

21. Endomorphism Rings of Modules over Orders in Artinian Rings

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Recently Small [7] proved that if a ring R has a right Artinian (classical) right quotient ring, then so does the endomorphism ring of a finitely generated projective right R -module.

On the other hand, it has been shown by Hart [3] that if a ring R has a semi-simple Artinian (classical) two-sided quotient ring Q , so does the endomorphism ring of a finitely generated torsion free right R -module M . In this case M is not necessarily projective, but its quotient module $M \otimes_R Q$ is projective as a right Q -module. Therefore, in the case where Q is non-semi-simple, it is interesting to obtain a condition under which finitely generated torsion free modules have projective quotient modules. The next proposition of this paper gives such a condition.

Proposition 1. *If a ring R has a two-sided perfect two-sided quotient ring Q , then the following conditions on a finitely generated right R -module M are equivalent:*

(1) M is R -torsion free (in the sense of Levy [5]) and $M \otimes_R Q$ is Q -projective.

(2) M is isomorphic to a direct summand of a right R -module K such that $\sum_{i=1}^n \oplus R^{(i)} \supseteq K \supseteq \sum_{i=1}^n \oplus I_i$, where $R^{(i)}$ is a copy of R and I_i is a right ideal of $R^{(i)}$ containing a regular element.

In this paper this condition (2), without assuming that M is finitely generated, will be called condition (A).

Then, we obtain the next main theorem which generalizes the above results of Small [7, Corollary 2] and Hart [3, Theorem 2].

Theorem 1. *If R is a ring with a right (resp. two-sided) Artinian right (resp. two-sided) quotient ring Q , then the endomorphism ring $\text{End}_R(M)$ of a right R -module M satisfying condition (A) has also a right (resp. two-sided) Artinian right (resp. two-sided) quotient ring isomorphic to $\text{End}_Q(M \otimes_R Q) = \text{End}_R(M \otimes_R Q)$.*

As an application of Theorem 1, we shall prove finally

Theorem 2. *In Theorem 1, if Q is quasi-Frobenius and M is faithful, then $\text{End}_R(M)$ has a quasi-Frobenius quotient ring which is isomorphic to the R -endomorphism ring of the injective hull of M .*