

## ON SMALL INJECTIVE, SIMPLE-INJECTIVE AND QUASI-FROBENIUS RINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a ring. A right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called small in  $R$  if  $I + K \neq R$  for every proper right ideal  $K$  of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *right small finitely injective* (briefly, *SF-injective*) (resp., *right small principally injective* (briefly, *SP-injective*)) if every homomorphism from a small and finitely generated right ideal (resp., a small and principally right ideal) to  $R_R$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ . The class of right SF-injective and SP-injective rings are broader than that of right small injective rings (in [15]). Properties of right SF-injective rings and SP-injective rings are studied and we give some characterizations of a QF-ring via right SF-injectivity with ACC on right annihilators. Furthermore, we answer a question of Chen and Ding.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper  $R$  represents an associative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and all modules are unitary  $R$ -module. We write  $M_R$  (resp.  ${}_R M$ ) to indicate that  $M$  is a right (resp. left)  $R$ -module. We use  $J$  (resp.  $Z_r, S_r$ ) for the Jacobson radical (resp. the right singular ideal, the right socle of  $R$ ) and  $E(M_R)$  for the injective hull of  $M_R$ . If  $X$  is a subset of  $R$ , the right (resp. left) annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  is denoted by  $r_R(X)$  (resp.  $l_R(X)$ ) or simply  $r(X)$  (resp.  $l(X)$ ) if no confusion appears. If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  (resp. proper submodule) we denote by  $N \leq M$  (resp.  $N < M$ ). Moreover, we write  $N \leq^e M$ ,  $N \ll M$ ,  $N \leq^\oplus M$  and  $N \leq^{\max} M$  to indicate that  $N$  is an essential submodule, a small submodule, a direct summand and a maximal submodule of  $M$ , respectively. A module  $M$  is called *uniform* if  $M \neq 0$  and every non-zero submodule of  $M$  is essential in  $M$ .  $M$  is *finite dimensional* (or has *finite rank*) if  $E(M)$  is a finite direct sum of indecomposable submodules; or equivalently, if  $M$  has an essential submodule which is a finite direct sum of uniform submodules.

A module  $M_R$  is called *F-injective* (resp., *P-injective*) if every right homomorphism from a finitely generated (resp., principal) right ideal to  $M_R$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R_R$  to  $M_R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right F-injective (resp.,

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right P-injective) if  $R_R$  is F-injective (resp., P-injective).  $R$  is called *right min-injective* if every right  $R$ -homomorphism from a minimal right ideal to  $R$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be a right PF-ring if the right  $R_R$  is an injective cogenerator in the category of right  $R$ -modules. A ring  $R$  is called QF-ring if it is right (or left) Artinian and right (or left) self-injective.

In [15], a module  $M_R$  is called *small injective* if every homomorphism from a small right ideal to  $M_R$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R_R$  to  $M_R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right small injective if  $R_R$  is small injective. Under small injective condition, Shen and Chen ([15]) gave some new characterizations of QF rings and right PF rings. In [18], authors showed some characterizations of Jacobson radical  $J$  via small injectivity. They proved that  $J$  is Noetherian as a right  $R$ -module if and only if every direct sum of small injective right  $R$ -modules is small injective if and only if  $E^{(N)}$  is small injective for every small injective module  $E_R$ .

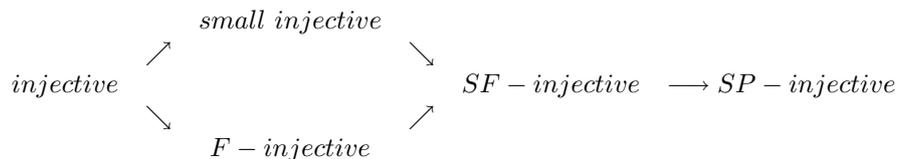
In 1966, Faith proved that  $R$  is QF if and only if  $R$  is right self-injective and satisfies ACC on right annihilators. Then around 1970, Björk proved that  $R$  is QF if and only if  $R$  is right F-injective and satisfies ACC on right annihilators. In this paper, we show that  $R$  is QF if and only if  $R$  is a semiregular and right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators if and only if  $R$  is a semilocal and right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators if and only if  $R$  is a right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators in which  $S_r \leq^e R_R$ . We also give some characterizations of rings whose  $R$ -homomorphism from a small, finitely generated right ideal to  $R$  with a simple image, can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ . Furthermore, we prove that if  $R$  is a right perfect, right simple-injective and left pseudo-coherent ring, then  $R$  is QF. Some known results are obtained as corollaries.

A general background material can be found in [1], [7], [19].

2. ON SP(SF)-INJECTIVE RINGS

**Definition 2.1.** A module  $M_R$  is called *small principally injective* (briefly, *SP-injective*) if every homomorphism from a small and principal right ideal to  $M_R$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R_R$  to  $M_R$ . A module  $M_R$  is called *small finitely injective* (briefly, *SF-injective*) if every homomorphism from a small and finitely generated right ideal to  $M_R$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R_R$  to  $M_R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right SP-injective (resp., right SF-injective) if  $R_R$  is SP-injective (resp., SF-injective).

The following implications are obvious:



**Lemma 2.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is right SP-injective.
- (2)  $lr(a) = Ra$  for all  $a \in J$ .
- (3)  $r(a) \leq r(b)$ , where  $a \in J$ ,  $b \in R$ , implies  $Rb \leq Ra$ .
- (4)  $l(bR \cap r(a)) = l(b) + Ra$  for all  $a \in J$  and  $b \in R$ .
- (5) If  $\gamma : aR \rightarrow R$ ,  $a \in J$ , is an  $R$ -homomorphism, then  $\gamma(a) \in Ra$ .

*Proof.* A similar proving to [10, Lemma 5.1]. □

We also have:

**Lemma 2.3.** *A ring  $R$  is right SF-injective if and only if it satisfies the following two conditions:*

- (1)  $l(T \cap T') = l(T) + l(T')$  for all small, finitely generated right ideals  $T$  and  $T'$ .
- (2)  $R$  is right SP-injective.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Assume that  $R$  is right SF-injective. If  $T$  and  $T'$  are small, finitely generated right ideals, then  $T + T'$  is a small finitely generated right ideal. Let  $b \in l(T \cap T')$  and then we define  $\alpha : T + T' \rightarrow R$  via  $\alpha(t + t') = bt$ , for all  $t \in T$  and  $t' \in T'$ , so  $\alpha = a.$ , for some  $a \in R$  by hypothesis. Then  $b - a \in l(T)$  and  $a \in l(T')$ . Hence  $b \in l(T) + l(T')$ . Thus (1) holds. (2) is clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): We can prove it by induction on the number of generators of  $T$  and  $T'$ . □

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a right SP-injective ring such that  $l(T \cap T') = l(T) + l(T')$  for all right ideals  $T$  and  $T'$  of  $R$  where  $T$  is small, finitely generated. Then every  $R$ -homomorphism  $\varphi : I \rightarrow R$  extends to  $R \rightarrow R$  where  $I$  is a small right ideal and the image  $\varphi(I)$  is finitely generated.*

**Proposition 2.5.** *A direct product  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  of rings  $R_i$  is right SF-injective (resp., right SP-injective) if and only if  $R_i$  is right SF-injective (resp., right SP-injective) for each  $i \in I$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is right SF-injective. For each  $i \in I$ , we take any  $a_i \in J(R_i)$  and  $b_i \in R_i$  such that  $r_{R_i}(a_i) \leq r_{R_i}(b_i)$ . Let  $a = (a_j)_{j \in I}$ ,  $b = (b_j)_{j \in I}$ , where  $a_j = 0, b_j = 0, \forall j \neq i$  and  $a_j = a_i, b_j = b_i$  if  $j = i$ . Then  $a \in J(R), b \in R$  and  $r_R(a) \leq r_R(b)$ . So  $b \in Ra$  since  $R$  is right SP-injective. Therefore  $b_i \in R_i a_i$ . Thus  $R_i$  is right SP-injective. On the other hand, for all small, finitely generated right ideals  $T_i$  and  $T'_i$  of  $R_i$ ,  $\iota_i(T_i), \iota_i(T'_i)$  are small, finitely generated right ideals of  $R$ , where  $\iota_i : R_i \hookrightarrow R$  is the inclusion for each  $i \in I$ . By hypothesis,  $l_R(\iota_i(T_i) \cap \iota_i(T'_i)) = l_R(\iota_i(T_i)) + l_R(\iota_i(T'_i))$ . This implies that  $l_{R_i}(T_i \cap T'_i) = l_{R_i}(T_i) + l_{R_i}(T'_i)$ . Thus  $R_i$  is right SF-injective by Lemma 2.3.

Conversely,  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $R_i$  is right SF-injective. For each  $a = (a_i)_{i \in I} \in J(R)$  and  $b = (b_i)_{i \in I} \in R$  such that  $r_R(a) \leq r_R(b)$ , then for each  $i \in I$ ,  $a_i \in J(R_i)$  and  $r_{R_i}(a_i) \leq r_{R_i}(b_i)$ . Since  $R_i$  is right SF-injective,  $b_i \in R_i a_i$ . Hence  $b \in Ra$ . If  $T$  and  $T'$  are small, finitely generated right ideals of  $R$ , then we can prove that  $l_R(T \cap T') = l_R(T) + l_R(T')$ . Thus  $R$  is right SF-injective. □

A ring  $R$  is called *left minannihilator* if  $lr(K) = K$  for every minimal left ideal  $K$  of  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $R$  be a right SP-injective ring. Then:*

- (1)  $R$  is right mininjective and left minannihilator.
- (2)  $J \leq Z_r$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since every minimal one-sided ideal of  $R$  is either nilpotent or a one-sided direct summand of  $R$ , each right SP-injective ring is right mininjective and left minannihilator.

(2) If  $a \in J$  we will show that  $r(a) \leq^e R_R$ . In fact, let  $b \in R$  such that  $bR \cap r(a) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $R = l(b) + Ra$ , so  $l(b) = R$  because  $a \in J$ . Hence  $b = 0$ . This proves that  $a \in Z_r$ .  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called *right Kasch* if every simple right  $R$ -module embeds in  $R_R$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a right Kasch ring. Then:*

- (1) *If  $R$  is right SP-injective, then:*
  - a) *The map  $\psi : T \mapsto l(T)$  from the set of maximal right ideals  $T$  of  $R$  to the set of minimal left ideals of  $R$  is a bijection. And the inverse map is given by  $K \mapsto r(K)$ , where  $K$  is a minimal left ideal of  $R$ .*
  - b) *For  $k \in R$ ,  $Rk$  is minimal iff  $kR$  is minimal, in particular  $S_r = S_l$ .*
- (2) *If  $R$  is right SF-injective, then  $rl(I) = I$  for every small, finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . In particular,  $R$  is left SP-injective.*

*Proof.* (1) a): By Proposition 2.6 (1) and [10, Theorem 2.32]. For b), if  $Rk$  is minimal, then  $r(k)$  is maximal by a). This means  $kR$  is minimal. Conversely, by [10, Theorem 2.21].

(2): Firstly, we have  $J = rl(J)$  because  $R$  is right Kasch. Let  $T$  be a right small, finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Therefore,  $T \leq rl(T) \leq rl(J) = J$ . If  $b \in rl(T) \setminus T$ , take  $I$  such that  $T \leq I \leq^{\max} (bR + T)$ . Since  $R$  is right Kasch, we can find a monomorphism  $\sigma : (bR + T)/I \rightarrow R$ , and then define  $\gamma : bR + T \rightarrow R$  via  $\gamma(x) = \sigma(x + I)$ . Since  $bR + I$  is a small, right finitely generated ideal of  $R$  and  $R$  is right SF-injective, it follows that  $\gamma = c$ , where  $c \in R$ . Hence  $cb = \sigma(b + I) \neq 0$  because  $b \notin I$ . But if  $t \in T$ , then  $ct = \sigma(t + I) = 0$  because  $T \leq I$ , so  $c \in l(I)$ . Since  $b \in rl(T)$  this gives  $cb = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus  $T = rl(T)$ . It is clear that  $R$  is left SP-injective.  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called semiregular if  $R/J$  is von Neumann regular and idempotents can be lifted modulo  $J$ . Note that if  $R$  is semiregular, then for every finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $R = H \oplus K$ , where  $H \leq I$  and  $I \cap K \ll R$ .

Motivated by [15, Lemma 3.1] we have the following result.

**Lemma 2.8.** *If  $R$  is a semiregular ring and  $I$  is a right ideal of  $R$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *Every homomorphism from a finitely generated right ideal to  $I$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ .*

- (2) Every homomorphism from a small, finitely generated right ideal to  $I$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $f : K \rightarrow I$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism, where  $K$  is a finitely generated right ideal. Since  $R$  is semiregular, then  $R = H \oplus L$ , where  $H \leq K$  and  $K \cap L \ll R$ . Hence  $R = K + L$  and  $K = H \oplus (K \cap L)$ ,  $K \cap L$  is a small, finitely generated right ideal of  $R$ . Thus there exists an endomorphism  $g$  of  $R_R$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in K \cap L$ . We construct a homomorphism  $\varphi : R_R \rightarrow R_R$  defined by  $\varphi(r) = f(k) + g(l)$  for any  $r = k + l$ ,  $k \in K$ ,  $l \in L$ . Now we show that  $\varphi$  is well defined. Indeed, if  $k_1 + l_1 = k_2 + l_2$ , where  $k_i \in K$ ,  $l_i \in L$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $k_1 - k_2 = l_1 - l_2 \in K \cap L$ . Hence  $f(k_1 - k_2) = g(l_1 - l_2)$ , which implies that  $\varphi(k_1 + l_1) = \varphi(k_2 + l_2)$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is an endomorphism of  $R_R$  such that  $\varphi|_K = f$ .  $\square$

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right  $I$ -semiregular if for every  $a \in I$ ,  $aR = eR \oplus T$ , where  $e^2 = e$  and  $T \leq I_R$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Z_r$ -semiregular ring. Then  $R$  is right SF-injective if and only if  $R$  is right F-injective.*

It is well-known if  $R$  is semiperfect and right small injective with  $S_r \leq^e R_R$ , then  $R$  is right self-injective. This result is proved by Yousif and Zhou (see [20, Theorem 2.11]). In [15, Theorem 3.4], they showed that a semilocal (or semiregular) ring  $R$  is right self-injective if and only if  $R$  is right small injective. From Lemma 2.8 we also have a similar result.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a semiregular ring. Then*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective if and only if  $R$  is right SP-injective.
- (2)  $R$  is right F-injective if and only if  $R$  is right SF-injective.

Because a semiperfect ring is semiregular, we have:

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be a semiperfect ring. Then*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective if and only if  $R$  is right SP-injective.
- (2)  $R$  is right F-injective if and only if  $R$  is right SF-injective.

Next we obtain some characterizations of QF-ring via right SF-injectivity with ACC on right annihilators. The following theorem extends [15, Theorem 3.8].

**Theorem 2.12.** *For a ring  $R$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is QF.
- (2)  $R$  is a semiregular and right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators.
- (3)  $R$  is a semilocal and right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators.
- (4)  $R$  is a right SF-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators in which  $S_r \leq^e R_R$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious that (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (3), (4).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): By Theorem 2.10,  $R$  is right F-injective. Thus  $R$  is QF by [3, Theorem 4.1].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since  $R$  satisfies ACC on right annihilators,  $Z_r$  is nilpotent and so  $Z_r \leq J$ . Therefore,  $J = Z_r$  is nilpotent by Proposition 2.6. Hence  $R$  is semiprimary.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): By [13, Theorem 2.1] or [14, Lemma 2.11],  $R$  is semiprimary.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.13.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is QF if and only if  $R$  is a semilocal, left and right SP-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators.*

*Remark.* The condition “semilocal” in Theorem 2.12 can not be omitted, since the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is SP-injective, Noetherian, but  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not QF.

The following result extends [11, Theorem 2.2].

**Proposition 2.14.** *If  $R$  is right SP-injective and  $R/\text{Soc}(R_R)$  has ACC on right annihilators, then  $J$  is nilpotent.*

*Proof.* Here we use a similar argument to that one in [2, Theorem 3]. Suppose that  $R/\text{Soc}(R_R)$  has ACC on right annihilators. Let  $S = \text{Soc}(R_R)$  and  $\bar{R} = R/S$ . For any  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  in  $J$ , since

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_1) \leq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1) \leq \dots,$$

by hypothesis there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_m \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1) = r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{m+k} \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1)$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Now for any positive integer  $n$ , since  $a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1 \in J \leq Z_r$ ,  $r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1) \leq^e R_R$ . Hence  $S \leq r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1)$ . We claim that

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_n \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1) \leq r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1)/S \leq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{n+1} \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1).$$

In fact, assume  $b + S \in r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_n \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1)$ . Then we have  $a_n \dots a_1 b \in S$ . But since  $S \leq r(a_{n+1})$ , we get  $a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1 b = 0$ . Thus  $b \in r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1)$ , and so  $b + S \in r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1)/S$ . Now the other inclusion  $r(a_{n+1}a_n \dots a_1)/S \leq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{n+1} \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1)$  is obvious.

By this fact, it follows that

$$r(a_{m+1}a_m \dots a_1)/S = r(a_{m+2}a_{m+1} \dots a_1)/S$$

because  $r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_m \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1) = r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{m+2} \dots \bar{a}_2\bar{a}_1)$ . Therefore

$$r(a_{m+1}a_m \dots a_1) = r(a_{m+2}a_{m+1}a_m \dots a_1),$$

and hence  $(a_{m+1}a_m \dots a_1)R \cap r(a_{m+2}) = 0$ . But  $r(a_{m+2})$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ , and so  $a_{m+1}a_m \dots a_1 = 0$ . Hence  $J$  is right T-nilpotent and the ideal  $(J+S)/S$  of the ring  $\bar{R} = R/S$  is also right T-nilpotent. By [1, Proposition 29.1],  $(J+S)/S$  is nilpotent, and so there is a positive integer  $t$  such that  $J^t \leq S$ . Hence  $J^{t+1} \leq SJ$ . Thus  $J$  is nilpotent.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.15.** *If  $R$  is a semilocal and right SF-injective ring such that  $R/S_r$  is right Goldie, then  $R$  is QF.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.14,  $J$  is nilpotent, and hence  $R$  is semiprimary. Hence  $R$  is right F-injective by Theorem 2.10. This implies that  $R$  is right GPF (i.e.,  $R$  is semiperfect, right P-injective with  $S_r \leq^e R_R$ ) and so  $R$  is right Kasch by [11, Corollary 2.3]. Therefore  $R$  is left P-injective by [3, Proposition 4.1]. Thus  $R$  is QF by [10, Theorem 3.38].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.16.** *If  $R$  is a semilocal and right SF-injective ring satisfying ACC on essential right ideals, then  $R$  is QF.*

Now we consider rings whose small and finitely generated right ideals are projective. We have the following result.

**Theorem 2.17.** *For a ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *Every small and finitely generated right ideal of  $R$  is projective.*
- (2) *Every quotient module of a SF-injective module is SF-injective.*
- (3) *Every quotient module of a F-injective module is SF-injective.*
- (4) *Every quotient module of a small injective module is SF-injective.*
- (5) *Every quotient module of an injective module is SF-injective.*

*Proof.* (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are obvious.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Assume that  $E_R$  is SF-injective and  $\pi : E \rightarrow B$  is an epimorphism. Let  $f : I \rightarrow B$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism, where  $I$  is a small and finitely generated right ideal of  $R$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & R & & \\ & & \downarrow f & & & & \\ E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & B & \longrightarrow & 0 & & \end{array}$$

where  $\iota$  is the inclusion.

By (1),  $I$  is projective. Therefore there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : I \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi h = f$ . Now since  $E$  is SF-injective, there is an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h' : R \rightarrow E$  such that  $h'\iota = h$ . Let  $h'' = \pi h' : R \rightarrow B$ , then  $h''\iota = f$ . This means  $B_R$  is SF-injective.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): For every small and finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , we consider the epimorphism  $h : A \rightarrow B$  and  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha : I \rightarrow B$ .

Since  $B = h(A) \cong A/\text{Ker } h \xhookrightarrow{\iota_1} E(A)/\text{Ker } h$ , where  $\iota_1$  is the inclusion and  $\psi(h(a)) = a + \text{Ker } h$ , for all  $a \in A$ . Then let  $j = \iota_1\psi$ . We consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & I & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & R & & \\ & \swarrow \varphi & \downarrow \alpha & & & & \\ E & \xrightarrow{h} & B & \longrightarrow & 0 & & \\ & & \downarrow j & & & & \\ E(A) & \xrightarrow{p} & E(A)/\text{Ker } h & \longrightarrow & 0 & & \end{array}$$

where  $\iota$  is the inclusion and  $p$  is the natural epimorphism.

By (5),  $E(A)/\text{Ker } h$  is SF-injective and then there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha' : R \rightarrow E(A)/\text{Ker } h$  such that  $\alpha'\iota = j\alpha$ . Since  $R_R$  is projective, there is an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha'' : R \rightarrow E(A)$  such that  $p\alpha'' = \alpha'$ . Let  $h' = \alpha''\iota : I \rightarrow E(A)$ . It is easy to see that  $h'(I) \leq A$ , so there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\varphi : I \rightarrow A$  such that  $\varphi(x) = h'(x)$ , for all  $x \in I$ .

Now we claim that  $h\varphi = \alpha$ . In fact, for each  $x \in I$  we have

$$j(\alpha(x)) = \alpha'(\iota(x)) = \alpha'(x) = p(\alpha''(x)) = p(h'(x)) = p(\varphi(x)).$$

Since  $\alpha$  is the epimorphism,  $\alpha(x) = h(a)$  for some  $a \in A$ . Therefore  $j(\alpha(x)) = j(h(a)) = a + \text{Ker } h$ , and so  $a + \text{Ker } h = \varphi(x) + \text{Ker } h$ ,  $h(a - \varphi(x)) = 0$ . Hence  $h\varphi(x) = h(a) = \alpha(x)$ . Thus  $I$  is projective.  $\square$

**Example 2.18.** i) Let  $R = F[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $x_i$  are commuting indeterminants satisfying the relations:  $x_i^3 = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  $x_i x_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , and  $x_i^2 = x_j^2$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . Then  $R$  is a commutative, semiprimary F-injective ring. But  $R$  is not a self-injective ring (see [10, Example 5.45]). Thus  $R$  is SF-injective, but  $R$  is not a small injective ring. Because if  $R$  is small injective, then  $R$  is self-injective by [15, Theorem 3.4], a contradiction.

ii) Let  $F$  be a field and assume that  $a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is an isomorphism  $F \rightarrow \bar{F} \subseteq F$ , where the subfield  $\bar{F} \neq F$ . Let  $R$  denote the left vector space on basis  $\{1, t\}$ , and make  $R$  into an  $F$ -algebra by defining  $t^2 = 0$  and  $ta = \bar{a}t$  for all  $a \in F$  (see [10, Example 2.5]). Then  $R$  is a right SP-injective (since  $R$  is right P-injective) and semiprimary ring but not a right SF-injective ring. If  $R$  is a right SF-injective ring, then  $R$  is right F-injective by Theorem 2.10. This is a contradiction by [10, Example 5.22]. Moreover,  $R$  is not left SP-injective since  $R$  is not left mininjective.

iii) The ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a commutative ring with  $J = 0$ . So  $R$  is small injective, but  $R$  is not P-injective.

### 3. ON SIMPLE-FJ-INJECTIVE RINGS

**Definition 3.1.** A ring  $R$  is called right simple-FJ-injective if every right  $R$ -homomorphism from a small, finitely generated right ideal to  $R$  with a simple image, can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R_R$ .

We have the implications *simple-injective*  $\Rightarrow$  *simple-J-injective*  $\Rightarrow$  *simple-FJ-injective*. But the converses in general are not true. By Example 2.18(i),  $R$  is commutative, semiprimary and simple-FJ-injective. But  $R$  is not simple-J-injective. In fact, if  $R$  is simple-J-injective then  $R$  is simple-injective by [15, Corollary 3.6]. Hence  $R$  is self-injective by [10, Theorem 6.47]. This is a contradiction.

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $R$  is right simple-FJ-injective, then  $R$  is right mininjective and a left minannihilator.*

*Proof.* We can prove it as in Proposition 2.6.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *A ring  $R$  is right simple-FJ-injective a ring if and only if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : I \rightarrow R$  extends to  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$ , where  $I$  is a small, finitely generated right ideal and  $f(I)$  is finitely generated, semisimple.*

*Proof.* Write  $f(I) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n S_i$  where  $S_i$  is a simple right ideal. Let  $\pi_i : \bigoplus_{i=1}^n S_i \rightarrow S_i$  be the projection for each  $i$ . Since  $R$  is right simple-FJ-injective,  $\pi_i f = c_i$ , for some  $c_i \in R$  and for each  $i$ . Thus  $f = c$ , with  $c = c_1 + \dots + c_n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a right simple-FJ-injective and right Kasch ring. Then*

- (1)  $\text{rl}(I) = I$  for every small, finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .
- (2)  $S_r = S_l$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

In [20], a ring  $R$  is called right  $(I - K) - m$ -injective if for any  $m$ -generated right ideal  $U \leq I$  and any  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : U_R \rightarrow K_R$ ,  $f = c$ , for some  $c \in R$ , where  $I, K$  are two right ideals of  $R$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 3.5** ([20], Lemma 2.5). *If  $R$  is a right  $(J, S_r) - 1$ -injective, right Kasch and semiregular ring, then  $l(J)$  is an essential left ideal of  ${}_R R$ .*

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a right simple-FJ-injective and semiregular ring. Then every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow R$  extends to  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  where  $K$  is a finitely generated right ideal and  $f(K)$  is simple.*

*Proof.* Let  $f : K \rightarrow R$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism, where  $K$  is a finitely generated right ideal and  $f(K)$  is simple. Since  $R$  is semiregular, then  $K = eR \oplus L$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$  and  $L \leq J$ . So  $L$  is a small, finitely generated right ideal of  $R$ . It is easy to see that  $K = eR \oplus (1 - e)L$ . Therefore  $(1 - e)L$  is a small, finitely generated right ideal of  $R$ . By hypothesis, there exists an endomorphism  $g$  of  $R_R$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in (1 - e)L$ . We construct a homomorphism  $\varphi : R_R \rightarrow R_R$  defined by  $\varphi(x) = f(ex) + g((1 - e)x)$  for any  $x \in R$ . Then  $\varphi|_K = f$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be a right simple-FJ-injective ring. Then*

- (1) *If  $R$  is semiregular and  $e$  is a local idempotent of  $R$ , then  $\text{Soc}(eR)$  is either 0 or simple and essential in  $eR_R$ .*
- (2) *If  $R$  is semiperfect, then the following conditions are equivalent*
  - a)  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local idempotent  $e$ .
  - b)  $S_r$  is finitely generated and essential in  $R_R$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  and let  $aR$  be a simple right ideal of  $eR$ . If  $0 \neq b \in eR$  such that  $aR \cap bR = 0$ , then we construct an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\gamma : aR \oplus bR \rightarrow eR$  by  $\gamma(ax + by) = ax$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . Therefore  $\text{Im } \gamma = aR$  is simple. By Lemma 3.6,  $\gamma = c$  for some  $c \in R$ . Let  $c' = ece \in eRe$ . So  $(e - c')a = ea - eca = 0$ . On the other hand,  $\text{End}(eR_R) \cong eRe$  is local. It implies that  $c'$  is invertible in  $eRe$ , but  $c'b = eceb = ecb = 0$  and so  $b = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $aR \cap bR \neq 0$ ,  $aR \leq bR$  since  $aR$  is simple. Thus  $\text{Soc}(eR)$  is simple and essential in  $eR_R$ .

(2) If  $1 = e_1 + \dots + e_n$ , where the  $e_i$  are orthogonal local idempotents, then  $S_r = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \text{Soc}(e_i R)$  and  $a) \Rightarrow b)$  follows from (1). The converse is clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $R$  be a semiperfect, right simple-FJ-injective ring with  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local idempotent  $e \in R$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\text{rl}(I) = I$  for every finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , so  $R$  is left  $P$ -injective.
- (2)  $R$  is left and right Kasch.
- (3)  $S_r = S_l = r(J) = l(J)$  is essential in  ${}_R R$  and in  $R_R$ .
- (4)  $J = Z_r = Z_l = r(S) = l(S)$ , with  $S_r = S_l = S$ .
- (5)  $R$  is left and right finitely cogenerated.

*Proof.* (2): by [12, Theorem 3.7] and (1) by Proposition 3.4 and [20, Lemma 1.4].

(3):  $S_r = S_l = S$  is essential in  ${}_R R$  and in  $R_R$  by Proposition 3.4, Lemma 3.5 and Proposition 3.7.  $S = r(J) = l(J)$  because  $R$  is left and right Kasch.

(4): follows from (2) and (3).

(5): follows from Proposition 3.7 and [10, Theorem 5.31].  $\square$

*Remark.* There exists a semiprimary and right simple-FJ-injective ring, but it can not be right simple-injective. On the other hand, there is a ring  $R$  that is right simple-FJ-injective but not right SP-injective (see [20, Example 1.7]).

From the above proposition, we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.9.** *If  $R$  is a right simple-FJ-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators in which  $S_r \leq^e R_R$ , then  $R$  is QF.*

*Proof.* By [13, Theorem 2.1] or [14, Lemma 2.11],  $R$  is semiprimary. Hence  $R$  is left and right mininjective by Proposition 3.8. Thus  $R$  is QF.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10** ([14], Theorem 2.15). *If  $R$  is a right simple-injective ring with ACC on right annihilators in which  $S_r \leq^e R_R$  then  $R$  is QF.*

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right pseudo-coherent if  $r(S)$  is finitely generated for every finite subset  $S$  of  $R$  (see [3]). Chen and Ding [5] proved that if  $R$  is a left perfect, right simple-injective and right (or left) pseudo-coherent ring, then  $R$  is QF. They gave a question: If  $R$  is a right simple-injective ring which is also right perfect and right (or left) pseudo-coherent, is  $R$  a QF ring? The following results are motivated by this question.

Firstly, we have the following result

**Lemma 3.11** (Osofsky's Lemma). *If  $R$  is a left perfect ring in which  $J/J^2$  is right finitely generated, then  $R$  is right Artinian.*

**Theorem 3.12.** *Assume that  $R$  is left perfect, right simple-FJ-injective. If  $R$  is right (or left) pseudo-coherent ring, then  $R$  is QF.*

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is left perfect,  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local idempotent  $e \in R$ . Thus by Proposition 3.8,  $J = r(S) = l(S)$  with  $S = S_r = S_l = r(J) = l(J)$  is a finitely generated left and right ideal. Hence by hypothesis,  $R$  is left (or right)

pseudo-coherent, and so  $J$  is a finitely generated left (or right) ideal. If  $J$  is a finitely generated right  $R$ -module, then  $J/J^2$  is too. Consequently,  $R$  is right Artinian by Lemma 3.11. If  $J$  is a finitely generated left  $R$ -module, then  $J$  is nilpotent by [10, Lemma 5.64], and so  $R$  is semiprimary. Hence  $R$  is left Artinian by Lemma 3.11. Thus  $R$  is QF.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13** ([5], Theorem 2.6). *Assume that  $R$  is left perfect, right simple-injective. If  $R$  is right (or left) pseudo-coherent ring, then  $R$  is QF.*

We consider a ring which is right simple-FJ-injective and left pseudo-coherent.

**Theorem 3.14.** *If  $R$  is a right perfect, right simple-FJ-injective and left pseudo-coherent ring then  $R$  is QF.*

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is right perfect and left pseudo-coherent,  $R$  satisfies DCC on finitely generated left ideals. Hence if  $A \subseteq R$ ,  $l(A) = l(A_0)$  for some finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$ . It follows that  $R$  satisfies DCC on left annihilators, and hence  $R$  has ACC on right annihilators. Therefore  $R$  is semiprimary by [6, Proposition 1]. Thus  $R$  is QF by Theorem 3.12.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.15.** *If  $R$  is a right perfect, right simple-injective and left pseudo-coherent ring, then  $R$  is QF.*

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