

Write a matrix  $\beta \in R$  in the block form  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $x \in Mr(k)$ , and similarly, write  $\alpha \in A$  in the block form  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ u & v \end{pmatrix}$ . Since  $\beta\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ u & v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} yu & yv \\ wu & wv \end{pmatrix}$ , the condition for  $\beta A \subseteq A$  amounts to  $y = 0$ . Therefore,  $IR(A)$  is given by

the ring of “block lower-triangular” matrices  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Quotienting out the ideal  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , we get the eigenring  $ER(A) \sim Mr(k)$ .