Modern Algebra

Chapter IV. Modules IV.7. Algebras—Proofs of Theorems (partial)



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Proof (continued). Similarly when J is a right ideal,

$$Jk = (J1_A)k = J(1_Ak)$$
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 $\subset J$ since $1_Ak \in A$ and J is a right ideal of A .

Therefore, J is a left (respectively, right) algebra ideal of K-module A (and, of course, if J is a two-sided ideal of ring A then J is a two-sided algebra ideal of K-module A).