of an associative algebra with involution which is closed under  $\langle xyz \rangle = x\bar{y}z$ . In fact, associative algebras are the only sources for ATS of first and second kind since Lister [1] proves that any  $\tau$ -algebra is regarded as a submodule of an associative algebra which is closed under  $xyz$  and Loos [2] shows that any ATS of second kind is a submodule of an associative algebra with involution which is closed under  $x\bar{y}z$ .

The Jacobson radical in a  $\tau$ -algebra is discussed by Lister [1] and has been characterized by Myung [4] in connection with its imbedding. The Jacobson radical for ATS of second kind has been studied by Loos [2]. The purpose of this note is to establish analogous characterizations in  $\tau$ -algebras given by Myung [4] for an ATS of second kind.

### 2. Imbedding.

Throughout  $M$  will denote an ATS of second kind over the ground ring  $\Phi$ . An associative algebra  $B$  over  $\Phi$  with an involution  $a \longrightarrow j(a) = \bar{a}$  is called an *imbedding* of  $M$  if  $M$  is a submodule of  $B$  which is closed under the ternary product  $x\bar{y}z$ . If  $B$  is an imbedding of  $M$ , the smallest imbedding of  $M$  contained in  $B$  is the  $j$ -subalgebra of  $B$  generated by  $M$ , which we denote by  $I = I_B(M)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} I &= M + \bar{M} + (M + \bar{M})^2 + (M + \bar{M})^3 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} (M + \bar{M})^{2m+1} + \sum_{n > 0} (M + \bar{M})^{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

If we let  $T=T(M, \bar{M})=\sum_{m \geq 0} (M+\bar{M})^{2m+1}$ , we readily see that  $T$  is a  $\tau$ -algebra relative to  $\langle xyz \rangle = xyz$  in  $I$  since  $T^3 \subseteq T$  and that  $I=T+T^2$ . Hence  $I$  is also an imbedding of the  $\tau$ -algebra  $T$ . In particular, if  $M+\bar{M}$  is a  $\tau$ -algebra; that is,  $(M+\bar{M})^3 \subseteq M+\bar{M}$ , then we see that  $T=T(M, \bar{M})=M+\bar{M}$  and  $T^2=M\bar{M}+M^2+\bar{M}^2+\bar{M}M$ . This is always the case when  $M^2=0$  since if  $M^2=0$ ,  $(M+\bar{M})^3=M\bar{M}M+\bar{M}M\bar{M} \subseteq M+\bar{M}$ . Furthermore, if  $M^2=0$  then  $I=M+\bar{M}+M\bar{M}+\bar{M}M$ .

Henceforth we will deal with imbeddings of the form  $I=T(M, \bar{M})+T(M, \bar{M})^2$  since any imbedding of  $M$  gives rise to an imbedding of this form.

For any ATS of second kind  $M$ , Loos [2] and Meyberg [3] construct a more specific imbedding of  $M$ , called the "standard<sub>4</sub> imbedding, which we summarize here in relation to the present imbedding. For any elements  $x, y, z$  in  $M$ , we set  $l(x, y)z = \langle xyz \rangle$  and  $r(x, y)z = \langle zyx \rangle$ , and let

$$E = \text{End}_{\Phi} M \oplus (\text{End}_{\Phi} M)^{\text{op}}$$

where "op" is to mean the the opposite algebra. Define

$$\lambda(x, y) = (l(x, y), l(y, x)),$$

$$\rho(x, y) = (r(y, x), r(x, y)).$$

Let  $L_0$  be the submodule of  $E$  spanned by all  $\lambda(x, y)$ ,  $x, y \in M$  and  $R_0$  be the submodule of  $E^{\text{op}}$  spanned by all  $\rho(x, y)$ ,  $x, y \in M$ . Then it is easy to see that  $L_0$  and  $R_0$  are subalgebras of  $E$  and  $E^{\text{op}}$ , respectively. Setting  $\bar{\lambda}(x, y) = \lambda(y, x)$  and  $\bar{\rho}(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$  yields involutions on  $L_0$  and  $R_0$ . We adjoin identities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  to  $L_0$  and  $R_0$  to get  $L = \Phi e_1 + L_0$  and  $R = \Phi e_2 + R_0$ . Let  $\bar{M}$  now be an isomorphic copy of  $M$ . If  $a = (a_1, a_2) \in L$ ,  $b = (b_1, b_2) \in R$ , and  $x \in M$ , we define

$$a \cdot x = a_1 x, \quad x \cdot b = b_1 x,$$

$$\bar{x} \cdot a = \overline{a_2 x}, \quad b \cdot \bar{x} = \overline{b_2 x}.$$

We now consider the module direct sum

$$A = L \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R$$

and write every element of  $A$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & x \\ \bar{y} & b \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \in L, \quad b \in R, \quad x \in M, \quad \bar{y} \in \bar{M}$$

with the natural identification  $a = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Finally we define a product in  $A$  by the rule

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & x \\ \bar{y} & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' & x' \\ \bar{y}' & b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aa' + \lambda(x, y') & a \cdot x' + x \cdot b' \\ \bar{y} \cdot a' + b \cdot \bar{y}' & \rho(y, x') + bb' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using the above notations and setting, the following theorem can be proved.

**THEOREM 1.** (Loos [1] and Meyberg [3]) *Let  $M$  be any ATS of second kind. Then we have*

(i)  $A = L \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R$  becomes an associative algebra over  $\Phi$  with identity  $e = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & 0 \\ 0 & e_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and

with involution  $u = \begin{pmatrix} a & x \\ y & b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \bar{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & y \\ \bar{x} & \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(ii) If  $x, y, z \in M$ , then  $\langle xyz \rangle = x\bar{y}z$  and so  $A$  is an imbedding of  $M$ .

(iii)  $I_A(M) = L_0 \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R_0$  and  $I_A(M)$  is an ideal of  $A$ .

(iv) The Peirce components of  $A$  with respect to  $e_1$  are  $A_{11} = L$ ,  $A_{10} = M$ ,  $A_{01} = \bar{M}$ ,  $A_{00} = R$ .

Loos [2] calls the imbedding  $A = L \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R$  the *standard imbedding* of  $M$ . Theorem 1 also shows that any ATS of second kind possesses an imbedding where  $M^2 = 0$ . We now return to imbeddings of  $M$  of the form  $I = T(M, \bar{M}) + T(M, \bar{M})^2$  and assume that  $M + \bar{M}$  is a  $\tau$ -algebra and thus  $I = M + \bar{M} + (M + \bar{M})^2$ . An imbedding  $I = M + \bar{M} + (M + \bar{M})^2$  of  $M$  is called *direct* if  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus (M \oplus \bar{M})^2$  is a module direct sum.

Suppose that  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus (M \oplus \bar{M})^2$  is a direct imbedding of  $M$  such that  $M^2 = 0$  and  $Ma = 0$  for  $a \in \bar{M}M$  and  $bM = 0$  for  $b \in MM$  imply  $a = b = 0$ . Then  $(M + \bar{M})^2 = MM + \bar{M}M = MM \oplus \bar{M}M$  since if  $a \in MM \cap \bar{M}M$  then  $a = \bar{b}$  for some  $b \in MM$  and  $M\bar{b} = Ma = 0$  since  $M^2 = 0$ , and so  $\bar{b} = 0$  or  $a = 0$ . Therefore, in this case, we have that

$$I = M \oplus M \oplus MM \oplus \bar{M}M.$$

Let  $A_0 = L_0 \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R_0$  be the imbedding of  $M$  in Theorem 1. Define a mapping  $f$  from  $I$  onto  $A_0$  as

$$f(x + \bar{y} + \sum_i x_i \bar{y}_i + \sum_j \bar{u}_j v_j) = x + \bar{y} + \sum_i \lambda(x_i, y_i) + \sum_j \rho(u_j, v_j).$$

Then  $f$  is clearly a module homomorphism of  $I$  onto  $A_0$ . Now suppose  $\sum_i \lambda(x_i, y_i) = 0$ . Then  $0 = \sum_i \lambda_i(x_i, y_i) \cdot M = \sum_i I(x_i, y_i)M = \sum_i \langle x_i y_i M \rangle$  and hence  $0 = \sum_i x_i \bar{y}_i M = (\sum_i x_i \bar{y}_i)M$  by the definition of the product in  $I$ . Therefore we have that  $\sum_i x_i \bar{y}_i = 0$  and similarly  $\sum_j \rho(u_j, v_j) = 0$  implies  $\sum_j \bar{u}_j v_j = 0$ . This proves that  $f$  is injective.

We now adjoin an identity  $e_1$  to the algebra  $MM$  (a subalgebra of  $I$ ) to get  $\Phi_{e_1} + MM$ , and extend the product in  $I$  to  $I' = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus (e_1 + MM) \oplus \bar{M}M$  by the rule

$$e_1 x = x, \quad x e_1 = 0, \quad \bar{x} e_1 = \bar{x}, \quad e_1 \bar{x} = 0,$$

$$e_1 \bar{M}M = \bar{M}M e_1 = 0$$

for all  $x \in M$ . One then easily checks that the mapping  $\alpha e_1 + a \rightarrow \alpha e_1 + \bar{a}$ ,  $a \in I$ , yields an involution on  $I'$  extending the involution on  $I$ . We further adjoin an identity 1 to  $I'$  to get  $I'' = \Phi \cdot 1 + I'$ . Then, setting  $e_2 = 1 - e_1$ ,  $e_2$  plays an identity on  $\bar{M}M$  since  $e_2 \bar{x} y = \bar{x} y - e_1 \bar{x} y = \bar{x} y$ . Furthermore, we see that

$$e_1 I'' e_1 = \Phi e_1 + MM, \quad e_1 I'' (1 - e_1) = M,$$

$$(1 - e_1) I'' e_1 = \bar{M}, \quad (1 - e_1) I'' (1 - e_1) = \Phi e_2 + \bar{M}M.$$

This is to say that  $M, \bar{M}, \Phi e_1 + MM, \Phi e_2 + \bar{M}M$  are precisely the Peirce components of  $I''$  relative to  $e_1$ . Hence, by Theorem 1(iv), the function  $f$  can be extended to an algebra isomorphism from  $I''$  onto  $A$ , the standard imbedding of  $M$ . We have therefore proved

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus (M \oplus \bar{M})^2$  be any direct imbedding of an ATS of second kind  $M$  such that  $M^2 = 0$  and  $Ma = 0$  for  $a \in \bar{M}M$  and  $bM = 0$  for  $b \in MM$  imply  $a = b = 0$ .

Then  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus MM \oplus \bar{M}M$  and  $I$  is isomorphic to the imbedding  $L_0 \oplus M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus R_0$  in

*Theorem 1 as an algebra. Furthermore, there exists an imbedding  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B$  is isomorphic to the standard imbedding of  $M$  and  $I_B(M) = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$ .*

In view of Theorem 2, we will also call a direct imbedding  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus (M \oplus \bar{M})^2$  of  $M$  *standard* if  $M^2 = 0$ , and  $Ma = 0$  for  $a \in \bar{M}M$  and  $bM = 0$  for  $b \in M\bar{M}$  imply  $a = b = 0$ . Clearly any direct imbedding of  $M$  is also regarded as a direct imbedding of the  $\tau$ -algebra  $M + \bar{M}$  in the sense of Lister [1]. Furthermore, Lister [1] calls a direct imbedding  $J = T \oplus T^2$  of a  $\tau$ -algebra  $T$  *standard* if  $Ta = aT = 0$  for  $a \in T^2$  implies  $a = 0$ . One easily checks from the definition that if  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$  is a standard imbedding of  $M$ , then  $I$  is also a standard imbedding of the  $\tau$ -algebra  $T = M \oplus \bar{M}$ .

### 3. Characterization of the radical.

Throughout  $M$  will denote an ATS of second kind and any imbedding of  $M$  will be of the form  $I = T(M, \bar{M}) + T(M, \bar{M})^2$  such that  $M^2 = 0$ . Thus  $I = M + \bar{M} + M\bar{M} + \bar{M}M$  and  $I$  is an imbedding of the  $\tau$ -algebra  $M + \bar{M}$ . Recall that such an imbedding exists for any ATS of second kind; for example, the standard imbedding. For an element  $u \in M$ , let  $M^{(u)}$  be the  $u$ -homotope of  $M$ ; that is, the associative algebra defined by

$$x \dot{u} y = \langle xuy \rangle.$$

An element  $x \in M$  is called *properly quasi-invertible* (p. q. i.) in  $M$  if  $x$  is quasi-invertible (q. i.) in  $M^{(u)}$  for all  $u \in M$ ; that is, for every element  $u \in M$  there exists an element  $y \in M$  such that  $x + y = \langle xuy \rangle = \langle yux \rangle$ . For  $x, y \in M$ , define

$$B(x, y) = Id - 1(x, y) : z \longrightarrow z - \langle xyz \rangle.$$

A submodule  $V$  of  $M$  is called a *left ideal* of  $M$  if  $\langle MMV \rangle \subseteq V$ , a *right ideal* if  $\langle VMM \rangle \subseteq V$ , and a *medial ideal* if  $\langle MVM \rangle \subseteq V$ .  $V$  is called an *ideal* of  $M$  if it is left, right, and medial. The *Jacobson radical*,  $Rad M$ , of  $M$  is defined to be the set of all p. q. i. elements in  $M$  and shown to be an ideal of  $M$  (Loos [2] or Meyberg [3]). A right ideal  $V$  of  $M$  is called (right) *quasi-regular* (q. r.) if  $B(v, x)M = M$  for all  $v \in V$  and all  $x \in M$ , and a q. r. left ideal is similarly defined.

LEMMA 3. *Let  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$  be a direct imbedding of  $M$  such that  $M^2 = 0$ . Then, for elements  $x, u \in M$ ,  $x$  is q. i. in  $M^{(u)}$  if and only if  $x$  is q. i. in  $I^{(\bar{u})}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $x$  is q. i. in  $M^{(u)}$ , then  $x$  is clearly q. i. in  $I^{(\bar{u})}$ . Let  $x$  be q. i. in  $I^{(\bar{u})}$  and  $y$  be a quasi-inverse of  $x$  in  $I^{(\bar{u})}$ . Then  $y = z + \bar{v} + \sum x_i \bar{y}_i + \sum \bar{u}_j v_j$  for  $z, v, x_i, y_i, u_j, v_j$  in  $M$ , and from  $x + y = x\bar{u}y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} x + z + \bar{v} + \sum x_i \bar{y}_i + \sum \bar{u}_j v_j &= x\bar{u}z + x\bar{u}\bar{v} + \sum x\bar{u}x_i \bar{y}_i + \sum x\bar{u}\bar{u}_j v_j \\ &= x\bar{u}z + \sum x\bar{u}x_i \bar{y}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since the imbedding is direct, we get

$$x + z = x\bar{u}z = \langle xuz \rangle, \quad \sum x_i \bar{y}_i = \sum x\bar{u}x_i \bar{y}_i, \quad \sum \bar{u}_j v_j = 0.$$

Similarly we show that  $x + z = z\bar{u}x = \langle zux \rangle$  and hence  $z$  is a quasi-inverse of  $x$  in  $M^{(u)}$ .

A submodule  $B$  of an associative algebra  $A$  is called a *strict inner ideal* of  $A$  if it is

inner; i. e.,  $bAb \subseteq B$  for all  $b \in B$ , and  $b^2 \subseteq B$  for all  $b \in B$ . All one-sided ideals (so ideals) of  $A$  are strict inner ideals. If  $M$  is an ATS of second kind then all left, right, left-right ideals of  $M$ , and the submodules  $\langle xMx \rangle$  are inner ideals in  $M$ . Let  $V$  be an inner ideal of  $M$ . Then, for every element  $x \in M$ ,  $V^{(x)}$  is a strict inner ideal in the  $x$ -homotope  $M^{(x)}$  since  $\langle v \langle xMx \rangle v \rangle \subseteq \langle vMv \rangle \subseteq V$  for all  $v \in V$  and  $\langle vxv \rangle$ , which is the square of  $v$  in  $M^{(x)}$ , is in  $V$ . Now, let  $B$  be a strict inner ideal of an associative algebra  $A$  and let  $b \in B$  be q.i. in  $A$ . Then  $b+a=ab=ba$  for some  $a \in A$  and yet  $b^2+ab=bab$ , so  $ab \in B$  since  $B$  is strictly inner and so  $a \in B$ . Hence  $b$  is q.i. in  $B$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus MM \oplus \bar{M}M$  be a direct imbedding of  $M$  such that  $M^2 = 0$ . Then, for  $x, y \in M$ , We have

(i) If  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $I$  then  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $MM$  too and, in particular,  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $x\bar{M}$  or in  $M\bar{y}$ .

(ii) If  $\bar{x}y$  is q.i. in  $I$  then  $\bar{x}y$  is q.i. in  $\bar{M}M$  and, in particular,  $\bar{x}y$  is q.i. in  $\bar{M}y$  or in  $\bar{x}M$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $t = u + \bar{v} + a + \bar{b}$  be a quasi-inverse of  $x\bar{y}$  in  $I$  where  $u, v \in M$  and  $a, b \in MM$ . From  $x+t = x\bar{y}t$  it follows that  $v = b = 0$  and similarly from  $x+t = tx\bar{y}$  we get  $u = 0$ . Hence  $t = a \in MM$  and  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $MM$ . Since  $x\bar{M}$  is a right ideal of  $MM$ ,  $x\bar{M}$  is strictly inner in  $MM$ . Hence  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $x\bar{M}$ . The proof for (ii) is now immediate since quasi-invertibility is invariant under an involution.

LEMMA 5. If  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus MM \oplus \bar{M}M$ , then for  $x, y \in M$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $x$  is q.i. in  $M^{(\varphi)}$ ;
- (i')  $y$  is q.i. in  $M^{(x)}$ ;
- (ii)  $x$  is q.i. in  $I^{(\varphi)}$ ;
- (ii')  $y$  is q.i. in  $I^{(x)}$ ;
- (iii)  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $I$ ;
- (iii')  $y\bar{x}$  is q.i. in  $I$ ;
- (iv)  $B(x, y)$  is bijective on  $M$ ;
- (iv')  $B(y, x)$  is bijective on  $M$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\iff$  (ii) is Lemma 3. (ii)  $\implies$  (iii): Let  $z$  be a quasi-inverse of  $x$  in  $I^{(\varphi)}$ . Then  $x+z = x\bar{y}z = z\bar{y}x$  and hence  $x\bar{y} + z\bar{y} = z\bar{y}x\bar{y} = x\bar{y}z\bar{y}$ , showing that  $z\bar{y}$  is a quasi-inverse of  $x\bar{y}$  in  $I$ . (iii)  $\implies$  (iv): Let  $L(1-x\bar{y})$  be the left multiplication by  $1-x\bar{y}$  in  $I$  after adjoining an identity 1 to  $I$ . Then  $M$  is invariant under  $L(1-x\bar{y})$  and the restriction of  $L(1-x\bar{y})$  to  $M$  is  $B(x, y)$ . By Lemma 4(i),  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $x\bar{M}$  and so  $(1-x\bar{y})^{-1} = 1 - x\bar{u}$  for some  $u \in M$ . Since  $L(1-x\bar{y})^{-1} = L(1-x\bar{u})$  and the restriction of  $L(1-x\bar{u})$  to  $M$  is  $B(x, u)$ , we have that  $B(x, y)^{-1} = B(x, u)$  and hence  $B(x, y)$  is bijective on  $M$ . (iv)  $\implies$  (i): Since  $B(x, y)$  is surjective,  $B(x, y)z = -x$  for some  $z \in M$  and so  $x+z = \langle xyz \rangle$ . On the other hand,  $B(x, y)\langle zyx \rangle = \langle zyx \rangle - \langle xy \langle zyx \rangle \rangle = \langle zyx \rangle - \langle \langle xyz \rangle yx \rangle = \langle zyx \rangle - \langle xyx \rangle - \langle zyx \rangle = -\langle xyx \rangle = x+z - \langle xy(x+z) \rangle = B(x, y)(x+z)$ .

Since  $B(x, y)$  is injective, this implies  $\overline{x+z} = \langle zyx \rangle$  and so  $x$  is q.i. in  $M^{(\varphi)}$ . For (iii)  $\iff$  (iii'), we simply observe that  $\overline{x\bar{y}} = y\bar{x}$  and quasi-invertibility is invariant under an involution.

We now prove the following characterization of p.q.i. elements in  $M$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *If  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$  then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $x \in M$  is p.q.i. in  $M$ ;
- (ii)  $x\bar{M}$  is a q.r. right ideal in  $M\bar{M}$ ;
- (ii')  $\bar{M}x$  is a q.r. left ideal in  $\bar{M}M$ ;
- (iii) the principal right ideal  $\langle xMM \rangle$  is q.r. in  $M$ ;
- (iii') the principal left ideal  $\langle MMx \rangle$  is q.r. in  $M$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\iff$  (ii):  $x$  is p.q.i. in  $M$  if and only if  $x$  is q.i. in  $M^{(y)}$  for all  $y \in M$  if and only if by Lemma 5,  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $I$  for all  $y \in M$ . But then, by Lemma 4, the latter is equivalent to the fact that  $x\bar{y}$  is q.i. in  $M\bar{M}$  for all  $y \in M$ .

(i)  $\iff$  (iii): It follows from the definition that  $B(\langle xyz \rangle, u) = B(x, \langle uzy \rangle)$  and  $B(x, y)B(x, -y) = B(x, \langle yxy \rangle)$ .

Now, if  $x$  is p.q.i. in  $M$ , by Lemma 5  $B(x, \langle yzu \rangle) = B(\langle xuz \rangle, y)$  are bijective on  $M$  for all  $y, z, u \in M$ , and so  $\langle xuz \rangle$  is p.q.i. in  $M$  for all  $z, u \in M$ . Since  $\text{Rad } M$ , the set of all p.q.i. elements in  $M$ , is an ideal of  $M$ , this proves that all elements in  $\langle xMM \rangle$  are p.q.i. in  $M$ . Hence, by Lemma 5,  $B(u, v)$  are surjective on  $M$  for all  $u \in \langle xMM \rangle$  and all  $v \in M$ , and so  $B(u, v)M = M$ , showing that  $\langle xMM \rangle$  is q.r. in  $M$ .

Conversely, if  $\langle xMM \rangle$  is q.r. in  $M$ , all  $B(\langle xyz \rangle, u) = B(x, \langle uzy \rangle)$  are bijective. Hence all  $B(x, t)B(x, -t) = B(x, \langle txt \rangle) = B(x, -t)B(x, t)$  are bijective and so all  $B(x, t)$  are too: that is,  $x$  is p.q.i. in  $M$ . Since (i) is left-right symmetric, we get (i)  $\iff$  (ii')  $\iff$  (iii'). This completes the proof.

Since a right ideal  $V$  of  $M$  is q.r. in  $M$  if and only if all elements in  $V$  are p.q.i. in  $M$ , by virtue of Theorem 6 we have the following analogous result of associative algebras.

**COROLLARY 7.** *Rad  $M$  is the unique maximal q.r. ideal of  $M$  containing all q.r. right ideals and q.r. left ideals in  $M$ .*

If  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$  and  $x \in \text{Rad } M$ , by Theorem 6  $x\bar{M}$  is a q.r. right ideal of  $M\bar{M}$  and hence by a well known result for associative algebras  $x\bar{M} \subseteq \text{Rad } M\bar{M}$ . Conversely, if  $x\bar{M} \subseteq \text{Rad } M\bar{M}$  then  $x\bar{M}$  is a q.r. right ideal of  $M\bar{M}$  and so by Theorem 6 again  $x$  is p.q.i. in  $M$ . Hence we have

**COROLLARY 8.** *If  $I = M \oplus \bar{M} \oplus M\bar{M} \oplus \bar{M}M$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rad } M &= \{x \in M \mid x\bar{M} \subseteq \text{Rad } M\bar{M}\} \\ &= \{x \in M \mid \bar{M}x \subseteq \text{Rad } \bar{M}M\}. \end{aligned}$$

The following characterization of the radical  $\text{Rad } M$ , in view of Theorem 6, can be shown to be exactly the same as in Myung [4].

**THEOREM 9.** *For any ATS of second kind  $M$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rad } M &= \{x \in M \mid \text{the principal ideal } \langle xMM \rangle \text{ or } \langle MMx \rangle \text{ is q.r. in } M\} \\ &= \{x \in M \mid \text{Rad } M^{(x)} = M^{(x)}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \bigcap_{a \in M} \text{Rad } M^{(a)}.$$

The proof of the following theorem is also the same as for a  $\tau$ -algebra (see Myung [4]).

**THEOREM 10.** *Let  $M$  be an ATS of second kind. Then*

- (i) *If  $V$  is a left-medial (or medial-right) ideal of  $M$  then  $\text{Rad } V = V \cap \text{Rad } M$ .*
- (ii) *If  $V$  is an inner ideal of  $M$ , then  $\text{Rad } V = \{x \in M \mid \langle axa \rangle \in \text{Rad } M \text{ for all } a \in V\}$ .*
- (iii) *If  $e$  is an idempotent in  $M$ , i.e.,  $\langle eee \rangle = e^3 = e$ ,*

$$\text{Rad } \langle eMe \rangle = \langle eMe \rangle \cap \text{Rad } M.$$

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