# Generalized essential ideals in R-groups

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we consider an R-group where R is a zero-symmetric right nearring. We define generalized essential ideal of an R-group and prove several properties. Further, we extend this notion to obtain a one-one correspondence between s-essential ideals of R-group and those of  $M_n(R)$ -group  $R^n$ .

### 1. Preliminaries

The concept of uniform dimension in modules over rings is a generalization of the dimension of a vector space over a field. A module in which every non-zero submodule is essential is called uniform. Uniform submodules play a significant role to establish various finite dimension conditions in modules over associative rings. Goldie [11] characterized equivalent conditions for a module to have finite uniform dimension. In Bhavanari [20], uniform dimension was generalized to modules over nearrings (also known as, R-groups) and proved a characterization for a R-group to have finite Goldie dimension (in short, f.G.d.). Goldie dimension aspects in modules over nearrings were extensively studied by [5, 7, 20]. In case of a module over a matrix nearring, the notions essential ideal, uniform ideal were defined in [6], and proved a characterization for a module over a matrix nearring to have a f.G.d.. In [10], the authors studied prime and semiprime aspects in connection with f.G.d. in R-groups and matrix nearrings.

In section 2, we introduce generalized essential ideal in R-groups and prove some properties. In section 3, we extend the notion of generalized essential ideal to modules over matrix nearrings and obtain a one-one correspondence between s-essential ideals of an R-group (over itself) and those

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of  $M_n(N)$ -group  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

A (right) nearring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is an algebraic system (Pilz [18]), where R is an additive group (need not be abelian), and a multiplicative semigroup, satisfying only one distributive axioms (say, right):  $(n_1 + n_2)n_3 = n_1n_3 + n_2n_3$  for all  $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in R$ . If R is a right nearring, then 0a = 0 and (-a)b = -ab, for all  $a, b \in R$ , but in general,  $a0 \neq 0$  for some  $a \in R$ . R is zero-symmetric (denoted as,  $R = R_0$ ) if a0 = 0 for all  $a \in R$ . An additive group (G, +) is called an R-group (or module over a nearring R), denoted by R (or simply by R) if there exists a mapping  $R \times R \to R$  (image  $(n, g) \to ng$ ), satisfying: (n + m)g = ng + mg; (nm)g = n(mg) for all  $g \in G$  and  $g \in G$  and  $g \in G$  and  $g \in G$  and  $g \in G$ . It is evident that every nearring is an  $g \in G$ -group (over itself). Also, if  $g \in G$  is a ring, then each (left) module over  $g \in G$  is an  $g \in G$ -group. Throughout,  $g \in G$  denotes an  $g \in G$ -group where  $g \in G$  is a right nearring.

A subgroup (H,+) of G with  $RH \subseteq H$  is called an R-subgroup of G. A normal subgroup H of G is called an ideal if  $n(g+h)-ng \in H$  for all  $n \in R$ ,  $h \in H$ ,  $g \in G$ . For any two R-groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , a map  $f \colon G_1 \to G_2$  is called an R-homomorphism, f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) and f(nx) = nf(x) hold for all  $x, y \in G_1$  and  $n \in R$ . If f is one-one and onto, then f is an R-isomorphism.

In case of a zero symmetric nearring, for any ideals A and B of G, A+B is an ideal of G ([18], Corollary 2.3). For each  $g \in G$ , Rg is an R-subgroup of G. The ideal (or R-subgroup) generated by an element  $g \in G$  is denoted by  $\langle g \rangle$ .

An ideal H of an R-group G is essential (see, [20]), if for any ideal K of G,  $H \cap K = (0)$  implies K = (0). If every ideal  $(0) \neq H$  of G is essential then we say G is uniform. An ideal (R-subgroup) S of G is said to be superfluous ideal (see, [2, 3]), if S + K = G and K is an ideal of G, imply K = G and G is called hollow if every proper ideal of G is superfluous in G. Generalizations of essential ideals, prime ideals, superfluous ideals in G-groups, matrix nearrings, and hyperstructures were extensively studied in [13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25].

For standard definitions and notations in nearrings, we refer to [8, 18].

## 2. Generalized essential ideals

**Definition 2.1.** Let K be an R-ideal (or R-subgroup) of G. K is said to be s-essential in G (denoted by  $K \subseteq_s G$ ) if for any superfluous R-ideal (or R-subgroup) L of G,  $K \cap L = (0)$  implies L = (0).

Note 2.2. Every essential R-ideal of G is s-essential in G.

**Remark 2.3.** Converse of Note 2.2 need not be true. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$ . Then  $K_1 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\}$  and  $K_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$  are the R-ideals of G. Then  $K_2$  is s-essential but not essential, since  $K_2 \cap K_1 = (\bar{0})$ . but  $K_1 \neq (\bar{0})$ .

**Example 2.4.** Consider the nearring with addition and multiplication tables listed in K(135) and K(139) of p.418 of Pilz [18]. Let  $G = D_8 = \langle \{a, b \mid 4a = 2b = 0, \ a+b = b-a\} \rangle = \{a, 2a, 3a, 4a = 0, b, a+b, 2a+b, 3a+b\}$ , where a is the rotation in an anti-clockwise direction about the origin through  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  radians and b is the reflection about the line of symmetry, and G = R. Then G is an R-group. Consider the operations:

+	0	a	2a	3a	b	a + b	2a + b	3a + b
0	0	a	2a	3a	b	a+b	2a + b	3a+b
a	a	2a	3a	0	a + b	2a + b	3a + b	b
2a	2a	3a	0	a	2a + b	3a + b	b	a + b
3a	3a	0	a	2a	3a + b	b	a + b	2a + b
b	b	3a + b	2a + b	a + b	0	3a	2a	a
a + b	a+b	b	3a + b	2a + b	a	0	3a	2a
2a + b	2a+b	a + b	b	3a + b	2a	a	0	3a
3a + b	3a+b	2a + b	a + b	b	3a	2a	a	0

*1	0	a			b	a + b	2a + b	3a + b
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	2a	3a	b	a + b	2a + b	3a + b
2a	0	2a	0	2a	0	0	0	0
3a	0	3a	2a	a	b	a + b	2a + b	3a + b
b	0	b	2a	2a + b	b	a + b	2a + b	3a + b
a + b	0	a + b	0	a + b	0	0	0	0
2a + b	0	2a + b	2a	b	b	0	2a + b	3a + b
3a + b	0	3a + b	0	3a + b	0	0	0	0

The proper ideals are  $I_1 = \{0, 2a\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{0, a+b, 2a, 3a+b\}$ , and R-subgroups are  $J_1 = \{0, 2a\}$ ,  $J_2 = \{0, b\}$ ,  $J_3 = \{0, a+b\}$ ,  $J_4 = \{0, 2a+b\}$ ,  $J_5 = \{0, 3a+b\}$ ,  $J_6 = \{0, b, 2a, 2a+b\}$ ,  $J_7 = \{0, 2a, a+b, 3a+b\}$ . Then  $J_1$  is s-essential but not essential, as  $J_1 \cap J_3 = \{0\}$ , whereas  $J_3 \neq \{0\}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let G be a unitary R-group and  $(0) \neq K$  be an R-subgroup of G. Then  $K \subseteq_s G$  if and only if for each  $0 \neq x \in G$ , if  $Rx \ll G$ , then there exists an element  $n \in R$  such that  $0 \neq nx \in K$ .

Proof. Let  $(0) \neq K$  be an R-subgroup of G such that  $K \leq_s G$ . For each  $0 \neq x \in G$ , if  $Rx \ll G$ , then since  $1 \in R$  and  $x \neq 0$ , we have  $Rx \neq (0)$ . Clearly, Rx is a R-subgroup of G. Since  $K \leq_s G$ , we get  $K \cap Rx \neq (0)$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq a \in K \cap Rx$ . Since  $a \in Rx$ , there exists  $n \in R$  such that a = nx. Therefore,  $0 \neq nx \in K$ . Conversely, suppose that L be an R-subgroup of G such that  $(0) \neq L \ll G$ . Then  $0 \neq x \in L \subseteq G$ . To show  $Rx \ll G$ , let T be an R-subgroup of G such that Rx + T = G. Now  $Rx \subseteq RL \subseteq L$ . Thus,  $G = Rx + T \subseteq L + T$ . So L + T = G. Now  $L \ll G$  implies T = G. Therefore,  $Rx \ll G$ . Then by hypothesis, there exists an element  $n \in R$  such that  $0 \neq nx \in K$ . Hence  $0 \neq nx \in K \cap L$ , and so  $K \cap L \neq (0)$ . Therefore,  $K \leq_s G$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let K, L, T be R-ideals of G with  $K \subseteq T$ . If  $K \subseteq_s G$ , then  $K \subseteq_s T$  and  $T \subseteq_s G$ .

Proof. Suppose that K be an R-ideal of G with  $K \cap P = (0)$ , where  $P \ll T$ . To show  $P \ll G$ , let M be an R-ideal of G such that P + M = G. Then  $(P+M) \cap T = G \cap T$ . Now by modular law,  $P + (M \cap T) = T$ . Since  $P \ll T$ , we get  $M \cap T = T$ . This implies  $M \subseteq T$ . Thus,  $G = P + M \subseteq T = T$ . Therefore, T = G. Hence  $P \ll G$ . Since  $K \unlhd_s G$ , we have P = (0). Thus  $K \unlhd_s T$ . Now to show  $T \unlhd_s G$ , let  $Q \ll G$  such that  $T \cap Q = (0)$ . Since  $K \subseteq T$ , we have  $K \cap Q \subseteq T \cap Q = (0)$ . Then by hypothesis, Q = (0). Therefore  $T \unlhd_s G$ .

**Remark 2.7.** The converse of Proposition 2.6 need not be true. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ .  $K = 6\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  and  $L = 18\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  are R-ideals of G. Now  $L \leq_s K$  and  $K \leq_s G$ . But  $L \not \triangleq_s G$ , since  $L \cap 12\mathbb{Z}_{36} = (0)$ , but  $12\mathbb{Z}_{36} \neq (0)$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** Let K and L be R-ideals of G. Then  $K \cap L \subseteq_s G$  if and only if  $K \subseteq_s G$  and  $L \subseteq_s G$ .

Proof. Let  $K \cap L \subseteq_s G$ . To show  $K \subseteq_s G$ , let  $P \ll G$  such that  $K \cap P = (0)$ . Now,  $(K \cap L) \cap P \subseteq K \cap P = (0)$ . Since  $K \cap L \subseteq_s G$ , we have P = (0). Thus  $K \subseteq_s G$ . Similarly,  $L \subseteq_s G$ . Conversely, suppose that  $K \subseteq_s G$  and  $L \subseteq_s G$ . Let  $P \ll G$  such that  $(K \cap L) \cap P = (0)$ . Then  $K \cap (L \cap P) = (0)$ . Now we show that  $K \cap P \ll G$ . Let T be a R-ideal of G such that  $(K \cap P) + T = G$ . Since  $K \cap P \subseteq P$ , we have  $G = (K \cap P) + T \subseteq P + T$ . Now  $P \ll G$ ,

implies T=G. Thus  $K\cap P\ll G$ . Now,  $L\unlhd_s G$  and  $K\cap P\ll G$ , implies  $K\cap P=(0)$ . Also  $K\unlhd_s G$  and  $P\ll G$  implies P=(0). Therefore,  $K\cap L\unlhd_s G$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $f: G \to G'$  be an N-epimorphism. If  $K \leq_s G'$ , then  $f^{-1}(K) \leq_s G$ .

Proof. Let  $L \ll G$  such that  $f^{-1}(K) \cap L = (0)$ . To show that  $K \cap f(L) = (0)$ , let  $x \in K \cap f(L)$ . Then  $x \in K$  and  $x \in f(L)$ . This implies x = f(y), for some  $y \in L$ . Then  $y = f^{-1}(x) \in f^{-1}(K)$  and  $y \in L$ . Thus  $y \in f^{-1}(K) \cap L = (0)$ , and so y = 0. Hence x = f(0) = 0. Therefore,  $K \cap f(L) = (0)$ . Now we show that  $f(L) \ll G'$ . Let T be an N-ideal of G' such that f(L) + T = G'. Then  $L + f^{-1}(T) = f^{-1}(G') = G$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(T) = G$ , and so T = f(G) = G'. Therefore,  $f(L) \ll G'$ . Now since  $K \subseteq_s G_2$  and  $K \cap f(L) = (0)$ , we get f(L) = (0). Hence  $L \subseteq f^{-1}(0) \subseteq f^{-1}(K) \cap L = (0)$ . Therefore, L = (0).

**Theorem 2.10.** Suppose that  $K_1 \leq_R G_1 \leq_R G$ ,  $K_2 \leq_R G_2 \leq_R G$ , and  $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$ ; then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \leq_s G_1 \oplus G_2$  if and only if  $K_1 \leq_s G_1$  and  $K_2 \leq_s G_2$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $K_1 ext{ } ext$ 

$$L_1 \ll G_1 + G_2 \cdots \tag{*}$$

Now  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \leq_s G_1 \oplus G_2$  implies L = (0), a contradiction. Therefore  $K_1 \leq_s G_1$ . In a similar way, it can be proved that  $K_2 \leq_s G_2$ . Conversely, suppose that  $K_i \leq_s G_i$  and  $0 \neq g_i \in G_i$  (i = 1, 2). Then by Proposition 2.5 and by (\*) we have  $Rg_i \ll G_1 + G_2$ . Then by Proposition 2.5, there exists  $r_1 \in R$  such that  $0 \neq r_1g_1 \in K_1$ . If  $r_1g_2 \in K_2$ , then  $0 \neq r_1g_1 + r_1g_2 \in K_1 \oplus K_2$ . If  $r_1g_2 \notin K_2$ , then again by Proposition 2.5, there exists an  $r_2 \in R$  with  $0 \neq r_2r_1g_2 \in K_2$ , and we have  $0 \neq r_2r_1g_1 + r_2r_1g_2 \in K_1 \oplus K_2$ . Then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \leq_s G_1 \oplus G_2$ .

# 3. Generalized essential ideals in $M_n(R)$ -group $R^n$

For a zero-symmetric right nearring R with 1, let  $R^n$  will be the direct sum of n copies of (R, +). The elements of  $R^n$  are column vectors and written as  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ . The symbols  $i_j$  and  $\pi_j$  respectively, denote the  $i^{th}$  coordinate injective and  $j^{th}$  coordinate projective maps.

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For an element  $a \in R$ ,  $i_i(a) = (0, \dots, \underbrace{a}_{j^{th}}, \dots, 0)$ , and  $\pi_j(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_j$ ,

for any  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The nearring of  $n \times n$  matrices over R, denoted by  $M_n(R)$ , is defined to be the subnearring of  $M(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , generated by the set of functions  $\{f_{ij}^a: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$  where  $f_{ij}^a(k_1, \dots, k_n) := (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n)$  with  $l_i = ak_j$  and  $l_p = 0$  if  $p \neq i$ . Clearly,  $f_{ij}^a = i_i f^a \pi_j$ , where  $f^a(x) = ax$ , for all  $a, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If R happens to be a ring, then  $f_{ij}^a$  corresponds to the  $n \times n$ -matrix with a in position (i, j) and zeros elsewhere.

**Notation 3.1.** ([6], Notation 1.1)

For any ideal  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $M_n(R)$ -group  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we write

$$\mathcal{A}_{**} = \{a \in R : a = \pi_j A, \text{ for some } A \in \mathcal{A}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}, \text{ an ideal of } {}_R R.$$

We denote  $M_n(R)$  for a matrix nearring,  $R^n$  for an  $M_n(R)$ -group  $R^n$ . We refer to Meldrum & Van der Walt [16] for preliminary results on matrix nearrings.

**Theorem 3.2.** (Theorem 1.4 of [6]) Suppose  $A \subseteq R$ .

- 1. If  $A^n$  is an ideal of  $M_n(R)R^n$ , then  $A = (A^n)_{\star\star}$ .
- 2. If A is an ideal of R if and only if  $A^n$  is an ideal of  $M_n(R)$   $R^n$ .
- 3. If A is an ideal of <sub>R</sub>R, then  $A = (A^n)_{\star\star}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** (Lemma 1.5 of [6])

- 1. If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal of  $M_n(R)R^n$ , then  $(\mathcal{I}_{\star\star})^n = I$ .
- 2. Every ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $M_n(R)$  is of the form  $K^n$  for some ideal K of  $R^n$ .

**Remark 3.4.** (Remark 1.6 of [6]) Suppose I, J are ideals of  ${}_{R}R$ . Then

- (i)  $(I \cap J)^n = I^n \cap J^n$ ;
- (ii)  $I \cap J = (0)$  if and only if  $(I \cap J)^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$  if and only if  $I^n \cap J^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** If I and J are ideals of R, then  $(I + J)^n = I^n + J^n$ .

Proof. Clearly,  $I \subseteq I + J$  and  $I \subseteq I + J$  which implies  $I^n \subseteq (I + J)^n$  and  $J^n \subseteq (I + J)^n$  and so  $I^n + J^n \subseteq (I + J)^n$ . To prove the other part, let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in (I + J)^n$ . Then  $x_i \in I + J$  for every  $1 \le i \le n$  which implies  $x_i = a_i + b_i$ , where  $a_i \in I$  and  $b_i \in J$ . Now,

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$
  
=  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$   
 $\in I^n + J^n$ 

Therefore,  $(I+J)^n \subseteq I^n + J^n$ . Hence,  $(I+J)^n = I^n + J^n$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** I + J = G if and only if  $(I + J)^n = G^n$  if and only if  $I^n + J^n = G^n$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** (Note 1.7(iii) of [6]) Let A be an ideal of  $_RR$ . Then  $A \leq_{e} {_RR}$  if and only if  $A^n \leq_{e} {_{M_n(R)}R^n}$ .

**Definition 3.8.** An ideal  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $M_n(R)$ -group  $R^n$  is said to be superfluous if for any ideal  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $R^n$ ,  $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{K} = R^n$  implies  $\mathcal{K} = R^n$ .

**Definition 3.9.** An ideal  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $M_n(R)$ -group  $R^n$  is said to be s-essential if for any ideal  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $R^n$ ,  $\mathcal{K} \cap \mathcal{A} = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$  and  $\mathcal{A} \ll R^n$  implies  $\mathcal{K} = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$ .

**Lemma 3.10.** Let K be an ideal of  ${}_{R}R$ . If  $K \leq_{s} {}_{R}R$ , then  $K^{n} \leq_{s} {}_{M_{n}(R)}R^{n}$ .

Proof. Let  $K extless{$\leq_S}_R R$ . To show  $K^n extless{$\leq_S}_{M_n(R)} R^n$ , let  $\mathcal{L}$  be an ideal of  $_{M_n(R)} R^n$  such that  $K^n \cap \mathcal{L} = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$  and  $\mathcal{L} \ll_{M_n(R)} R^n$ . Now to show  $\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} \ll_R R$ , let  $B extless{$\leq_R} R$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} + B = R$ . By Lemma 3.6, we have  $(\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} + B)^n = R^n$ . By Lemma 3.5, we have  $(\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n + B^n = R^n$ . Now by Lemma 3.3, we get  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n$ , which implies  $\mathcal{L} + B^n = R^n$ . Since  $B^n extless{$\leq_M}_{N(R)} R^n$  and  $\mathcal{L} \ll_{M_n(R)} R^n$ , we have  $B^n = R^n$ . Let  $n \in R$ . Then  $(n, 0, \cdots, 0) \in R^n = B^n$ . Therefore,  $n \in (B^n)_{\star\star} = B$  (by Theorem 3.2(3)). Therefore, B = R, and so  $\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} \ll_R R$ . So  $K^n \cap \mathcal{L} = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$  implies  $K^n \cap (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$ , and by Remark 3.4 (ii),  $K \cap (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star}) = (0)$ . Now since  $K extless{$\leq_S} R$ , we get  $\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} = (0)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$ . This shows that  $K^n extless{$\leq_S}_{M_n(R)} R^n$ .

**Lemma 3.11.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an ideal of  $M_n(R)$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq_{s} M_n(R)$   $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_{\star\star} \subseteq_{s} \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{A} \leq_{s \ M_n(R)} R^n$ . To show  $\mathcal{A}_{\star\star} \leq_{s \ R} R$ , let  $B \ll_R R$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{\star\star} \cap B = (0)$ . Then by Remark 3.4, we have  $(\mathcal{A}_{\star\star})^n \cap B^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$  and by Lemma 3.3, we have  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_{\star\star})^n$ , and so  $\mathcal{A} \cap B^n = (0)$ . Now to show  $B^n \ll_{M_n(R)} R^n$ , let  $\mathcal{L} \leq_{M_n(R)} R^n$  such that  $B^n + \mathcal{L} = R^n$ . To show  $\mathcal{L} = R^n$ . Since  $\mathcal{L} \leq_{M_n(R)} R^n$ , by Lemma 3.3, we have  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n$ , which implies  $B^n + (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n = R^n$ . Now using Lemma 3.5, we get  $(B + \mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n = R^n$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.6,  $B + \mathcal{L}_{\star\star} = R$ , and since  $B \ll_R R$ , we get  $\mathcal{L}_{\star\star} = R$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\star\star})^n = R^n$ . This shows that  $B^n \ll_{M_n(R)} R^n$ . Now  $\mathcal{A} \leq_{s \ M_n(R)} R^n$  implies  $B^n = (\bar{\mathbf{0}})$ . Thus B = (0). This shows that  $\mathcal{A}_{\star\star} \leq_{s \ R} R$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** There is a one-one correspondence between the set of s-essential ideals of  ${}_{R}R$  and those of  $M_{n}(R)$ -group  $R^{n}$ .

Proof. Let  $P = \{A \leq_R R : A \leq_{s_R} R\}$ .  $Q = \{\mathcal{A} \leq_{M_n(R)} R^n : \mathcal{A} \leq_{s_{M_n(R)}} R^n\}$ . Define  $\Phi : P \to Q$  by  $\Phi(A) = A^n$ . Then by Lemma 3.10,  $A^n \leq_{s_{M_n(R)}} R^n$ . Define  $\Psi : Q \to P$  by  $\Psi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}_{\star\star}$ . By Lemma 3.11,  $\mathcal{A}_{\star\star} \leq_{s_R} R$ . Now  $(\Psi \circ \Phi)(A) = \Psi(\Phi(A)) = \Psi(A^n) = (A^n)_{\star\star} = A$ .  $(\Phi \circ \Psi)(\mathcal{A}) = \Phi(\Psi(\mathcal{A})) = \Phi(\mathcal{A}_{\star\star}) = (\mathcal{A}_{\star\star})^n = \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $(\Psi \circ \Phi) = Id_P$  and  $(\Phi \circ \Psi) = Id_Q$ .  $\square$ 

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