

Write  $G = \bigcup_i x_i H$ . First assume  $\text{char } k \nmid [G : H]$ . Since  $kG = \bigoplus_i x_i kH$ , any  $\alpha \in \text{rad } kG$  can be written in the form  $\sum x_i \alpha_i$  where  $\alpha_i \in kH$ . We claim that each  $\alpha_i \in \text{rad } kH$ . Indeed, consider any simple  $kH$ -module  $W$ . Then,  $kG \otimes_{kH} W$  is a semisimple  $kG$ -module, so  $0 = \alpha \cdot kG \otimes_{kH} W \supseteq \sum x_i \alpha_i \otimes_{kH} W = \sum x_i \otimes \alpha_i W$ . This implies that  $\alpha_i W = 0$  for all  $i$ , so  $\alpha_i \in \text{rad } kH$ . We have now shown that  $\text{rad } kG \subseteq kG \cdot \text{rad } kH$ , and the reverse inclusion follows from  $kH \cap \text{rad } kG = \text{rad } kH$ . (Note that the work above actually yields an explicit dimension equation:  $\dim_k \text{rad } kG = [G : H] \dim_k \text{rad } kH$ .)

For the converse, let us now assume that  $\text{rad } kG = kG \cdot \text{rad } kH$ . Consider the group algebra  $R = k[G/H]$  as a left  $kG$ -module (via the action of  $G$  on  $G/H$ ). Since  $H$  acts as the identity on  $R$ , the augmentation ideal of  $kH$  acts as zero, and therefore so do  $\text{rad } kH$  and  $\text{rad } kG = kG \cdot \text{rad } kH$ . We can then view  $R$  as a  $kG/\text{rad } kG$ -module. Since  $kG/\text{rad } kG$  is a semisimple ring,  $R$  is a semisimple  $kG/\text{rad } kG$ -module. Therefore,  $R$  is also a semisimple module over  $kG$  and over  $R$ , so  $R$  is itself a semisimple ring. Now we have that  $\text{char } k \nmid [G : H]$ .