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# ON CATEGORIES OF INDECOMPOSABLE MODULES II

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We have studied the Krull-Remak-Schmidt-Azumaya's theorem from point of view of categories in [4], §3. In this note, we shall study further properties of those categories.

We have defined an additive category  $\mathfrak{A}$  induced from a family of completely indecomposable modules  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$ , namely whose objects consist of directsums of  $M_{\alpha}$  and studied the quotient category  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  with respect to the ideal  $\mathfrak{F}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  in [4].

In the first section, we characterize submodules  $M_0$  in an object M in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , which is in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $M_0 \equiv M \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}$ , and show that every such  $M_0$  coincides with M if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the Jacobson radical of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , (see [7] for the radical).

In the second section, we consider Conditions II and III defined in [4], which are related with exchange property defined in [1]. We change slightly the definition of exchange property in this note and show that every direct summand of objects M in  $\mathfrak{A}$  has the exchange property in M if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the Jacobson radical of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

In the final section, we restrict ourselves to a case where  $M_{\alpha}$ 's are projective. We shall show, in this case, that objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$  are closely related to semi-perfect modules defined in [9]. Especially we show that an object  $P = \sum_{T} \bigoplus P_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect if and only if  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$  is an elementwise *T*-nilpotent system defined in [4] and *P* is semi-perfect if and only if  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$  is an elementwise semi-*T*-nilpotent system.

Let R be a ring with unit element and all modules in this note be unitary right R-modules. An R-module M is called *completely indecomposable* if  $End_R(M) = S_M$  is a (non-commutative) local ring. We assume here that indecomposable modules mean completely indecomposable.

### 1. Dense submodules

Let  $M_0$  be an R-module and assume  $M_0 = \sum_{I} \bigoplus M_{\alpha}$ , where  $M_{\alpha}$ 's are indecomposable modules. We have defined an additive category  $\mathfrak{A}$  in [4] from the above decomposition as follows: The objects of  $\mathfrak{A}$  consist of some directsums of  $M_{\alpha}$ 's and the morphisms of  $\mathfrak{A}$  consist of all *R*-homomorphisms. We denote

those morphisms by  $[M, N']_R$  and we call  $\mathfrak{A}$  is induced from a family  $\{M_{\mathfrak{o}}\}$ . Furthermore, we have defined an ideal  $\mathfrak{F}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  in [4] as follows: Let  $N = \sum \bigoplus M'_{\mathfrak{o}}$ ,  $N' = \sum \bigoplus M'_{\mathfrak{o}'}$  be in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .  $\mathfrak{F}$  consists of all morphisms f in  $[N, N']_R$  such that  $p_{\mathfrak{o}'}f_{\mathfrak{o}} \in [M_{\mathfrak{o}}, M'_{\mathfrak{o}'}]_R$  is not isomorphic for any  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$ , where  $i_{\mathfrak{o}}, p_{\mathfrak{o}'}$  are injection and projection, respectively and N, N' run through all objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We know from Theorem 7 in [4], that  $\mathfrak{F}$  defines an ideal in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  is a  $C_3$ -completely reducible abelian category, (see [2] for the definition of ideals).

When we consider object N and morphism f in  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$ , we denote them by  $\overline{N}$ and  $\overline{f}$ . Furthermore, if N is in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $N=N_1\oplus N_2$  as R-modules, then  $\overline{N}_i$ means Im  $\overline{e}_i$ , where  $e_i$  is a projection of N to  $N_i$ . Let S be a ring. By J(S) we denote the Jacobson radical of S and by  $\mathfrak{F}_M$  we denote  $\mathfrak{F} \cap \operatorname{End}_R(M)$  for an R-module M.

Let  $M \supseteq N$  be objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and *i* the inclusion of N to M. If *i* is isomorphic modulo  $\mathfrak{F}$ , i.e.  $\overline{M} = \overline{N}$ , then we call N a *dense submodule* in M.

## **Proposition 1.** Every dense submodule of M is R-isomorphic to M.

Proof. Since  $\overline{M} = \overline{N}$ , M and N have isomorphic direct summands by [4], Corollary 1 to Theorem 7.

Let  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  be a family of completely indecomposable modules and  $\{f_{\alpha i}\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ any sequence of non isomorphic *R*-homomorphisms of  $M_{\alpha i}$  to  $M_{\alpha i+1}$  in  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  $(M_{\alpha i+1}$  may be equal to  $M_{\alpha i}$ ). If there exists *n*, which depends on the above sequence and for any element *m* in  $M_{\alpha_1}$ , such that  $f_{\alpha_n}f_{\alpha n-1}\cdots f_{\alpha_1}(m)=0$ , then we call  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  a (elementwise) *T*-nilpotent system (cf. [4]). If the above condition is satisfied for any sequence  $\{f_{\alpha i}\}$  such that  $M_{\alpha i} \neq M_{\alpha j}$  if  $i \neq i$ , then we call  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  a (elementwise) semi-*T*-nilpotent system. In general, a semi-*T*-nilpotent system is not *T*-nilpotent.

Let  $M = \sum_{I} \bigoplus M_{\sigma}$  and J a subset of I, then we denote a submodule  $\sum \bigoplus M_{\sigma'}$  by  $M_{J}$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let M and P be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\overline{M} \supseteq \overline{P}$ . Then there exists a submodule  $P_0$  in M satisfying the following conditions.

1  $P_0$  is an object in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ;  $P_0 = \sum_{\tau} \oplus M_{\alpha}$ .

2  $P_{0J}$  is a direct summand of M for any finite subset J of I, (if  $\{M_{\alpha'}\}_{J'}$  is Tnilpotent system, J' need not be finite).

3  $\bar{P}_0 = \bar{P}$ .

Furthermore, if  $\overline{P} = \operatorname{Im} \overline{e}$  and e is an idempotent in  $S_M = \operatorname{End}_R(M)$ , then we can choose  $P_0$  in  $\operatorname{Im} e$ .

Proof. Let  $P = \sum_{I} \bigoplus M_{\lambda}$ . Since  $\overline{M} \supseteq \overline{P}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  is completely reducible, there exist  $i \in [P, M]_R$  and  $p \in [M, P]_R$  such that  $pi \equiv 1_P \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}$ . Let J be a subset of I and  $i_J$ ,  $p_J$  be inclusion and projection, respectively. Since  $p_J pii_J$  is isomorphic,  $p_J p i i_J$  is *R*-isomorphic by [4], Lemma 8 and Theorem 8 if *J* is finite or  $\{M_{\lambda}\}_J$  is a *T*-nilpotent system. Hence,  $\alpha_J = i i_J$  splits, namely  $\operatorname{Im} \alpha_J$  is a direct summand of *M*. Therefore, *i* is *R*-monomorphic. We put  $P_0 = \operatorname{Im} i$ as *R*-module, then  $P_0$  satisfies 1~3. If  $P = \operatorname{Im} e$ , we have a relation  $pei \equiv pi \equiv 1_P$ (mod  $\mathfrak{F}$ ). Hence, if we take  $\alpha_J = ei i_J$ , we know that  $\operatorname{Im} ei = P_0 \subseteq eM$ .

The following theorem gives a special answer for Condition III in [4].

**Theorem 1.** Let M be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $M = \sum_{\kappa} \oplus N_{\gamma}$  as R-module. Then each  $N_{\gamma}$  contains a submodule  $P_{\gamma}$  such that  $P_{\gamma}$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\Sigma \oplus P_{\gamma}$  is a dense submodule of M.

**Proof.** Let  $\pi_{\gamma}$  be a projection of M to  $N_{\gamma}$ . Then from Proposition 2 we have  $P_{\gamma}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\bar{P}_{\gamma} = \operatorname{Im} \bar{\pi}_{\gamma} = \bar{N}_{\gamma}$ . We shall show  $\bar{M} = \sum_{\kappa} \oplus \bar{P}_{\gamma}$ . Let  $i_{\gamma}, i_{\gamma}'$  and  $i_{\gamma}''$  be inculsions of  $P_{\gamma}$  to M, of  $P_{\gamma}$  to  $N_{\gamma}$  and of  $N_{\gamma}$  to M such that  $i_{\gamma} = i_{\gamma}' i_{\gamma}'$ , respectively. Since  $\bar{P}_{\gamma} = \text{Im } \bar{\pi}_{\gamma}$ , there exists an R-homomorphism  $p_{\gamma}$ of M to  $P_{\gamma}$  such that  $i_{\gamma}p_{\gamma} = \pi_{\gamma} \pmod{\Im}$ . Let  $\{f_{\gamma}\}$  be an element in  $\prod_{\gamma} [P_{\gamma}, N]_{\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}}$ , where N is an object in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $f_{\gamma} \in [P_{\gamma}, N]_R$ . We put  $f_{\gamma}'' = f_{\gamma} p_{\gamma} i_{\gamma}'' \in [N_{\gamma}, N]_R$ and  $f = \prod_{\kappa} f_{\gamma}' \in [M, N]_R$ . Then we have  $f_{i_{\gamma}} = f_{i_{\gamma}}'' i_{\gamma}' = f_{\gamma} p_{\gamma} i_{\gamma}$ . Hence,  $f_{i_{\gamma}} \equiv f_{\gamma} \pmod{\Im}$ . We shall show that f does not depend on a choice of representative  $f_{\gamma}$ . It is sufficient to show that if  $f|P_{\gamma}=f_{i\gamma}$  is in  $\Im$  for all  $\gamma$ , then f is in  $\Im$  for any f in  $[M, N]_R$ . Let  $N = \sum_{k} \bigoplus M_{\delta}$ ;  $M_{\delta}$ 's are indecomposable. If f is not in  $\Im$ , there exists an idecomposable direct summand T of M such that  $p_{\delta}'fi_T$  is isomorphic, where  $i_T: T \to M, p_{\delta}': N \to N_{\delta}$  are inclusion and projection, respectively. Since  $\{\pi_{\gamma}\}_{K}$  is summable,  $1_{M} = \sum_{\gamma} \pi_{\gamma}$  and  $f = \sum_{\gamma} f \pi_{\gamma}$ . Furthermore, since  $\{p_{\gamma'}f_{\pi_{\gamma}}i_T\}_K$  is summable and  $p_{\delta'}fi_T = \sum p_{\delta'}f_{\pi_{\gamma}}i_T$ , there exists a finite subset K' in K such that  $\sum_{K-K'} p_{\delta'}f_{\pi_{\gamma}}i_T$  is not isomorphic, and  $\sum_{K'} p_{\delta'}f_{\pi_{\gamma}}i_T$  is isomorphic. Therefore, there exists  $\gamma$  in K' such that  $p_{\delta}' f \pi_{\gamma} i_T$  is isomorphic. On the other hand  $p_{\delta}' f \pi_{\gamma} i_T \equiv p_{\delta}' f_{i_{\gamma}} \pi_{\gamma} i_T \equiv 0 \pmod{\Im}$ , which is a contradiction. Conversely, we take a morphism  $f \in [M, N]_{\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{B}}$  and  $f \in [M, N]_{\mathfrak{R}}$ . Put  $f_{\gamma} = f_{\gamma}$ , then  $f_{\gamma}$  does not depend on a choice of f by Proposition 2 and [4], Lemma 5. Thus, we have shown that  $[M, N]_{\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{B}} = \prod [P_{\gamma}, N]_{\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{B}}$ .

We call such  $P_{\gamma}$  a dense submodule of  $N_{\gamma}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let M be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  induced from a family  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  of completely indecomposable modules  $M_{\alpha}$ , and  $N = \sum_{T} \bigoplus M_{\rho'}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a submodule of M. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1 N is a dense submodule of M.

2 There exists a finite subset J of I, for any direct summand P of M, such that either  $P \cap N_J \neq 0$  or  $P \oplus N_J$  is not a direct summand of M.

3 N contains Im (1-f) for some element f in  $\mathfrak{Z}_M$  and  $\mathfrak{i}_N$  is monomorphic. In those cases  $N_{J'}$  is a direct summand of M for any finite subset J' of I. Furthermore, Im (1-f) is always a dense submodule of M.

Proof.  $1 \rightarrow 2$  Since every direct summand of M contains an indecomposable module by [4], Corollary 1 to Theorem 7, we may assume so is P. Since  $\bar{P}$  is a minimal object,  $\bar{P}$  is small (cf.[5], Theorem 1.4). Hence,  $\bar{P} \subseteq \sum_{J} \oplus \bar{M}_{\alpha_i}$  for some finite set J. We assume that  $P \cap N_J = 0$  and  $P \oplus N_J$  is a direct summand of M. Let e, f and E be projections of M to  $P, N_J$  and  $P \oplus N_J$ , respectively. We may assume E=e+f and ef=fe=0. We denote the inclusion of submodules to Mby i. Since  $\bar{P} \subseteq \bar{N}_J$ , there exists  $\alpha$  in  $[P, N_J]_R$  such that  $i_J \alpha \equiv i_P \pmod{\Im}$ . Since  $\bar{I}_P = \bar{e}i_P$  and  $f\bar{e}=0, \ \bar{I}_P = \bar{e}i_I \bar{\alpha} \equiv \bar{0}$ . Hence, P=0, which is a contradiction.

 $2 \rightarrow 1$  If  $\overline{M} \neq \overline{N}$ , there exists an indecomposable module P such that  $\overline{P} \oplus \overline{N}_J$ is a direct summand of  $\overline{M}$  for any finite subset J of I. Since  $\overline{P} \oplus \overline{N}_J$  is a directsum of finite many of minimal objects, there exists a direct summand  $P_0$ of M such that  $P_0 \cap N_J = 0$  and  $P_0 \oplus N_J$  is a direct summand of M (see the proof of Proposition 2).

 $1 \rightarrow 3$  Let *i* be an inclusion of *N* to *M*. Since *i* is isomorphic, there exists *j* in  $[M, N]_R$  such that  $i\bar{j}=\bar{1}_M$ . Put f=1-ij, then  $f\in\mathfrak{F}_M$  and 1-f=ij. Since *i* is monomorphic,  $N\supseteq \text{Im }(1-f)$ .

 $3 \rightarrow 1$  First we shall show that N' = Im(1-f) is a dense submodule of M. We know from the proof of Proposition 10 in [4] that 1-f is monomorphic and hence, N' is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Let i be an inclusion of N' to M and  $1-f=i(1-f)'; (1-f)' \in [M, N']_R$ . Since  $1 \equiv 1-f \equiv i(1-f)'$  and (1-f)' is isomorphic, so is i. Therefore, N' is a dense submodule. Hence,  $M \supseteq N \supseteq \text{Im}(1-f)$  implies that  $i_N$  is epimorphic. In order to get the last part we put  $\overline{M} = \overline{N} = \overline{P}$  in Proposition 2, then  $N_{f'}$ , is a direct summand of M.

**Corollary 1.** Let M be an object in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and P a dense submodule of M. If for a direct summand  $N = \sum_{J} \bigoplus M_{\alpha}'$  of M in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , J is finite or  $\{M_{\alpha}'\}$  is a T-nilpotent system, there exists an automorphism  $\sigma$  of M such that  $\sigma(N)$  is a direct summand of P.

Proof. P contains a submodule  $N_1'$  which is isomorphic to  $N_1$  and is a direct summand of M by Proposition 2; say  $M = N_1' \oplus N_2' = N_1 \oplus N_2$ . Since  $N_2' \approx N_2$ , we obtain the corollary.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  be a family of completely indecomposable modules and  $\mathfrak{A}$  the induced additive category from  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  is an elementwise T-nilpotent system.
- 2  $\Im$  is the Jacobson radical of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .
- 3 Every dense submodule of any M in  $\mathfrak{A}$  coincides with M.

Proof.  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$  is obtained in [4], Theorem 8.

 $1 \rightarrow 3$  Let N be a dense submodule of M. We know from 1 and Proposition 2 that N is a direct summand of M. Hence, N=M by Theorem 2.

 $3 \rightarrow 2$  Let f be in  $\mathfrak{F}_M$  and N = Im(1-f). Since N is a dense submodule by Theorem 2, N = M. Therefore, 1-f is isomorphic, which implies  $\mathfrak{F}_M$  is equal to  $J(S_M)$ .

REMARK. Let  $M = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigoplus M_i$  as in Theorem 2. We assume that there exists a sequence  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of monomorphisms but not epimorphisms  $f_i$  of  $M_i$  to  $M_{i+1}$ . Then for any finite set J of I there exists a dense submodule N in M such that  $N \cap M_J = (0)$ . Because, we make use of matrix representation of  $[M, M]_R$  and by  $\{e_{im}\}$  we denote a system of matrix unites. Put  $f = \sum_i \sum_{k=1}^J f_{i+k-1} f_{i+k-2} \cdots f_i e_{i+k_i}$ , then f is in  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Hence,  $P = \operatorname{Im}(1-f)$  is a dense submodule and  $P \cap M_J = (0)$ .

If we use the same argument for any set I, we can give an example in which for some subset J with  $|J| \leq |I|$  there exists a dense submodule P in M such that  $P \cap M_J = (0)$ . Furthermore, we can give an example in which there exists a dense submodule P in  $M = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigoplus M_i$  such that  $P \cap M_i \neq (0)$  for all i and  $P \neq M$ .

In the above corollary, we have a situation  $\mathfrak{F}_M = J(S_M)$ . In this case we obtain a further result.

**Lemma 1.** Let M be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_M = J(S_M)$ . Then for every direct summand N of M we have  $\mathfrak{F}_N = J(S_N)$ .

Proof. Since  $\mathfrak{F}_M = J(S_M)$ , N is in  $\mathfrak{A}$  by [4], Corollary 2 to Theorem 7. Put N = eM for some idempotent e in  $S_M$ . Then it is clear that  $e\mathfrak{F}_M e = \mathfrak{F}_N$ , since  $\mathfrak{F}$  does not depend on decompositions of M by [4], Lemma 5. Furthermore,  $J(S_N) = eJ(S_M)e$ . Hence,  $J(S_N) = \mathfrak{F}_M$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let P be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$ . Then every idempotent a in S/J(S) is lifted to S.

Proof. Let *a* be idempotent modulo  $\mathfrak{F}_P$ . Then there exist a module  $P_0$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $a' \in [P, P_0]_R$ ,  $b' \in [P_0, P]_R$  such that  $b'a' \equiv a$  and  $a'b' \equiv 1_P \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}$ . Since  $P_0$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of *P* by [4], Theorem 7,  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$  by Lemma 1. Hence *b'* is *R*-monomorphic and  $\mathcal{E}' = a'b'$  is *R*-isomorphic on  $P_0$ . We may regard  $P_0$  as a direct summand of *P* via *b'*;  $P = \operatorname{Im} b' \oplus Q$ . We put  $\mathcal{E} = b'\mathcal{E}'^{-1}b'^{-1} + 1_Q$ , then  $\mathcal{E} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}$ . Put  $e = \mathcal{E}b'a'$ , then  $e \mid P_0 = 1_P$  and Im  $e = P_0$ . Hence, *e* is idempotent in  $S_P$  and  $e = \mathcal{E}b'a' \equiv b'a' \equiv a \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

**Corollary.** Let R be a (non-commutative) local ring such that J(R) is T-nil-

potent. Let S be the ring of column finite matrices over R with any degree. Then every idempotent in S|J(S) is lifted to S.

Proof. Put  $M = \sum_{I \ni a} \bigoplus R_a$ ;  $R_a \approx R$ . Then  $S = S_M$  and  $J(S_M) = \mathfrak{F}_M$  by [4], Lemma 10.

## 2 Exchange property

We shall recall Condition II in [4]. Let  $M = \sum_{I} \oplus M_{\sigma} = \sum_{I} \oplus N_{\beta}$  be decompositions of M with indecomposable modules  $M_{\sigma}$ ,  $N_{\beta}$ , Condition II in [4] says that for any subset J of I, there exists a subset J' of I such that  $M = \sum_{T'} M_{\sigma}$  $\oplus \sum_{T} \oplus N_{\beta}$ . However, this is a special case of exchange property defined in [1]. Furthermore, this property induces Condition III in [4], namely every direct summand of M is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Therefore, we shall define a weaker exchange property than one in [1]. Let M be as above (in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ), and  $M = \sum_{I \ni i} \oplus P_i$  be any direct decomposition as R-modules. We call a direct summand N of M has the |I|exchange property in M if  $M = N \oplus \sum_{I \ni i} \oplus P_i'$  and  $P_i' \subset P_i$  for any decomposition  $M = \sum_{I \ni i} \oplus P_i$  with |I|-factors. If N has the |I|-exchange property in M for any cardinal |I|, we call N has the exchange property in M. It is clear that if N has the exchange property in M, then N is an object of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . P. Crawley and B. Jónsson have shown in [1], Theorem 7.1 (and [10], Theorem 1) that if Mis countably generated for all  $\alpha$  in I, then Condition III is satisfied.

In the following we always assume that  $M = \sum_{I} \bigoplus_{I} M_{a} = N_{1} \bigoplus N_{2}$  with indecomposable modules  $M_{a}$ .

**Lemma 2.** If either  $N_1$  is finitely generated or a dense submodule of  $N_1$  is a *T*-nilpotent system, then  $N_i$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , (i=1, 2).

Proof. If  $N_1$  is finitely generated, then  $N_1$  is a direct summand of  $M_J$  for some finite subset J of I. Hence,  $N_1 \approx M_{J'}$  for some  $J' \subset J$  by Krull-Remak-Schmidt's theorem. Therefore,  $M = N_1 \oplus \sum \oplus M_{\varphi(\omega)}$  by [4], Corollary 1 to Theorem 7 (Azumaya's theorem), and hence  $N_2 \approx \sum \oplus M_{\varphi(v)}$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Next, we assume that a dense submodule  $N_0$  of  $N_1$  is a T-nilpotent system. Then  $N_0 = N_1$ by Proposition 2. Hence  $N_1$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  is completely reducible,  $\overline{M} = \mathbb{I}_1$  $\bigoplus_{K \equiv \beta} \overline{M}_{\beta} = \sum_{I=K} \overline{M}_{\alpha} \oplus \sum_{K} \overline{M}_{\beta}$  for some K in I. Let p be a projection of M to  $\sum_{I=K} M_{\alpha}$ . Since  $\overline{p} | \overline{N}_1$  is isomorphic and  $\{M_{\alpha}\}_{I=K}$  is a T-nilpotent system,  $p | N_1$  is an R-isomorphism of  $N_1$  to  $\sum_{I=K} \oplus M_{\alpha}$ . Therefore,  $M = N_1 \oplus \text{Ker } p = N_1 \oplus \sum_{K} M_{\beta}$  $= N_1 \oplus N_2$ . Hence,  $N_2 \approx \sum \oplus M_{\beta}$ .

The following lemma is a special case of [1], Lemma 3.10 and [10], Proposition 1, however we shall give a proof from point of view of our categories.

**Lemma 3.** Let M and N<sub>i</sub> be as above. If  $N_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bigoplus M'_i$  and  $M'_i \approx M_{ai}$  for all i, then  $N_1$  has the exchange property in M.

Proof. We assume that  $M=N_1\oplus N_2=\sum_{I'}\oplus Q_{\sigma}$  as *R*-modules. Then  $M=\bar{N}_1\oplus\bar{N}_2=\sum_{I'}\oplus\bar{P}_{\sigma}$ , where  $P_{\sigma}=\sum_{I_{\sigma}}\oplus P_{\sigma j}$  is a dense submodule of  $Q_{\sigma}$  and  $P_{\sigma j}$ 's are indecomposable. Since  $\bar{N}_1=\sum_{i=1}^n\oplus\bar{M}_i$ ' is a small object in  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$ , there exist a finite subset I'' of I and a finite subset  $J_i'$  of  $J_i$  for  $i\in I''$  such that  $\bar{N}_1\subseteq\sum_{I''\ni i}\sum_{J_i\ni j}\oplus\bar{P}_{ij}$ . We know from Proposition 2, 2) that  $\sum_i\sum_{j}\bigoplus P_{ij}=P$  is a direct summand of M. Since I'' and  $J_i'$  are finite,  $\mathfrak{F}_P=J(S_P)$  by [4], Lemma 8. Hence, P contains a direct summand  $N_1'$  such that  $\bar{N}_1'=\bar{N}_1$ ,  $(P=N_1'\oplus P')$ .  $M=N_1'\oplus P'\oplus\sum_{I''}\oplus Q_i'\oplus\sum_{I=I''}\oplus Q_{\sigma}$ , where  $Q_i=Q_i'\oplus\sum_{J_i=J_i'}\oplus P_{ij}$ . Let  $p_{N'_1}$  be a projection of M to  $N_1'$  in this decomposition. Since  $\bar{N}_1=\bar{N}_1'$  and  $\bar{N}_1\cap(\bar{P}'\oplus\sum_{I''}\oplus\bar{Q}_i)=\bar{0}$ , (see the proof of Theorem 1),  $\bar{p}_{N'_1}|\bar{N}_1$  is isomorphic. Therefore,  $p_{N'_1}|N_1$  is isomorphic as an R-module. Thus, we obtain that  $M=N_1\oplus P'\oplus\sum_{I''}\oplus Q_1'\oplus\sum_{I=I'''}\oplus Q_{\sigma}$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $M = \sum_{i} \bigoplus M_{\alpha}$  with  $M_{\alpha}$  completely indecomposable, and  $N_{1} = \sum_{i'} \bigoplus M_{\beta'}$  be a direct summand of M;  $M = N_{1} \bigoplus N_{2}$ . If I' is finite or  $\{M_{\beta'}\}$  is a T-nilpotent system, then  $N_{i}$  has the exchange property in M for i=1, 2.

Proof. We know from the assumption and [4], Theorem 8 that  $\mathfrak{F}_{N_1} = J(S_{N_1})$ . Let  $M = N_1 \oplus N_2 = \sum_{J} \oplus Q_{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Then  $\overline{M} = \overline{N}_1 \oplus \overline{N}_2 = \sum \oplus \overline{P}_{\mathfrak{a}}$ , where  $P_{\mathfrak{a}}$  is a dense submodule of  $Q_{\mathfrak{a}}$ . We put  $P_{\mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{J_{\mathfrak{a}} \ni i} \oplus P_{\mathfrak{a}i}$  ( $\in \mathfrak{A}$ ). Since  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  is completely reducible,  $\overline{M} = \overline{N}_2 \oplus \sum_{J} \sum_{J_{\mathfrak{a}}'} \oplus \overline{P}_{\mathfrak{a}i}$ , where  $J_{\mathfrak{a}'}$  is a subset of  $J_{\mathfrak{a}}$ . The fact  $\overline{N}_1 \approx \overline{P} = \sum_{J} \sum_{J_{\mathfrak{a}}'} \oplus \overline{P}_{\mathfrak{a}i}$  implies  $\mathfrak{F}_{P} = J(S_P)$ . Let  $p_{N_1}$  be a projection of M to  $N_1$  with Ker  $p_{N_1} = N_2$ . Then  $\overline{p}_{N_1} | \overline{P}$  is isomorphic, and hence  $p_{N_1} | P$  is isomorphic as an R-module. Therefore,  $M = P \oplus N_2$  and  $\sum_{T'_{\mathfrak{a}}} \oplus P_{\mathfrak{a}i} \subseteq Q_{\mathfrak{a}}$ . We have shown that  $N_2$  has the exchange property. If I' is finite, then  $N_2$  has the exchange property from Lemma 3. Thus, we may assume that  $\{M'_{\beta}\}$  is a T-nilpotent system. Noting that  $N_2$  is an object of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by Lemma 2, first we assume  $N_1 = \sum_{K} \oplus T_{\mathfrak{a}}, N_2 = \sum_{K'} \oplus T'_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{a}} \neq T'_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for any  $\alpha, \beta$ , where  $T_{\mathfrak{a}}$  and  $T'_{\mathfrak{p}}$  are indecomposable. We make use of the same notation as above. Then  $\overline{M} = \overline{N}_2 \oplus \sum_{J} \oplus \overline{P'}_{\mathfrak{a}} \oplus P''_{\mathfrak{a}} = P_{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Since  $\sum \oplus P'_{\mathfrak{a}} \approx N_1, \sum \oplus P'_{\mathfrak{a}}$  is a direct sum-

mand of M by Proposition 2, say  $M = \sum (P_{a'} \oplus P'''_{a})$  and  $Q_{a} = P_{a'} \oplus P_{a'}'''$ . Then  $\sum_{T} \oplus P''_{a}$  is an object in  $\mathfrak{A}$  by Lemma 2. Let p be a projection of M to  $\sum_{T} \oplus P'_{a}$  with Ker  $p = \sum_{T} \oplus P'''_{a}$ . Then  $\overline{p} | \overline{N}_{2}$  is isomorphic, since  $\overline{N}_{1} \cap \sum \oplus \overline{P}'''_{a}$   $= \overline{0}$  and  $\overline{p}(\overline{N}_{2}) = \overline{0}$  by the assumption. Hence,  $p | N_{1}$  is isomorphic as an R-module, which implies  $M = N_{1} \oplus \operatorname{Ker} p = N_{1} \oplus \sum P'''_{a}$ . Hence,  $N_{1}$  has the exchange property in M. In general case, we choose all direct components  $T'_{\beta'}$  in  $N_{2}$ , which is isomorphic to some  $T_{a}$  in  $N_{1}$  and put  $N'_{2} = \sum \oplus T'_{\beta'}; N_{2} = N'_{2} \oplus N''_{2}$ . Then,  $N'_{1} = N_{1} \oplus N'_{2}$  satisfies the assumption in the first case. Therefore,  $M = N'_{1} \oplus \sum_{T} \oplus P'''_{a}$  and  $Q_{a} = P'_{a'} \oplus P'''_{a}$ . Then  $M = N'_{2} \oplus N_{1} \oplus \sum_{T} \oplus P'''_{a}$ . Since  $N'_{2}$  satisfies the assumption in the theorem,  $N_{1} \oplus \sum \oplus P'''_{a}$  has the exchange property from the beginning case. Therefore,  $M = N_{1} \oplus \sum_{T} \oplus P'''_{a} \oplus \sum_{T} \oplus P^{iv}_{a}$ , and  $Q_{a} \supseteq P^{iv}_{a}$ . Thus, we have proved that  $N_{1}$  has the exchange property in M.

**Corollary.** Let A be as above. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1 Every direct summand of object M in  $\mathfrak{A}$  has the  $\aleph_0$ -exchange property in M.
- 2 Every direct summand of object M in  $\mathfrak{A}$  has the exchange property in M.
- 3  $\{M_{\alpha}\}$  is an elementwise T-nilpotent system.

Proof.  $1 \to 3$  Let  $M = \sum_{I} \oplus M_{\mathfrak{s}} = \sum_{I'} \oplus M'_{\mathfrak{\beta}'} \oplus \sum_{I''} \oplus M'_{\mathfrak{\gamma}'}$  be a direct decompositions with  $|I'| \leq \aleph_0$ . Since every direct summand of  $\sum_{I'} \oplus M'_{\mathfrak{\beta}'}$  has the  $\aleph_0$ -exchange property in M, it has the  $\aleph_0$ -exchange property in  $\sum_{I'} \oplus M'_{\mathfrak{\beta}'}$ . Therefore, Condition II is satisfied for  $\sum_{I'} \oplus M'_{\mathfrak{\beta}'}$ , which implies 3 by [4], Lamma 9.

- $3 \rightarrow 2$  It is clear from the theorem and Proposition 2.
- $2 \rightarrow 1$  It is clear.

**Proposition 3** ([1], [3], [6] and [10]). Let M be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $M=N_1\oplus N_2$ . If  $N_1$  is countably generated, then  $N_1$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If every  $M_{\alpha}$  is countably generated, then every direct summand of M is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Proof. We make use the argument of the proof of [1], Theorem 7.1. First, we note that for any element x in  $N_1$  there exists a direct summand  $N_0$  of  $N_1$  such that  $x \in N_0$  and  $N_0$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Because, there exists a finite set J such that  $M_J$ contains x. From Theorem 4 we have  $M=M_J\oplus N_1'\oplus N_2'$ ,  $N_1=N_1'\oplus N_1''$  and  $N_2=N_2'\oplus N_2''$ , where  $N_1''=(M_J\oplus N_2')\cap N_1$  and  $N_2''=(M_J\oplus N_1')\cap N_2$ , and  $x\in N_1''$ . If we use the same argument in [6], then we obtain the proposition.

#### 3 Semi-perfect modules

We shall study further properties of  $\mathfrak{A}$  in a case of semi-perfect modules defined by E. Mares in [9]. She has shown that every semi-perfect module is a direct sum of completely indecomposable semi-perfect modules ([9], Corollary 4.4). Let P be an R-module and J(P) the radical of P. If P is semi-perfect, then J(P) is small in P,  $[P/J(P), P/J(P)]_{R/J(R)} \approx S_P/J(S_P)$  and J(P) = PJ(R), (see [9], §§ 2-5).

**Theorem 5.** Let P be a directly indecomposable projective module. Then P is completely indecomposable if and only if P is semi-perfect, (cf. [5], the proof of Theorem 2.8).

Proof. If P is semi-perfect, then P is completely indecomposable by [9], Corollary 4.4. Conversely, we assume that so is P. Since P/J(P) is R/J(R)projective, J([P/J(P), P/J(P)]) = 0. From an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow [P, J(P)]_R \rightarrow S_P \rightarrow [P/J(P), P/J(P)]_{R/J(R)} \rightarrow 0$  we have  $[P, J(P)] \supset J(S_P)$ . On the other hand,  $J(S_P)$  is a unique maximal ideal in  $S_P$  and  $[P, J(P)] \supset J(S_P)$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$  $= [P, J(P)]_R$ . Next, we shall show that J(P) is small in P. Let N be a submodule of P such that P = J(P) + N. From the following row exact sequence

$$N \xrightarrow{R} N/N \cap J(P) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$f \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Q}} P/J(P)$$

$$f \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Q}} P$$

we have  $f: P \to N$ , which commutes the above diagram. If  $N \neq P$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{F}_P$ . Hence, Im  $f \subset N \cap J(P)$ , which is a contradiction. Finally, we show that J(P) is a unique maximal submodule in P. Put  $\bar{P}=P/J(P)$ ,  $\bar{R}=R/J(R)$  and  $\bar{S}=S_P/\mathfrak{F}_P$ . We define  $\mu:\bar{P}\otimes_{\bar{R}}[\bar{P},\bar{R}]_{\bar{R}}\to\bar{S}$  by setting  $\mu(p\otimes f)(p')=pf(p')$ . Since  $\bar{P}\neq 0$  and  $\bar{R}$ -projective,  $\mu\neq 0$ . Furthermore,  $\bar{S}$  is a division ring, and hence,  $\mu$  is isomorphic.  $\bar{P}\tau(P)=\bar{P}$  implies that there exists p in  $\bar{P}$  such that  $\mu(p\otimes[\bar{P},\bar{R}])\neq 0$ , where  $\tau$  is the trace map of  $\bar{P}$ . Hence,  $\mu(p\otimes f)\bar{S}=\bar{S}$  for some f in  $[\bar{P},\bar{R}]$ . Therefore,  $\bar{P}=\bar{S}\bar{P}=\mu(p\otimes f)\bar{S}\bar{P}\subset p\bar{f}(\bar{P})\subset p\bar{R}\subset \bar{P}$ . Hence,  $\bar{P}=p\bar{R}\approx\bar{e}\bar{R}$  for some idempotent  $\bar{e}$  in  $\bar{R}$ . Since  $\bar{e}\bar{R}\bar{e}$  is a division ring and  $\bar{R}$  is semi-simple,  $\bar{P}$  is  $\bar{R}$ -irreducible by [8], Proposition 1 in p. 65. Hence, J(P) is unique maximal, since J(P) is the radical of P. Thus we have proved that P is semi-perfect by [9], Theorem 5.1.

Now let  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$  be a family of completely indecomposable projective modules, and  $\mathfrak{A}$  the induced additive category from  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$ . Let  $P = \sum \bigoplus P_{\alpha}$  and  $P' = \sum \bigoplus P_{\beta}'$  be in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and f in  $[P, P']_{R}$ . If  $f_{\alpha\beta} = p_{\alpha}f_{i\beta}$  is epimorphic, then  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ splits and hence  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  is isomorphic. Since  $J(P_{\alpha}')$  is unique maximal, Im  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ 

 $\subseteq J(P_{a'})$  is  $f_{ab}$  is not isomorphic. Hence, if f is in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\operatorname{Im} f \subseteq \Sigma \oplus J(P_{b'})$ =J(P'). Conversely, if  $\operatorname{Im} f \subseteq J(P')$ , then f is in  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Therefore,  $[P, P']_R \cap \mathfrak{F}$ = $[P, J(P')]_R$ . Furthermore,  $0 \to [P, J(P')]_R \to [P, P']_R \to [P/J(P), P'/J(P')]_{R/J(R)}$  $\to 0$  is exact. Thus, for any object P in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , many arguments in  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$  concerned with  $\overline{P}$  coincide with those as R/J(R)-modules. From this reason, we make use of terminologies in  $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{F}$ , instead of ones as R/J(R)-modules, if there are no confusions.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an induced category from a family of completely indecomposable projective modules  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$ . Then an object  $P = \sum_{I} \bigoplus P_{\gamma}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect if and only if  $\{P_{\gamma}\}_{I}$  is an elementwise T-nilpotent system.

Proof. Let  $\mathfrak{F}'$  be a full subcategory in  $\mathfrak{F}$  which is induced from  $\{P_{\gamma}\}_{I}$ . If P is perfect, then every object in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  is semi-perfect. Hence,  $\mathfrak{B}'$  is equal to the Jacobson radical in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  by the above remark and [9], Theorem 2.4. Therefore,  $\{P_{\gamma}\}_{I}$  is a *T*-nilpotent system by [4], Theorem 8. Conversely, we assume that  $\{P_{\gamma}\}_{I}$ is a T-nilpotent system. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$  for every object P in  $\mathfrak{A}'$ . We shall show that J(P) is small in P for every object P in  $\mathfrak{A}'$ . Let P=Q+J(P) for some submodule Q and  $p_1$  a projection of P to  $P_1$ , where  $P = \sum_{I'} \bigoplus P_{\gamma}$ . Since  $p_1(J(P))$  $\subset J(P_1)$  and  $J(P_1)$  is small by Theorem 5,  $p_1(Q) = P_1$ . Hence, there exists f in  $[P_1, Q]_R$  such that  $p_1 f = 1_{P_1}$ . Therefore, Q contains an object in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  which is a direct summand of P. Let T be the set of such objects in Q and define a pertially order in T by the inclusion. We take a totally ordered subset  $Q_1 \subset Q_2 \subset \cdots$ in T. Put  $Q_0 = \bigcup Q_i$ , then  $Q_0 = \sum \bigoplus N_{\beta}; N_{\beta} \approx P_{\pi(\beta)}$  by Lemma 2. Furthermore, the inclusion  $i_{\beta}: N_{\beta} \rightarrow P$  is not zero modulo  $\Im$ , since  $Q_i$  is a direct summand of P. Hence,  $Q_0$  is a direct summand of P by the proof of Proposition 2,2. Thus, we have a maximal element  $P_0$  in T.  $P=P_0\oplus U$  and  $Q=P_0$  $\oplus Q \cap U$ . Since P = Q + J(P) and  $J(P) = J(P_0) \oplus J(U)$ ,  $U = J(U) + U \cap Q$ . U is also in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  by Lemma 2. If  $U \neq 0$ ,  $U \cap Q$  contains an object in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  which is a direct summand of U and hence of P. Which contradicts to the maximality of  $P_0$ . Therefore,  $P=P_0=Q$ . Thus, every object in  $\mathfrak{A}'$  is semi-perfect by Theorem 5 and [9], Theorem 5.2.

In the above argument, we have used only facts that  $P_i$  are semi-perfect and  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$ . Hence, from Lemma 1, [4], Corollary 2 to Theorem 7 and [9], Theorem 2.3 we have

**Proposition 4.** Let  $P = \sum \bigoplus P_{\alpha}$  and  $P_{\alpha}$  semi-perfect. Then P is semiperfect if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}_P = J(S_P)$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let P be an object in  $\mathfrak{A}$  induced from projective, completely indecomposable modules  $P_a$ . Then we have the following equivalent conditions.

1 P is semi-perfect,

- 2  $\mathfrak{P}_P = J(S_P)$ .
- 3 Every dense submodule of P coincides with P.
- 4  $P = \sum \bigoplus P_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then  $\{P_{\alpha}\}$  is a semi-T-nilpotent system.

5 P satisfies the Condition II in [4].

Proof.  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$  is proved in Proposition 4.

 $1 \rightarrow 3$  Let N be a dense submodule of P. Then  $N \supseteq \text{Im}(1-f)$  for some  $f \in \mathfrak{P}_P$ . Hence,  $P \subseteq N + f(P) \subseteq N + J(P) \subseteq P$  by the remark before Theorem 6. Therefore, P = N + J(P) implies P = N, since J(P) is small.

 $3 \rightarrow 4$  Let  $\{f_i\}$  be a family of non isomorphisms of  $P_{\alpha_i}$  to  $P_{\alpha_{i+1}}(P_{\alpha_i} \neq P_{\alpha_{i+1}})$ . Put  $f = \sum (-e_{i+1}, f_i)$ , where  $\{e_{i,j}\}$  is a system of matrix units in  $S_P$ . Then Im (1-f) is a dense submodule of P. From the assumption and the argument of Lemma 9 in [4], we know that  $\{f_i\}$  is a T-nilpotent sequence.

 $2 \rightarrow 5$  is proved in [4], Corollary 2 to Theorem 7.

- $5 \rightarrow 4$  is proved in [4], Lemma 9.
- $4 \rightarrow 1$ . Let

$$P = \sum_{\mathbf{K} \ni \alpha} \sum_{I_{\alpha} \ni \beta} \bigoplus M_{\alpha\beta} \cdots (*),$$

where  $M_{\alpha\beta}$ 's are indecomposable and  $M_{\alpha\beta} \approx M_{\alpha\beta'}$ ,  $M_{\alpha\beta} \approx M_{\alpha'\beta'}$  if  $\alpha \pm \alpha'$ . First we assume that the cardinal  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  of  $|I_{\alpha}|$  is finite for all  $\alpha$  in K. We put  $P_{\alpha(n)n}$  $= \sum_{\beta=1}^{n} \bigoplus M_{\alpha\beta}$ , where  $n = \lambda_{\alpha}$ , and show that J(P) is small in P. We assume P = N + J(P) for some submodule N of P. Let  $p_{\alpha(n)n}$  be a projection of P to  $P_{\alpha(n)n}$ . Since  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  is finite,  $J(P_{\alpha(r)n})$  is small in  $P_{\alpha(n)n}$ . Hence,  $p_{\alpha(n)n}|N$  is epimorphic, and there exists  $g \in [P_{\alpha(n)n}, N]_R$  such that  $(p_{\alpha(n)n}|N)g = 1_{P\alpha(n)n}$ . Put  $P'_{\alpha(n)n} = \operatorname{Im} g$ . Since Ker  $p_{\alpha(n)n} = \sum_{\alpha \neq \alpha(n)} \oplus P_{\alpha\beta}$ ,

$$P = P'_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(\boldsymbol{n})} \mathop{\scriptstyle \boldsymbol{n}} \oplus \sum_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \neq \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{n})} \oplus P_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdots (**) \,.$$

Now, we assume  $N \oplus M_{\alpha(n)}_{i_1}$  and  $x_1 \oplus M_{\alpha(n)}_{i_1} - N$ . Then  $x_1 = x' + \sum y_i$  from (\*\*), where  $x' \oplus P'_{\alpha(n),n}, y_i \oplus P_{\alpha\beta}$ . From the assumption there exists some  $y_i \oplus N$ , since  $P'_{\alpha(n),n} \oplus CN$ . Hence, there exists  $x_2$  in  $M_{\alpha i, i_2} - N$  such that  $y_i = x_2 + \sum z_j, z_j \oplus M_{\alpha i j}$   $(j \neq i_2)$ . If we replace (\*) by (\*\*), we can find  $x_3$  in  $M_{\alpha jk} - N$  and  $P = P'_{\alpha(n),n} \oplus P'_{\alpha(m),m} \oplus \sum \oplus P_{\alpha\beta}$ . Repeating this argument, we have a sequence  $\{x_j\}$  so that  $x_i \oplus M_{\alpha i, k_i} - N$ , and  $f_i(x_i) = x_{i+1}$ , where  $f_i$  is a projection of P to  $M_{\alpha i+1,k_{i+1}}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, J(P) is small. Finally, we shall consider a general case. Let  $P = \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} > \aleph_0} \sum_{\beta} \oplus M_{\alpha\beta} \oplus \sum_i \oplus M_{\alpha i}$  and put  $P_1 = \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} > \aleph_0} \sum_{\beta} M_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $P_2 = \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} < \aleph_0} \sum_i \oplus M_{\alpha i}$ . We know from the first case  $P_2$  is semi-perfect. If  $\lambda_{\alpha} \ge \aleph_0$  for  $\alpha$ , the fact that  $\{M_{\alpha\beta}\}$  is semi-T-nilpotent implies from the definition that  $\{M_{\alpha\beta}\}$  is a T-nilpotent system. Hence,  $P_1$  is perfect by Theorem 6. Therefore, P is semi-perfect from [9], Corollary 5.3 (see Proposition 6 below).

**Corollary 1.** Let P be projective and artinian, then P is perfect. Furthermore, if P' is a directsum of artinian submodules and P' is semi-perfect, then P' is perfect.

Proof. If P is artinian and projective, then P is in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_P$  is nilpotent ideal by [5], Theorem 2.8. Hence, for any directsum M of any copies of P, we have  $\mathfrak{F}_M = J(S_M)$ , since  $\mathfrak{F}_M$  is nilpotent. Therefore, M is semi-perfect, and P is perfect. Let  $P' = \sum \bigoplus P_i$ ;  $P_i$ 's are artinian and P' be semi-perfect. Then  $\{P_i\}$  is a semi-T-nilpotent system from Theorem 7. Furthermore, since  $J_{P_i}$  is nilpotent,  $\{P_i\}$  is a T-nilpotent system. Hence, P' is perfect from Theorem 6.

**Corollary 2.** Let P be a semi-perfect module. Then there exists a maximal one among submodules which are perfect and direct summand of P. Those maximal perfect submodules are isomorphic each other.

Proof. Let  $P = \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} < \aleph_0} \sum \bigoplus M_{\alpha_i} \oplus \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} > \aleph_0} \sum M_{\alpha\beta}$  as in the above proof. If  $\Im_{M_{\alpha i}}$  is elementwise *T*-nilpotent, then  $\{M_{\alpha i}, M_{\alpha\beta}\}$  is *T*-nilpotent, since it is semi-*T*-nilpotent. Hence, if we choose every  $M_{\alpha i}$  whose ideal  $\Im_{M_{\alpha i}}$  is *T*-nilpotent,  $P_1 = \sum_{\lambda_{\alpha} < \aleph_0} \sum \bigoplus M_{\alpha\beta} \sum \bigoplus M_{\alpha\beta} \sum \bigoplus M_{\alpha\beta}$  is a direct summand of *M* and perfect, where  $\sum'$  runs through all  $M_{\alpha i}$  in the above. Put  $P = P_1 \oplus P_2$ . If  $P = Q_1 \oplus Q_2$ ,  $Q_1 \supseteq P_1$  and  $Q_1$  is perfect, then  $P = Q_1' \oplus P_1 \oplus Q_2$  and  $Q_2 = Q_2' \oplus P_1$ . Since  $P_2 \approx Q_1' \oplus Q_2$ ,  $Q_1' = (0)$  by the assumption. Hence,  $P_1$  is a desired perfect submodule. Let  $T_1$  be a maximal element as in Corollary 2;  $P = T_1 \oplus T_2$ , then  $T_2$  is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . It is clear that  $T_1$ ,  $P_1$  and  $T_2$ ,  $P_2$  have the isomorphic direct components, respectively. Hence,  $P_1 \approx T_1$ .

Finally, we shall give some results concerned with ones obtained in [9].

First we shall give another proof of [9], Theorem 5.5.

**Proposition 5** ([9]). Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above and P a direct summand of an object M in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If J(P) is small in P, then P is in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Proof. Let  $M=P\oplus P_1$  and P=eM for some idempotent e. P contains a dense submodule  $P_0$  with inclusion i such that  $if \equiv e \pmod{\Im}$  for some f in  $[M, P_0]_R$ . Put  $e=if+x, x\in\Im$ . Then  $P=P_0+x(P)$  and  $x(P)\subset P\cap J(M)=J(P)$ . Hence,  $P=P_0$ .

**Proposition 6** ([9], Corollary 5.3). Let  $\{P\}_1^n$  be a finite set of semi-perfect modules. Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \bigoplus P_i$  is semi-perfect.

Proof. Since  $\mathfrak{P}_{P_i} = J(S_{P_i})$  for every *i*, we can show  $\mathfrak{P}_P = J(S_P)$  by using

fundamental transformations of matrices (see [4], Lemma 8). Hence, P is semiperfect from Propostion 4.

**Proposition 7** ([9], Theorem 7.2). If J(R) is right T-nilpotent, then every semi-perfect modules is perfect.

Proof. Let  $P = \sum_{I} \bigoplus P_{\sigma}$  be semi-perfect. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_{P} = [P, J(P)] = [P, PJ(R)]$ . Hence, for any  $f \in [P_{\sigma}, P_{\beta}] \cap \mathfrak{F}$  and  $x_{\sigma} \in P_{\sigma}, f(x_{\sigma}) = \sum x_{\beta_{i}} a_{\beta_{i}}, a_{\beta_{i}} \in J(R)$ . Therefore,  $\{P_{\sigma}\}$  is *T*-nilpotent system by the assumption. Hence, *P* is perfect from Theorem 6.

REMARK. [9], Theorem 5.1 is a special case of Theorem 3.

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