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SELF MINI-INJECTIVE RINGS

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Let R be a ring. We have studied rings whose projective modules have the extending property of simple modules in [3] and [5]. In this note, we shall further study those rings when R is an artinian ring and give some relations between those rings and mini-injectivity (see §1).

If R is a QF-ring [8], every projective has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle [3]. In order to characterize artinian rings with above property, we have defined the condition (** 2) in [3]. We shall introduce new concepts: (weakly) mini-injective module and (weakly) uni-injective module. We shall show, for a left and right artinian ring R , that R is a QF-ring if and only if R is mini-injective as a both left and right R -module and if and only if R is uni-injective as a right R -module and right QF-2. When R is right artinian, we shall show that the above extending property for right R -projectives is valid if and only if R is right QF-2 and right R mini-injective.

We can consider the dual property, namely the lifting property of simple modules. However, when R is right artinian, every R -projective P has the lifting property of simple modules and further the lifting property of direct decompositions of $P/J(P)$ [5], where $J(P)$ is the Jacobson radical of P .

1 Definitions

Throughout this note, R is a ring with identity and every module M is a unitary right R -module. We shall denote the *Jacobson radical*, an *injective envelope* and the *socle* of M by $J(M)$, $E(M)$ and $S(M)$, respectively. If for any simple (resp. uniform) submodule A of M there exists a (completely indecomposable) direct summand M_1 of M such that $S(M_1)=A$ (resp. A is an essential submodule of M_1), then we say that M has the *extending property of simple modules* (resp. *uniform submodules*). Furthermore, if for any direct decomposition of $S(M)$: $S(M)=\sum_I \oplus A_\alpha$ (resp. any independent set of uniform submodules B_α such that $\sum_I \oplus B_\alpha$ is essential in M) there exists a direct decomposition $M=\sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ of M such that $S(M_\alpha)=A_\alpha$ (resp. B_α is an essential submodule in M_α) for all $\alpha \in I$, then we say that M has the *extending property of direct decompositions*

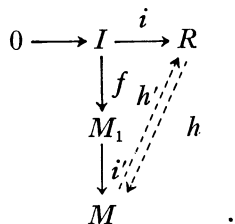
of $S(M)$ (resp. *direct sum of uniform submodules*).

In this note, we consider only artinian rings and so from now on we understand that a ring R is always right artinian. We note that most results in this note are true for left and right perfect rings. Let

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{p(i)} \oplus e_{ij}R$$

be the standard decomposition, namely the e_{ij} are primitive idempotents and $e_{ij}R \approx e_{i1}R$, $e_{j1}R \approx e_{i1}R$ if $i \neq j$. If $S(e_{i1}R)$ is simple for each i , then we say R is *right QF-2* [3] and [9]. If $E(R)$ is right R -projective, R is called a *right QF-3* ring [7] and [9]. Finally if $e_{i1}R$ is a serial module for each i , we call R a *right generalized uniserial ring* [8] and [5].

First we shall generalize the concept of injectivity. Let M be an R -module and I a right ideal in R . We take an R -homomorphism f of I to M . Put $M_1 = \text{im } f$ and consider a diagram:



We shall introduce two conditions.

(I) *There exists $h \in \text{Hom}_R(R, M)$ such that $hi = f$.*

(II) *There exists either $h \in \text{Hom}_R(R, M)$ or $h' \in \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$ such that $hi = f$ or $if^{-1} = h' | M_1$ provided f is an monomorphism.*

If M satisfies (I) (resp. (II)) for every minimal right ideal I in R and any f in $\text{Hom}_R(I, M)$, we say R is *right* (resp. *weakly*) *mini-injective*. Similarly if M satisfies (I) (resp. (II)) for every uniform right ideal I in R and any f in $\text{Hom}_R(I, M)$, then we say M is *right* (resp. *weakly*) *uni-injective*.

It is clear that every injective is uni-injective and uni-injective is mini-injective. The converse is not true in general (see Example 5 below). Every semi-simple module is weakly mini-injective, but not mini-injective. If R is a right QF-2 ring, every uni-injective is injective (see the proof of 7) \rightarrow 1) in Theorem 13 below).

2 Mini-injective modules

We shall study some elementary properties of the mini-injective modules. From the definitions and the standard argument [1], we have

Proposition 1. *Let M be an R -module and $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$. Then*

- 1) M is mini-injective (resp. uni-injective) if and only if so is each M_i .
- 2) If M is weakly mini-injective (resp. weakly uni-injective), then so is each M_i .

Theorem 2. *Let R be a right artinian ring and M an R -module. Then M is mini-injective (resp. uni-injective) if and only if any minimal (resp. uniform) right ideal I in e_iR and any f in $\text{Hom}_R(I, M)$, f is extendable to an element in $\text{Hom}_R(e_iR, M)$, where e_i runs through all primitive idempotents.*

Proof. "If" part. First we take a minimal right ideal I in $R = \sum_{i=1}^m \oplus e_iR$. Let f be in $\text{Hom}_R(I, M)$ and $\pi_i: R \rightarrow e_iR$ projection. We may assume $I_i = \pi_i(I) \neq 0$ for $i \leq t$ and $I_j = 0$ for $j > t$. Since $\pi_1|I$ is a monomorphism, put $f_1 = f(\pi_1|I)^{-1}$. Then there exists F_1 in $\text{Hom}_R(e_1R, M)$ such that $F_1|I_1 = f_1$ by the assumption. Put $F_j = 0$ ($\in \text{Hom}_R(e_jR, M)$) for $j \neq 1$ and $F = \sum F_i$. Let x be in I and $x = \sum_{i=1}^t \pi_i(x)$. Then $F(x) = \sum F_i \pi_i(x) = f(\pi_1|I)^{-1} \pi_1(x) = f(x)$. If I is uniform, $\bigcap_i \ker(\pi_i|I) = 0$ implies that some $\pi_i|I$ is a monomorphism. Hence, we can use the same argument in this case, too.

3 Self mini-injective rings

Let R be a right artinian ring. We assume that every idempotent in this note is always primitive and we denote it by e . We put $R/J = \bar{R}$ and \bar{e} means the residue class of e in \bar{R} , where $J = J(R)$.

First we shall study the extending property for R -projectives.

Theorem 3. *Let R be right artinian. Then*

- 1) *Every projective has the extending property of simple modules if and only if R is right QF-2 and R is weakly mini-injective as a right R -module (cf. [3], Theorem 2).*
- 2) *Every projective has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle if and only if R is right QF-2 and mini-injective as a right R -module.*

Proof. 1) We assume that every projective has the extending property of simple modules. Then R is right QF-2. Let $R = \sum_{i=1}^m \oplus e_iR$ with e_i primitive and let $\pi_i: R \rightarrow e_iR$ be the projection. We take two minimal right ideals K_1 and K_2 and assume $f: K_1 \rightarrow K_2$ is an isomorphism. We assume $K_i \subseteq \sum_{j=1}^{t_i} \oplus I_{i,j(i)}$, where $I_{i,j(i)} = \pi_{j(i)}(K_i) \neq 0$. Since $I_{i,j(i)} \approx K_1$ for all i, j , from [6], Corollary 8 we can find minimal one among $e_{j(i)}R$ with respect to the order $<^*$ in [6], say $e_{j(i)}R = e_1R$ and $i=1$. We consider $p_k = \pi_k f \pi_1^{-1}: I_{11} \rightarrow e_kR$. If $k \notin \{2(1), 2(2), \dots, 2(t_2)\}$, $p_k = 0$. Hence, since e_1R is minimal, there exists $F_k \in \text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_kR)$

such that $F_k | I_{11} = p_k$ by [6]. Corollary 8. Put $h = (\sum_{k=1}^m F_k) \pi_1 \in \text{Hom}_R(R, R)$. Then $h | K_1 = ((\sum_k F_k) \pi_1) | K_1 = (\sum_k \pi_k f) | K_1 = f$. If the minimal one above $e_{j(i)}R$ is equal to $e_{j(2)}R$, we take f^{-1} in the above. Then we can find $h' \in \text{Hom}_R(R, R)$ such that $h' | K_2 = f^{-1}$. The converse is clear from [6], Corollary 8.

2) We can similarly show it by making use of [6], Corollary 20 instead of Corollary 8.

Let $S(R) = \sum_{i=1}^k \oplus S_i$ and the S_i simple. If $S_1 \not\cong S_j$ for any $j \neq 1$, S_1 is called *isolated*. From the similar argument to the above we have

Theorem 3' *Let R be as above. Then R has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle (resp. of simple modules) as a right R -module if and only if R is right QF-2 and (I) (resp. (II)) is satisfied for non-isolated minimal right ideals.*

For the uni-injective case, we have

Theorem 4. *Let R be right artinian. Then*

- 1) *Every projective has the extending property of uniform submodules if and only if R is right QF-2 and weakly uni-injective as a right R -module.*
- 2) *Every projective has the extending property of direct sums of uniform submodules if and only if R is right QF-2 and uni-injective as a right R -module.*

Proof. First we note that every uniform submodule in a projective module P is finitely generated. Let $P = \sum_I \oplus P_\alpha$ and $P_\alpha \cong e_{i(\alpha)}R$ and U a uniform submodule. Let $x \neq 0$ be in U . Then $x = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{\alpha_i}; p_{\alpha_i} \in P_{\alpha_i}$. Hence, $U \cap \sum_{i=1}^n \oplus P_{\alpha_i} \neq 0$ and so $U \cap \sum_{i \neq i(\alpha_i)} \oplus P_\beta = 0$. Accordingly, U is isomorphic to a submodule of $\sum_{i=1}^n \oplus P_{\alpha_i}$. Furthermore, $U \cong \pi_i(U)$ for some i , where $\pi_i: P \rightarrow P_{\alpha_i}$ is the projection. Therefore, we can apply the same argument given in the proof of Theorem 3 by making use of [6], Theorems 10 and 22.

Next we shall study self (resp. weakly) mini-injective rings.

Theorem 5. *Let R be right artinian and mini-injective as a right R -module. Then*

- 1) *If $e_1R \cong e_2R$, no minimal submodule in e_1R is isomorphic to any minimal one in e_2R .*
- 2) *$S(e_1R) = e_1J^k$ and every minimal submodule in e_1R is isomorphic to one another.*
- 3) *$r(J) \supseteq 1(J)$ and $J = Z(R)$.*

Where $J = J(R)$, the e_i are primitive idempotents, $r(J) = \{x \in R \mid Jx = 0\}$ and

$1(J) = \{x \in R \mid xJ = 0\}$. $Z(R)$ is the right singular ideal of R .

Proof. Let $e_1R \approx e_2R$ and I_i a minimal right ideal in e_iR for $i=1, 2$. If $I_1 \approx I_2$, there exist y in $e_2Re_1 = e_2Je_1$ and z in e_1Je_2 such that $I_2 = yI_1$, $I_1 = zI_2$ by the assumption. Hence, $I_1 = zyI_1$ and $zy \in J$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^2$ is the representative set of minimal R -modules. Let S be a minimal right ideal in e_1R . Then S must be isomorphic to I_1 from the above. Let $e_1J^k \neq 0$ and $e_1J^{k+1} = 0$. We take a minimal right ideal K in e_1J^k . Since $K \approx S$, there exists x in e_1Re_1 such that $S = xK \subseteq e_1J^k$. Hence, $S(e_1R) = e_1J^k$. We have obtained 1) and 2).

3) We take I_1 in $S(e_1R)$. Let $I_1 = xR$ and $x \in e_1R$. Now $Jx \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^m e_iJx = \sum_{i=1}^m e_iJe_1x$. If $e_jR \approx e_1R$, $e_jJe_1xR = 0$ by 1). If $e_jR \approx e_1R$, we take z in e_1Re_j which induces an isomorphism of e_jR to e_1R . Then $ze_jJe_1xR \subseteq e_1Je_1xR = 0$ by 2). Hence, $e_jJe_1xR = 0$. Therefore, $Jx = 0$ and $1(J) = S(R_R) \subseteq r(J)$. Furthermore, $Z(R) = \{x \subseteq R \mid x1(J) = 0\} \supseteq J$ and so $Z(J) = J$, since every ideal properly containing J contains a projective submodule.

Proposition 6. *Let R be a right artinian ring. Then R is mini-injective as a right R -module if and only if R is weakly mini-injective as a right R -module and $1(J) \subseteq r(J)$.*

Proof. "If" part. We assume $I_1 \approx I_2$ for minimal right ideals I_i in e_iR . Then there exists an element x in either e_1Re_2 or e_2Re_1 which induces an isomorphism between I_1 and I_2 . Hence, $x \notin J$ by the assumption. Therefore, x induces an isomorphism between e_1R and e_2R . Accordingly, R is mini-injective for $\text{Hom}_R(e_iR, e_jR) = e_jRe_i$. The converse is clear from Theorem 5.

Similarly to the above

Proposition 7. *Let R be right artinian. Then R is uni-injective as a right R -module if and only if R is weakly uni-injective as a right R -module and $1(J) \subseteq r(J)$.*

Proof. Since uni-injective is mini-injective, the "Only if" part is clear from Theorem 5. Let U_i be a uniform submodule of e_iR and $f: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ a homomorphism. If $\ker f \neq 0$, f is extendable to an element in $\text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_2R)$ by the assumption. We assume $\ker f = 0$. We know from Proposition 6 that R is mini-injective as a right R -module. Hence, $e_1R \approx e_2R$ by Theorem 5. Therefore, f and f^{-1} are extendable to elements in $\text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_2R)$ and $\text{Hom}_R(e_2R, e_1R)$, respectively. Thus R is uni-injective by Theorem 2.

The author can not find an artinian ring which is self mini-injective but not self uni-injective

We consider algebras over a field.

Proposition 8. *Let K be a field and R a K -algebra with finite dimension. If R is mini-injective as a right R -module, then R is right QF-2.*

Proof. Let I_1 be a minimal right ideal in e_1R , where e_1 is primitive. We assume $I_1 \approx \overline{e_2R}$. Since $I_1 \subseteq e_1J^{k_1}$ and $e_1J^{k_1+1} = 0$, each element in $\overline{e_1Re_1}$ gives an element in $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R)$ ($=\text{Hom}_R(I_1, S(e_1R))$) via the left multiplication and $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R) = \overline{e_1Re_1}$ as a K -module by the assumption. Put $I_1 = x\overline{e_2R}$ and consider an isomorphism f of I_1 by setting $f(x) = xa$ for $a \in \overline{e_2Re_2'}$. Then f is extendable to an element in $\text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_1R)$ by the assumption. Hence, $xa = bx$ for some b in $\overline{e_1Re_1}$. This relation gives us a K -monomorphism of $\overline{e_2Re_2'}$ to $\overline{e_1Re_1}$. Hence, $[\overline{e_1Re_1}: K] \geq [\overline{e_2Re_2'}: K]$. Repeating those arguments, we obtain a chain of primitive idempotents $e_1, e_2', \dots, e_i', \dots$ such that a minimal right ideal I_i in $e_i'R$ is isomorphic to $\overline{e_{i+1}'R}$ and $[\overline{e_i'Re_i'}: K] \geq [\overline{e_{i+1}'Re_{i+1}'}: K]$. We may assume $e_i'R \approx e_j'R$ for some $i < j$. Then $I_{i-1} \approx \overline{e_i'R} \approx \overline{e_j'R} \approx I_{j-1}$. Hence, $e_{i-1}'R \approx e_{j-1}'R$ by Theorem 5. Therefore, $e_1R \approx e_k'R$ for some k . Accordingly, $[\overline{e_1Re_1}: K] = [\overline{e_2Re_2'}: K] = [\overline{e_k'Re_k'}: K]$. Hence, $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R) = \overline{e_2Re_2'}$. Let S be a minimal right ideal in e_1R . Then there exists b in $\overline{e_1Re_1}$ such that $bI_1 = S$ by the assumption. However, since $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R) = \overline{e_2Re_2'}$ as above, there exists a in $\overline{e_2Re_2'}$ such that $bx = xa$. Hence, $S = bI_1 = bxR = xaR \subseteq I_1$. Therefore, $S(e_1R)$ is simple.

REMARK. If $\text{End}_R(\overline{eR})$ is given by the multiplication of the central elements in R for each idempotent e , Proposition 8 is valid for such artinian rings from the above proof.

Proposition 9. *Let R be a K -algebra as above. We assume $[\overline{eRe}: K] = [\overline{e'Re'}: K]$ for any primitive idempotents e and e' . Then every projective has the extending property of simple modules (resp. direct decompositions of the socle) if and only if R is right QF-2 and if $S(e_1R) \approx S(e_2R)$, either $e_2RS(e_1R) = S(e_2R)$ or $e_1RS(e_2R) = S(e_1R)$ (resp. $e_2RS(e_1R) = S(e_2R)$), where the e_i are primitive.*

Proof. "If" part. Since R is right QF-2, $e_1Je_1S(e_1R) = 0$. Hence, $I_1 = S(e_1R)$ is a left $\overline{e_1Re_1}$ -module. We assume $I_1 \approx \overline{e_2R}$ and so $\text{End}_R(I_1) \approx \overline{e_2Re_2}$. Since I_1 is a left $\overline{e_1Re_1}$ -module, each element x in $\overline{e_1Re_1}$ induces an element in $\text{End}_R(I_1)$ by the left multiplication. Now, $[\overline{e_1Re_1}: K] = [\overline{e_2Re_2}: K]$ from the assumption. Hence, we may assume $\text{End}_R(I_1) = \overline{e_1Re_1}$. Let $I_3 = S(e_3R)$ and $I_3 \approx I_1$. If $e_3RI_1 = I_3$, $yI_1 = I_3$ for some $y \in \overline{e_2Re_1}$. Then $g: I_1 \rightarrow I_3$ given by setting $g(x) = yx$; $x \in I_1$ is an isomorphism. Let f be any isomorphism of I_1 to I_3 . Then $g^{-1}f \in \text{End}_R(I_1) = \overline{e_1Re_1}$. Hence, $f(x) = yzx$ for some z in $\overline{e_1Re_1}$. Therefore, f is extendable to an element in $\text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_3R)$. Thus, every projective has the extending property of simple modules (resp. direct decompositions of the socle)

by [3], Theorem 2 (resp. [6], Corollary 20).

Since the extending property is preserved by Morita equivalence, if R/J is a simple ring, we may assume R is a local ring.

Proposition 10. *Let R be a right artinian and local ring. Then every projective has the extending property of uniform submodules if and only if R is a QF-ring.*

Proof. If R has the extending property, R is right QF-2. Since every projective is a direct sum of copies of R , R is a QF-ring by [6], Theorem 10.

Proposition 11. *Let R be a right artinian and local ring. We assume that every monomorphism of R/J into itself as a field is an isomorphism. Then every projective has the extending property of simple modules (and hence of direct decompositions of the socle) if and only if R is right QF-2.*

Proof. "If" part. Since R is local QF-2, $S(R)=I$ is a unique minimal right ideal and a left ideal in R . Let $I=xR$. Then since $JI=0$, for any element a in \bar{R} , there exists b in \bar{R} such that $ax=xb$. Hence, the correspondence $\sigma: a \rightarrow b$ gives us a monomorphism of \bar{R} into \bar{R} . Therefore, σ is onto by the assumption, which means that R is right mini-injective. Accordingly, every projective has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle by Theorem 3.

Finally we shall give an additional result to [5].

Proposition 12. *Let R be a right artinian, generalized uniserial and right QF-3 ring. Then every R -projective module has the extending property of simple modules.*

Proof. Let $S(R)=\sum_{i=1}^m \oplus S_i$ and $S_i=S(e_iR)$. We assume $S_1 \approx S_2 \approx \dots \approx S_i$ and $S_j \not\approx S_i$ for $j > i$. Since R is right QF-3, $E(S_1)$ is isomorphic to some e_kR . Hence, e_pR is isomorphic to some submodule of e_kR for $p \leq i$. Now e_kR is serial and injective by the assumption. Hence, each submodule of e_kR is a character submodule and $\text{End}_R(S_k)$ is extendable to $\text{End}_R(e_kR)$. Therefore, every R -projective has the extending property of simple modules by [3], Theorem 2.

4 QF-rings

We shall give some characterizations of QF-rings in terms of extending projectives of projectives.

Theorem 13. *Let R be left and right artinian. Then the following condi-*

tions are equivalent.

- 1) R is a QF-ring.
- 2) Every right (and left) R -projective has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle.
- 3) Every right R -projective has the extending property of direct decompositions of the socle and $r(J) \subseteq 1(J)$.
- 4) Every right R -injective E has the lifting property of direct decompositions of $E/J(E)$ and R is a right QF-2 (see [4]).
- 5) R is right and left QF-2 and mini-injective as a right R -module.
- 6) R is mini-injective as a left and right R -module.
- 7) R is uni-injective as a right R -module and right QF-2.

Proof. 1)→2)~7), 2)→1) and 5)→1). They are clear from Theorems 3 and 5, [2], Theorem 3, [3], Theorem 2 and [8].

3)→1). It is sufficient to show that R is left QF-2, since R is right QF-2 and R -mini-injective by Theorem 3. We take a unique minimal right ideal x_1R in e_1R . We may assume $x_1 \in e_1Re_2'$ as the proof of Proposition 8. Since $r(J) \supseteq 1(J)$, $Jx_1 = 0$. Hence, Rx_1 is semi-simple. On the other hand, since $Rx_1 = Re_1x_1$, Rx_1 is a minimal left ideal in Re_2' . Let Rx_2 be another minimal one in Re_2' and $x_2 \in e_3'Re_2'$. Then $S(e_1R) = x_1R \approx e_2'R \approx x_2R = S(e_3'R)$ since $r(J) \subseteq 1(J)$ by the assumption. Hence, $e_1R \approx e_3'R$ by Theorem 5. Noting that x_1R is minimal, we obtain an isomorphism $f: x_1R \rightarrow x_2R$ with $f(x_1) = x_2$. f is extendable to an element $y \in \text{Hom}_R(e_1R, e_3'R)$ by [6], Corollary 20. Hence, $x_2 = yx_1$ and so $Rx_2 = Rx_1$. The above correspondence $e_1 \rightarrow e_2'$ gives a permutation of the set $\{e_{i1}\}_{i=1}^{n-1}$ by Theorem 5. Hence, R is left QF-2.

4)→1). We know from [2], Theorem 3 that there exists the representative set $\{e_{i1}R/e_{i1}A_{ij}\}_{i=1}^n \}_{j=1}^{\kappa(i)}$ of indecomposable injectives. Since R is artinian, $\kappa(i) = 1$ for all i by [4], Theorem 2. $e_{i1}R$ is uniform by the assumption. Hence, $E(e_{i1}R) \approx e_{j1}R/e_{j1}A_{j1}$ for some j . We consider a diagram, where $e_k = e_{k1}$, $A_k = A_{k1}$ and φ is the natural epimorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & e_iR & \longrightarrow & E(e_iR) \approx e_jR/e_jA_j \\
 & & \downarrow \varphi & & \swarrow h \\
 & & e_iR/e_iA_i & &
 \end{array}$$

Since e_iR/e_iA_i is injective, we obtain an epimorphism $h: e_jR/e_jA_j \rightarrow e_iR/e_iA_i$. Hence, $i = j$ and $e_iA_i = 0$. Since $\kappa(i) = 1$ for all i , $p = n$. Therefore, $R =$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa(i)} \oplus e_{ij}R$$

is self injective as a right R -module.

6)→1). We assume that R is self mini-injective. Let xR be a minimal right ideal in e_1R , where e_1 is primitive. Then $xR = xe_2'R$ and $x \in e_1Re_2'$. Since $Jx = 0$ by Theorem 5, Rx is minimal in Re_2' as above. Therefore, for any element b

in $\overline{e_1 R e_1}$ there exists a in $\overline{e_2' R e_2'}$ such that $bx=xa$ as the proof of Proposition 8 for R is left mini-injective. Again using the same argument, we know $xR=S(e_1 R)$. Hence, R is QF-2. Therefore, R is a QF-ring by Theorem 5 and [8].

7)→1). We shall show that R is self-injective as a right R -module. We can use the standard argument [1]. Let I be a right ideal in R and $f \in \text{Hom}_R(I, R)$. We can find a maximal one among the set of extensions of f by Zorn's Lemma, say $(I_0, f_0: I_0 \rightarrow R)$. We assume $I_0 \neq R$. Then there exists a primitive idempotent e such that $e \notin I_0$. Put $K=eR \cap I_0$ and $I_1=I_0+eR$. We take an extension f_1 of $f_0|K$ from the assumption. We put $g(x)=f_0(x_1)+f_1(er)$, where $x_1 \in I_0$ and $r \in R$. Then $g \in \text{Hom}_R(I_1, R)$, which contradicts the assumption of I_0 . Hence, $I_0=R$ and R is self-injective.

Theorem 14. *Let R be a K -algebra with $[R:K] < \infty$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- 1) R is a QF-ring.
- 2) R is mini-injective as a right R -module and $\text{r}(J)=1(J)$.
- 3) R is uni-injective as a right R -module.

Proof. It is clear from Proposition 8 and Theorem 13.

5 Examples

Let K be a field.

1. Put

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} K & 0 & 0 \\ K & K & 0 \\ K & 0 & K \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $\text{Hom}_R(S(e_{22}R), S(e_{33}R))$ is not extendable to $\text{Hom}_R(e_{22}R, e_{33}R)$. Hence, R is right generalized uniserial, but does not have the extending property of simple modules as a right R -module (cf. Proposition 12).

2. We shall give an example, where artinian and right self mini-injective rings are not right QF-2 in general. Let x be an indeterminate and Q a field. Put $L=Q(x)$ and $K=Q(x^2)$. Then we have an isomorphism σ of L onto K and $[L:K]=2$. Let $R=L1 \oplus Lu$ be a left vector space over L . We put $(Lu)^2=0$ and $ul=\sigma(l)u$ for $l \in L$. Then R is a ring and $[R:L]=2$ as a left L -module and $[R:L]=3$ as a right L -module. Hence, R is a left and right artinian ring. $J=Lu$ contains minimal right ideals Ku and xKu . Let I be a minimal right ideal in J . Then $I=aL$; $a=lu$ and $\text{End}_R(Ku)=K$. Therefore, R is self right mini-injective (and uni-injective). We note that $\text{End}_R(J)$ as a left R -module \cong {the right multiplications of R } and R is left QF-2. Furthermore, R satisfies the

conditions in Theorem 5 as a left R -module. However, R is not left mini-injective (cf. Theorems 13 and 14).

In case of QF-rings, right artinian and right self-injective rings satisfy the same conditions on the left side. However, this fact is not true for self mini-injective rings from this example.

3. Let K and L be as in Example 2. Put

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} L & L \\ 0 & L \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then R is right weakly mini-injective. However R is not right QF-2 and hence not right mini-injective. $e_{22}R$ is weakly uni-injective, but not mini-injective. (cf. Proposition 8).

4. Put

$$R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ o & d & e \\ o & o & a \end{pmatrix} \middle| a \sim e \in K \right\}.$$

Then R is weakly mini-injective but not weakly uni-injective for $f: e_{11}R \rightarrow e_{11}J^2$ is not extendable.

5. Put

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} K & uK+vK & K \\ 0 & K & K \\ 0 & 0 & K \end{pmatrix}$$

and $e_{12}(uk_1+vk_2)e_{23}k_3=e_{13}(k_1k_3+k_2k_3)$ for $k_i \in K$. Then $e_{11}R$ is mini-injective. On the other hand, $e_{11}R$ contains two isomorphic uniform modules $(0, uK, K)$, $(0, vK, K)$. The above isomorphism is not extendable to an element in $\text{Hom}_R(e_{11}R, e_{11}R)$. Hence $e_{11}R$ is not uni-injective.

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