

Translating M-Ideals: From Banach Space Geometry to Ring-Theoretic Structures

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$$I := (p_1^{m'_1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{m'_k})$$

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 The nonzero (ring) $\mathcal{M}$ -ideals in $C(K)$ (= ring of all continuous real-valued functions on a compact Hausdorff space) are precisely either the essential ideals or the minimal ideals singly generated by the characteristic function of an isolated point.

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- ▶ For any ring R , the following are equivalent:
 1. Every proper $\mathcal{M}$ -ideal of R is a direct summand of R .
 2. Every proper $\mathcal{M}$ -ideal of R is a simple ideal of R which is also a direct summand.
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