

## 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  $B_\alpha$  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.  $B_\alpha$  is an essential submodule in  $M_\alpha$ ) for all  $\alpha \in I$ , then we say that  $M$  has the *extending property of direct decompositions*

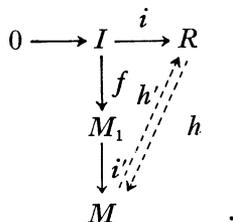
of  $S(M)$  (resp. *direct sum of uniform submodules*).

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  $S_1 \not\approx S_j$  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  $P_\alpha \approx e_{i(\alpha)}R$  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,  $U \approx \pi_i(U)$  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  $e_1R \not\approx e_2R$ , 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  $a \in \overline{e_2R}$ . 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,  $[\overline{e_1Re_1}: K] = [\overline{e_2'Re_2'}: K] = [\overline{e_k'Re_k'}: K]$ . Hence,  $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R) = \overline{e_2'Re_2'}$ . 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  $\text{Hom}_R(I_1, e_1R) = \overline{e_2'Re_2'}$  as above, there exists  $a$  in  $\overline{e_2'Re_2'}$  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,  $\sigma$  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  $\varphi$  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  $r(J)=1(J)$ .
- 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  $\sigma$  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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