



## A NOTE ON RADICALS OF ASSOCIATIVE RINGS AND ALTERNATIVE RINGS

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*Abstract.* Let  $U$  be a universal subclass of a universal class  $V$  of rings. We investigate connections between radicals in  $U$  and  $V$ . We define  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_s$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{T} = \{A \in \mathcal{A}_{ss} \mid \text{every prime homomorphic image of } A \text{ is not a hereditary Amitsur ring}\}$$
$$\mathcal{T}_s = \{A \in \mathcal{A}_{ss} \mid \text{every prime homomorphic image of } A \text{ has no nonzero ideal which is a hereditary Amitsur ring}\}.$$

Let  $\gamma \in \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_s\}$  and let  $A$  be a commutative ring with minimum condition on ideals. We give a sufficient and necessary condition for  $A$  to be  $\gamma$ -semisimple.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this note, all rings considered will belong to some arbitrary (but fixed) universal class  $V$  of not necessarily associative rings. A universal class of rings is a class of rings that is hereditary (that is, if  $A \in V$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ , then  $I \in V$ ) and homomorphically closed (that is, if  $A \in V$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ , then  $A/I \in V$ ). All radicals considered in this paper are in the sense of Kurosh and Amitsur. For the fundamental definitions and properties of radicals, we refer the reader to [1].

For any ring  $A$ , let  $A^0$  denote the ring with additive group  $(A, +)$  and with multiplication defined by  $xy = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Such a ring  $A^0$  is called a zero ring. The notation  $I \trianglelefteq A$  means that  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ . A subring  $B$  of a ring  $A$  is said to be an accessible subring of  $A$  if there exists a finite sequence  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  of subrings of  $A$  such that  $C_i \trianglelefteq C_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $C_1 = B$  and  $C_n = A$ . We recall that a radical  $\gamma$  of rings has the ADS property if  $\gamma(I) \trianglelefteq A$  for every  $I \trianglelefteq A$ . Let

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$\mathcal{M}$  be a subclass of the universal class  $V$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  determines an upper radical, let  $\mathcal{U}_V(\mathcal{M}) = \{A \in V \mid A \text{ has no nonzero homomorphic image in } \mathcal{M}\}$  that is, the upper radical generated by  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $V$ . The lower radical in  $V$ , induced by the class  $\mathcal{M}$ , is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_V(\mathcal{M})$ . For a radical  $\gamma$ , the semisimple class of  $\gamma$  in  $V$  is given by  $(S_V)\gamma = \{A \in V \mid \gamma(A) = 0\}$ .

## 2. GENERAL RINGS

In what follows,  $U$  denotes a universal subclass of the universal class  $V$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical class in  $V$ . Then  $\gamma \cap U$  is a radical class in  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Clear. □

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical class in  $U$ . Then  $\gamma = \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$ .*

*Proof.* It is clear that  $\gamma \subseteq \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$ .

If the semisimple class  $(S_U)\gamma$  of  $\gamma$  is equal to 0, then  $\gamma = U$  and  $\gamma \supseteq \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$ .

Suppose  $(S_U)\gamma \neq 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}_V((S_U)\gamma) \supseteq \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \supseteq \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$ . If there exists a nonzero ring  $A \in \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$  with  $\gamma(A) = 0$ , then  $A \in (S_U)\gamma$  and we have  $A \in \mathcal{U}_V((S_U)\gamma) \cap (S_U)\gamma = 0$ . This leads to a contradiction, so  $\gamma \supseteq \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma) \cap U$  □

Now let us consider the following condition in the universal class  $V$ .

(ADS) : Every radical  $\gamma$  in  $V$  has the ADS property.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $U \subseteq V$  be universal classes of rings with property (ADS) and let  $\gamma$  be a radical in  $V$ . If for every ring  $A \in \gamma$ , there exists a nonzero accessible subring  $I_0$  with  $I_0 \in \gamma \cap U$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_V(\gamma \cap U) = \gamma$ .*

*Proof.* We put  $\gamma' = \mathcal{L}_V(\gamma \cap U)$ .

It is clear that  $\gamma' \subseteq \gamma$ .

Let us suppose that  $0 \neq A \in \gamma \setminus \gamma'$ , then  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{A} = A/\gamma'(A)$  and  $\bar{A} \in \gamma$ . Hence by assumption there exists a nonzero accessible subring  $\bar{I}_0 \trianglelefteq \bar{I}_1 \trianglelefteq \bar{I}_2 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq \bar{I}_n = \bar{A}$  such that  $\bar{I}_0 \in \gamma \cap U$ . Therefore  $\gamma'(\bar{I}_1) \neq \bar{0}$  and by ADS property we have  $\gamma'(\bar{I}_1) \trianglelefteq \bar{I}_2$ . Then by induction  $\gamma'(\bar{I}_n) \neq \bar{0}$ . Thus  $\gamma'(\bar{A}) \neq \bar{0}$ . But  $\gamma'(A/\gamma'(A)) = \bar{0}$ , which leads to a contradiction. Hence  $\gamma \subseteq \gamma'$ . □

## 3. ASSOCIATIVE RINGS

In this section, all rings are associative not necessarily with a unity element. In [4], we introduced (hereditary) Amitsur rings and also constructed radicals  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_s$ . A ring  $A$  is said to be a (hereditary) Amitsur ring if  $\gamma(A[x]) = (\gamma(A[x]) \cap A)[x]$ , for all (hereditary) radicals  $\gamma$ . Let us recall the definitions of  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_s$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}_{ss}$  denotes the class of all associative rings, then

$$\mathcal{T} = \{A \in \mathcal{A}_{ss} \mid \text{every prime homomorphic image of } A \text{ is not a hereditary Amitsur ring}\}.$$

$\mathcal{T}_s = \{A \in \mathcal{A}_{ss} \mid \text{every prime homomorphic image of } A \text{ has no nonzero ideal which is a hereditary Amitsur ring}\}.$

Working in the class  $\mathcal{A}$  of associative rings, we denote the semisimple class of a radical  $\gamma$  by  $S\gamma$ .

**Proposition 3.** *If  $F$  is a finite field, then  $F$  is not a hereditary Amitsur ring.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a finite field and let us consider the class  $\{F\}$ . It is clear that  $\{F\}$  is a special class of rings. Therefore the upper radical  $\gamma = \mathcal{U}(\{F\})$  is a special radical class of rings. Hence  $\gamma$  is a hereditary radical class.

Also it is easy to check that  $\gamma(F[x])$  is the ideal of  $F[x]$ , generated by  $x^{p^n} - x$ , where  $p^n$  is the number of elements in  $F$ . So  $\gamma(F[x]) \subseteq xF[x]$ . Therefore  $\gamma(F[x]) \neq (\gamma(F[x]) \cap F)[x]$ . Thus  $F$  is not a hereditary Amitsur ring.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** [4] *Let  $A$  be a ring without proper prime homomorphic images. If  $A$  is an infinite integral domain, then  $A$  is a hereditary Amitsur ring.*

**Corollary 1.** Let  $J = \left\{ \frac{2x}{2y+1} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, (2x, 2y+1) = 1 \right\}$ . Then  $J$  is a hereditary Amitsur ring.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\gamma \in \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_s\}$  and  $F$  be a field. Then*

- (1)  $F \in S\gamma$  if and only if  $F$  is an infinite field.
- (2)  $F \in \gamma$  if and only if  $F$  is a finite field.

*Proof.* It follows from Propositions 3 and 4.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *For all simple rings  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(A) = \mathcal{T}_s(A)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $A$  is a simple ring, then  $A$  has no nonzero proper ideals and so it is obvious that  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $A \in \mathcal{T}_s$ .  $\square$

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{P}$  the class of all prime rings. Let  $(\eta, \xi)$  be a partition of simple rings. Let us consider the following class:

$$s(\xi) = \{A \in \mathcal{P} \mid A \text{ is subdirectly irreducible with heart } H(A) \in \xi\}$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}\eta$  the lower special radical generated by  $\eta$ .

**Theorem 2.** [5]  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}\eta \subsetneq \mathcal{U}(s(\xi))$ .

Let us put:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\mathcal{T}} &= \{A \in \mathcal{T} \mid A \text{ is a simple ring}\} \\ \xi_{\mathcal{T}} &= \{A \in S\mathcal{T} \mid A \text{ is a simple ring}\} \\ \eta_{\mathcal{T}_s} &= \{A \in \mathcal{T}_s \mid A \text{ is a simple ring}\} \\ \xi_{\mathcal{T}_s} &= \{A \in S\mathcal{T}_s \mid A \text{ is a simple ring}\} \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.**  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}(\eta_{\mathcal{T}}) = \mathcal{L}_{sp}(\eta_{\mathcal{T}_s}) \subseteq \mathcal{T}_s \subseteq \mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}})) = \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}_s}))$ .

*Proof.* By the notations above and Proposition 4 and 6, we have  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}(\eta_{\mathcal{T}_s}) \subseteq \mathcal{T}_s \subseteq \mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}})) = \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}_s}))$ . Let  $J$  be the ring defined on Corollary 1. Then in a similar to the proof of the Theorem 2, we can show that  $J \notin \mathcal{T}$  and  $J \in \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}_s}))$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}_s}))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $A$  be a commutative ring, satisfying the minimum condition on ideals. Let  $\gamma \in \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_s\}$ . Then  $A \in S\gamma$  if and only if  $A = F_1 \oplus F_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n$ , where  $F_i$  is an infinite field for any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Moreover, this statement is true for any radical  $\gamma$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}(\eta_{\mathcal{T}_s}) \subseteq \gamma \subseteq \mathcal{U}(s(\xi_{\mathcal{T}_s}))$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in S\gamma$ . Since  $A$  satisfies the minimum condition on ideals, there exists a non-zero minimal ideal  $I \triangleleft A$ .  $A \in S\gamma$  implies that  $A$  is a semiprime ring. Therefore  $I$  is a prime simple ring. Since  $A$  is a commutative ring,  $I$  is a commutative ring. Hence  $aI = I$ , for every non-zero  $a \in I$ . Thus  $I$  is a field. It is well known that  $I$  is a direct summand of  $A$ . So we have  $A = I_1 \oplus A_1$ , where  $I = I_1$  and  $A_1 \in S\gamma$ . Also,  $A_1$  satisfies all the conditions of the theorem. Hence if we continue this procedure, then we have  $A = I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus I_n \oplus \dots$

Put

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= A, \\ J_2 &= I_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus I_n \oplus \dots \\ &\vdots \\ J_n &= I_n \oplus \cdots \oplus I_{n+s} \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then  $J_1 \supsetneq J_2 \supsetneq \cdots \supsetneq J_n \supsetneq \dots$  and  $J_i \triangleleft A$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$   
By assumption there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$J_n = J_{n+1} = \cdots = .$$

It implies  $I_{n+1} = 0$ . Since  $I_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , is a field, we have

$$A = F_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n, \text{ where } I_i = F_i.$$

Also  $A \in S\gamma$  and  $F_i \in S\gamma$ . Thus by Proposition 5, each  $F_i$  is an infinite field.

Let  $A = F_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n$ , where  $F_i$  is an infinite field. Then by Proposition 4 each  $F_i \in S\gamma$ . Thus  $A \in S\gamma$ .  $\square$

We denote by  $A_{ss}$  all associative rings and by  $C_{ss}$  all commutative associative rings. It is clear that  $C_{ss}$  is a universal subclass of  $A_{ss}$ .

*Remark 1.* It follows from Proposition 1 that  $\mathcal{T} \cap C_{ss}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_s \cap C_{ss}$  are radicals in  $C_{ss}$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\gamma \in \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_s\}$  and  $A$  be a subdirectly irreducible semiprime ring. Then  $A$  is  $\sigma = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\gamma \cap C_{ss})$ -semisimple if and only if  $A$  is not a finite field.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$  and  $A$  is a prime ring. Suppose that  $A$  is not a finite field and not  $\sigma$ -semisimple. Therefore  $\sigma(A) \neq 0$  and  $\sigma(A) \trianglelefteq A$ . It is clear that  $\sigma(A)$  is a subdirectly irreducible ring. Let  $H(\sigma(A))$  denote the heart of  $\sigma(A)$ . Since  $\sigma(A) \in \sigma$ , there exists a nonzero accessible subring  $I_0$  of  $\sigma(A)$ , which is in  $\gamma \cap C_{ss}$ . Since  $A$  is a prime ring  $H(\sigma(A)) \subseteq I_0$ . This implies that  $H(\sigma(A))$  is a simple commutative ring. Therefore  $F = H(\sigma(A))$  is a field. It is easy to see that  $F = A$ . Thus by Proposition 6,  $F \in \mathcal{T}_s \cap C_{ss}$ . Then by Proposition 5,  $A$  is a finite field, which leads to a contradiction. Hence  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -semisimple ring.

Suppose  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -semisimple and  $A = F$  is a finite field. Then again by Proposition 5,  $A = F \in \gamma \cap C_{ss}$ , which leads to a contradiction.  $\square$

A class  $\delta$  of rings is said to be a matrix-extensible class if for all natural numbers  $n$ ,  $A \in \delta$  if and only if  $M_n(A) \in \delta$ , where  $M_n(A)$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix ring.

**Corollary 3.**  $\sigma = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\gamma \cap C_{ss})$  is not a matrix-extensible class.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a finite field. Then  $F \in \gamma \cap C_{ss}$ . Thus, by Theorem 4,  $M_n(F)$  is a  $\sigma$ -semisimple class.  $\square$

For the next theorem we use the following notations:

$\beta$ – Baer radical,  $\mathcal{L}$ – Levitzki radical,  $\mathcal{N}$ – Nil radical,  $\mathcal{J}$ – Jacobson radical and  $\mathcal{G}$ – Brown-McCoy radical. The notation  $\alpha \uparrow\uparrow r$  means that  $\alpha$  and  $r$  are not comparable radicals.

**Theorem 5.**

- (i)  $\beta = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\beta \cap C_{ss})$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{L} \cap C_{ss}) = \beta$ ;
- (iii)  $\mathcal{N} \neq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss}) = \beta$ ;
- (iv)  $\mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss}) \uparrow\uparrow \mathcal{N}$ ;
- (v)  $\mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{G} \cap C_{ss}) \uparrow\uparrow \mathcal{N}$ .

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $A$  be a ring in  $\beta$ . Then there exists a non-zero accessible subring  $I^0$  of  $A$ , which is a zero ring. Hence  $I^0 \in \beta \cap C_{ss}$ . Thus by Theorem 1,  $\beta = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\beta \cap C_{ss})$ . Also, we know that  $\beta \cap C_{ss} = \mathcal{L} \cap C_{ss} = \mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss}$ .
- (ii) and (iii) In [6], E.I. Zelmanov constructed a ring  $A$ , which is locally nilpotent as well as prime. So  $\beta(A) = 0$  while  $\mathcal{L}(A) = A$ , which implies  $\beta \neq \mathcal{L}$ . Also, it is easy to see that  $\beta \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{L} \cap C_{ss}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss})$  and  $\mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss} \subseteq \beta$ . Thus  $\beta = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{L} \cap C_{ss}) = \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss})$ . Also, it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{N} \cap C_{ss}) \neq \mathcal{N}$ .
- (iv) We shall show that  $\mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss}) \not\subseteq \mathcal{N}$ . Let

$$J = \left\{ \frac{2x}{2y+1} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, (2x, 2y+1) = 1 \right\}.$$

Then we know that  $J$  is a commutative Jacobson radical ring. So  $J \in \mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss}$ , also  $J \in \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss})$ . But  $J$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Thus  $J \notin \mathcal{N}$ . In [2] A.Smoktunowicz proved that there exists a simple nil prime ring  $A$ . It is clear that  $A \notin \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss})$ . Thus  $\mathcal{N} \not\subseteq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss})$ .

(v) It is clear. □

**Corollary 4.**  $\mathcal{J} \neq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{J} \cap C_{ss}) \neq \beta$  and  $\mathcal{G} \neq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\mathcal{G} \cap C_{ss}) \neq \beta$ .

**Corollary 5.** Let  $\gamma \in \{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_s\}$ . Then  $\beta \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\gamma \cap C_{ss})$ .

*Proof.* All zero rings and all finite fields are in  $\gamma \cap C_{ss}$ . Thus  $\beta \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_{A_{ss}}(\gamma \cap C_{ss})$ . □

#### 4. ALTERNATIVE RINGS

In this section all rings are alternative. An alternative rings is a ring in which multiplication need not be associative, only alternative, that is,  $x^2y = x(xy)$  and  $yx^2 = (yx)x$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . We denote the class of all alternative rings by  $Alt$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a nonempty class of alternative rings and assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  is homomorphically closed. Let us define  $\mathcal{M}_1 = \mathcal{M}$ . Assuming that  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  has been defined for every ordinal number  $\alpha$  such that  $1 \leq \alpha < \beta$ , we define  $\mathcal{M}_\beta$  to be the class of all alternative rings  $A$  such that every nonzero homomorphic image of  $A$  contains a nonzero ideal  $I$ , which is in  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha < \beta$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha \leq \mathcal{M}_\beta$  if  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and each class  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  is homomorphically closed. Let  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{M}) = \cup_\alpha \mathcal{M}_\alpha$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{M})$  determines a radical property and this is the smallest radical class containing  $\mathcal{M}$  (see [6]).

**Lemma 1** ([3]). *If  $B$  is a nonzero accessible subring of an alternative ring  $A$  and if  $B$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\bar{B}$ , the ideal of  $A$  generated by  $B$ , is in  $\mathcal{M}_{q-w_0}$ , where  $q$  is finite and  $w_0$  is the first infinite ordinal.*

**Proposition 7.** *An alternative ring  $A$  is in  $\gamma = \mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{M})$  if and only if every nonzero homomorphic image of  $\bar{A}$  of  $A$  contains a nonzero accessible subring  $B$ , such that  $B$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is not in  $\gamma$ . Then  $\bar{A} = A/\gamma(A) \neq \bar{0}$ . By assumption,  $\bar{A}$  contains a nonzero accessible subring  $B$  such that  $B$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ . From Lemma 1,  $\bar{B}$  is the ideal of  $\bar{A}$  generated by  $B$ , which is in  $\mathcal{M}_{q-w_0}$ . Hence  $\bar{B}$  is a  $\gamma$ -radical ideal. Therefore  $\bar{0} = \gamma(A/\gamma(A)) = \gamma(\bar{A}) \neq \bar{0}$ , which leads to a contradiction. Let  $A \in \gamma$ . Then every nonzero homomorphic image  $\bar{A}$  of  $A$  is in  $\gamma$ . By Lemma 1 of [2] and the proof of Theorem 3 of [3],  $0 \neq \bar{A}$  contains a nonzero accessible subring  $\bar{B}$  such that  $\bar{B}$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ . □

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical in  $Alt$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\gamma \cap A_{ss}) = \gamma$  if and only if every nonzero ring  $A \in \gamma$  contains a nonzero accessible subring  $B \in \gamma \cap A_{ss}$ .*

*Proof.* It is well known that every radical  $\gamma$  in  $Alt$  has the ADS property. Thus the result follows from Theorem 1 and Proposition 7. □

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a hereditary radical in  $Alt$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\gamma \cap A_{ss}) = \gamma$  if and only if every nonzero ring  $A \in \gamma$  contains a nonzero associative accessible subring  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma$  be a radical in  $Alt$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\gamma \cap A_{ss}) = \gamma$ . By Theorem 6, every nonzero ring  $A \in \gamma$  contains a nonzero accessible subring  $B$  such that  $B \in \gamma \cap A_{ss}$ . Thus  $B$  is an associative ring.

Let  $A$  be a nonzero ring in  $\gamma$ . Then, by the assumption, there exists a nonzero associative accessible subring  $B$  such that  $B = B_1 \trianglelefteq B_2 \trianglelefteq \cdots \trianglelefteq B_{n-1} \trianglelefteq B_n = A$ . Since  $\gamma$  is a hereditary radical,  $B_n \in \gamma$ . Also  $B_{n-1} \in \gamma \dots B_1 \in \gamma$ . Hence  $B_1 = B \in \gamma \cap A_{ss}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 6, we have  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\gamma \cap A_{ss}) = \gamma$ .  $\square$

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{B}$  the Baer radical in  $Alt$ . We define a chain of subsets in a ring  $A$  by setting  $A^{(1)} = A^2, \dots, A^{(n)} = (A^{(n-1)})^2$ . We recall that a ring  $A$  is solvable if  $A^{(n)} = 0$ , for some  $n$ . Also it is clear that  $A^{(n)} \trianglelefteq A^{(n-1)}$ .

*Remark 2.* From the definition of  $\mathcal{B}$  it is easy to prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is generated by all solvable alternative rings. (see [6]).

**Corollary 7.**  $\beta = \mathcal{B} \cap A_{ss}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\beta) = \mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* By Remark 2  $\beta \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  and  $\beta \subseteq A_{ss}$ . Hence  $\beta \subseteq \mathcal{B} \cap A_{ss}$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B} \cap A_{ss} \subseteq \beta$ . Hence  $\beta = \mathcal{B} \cap A_{ss}$ . By Theorem 9 of [6]  $\mathcal{B}$  is a hereditary radical. By Proposition 7 and Remark 2, for every ring  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  there exists an accessible subring  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $B$  is a solvable ring, that is  $B^k = 0$  and  $B^{k-1} \neq 0$ . Since  $B$  is an accessible subring of  $A$ ,  $B^{k-1}$  is an accessible subring of  $A$ . But  $B^{k-1}$  is a zero ring. Thus  $0 \neq B^{k-1} \in A_{ss}$ . By Corollary 6,  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\beta) = \mathcal{B}$ , because  $\mathcal{B}$  is a hereditary radical.  $\square$

*Remark 3.*  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_s$  if and only if  $\mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{T}_s)$ .

Indeed, by Proposition 2,  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{T}) \cap A_{ss} = \mathcal{L}_{Alt}(\mathcal{T}_s) \cap A_{ss} = \mathcal{T}_s$ .

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