

## CHAPTER III

### SUM AND PRODUCTS

In this chapter, we shall give some definitions and theorems of sums and products of skewrings. For example, direct sum, subdirect sum, semi-direct sum, subdirect product, subdirectly irreducible and subdirectly reducible. Moreover, we shall generalize the Krull-Schmidt Theorem of group theory to skewrings.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $\{R_\alpha/\alpha \in I\}$  be a family of normal ideals of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called a direct sum of  $\{R_\alpha/\alpha \in I\}$  which is denoted by  $R = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha$  if and only if

- (1) for every  $x \in R$ , there exists  $x_{\alpha_i} \in R_{\alpha_i}$  where  $i = 1, \dots, n$  such that  $x = x_{\alpha_1} + \dots + x_{\alpha_n}$  and
- (2) for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$ , if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  implies  $R_\alpha \cap (\sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} R_\beta) = \{0\}$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Let a skewring  $R$  be a direct sum of  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  which are normal ideals of  $R$ . Then for all  $x, y \in R$ ,

$$(1) x+y = x_1+y_1+\dots+x_n+y_n \text{ and}$$

$$(2) xy = x_1y_1+\dots+x_ny_n.$$

where  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_n$  and  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_n$  for some  $x_i, y_i \in R_i$  such that  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

**Proof.** It is well-known that (1) is true. We will prove (2) by math induction on  $n$ .

Let  $n = 2$ . Let  $R = R_1 \oplus R_2$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then there exist  $x_1, y_1 \in R_1$  and  $x_2, y_2 \in R_2$  such that  $x = x_1 + x_2$  and  $y = y_1 + y_2$ . Thus  $xy = (x_1 + x_2)(y_1 + y_2) = x_1y_1 + x_2y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_2$ . Since  $R_1, R_2$  are normal ideals,  $x_2y_1 + x_1y_2 \in R_1 \cap R_2 = \{0\}$  which implies that  $xy = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ .

Let  $k \geq 2$ . Assume that if  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_k$ , then (2) is true. Suppose that  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_k \oplus R_{k+1}$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then there exist  $x_i, y_i \in R_i$  where  $i \in \{1, \dots, k+1\}$  such that  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_{k+1}$  and  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_{k+1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= (x_1 + \dots + x_{k+1})(y_1 + \dots + y_{k+1}) \\ &= ((x_1 + \dots + x_k) + x_{k+1})((y_1 + \dots + y_k) + y_{k+1}) \\ &= (x_1 + \dots + x_k)(y_1 + \dots + y_k) + x_{k+1}y_{k+1}, \text{ by basic step} \\ &= (x_1y_1 + \dots + x_ky_k) + x_{k+1}y_{k+1}, \text{ by induction hypothesis.} \end{aligned}$$

By math induction we have (2). #

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $R$  be a skewring which is a direct sum of normal ideals  $R_1, \dots, R_n$ . Then for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $i \neq j$ , if  $a \in R_i, b \in R_j$  implies  $a+b = b+a$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A skewring  $R$  is said to be decomposable if and only if  $R = H \oplus K$  where  $H, K$  are nontrivial normal ideals of  $R$ .

A skewring  $R \neq \{0\}$  is said to be indecomposable if and only if  $R = H \oplus K$  where  $H, K$  are normal ideals of  $R$  implies  $H = R$  or  $K = R$ .

**Remark 3.5.** Let  $H, K$  be normal ideals of a skewring  $R$  such that  $R = H \oplus K$ . If  $N$  is a normal ideal of  $H$ , then  $N$  is a normal ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $N$  is a normal ideal of  $H$ . It is well-known that  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $(R, +)$ . Let  $x \in N, r \in R$ . Then there exist  $h \in H, k \in K$  such that  $r = h+k$ . Then  $rx = (h+k)x = hx+kx$ . Since  $H, K$  are normal ideals of  $R$ ,  $rx - hx = kx \in H \cap K$ . Since  $R = H \oplus K$ ,  $H \cap K = \{0\}$  and  $rx = hx$ . Since  $N$  is a normal ideal of  $H$ ,  $hx \in N$  and so  $rx \in N$ . Similarly,  $xr \in N$ . Hence  $N$  is a normal ideal of  $R$ . #

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $R$  be a skewring.

A decreasing sequence of left[right, two-sided] normal ideals of  $R$ ,  $R = R_0 \supseteq R_1 \supseteq \dots$  is called a **descending chain** of left[right, two-sided] normal ideal in  $R$ .

$R$  satisfies the **descending chain condition (DCC)** for left[right, two-sided] normal ideals if and only if for any decreasing chain of left[right, two-sided] normal ideals of  $R$ ,  $R = R_0 \supseteq R_1 \supseteq \dots$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $R_N = R_{N+1} = \dots$

An increasing sequence of left[right, two-sided] normal ideals of  $R$ ,  $R_0 \subseteq R_1 \subseteq \dots$  is called an **ascending chain** of left[right, two-sided] normal ideal in  $R$ .

$R$  satisfies the **ascending chain condition (ACC)** for left[right, two-sided] normal ideals if and only if for any an **ascending chain** of left [right, two-sided] normal ideal in  $R$ ,  $R_0 \subseteq R_1 \subseteq \dots$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $R_N = R_{N+1} = \dots$

**Remark 3.7.** Every finite skewring satisfies the DCC for left[right, two-sided] normal ideals.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $R$  be a skewring. Then  $R$  satisfies the ACC for left[right, two-sided] normal ideals if and only if every nonempty family of left[right, two-sided] normal ideals has a maximal element.

**Propositin 3.9.** Let  $R$  be a skewring. Then  $R$  satisfies the ACC for left[right, two-sided] normal ideals if and only if every left[right, two-sided] normal ideals is finitely generated.

**Remark 3.10.** Let  $H, K$  be normal ideals of a skewring  $R$  such that  $R = H \oplus K$ . If  $R$  satisfies the ACC[DCC] for normal ideals, then so do  $H$  and  $K$ .

**Proof.** We shall show that if  $R$  satisfies the ACC for normal ideals, then so do  $H$  and  $K$ . Suppose  $R$  satisfies the ACC on normal ideals. Let  $H_0 \subseteq H_1 \subseteq \dots$  be an increasing sequence of subskewrings of  $H$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $H_i$  is a normal ideal in  $H$ . By Remark 3.5,  $H_i$  is a normal ideal in  $R$  for every  $i$ . Then this sequence is an ascending chain in  $R$ . Since  $R$  satisfies the ACC for normal ideals, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $H_n = H_{n+1} = \dots$ . Hence  $H$  satisfies the ACC for normal ideal. For  $K$  is similarly.

If  $R$  satisfies the DCC for normal ideals, we can prove similarly. #

**Lemma 3.11.** *For any skewring  $R \neq \{0\}$  that satisfies the DCC for normal ideals has an indecomposable nonzero subskewring and  $R = P \oplus K$  for some indecomposable normal ideal  $P$  of  $R$  and normal ideal  $K$  of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** If  $R$  is indecomposable, then we are done. Otherwise, there exist  $R_1, R'_1$  which are nontrivial normal ideals of  $R$  such that  $R = R_1 \oplus R'_1$ .

If  $R_1$  is indecomposable, then we are done. Otherwise, there exist  $R_2, R'_2$  which are nontrivial normal ideals of  $R_1$  such that  $R_1 = R_2 \oplus R'_2$ . By Remark 3.5,  $R_2, R'_2$  are normal ideals of  $R$ . Then  $R = R_2 \oplus R'_2 \oplus R'_1$  and  $R \geq R_1 \geq R_2$ . By Corollary 2.9 (4),  $R'_2 \oplus R'_1$  is a normal ideal of  $R$ . Continue in this way. Then we have that  $R \geq R_1 \geq R_2 \geq \dots$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $R_i$  is a normal ideal in  $R$  and  $R = \dots \oplus R'_n \oplus R'_{n-1} \oplus \dots \oplus R'_1$ . Since  $R$  satisfies the DCC for normal ideals, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $R_m = R_{m+1} = \dots$ . Then  $R = R_m \oplus R'_m \oplus R'_{m-1} \oplus \dots \oplus R'_1$  such that  $R_m$  is indecomposable. By Remark 3.5,  $R_m, R'_i$  are normal ideals of  $R$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . By Corollary 2.9 (4),  $R'_m \oplus R'_{m-1} \oplus \dots \oplus R'_1$  is a normal ideal of  $R$ . Hence the proof is finished. #

**Theorem 3.12.** *Any nontrivial skewring  $R$  that satisfies the DCC for normal ideals can be expressed as a direct sum of a finite number of indecomposable normal ideals of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** If  $R$  is indecomposable, then we are done. Otherwise, by Lemma 3.11, there exist an indecomposable nonzero normal ideal  $R_1$  of  $R$  and a proper normal ideal  $R'_1$  of  $R$  such that  $R = R_1 \oplus R'_1$ .

If  $R'_1$  is indecomposable, then we are done. Otherwise, by Lemma 3.11, there exist an indecomposable nonzero normal ideal  $R_2$  of  $R'_1$  and proper normal ideal  $R'_2$  of  $R'_1$  such that  $R'_1 = R_2 \oplus R'_2$ . By Remark 3.5,  $R_2$  and  $R'_2$  are normal ideals in  $R$  and we have  $R = R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus R'_2$  such that  $R \supset R'_1 \supset R'_2$ . Continue in this way.

If there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \setminus \{1\}$  such that  $R'_n$  is indecomposable in  $R'_{n-1}$ , then  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n \oplus R'_n$  such that  $R_i, R'_n$  are normal ideals in  $R$ ,  $R_{i+1}$  is indecomposable in  $R'_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ . By Remark 3.5,  $R_i, R'_n$  are indecomposable in  $R$ . Otherwise, we have  $R \supset R'_1 \supset R'_2 \supset \dots$  which is a contradiction since  $R$  satisfies the DCC for normal ideals. #

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $R$  be a skewring and let  $f$  be an endomorphism on  $R$ . Then  $f$  is a normal ideal endomorphism if and only if for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $f(x+y-x) = x+f(y)-x$ ,  $xf(y) = f(xy)$  and  $f(y)x = f(yx)$ .

**Example 3.14.** The zero function and the identity function on a skewring  $R$  are normal ideal endomorphisms.

**Lemma 3.15.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be normal ideal endomorphisms of a skewring  $R$ . Then  $f \circ g$  is a normal ideal endomorphism.

**Lemma 3.16.** Let a skewring  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$  where  $R_i$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $\pi_i: R \rightarrow R_i$  be a projection map and define  $\varphi_i: R \rightarrow R$  by  $\varphi_i(x) = \pi_i(x)$  for every  $x \in R$ . Then the sum  $\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}$  of any distinct  $\varphi_{i_1}, \dots, \varphi_{i_k}$  where  $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , is a normal ideal endomorphism on  $R$ .

**Proof.** First, we shall show that  $\varphi_i$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . It is well-known that  $\varphi_i$  is a normal endomorphism in  $(R, +)$  and clearly,  $\varphi_i$  is an endomorphism on  $R$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then there exist  $x_i, y_i \in R$  where  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  be such that  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_n$  and  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_n$ . Let  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $x\varphi_i(y) = (x_1 + \dots + x_n)\pi_i(y) = (x_1 + \dots + x_n)(0 + \dots + 0 + y_i + 0 + \dots + 0) = x_i y_i = \pi_i(xy) = \varphi_i(xy)$ . Similarly,  $(\varphi_i(x))y = \varphi_i(xy)$ . Hence  $\varphi_i$  is a normal ideal endomorphism in  $R$ .

Next, we shall show that the sum  $\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}$  of any distinct  $\varphi_{i_1}, \dots, \varphi_{i_k}$  where  $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , is a normal ideal endomorphism on  $R$ . It is well-known that  $\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}$  is a normal endomorphism in  $(R, +)$ . Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} (0)(xy) &= \varphi_{i_1}(xy) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(xy) = \varphi_{i_1}(x)\varphi_{i_1}(y) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(x)\varphi_{i_k}(y) = \\ &= x_{i_1}y_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_k}y_{i_k} = (x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_k})(y_{i_1} + \dots + y_{i_k}) \\ &= (\pi_{i_1}(x) + \dots + \pi_{i_k}(x))(\pi_{i_1}(y) + \dots + \pi_{i_k}(y)) \\ &= (\varphi_{i_1}(x) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(x))(\varphi_{i_1}(y) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(y)) = (\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(x)(\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(y) \\ \text{and } x(\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(y) &= x(\varphi_{i_1}(y) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(y)) = x\varphi_{i_1}(y) + \dots + x\varphi_{i_k}(y) = \\ &= \varphi_{i_1}(xy) + \dots + \varphi_{i_k}(xy) = (\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(xy). \text{ Similarly, } ((\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(x))(y) = \\ &= (\varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k})(xy). \text{ Hence } \varphi_{i_1} + \dots + \varphi_{i_k} \text{ is a normal ideal endomorphism. \#} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.17.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring that satisfies the ACC[DCC] for normal ideals and  $f$  is an [normal ideal] endomorphism of  $R$ . Then  $f$  is an automorphism if and only if  $f$  is an epimorphism[monomorphism].*

**Proof. Step1.** Assume that  $R$  satisfies the ACC for normal ideals and  $f$  is an endomorphism. We shall show that  $f$  is an automorphism if and only if  $f$  is an epimorphism.

Suppose  $f$  is an epimorphism. It is well-known that that for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f^n) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f^{n+1})$  where  $f^n = f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f$  ( $n$  terms). By Remark 1.34,  $\{0\} \subseteq \text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f^2) \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain in  $R$ . By assumption, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

such that  $\text{Ker}(f^n) = \text{Ker}(f^{n+1})$ . Since  $f$  is an epimorphism,  $f^n$  is an epimorphism.

To show that  $f$  is a monomorphism. Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . Since  $f^n$  is an epimorphism, there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $f^n(y) = x$ , that is  $0 = f(x) = f^{n+1}(y)$ . Thus  $y \in \text{Ker}(f^{n+1}) = \text{Ker}(f^n)$  which implies that  $x = f^n(y) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$ . By Remark 1.33 (1),  $f$  is a monomorphism and hence  $f$  is an automorphism.

**Step2.** Assume that  $R$  satisfies the DCC for normal ideals and  $f$  is a normal ideal endomorphism. We shall show that  $f$  is an automorphism if and only if  $f$  is a monomorphism.

Suppose that  $f$  is a monomorphism. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . By Lemma 3.15,  $f^n$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R$ . By definition of normal ideal endomorphism,  $\text{Im}(f^n)$  is a normal ideal of  $R$ . Thus we have  $R \supseteq \text{Im}(f) \supseteq \text{Im}(f^2) \supseteq \dots$  is a descending chain in  $R$ . By assumption, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\text{Im}(f^n) = \text{Im}(f^{n+1}) = \dots$

To show that  $f$  is an epimorphism. Let  $x \in R$ . Then  $f^n(x) \in \text{Im}(f^n) = \text{Im}(f^{n+1})$  and there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $f^{n+1}(y) = f^n(x)$ . Since  $f$  is a monomorphism, so is  $f^n$  and  $f^n(x) = f^{n+1}(y) = f^n(f(y))$  implies  $x = f(y)$ . Therefore  $f$  is an epimorphism and hence  $f$  is an automorphism. #

The following Lemma is generalized from Fitting's Lemma.

**Lemma 3.18.** *If  $R$  is a skewring that satisfies both the ACC and DCC for normal ideals and  $f$  is a normal ideal endomorphism, then there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $R = \text{Ker}(f^n) \oplus \text{Im}(f^n)$ .*

**Proof.** By the proof in Lemma 3.17, we have  $R \supseteq \text{Im}(f) \supseteq \text{Im}(f^2) \supseteq \dots$  and  $\{0\} \subseteq \text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f^2) \subseteq \dots$  are descending and ascending chains respectively. By assumption, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\text{Im}(f^k) = \text{Im}(f^n)$  and  $\text{Ker}(f^k) = \text{Ker}(f^n)$  for every  $k \geq n$ .

Let  $a \in \text{Ker}(f^n) \cap \text{Im}(f^n)$ . Then there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $f^n(b) = a$  and

$f^{2n}(b) = f^n(f^n(b)) = f^n(a) = 0$ . Consequently,  $b \in \text{Ker}(f^{2n}) = \text{Ker}(f^n)$ , so that  $a = f^n(b) = 0$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}(f^n) \cap \text{Im}(f^n) = \{0\}$ .

Let  $c \in R$ . Then  $f^n(c) \in \text{Im}(f^n) = \text{Im}(f^{2n})$ . There exists a  $d \in R$  such that  $f^{2n}(d) = f^n(c)$ . Therefore  $f^n(c + f^n(-d)) = f^n(c) + f^{2n}(-d) = f^n(c) - f^n(c) = 0$  and hence  $c + f^n(-d) \in \text{Ker}(f^n)$ . Since  $c = (c + f^n(-d)) + f^n(d)$ , we conclude that  $R = \text{Ker}(f^n) + \text{Im}(f^n)$ . Hence  $R = \text{Ker}(f^n) \oplus \text{Im}(f^n)$ . #

**Definition 3.19.** An endomorphism  $f$  of a skewring  $R$  is said to be *nilpotent* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $f^n(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in R$ .

**Lemma 3.20.** If  $R \neq \{0\}$  is an indecomposable skewring that satisfies both the ACC and DCC for normal ideals and  $f$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R$ , then either  $f$  is a nilpotent endomorphism or  $f$  is an automorphism.

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.18, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $R = \text{Ker}(f^n) \oplus \text{Im}(f^n)$ . Since  $R$  is indecomposable,  $\text{Ker}(f^n) = \{0\}$  or  $\text{Im}(f^n) = \{0\}$ . If  $\text{Im}(f^n) = \{0\}$ , then  $f^n(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in R$ , so that  $f$  is nilpotent. If  $\text{Ker}(f^n) = \{0\}$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphism, since  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f^n)$ . By Lemma 3.17,  $f$  is an automorphism. #

**Lemma 3.21.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be normal ideal endomorphisms of a skewring  $R$ . If  $f+g$  is an endomorphism, then it is a normal ideal endomorphism.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f+g$  is an endomorphism. It is well-known that  $f+g$  is a normal endomorphism of  $(R, +)$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $x(f+g)(y) = x(f(y)+g(y)) = xf(y)+xg(y) = f(xy)+g(xy) = (f+g)(xy)$ . Similarly,  $((f+g)(x))(y) = (f+g)(xy)$ . Hence  $f+g$  is a normal ideal endomorphism. #

**Lemma 3.22.** Let  $R \neq \{0\}$  be an indecomposable skewring that satisfies both the ACC and the DCC for normal ideals.

If  $f_1, f_2$  are nilpotent normal ideal endomorphisms of  $R$  such that  $f_1 + f_2$



is an endomorphism, then  $f_1+f_2$  is nilpotent.

**Proof.** Let  $f_1, f_2$  be nilpotent normal ideal endomorphisms of  $R$  such that  $f_1+f_2$  is an endomorphism. By Lemma 3.21,  $f_1+f_2$  is a normal ideal endomorphism. Suppose  $f_1+f_2$  is not nilpotent. By Lemma 3.20,  $f_1+f_2$  is an automorphism. Then  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}$  is an automorphism. We shall show that  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}$  is a normal ideal automorphism. By group theory,  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}$  is a normal automorphism of  $(R,+)$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1+f_2)(x(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y)) &= f_1(x(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y)) + f_2(x(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y)) \\ &= x f_1(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y) + x f_2(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y) \\ &= x(f_1+f_2)(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y) = xy. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(xy) = x(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(y)$ . Similarly,  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(yx) = y(f_1+f_2)^{-1}(x)$ . Therefore  $(f_1+f_2)^{-1}$  is a normal ideal automorphism.

Let  $g = (f_1+f_2)^{-1}$  and define  $g_1 = f_1 \circ g$ ,  $g_2 = f_2 \circ g$ . Then  $g_1+g_2 = f_1 \circ g + f_2 \circ g = (f_1+f_2) \circ g = \text{Id}_R$  and for every  $x \in R$ ,  $-x = \text{Id}_R(-x) = (g_1+g_2)(-x) = g_1(-x) + g_2(-x)$ . Hence  $x = -(g_1(-x) + g_2(-x)) = -g_2(-x) - g_1(-x) = g_2(x) + g_1(x) = (g_2+g_1)(x)$  which implies that  $g_2+g_1 = \text{Id}_R$ . Therefore  $g_1+g_2 = g_2+g_1$  and  $g_1 \circ (g_1+g_2) = g_1 \circ \text{Id}_R = \text{Id}_R \circ g_1 = (g_1+g_2) \circ g_1$  which imply that  $g_1 \circ g_2 = g_2 \circ g_1$ . Thus for each  $m \geq 1$ ,  $(g_1+g_2)^m = g_1^m +$

$$\binom{m}{1} g_1^{m-1} \circ g_2 + \dots + \binom{m}{m-1} g_1 \circ g_2^{m-1} + g_2^m. \text{ Since } f_1 \text{ is a nilpotent normal ideal}$$

endomorphism, by Lemma 3.20,  $f_1$  is not an automorphism. By Lemma 3.17,  $f_1$  is not an epimorphism and not a monomorphism.

Then  $g_1 = f_1 \circ g$  is not an automorphism. ....(i)

Since  $f_1$  and  $g$  are normal ideal endomorphisms, by Lemma 3.15,  $g_1 = f_1 \circ g$  is a normal ideal endomorphism. ....(ii)

By (i),(ii) and Lemma 3.20,  $g_1$  is nilpotent. Similarly,  $g_2$  is nilpotent. Then there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $g_1^m = 0$  and  $g_2^n = 0$ . Then  $(g_1+g_2)^{m+n} = g_1^{m+n} +$

$$\binom{m+n}{1} g_1^{m+n-1} \circ g_2 + \dots + \binom{m+n}{m+n-1} g_1 \circ g_2^{m+n-1} + g_2^{m+n} = 0. \text{ Thus for every } x \in R,$$

$(g_1+g_2)^{m+n}(x) = 0$  which contradicts  $g_1+g_2 = \text{Id}_R$  and  $R \neq \{0\}$ . Hence  $f_1+f_2$  is

nilpotent.#

The following theorem is generalized from Krull-Schmidt Theorem.

**Theorem 3.23.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring that satisfies both the ACC and DCC for normal ideals.*

*If  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_s$  and  $R = H_1 \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$  for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $R_i, H_j$  are indecomposable normal ideals in  $R$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}, j \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ . Then after reindexing  $R_i \cong H_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$  and  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_r \oplus H_{r+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $1 \leq r \leq \min\{s, t\}$ , let  $P(r)$  be the statement: there is a reindexing of  $H_1, \dots, H_t$  such that  $R_i \cong H_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$  and  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_r \oplus H_{r+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$  and (or  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_r$  if  $r = t$ )

We will prove this by induction on  $r$  where  $0 \leq r \leq \min\{s, t\}$ .

If  $r = 0$ , then  $P(0)$  is the statement:  $R = H_1 \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$  which is clear.

Let  $r > 0$ . Assume that  $P(r-1)$  is true. Thus after reindexing  $R_i \cong H_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, r-1\}$  and  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{r-1} \oplus H_r \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ . We shall show that  $P(r)$  is true.

Let  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_s$  [resp.  $\pi'_1, \dots, \pi'_t$ ] be the projection determined by  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_s$  [resp.  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{r-1} \oplus H_r \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ ]. For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ , let  $\phi_i: R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\phi_i(x) = \pi_i(x)$  for every  $x \in R$  and for each  $j \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , let  $\psi_j: R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\psi_j(x) = \pi'_j(x)$  for every  $x \in R$ . Then we have  $\phi_i|_{R_i} = \text{Id}_{R_i}$ ,  $\phi_i \circ \phi_i = \phi_i$ ,  $\phi_i \circ \phi_j = 0$  (where  $i \neq j$ ),  $\psi_1 + \dots + \psi_j = \text{Id}_R$ ,  $\psi_j \circ \psi_j = \psi_j$ ,  $\psi_i \circ \psi_j = 0$  (where  $i \neq j$ ),  $\text{Im}(\phi_i) = R_i$ ,  $\text{Im}(\psi_i) = R_i$  (where  $i < r$ ) and  $\text{Im}(\psi_i) = H_i$  (where  $i \geq r$ )

It follows that  $\phi_r \circ \psi_i = 0$  for every  $i < r$ . (Since for every  $x \in R$ ,  $\psi_i(x) \in R_i$ ,  $\phi_r \circ \psi_i(x) = \phi_r \circ \text{Id}_{R_i} \circ \psi_i(x) = \phi_r \circ \phi_i \circ \psi_i(x) = 0$ .) The preceding identities show that  $\phi_r = \phi_r \circ \text{Id}_R = \phi_r \circ (\psi_1 + \dots + \psi_t) = \phi_r \circ \psi_1 + \dots + \phi_r \circ \psi_t$ . By Lemma 3.16,  $\phi_r$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R$ . By Lemma 3.15 and Lemma 3.16, every sum of distinct  $(\phi_r \circ \psi_j)|_{R_r}$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R_r$ . .....(i)

By Remark 3.10,  $R_r$  satisfies both the ascending and descending chain conditions for normal ideals.

**Claim1.** There exists an  $j$  such that  $r \leq j \leq t$  and  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_j)|_{R_r}$  is an automorphism of  $R_r \neq \{0\}$ . Suppose not.

Then for every  $i \in \{r, \dots, t\}$ ,  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_i)|_{R_r}$  is not an automorphism. ....(ii)

By (i), for every  $i \in \{r, \dots, t\}$ ,  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_i)|_{R_r}$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $R_r$ .

By (ii) and Lemma 3.20, for every  $i \in \{r, \dots, t\}$ ,  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_i)|_{R_r}$  is nilpotent in  $R_r$ .

Since  $\varphi_r = \varphi_r \circ \psi_r + \dots + \varphi_r \circ \psi_t$ , by (i) and Lemma 3.22,  $\varphi_r|_{R_r}$  is nilpotent in  $R_r$ .

Thus  $\varphi_r|_{R_r}$  is an automorphism and nilpotent on  $R_r$ , which contradicts Lemma 3.20. Hence we have Claim1.

Therefore there exists  $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $r \leq j \leq t$  and  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_j)|_{R_r}$  is an automorphism. ....(iii)

So that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_j)^{n+1}$  is also an automorphism of  $R_r$ . ....(iv)

By assumption and Remark 3.10,  $H_j$  satisfies the ACC and DCC for normal ideals for every  $j \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ . By Lemma 3.15 and Lemma 3.16,

$(\psi_j \circ \varphi_r)|_{H_j} : H_j \rightarrow H_j$  is a normal ideal endomorphism of  $H_j$ .

**Claim2.**  $(\psi_j \circ \varphi_r)|_{H_j}$  is an automorphism of  $H_j$ . ....(v)

Suppose not. By Lemma 3.20,  $(\psi_j \circ \varphi_r)|_{H_j}$  is nilpotent in  $H_j$ . Then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $((\psi_j \circ \varphi_r)|_{H_j})^m = 0_{H_j}$ . Then  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_j)^{m+1} = \varphi_r \circ ((\psi_j \circ \varphi_r))^m \circ \psi_j = \varphi_r \circ 0_{H_j} \circ \psi_j = 0_R$ , so that  $(\varphi_r \circ \psi_j)^{m+1}$  is a nilpotent automorphism of  $R_r$  (by (iv)) which contradicts Lemma 3.20. Hence we have Claim2.

By (iii) and (v),  $\psi_j|_{R_r} : R_r \rightarrow H_j$  is an isomorphism and so is  $\varphi_r|_{H_j} : H_j \rightarrow R_r$ . Reindexing the  $H_k$ , so that we may assume  $j = r$  and  $R_r \cong H_r$ . We have proved the first half of statement P(r).

Since  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{r-1} \oplus H_r \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$  by the induction hypothesis, the subskewring  $R_1 + \dots + R_{r-1} + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t$  is the direct sum of  $R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{r-1} \oplus H_{r+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ . Observe that for every  $i < r$ ,  $\psi_i[R_i] = \psi_r \circ \psi_i[R] = \{0\}$  and for every  $i > r$ ,

$\psi_r[H_i] = \psi_r \circ \psi_i[R] = \{0\}$ . So  $\psi_r[R_1 + \dots + R_{r-1} + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t] = \{0\}$ . Let  $x \in R_r \cap (R_1 + \dots + R_{r-1} + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t)$ . Since  $\psi_r[R_1 + \dots + R_{r-1} + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t] = \{0\}$ ,  $\psi_r(x) = \{0\}$ . Since  $\psi_r|_{R_r}$  is an isomorphism,  $x = 0$ . Therefore  $R_r \cap (R_1 + \dots + R_{r-1} + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t) = \{0\}$ . It follows that the skewring  $R^* = R_1 + \dots + R_r + H_{r+1} + \dots + H_t$  is the direct sum. Hence  $R^* = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_r \oplus H_{r+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ .

Define  $\theta: R \rightarrow R$  as follows :

By the induction hypothesis, we have that  $R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{r-1} \oplus H_r \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ . Then every element  $x \in R$  may be written in the form  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} + h_r + \dots + h_t$  with  $x_i \in R_i$  and  $h_j \in H_j$ . Let  $\theta(x) = x_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} + \varphi_r(h_r) + h_{r+1} + \dots + h_t$ . Since  $\varphi_r|_{H_r}: H_r \rightarrow R_r$  is an isomorphism,  $\text{Im}(\theta) = R^*$  and  $\theta$  is a monomorphism.

**Claim3.**  $\theta$  is a normal ideal endomorphism.

It is well-known that  $\theta$  is a normal endomorphism of  $(R, +)$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then there exist  $x_i, y_i \in R_i$ ,  $h_j, k_j \in H_j$  where  $i \in \{1, \dots, r-1\}$  and  $j \in \{r, \dots, t\}$  such that  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} + h_r + \dots + h_t$  and  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_{r-1} + k_r + \dots + k_t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x\theta(y) &= (x_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} + h_r + \dots + h_t)(y_1 + \dots + y_{r-1} + \varphi_r(k_r) + k_{r+1} + \dots + k_t) \\ &= x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} y_{r-1} + h_r \varphi_r(k_r) + h_{r+1} k_{r+1} + \dots + h_t k_t \\ &= x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{r-1} y_{r-1} + \varphi_r(h_r k_r) + h_{r+1} k_{r+1} + \dots + h_t k_t = \theta(xy). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\theta(x)y = \theta(xy)$ . Hence  $\theta$  is a normal ideal endomorphism. So we have Claim3.

Since  $\theta$  is a monomorphism, by Lemma 3.17,  $\theta$  is an automorphism. So that  $R = \text{Im}(\theta) = R^* = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_r \oplus H_{r+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$ . This proves the second part of P(r) and complete the induction argument. Therefore, after reindexing we have that  $R_i \cong H_i$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq \min\{s, t\}$ . If  $\min\{s, t\} = s$ , then  $R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_s = R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_s \oplus H_{s+1} \oplus \dots \oplus H_t$  and if  $\min\{s, t\} = t$ , then  $R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_s = R = R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_t$ . Since  $R_i \neq \{0\}$  and  $H_j \neq \{0\}$  for all  $i, j$ , we must have  $s = t$  in either case. #

**Definition 3.24.** Let  $R$  be a skewring,  $S$  be a subskewring of  $R$  and  $I$  be a normal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called a semi-direct sum of  $S$  and  $I$  if and only if  $R = S + I$  and  $S \cap I = \{0\}$ . We denote this by  $R = S \oplus I$ .

**Definition 3.25.** Let  $R$  be a skewring. For any additive endomorphism  $f$  of  $R$  is called *left[right] translation* if and only if  $f(xy) = f(x)y$  [ $f(xy) = xf(y)$ ] for all  $x, y \in R$  and we denote the set of all left[right] translations by  $LT(R)$  [ $RT(R)$ ].

**Definition 3.26.** Let  $R, S$  be skewrings,  $f: R \rightarrow S$ . Then  $f$  is called an *additive anti-homomorphism* if and only if  $f(x+y) = f(y)+f(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $f$  is called a *multiplicative anti-homomorphism* if and only if  $f(xy) = f(y)f(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $0 \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{f} S \xrightarrow{g} T \longrightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of skewrings. If there exists a homomorphism  $h: T \rightarrow S$  such that  $g \circ h = Id_T$ , then  $S = f[R] \oplus h[T]$ .

**Proof.** By definition of exact sequence,  $f[R] = \text{Im}(f) = \text{Ker}(g)$  which is a normal ideal in  $S$ . Suppose that there exists a homomorphism  $h: T \rightarrow S$  such that  $g \circ h = Id_T$ . Then  $h$  is injective. Moreover,  $T \cong h[T]$  which is a subskewring of  $S$ , by Proposition 1.36 (1). We shall show that  $S = f[R] \oplus h[T]$ .

**Claim1.**  $f[R] \cap h[T] = \{0\}$ .

Let  $x \in f[R] \cap h[T]$ . Since  $x \in f[R] = \text{Ker}(g)$ ,  $g(x) = 0$ . Since  $x \in h[T]$ , there exists  $y \in T$  such that  $h(y) = x$ . Therefore  $0 = g(x) = g(h(y)) = Id_T(y) = y$ . Since  $h$  is a homomorphism,  $0 = h(y) = x$ . Hence  $f[R] \cap h[T] = \{0\}$  and we have Claim1.

**Claim2.**  $S = f[R] + h[T]$ .

Clearly,  $f[R] + h[T]$  is contained in  $S$ . Conversely, let  $x \in S$ . Then  $g(x) \in T$ , so that  $h(g(x)) \in h[T]$ . We have that  $x = x - h(g(x)) + h(g(x))$ . We shall show that  $x - h(g(x)) \in f[R]$  ( $= \text{Ker}(g)$ ), consider  $g(x - h(g(x))) = g(x) - g(h(g(x))) = g(x) - Id_T(g(x)) = g(x) - g(x) = 0$ . Thus  $x - h(g(x)) \in \text{Ker}(g) = f[R]$  which implies that  $x = x - h(g(x)) + h(g(x)) \in f[R] + h[T]$ . So  $S \subseteq f[R] + h[T]$ . Hence  $S = f[R] + h[T]$  and we have

**Claim2.** By Claim1 and Claim2,  $S = f[R] \oplus h[T]$ . #

**Theorem 3.28.** *Let  $S$  and  $I$  be skewrings. Then there exist  $\alpha: S \rightarrow \text{GAut}(I)$  ( $= \{f: I \rightarrow I / f \text{ is an additive automorphism.}\}$ ) which is an additive anti-homomorphism,  $l: S \rightarrow \text{LT}(I)$  which is a homomorphism, and  $r: S \rightarrow \text{RT}(I)$  which is a multiplicative anti-homomorphism and additive homomorphism which have the following properties : for all  $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S, i_1, i_2, i_3 \in I$ ,*

$$(1) r(s_1) \circ l(s_2) = l(s_2) \circ r(s_1) \text{ and } [r(s_1)](i_1) + [l(s_2)](i_2) = [l(s_2)](i_2) + [r(s_1)](i_1),$$

$$(2) [r(s_1)](i_1) + i_2 i_3 = i_2 i_3 + [r(s_1)](i_1) \text{ and } [l(s_1)](i_1) + i_2 i_3 = i_2 i_3 + [l(s_1)](i_1),$$

$$(3) [\alpha(s_1 s_2)] i_1 i_2 = i_1 i_2, [\alpha(s_1 s_2)] \circ [l(s_3)](i_1) = [l(s_3)](i_1) \text{ and}$$

$$[\alpha(s_1 s_2)] \circ [r(s_3)](i_1) = [r(s_3)](i_1),$$

$$(4) i_1 [\alpha(s_1)](i_2) = i_1 i_2 \text{ and } [\alpha(s_1)](i_1) i_2 = i_2 [\alpha(s_1)](i_1) = i_2 i_1,$$

$$(5) [l(s_1)] \circ [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) = [l(s_1)](i_1) \text{ and } [r(s_1)] \circ [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) = [r(s_1)](i_1) \text{ and}$$

$$(6) i_1 [l(s_1)](i_2) = [r(s_1)](i_1) i_2$$

*if and only if there exists a skewring  $R$  such that  $S$  is isomorphic to some subskewring  $S'$  of  $R$ ,  $I$  is isomorphic to some normal ideal  $I'$  of  $R$  and  $R = S' \circledast I'$ . (i.e.  $R$  is a semi-direct sum of  $S'$  and  $I'$ .)*

**Proof.** Let  $R = S \times I$  and define the binary operations  $+, \cdot$  on  $R$  as follows : For all  $(s_1, i_1), (s_2, i_2) \in R$ ,  $(s_1, i_1) + (s_2, i_2) = (s_1 + s_2, [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2)$  and

$$(s_1, i_1)(s_2, i_2) = (s_1 s_2, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2).$$

**Step1.** We shall show that  $R$  is a skewring.

Clearly,  $(R, +)$  and  $(R, \cdot)$  are closed. Let  $(s_1, i_1), (s_2, i_2), (s_3, i_3) \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (s_1, i_1) + [(s_2, i_2) + (s_3, i_3)] &= (s_1, i_1) + (s_2 + s_3, [\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3) \\ &= (s_1 + (s_2 + s_3), [\alpha(s_2 + s_3)](i_1) + [\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3) \\ &= ((s_1 + s_2) + s_3, [\alpha(s_3)] \circ [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + [\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3) \\ &= ((s_1 + s_2) + s_3, [\alpha(s_3)]([\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2) + i_3) \\ &= (s_1 + s_2, [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2) + (s_3, i_3) \\ &= [(s_1, i_1) + (s_2, i_2)] + (s_3, i_3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the associative law is true for  $(R, +)$ . Since  $(s_1, i_1) + (0, 0) =$

$(s_1 + 0, [\alpha(0)](i_1) + 0) = (s_1, \text{Id}(i_1)) = (s_1, i_1)$ . Therefore  $(0, 0)$  is a right identity of

$(R,+)$ . Since  $(s_1, i_1) + (-s_1, -[\alpha(-s_1)](i_1)) = (s_1 - s_1, [\alpha(-s_1)](i_1) + (-[\alpha(-s_1)](i_1))) = (0, 0)$ ,  
 $(-s_1, -[\alpha(-s_1)](i_1))$  is a right inverse of  $(s_1, i_1)$ . Hence  $(R,+)$  is a group. Consider  
 $(s_1, i_1)[(s_2, i_2)(s_3, i_3)] = (s_1, i_1)(s_2 s_3, [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2 i_3)$   
 $= (s_1(s_2 s_3), [r(s_2 s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)]([r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3)) + i_2 i_3) +$   
 $i_1([r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2 i_3)$   
 $= ((s_1 s_2) s_3, [r(s_3)] \circ [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)] \circ [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_1)] \circ [l(s_2)](i_3) + [l(s_1)](i_2 i_3) +$   
 $i_1[r(s_3)](i_2) + i_1[l(s_2)](i_3) + i_1(i_2 i_3))$   
 $= ((s_1 s_2) s_3, [r(s_3)] \circ [r(s_2)](i_1) + [r(s_3)] \circ [l(s_1)](i_2) + [l(s_1 s_2)](i_3) + [l(s_1)](i_2) i_3 +$   
 $[r(s_3)](i_1 i_2) + [r(s_2)](i_1) i_3 + (i_1 i_2) i_3)$   
 $= ((s_1 s_2) s_3, [r(s_3)] \circ [r(s_2)](i_1) + [r(s_3)] \circ [l(s_1)](i_2) + [r(s_3)](i_1 i_2) + [l(s_1 s_2)](i_3) +$   
 $[r(s_2)](i_1) i_3 + [l(s_1)](i_2) i_3 + (i_1 i_2) i_3)$   
 $= ((s_1 s_2) s_3, [r(s_3)]([r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + (i_1 i_2)) + [l(s_1 s_2)](i_3) + [r(s_2)](i_1) i_3 + [l(s_1)](i_2) i_3$   
 $+ (i_1 i_2) i_3)$   
 $= (s_1 s_2, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2)(s_3, i_3)$ .

Therefore  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup.

$$(s_1, i_1)[(s_2, i_2) + (s_3, i_3)] = (s_1, i_1)(s_2 + s_3, [\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3)$$

$$= (s_1(s_2 + s_3), [r(s_2 + s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)]([\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3) + i_1([\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_3))$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 + s_1 s_3, [r(s_2) + r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)] \circ [\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1[\alpha(s_3)](i_2) + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 + s_1 s_3, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_2 + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 + s_1 s_3, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2 + [r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 + s_1 s_3, [\alpha(s_1 s_3)] \circ [r(s_2)](i_1) + [\alpha(s_1 s_3)] \circ [l(s_1)](i_2) + [\alpha(s_1 s_3)](i_1 i_2) + [r(s_3)](i_1) +$$

$$[l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_2 + s_1 s_3, [\alpha(s_1 s_3)]([r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2) + [r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_2, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2) + (s_1 s_3, [r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1, i_1)(s_2, i_2) + (s_1, i_1)(s_3, i_3) \quad \text{and}$$

$$[(s_1, i_1) + (s_2, i_2)](s_3, i_3) = (s_1 + s_2, [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2)(s_3, i_3)$$

$$= ((s_1 + s_2) s_3, [r(s_3)]([\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2) + [l(s_1 + s_2)](i_3) + ([\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2) i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_3 + s_2 s_3, [r(s_3)] \circ [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_1) + l(s_2)](i_3) + [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) i_3 + i_2 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_3 + s_2 s_3, [r(s_3)](i_1) + [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_1 i_3 + i_2 i_3)$$

$$= (s_1 s_3 + s_2 s_3, [r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1 i_3 + [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2 i_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (s_1s_3+s_2s_3, [\alpha(s_2s_3)] \circ [r(s_3)](i_1) + [\alpha(s_2s_3)] \circ [l(s_1)](i_3) + [\alpha(s_2s_3)](i_1i_3) + [r(s_3)](i_2) + \\
&\quad [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2i_3) \\
&= (s_1s_3+s_2s_3, [\alpha(s_2s_3)]([r(s_3)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1i_3) + [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2i_3) \\
&= (s_1s_3, [r(s_3)](i_1)+[l(s_1)](i_3) + i_1i_3) + (s_2s_3, [r(s_3)](i_2) + [l(s_2)](i_3) + i_2i_3) \\
&= (s_1, i_1)(s_3, i_3) + (s_2, i_2)(s_3, i_3).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the distributive law is true for  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and hence  $R$  is a skewring.

**Step2.** We shall show that  $S$  isomorphic to some subskewring of  $R$  and  $I$  isomorphic to some normal ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $S' = \{(s,0) / s \in S\}$  and let  $(s_1,0), (s_2,0) \in S'$ . Then  $(s_1,0) - (s_2,0) = (s_1 - s_2, [\alpha(-s_2)](0) - 0) = (s_1 - s_2, 0) \in S'$  and  $(s_1,0)(s_2,0) = (s_1s_2, [r(s_2)](0) + [l(s_1)](0) + 0) = (s_1s_2, 0) \in S'$ . Therefore  $S'$  is a subskewring of  $R$  and hence  $S \cong S' \times \{0\}$ .

Let  $I' = \{(0,i) / i \in I\}$  and let  $(0,i_1), (0,i_2) \in I', (s,i) \in R$ . Then  $(0,i_1) - (0,i_2) = (0, [\alpha(-0)](i_1) - i_2) = (0, [r(0)](i_1) + [l(0)](i_2) + i_1i_2) = (0, [r(0)](i) + [l(s)](i_1) + ii_1) = (0, [r(s)](i_1) + [l(0)](i) + i_1i) \in I'$  and  $(s,i) + (0,i_1) - (s,i) = [(s,i) + (0,i_1)] - (s,i) = (s, [\alpha(0)](i) + i_1) - (s,i) = (s, i + i_1) - (s,i) = (0, [\alpha(-s)](i + i_1) - i) \in I'$ . Therefore  $I'$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  hence  $I \cong \{0\} \times I$  and clearly,  $R = S' \otimes I'$ . Hence we have the first statement.

Conversely, suppose there exists a skewring  $R$  such that  $S$  is isomorphic to some subskewring  $S'$  of  $R$ , and  $I$  is isomorphic to some normal ideal  $I'$  of  $R$  and  $R = S' \otimes I'$ . Let  $\varphi: S \rightarrow S'$  and  $\psi: I \rightarrow I'$  be such that  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are isomorphisms. For any  $s' \in S'$ , define  $\alpha_{s'}: I' \rightarrow I'$  by  $\alpha_{s'}(i') = -s' + i' + s'$ ,  $l_{s'}: I' \rightarrow I'$  by  $l_{s'}(i') = s'i'$  and  $r_{s'}: I' \rightarrow I'$  by  $r_{s'}(i') = i's'$  for every  $i' \in I'$ . Then we have  $\psi^{-1} \circ \alpha_{s'} \circ \psi \in \text{GAut}(I)$ ,  $\psi^{-1} \circ l_{s'} \circ \psi \in \text{LT}(I)$ ,  $\psi^{-1} \circ r_{s'} \circ \psi \in \text{RT}(I)$  for every  $s' \in S'$ . Define  $\alpha: S \rightarrow \text{GAut}(I)$  by  $\alpha(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ \alpha_{\varphi(s)} \circ \psi$ ,  $l: S \rightarrow \text{LT}(I)$  by  $l(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ l_{\varphi(s)} \circ \psi$  and  $r: S \rightarrow \text{RT}(I)$  by  $r(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ r_{\varphi(s)} \circ \psi$  for every  $s \in S$ . Hence we have the converse. #



**Corollary 3.29.** *Let  $S$  and  $I$  be rings. Suppose that there exist maps  $l:S \rightarrow LT(I)$  which is a ring homomorphism and a multiplicative anti-homomorphism  $r:S \rightarrow RT(I)$  which is also an additive homomorphism which satisfy (1)  $r(s_1) \circ l(s_2) = l(s_2) \circ r(s_1)$  and (2)  $i_1[l(s_1)](i_2) = [r(s_1)](i_1)i_2$  for all  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  $i_1, i_2 \in I$ . Then there exists a ring  $R$  such that  $S$  is isomorphic to some subring  $S'$  of  $R$ ,  $I$  is isomorphic to an ideal  $I'$  of  $R$  and  $R$  is the semi-direct sum of  $S'$  and  $I'$ .*

**Theorem 3.30.** *Let  $S$  and  $I$  be skewrings. Suppose that there exist  $\alpha, \alpha':S \rightarrow GAut(I)$  which are additive anti-homomorphisms,  $l, l':S \rightarrow LT(I)$  which are homomorphisms, and  $r, r':S \rightarrow RT(I)$  which are multiplicative anti-homomorphisms and additive homomorphisms which satisfy the same properties as those in Theorem 3.28. By Theorem 3.28, we get skewrings  $R_{\alpha, l, r}$  and  $R_{\alpha', l', r'}$ . Let  $\varphi:S \rightarrow S$  and  $\psi:I \rightarrow I$  be isomorphisms. If the following conditions hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For every } s \in S, \quad (1) \quad & \alpha(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ \alpha'(\varphi(s)) \circ \psi, \\ (2) \quad & l(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ l'(\varphi(s)) \circ \psi \text{ and} \\ (3) \quad & r(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ r'(\varphi(s)) \circ \psi. \end{aligned}$$

*then  $\varphi \times \psi: R_{\alpha, l, r} \rightarrow R_{\alpha', l', r'}$  is an isomorphism where  $\varphi \times \psi(x, y) = (\varphi(x), \psi(y))$  for all  $(x, y) \in R_{\alpha, l, r}$ .*

**Proof.** Assume the conditions. Let  $(s_1, i_1), (s_2, i_2) \in R_{\alpha, l, r}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \times \psi((s_1, i_1) + (s_2, i_2)) &= \varphi \times \psi((s_1 + s_2, [\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1 + s_2), \psi([\alpha(s_2)](i_1) + i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1) + \varphi(s_2), \psi([\alpha(s_2)](i_1)) + \psi(i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1) + \varphi(s_2), \psi((\psi^{-1} \circ \alpha'(\varphi(s_2)) \circ \psi)(i_1)) + \psi(i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1) + \varphi(s_2), (\alpha'(\varphi(s_2)) \circ \psi)(i_1) + \psi(i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1) + \varphi(s_2), [\alpha'(\varphi(s_2))](\psi(i_1)) + \psi(i_2)) \\ &= (\varphi(s_1), \psi(i_1)) + (\varphi(s_2), \psi(i_2)) \\ &= \varphi \times \psi((s_1, i_1)) + \varphi \times \psi((s_2, i_2)) \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi \times \psi((s_1, i_1)(s_2, i_2)) &= \varphi \times \psi((s_1 s_2, [r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1 s_2), \psi([r(s_2)](i_1) + [l(s_1)](i_2) + i_1 i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1) \varphi(s_2), \psi \circ [r(s_2)](i_1) + \psi \circ [l(s_1)](i_2) + \psi(i_1 i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1) \varphi(s_2), \psi((\psi^{-1} \circ r'(\varphi(s_2)) \circ \psi)(i_1)) + \psi((\psi^{-1} \circ l'(\varphi(s_1)) \circ \psi)(i_2) + \psi(i_1) \psi(i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1) \varphi(s_2), (r'(\varphi(s_2)) \circ \psi)(i_1)) + (l'(\varphi(s_1)) \circ \psi)(i_2) + \psi(i_1) \psi(i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1) \varphi(s_2), [r'(\varphi(s_2))](\psi(i_1)) + [l'(\varphi(s_1))](\psi(i_2)) + \psi(i_1) \psi(i_2)) \\
&= (\varphi(s_1), \psi(i_1)) (\varphi(s_2), \psi(i_2)) \\
&= \varphi \times \psi((s_1, i_1)) \varphi \times \psi((s_2, i_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi \times \psi$  is a homomorphism. Since  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are isomorphisms,  $\varphi \times \psi$  is an isomorphism. #

**Corollary 3.31.** *Let  $S$  and  $I$  be rings. Suppose that there exist  $l, l': S \rightarrow LI(I)$  which are homomorphisms, and  $r, r': S \rightarrow RT(I)$  which are multiplicative anti-homomorphisms and additive homomorphisms which satisfy the same properties as those in Corollary 3.29. By Corollary 3.29, we get rings  $R_{l,r}$  and  $R_{l',r'}$ . Let  $\varphi: S \rightarrow S$  and  $\psi: I \rightarrow I$  be isomorphisms. If the following conditions hold: For every  $s \in S$ , (1)  $l(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ l'(\varphi(s)) \circ \psi$  and (2)  $r(s) = \psi^{-1} \circ r'(\varphi(s)) \circ \psi$ . Then  $\varphi \times \psi: R_{l,r} \rightarrow R_{l',r'}$  is an isomorphism where  $\varphi \times \psi(x, y) = (\varphi(x), \psi(y))$  for all  $(x, y) \in R_{l,r}$ .*

**Definition 3.32.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings. Then  $R$  is said to be a **subdirect sum** of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  if and only if there exists a monomorphism  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  such that for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\pi_\alpha \circ f: R \rightarrow R_\alpha$  is an epimorphism where  $\pi_\alpha$  is the projection map.*

**Definition 3.33.** *Let  $R$  be a subskewring of a direct product of family of skewrings  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ .  $R$  is said to be **subdirect product** of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  if and only if for every  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\pi_\alpha(R) = R_\alpha$  where  $\pi_\alpha$  is the projection map.*

**Definition 3.34.** Let  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings, and  $R$  a skewring. A representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  is a homomorphism  $g: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  such that for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\pi_\alpha \circ g: R \rightarrow R_\alpha$  is an epimorphism where  $\pi_\alpha$  is a projection map. Then  $Im(g)$  is a subdirect product of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ .

**Definition 3.35.** Let  $R$  be a skewring. Then  $R$  is said to be a subdirectly irreducible if and only if for every family of skewrings  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  and for every monomorphism representation  $g: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  there exists  $\beta \in A$  such

$\pi_\beta \circ g: R \rightarrow R_\beta$  is an isomorphism where  $\pi_\beta$  is the projection map.

If  $R$  is not a subdirectly irreducible, we shall call  $R$  a subdirectly reducible skewring.

**Theorem 3.36.** Let  $R$  be a skewring,  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings. Then  $R$  is a subdirect sum of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  if and only if for each  $\beta \in A$ , there exists an epimorphism  $g_\beta: R \rightarrow R_\beta$  such that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Ker(g_\alpha) = \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  is a subdirect sum of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . Then there exists a monomorphism  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  such that for each  $\beta \in A$ ,  $\pi_\beta \circ f: R \rightarrow R_\beta$  is an epimorphism. For each  $\beta \in A$ , let  $g_\beta = \pi_\beta \circ f$ . Let  $r \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Ker(g_\alpha)$ . Suppose  $r \neq 0$ . Then  $f(r) \neq 0$  which implies that there exists  $\alpha_0 \in A$  such that  $0 \neq \pi_{\alpha_0} \circ f(r) = g_{\alpha_0}(r)$ . Therefore  $r \notin Ker(g_{\alpha_0})$ , so  $r \notin \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Ker(g_\alpha)$  which is a contradiction.

Hence  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Ker(g_\alpha) = \{0\}$ .

Conversely, assume that for each  $\beta \in A$ , there exists an epimorphism  $g_\beta: R \rightarrow R_\beta$  such that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Ker(g_\alpha) = \{0\}$ . We define  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  by  $f(r) = \{g_\alpha(r)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  for every  $r \in R$ . From the above, for each  $\beta \in A$ ,  $\pi_\beta \circ f = g_\beta$ . Since  $g_\beta$  is

surjective,  $\pi_\beta \circ f$  is surjective. Let  $r, s \in R$ . Then  $f(rs) = \{g_\alpha(rs)\}_{\alpha \in A} = \{g_\alpha(r)g_\alpha(s)\}_{\alpha \in A} = \{g_\alpha(r)\}_{\alpha \in A} \{g_\alpha(s)\}_{\alpha \in A} = f(r)f(s)$  and similarly,  $f(r+s) = f(r)+f(s)$ . Therefore  $f$  is a homomorphism. Let  $r \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . Then  $0 = f(r) = \{g_\alpha(r)\}_{\alpha \in A}$ . Then  $g_\alpha(r) = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ . Therefore  $r \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(g_\alpha) = \{0\}$ , so that  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0\}$ . Therefore  $f$  is a monomorphism and hence  $R$  is a subdirect sum of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . #

**Corollary 3.37.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $\{I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of normal ideals of  $R$ . If  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha = \{0\}$ , then  $R$  is a subdirect sum of the family of skew rings  $\{R/I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $\alpha \in A$ , let  $\pi_\alpha: R \rightarrow R/I_\alpha$  be the canonical epimorphism.

Since for each  $\beta \in A$ ,  $\pi_\beta$  is an epimorphism and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha = \{0\}$ , by

Theorem 3.36,  $R$  is a subdirect sum of  $\{R/I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . #

**Theorem 3.38.** *Let  $R$  be a subskewring of the Cartesian product  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  of*

*skewrings. Then there exists a natural epimorphism  $\theta$  from  $R$  to a subdirect product of the family of skewrings  $\{R'_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  where  $R'_\alpha = R / (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha])$*

*and for every  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $j_\alpha: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  which is defined by  $j_\alpha(r) = (r_\beta)_{\beta \in A}$  where*

$$r_\beta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \beta \neq \alpha, \\ r & \text{if } \beta = \alpha, \end{cases} \quad \text{in order that } \theta \text{ be an isomorphism, it is necessary and}$$

*sufficient that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha]) = \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.** For every  $r \in R$ , we define  $\theta(r) = (r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  where  $r_\alpha = r + (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha])$

is the coset of  $r$  in  $R / (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha])$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ . Then  $\theta$  is a homomorphism and  $\theta[R]$  is a subdirect product of  $\{R'_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . The  $\text{Ker}(\theta) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha])$ . If  $\theta$  is an isomorphism, then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} (R \cap j_\alpha[R_\alpha]) = \{0\}$ . #

**Theorem 3.39.** Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings. Let  $g: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  be a representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of

$\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . Then  $\text{Im}(g) \cong R / \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ .

**Proof.** Define  $\varphi: R \rightarrow \text{Im}(g)$  by  $\varphi(x) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in R$ . Then  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism. We shall show that  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ . Then  $\varphi(x) = (0_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ , so  $g(x) = (0_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ . For each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\pi_\alpha \circ g(x) = 0_\alpha$ , then  $x \in \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . Hence  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ .

Next, let  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . Then  $\pi_\alpha \circ g(x) = 0_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in A$  which implies that  $g(x) = (0_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ . Since  $\varphi(x) = g(x) = (0_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $x \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ . Hence

$\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\varphi)$  and  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . By the First Isomorphism

Theorem,  $\text{Im}(g) \cong R / \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ . #

**Corollary 3.40.** Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings. Let  $g: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  be a monomorphic representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g) = \{0\}$ , hence  $\text{Im}(g) \cong R$ .

**Proof.** We shall show that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g) = \{0\}$ , let  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g)$ .

Then  $\pi_\alpha \circ g(x) = 0_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ . This implies that  $g(x) = (0_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ . Since  $g$  is a

monomorphism,  $x = 0$  and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ g) = \{0\}$ . By Theorem 3.39,  $\text{Im}(g) \cong R$ . #

**Proposition 3.41.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $L = \{I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of nonzero normal ideals of  $R$ . Define  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R/I_\alpha$  by  $f(x) = (x+I_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  for every  $x \in R$ . Then  $f$  is a representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R/I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . Furthermore, if  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha = \{0\}$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphic representation of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly,  $f$  is a homomorphism of  $R$ . We shall show that  $\text{Im}(f)$  is a subdirect product of  $\{R/I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . It is clear that for every  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\pi_\alpha(\text{Im}(f)) \subseteq R/I_\alpha$ . Let  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $x \in R$ . Then  $x+I_\alpha \in R/I_\alpha$ , so  $f(x) \in \prod_{\alpha \in A} R/I_\alpha$  and  $x+I_\alpha = \pi_\alpha(f(x)) \in \pi_\alpha(\text{Im}(f))$ . Hence  $R/I_\alpha \subseteq \pi_\alpha(\text{Im}(f))$ . Therefore  $\pi_\alpha \circ f[R] = \pi_\alpha(\text{Im}(f)) = R/I_\alpha$ . Hence  $f$  is a representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R/I_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ .

Next, assume that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha = \{0\}$ . We shall show that  $f$  is a monomorphism. Let  $x \in R$  be such that  $f(x) = (I_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ . Then  $(x+I_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} = (I_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ , so  $x \in I_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ . By assumption,  $x = 0$ . Hence  $f$  is an injective and is a monomorphism. #

**Proposition 3.42.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring and  $L$  the set of all normal ideals of  $R$  except  $\{0\}$ . Then  $R$  is a subdirectly irreducible if and only if  $L$  has a minimum element.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $R$  is a subdirectly irreducible. Suppose  $L$  has no minimum element. Then  $\bigcap L = \{0\}$ . By Proposition 3.41, we have that  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{I \in L} R/I$  defined by  $f(x) = (x+I)_{I \in L}$  for every  $x \in R$  which it is a

monomorphic representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\left\{ \frac{R}{I} / I \in L \right\}$ . By assumption, there exists  $I_0 \in L$  such that  $\pi_{I_0} \circ f$  is an isomorphism. We shall show that  $I_0 = \{0\}$ . Let  $x \in I_0$ . Then  $\pi_{I_0} \circ f(x) = \pi_{I_0}((x+I)_{I \in L}) = x+I_0$ . Since  $x \in I_0$ ,  $x \in \text{Ker}(\pi_{I_0} \circ f)$ . Since  $\pi_{I_0} \circ f$  is an isomorphism,  $x = 0$ . So  $I_0 = \{0\}$  which is contradiction since  $\{0\} = I_0 \in L$ . Therefore  $L$  has a minimum element.

Conversely, assume that  $L$  has a minimum element say  $I_m$ . Let  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of skewrings and  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$  a monomorphic representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ . By Corollary 3.40,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ f) = \{0\}$ . Suppose that for every  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ f) \neq 0$ . Then  $\{\text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ f) / \alpha \in A\} \subseteq L$ . Therefore  $I_m \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \text{Ker}(\pi_\alpha \circ f) = \{0\}$  which is a contradiction. Therefore there exists a  $\beta \in A$  such that  $\text{Ker}(\pi_\beta \circ f) = 0$ , so  $\pi_\beta \circ f$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $R$  is a subdirectly irreducible. #

Next, we want to show that every skewring is a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible skewrings. First we need three Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.43.** *Let  $R$  be a nontivial skewring and  $x \in R \setminus \{0\}$ . Then there exists a maximal normal ideal  $M$  of  $R$  such that  $x \notin M$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $L = \{I / I \text{ is a normal ideal of } R \text{ and } x \notin I\}$ . Since  $\{0\} \in L$ ,  $L$  is not empty. Let  $C$  be a nonempty chain in  $L$ . Clearly,  $\cup C$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  and  $\cup C$  is an upper bound of  $C$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $L$  has a maximal element. #

**Lemma 3.44.** *Using the assumptions of Lemma 3.43, let  $\mathcal{J} = \{I / I \text{ is a normal ideal of } R \text{ such that } M \subset I\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{J}$  has a minimum element.*

**Proof.** Since  $R \in \mathfrak{I}$ ,  $\mathfrak{I}$  is not empty. If there exists  $I \in \mathfrak{I}$  and  $x \notin I$ , then this contradicts the maximality of  $M$ . Therefore for every  $I \in \mathfrak{I}$ ,  $x \in I$ . Then we have that  $\cap \mathfrak{I}$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  which is the minimum element and  $x \in \cap \mathfrak{I}$ . Hence  $\cap \mathfrak{I} = M$ . #

**Lemma 3.45.** *Using the assumptions of Lemma 3.43,  $R/M$  is a subdirectly irreducible skewring.*

**Proof.** Let  $L$  be the set of normal ideals of  $R/M$  except  $\{M\}$ . By Corollary 2.15,  $L$  is isomorphic to the set of normal ideals of  $R$  strictly containing  $M$ . By Lemma 3.44,  $L$  has a minimum element. By Proposition 3.42,  $R/M$  is a subdirectly irreducible skewring. #

**Theorem 3.46.** *Let  $R$  be a skewring. Then  $R$  is a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible skewrings.*

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.43, for all  $x \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , we have that  $I_x$  is a maximal normal ideal of  $R$  such that  $x \notin I_x$ . By Lemma 3.45,  $R/I_x$  is subdirectly irreducible. Let  $L = \{I_x / x \in R \setminus \{0\}\}$ . Let  $x \in \cap L$ . Suppose that  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $x \notin I_x$  which is a contradiction since  $x \in \cap L$ . So  $\cap L = \{0\}$ . By Proposition 3.41, we have that  $f: R \rightarrow \prod_{I \in L} R/I$  is a monomorphic representation of  $R$  as a subdirect product of  $\{R/I / I \in L\}$ . Therefore  $f[R]$  is a subdirect product of  $\{R/I / I \in L\}$ . Since  $R \cong f[R]$ ,  $R$  is a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible skewrings. #



**Definition 3.47.** A skewring  $R$  is *semisimple* if and only if it is a direct sum of simple normal ideals of  $R$ .

**Remark 3.48.** The Cartesian product of finite number of semisimple skewrings is a semisimple skewring.

**Definition 3.49.** A normal ideal  $I$  of a skewring  $R$  is a *direct summand* of  $R$  if and only if there exists a normal ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $R = I \oplus J$ .

**Definition 3.50.** A skewring  $R$  is *completely reducible* if and only if every normal ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of  $R$ .

**Lemma 3.51.** If  $U$  is a set of normal ideals of a skewring  $R$  and  $H$  is a normal ideal in  $R$ , then there exists a subset  $V$  of  $U$  which is maximal with respect to the existence of  $H \oplus (\oplus_{K \in V} K)$ .

**Proof.** Denote the direct sum in the theorem by  $X(V)$ . Let  $L$  be the set of subsets  $V$  of  $U$  for which  $X(V)$  exists. Since  $X(\emptyset) = H$ ,  $\emptyset \in L$  and  $L$  is not empty. Partially order  $L$  by inclusion. Let  $C$  be a nonempty chain in  $L$ . Let  $W = \cup C$ . Then  $W$  is a subset of  $U$  and is an upper bound of  $C$ . We shall show that  $W \in L$ , that is we shall show that  $X(W)$  exists.

**Claim** that for all  $K, K' \in W$  such that  $K \neq K'$ ,  $K \cap K' = \{0\}$  and for every  $K \in W$  such that  $K \neq H$ ,  $K \cap H = \{0\}$ .

If  $K, K' \in W$  and  $K \neq K'$ , then there exists a  $V \in C$  such that  $K, K' \in V$ . Since  $X(V)$  exists,  $K \cap K' = \{0\}$ . If  $K \in W$  and  $K \neq H$ , then there exists  $V \in C$  such that  $K \in V$ . Since  $X(V)$  exists,  $H \cap K = \{0\}$ . Therefore the claim is true.

Hence  $X(W)$  exists. Thus  $W \in L$  and  $W$  is an upper bound of  $C$  in  $L$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $L$  has a maximal element. #

**Lemma 3.52.** *let  $R$  be a skewring and  $I, J$  be normal ideals of  $R$  such that  $R = I \oplus J$ . If  $H$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq H \subseteq R$ , then  $H = I \oplus (J \cap H)$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $H$  is a normal ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq H \subseteq R$ . Clearly,  $I + (J \cap H) \subseteq H$ . Let  $h \in H$ . Since  $R = I \oplus J$ , there exist  $x \in I$  and  $y \in J$  such that  $h = x + y$  and we have  $x \in H$ . Since  $y = h - x \in H$ ,  $h = x + y \in I + (J \cap H)$ , so  $H \subseteq I + (J \cap H)$ . Therefore  $H = I + (J \cap H)$ . Since  $R = I \oplus J$ ,  $I \cap (J \cap H) \subseteq I \cap J = \{0\}$  which implies that  $H = I \oplus (J \cap H)$ .#

**Theorem 3.53.** *A skewring  $R$  is completely reducible if and only if it is semisimple.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be completely reducible. Let  $L = \{S / S \text{ is a set of simple normal ideals of } R \text{ such that } X(S) = \bigoplus \{H/H \in S\} \text{ exists}\}$ . By Lemma 3.51, there exists a maximal set of simple normal ideals  $S$  such that  $X(S) = \bigoplus \{H/H \in S\}$  exists. By completely reducibility,  $R = X(S) \oplus K$  for some normal ideal  $K$  of  $R$ . If  $K = \{0\}$ , we are done. Suppose that  $K \neq \{0\}$ .

**Claim** that  $K$  is completely reducible.

Let  $M$  be a normal ideal in  $K$ . By Remark 3.5 and  $R = X(S) \oplus K$ ,  $M$  is a normal ideal in  $R$ . Since  $R$  is a completely reducible, there exists a normal ideal  $P$  of  $R$  such that  $R = M \oplus P$ . Since  $M \subseteq K \subseteq R$ , by Lemma 3.52,  $K = M \oplus (P \cap K)$ . Hence  $K$  is completely reducible and the claim is true.

By the maximal property of  $S$  and Remark 3.5,  $K$  has no nontrivial simple normal ideal. Let  $0 \neq x \in K$  and  $M = \langle x \rangle_n$  be a normal ideal in  $K$  which is generated by  $x$ . Then  $M$  is not simple. Since  $K$  is completely reducible and Remark 3.5, there exists a normal ideal  $P$  of  $R$  such that  $K = M \oplus P$ . By Remark 3.5, every normal ideal of  $M$  is a normal ideal of  $K$ . Since  $K$  has no nontrivial simple normal ideal, this is true for  $M$ . Similarly, by the proof of the claim,  $M$  is completely reducible.

Let  $x^M$  be a smallest normal ideal in  $M$  which is generated by  $x$ .

Clearly,  $M = \langle x \rangle_n = x^M$ . Since  $M$  is not simple, there exists a nontrivial normal ideal  $A_1$  of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is completely reducible, there exists a nontrivial normal ideal  $B_1$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A_1 \oplus B_1$ . Similarly,  $B_1$  has no simple normal ideal and so  $B_1$  is completely reducible. By induction, we have  $M = A_1 \oplus B_1 = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus B_2 = A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \oplus B_n \oplus \dots$  where  $A_i \neq \{0\}$  and  $B_i \neq \{0\}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $\bigoplus A_i$  exists and it is a normal ideal in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is completely reducible, there exists a normal ideal  $D$  of  $M$  such that  $M = (\bigoplus A_i) \oplus D$ . Let  $D = A_0$ ,  $M = \bigoplus A_i$ . Then there exist an  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $a_i \in A_i$  such that  $x = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_r$ . Hence  $x^M \subseteq A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_r \subset M$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $K = \{0\}$ .

Conversely, let  $S$  be the set of simple normal ideals of  $R$  such that  $R = \bigoplus \{H/H \in S\}$  and let  $M$  be a normal ideal of  $R$ . By Lemma 3.51, there exists a maximal subset  $T$  of  $S$  such that  $X(T) = M \oplus (\bigoplus \{H/H \in T\})$  exists. Suppose  $X(T)$  is a proper subskewring of  $R$ . If for every  $H \in S$ ,  $X(T) \cap H = H$ , then  $H \subseteq X(T)$  for every  $H \in S$  which implies that  $X(T) = R$  which is a contradiction. Then there exists an  $H \in S$  such that  $X(T) \cap H$  is a proper normal ideal of  $H$ . Since  $H$  is simple,  $X(T) \cap H = \{0\}$ . Then  $X(T \cup \{H\})$  exists which contradicts the maximal property of  $T$ . Therefore  $X(T) = R$ . Hence  $R$  is completely reducible. #