# Modules Having \*-Radical

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#### Abstract

ABSTRACT. Let R be a ring with identity and M a right R-module. Let E(M) denote the injective hull of M and  $Z^*(M) := M \cap \text{Rad}E(M)$ . We say M has \*-radical if  $Z^*(M) = \text{Rad}M$ . In this note we characterize rings in terms of modules having \*-radical. First we prove that R is a right V-ring (GV-ring) if and only if every (singular) right R-module has \*-radical. After that we show that R is a right H-ring if and only if every right R-module that has \*-radical is lifting and, R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring if and only if R is right perfect and every projective right R-module that has \*-radical is injective (extending). Finally we obtain that R is a QF-ring if and only if every right R-module that has \*-radical is  $Z^*(R) = J(R)$  and every projective right R-module that has \*-radical is injective (extending).

## **1** Preliminaries

Throughout this paper we assume that R is an associative ring with unit and all R-modules cosidered are unitary right R-modules. Let M be an R-module. We write E(M), RadM, Soc(M) and Z(M) for the injective envelope, the Jacobson radical, the socle and the singular submodule of M, respectively. J(R) is the Jacobson radical of R. A submodule N of M is indicated by writting  $N \leq M$ . The notation  $N \leq_e M$  is reserved for essential submodules.

DEFINITION. A ring R is called a right *V*-ring if every right ideal of R is an intersection of maximal right ideals. R is called a right *GV*-ring if every simple singular right *R*-module is injective [12].

R is a right V-ring iff every simple right R-module is injective iff  $\operatorname{Rad} M = 0$  for every right R-module M. [7]

DEFINITION. A module M is called *extending* if every submodule of M is essential in a summand of M. A module M is called *quasi-continuous* if it is extending and for summands  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of M such that  $M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$ ,  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a summand of M. M is called *continuous* if it is extending and for a submodule A of M which is isomorphic to a summand of M, A is a summand of M. Note that quasi-injective modules are continuous (see, for example [15]).

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M is called  $\sum$ -extending (-injective) if every direct sum of copies of M is extending (-injective) (see for example [6] or [8]).

DEFINITION. Let N be a submodule of a module M. N is called a *small submodule* if whenever N + L = M for some submodule L of M we have L = M and in this case we write  $N \ll M$ . M is called *lifting* if for every submodule N of M there is a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $N \cap M_2 \ll M$  (see, for example [15]). Oshiro [18] called a ring R a right *H*-ring if every injective right *R*-module is lifting. He also called a ring R a right *co-H*-ring if every projective right *R*-module is extending.

A ring R is called *semilocal* if R/J(R) satisfies the minimum condition on right ideals. A ring R is *semiprimary* if R is semilocal and J(R) is nilpotent. A ring R is called a right QF-3 ring if R has injective projective faithful right ideal. We call R is a right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring if  $E(R_R)$  is projective. Jans [13] showed that among rings with minimal condition on right ideals, the classes of QF-3 and QF-3<sup>+</sup> rings coincide.

A ring R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring when R is a semiprimary left and right QF-3 ring. The class of semiprimary QF-3 rings is a generalization of the class of QF-rings (Quasi-Frobenius rings). The class of H-rings and co-H-rings are generalizations of semiprimary QF-3 rings. Tachikawa [23, Proposition 3.3] proved that a semiprimary QF-3 ring is a right and left QF-3<sup>+</sup>-ring.

DEFINITION. An *R*-module M is said to be *small* if it is a small submodule of some *R*-module and it is said to be *non-small* if it is not a small module. M is a small module if and only if M is small in its injective hull [14]. We put

$$Z^*(M) = \{m \in M : mR \text{ is small }\}$$
 [11].

Since  $\operatorname{Rad}(M)$  is the union of all small submodules in M,  $\operatorname{Rad}M \leq Z^*(M)$ , and

$$Z^*(M) = M \cap \text{Rad } E(M) = M \cap \text{Rad} E'$$

for every injective module  $E' \supseteq M$ . Note that simple modules are either injective or small. If M is a small module then  $Z^*(M) = M$ .

In this note we say a module M has \*-radical if  $Z^*(M) = \operatorname{Rad}(M)$ . A ring R has \*-radical if  $R_R$  has \*-radical. Clearly injective modules have \*-radical. But modules that have \*-radical are not injective in general (Example 4.1). In the light of this result we define the following properties in this note.

(T1) Every module has \*-radical.

(T2) Every singular module has \*-radical.

(T3) Every projective module has \*-radical.

(T4) Every module that has \*-radical is projective.

(T5) Every module that has \*-radical is injective.

(T6) Every projective module that has \*-radical is injective.

(T7) Every projective module that has \*-radical is extending.

At once it can be easily seen that  $(T1) \implies (T2)$  and (T3);  $(T5) \implies (T6) \implies (T7)$ .

In the second part of this note we prove that R is a right V-ring  $\iff$  (T1) holds  $\iff$  Every quasi-injective module has \*-radical  $\iff$  Every quasi-projective module has \*-radical  $\iff$  (T3) holds and R is a right GV-ring. And (T2) holds  $\iff$  R is a right GV-ring.

In the third part we prove that (T4) holds  $\iff R$  is a QF-ring. Also we give some other results about (T3).

In the last part of this study we prove that R is a right H-ring if and only if every module that has \*-radical is lifting if and only if R is a right perfect ring and (T5) holds. After that we show that (T7) holds  $\iff$  Every projective module that has \*-radical is quasi-injective  $\iff$  Every projective module that has \*-radical is continuous  $\iff$  Every projective module that has \*-radical is quasi-continuous. If R is a right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring, (T6)  $\iff$  (T7). And R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring  $\iff$ (T6) holds and R is right perfect  $\iff$  (T7) holds and R is right perfect. Finally we give a characterization of QF-rings by using these properties.

# 2 Properties (T1) and (T2)

First we give the following useful lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** Let R be a ring and let  $\varphi : M \longrightarrow M'$  be a homomorphism of Rmodules M, M'. Then  $\varphi(Z^*(M)) \leq Z^*(M')$ .

**Proof** If  $i: M' \longrightarrow E(M')$  is the inclusion mapping, then the homomorphism  $i\varphi: M \longrightarrow E(M')$  can be lifted to a homomorphism  $\theta: E(M) \longrightarrow E(M')$ . Now  $\theta(\text{Rad } E(M)) \leq \text{Rad} E(M')$  by [1, Proposition 9.14]. Then  $\varphi(Z^*(M)) \leq Z^*(M')$ .  $\Box$ 

#### Lemma 2.2 Any direct summand of a module that has \*-radical has \*-radical.

**Proof** Let M be a module that has \*-radical and N a direct summand of M. Let  $x \in Z^*(N)$ . Then  $xR \ll E(N) \leq E(M)$ . It follows that  $x \in Z^*(M) = \operatorname{Rad}(M)$  and then  $xR \ll M$ . Since N is a direct summand of M,  $xR \ll N$ . Hence  $Z^*(N) = \operatorname{Rad}(N)$ .

**Proposition 2.3** The following are equivalent for any ring R.

(i) R is a right V-ring,
(ii) R satisfies (T1),
(iii) Every quasi-injective right R-module has \*-radical,
(iv) Every quasi-projective right R-module has \*-radical,
(v) R satisfies (T3) and is a right GV-ring. **Proof** We first note that R is a right V-ring ⇐⇒ for every for eve

**Proof** We first note that R is a right V-ring  $\iff$  for every right R-module M,  $Z^*(M) = 0$  [19, Theorem 12].

(i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii) As Rad $M \leq Z^*(M)$  for any R-module M, it is clear. (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iii) Clear. (iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i)Let M be a simple R-module. Then Rad $M = Z^*(M) = 0$ , i.e. M is injective. (i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iv) Clear. (iv)  $\Longrightarrow$  (v) Let M be a simple singular R-module. Since M is quasi-projective, Rad $M = Z^*(M) = 0$ . Then M is injective. (v)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Let M be a simple R-module. If M is singular M is injective. If M is projective, by (T3), Rad $M = Z^*(M) = 0$ . Again M is injective.  $\Box$ 

Proposition 2.4 The following are equivalent for any ring R.
(i) R is a right GV-ring,
(ii) R satisfies (T2).

**Proof** R is a right GV-ring  $\iff Z(M) \cap Z^*(M) = 0$  for any right R-module M [19, Theorem 10].

(i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii) Let M be a singular R-module. Then  $Z^*(M) = 0$ . Hence  $Z^*(M) = \text{Rad}M$ . (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Let M be a simple singular R-module. By hypothesis,  $Z^*(M) = \text{Rad}M = 0$ . Since M is simple, M is injective.

**Example 2.5** There exists a ring R with \*-radical, but R has a right R-module which does not have \*-radical. Let R be the endomorphism ring of an infinite dimensional (left) vector space V over a field F. Then R is a von Neumann regular right self-injective ring but not a right V-ring, because  $V_R$  is a simple small module (see [25, 23.6]). Then  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R) = 0$  but  $0 = J(V_R) \neq Z^*(V_R) = V_R$ .

# **3** Properties (T3) and (T4)

**Example 3.1** Every projective module does not have \*-radical in general.

**Proof** Let 
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} F & 0 \\ F & F \end{bmatrix}$$
 be lower triangular matrices over a field  $F$ . Then  
 $J(R) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ F & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\operatorname{Soc}(R_R) = \begin{bmatrix} F & 0 \\ F & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . By [19, Example 11],  $\operatorname{Soc}(R_R) = Z^*(R_R) \neq J(R)$ .

By Proposition 2.3, V-rings satisfy (T3). Also QF-rings satisfy (T3) because over a QF-ring R, every projective right R-module is injective [8, 24.8]. If R satisfies (T3), then R is not necessarily a V-ring nor a QF-ring. Because there are many examples of QF-rings which are not V-rings and V-rings which are not QF-rings.

Note that any projective module that has \*-radical is non-small. Because projective modules do not equal to their radicals. Hence small rings, for example commutative domains (see [22]), do not satisfy (T3).

In [21], Rayar showed that R is a QF-ring iff every R-module is a direct sum of an injective and a singular module iff every R-module is a direct sum of a projective and a small module. Now,

**Proposition 3.2** Let R be a right Noetherian or a semilocal ring. If R satisfies (T3) then every semisimple right R-module is a direct sum of an injective module and a singular module.

**Proof** Let M be a semisimple module. As any simple module is projective or singular then M has a decomposition  $M = N \oplus K$  where N is the direct sum of projective simples and K is the direct sum of singular simples. Then K is singular. Also by (T3),  $Z^*(N)$ =RadN = 0. Hence N is the direct sum of injectives. If R is right Noetherian, by [8, 20.1 Theorem], N is injective. If R is semilocal then N is also injective by [20, Theorem 4].

For the converse of the Proposition 3.2 we give the following example.

**Example 3.3** [2, Example 12.18] Let S be Z localised at 2Z and set

$$R = \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} a & 2b \\ c & d \end{array} \right] : a, b, c, d \in S, a - d \in 2S \right\}$$

with the usual matrix operations, then R is a prime left and right Noetherian local ring which is not an integral domain.  $J=J(R)=2Se_{11}+2Se_{12}+Se_{21}+2Se_{22}$  then  $R/J\cong Z/2Z$ .

Let M be a semisimple R-module and N a simple submodule of M. As R is local,  $N \cong R/J$ ; and as Z is uniform, N is singular. This implies that M is singular.

On the other hand since R is a prime right Goldie ring which is not primitive,  $Z^*(M) = M$  for every right R-module M [19]. So R does not satisfy (T3) because  $Z^*(R_R) = R$ .

Harada proved that over a right perfect ring R, R is a right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring if and only if any non-small indecomposable projective R-module is injective [11, Theorem 1.3]. He also proved that if R is a right Artinian right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring with  $Z^*(R) = J(R)$ then it is a QF-ring. Now we give the following result over a right perfect ring.

**Theorem 3.4** Let R be a right perfect right  $QF-3^+$  ring and assume that R satisfies (T3). Then R is a QF-ring.

**Proof** Let  $R = e_1 R \oplus \ldots \oplus e_n R$  where  $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$  is an orthogonal set of idempotents with each  $e_i R$  is local indecomposable projective (see [1] and [15]). By (T3),  $Z^*(e_i R) = J(e_i R)$  for all *i*. Then each  $e_i R$  is non-small. Hence each  $e_i R$  is injective by [11, Theorem 1.3]. This implies that R is right self-injective.

Now we claim that R is a semiprimary ring. Since R is extending and has no infinite set of orthogonal idempotents, R has acc on right annihilator ideals. Z(R) and hence J(R) is nilpotent by [10, Theorem 3.31]. This implies that R is a semiprimary ring.

Since R is semiprimary and a right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring. Then E(R) = R is  $\sum$ -injective by [5], i.e. R is a QF-ring.

Note that a ring R is a QF-ring if and only if every injective right R-module is projective by [8, 24.8].

Theorem 3.5 The following are equivalent for any ring R.
(i) R is a QF-ring,
(ii) R satisfies (T4).

**Proof** (ii)  $\implies$  (i) Let M be an injective R-module. Then  $Z^*(M) = \text{Rad}M$ . Hence M is projective. This implies that R is a QF-ring.

(i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii) Let M be an R-module with  $Z^*(M) = \operatorname{Rad} M$ . By [21], M has a decomposition  $M = P \oplus S$  where P is projective and S is small. Then  $Z^*(S) = \operatorname{Rad} S = S$ . Since R is right perfect, S = 0. Hence M is projective.

Corollary 3.6  $(T_4) \Longrightarrow (T_3)$ .

# 4 Properties (T5), (T6) and (T7)

In this section we characterize QF-rings, H-rings and semiprimary QF-3 rings. **Example 4.1** Every module that has \*-radical need not be injective.

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**Proof** Let R be the ring of polynomials in countably many indeterminates  $\{x_i\}$  over  $Z_2 = Z/2Z$  where we impose the following relations:

(i)  $x_k^3 = 0$  for all k,

(ii)  $x_k x_j = 0$  for all  $k \neq j$  and,

(iii)  $x_k^2 = x_j^2$  for all k, j.

*R* is commutative, semiprimary, local, continuous but not self-injective by [17].  $J(R) = (x_1, x_2, ...)$  is the unique maximal ideal in *R*. Since  $J(R) \leq Z^*(R), Z^*(R) = J(R)$  or  $Z^*(R) = R$ . If  $Z^*(R) = R$  then for any injective module *M*,  $Z^*(M) = Rad(M) = M$ . This contradicts that *R* is a perfect ring. Hence  $Z^*(R) = J(R)$  but *R* is not self-injective.

**Theorem 4.2** [18, Theorem 2.11] The following statements are equivalent for any ring R.

(i) R is a right H-ring,

(ii) R is right Artinian and every non-small R-module contains a non-zero injective submodule,

(iii) R is right perfect and for any exact sequence  $\phi : P \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow 0$  where E injective and ker $\phi$  is small in P, P is injective,

(iv) Every R-module is a direct sum of an injective module and a small module. When this is so, then R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring.

**Lemma 4.3** Let R be a ring which satisfies (T5). Then for any exact sequence  $\phi: P \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow 0$  where E is injective and ker $\phi \ll P$ , P is injective.

**Proof** Let  $\phi : P \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence where E is injective and  $\ker \phi \ll P$ . Then  $\phi(\operatorname{Rad} P) = \operatorname{Rad} E \leq \phi(Z^*(P)) \leq Z^*(E) = \operatorname{Rad} E$  by [1, Proposition 9.15] and Lemma 2.1, and so  $\phi(\operatorname{Rad} P) = \phi(Z^*(P))$ . Since  $\ker \phi \leq \operatorname{Rad} P$ ,  $\operatorname{Rad} P = Z^*(P)$ . By hypothesis, P is injective.

**Theorem 4.4** The following statements are equivalent for any ring R.

(i) R is a right H-ring,

(ii) R is right perfect and satisfies (T5),

(iii) Every right R-module that has \*-radical is lifting.

**Proof** (i) $\Longrightarrow$ (ii) R is right perfect by Theorem 4.2. Let M be a module that has \*-radical.  $M = N \oplus K$  where N is injective and K is small by Theorem 4.2. Then  $K = Z^*(K) \leq Z^*(M) = \text{Rad}M$ . Since R is right perfect,  $\text{Rad}M \ll M$ . It follows that  $K \ll M$ . So M = N is injective.

(ii) $\Longrightarrow$ (i) By Lemma 4.3 and Theorem 4.2.

(ii) $\Longrightarrow$ (iii) Let M be a right R-module that has \*-radical. By (ii), M is injective. Then M is lifting by Theorem 4.2. (iii) $\Longrightarrow$ (i) It is clear.

**Lemma 4.5** R satisfies (T7) if and only if for every R-module M that has \*-radical and has a projective cover P, P is  $\sum$ -extending.

**Proof**  $(\iff)$  It is clear.

 $(\Longrightarrow)$  Let M be a module that has \*-radical and  $f: P \longrightarrow M$  an epimorphism with

ker  $f \ll P$ . Then by the proof of Lemma 4.3,  $Z^*(P) = \text{Rad}P$ . Hence  $Z^*(P^{(\Lambda)}) = \text{Rad}(P^{(\Lambda)})$  for any index set  $\Lambda$ . Since any direct sum of projective modules is projective,  $P^{(\Lambda)}$  is projective. By (T7), P is  $\Sigma$ -extending.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.6** The following are equivalent for any ring R.

(i) R satisfies (T7),

(ii) Every projective R-module that has \*-radical is quasi-continuous,

(iii) Every projective R-module that has \*-radical is continuous,

(iv) Every projective R-module that has \*-radical is quasi-injective.

**Proof** (iv)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Clear.

(i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iv) Let M be a projective R-module that has \*-radical. Then M is  $\sum$ -extending by Lemma 4.5. By [4, 3.6], M has a decomposition  $M = \bigoplus M_i (i \in I)$  where each  $M_i$  is finitely generated, quasi-injective and indecomposable. In addition,  $M_i$ 's have local endomorphism ring by [25, 19.9] and then  $M_i$ 's are local by [25, 19.7]. Since  $M_i$ 's are non-small and local, every monomorphism  $M_i \longrightarrow M_j (i \neq j)$  is an isomorphism. Hence by [6, Corollary 8.9], M is quasi-injective.  $\Box$ 

Now we deal with the relationship between (T6) and (T7).

**Proposition 4.7** Assume that R is a right QF- $3^+$  ring and satisfies (T7). Then R satisfies (T6).

**Proof** Let M be a projective R-module that has \*-radical. Then  $M \oplus E(R_R)$  is projective by hypothesis and [15, Corollary 4.36]. Since  $E(R_R)$  is injective,  $Z^*(M \oplus E(R_R)) = \operatorname{Rad}(M \oplus E(R_R))$ . By Proposition 4.6,  $M \oplus E(R_R)$  is quasi-injective.

**Example 4.8** If R is (right and left) perfect right QF- $3^+$  then R need not satisfy (T7).

**Proof** Let R be any (right and left) perfect ring such that  $E(R_R)$  is projective but E(RR) is not (for the existence of such a ring see [16]). Let M be a direct sum of countably many copies of  $E(R_R)$ . Then M is not quasi-injective by [26, Lemma 3.1]. But M is projective and has \*-radical. Hence  $R_R$  does not satisfy (T7) by Proposition 4.6.

We do not know whether (T7) is equivalent to (T6) for any ring R. Now we give some results over a perfect ring.

Colby and Rutter [5, Theorem 1.3] proved that a ring R is semiprimary QF-3 if and only if R is right perfect and the projective cover of every injective R-module is injective if and only if R is right perfect and injective envelope of every projective R-module is projective. After that Vanaja [24, Theorem 1.5] showed that R is semiprimary QF-3 if and only if R is right perfect and any projective R-module whose indecomposable direct summands are non-small is extending.

Now, let R be a semiperfect ring and M a projective R-module that has \*-radical. Then M has a decomposition  $M \cong \bigoplus M_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ) where each  $M_{\alpha}$  is indecomposable local (see [1, 27.11], [1, 27.6] and [25, 19.7]). By Lemma 2.2,  $Z^*(M_{\alpha}) = \operatorname{Rad}(M_{\alpha})$ and then  $M_{\alpha}$  is non-small for all  $\alpha$ . **Theorem 4.9** The following are equivalent for any ring R. (i) R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring, (ii) R satisfies (T6) and is right perfect,

(iii) R satisfies (T7) and is right perfect.

**Proof** (ii)  $\implies$  (iii) It is clear.

(i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii) Let M be a projective module that has \*-radical. By above remark,  $M \cong \oplus M_{\alpha} \ (\alpha \in \Lambda)$  where each  $M_{\alpha}$  is indecomposable and non-small. Since R is a right QF-3<sup>+</sup> ring, all  $M_{\alpha}$  is injective.  $M \cong \oplus M_{\alpha}$  is a direct summand of  $E(R_R)^{(\Lambda)}$ . Then as  $E(R_R)$  is  $\sum$  -injective M is injective.

(iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) Let M be a projective module which every indecomposable summands are non-small. Then  $M \cong \oplus M_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ) where each  $M_{\alpha}$  is indecomposable nonsmall and local. Then  $Z^*(M_{\alpha}) = \operatorname{Rad}(M_{\alpha})$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ). This implies that  $Z^*(M) =$  $\operatorname{Rad}(M)$ . By (T7), M is extending. Thus by [24, Theorem 1.5], we get the result.  $\Box$ 

**Example 4.10** If R satisfies (T6), R need not satisfy (T5).

**Proof** Let  $R = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ R & Q & 0 \\ R & R & R \end{bmatrix}$  where R is the real numbers and Q is the rational

numbers. R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring but not right Noetherian [5, 1.4 Remarks]. By Theorem 4.9, R satisfies (T6) and by Theorem 4.2 and Theorem 4.4, R does not satisfy (T5).

**Proposition 4.11** Assume that R is semiperfect. If R satisfies (T6) then any nonsmall indecomposable projective R-module is injective. The converse holds when, in addition, R is right Noetherian.

**Proof** Let M be a non-small indecomposable projective R-module. Since R is semiperfect, M is local. This implies that  $Z^*(M) = Rad(M)$ . By (T6), M is injective.

For the converse, let M be a projective R-module that has \*-radical. Again  $M \cong \bigoplus M_{\alpha} \ (\alpha \in \Lambda)$  where each  $M_{\alpha}$  is non-small indecomposable projective. By assumption,  $M_{\alpha}$ 's are injective. As R is right Noetherian, M is injective.  $\Box$ 

Another relationship between (T6) and "any non-small indecomposable projective module is injective" is given over a right GV-ring. In [19, Theorem 10] it is also proved that R is a right GV-ring if and only if every small module is projective.

**Proposition 4.12** If R is a right GV-ring and satisfies (T6) then any non-small indecomposable projective module is injective.

**Proof** Let M be a non-small indecomposable projective module. We claim that  $Z^*(M) = \operatorname{Rad}(M)$ . If not, let  $x \in Z^*(M) - \operatorname{Rad}(M)$ . Then there exists a maximal submodule B of xR such that  $xR/B \leq_d M/B$ . Then  $M/B = xR/B \oplus L/B$  for some L. Since xR is small, then xR/B is small. By [19, Theorem 10], xR/B is projective. This implies that M/L is simple projective. Hence  $L \leq_d M$ . If L = 0, M/B = xR/B and then  $B \leq_d M$ . If B = 0, M = xR which is contradicted by M is non-small. If B = M, xR = B, a contradiction. If L = M, again xR = B, a contradiction. Hence  $Z^*(M) = \operatorname{Rad}(M)$ . By (T6), M is injective.

Theorem 4.13 [18, Theorem 3.18], [6, 11.13] The following are equivalent for any ring R.

(i) R is a right co-H-ring,

(ii) Every R-module is expressed as a direct sum of a projective module and a sinqular module.

(iii) The family of all projective R-modules is closed under taking essential extensions.

(iv) R is right  $\sum$ -extending,

When this is so, then R is a semiprimary QF-3 ring.

**Theorem 4.14** [18, Theorem 4.3] The following are equivalent for any ring R. (i) R is a QF-ring,

(ii) R is a right H-ring with Z(R) = J(R), (iii) R is a right co-H-ring with Z(R) = J(R).

**Lemma 4.15** Let R be a semiperfect ring. If  $Z^*(R_R) = Z(R_R)$  then  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$ . The converse holds when R is right or left perfect right quasi-continuous.

**Proof** Let R be a semiperfect ring and assume  $Z^*(R_R) = Z(R_R)$ . Then there exists an idempotent e of R such that  $eR \leq Z(R_R)$  and  $(1-e)R \cap Z(R_R)$  is small in R by [15, Corollary 4.42]. Since  $Z(R_R)$  does not contain any non-zero idempotents, it follows that  $Z(R_R) \leq J(R)$ . Hence  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$ .

For converse, assume that  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$ . Since R is right or left perfect right quasi-continuous  $Z(R_R) = J(R)$  by [3, Lemma 6]. Hence  $Z^*(R_R) = Z(R_R)$ .

**Theorem 4.16** The following are equivalent for any ring R.

(1) R is a QF-ring, (2)  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$  and (a) R satisfies (T5) or (b) R satisfies (T6) or (c) R satisfies (T7) or (d) R is a right co-H-ring or (e) R is a right H-ring, (3)  $Z^*(R_R) = Z(R_R)$  and (a) R is semiperfect and (i) R satisfies (T5) or (ii) R satisfies (T6) or (iii) R satisfies (T7) or (d) R is a right co-H-ring or (e) R is a right H-ring.

**Proof** (1 $\Longrightarrow$ 2a) Since R is right self-injective,  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$ . By Theorem 4.4, R satisfies (T5).

 $(2a \Longrightarrow 2b \Longrightarrow 2c)$  Clear.

 $(2c \Longrightarrow 2d)$  By Lemma 4.5, R is  $\sum$ -extending. Hence R is a right co-H-ring.

 $(2d \Longrightarrow 1)$  Let  $F = R^{(N)}$  be the free right *R*-module which is the direct sum of a countably infinite number of copies of R. By Theorem 4.13, E(F) is projective. Since R is right perfect, E(F) is lifting. Then  $E(F) = X \oplus Y$  where  $X \leq F$  and  $F \cap Y \ll E(F)$ . Hence  $F = X \oplus (F \cap Y)$ . As  $Z^*(F) = \operatorname{Rad} F$  and  $F \cap Y \leq_d F$ ,

 $Z^*(F \cap Y)$ =Rad $(F \cap Y) = F \cap Y$ . Since  $F \cap Y$  is projective, this is a contradiction. Hence F = X is injective. By [8, Proposition 20.3A],  $R_R$  is ∑-injective. By [6, 18.1], R is a QF-ring. (2e $\iff$ 1) By [11, p.673 Corollary]. (1 $\implies$ 3a(i)) As R is self-injective,  $Z(R_R)=J(R)=Z^*(R_R)$ . (3a(i) $\implies$ 3a(ii)) $\implies$ 3a(iii)) Clear. (3a(ii) $\implies$ 3d) As  $Z^*(R_R) = Z(R_R)$  and R is semiperfect,  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$  by Lemma 4.15. Hence R is  $\sum$ -extending by Lemma 4.5. (3d $\implies$ 1)As by Lemma 4.15,  $Z^*(R_R) = J(R)$  the proof is completed by the proof of (2d $\implies$ 1). (3e $\iff$ 1) By Lemma 4.15 and [11, p.673 Corollary]. □

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