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## Quotient Rings of $\Phi$ -Trivial Extensions

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## QUOTIENT RINGS OF $\Phi$ -TRIVIAL EXTENSIONS

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Let  $R$  be a ring with identity and  $M$  an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule. In his paper [3], Kitamura has shown that every right quotient ring of the trivial extension of  $R$  by  $M$  is a trivial extension of a right quotient ring of  $R$  by a suitable bimodule if  ${}_R M$  is flat and is finitely generated by elements each of which commutes with every element of  $R$ .

The purpose of the present paper is to extend this result to the corresponding one for  $\Phi$ -trivial extensions. Let  $\Lambda$  be the  $\Phi$ -trivial extension of  $R$  by an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule  $M$  with pairing  $\Phi$ . For each  $R$ -module  $U$ ,  $V = U \oplus M^*$  can be seen as a right  $\Lambda$ -module, where  $M^*$  is the dual of  $M$  relative to  $U$ . In Section 2 it is shown that  $\text{Biend}(V_\Lambda) \simeq \text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\circ} M^{**}$  if  $M^*_R$  is  $U$ -reflexive (Theorem 2.1). Under certain assumptions, in Section 3, we shall observe the injective hull of any right  $\Lambda$ -module (Theorem 3.2) and then determine the right quotient ring of  $\Lambda$  as  $Q(\Lambda) \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\circ} Q(M_R)$  (Theorem 3.3).

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will denote a ring with identity. All modules are unitary and module homomorphisms are written on the side opposite to the scalars. We shall refer to [1] for the notations and terminologies concerning the ring theory.

1. Let  $M$  be an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule with pairing  $\Phi = [ \ , \ ] : M \otimes_R M \rightarrow R$ , i.e. an  $(R, R)$ -bilinear map satisfying  $m[m', m''] = [m, m']m''$  for all  $m, m'$  and  $m''$  in  $M$ . The  $\Phi$ -trivial extension  $\Lambda = R \times_{\circ} M$  of  $R$  by  $M$  is a ring whose underlying set is the Cartesian product  $R \times M$  with addition componentwise and multiplication given by

$$(a, m) \cdot (a', m') = (aa' + [m, m'], ma' + am').$$

For an  $R$ -module  $U$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(\Lambda, U)$  is canonically  $Z$ -isomorphic to  $U \oplus M^*$ , where  $M^* = \text{Hom}_R(M, U)$  is the  $U$ -dual of  $M_R$ . Using this isomorphism we can regard  $U \oplus M^*$  as a right  $\Lambda$ -module. The operation of  $\Lambda$  on  $U \oplus M^*$  is given by

$$(u, f) \cdot (a, m) = (ua + f(m), fa + \varphi(u \otimes m))$$

for  $(u, f)$  in  $U \oplus M^*$  and  $(a, m)$  in  $\Lambda$ , where  $\varphi: U \otimes_R M \rightarrow M^*$  is the right  $R$ -homomorphism defined by  $\varphi(u \otimes m)(m') = u[m, m']$  for  $m, m'$  in  $M$  and  $u$

in  $U$ . We denote this right  $\Lambda$ -module by  $V$ .

Let  $S = \text{End}(U_R)$  and  $N = \text{Hom}_R(M^*, U)$ . Then  $\text{End}(V_\Lambda) \simeq \text{Hom}_\Lambda(V, \text{Hom}_R(\Lambda, U)) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(V, U) \simeq S \oplus N$  and the composite isomorphism  $\text{End}(V_\Lambda) \rightarrow S \oplus N$  is given by  $\alpha \rightarrow (p_1\alpha i_1, p_1\alpha i_2)$ , where  $i_k$  and  $p_k$  denote injections and projections associated with the direct sum decomposition of  $V = U \oplus M^*$ , respectively. We denote this isomorphism by  $\tau$ .

We shall define a pairing  $N \otimes_S N \rightarrow S$  through which  $S \oplus N$  becomes a ring and  $\tau$  is a ring isomorphism. To this end, first we show the following

**Lemma 1.1.** For every  $\alpha \in \text{End}(V_\Lambda)$ ,  $f \in M^*$  and  $h \in N$ ,

$$(1) \quad p_2\alpha i_1 = \text{Hom}(M, p_1\alpha i_2) \circ \varphi',$$

where  $\varphi' : U \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, M^*)$  is the  $(S, R)$ -homomorphism given by  $\varphi'(u)(m) = \varphi(u \otimes m)$ .

$$(2) \quad p_2\alpha i_2 = \text{Hom}(M, p_1\alpha i_1).$$

$$(3) \quad h \cdot p_1\alpha i_1 = h \circ p_2\alpha i_2.$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\alpha i_1(u) = (u', f)$  for some  $u'$  in  $U$  and  $f$  in  $M^*$ . Then for each  $m$  in  $M$   $((p_2\alpha i_1)(u))(m) = f(m)$ . On the other hand,  $(p_1\alpha i_2 \circ \varphi'(u))(m) = (p_1\alpha i_2)(\varphi(u \otimes m)) = p_1\alpha((u, 0) \cdot (0, m)) = p_1((u', f) \cdot (0, m)) = f(m)$ .

(2) Let  $\alpha i_2(f) = (u, f')$  for some  $u$  in  $U$  and  $f'$  in  $M^*$ . Then for each  $m$  in  $M$   $((p_2\alpha i_2)(f))(m) = f'(m)$ , while  $(p_1\alpha i_1 \cdot f)(m) = p_1\alpha((0, f) \cdot (0, m)) = p_1((u, f') \cdot (0, m)) = f'(m)$ .

(3) For each  $f$  in  $M^*$ ,  $(h \cdot p_1\alpha i_1)(f) = h(p_1\alpha i_1 \cdot f) = h((p_2\alpha i_2)(f)) = (h \circ p_2\alpha i_2)(f)$  by (2).

Now  $N$  is an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule and we define a mapping from  $N \times N$  to  $S$  via  $(p_1\alpha i_2, p_1\beta i_1) \rightarrow p_1\alpha i_2 \circ p_2\beta i_1$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $\text{End}(V_\Lambda)$ . This is well-defined by Lemma 1.1 (1) and induces a pairing  $\Psi = \langle \ , \ \rangle : N \otimes_S N \rightarrow S$  given by  $\langle p_1\alpha i_2, p_1\beta i_1 \rangle = p_1\alpha i_2 \circ p_2\beta i_1$ , i.e. for each  $h, h'$  in  $N$  and  $u$  in  $U$ ,  $\langle h, h' \rangle(u) = h(h' \circ \varphi'(u))$  again by Lemma 1.1 (1). Therefore,  $S \oplus N$  becomes the  $\Psi$ -trivial extension  $\Gamma = S \times_{\Psi} N$  of  $S$  by  $N$  and further by Lemma 1.1 (3)  $\tau$  is a ring isomorphism between  $\text{End}(V_\Lambda)$  and  $\Gamma$ . Thus, we obtain

**Theorem 1.2.**  $\text{End}(V_\Lambda)$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma$  as rings via  $\tau$ .

It follows from this theorem that  $V$  can be regarded naturally as a left  $\Gamma$ -module by making use of  $\tau$ . The operation of  $\Gamma$  on  $V$  is given by

$$(s, h) \cdot (u, f) = \tau^{-1}(s, h)((u, f))$$

$$= (s(u) + h(f), sf + h \circ \varphi'(u))$$

for  $(u, f)$  in  $V$  and  $(s, h)$  in  $\Gamma$ .

Recall that  $S$  is a ring with identity,  $N$  is an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule with pairing  $\Psi = \langle \ , \ \rangle: N \otimes_S N \rightarrow S$  and  $\Gamma = S \times_{\Psi} N$  is the  $\Psi$ -trivial extension of  $S$  by  $N$ . Replacing  $R, M$  and  $\Lambda$  with  $S, N$  and  $\Gamma$ , respectively, we have just the same situation as above. Therefore, for the left  $S$ -module  $U, W = U \oplus N^*$ , where  $N^* = \text{Hom}_S(N, U)$ , becomes a left  $\Gamma$ -module with the operation of  $\Gamma$  given by

$$(s, h) \cdot (u, k) = (s(u) + (h)k, sk + \phi(h \otimes u))$$

for  $(s, h)$  in  $\Gamma$  and  $(u, k)$  in  $W$ . Here the mapping  $\phi: N \otimes_S U \rightarrow N^*$  is defined by  $(h')\phi(h \otimes u) = \langle h', h \rangle u$  for  $h'$  in  $N$  and is an  $(S, R)$ -homomorphism. Note that  $\phi$  coincides with the composition map of  $N \otimes_S U \rightarrow M^*$  given by  $h \otimes u \rightarrow h \circ \varphi'(u)$  with the evaluation map  $\sigma_M: M^* \rightarrow N^*$  of  $M^*_R$ .

Now let  $T = \text{End}_S(U)$ . Then  $U$  is a right  $T$ -module and  $N^*$  is an  $(S, T)$ -bimodule. Hence,  $L = \text{Hom}_S(N^*, U)$  has a  $(T, T)$ -bimodule structure. Replacing  $S$  and  $N$  with  $T$  and  $L$  respectively, by the same way as above, we can define a pairing  $\Omega = \langle \ , \ \rangle: L \otimes_T L \rightarrow T$  and the  $\Omega$ -trivial extension  $\Delta = T \times_{\Omega} L$  of  $T$  by  $L$ . The pairing  $\Omega$  is  $(u) \langle k, k' \rangle = (\psi'(u) \circ k)k'$  for  $k, k'$  in  $L$  and  $u$  in  $U$ , where  $\psi': U \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S(N, N^*)$  is the  $(S, T)$ -homomorphism defined by  $(h)\psi'(u) = \phi(h \otimes u)$  for  $h$  in  $N$ . Using Theorem 1.2, we see that

$$\text{End}_T(W) \simeq \Delta.$$

2. In this section we shall assume that  $M^*_R$  is  $U$ -reflexive. Then the evaluation map  $\sigma = \sigma_M$  is an  $(S, R)$ -isomorphism and hence the mapping  $U \oplus \sigma: V \rightarrow W$  is a  $\Gamma$ -isomorphism and induces a ring isomorphism

$$\text{End}_T(V) \simeq \text{End}_T(W).$$

Using  $\sigma$  we may also regard  $M^*$  as a right  $T$ -module, i.e. for  $t \in T$  and  $f \in M^*$  define  $ft$  to be  $ft = ((f)\sigma \circ t)\sigma^{-1}$ . Then  $M^*$  is an  $(S, T)$ -bimodule,  $\sigma$  is an  $(S, T)$ -isomorphism and  $M^{**} = \text{Hom}_S(M^*, U)$ , the double dual of  $M_R$ , is a  $(T, T)$ -bimodule. Hence the mapping  $\text{Hom}(\sigma, U): L \rightarrow M^{**}$  is a  $(T, T)$ -isomorphism and yields a pairing  $\theta: M^{**} \otimes_T M^{**} \rightarrow T$  such that  $\Omega = \theta \circ \text{Hom}(\sigma, U) \otimes \text{Hom}(\sigma, U)$  and a ring isomorphism  $1 \times \text{Hom}(\sigma, U): \Delta \rightarrow T \times_{\theta} M^{**}$ . Thus, we obtain

**Theorem 2.1.** *Assume that  $M^*_R$  is  $U$ -reflexive. Then*

$$\text{End}({}_r V) \simeq T \times_{\theta} M^{**}$$

as rings, i.e.

$$\text{Biend}(V_A) \simeq \text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\theta} M^{**}.$$

The following corollary follows from [6, Theorem 1.4].

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $U = E(M_R)$  and assume that  $M^*_R$  is  $E(M_R)$ -reflexive and  ${}_R M$  is faithful. Then*

$$Q_{\max}(\Lambda_A) \simeq \text{Biend}(E(M_R)) \times_{\theta} M^{**}.$$

As is easily seen, if  $R'$  is a ring with identity such that  $R \simeq^f R'$  as rings, then for an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule  $M$  with pairing  $\Theta: M \otimes_R M \rightarrow R$ , we can regard  $M$  naturally as an  $(R', R')$ -bimodule via  $f$  and find a pairing  $\Theta': M \otimes_{R'} M \rightarrow R'$  such that  $R \times_{\theta} M \simeq R' \times_{\theta'} M$  as rings. Hence, by [6, Theorem 1.3] we have

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $U = E(R_R)$  and assume that  $M^*_R$  is  $E(R_R)$ -reflexive and  $\Phi$  is right non-degenerate. Then*

$$Q_{\max}(\Lambda_A) \simeq Q_{\max}(R_R) \times_{\theta'} M^{**}.$$

It is easily verified that the isomorphism in Theorem 2.1 induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda = R \times_{\theta} M & & \\ \rho_A \swarrow & & \searrow \rho_R \times \sigma_M \\ \text{Biend}(V_A) & \simeq & \text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\theta} M^{**} \end{array}$$

where  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_R$  are right multiplications of elements of  $\Lambda$  and  $R$ , respectively and  $\sigma_M$  is the evaluation map  $M \rightarrow M^{**}$ . Thus, we have

**Corollary 2.4.** *Assume that  $M^*_R$  is  $U$ -reflexive. Then  $V_A$  is (faithful and) balanced if and only if  $U_R$  is (faithful and) balanced and  $\sigma_M$  is (injective and) surjective.*

We can apply this corollary to Corollaries 2.2 and 2.3 and obtain that, for example, if  $M^*_R$  is  $E(R_R)$ -reflexive and  $\Phi$  is right non-degenerate, then  $\Lambda$

is isomorphic to  $Q_{\max}(\Lambda_A)$  via  $\rho_A$  if and only if  $R$  is isomorphic to  $Q_{\max}(R_R)$  via  $\rho_R$  and  $M_R$  is  $E(R_R)$ -reflexive.

As an application of Theorem 1.2 we can give a criterion for  $Q_{\max}(\Lambda_A)$  being right self-injective. For example, if  ${}_R M$  is faithful, then  $Q_{\max}(\Lambda_A)$  is right self-injective if and only if (1)  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E(M_R))$  is a free left  $S$ -module with a basis  $\nu$ , the inclusion map  $M \rightarrow E(M_R)$ , and (2)  ${}_S N$  is isomorphic to  ${}_S E(M_R)$  via  $(\nu)\sigma_{M^*}$ . This result can be seen as a generalization of [3, Proposition 6] and is easily obtained using [4, Section 4.3, Proposition 3].

3. Let  $\Lambda = R \times_{\Phi} M$  be the  $\Phi$ -trivial extension of  $R$  by  $M$  as above and  $V_A$  any right  $\Lambda$ -module. Then since  $\text{Im } \Phi \times M$  is an ideal of  $\Lambda$ , the left annihilator  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$  of  $\text{Im } \Phi \times M$  in  $V$  is a  $\Lambda$ -submodule of  $V$ . We may regard  $V$  and  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$  naturally as right  $R$ -modules. Let  $U = E(\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)_R)$  and put  $E(V_R) = U \oplus U'$  for some  $R$ -submodule  $U'$  of  $E(V_R)$ . Using the projection map  $p: E(V_R) \rightarrow U$ , define a right  $\Lambda$ -homomorphism  $\xi: V \rightarrow U \oplus M^*$  as  $\xi(v) = (p(v), m \rightarrow p(v(0, m)))$  for  $v$  in  $V$  and  $m$  in  $M$ .

It is to be noted that  $\ell_V(0 \times M)$  and  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi)$  are both  $\Lambda$ -submodules of  $V$  and

$$\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M) = \ell_V(0 \times M) \leq \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi) \leq V,$$

since  $([m, m'], 0) = (0, m) \cdot (0, m')$  for  $m, m' \in M$ . Furthermore,  $\ell_V(0 \times M)_A$  is essential in  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi)_A$  and  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi)_R$  is also essential in  $U_R$ . Using these facts we shall prove

**Lemma 3.1.** *The following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1)  $\xi$  is a monomorphism.
- (2)  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)_A$  is essential in  $V_A$ .
- (3)  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi)_A$  is essential in  $V_A$ .

*If this is the case,  $\xi$  becomes an essential monomorphism.*

*Proof.* (2)  $\rightarrow$  (1). Assume (2). Let  $\xi(v) = 0$ . Then  $p(v) = 0$  and so  $\text{Ker}(\xi) \leq U'$ . Since  $\xi$  is a  $\Lambda$ -homomorphism, it follows that  $v\Lambda \leq \text{Ker}(\xi)$  and hence  $v\Lambda \cap \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M) \leq U' \cap \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M) = 0$ . By assumption  $v\Lambda = 0$  and hence  $v = 0$ .

Now we shall show that  $\xi(V)_A$  is essential in  $(U \oplus M^*)_A$ . To this end take  $(u, f) (\neq 0)$  in  $U \oplus M^*$ . If  $f = 0$ , then  $u \neq 0$  and hence there exists

an  $a$  in  $R$  such that  $0 \neq ua \in \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$ . In this case,  $(u, f) \cdot (a, 0) = (ua, 0) = \xi(ua)$ . If  $u = 0$ , then there is an  $m$  in  $M$  such that  $f(m) \neq 0$ . Hence we can find an  $a$  in  $R$  such that  $0 \neq f(m) \cdot a \in \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$ . In this case,  $(u, f) \cdot (0, ma) = (f(ma), 0) = \xi(f(ma))$ .

Next suppose that  $u \neq 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . Then there exists an  $a$  in  $R$  such that  $0 \neq ua \in \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$  and  $(u, f) \cdot (a, 0) = (ua, fa)$ . In case  $fa = 0$ , we have  $(u, f) \cdot (a, 0) = (ua, 0) = \xi(ua)$ . If  $fa \neq 0$ , there exists an  $m$  in  $M$  for which  $f(am) = (fa)(m) \neq 0$ . We can find an  $a'$  in  $R$  such that  $0 \neq f(am) \cdot a' \in \ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)$ . We then have  $(u, f) \cdot (0, ama') = (ua, fa) \cdot (0, ma') = (f(ama'), 0) = \xi(f(ama'))$ .

(1)  $\rightarrow$  (2). Using the fact that  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi)_R$  is essential in  $U_R$ , it is easy to see that  $\ell_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)_A$  is essential in  $V_A$  by a similar way as above.

The equivalence of (2) and (3) is trivial.

The following theorem characterizes injective modules over  $\Lambda$  and can be seen as a generalization of [6, Theorem 2.4].

**Theorem 3.2.** *For any right  $\Lambda$ -module  $V$  there is an injective right  $R$ -module  $U$  such that*

$$E(V_A) \simeq U \oplus M^*$$

as right  $\Lambda$ -modules, whenever  $\xi$  is a monomorphism.

*Proof.* This follows from Lemma 3.1 and the fact that for any injective right  $R$ -module  $X$ ,  $X \oplus \text{Hom}_R(M, X)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_R(\Lambda, X)$  over  $\Lambda$  and hence is injective over  $\Lambda$  [1, Exercise (19.14)].

As is well-known, every hereditary torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}R$  is co-generated by a certain injective  $R$ -module  $E_R$ . We shall call it simply the  $E$ -torsion theory.

Assuming that  $\xi$  is a monomorphism, we now discuss the problem of how to determine the quotient ring of the  $\Phi$ -trivial extension  $\Lambda$  of  $R$  by  $M$ . Following Morita [5], every right quotient ring of  $\Lambda$  is isomorphic to the biendomorphism ring of a finitely cogenerating, injective right  $\Lambda$ -module.

So let  $V_A$  be a finitely cogenerating, injective right  $\Lambda$ -module. This means that  $V$  is injective over  $\Lambda$  and is finitely generated over  $\text{End}(V_A)$ . Theorem 3.2 then implies that  $V \simeq U \oplus M^*$  as right  $\Lambda$ -modules, for some injective right  $R$ -module  $U$ .

First assume that  $M_R^*$  is  $U$ -reflexive. Then by Theorem 2.1  $\text{Biend}(V_A)$

$\simeq \text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\theta} M^{**}$  as rings. Now let  $S = \text{End}(U_R)$  and  $N = \text{Hom}_R(M^*, U)$ . If we assume further that  ${}_S N$  is finitely generated, then  $U_R$  is finitely cogenerating, since  $V_A$  is finitely cogenerating. Hence, there is a ring isomorphism  $\text{Biend}(U_R) \rightarrow Q(R_R)$  over  $R$ , where  $Q(R_R)$  denotes the right quotient ring of  $R$  with respect to the  $U_R$ -torsion theory. As we have remarked in Section 2, we can regard  $M^{**}$  naturally a  $(Q(R_R), Q(R_R))$ -bimodule and find a pairing  $\theta': M^{**} \otimes_{Q(R_R)} M^{**} \rightarrow Q(R_R)$  such that  $\text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\theta} M^{**} \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\theta'} M^{**}$  as rings. Thus, we have

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $Q(\Lambda_A)$  be any right quotient ring of  $\Lambda$ ,  $V$  an associated finitely cogenerating, injective right  $\Lambda$ -module and  $U = E(\iota_V(\text{Im } \Phi \times M)_R)$ . Assume that  $\xi$  is a monomorphism and that  $M_R^*$  is  $U$ -reflexive. Then we have*

$$(1) \quad Q(\Lambda_A) \simeq \text{Biend}(U_R) \times_{\theta} M^{**}.$$

(2) *If  ${}_S N$  is finitely generated, then as rings*

$$Q(\Lambda_A) \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\theta'} M^{**}.$$

(3) *If, in addition,  ${}_S M^*$  is finitely generated, then*

$$Q(\Lambda_A) \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\theta''} Q(M_R)$$

as rings, where  $Q(M_R)$  denotes the module of quotients of  $M_R$  with respect to the  $U_R$ -torsion theory.

*Proof.* We may prove only (3). Suppose in addition that  ${}_S M^*$  is finitely generated. Then by [2, Theorem 1.2] there exists an  $R$ -isomorphism  $k: M^{**} \rightarrow Q(M_R)$  over  $M$ . Using this isomorphism, we can regard  $Q(M_R)$  as a  $(Q(R_R), Q(R_R))$ -bimodule and define a pairing  $\theta'': Q(M_R) \otimes_{Q(R_R)} Q(M_R) \rightarrow Q(R_R)$  such that  $\theta' = \theta'' \circ k \otimes k$ . Then we have a ring isomorphism  $1 \times k: Q(R_R) \times_{\theta'} M^{**} \rightarrow Q(R_R) \times_{\theta''} Q(M_R)$  and thus  $Q(\Lambda_A) \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\theta''} Q(M_R)$ .

As is easily seen, in case  $U_R$  is injective the condition that  ${}_S M^*$  is finitely generated is equivalent to that  $U_R$  cogenerates  $M_R$  finitely and is always true if  $\Phi = 0$  and  $V_A$  is finitely cogenerating as was pointed out by [3, Proposition 1].

**Example 3.4.** Let  $M$  be an  $(R, R)$ -bimodule and  $U_R$  an  $R$ -module. Assume that there exists a split exact sequence of right  $R$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow U^n$  for some  $n > 0$ . Then  $M_R^*$  is  $U$ -reflexive, since  $U_R$  itself is  $U$ -



reflexive and the class of  $U$ -reflexive modules is closed under direct summands and finite direct sums, and further  $S^n \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Hence  ${}_sN$  is finitely generated. Moreover, if  $\Lambda$  is the trivial extension of  $R$  by  $M$  and  $V_\Lambda$  is finitely cogenerating, then  ${}_sM^*$  is finitely generated, as we have remarked above. In this case  $\xi$  is a monomorphism by Lemma 3.1 and all of the pairings are zero. Thus we have

$$Q(\Lambda_\Lambda) \simeq Q(R_R) \times Q(M_R),$$

by Theorem 3.3. This is a detailed form of [3, Theorem 4].

**Example 3.5.** Let  ${}_R M_R = {}_R R_R$ . Then, for every finitely cogenerating injective  $R$ -module  $U_R$ ,  $M_R^* \simeq U_R$ ,  ${}_s N \simeq {}_s S$  and  ${}_s M^* \simeq {}_s U$ . Hence, for every  $\Phi$ -trivial extension  $\Lambda$  of  $R$  by  ${}_R R_R$ , we have by Theorem 3.3

$$Q(\Lambda_\Lambda) \simeq Q(R_R) \times_{\theta'} Q(R_R)$$

as rings, whenever  $\xi$  is a monomorphism.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $U_R = E(R_R)$  and let  $\xi: \Lambda \rightarrow U \oplus M^*$  be the  $\Lambda$ -homomorphism defined by  $\xi(a, m) = (a, m' \rightarrow [m, m'])$ . Then  $\xi$  is a monomorphism if and only if  $\Phi$  is right non-degenerate. Hence, assuming that  $\Phi$  is right non-degenerate and  $M_R^*$  is  $U$ -reflexive, we have by Corollary 2.3

$$Q_{\max}(\Lambda_\Lambda) \simeq Q_{\max}(R_R) \times_{\theta'} M^{**}.$$

If we assume further that  ${}_s M^*$  is finitely generated, then by a similar way as in Theorem 3.3 we have

$$Q_{\max}(\Lambda_\Lambda) \simeq Q_{\max}(R_R) \times_{\theta'} Q(M_R).$$

If, in particular, we assume that  $M = {}_R R_R$  and  $\Phi$  is given by the multiplication in  $R$ , then we have

$$Q_{\max}(\Lambda_\Lambda) \simeq Q_{\max}(R_R) \times_{\theta'} Q_{\max}(R_R)$$

without any restriction.

After completed this paper, we have found that there are some overlaps, for example, Theorems 1.2 and 3.2, with Eduardo Garcia-Herreros Mantilla: *Semitriviale Erweiterungen und generalisierte Matrizenringe*, München, 1986 (Algebra Berichte 54).

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