

# MORE ON THE AR PROPERTY AND CHAIN CONDITIONS IN GROUP RINGS

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## ABSTRACT

We investigate when the augmentation ideal of a group algebra  $kG$  has the AR property in the cases of  $G$  a locally nilpotent or hyperabelian group.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  a group. In an earlier paper [7] we showed that if the augmentation ideal  $g_k$  of the group algebra  $kG$  satisfies the AR property then the ring  $kG$  and the group  $G$  satisfy certain chain conditions, and using these we were able to characterize those hypercentral groups  $G$  such that  $g_k$  has the AR property (see [7], theorem C'). In this paper, which is really just a rather long postscript to [7], we try to characterize those locally nilpotent or hyperabelian groups  $G$  such that  $g_k$  has the AR property.

The notation used in this paper is taken from [7] with one exception. If  $p$  is a prime or zero then a group  $G$  will be said to satisfy  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  if for any ascending chain of subgroups  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq H_3 \leq \dots$  such that  $H_i$  is normal in  $H_{i+1}$  for each  $i \geq 1$  there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $H_{n+1}/H_n$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group for all  $n \geq n_0$ . In the case  $p = 0$  we shall understand by a 0'-group an arbitrary group. This definition is clearly stronger than the earlier one, so as our first result we have:

**LEMMA A.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  a group such that  $g_k$  has the AR property. Then  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ .*

Lemma A was pointed out to me by K. A. Brown. The other fact about the property  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  which we will need is contained in the next result.

**LEMMA B.** *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $\mathcal{X}$  a class of groups. Let  $G$  be a hyper-( $\mathcal{X}$  or*

locally finite- $p'$ ) group such that  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ . Then there exists a finite chain  $1 = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \cdots \leq H_n = G$  of normal subgroups  $H_i$  of  $G$  such that  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is an  $\mathcal{X}$ -group or a locally finite- $p'$  group for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

The problem of characterizing which locally nilpotent groups  $G$  are such that  $g_k$  has the AR property for some field  $k$  is not hard given our earlier results and by using a theorem of Mal'cev we are able to give the following generalization of [7], theorem C'.

**THEOREM C.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  a locally nilpotent group with maximal normal torsion  $p'$ -subgroup  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $g_k$  has the AR property.
- (ii)  $kG$  satisfies the ascending chain condition on  $g_k$ -closed right ideals.
- (iii)  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ .
- (iv)  $G/M$  is a nilpotent group each of whose upper central factors is an AR- $p$ -group.

The proof of Theorem C is so easy that we shall give it here. The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) and (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) are consequences of [7] corollary C2, the proof of Lemma A given below in §2, and [7], theorem C', respectively. It remains to prove that (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). Suppose  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ . By [4], vol. II, theorem 6.36, corollary 1,  $G/M$  is hypercentral and so a nilpotent group with the stated property (see the proof of [7], theorem C').

Again with  $k$  a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$ , let  $G$  be a hyperabelian group. In view of [3], theorems 11.2.14 and 11.2.15, in considering when  $g_k$  has the AR property one would expect to have to deal with the cases  $p = 0$  and  $p > 0$  separately. The case  $p = 0$  is dealt with quite easily and we obtain:

**THEOREM D.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  a hyper-(Abelian or locally finite) group. Then  $g_k$  has the AR property if and only if  $G$  contains a locally finite normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is a nilpotent group each of whose upper central factors has finite torsion-free rank.*

Now suppose  $p > 0$ . By a  $p$ -chief factor we shall mean a chief factor each of whose elements has finite order a power of  $p$ . It would seem reasonable in view of Lemma A and [5], corollary A3, to hope that, for  $G$  hyperabelian,  $g_k$  has the AR property if and only if (a)  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  and (b)  $G$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors. We have been unable to prove this, but what we can prove is the following generalization of (7), theorem C'.

**THEOREM E.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $G$  a hyper-(polycyclic or locally finite- $p$ ) group. Then  $g_k$  has the AR property if and only if  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  and  $G$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors.*

Before leaving [7], theorem C', and its generalizations, let us note that Snider in [8], theorem B, has proved independently that if  $R = kG$  where  $k$  is a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  is a nilpotent group each of whose upper central factors is AR- $p$ -nilpotent, then  $R_{g_k}$  is a (right and left) Noetherian ring.

For any prime  $p$  let  $\text{cch}_p(G)$  denote the intersection of the centralizers of the  $p$ -chief factors of  $G$ . Recall that if  $G$  is polycyclic then  $\text{cch}_p(G)$  has finite index in  $G$ . By generalizing this fact in our next result we can highlight Theorem E somewhat.

**LEMMA F.** *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $G$  a hyper-(Abelian or locally finite- $p$ ) group such that  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ . Then  $\text{cch}_p(G)$  has finite index in  $G$ .*

The remainder of the paper concerns the fAR property. The main result here is the following one. (Recall from [7] that an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  has the fAR property if for every finitely generated right ideal  $E$  and finitely generated left ideal  $L$  there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $E \cap I^n \subseteq EI$  and  $L \cap I^n \subseteq IL$ .)

**THEOREM G.** *Let  $k$  be a field and  $G$  an arbitrary group. Then  $g = g_k$  has the fAR property if and only if*

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (E + g^n) = \{r \in kG : r(1 - a) \in E \text{ for some } a \text{ in } g\}$$

*for every finitely generated right ideal  $E$  of  $kG$ .*

The relationship between the AR and fAR properties is as follows. For any field  $k$  and group  $G$ , necessary and sufficient conditions for  $g_k$  to have the AR property are

- (i)  $g_k$  has the fAR property, and
- (ii)  $kG$  satisfies the ascending chain condition on  $g_k$ -closed right ideals.

The necessity is given by [7], corollary C2. Conversely, if  $g_k$  satisfies (i) and (ii), then by (ii) for any right ideal  $E$  of  $kG$  there exists a finitely generated right ideal  $F$  with  $F \subseteq E \subseteq F^*$  (see the proof of [7], lemma 2.3). By (i) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $F \cap g^n \subseteq Fg$  and hence  $E \cap g^n \subseteq Eg$ . Here as we shall do elsewhere we write  $g$  for  $g_k$  when there is no ambiguity about the field  $k$ .

Finally we characterize for a given field  $k$  those Abelian groups  $G$  such that  $g_k$  has the fAR property. Not surprisingly the characteristic of  $k$  again turns out to

be crucial. For fields of characteristic zero we have:

**THEOREM H.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic zero and  $G$  an arbitrary Abelian group. Then  $g_k$  has the fAR property.*

The corresponding result for fields of non-zero characteristic is the following one.

**THEOREM I.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $G$  an Abelian group. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $g_k$  has the fAR property.
- (ii) For every finitely generated subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  the group  $G/N$  has no  $p$ -elements of infinite  $p$ -height.
- (iii) For every finitely generated subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $N \cap G^{p^n} \leq N^p$ .

By a  $p$ -element we mean an element with finite order a power of  $p$ . As usual,  $G^{p^n}$  is the subgroup  $\{x^{p^n} : x \in G\}$  of  $G$  and an element  $y$  has infinite  $p$ -height if

$$y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G^{p^n}.$$

Combining Theorems H and I we see that if  $G$  is a free Abelian group then  $g_k$  has the fAR property for any field  $k$ .

We use [4] as a general reference for group theoretic terminology.

## 2. Proofs of Lemmas A, B and F and Theorem D

Lemmas A, B and F and Theorem D are quite easy to prove and so we deal with them all in this section.

**PROOF OF LEMMA A.** Suppose  $k$  is a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  a group such that  $g = g_k$  has the AR property. Let  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq H_3 \leq \dots$  be an ascending chain of subgroups of  $G$  such that  $H_i$  is normal in  $H_{i+1}$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Let  $H = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} H_i$ . In the notation of [7] there exists a finitely generated right ideal  $E$  of  $kG$  such that  $E \leq \bar{h} \leq E^*$  (see [7], corollary C2), where  $\bar{h} = \bar{h}(kG)$ . Clearly there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $E \leq \bar{h}_{n_0}$ . Let  $n \geq n_0$ . Let  $S$  be a finite subset of  $H_{n+1}$ . For each element  $s$  of  $S$  there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $(1-s)(1-a) \in \bar{h}_n$ . But by [7], lemma 2.2,  $kG$  satisfies the right Ore condition with respect to  $\{1-b : b \in g\}$ , and so there exists an element  $c$  in  $g$  such that  $(1-s)(1-c) \in \bar{h}_n$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ . Let  $T$  be a transversal to the right cosets of  $H_{n+1}$  in  $G$ . Then  $kG = \bigoplus_{t \in T} (kH_{n+1})t$  and  $\bar{h}_n = \bigoplus_{t \in T} \bar{h}_n(kH_{n+1})t$ . It follows that there

exists  $d$  in  $\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}$  such that  $(1-s)(1-d) \in \mathfrak{h}_n(kH_{n+1})$  for all  $s$  in  $S$ . Let  $U$  be the subgroup of  $H_{n+1}$  generated by  $S$  and  $H_n$ . Then the augmentation ideal  $u$  of  $kU$  satisfies

$$u = \sum_{s \in S} kU(1-s) + (kU)\mathfrak{h}_n.$$

Thus  $u(1-d) \leq (kU)\mathfrak{h}_n$  and it follows, by the proof of [7], theorem B, that  $U/H_n$  is a finite- $p'$  group. Hence  $H_{n+1}/H_n$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

**PROOF OF LEMMA B.** Every non-trivial homomorphic image of  $G$  contains a non-trivial normal subgroup which is either an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group or a locally finite- $p'$  group. If  $G$  contains a non-trivial locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup let  $H_1$  be the maximal locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup of  $G$  (see [4], vol. I, theorem 1.45, corollary). If  $H_1 \neq G$  then  $G/H_1$  does not contain any non-trivial locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroups. Let  $H_2$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H_1$  such that  $H_2/H_1$  is a non-trivial  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group. If  $H_2 \neq G$  define  $H_3$  to be a normal subgroup properly containing  $H_2$  such that  $H_3/H_2$  is the maximal locally finite- $p'$  subgroup of  $G/H_2$  if this is non-trivial and an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group otherwise. If  $H_3 \neq G$  then repeat the process. Note that if in the ascending chain  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq H_3 \leq \dots$  each of the groups  $H_2/H_1$  and  $H_3/H_2$  is an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group there will be an integer  $n \geq 3$  such that  $H_{n+1}/H_n$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group because  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ . In this way we obtain an ascending chain of normal subgroups  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq H_3 \leq \dots$  of normal subgroups such that for each  $i \geq 1$   $H_{i+1}/H_i$  is an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group or the maximal locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup of  $G/H_i$ . Since  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  this process stops and  $H_n = G$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Now suppose that  $G$  does not contain a non-trivial locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup. In this case let  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq H_3 \leq \dots$  be an ascending chain of normal subgroups such that  $H_{i+1}/H_i$  is a non-trivial  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group for each  $i \geq 1$  until we reach a normal subgroup  $H_j$  such that  $G/H_j$  contains a non-trivial locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup and then define  $H_{j+1}$  to be the normal subgroup containing  $H_j$  such that  $H_{j+1}/H_j$  is the maximal locally finite- $p'$  normal subgroup of  $G/H_j$ . And then proceed as before to produce the required chain of normal subgroups. This proves Lemma B.

**PROOF OF THEOREM D.** Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  a group. Suppose first that  $G$  has a locally finite normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is nilpotent with each of its upper central factors having finite torsion-free rank. If  $Q = G/H$  then  $q$  has the AR property ([7], theorem C'). If  $E$  is a right ideal of  $kG$  then there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $E \cap g^n \leq Eg + \bar{\mathfrak{h}}$ . But if  $r \in \bar{\mathfrak{h}}$

then there exists  $a$  in  $g$  with  $r(1-a)=0$ . It follows that  $E \cap g^n \leq E g$  and  $g$  has the AR property.

Conversely, suppose that  $g$  has the AR property. By Lemmas A and B,  $G$  has a finite series.

$$(1) \quad 1 = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \cdots \leq H_n = G$$

of normal subgroups  $H_i$  such that  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is Abelian or locally finite for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Moreover, since  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_0^*$  by Lemma A, if we suppose merely that  $H_{i-1}$  is normal in  $H_i$  then we can suppose without loss of generality that  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is infinite cyclic or locally finite for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Let  $D_m$  denote the  $m$ th dimension subgroup of  $G$ , that is

$$D_m = G \cap (1 + g^m).$$

Then  $G = D_1 \geq D_2 \geq \cdots$  is a central series for  $G$  and  $D_i/D_{i+1}$  is torsion-free or trivial for each  $i \geq 1$  (see [3], lemma 3.3.2). Consider the series

$$(2) \quad 1 \leq D_{n+2} \leq D_{n+1} \leq \cdots \leq D_2 \leq D_1 = G.$$

By [6], 2.10.1, the series (1) and (2) have equivalent refinements and it follows that  $D_{n+1}/D_{n+2}$  is not torsion-free (see the proof of [6], 7.1.5). Thus  $D_{n+1} = D_{n+2} = \cdots$  and if  $T = D_{n+1}$  then

$$t \leq \bigcap_{s=1}^{\infty} g^s.$$

Thus, by the proof of Lemma A,  $T$  is a locally finite group. If  $Q = G/T$  then  $Q$  is nilpotent and  $q$  has the AR property, so the result follows by [7], theorem C'.

**PROOF OF LEMMA F.** By Lemma B there exists a finite chain (1) such that  $H_i$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is Abelian or locally finite- $p'$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $H = H_1$ . By induction on  $n$  we can suppose that there exists a normal subgroup  $C_1$  of finite index in  $G$  such that  $H \leq C_1$  and  $C_1$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors of  $G/H$ . If  $H$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group then  $C_1$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors of  $G$ . So suppose  $H$  is Abelian. Then  $H/H^p$  is a finite group because  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$ . Let  $C_2$  be the centralizer in  $G$  of  $H/H^p$  and let  $C = C_1 \cap C_2$ . Then  $C$  is a normal subgroup of finite index in  $G$ . Let  $h \in H$ ,  $x \in C$ . Then

$$[h^p, x] = [h^{p^{-1}}, x]^h [h, x] = [h^{p^{-1}}, x] [h, x] = [h, x]^p \in H^{p^2}$$

since  $H$  is Abelian. It follows that  $C$  centralizes  $H^p/H^{p^2}$  and by the same

argument  $C$  centralizes

$$H^{p^m}/H^{p^{m+1}}$$

for all positive integers  $m$ . By [7], theorem C,  $\mathfrak{h}$  has the AR property in  $kH$  and it follows that, for any homomorphic image  $\bar{H}$  of  $H$ ,

$$\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{H}^{p^m}$$

is a locally finite- $p'$  group (to see this apply [7], lemma 2.1 and use the argument at the end of the proof of Lemma A). Thus  $C$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors of  $G$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem E

In contrast to the results proved in §2 the proof of Theorem E is rather long and involved. We begin this section by stating and proving some preliminary lemmas.

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . It is well known that  $I$  has the AR property if and only if given any essential submodule  $N$  of a finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $NI = 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $MI^n = 0$  (see [2], 2.7 and 2.8, and note that  $R$  need not be Noetherian). As a result of this fact we have the following known result.

**LEMMA 3.1.** *If an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  has the AR property then for every submodule  $N$  of a finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$  there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $N \cap MI^n \subseteq NI$ .*

The above characterization of the AR property has a second consequence. Recall that an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  has a *centralizing set of generators* if there exists a finite chain

$$0 = I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq I_n = I$$

of ideals  $I_j$  of  $R$  such that  $I_j/I_{j-1}$  is generated by a finite collection of central elements of the ring  $R/I_{j-1}$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . By adapting the proof of [2], 2.7, we have:

**LEMMA 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring and  $I \supseteq J$  ideals of  $R$  such that  $I/J$  has the AR property in the ring  $R/J$  and  $J$  has a centralizing set of generators. Then  $I$  has the AR property.*

Now we return to group rings and prove a lemma which really goes back to [5].

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $G$  a group such that  $g_k$  has the AR property. Then  $G$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors.*

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to prove that if  $X$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  such that every element of  $X$  is a  $p$ -element then  $[X, G] = 1$ . Suppose  $[X, G] \neq 1$ . Then  $X = [X, G]$  and it follows that

$$X \leq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$$

where  $G = G_1 \geq G_2 \geq \dots$  is the lower central series of  $G$ . But it is well known that  $g_n \leq g^n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and hence

$$X \leq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} g^n.$$

By [7], lemma 2.1 and the proof of corollary 3.2, it follows that  $X = 1$ , a contradiction.

**LEMMA 3.4.** *Let  $k$  be a field and  $G$  a group such that  $g_k$  has the AR property (fAR property) and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $h_k$  has the AR property (fAR property).*

**PROOF.** We prove the result for the case of the AR property, the proof for the other case being similar. Let  $T$  be a transversal to the right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Let  $E$  be a right ideal of the ring  $kH$  and  $\bar{E} = E(kG)$ . Then  $\bar{E} = \bigoplus_{t \in T} Et$ . By hypothesis there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\bar{E} \cap g^n \leq \bar{E}g$ . Let  $e \in E \cap h^n$ . Then there exist a positive integer  $m$  and elements  $e_i$  of  $E$  and  $x_i$  of  $G$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) such that

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i(1 - x_i).$$

For each  $1 \leq i \leq m$  there exist elements  $h_i$  of  $H$  and  $t_i$  of  $T$  such that  $x_i = h_i t_i$ . There are two cases to consider. First suppose that none of the elements  $x_i$  belongs to  $H$ . Then

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i - \sum_{i=1}^m e_i h_i t_i$$

implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m e_i h_i = 0$$



and so

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i(1 - h_i).$$

Now suppose that there exists an integer  $s$  with  $1 \leq s \leq m$  such that  $x_i \in H$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ) but  $x_i \notin H$  ( $s+1 \leq i \leq m$ ). Then without loss of generality we can take  $t_i = 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ). Hence

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^s e_i(1 - h_i) + \sum_{i=s+1}^m e_i - \sum_{i=s+1}^m e_i h_i t_i.$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{i=s+1}^m e_i h_i = 0$$

and again we have

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i(1 - h_i).$$

Thus  $e \in E\mathfrak{h}$  and it follows that

$$E \cap \mathfrak{h}^n \leq E\mathfrak{h}.$$

Thus  $\mathfrak{h}$  has the AR property.

The next group theoretic lemma turns out to be crucial.

**LEMMA 3.5.** Let  $G$  be a poly-(polycyclic or locally finite) group of automorphisms of a polycyclic group. Then  $G$  is polycyclic-by-finite.

**PROOF.**<sup>†</sup> Let  $1 = G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \cdots \leq G_n = G$  be a chain of subgroups of  $G$  such that  $G_{i-1}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G_i$  and  $G_i/G_{i-1}$  is polycyclic or locally finite ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Let  $H = G_{n-1}$ . By induction on  $n$  it is sufficient to prove that if  $H$  is polycyclic-by-finite and  $G/H$  is locally finite then  $G$  is polycyclic-by-finite (see

<sup>†</sup> The referee has pointed out that the proof of Lemma 3.5 does not require the Hall-Kulatitah-Kargaplov Theorem, but the result can be proved using the fact that the automorphism group of a polycyclic group is a subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  (see In. I. Merzhtakov, *Integer representations of the holomorphs of polycyclic groups*, Algebra i Logika 9 (1970), 539-558 (Russian); also B. A. F. Wehrfritz, *On the holomorphs of soluble groups of finite rank*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra 4 (1974), 55-69). For it suffices to assume that  $G$  is polycyclic-by-locally finite. If  $N$  is the maximal soluble normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $N$  is closed and hence  $G/N$  is a subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(Q)$ . But periodic subgroups of  $\text{GL}_n(Q)$  are finite (B. A. F. Wehrfritz, *Infinite Linear Groups* (Springer-Verlag), 9.33). Thus  $G/N$  is finite. Also  $N$  is polycyclic since it is a soluble subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ .

[6], 7.1.10). By [6], 7.1.7, there is a characteristic subgroup  $N$  of  $H$  such that  $N$  is polycyclic and  $H/N$  is finite. Then  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Moreover, the group  $G/N$  is locally finite by [4], vol. I, theorem 1.45. If  $G/N$  is finite then the result is proved. So suppose that  $G/N$  is infinite. Then by the Hall-Kulatilaka-Kargapolov Theorem ([4], vol. I, theorem 3.43) there exists a subgroup  $X$  of  $G$  containing  $N$  such that  $X/N$  is infinite Abelian. Then  $X$  is a soluble group and by [4], vol. I, theorem 3.27,  $X$  is polycyclic. But this implies that  $X/N$  is finitely generated and hence finite, a contradiction.

**LEMMA 3.6.** *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $G$  a hyper-(Abelian or locally finite- $p'$ ) group such that  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  and let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $G = \text{cch}_p(G)$  then  $H = \text{cch}_p(H)$ .*

**PROOF.** By Lemma B there exists a finite chain

$$1 = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \cdots \leq H_n = G$$

of normal subgroups  $H_i$  of  $G$  such that  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is an Abelian group with no non-trivial  $p'$ -elements or a locally finite- $p'$  group for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We prove the result by induction on  $n$ . Let  $N = H_1$ . By induction  $HN/N$ , and hence  $H/(H \cap N)$ , centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors. If  $N$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group then  $H = \text{cch}_p(H)$ . So suppose that  $N$  is Abelian. By [7], theorem C,  $n$  has the AR property in  $kN$  and so

$$\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} N^{p^m} = 1.$$

Since  $G = \text{cch}_p(G)$  and  $N^{p^m}/N^{p^{m+1}}$  is finite it follows that  $G$  acts nilpotently on  $N^{p^m}/N^{p^{m+1}}$  for all integers  $m \geq 1$ . Hence  $H = \text{cch}_p(H)$ .

Before proceeding to the proof of Theorem E there are two technical matters to dispose of. The first concerns quotient rings. Let  $k$  be a field and  $H$  a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $R = kG$ ,  $S = kH$ . If  $\mathfrak{h}$  has the AR property then  $S$  satisfies the right and left Ore conditions with respect to  $T = \{1 - a : a \in \mathfrak{h}\}$ . If

$$I = \{s \in S : st = 0 \text{ for some } t \text{ in } T\}$$

then  $I$  is an ideal of  $S$ ,

$$I = \{s \in S : ts = 0 \text{ for some } t \text{ in } T\},$$

and the element  $t + I$  of  $S/I$  is regular for all  $t$  in  $T$  (see [7], §1). The partial quotient ring of  $S$  with respect to  $T$  is denoted by  $S_{\mathfrak{h}}$ . Now, because  $T$  is  $G$ -invariant,  $R$  satisfies the right and left Ore conditions with respect to  $T$  (see

the proof of [3], lemma 13.3.5 (ii)). Let

$$J = \{r \in R : rt = 0 \text{ for some } t \text{ in } T\}.$$

Then  $J$  is an ideal of  $R$  and

$$J = IR = RI = \{r \in R : tr = 0 \text{ for some } t \text{ in } T\}.$$

Thus the elements  $t + J$  ( $t \in T$ ) of  $R/J$  are all regular and we can form the partial quotient ring of  $R$  with respect to  $T$  which we shall denote by  $R_b$ . If  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$  then we write  $AR_b$  for the right ideal  $((A + J)/J)R_b$  of  $R_b$ .

The other matter concerns the strong AR property. Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  has the (right) strong AR property if for each finitely generated right  $R$ -module  $M$  and submodule  $N$  there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$N \cap MI^n = (N \cap MI^m)I^{n-m}$$

for all integers  $n \geq m$ . Note that by taking  $n = m + 1$  we have in particular that  $N \cap MI^{m+1} \leq NI$ . Let  $R(I)$  denote the subring of the polynomial ring  $R[X]$  given by

$$R(I) = R + IX + I^2X^2 + \dots.$$

Recall that if the ideal  $I$  of the right Noetherian ring  $R$  is generated by central elements then  $R(I)$  is right Noetherian. Recall further that for any ideal  $I$ ,  $R(I)$  is right Noetherian implies that  $I$  has the strong AR property (see [3], lemma 11.2.1).

**PROOF OF THEOREM E.** Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $G$  a group such that  $g$  has the AR property. Then  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  by Lemma A and  $G$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors by Lemma 3.3.

Conversely, suppose that  $G$  is a hyper-(polycyclic or locally finite- $p'$ ) group such that  $G$  satisfies  $\text{Max-sn}_p^*$  and  $G$  centralizes all  $p$ -chief factors. By Lemma B there exists a chain

$$1 = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \dots \leq H_n = G$$

of normal subgroup  $H_i$  of  $G$  such that  $H_i/H_{i-1}$  is finitely generated Abelian or locally finite- $p'$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We prove the result by induction on  $n$ . The case  $n = 1$  is trivial. So suppose  $n > 1$  and let  $H = H_{n-1}$  and  $N = H_1$ . If  $Q = G/N$  then  $q$  has the AR property. Suppose that  $N$  is a locally finite- $p'$  group. If  $E$  is a right ideal of  $R = kG$  then there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that

$E \cap g^m \leq Eg + \bar{n}$ . But if  $r \in \bar{n}$  then there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $r(1-a) = 0$ . It follows that  $E \cap g^m \leq Eg$  and hence  $g$  has the AR property. Thus we can suppose that  $N$  is finitely generated Abelian.

Now suppose that  $N$  is contained in the centre of  $G$ . By Lemma 3.6  $h$  has the AR property. We next show that if  $G/H$  is locally finite- $p'$  then  $g$  has the AR property. As a first step we shall show that  $g$  has the fAR property. Let  $E$  be a finitely generated right ideal of  $R$ . Let  $X$  be the subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $H$  and the supports of the elements in a finite generating set for  $E$  and let  $S = kX$ . Then  $X/H$  is a finite group and by Lemma 3.1 there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $(E \cap S) \cap Sh^m \leq (E \cap S)h$ . If  $T$  is a transversal to the right cosets of  $X$  in  $G$  then  $E = \bigoplus_{t \in T} (E \cap S)t$  and  $\bar{h}^m = \bigoplus_{t \in T} Sh^m t$  and it follows that  $E \cap \bar{h}^m \leq E\bar{h}$ . Let

$$A = H^{p^m}.$$

Then  $a \leq \bar{h}^m$  and  $H/A$  is a finite- $p$  group. If  $B$  is a subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H$  such that  $B/H$  is finitely generated then  $B/H$  is a finite- $p'$  group. We claim that  $B/A$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, that is  $B/A$  is an extension of a  $p'$ -group by a  $p$ -group. The proof is by induction on the order of  $B/A$ . Let  $Z$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $A < Z \leq H$  and  $Z/A$  is a central  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/A$ . By induction there exists a normal subgroup  $C$  of  $B$  such that  $Z \leq C$ ,  $C/Z$  is a  $p'$ -group and  $B/C$  a  $p$ -group. By [4], vol. I, theorem 4.12,  $C/A$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. Hence  $B/A$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. Let  $L = B/A$ . Then  $kL$  satisfies the right Ore condition with respect to  $\{1-c: c \in I\}$  ([3], theorem 11.2.15). Hence  $k(G/A)$  satisfies the right Ore condition with respect to  $\{1-p: p \in \mathfrak{p}\}$ , where  $P = G/A$ . By the proof of [7], lemma 7.3 it follows that for each element  $r$  of  $g^m$  there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $r(1-a) \in \bar{h}^m + \bar{a} \leq \bar{h}^m$ . Hence  $E \cap g^m \leq Eg$ . It follows that  $g$  has the fAR property.

It is quite easy to prove now that  $g$  has the AR property. For,  $q$  has the AR property, where  $Q = G/N$ , and  $N$  is contained in the centre of  $G$ . By induction on the number of generators of  $N$  it follows that  $g$  has the AR property (see the proof of [7], lemma 7.3).

Still assuming that  $N$  is contained in the centre of  $G$ , now suppose that  $G/H$  is finitely generated Abelian. Let  $U = kH$ . Since  $h$  has the AR property it follows that the ring  $U_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is Noetherian (see [7], corollary C1). By our remarks before this proof we know that we can form the ring  $R_{\mathfrak{h}}$ . Since  $G/H$  is finitely generated it follows by [3], theorem 10.2.6, that  $R_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is Noetherian. The ideal  $nR_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is generated by central elements and the ideal  $gR_{\mathfrak{h}}/nR_{\mathfrak{h}}$  has the AR property. By Lemma 3.2 the ideal  $gR_{\mathfrak{h}}$  has the AR property and hence  $g$  has the AR property.

Thus if  $N$  is contained in the centre of  $G$  then  $g$  has the AR property. Now suppose that  $N$  is not necessarily contained in the centre of  $G$ . Let  $C$  be the centralizer of  $N$  in  $G$ . Then  $N \leq C$ . By Lemma 3.4 the augmentation ideal of  $k(C/N)$  has the AR property and by the above argument  $c$  has the AR property. Let  $J$  be the ring  $(kC)_c$ . By [7], corollary C1,  $J$  is a Noetherian ring. Moreover, by Lemma 3.5 the group  $G/C$  is polycyclic-by-finite. Since  $N$  is contained in the centre of  $C$  it follows that  $J(\pi J)$  is Noetherian ([3], lemma 11.2.1) and, because  $G/C$  is polycyclic-by-finite, the ring  $R_c(\pi R_c)$  is Noetherian ([3], theorem 10.2.6). Hence the ideal  $\pi R_c$  has the strong AR property in the ring  $R_c$  and it follows that if  $E$  is a right ideal of  $R$  then there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $E \cap \pi^m \leq E c \leq E g$ . Let

$$Z = N^{p^m}.$$

Then  $g \leq \pi^m$  and the group  $N/Z$  is a finite  $p$ -group. But  $G$  centralizes  $p$ -chief factors and so by induction on the order of  $N/Z$  we can suppose that  $N/Z$  is contained in the centre of  $G/Z$ . By the above argument it follows that the augmentation ideal of  $k(G/Z)$  has the AR property. Thus there exists a positive integer  $s$  such that  $E \cap g^s \leq E g + \mathfrak{z}$  from which we deduce that  $E \cap g^s \leq E g + E \cap \pi^m \leq E g$ . This completes the proof of Theorem E.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem G

Let  $k$  be a field,  $G$  a group and  $R$  the group algebra  $kG$ . For each right ideal  $F$  and element  $r$  of  $R$  define

$$h_F(r)$$

to be the greatest positive integer  $n$  such that  $r \in F + g^n$  if such an  $n$  exists and  $\infty$  otherwise, where we make the usual convention that  $g^0 = R$ .

Let  $E$  be a finitely generated right ideal of  $R$  and suppose that  $E$  can be generated by  $n$  but no fewer elements. Choose  $a_1$  in  $E$  such that  $h_0(a_1)$  is minimal in

$$\{h_0(r): r \text{ belongs to an } n\text{-generating set of } E\}.$$

By an *n-generating set* of  $E$  we mean a set of  $n$  elements which generated  $E$  as a right ideal. Let  $A_0 = 0$  and  $A_1 = a_1 R$ . Choose  $a_2$  in  $E$  such that  $h_{A_1}(a_2)$  is minimal in

$$\{h_{A_1}(r): a_1, r \text{ belong to the same } n\text{-generating set of } E\}.$$

Repeating this process, define a sequence of elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  of  $E$  and right ideals  $A_i = a_1R + \dots + a_iR$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) such that for each  $i \geq 1$ ,  $h_{A_i}(a_{i+1})$  is minimal in

$$\{h_{A_i}(r): a_1, \dots, a_i, r \text{ belong to the same } n\text{-generating set of } E\}.$$

In this way we produce an ordered collection of elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  of  $E$  such that  $E = a_1R + \dots + a_nR$ . We call such a set of elements a *minimal generating set* of  $E$ . The crucial property of these sets is given in the next result.

LEMMA 4.1. *In the above notation  $h_{A_0}(a_1) \leq h_{A_1}(a_2) \leq \dots \leq h_{A_{n-1}}(a_n)$ .*

PROOF. Suppose on the contrary that there exist  $0 \leq i < j \leq n-1$  such that

$$h_{A_j}(a_{j+1}) < h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}).$$

Let  $h_{A_i}(a_{j+1}) = s$  and  $h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}) = t$ . Then there exist elements  $r_u$  ( $1 \leq u \leq j$ ) of  $R$  and  $b$  of  $g^s$  such that

$$a_{j+1} = a_1r_1 + \dots + a_jr_j + b.$$

Let

$$c = a_{j+1} - a_{i+1}r_{i+1} - \dots - a_jr_j.$$

Then

$$h_{A_i}(c) = s < t$$

and  $a_1, \dots, a_i, c$  belongs to an  $n$ -generating set of  $E$ . This contradicts the choice of  $a_{i+1}$ . This proves the lemma.

Our next claim is that without loss of generality we may suppose that if  $h_{A_i}(a_{i+1})$  is finite then

$$(3) \quad h_{A_0}(a_{i+1}) = h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}).$$

For, let  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and suppose that  $h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}) = m$ . Then  $a_{i+1} \in A_i + g^m$  but  $a_{i+1} \notin A_i + g^{m+1}$ . There exists  $d$  in  $A_i$  such that  $a_{i+1} - d \in g^m$ . Let  $a'_{i+1} = a_{i+1} - d$ . Then

$$h_{A_0}(a'_{i+1}) = h_{A_i}(a'_{i+1}) = m,$$

and we can replace  $a_{i+1}$  by  $a'_{i+1}$ . From now on we shall assume that any minimal generating set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  of  $E$  has the additional property (3).

Let  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be a minimal generating set for a right ideal  $E$ . Define

$$\nu(S) = 1 + h_{A_i}(a_{i+1})$$

where  $i$  is the greatest integer such that  $h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}) < \infty$ , and, if no such  $i$  exists, define  $\nu(S) = 1$ . Define  $\nu(E)$  to be the minimal value of  $\nu(S)$  as  $S$  runs through the minimal generating sets of  $E$ .

We shall say that  $g$  has the *finite intersection property* if

$$\bigcap_{s=1}^{\infty} (E + g^s) = \{r \in R : r(1 - a) \in E \text{ for some } a \text{ in } g\}$$

for every finitely generated right ideal  $E$  of  $R$ . Then Theorem G follows by [7], lemma 2.1, and the next result.

**LEMMA 4.2.** *In the above notation if  $g_k$  has the finite intersection property then for any finitely generated right ideal  $E$ ,  $E \cap g^{\nu(E)} \leq Eg$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\nu(E) = 1$  and let  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be a minimal generating set of  $E$  with  $\nu(S) = 1$ . Then either  $a_1 \notin g$  or  $S \leq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} g^n$ . If  $S \leq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} g^n$  then  $E \leq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} g^n$ . If  $e \in Eng$  it follows that there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $e(1 - a) = 0$  and hence  $e \in Eg$ . Thus  $E \cap g \leq Eg$ . So suppose that  $a_1 \notin g$ . Then there exists  $q$  in  $k$  such that  $qa_1 \in 1 + g$  and so without loss of generality we can suppose that  $a_1 = 1 - u$  for some element  $u$  of  $g$ . Since  $kG$  satisfies the right Ore condition with respect to  $\{1 - v : v \in g\}$  (see [7], lemma 2.2) it follows that for each element  $e$  of  $E \cap g$  there exists  $v$  in  $g$  such that  $e(1 - v) = a_1 r$  for some  $r$  in  $kG$ . But  $a_1 r \in g$  implies  $r \in g$  and it follows that  $e \in Eg$ . Thus  $E \cap g \leq Eg$ .

Now suppose that  $\nu(E) > 1$  and  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  is a minimal generating set with  $\nu(S) = \nu(E)$ . Choose (if possible)  $n_0$  such that  $1 \leq n_0 < n$  and

$$h_{A_i}(a_{i+1}) = \infty$$

for all  $n_0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . By induction on  $n$ , if  $F = a_1 R + \dots + a_{n-1} R$  then

$$F \cap g^{\nu(F)} \leq Fg.$$

But  $a_n \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (F + g^n)$  implies that  $E \leq F^*$  and hence  $E \cap g^{\nu(F)} \leq Eg$ , and the result is proved in this case since  $\nu(E) = \nu(F)$ .

Finally consider the case when  $h_{A_{n-1}}(a_n) < \infty$ . Let  $F = a_1 R + \dots + a_{n-1} R$ . By induction on  $n$ ,  $F \cap g^{\nu(F)} \leq Fg$ . Let  $e \in E \cap g^{\nu(E)}$ . Then  $e = f + a_n r$  for some  $f$  in  $F$  and  $r$  in  $R$ . Thus  $a_n r \in F + g^{\nu(E)}$ . If  $r \notin g$  then there exists  $r'$  in  $R$  such that  $rr' \in 1 + g$  and hence  $a_n \in F + g^{\nu(E)}$ , a contradiction. Thus  $r \in g$  and  $f = e - a_n r \in F \cap g^{\nu(E)} \leq Fg$  by Lemma 4.1 and (3). It follows that  $e \in Eg$  and  $E \cap g^{\nu(E)} \leq Eg$ , as required.

### 5. Proof of Theorems H and I

To prove Theorems H and I we require three lemmas.

**LEMMA 5.1.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  and  $G$  an Abelian group with a subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is a torsion  $p'$ -group. Then  $g_k$  has the fAR property (in  $kG$ ) if and only if  $h_k$  has the fAR property (in  $kH$ ).*

**PROOF.** If  $g$  has the fAR property then so has  $h$  by Lemma 3.4. Conversely, suppose that  $h$  has the fAR property. To prove that  $g$  has the fAR property suppose first that  $G/H$  is a finite group. Suppose that  $G/H$  has order  $n$ . Define  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  by  $\varphi(x) = x^n$  ( $x \in G$ ). Then  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism and the kernel  $N$  of  $\varphi$  is a  $p'$ -subgroup of  $G$ . If  $Q = G/N$  then  $Q$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $H$  and by Lemma 3.4 it follows that  $q$  has the fAR property. If  $E$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $kG$  then there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $E \cap g^m \subseteq Eg + \bar{n}$ . Since  $N$  is a  $p'$ -group it follows that  $E \cap g^m \subseteq Eg$  (see the proof of Theorem E).

Now suppose that  $G/H$  is a torsion  $p'$ -group. Let  $E$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $kG$ . Let  $T$  be the subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $H$  and the supports of the finite collection of elements in a finite generating set for  $E$ . Then  $T/H$  is finite and by the above argument  $t$  has the fAR property. Since  $E \cap kT$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $kT$  it follows that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $(E \cap kT) \cap t^m \subseteq (E \cap kT)t$ . If  $U$  is a transversal to the cosets of  $T$  in  $G$  then  $E = \bigoplus_{u \in U} (E \cap kT)u$  and  $\bar{t}^m = \bigoplus_{u \in U} t^m u$ . Hence  $E \cap \bar{t}^m \subseteq Et$ . Now let  $e \in E \cap g^m$ . For each element  $r$  of  $g$  there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $r(1-a) \in \bar{t}$ . Hence there exists  $b$  in  $g$  with  $e(1-b) \in E \cap \bar{t}^m \subseteq E\bar{t}$ . This implies that  $e \in Eg$ . It follows that  $E \cap g^m \subseteq Eg$  and hence  $g$  has the fAR property.

**LEMMA 5.2.** *Let  $J$  be a ring and  $H$  and  $N$  normal subgroups of a group  $G$  such that  $H \cap N = 1$ . If  $E$  is a right ideal of  $JG$  such that  $E = (E \cap JH)JG$  then  $E \cap \bar{n}_J \subseteq E\pi_J$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $T$  be a transversal to the right cosets of the normal subgroup  $H \times N$  in  $G$ . Let  $e \in E \cap \bar{n}_J$ . Then there exist a positive integer  $m$  and elements  $e_i$  of  $E \cap JH$  and  $r_i$  of  $JG$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) such that

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i r_i.$$

For each  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $r_i$  is a finite sum

$$\sum_j s_{ij} x_{ij} t_{ij}$$



where  $s_{ij} \in JN$ ,  $x_{ij} \in H$  and  $t_{ij} \in T$ . Let  $\delta: JN \rightarrow J$  be the canonical homomorphism. Then

$$e = \sum_i e_i \sum_j \{s_{ij} - \delta(s_{ij})\} x_{ij} t_{ij} + \sum_{i,j} e_i \delta(s_{ij}) x_{ij} t_{ij}.$$

If

$$u = \sum_{i,j} e_i \delta(s_{ij}) x_{ij} t_{ij}$$

then, because  $s_{ij} - \delta(s_{ij}) \in n$ , we have  $u \in n$  and hence  $u = 0$ . It follows that  $e \in En$ , as required.

**LEMMA 5.3.** *Let  $k$  be a field and  $G$  an Abelian group such that every finitely generated subgroup is contained in a finitely generated direct factor. Then  $g_k$  has the fAR property.*

**PROOF.** Let  $E$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $kG$ . Let  $X$  be the finitely generated subgroup of  $G$  which is generated by the supports of a finite set of generators of  $E$ . By hypothesis there exists a finitely generated subgroup  $H$  and a subgroup  $N$  such that  $X \leq H$  and  $G = H \times N$ . If  $Q = G/N$  then  $Q$  is a finitely generated Abelian group and hence  $q$  has the AR property. It follows that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $E \cap g^m \leq Eg + \bar{n}$ . But  $E \cap \bar{n} \leq En \leq Eg$  by Lemma 5.2 and it follows that  $E \cap g^m \leq Eg$ . Thus  $g$  has the fAR property.

By combining Lemmas 5.1 and 5.3 we see at once that if  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  an arbitrary group then  $g_k$  has the fAR property, and this proves Theorem H.

**PROOF OF THEOREM I.** Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $G$  an Abelian group.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Suppose that  $g$  has the fAR property. Let  $H$  be a finitely generated subgroup of  $G$  and  $x$  an element of  $G$  such that  $xH$  has infinite  $p$ -height. Then

$$1 - x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{h} + g^n)$$

(see the proof of [7], corollary 3.2) and hence by Theorem G there exists  $a$  in  $g$  such that  $(1 - x)(1 - a) \in \bar{h}$ . If  $\varphi: kG \rightarrow k(G/H)$  is the canonical homomorphism then  $(1 - xH)(1 - \varphi(a)) = 0$  and, hence,  $xH$  has finite order  $n$  and  $n$  is not divisible by  $p$ . Thus (ii) holds.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Suppose that (ii) holds. Let  $H$  be any finitely generated subgroup of  $G$  and  $Q = G/H^p$ . Then  $\bar{H} = H/H^p$  is finite and  $\bar{H} \cap (\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} Q^{p^n}) = 1$ . Thus there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\bar{H} \cap Q^{p^n} = 1$ , so that  $H \cap G^{p^n} \leq H^p$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Suppose that (iii) holds. Note that for every finitely generated subgroup  $H$  and positive integer  $m$  there exists a positive integer  $t$  such that

$$H \cap G^{p^t} \leq H^{p^m}.$$

This follows by repeated use of (iii) applied to the finitely generated subgroups  $H, H^p, H^{p^2}, \dots, H^{p^{m-1}}$ . Let  $E$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $kG$ . Let  $X$  be the finitely generated subgroup of  $G$  generated by the supports of the elements in a finite generating set for  $E$ . Since  $X$  is finitely generated Abelian it follows that  $x$  has the AR property in  $kX$  and so there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $(E \cap kX) \cap x^n \leq (E \cap kX)x$ . If  $U$  is a transversal to the cosets of  $X$  in  $G$  then  $E = \bigoplus_{u \in U} (E \cap kX)u$  and  $\bar{x}^m = \bigoplus_{u \in U} x^m u$  and it follows that  $E \cap \bar{x}^m \leq E\bar{x}$ . Let  $Y = X^{p^m}$ . Then  $y \leq x^m$  and so  $E \cap y \leq E\bar{x} \leq Eg$ . Also we have seen above that there exists a positive integer  $s$  such that

$$X \cap G^{p^s} \leq Y.$$

Let  $B = G^{p^s}$  and  $C$  be the group  $G/B$ . Then  $C$  is an Abelian group of bounded order and by [1], theorem 6,  $C$  is a direct product of cyclic groups. By Lemma 5.3  $c$  has the fAR property. Thus there exists a positive integer  $v$  such that  $E \cap g^v \leq Eg + \bar{b}$ . This implies  $E \cap g^v \leq Eg + E \cap \bar{b} \leq Eg + E\bar{b} + \bar{y}$  by Lemma 5.2. Thus

$$E \cap g^v \leq Eg + E\bar{b} + E\bar{b} + E \cap \bar{y} \leq Eg.$$

It follows that  $g$  has the fAR property.

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