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**Martin Lorenz\*** ([lorenz@temple.edu](mailto:lorenz@temple.edu)), Dept. of Mathematics, Temple University, 1805 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19122. *Group actions and rational ideals.*

We develop the theory of rational ideals for arbitrary associative algebras  $R$  without assuming the standard finiteness conditions, noetherianness or the Goldie property. Our main result concerns rational actions of an affine algebraic group  $G$  on  $R$ . Working over an algebraically closed base field, we prove an existence and uniqueness result for generic rational ideals: for every  $G$ -rational ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , the closed subset of the rational spectrum  $\text{Rat } R$  that is defined by  $I$  is the closure of a unique  $G$ -orbit in  $\text{Rat } R$ . Under additional Goldie hypotheses, this was established earlier by Mœglin and Rentschler (in characteristic 0) and by Vonessen (in arbitrary characteristic), answering a question of Dixmier. (Received July 16, 2008)