

## Principally Small Injective Rings

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ABSTRACT. A right ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is small in case for every proper right ideal  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $K + I \neq R$ . A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *PS*-injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow M$  for every principally small right ideal  $aR$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow M$ . A ring  $R$  is called right *PS*-injective if  $R$  is *PS*-injective as a right  $R$ -module. We develop, in this article, *PS*-injectivity as a generalization of *P*-injectivity and small injectivity. Many characterizations of right *PS*-injective rings are studied. In light of these facts, we get several new properties of a right *GPF* ring and a semiprimitive ring in terms of right *PS*-injectivity. Related examples are given as well.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary. Let  $R$  be a ring. The Jacobson radical and nil radical of  $R$  are denoted by  $J(R)$  and  $Nil(R)$ , respectively. The right singular ideal is denoted by  $Z(R_R)$ , the socles are denoted by  $soc(R_R)$  and  $soc({}_R R)$ . If  $X$  is a subset of  $R$ , the right (resp. left) annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  is denoted by  $r_R(X)$  (resp.  $l_R(X)$ ). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be right  $R$ -modules.  $\text{Ext}^n(M, N)$  (resp.  $\text{Tor}_n(R/aR, M)$ ) means  $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$  (resp.  $\text{Tor}_n^R(R/aR, M)$ ). If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , we write  $N \leq^{ess} M$  and  $N \ll M$  to indicate that  $N$  is an essential submodule and a small submodule of  $M$ , respectively. The character module  $M^+$  is defined by  $M^+ = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ . We will use the usual notations from [1, 5, 6, 9].

The concept of injectivity was firstly introduced by Baer in [2]. In recent decades, the generalizations of injective rings are extensively studied by many authors (see [3-4, 7-12]). Let  $R$  be a ring. A right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called *small* if for every proper right ideal  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $K + I \neq R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right *small injective* [10] if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : I \rightarrow R$  for every small right ideal  $I$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow R$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be right *P*-injective [7] (resp. *mininjective* [4 or 8]) if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  for every principally (resp. minimal) right ideal  $aR$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow R$ . In this paper, we say

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that  $R$  is *principally small injective* (abbr. *PS-injective*) if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  for every principally small right ideal  $aR$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow R$ . The concept of *PS-injective* rings is introduced as a generalization of *P-injective* rings and small injective rings. Some examples of *PS-injective* rings are given. We show that if  $R$  is right *PS-injective* and satisfies the ACC on right annihilators of elements, then  $J(R) = Z(R_R)$ . In [7], Nicholson and Yousif proved that, if  $R$  is a right *P-injective* ring and  $R/\text{soc}(R_R)$  satisfies the ACC on right annihilators, then  $J(R)$  is nilpotent. We extend their results from a right *P-injective* ring to a right *PS-injective* ring. If  $R$  is semiregular, we prove that  $R$  is right *P-injective* if and only if  $R$  is right *PS-injective*. It is shown that being a right *PS-injective* ring is not a Morita invariant. A ring  $R$  is a right *GPF ring* [7] if it is right *P-injective*, semiperfect and  $\text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$ . Here we give a new characterization of a right *GPF* ring in terms of right *PS-injectivity*. Finally, we also give a characterization of a semiprimitive ring.

## 2. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring. A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *principally small injective* (abbr. *PS-injective*) if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow M$  for every principally small right ideal  $aR$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow M$ , equivalently, if  $f = m \cdot$  is left multiplication by some element  $m \in M$ . A ring  $R$  is called *right PS-injective* if  $R$  is *PS-injective* as a right  $R$ -module. Similarly, we have the concept of left *PS-injective* rings.

**Remark 2.2.** It is easy to see that a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is *PS-injective* if and only if every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow M$  for every principally right ideal  $aR$  in  $J(R)$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow M$ .

The following lemma is frequently used in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.3.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right *PS-injective*.
- (2) For all  $a \in J(R)$ ,  $l_R r_R(a) = Ra$ .
- (3)  $r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(b)$ , where  $a \in J(R)$ ,  $b \in R$ , implies that  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ .
- (4) For all  $a \in J(R)$ ,  $b \in R$ ,  $l_R[bR \cap r_R(a)] = l_R(b) + Ra$ .
- (5) If  $f : aR \rightarrow R$ ,  $a \in J(R)$ , is  $R$ -linear, then  $f(a) \in Ra$ .

*Proof.* The proof is modeled on that of [9, Lemma 5.1].

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). If  $m \in l_R r_R(a)$ , then  $r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(m)$ , so  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  by  $f(ar) = mr$  is well defined. By assumption,  $f = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$ , whence  $m = f(a) = ca \in Ra$ . The other inclusion is clear.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). If  $r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(b)$ , for  $a \in J(R)$ ,  $b \in R$ , then  $b \in l_R r_R(a)$ , so  $b \in Ra$  by (2). Thus  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). For any  $a \in J(R), b \in R$ , it is clear that  $l_R(b) + Ra \subseteq l_R[bR \cap r_R(a)]$ . If  $x \in l_R[bR \cap r_R(a)]$ , then  $bR \cap r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(x)$ . If  $y \in r_R(ab)$ , then  $aby = 0$ , so  $by \in r_R(a)$ , and hence  $by \in bR \cap r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(x)$ , implies that  $y \in r_R(xb)$ . Thus  $r_R(ab) \subseteq r_R(xb)$ . Note that  $ab \in J(R)$ , so  $xb = rab$  for some  $r \in R$  by (3). Then  $x - ra \in l_R(b)$ , proving that  $l_R[bR \cap r_R(a)] \subseteq l_R(b) + Ra$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $b = 1$  in (4).

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Let  $f : aR \rightarrow R, a \in J(R)$ , be  $R$ -linear, and write  $f(a) = d$ . Then  $r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(d)$ , so  $d \in l_R r_R(a) = Ra$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $f : aR \rightarrow R$ . By (5) write  $f(a) = ca, c \in R$ . Then  $f = c$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *A direct product of rings  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is right  $PS$ -injective if and only if  $R_i$  is right  $PS$ -injective for all  $i \in I$ .*

*Proof.* By [6, Exercises 4.12],  $J(R) = \prod J(R_i)$ . Then the result follows by lemma 2.3.  $\square$

**Remark 2.5.** Here give some examples of  $PS$ -injective rings.

(1) Obviously, every right  $P$ -injective ring is right  $PS$ -injective.

(2) Every right small injective ring is right  $PS$ -injective. Moreover, a semiprimitive ring (that is, a ring such that  $J(R) = 0$ ) is right and left  $PS$ -injective.

**Example 1.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , the ring of integers. Then  $R$  is semiprimitive, and hence is  $PS$ -injective. But  $R$  is not a  $P$ -injective ring.

**Example 2(Björk Example).** Let  $F$  be a field and assume that  $a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is an isomorphism  $F \rightarrow \bar{F} \subseteq F$ , where the subfield  $\bar{F} \neq F$ . Let  $R$  denote the left vector space on basis  $\{1, t\}$ , and make  $R$  into an  $F$ -algebra by defining  $t^2 = 0$  and  $ta = \bar{a}t$  for all  $a \in F$ . Then  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective. But  $R$  is not right small injective by [10, Example 3.7].

(3) Every right  $PS$ -injective ring is right mininjective. Moreover, every right  $PS$ -injective ring is right minsymmetric (if  $kR$  simple,  $k \in R$ , implies that  $Rk$  is simple). In fact, in view of [6, Lemma 10.22], every minimal right ideal of  $R$  is either nilpotent or a direct summand of  $R$ . But the converse is not true as the next example.

**Example 3.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & v \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in F, v \in V \right\}$  be the trivial extension of a field  $F$  by a two-dimensional vector space  $V$  over  $F$ . By [9, Example 5.12],  $R$  is a commutative, local, artinian ring. Then  $R[x]$ , the polynomial ring over  $R$ , is a commutative mininjective ring by [9, Example 2.3]. But  $R[x]$  is not a  $PS$ -injective ring. In fact, let  $V = uF \oplus wF$ , and write  $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & u \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in J(R)$ .

Then  $\bar{u}R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & uF \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & ua \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 & wa \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an  $R$ -linear map from  $\bar{u}R \rightarrow R$  that can not be extended to  $R \rightarrow R$  because  $w \notin uF$ . Hence  $R$  is not a  $PS$ -injective ring. By Lemma 2.3, there exists  $0 \neq a \in J(R)$  such that  $l_R r_R(a) \neq Ra$ .

By [6, Proposition 10.27],  $J(R) = Nil(R)$  because  $R$  is commutative artinian, so  $a \in Nil(R)$ . Then  $a \in Nil(R)[x] = J(R[x])$  by [6, Theorem 5.1], and hence  $l_{R[x]}r_{R[x]}(a) = (l_R r_R(a))[x] \neq (Ra)[x] = (R[x])a$ . So  $R[x]$  is not  $PS$ -injective by Lemma 2.3 again.

(4) If  $R$  is the direct product of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  where  $R_1$  is a right  $P$ -injective ring that is not right small injective and  $R_2$  is a right small injective ring that is not right  $P$ -injective, observe that  $R$  is a right  $PS$ -injective ring that is neither right  $P$ -injective nor right small injective. Following Example 1, Example 2 and Example 3, we have the following relations in which every inclusion is proper:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{right } P\text{-injective rings} \\ \text{right small injective rings} \end{array} \right\} \subsetneq \text{right } PS\text{-injective rings} \subsetneq \text{right mininjective rings}.$$

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $R$  is a right  $PS$ -injective ring, then  $J(R) \subseteq Z(R_R)$ . Moreover, if  $R$  is right  $PS$ -injective and satisfies the ACC on right annihilators of elements, then  $J(R) = Z(R_R)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in J(R)$ , and  $bR \cap r_R(a) = 0$  for any  $b \in R$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $l_R(b) + Ra = l_R[bR \cap r_R(a)] = l_R(0) = R$ , so  $l_R(b) = R$  because  $a \in J(R)$ , implies that  $b = 0$ . Thus  $a \in Z(R_R)$ . The second assertion follows from [5, Theorem 7.15 (1)].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $PS$ -injective and reduced ring. Then  $R$  is semiprimitive.*

*Proof.* By [5, Lemma 7.8],  $Z(R_R) = 0$  since  $R$  is reduced. Then  $J(R) = 0$  by Theorem 2.6.  $\square$

**Example 4.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , the localization ring of  $\mathbb{Z}$  at the prime  $p$ . Then  $R$  is a commutative local mininjective ring because it has no minimal ideals. Since  $R$  is a domain,  $Z(R_R) = 0$  and  $J(R) = p\mathbb{Z}_p \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $R$  is not a  $PS$ -injective ring by Theorem 2.6. However, we claim that the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  over  $R$  is  $PS$ -injective. Because  $R$  is a domain, it is a reduced ring. By [6, Corollary 5.2],  $R[x]$  is semiprimitive. Therefore,  $R[x]$  is  $PS$ -injective in terms of Remark 2.5 (2).

**Example 5.** Let  $R$  be a non-semiprimitive reduced ring. Then  $R$  is a right and left mininjective ring but not a right  $PS$ -injective ring. In fact,  $R$  has not nonzero nilpotent ideal. Thus  $R$  is a right and left mininjective ring. Suppose that  $R$  is a right  $PS$ -injective ring. Then  $R$  is semiprimitive by Corollary 2.7, a contradiction.

**Example 6.** Let  $R$  be the ring of all  $\mathbb{N}$ -square upper triangular matrices over a field  $F$  that are constant on the diagonal and have only finitely many nonzero entries off the diagonal ([12, Example 1.7]). So  $R$  is right mininjective,  $Z(R_R) = 0$  and  $J(R) \neq 0$ . By Theorem 2.6,  $R$  is not right  $PS$ -injective.

The next result is a generalization of [7, Theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 2.8.** *If  $R$  is a right PS-injective ring and  $R/\text{soc}(R_R)$  satisfies the ACC on right annihilators, then  $J(R)$  is nilpotent.*

*Proof.* Write  $S = \text{soc}(R_R)$  and  $\bar{R} = R/S$ . For any sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \in J(R)$ , there is an ascending chain

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_1) \subseteq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1) \subseteq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_3 \ \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1) \subseteq \dots$$

By hypothesis, there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_m \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1) = r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{m+k} \cdots \bar{a}_m \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1 \in J(R) \subseteq Z(R_R)$  by Theorem 2.6,  $r_R(a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1)$  is the essential right ideal of  $R$ . Then  $S \subseteq r_R(a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1)$ .

Now we prove that

$$r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_n \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1) \subseteq r_R(a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1)/S \subseteq r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{n+1} \ \bar{a}_n \cdots \bar{a}_1) \quad (1)$$

In fact, for any  $b + S \in r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_n \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1)$ ,  $a_n \cdots a_1 b \in S$ . Then  $a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1 b = 0$  because  $S \subseteq r_R(a_{n+1})$ . So  $b \in r_R(a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1)$ , and hence  $b + S \in r_R(a_{n+1}a_n \cdots a_1)/S$ . But the second inclusion is clear.

Since  $r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_m \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1) = r_{\bar{R}}(\bar{a}_{m+2} \ \bar{a}_{m+1} \cdots \bar{a}_2 \ \bar{a}_1)$ , by (1),  $r_R(a_{m+1}a_m \cdots a_1)/S = r_R(a_{m+2}a_{m+1} \cdots a_1)/S$ . Then  $r_R(a_{m+1}a_m \cdots a_1) = r_R(a_{m+2}a_{m+1} \cdots a_1)$ , and so  $(a_{m+1}a_m \cdots a_1)R \cap r_R(a_{m+2}) = 0$ . Since  $r_R(a_{m+2})$  is also an essential right ideal of  $R$ ,  $a_{m+1}a_m \cdots a_1 = 0$ . So  $J(R)$  is a right  $T$ -nilpotent ideal and the ideal  $(J(R)+S)/S$  of  $\bar{R}$  is also a right  $T$ -nilpotent. By [1, Proposition 29.1],  $(J(R)+S)/S$  is nilpotent. Then there exists a positive integer  $t$  such that  $(J(R))^t \subseteq S$ , so  $(J(R))^{t+1} \subseteq J(R)S = 0$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.9.** *If  $R$  is right PS-injective, so is  $eRe$  for all  $e^2 = e \in R$  satisfying  $ReR = R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S = eRe$  and  $r_S(a) \subseteq r_S(b)$ , where  $a \in J(S)$ ,  $b \in S$ . Since  $J(S) = J(eRe) = eJe$ ,  $aR$  is a principally small ideal of  $R$ . Since  $ReR = R$ , we write  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e b_i$ , where  $a_i, b_i \in R$ . Let  $ax = 0$ ,  $x \in R$ . Then  $a(e x a_i e) = a x a_i e = 0$  for each  $i$ , so  $b(e x a_i e) = 0$  because  $r_S(a) \subseteq r_S(b)$ . Thus  $bx = \sum_{i=1}^n b x a_i e b_i = 0$  because  $b = be$ . Then  $r_R(a) \subseteq r_R(b)$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $b = eb \in eRa = Sa$ . Therefore,  $S$  is right PS-injective by Lemma 2.3 again.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** *If the matrix ring  $M_n(R)$  over a ring  $R$  is right PS-injective, so is  $R$ .*

*Proof.* If  $S = M_n(R)$  is right PS-injective, so is  $R \cong e_{11} S e_{11}$  by Proposition 2.9 because  $S e_{11} S = S$  (here  $e_{11}$  denotes the  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $(1, 1)$ -entry is 1 and others are zero).  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I, K$  be two right ideals. Recall that  $R$  is called *right  $(I, K)$ - $m$ -injective* (see [12, Definition 1.1]) if, for any  $m$ -generated right ideal  $U \subseteq I$

and any  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : U \rightarrow K$ ,  $f = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$ .  $R$  is *right*  $(I, K)$ -FP-*injective* if, for any  $n \geq 1$  and any finitely generated  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $I_n$ , every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow K$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : R_n \rightarrow R$ , where  $I_n$  (resp.  $R_n$ ) denotes the set of all  $1 \times n$  matrices over  $I$  (resp.  $R$ ). It is clear that a right  $(J, R)$ -FP-injective ring is right  $J$ -injective in the sense of [3].

It has been shown that  $R$  is a right FP-injective ring if and only if  $M_n(R)$  is a right  $P$ -injective ring for each  $n \geq 1$  (see [9, Theorem 5.41]). Similarly, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.11.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $(J, R)$ -FP-injective.
- (2)  $M_n(R)$  is right PS-injective for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* By [12, Lemma 1.3],  $R$  is a right  $(J, R)$ -FP-injective ring if and only if  $M_n(R)$  is a right  $(M_n(J), M_n(R))$ -1-injective ring for every  $n \geq 1$ ; equivalently  $M_n(R)$  is a right PS-injective ring because  $M_n(J) = J(M_n(R))$ .  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called *semiregular* if  $R/J(R)$  is (Von Neumann) regular and idempotents lift modulo  $J(R)$ , equivalently if, for any  $a \in R$ , there exists  $e^2 = e \in Ra$  such that  $a(1 - e) \in J(R)$  (cf. [9, Lemma B.40]).

**Proposition 2.12.** *If  $R$  is a semiregular ring. Then  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective if and only if  $R$  is right PS-injective.*

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$  follows by Remark 2.5 (1).

$(\Leftarrow)$ . Let  $f : aR \rightarrow R$ ,  $a \in R$ , be an  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $R$  is semiregular,  $Ra = Re \oplus Rb$  where  $e^2 = e$  and  $b \in J(R)$ . Thus  $r_R(a) = r_R(Re \oplus Rb) = r_R(Re) \cap r_R(b) = (1 - e)R \cap r_R(b)$ , and hence  $l_R r_R(a) = l_R[(1 - e)R \cap r_R(b)]$ . Let  $x = f(a)$ . Then  $x \in l_R r_R(a) = l_R[(1 - e)R \cap r_R(b)]$ . Thus  $r_R(b(1 - e)) \subseteq r_R(x(1 - e))$ . So  $g : b(1 - e)R \rightarrow R$  given by  $b(1 - e)y \mapsto x(1 - e)y$  is a well defined  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $b(1 - e) \in J(R)$ ,  $g = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$  because  $R$  is right PS-injective. Thus  $x(1 - e) = g(b(1 - e)) = cb(1 - e)$ , and hence  $f(a) = x = xe + x(1 - e) = xe + cb(1 - e) = (x - cb)e + cb \in Re + Rb = Ra$ . So  $R$  is a right  $P$ -injective.  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called *semiperfect* if  $R/J(R)$  is semisimple and idempotents lift modulo  $J(R)$ . So a semiperfect ring is semiregular.

**Corollary 2.13.** *If  $R$  is a semiperfect and right PS-injective ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  is semisimple and every simple right ideal of  $R_2$  is nilpotent.*

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 2.12 and [7, Theorem 1.4].  $\square$

**Remark 2.14.** (1) By Theorem 2.11 and Corollary 2.10, every right  $(J, R)$ -FP-injective ring is right PS-injective. But the converse is not true in general. For example, the Björk example (see Example 2) is a local, left artinian right GPF ring  $R$ . By Example 2,  $R$  is right PS-injective. Now we prove that  $R$  is not right

$(J, R)$ -FP-injective.

*Proof.* It is mentioned in [9, Example 5.34] that  $R$  is not a left *GPF* ring. Suppose that  $R$  is right  $(J, R)$ -FP-injective. Then  $M_n(R)$  is right *PS*-injective by Theorem 2.11. But  $R$  is semiperfect, and hence  $M_n(R)$  is also semiperfect. So  $M_n(R)$  is right *P*-injective by Proposition 2.12. Then  $R$  is right *FP*-injective by [9, Theorem 5.41], so  $R$  is right 2-injective. In view of [9, Corollary 5.32],  $R$  is a left *GPF* ring, a contradiction.  $\square$

By the above conclusion, being a right *PS*-injective ring is not Morita invariant property.

(3) The Björk example shows that  $R$  is right *PS*-injective but is not left *PS*-injective.

A ring  $R$  is said to be *right Kasch* if every simple right  $R$ -module embeds in  $R$ , equivalently  $l_R(T) \neq 0$  for every maximal right ideal  $T$  of  $R$ . A ring is called *left min-CS* if every minimal left ideal is essential in a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ . Now we give a new characterization of a right *GPF* ring by using right *PS*-injectivity.

**Theorem 2.15.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is a right *GPF* ring.
- (2)  $R$  is a semiperfect, right *PS*-injective ring with  $\text{soc}({}_R R) = \text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$ .
- (3)  $R$  is a right *PS*-injective, right and left *Kasch* and left *min-CS* ring.

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

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). By [9, Theorem 5.31],  $R$  is a right and left *Kasch* ring. For every minimal left ideal  $K$  of  $R$ , in view of [9, Theorem 2.32 and Theorem 5.31],  $l_R r_R(K) = K$ . Since  $R$  is semiperfect, write  $r_R(K) = (1 - e)R + bR$ , where  $e^2 = e$  and  $b \in J(R)$ . Then  $l_R r_R(K) = Re \cap l_R(b)$ . Note that  $b \in J(R)$ , so  $l_R(b) \supseteq l_R(J(R)) = \text{soc}(R_R)$ . By (2),  $\text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$ , so  $l_R(b)$  is essential in  $R_R$ . Then,  $l_R r_R(K) \leq^{ess} Re$  by [9, Lemma 1.1 (2)], and hence  $K \leq^{ess} Re$ . Thus  $R$  is left *min-CS*.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $T$  be a maximal right ideal of  $R$ . Then  $l_R(T) \neq 0$  because  $R$  is right *Kasch*. Then there is  $0 \neq a \in l_R(T)$ , and hence  $T \subseteq r_R(a) \neq R$ . So  $T = r_R(a)$ . Then  $aR \cong R/r_R(a) = R/T$  is a simple right ideal. Note that  $Ra$  is also a simple left ideal by [9, Theorem 2.21] because  $R$  is right mininjective. If  $(Ra)^2 \neq 0$ , then  $Ra$  is a direct summand of  $R$ , and so  $l_R r_R(a) = Ra$ . Otherwise,  $a \in J(R)$ , so  $l_R r_R(a) = Ra$  by Lemma 2.3. By hypothesis,  $l_R(T) = l_R r_R(a) = Ra \leq^{ess} Re$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Thus, by [9, Lemma 4.1],  $R$  is semiperfect. By [9, Lemma 4.5],  $\text{soc}({}_R R) = \text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). By Proposition 2.12,  $R$  is right *P*-injective since  $R$  is semiperfect, as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.16.** *If  $R$  is right *PS*-injective with  $\text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$  and the ascending chain  $r_R(a_1) \subseteq r_R(a_1 a_2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq r_R(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) \subseteq \dots$  terminates for every infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  in  $R$ , then  $R$  is a right *GPF* ring.*

*Proof.* Note that  $R$  is right minsymmetric. So, in view of [11, Lemma 2.2],  $R$  is right perfect. Then  $R$  is a right *GPF* ring by Theorem 2.15.  $\square$

**Remark 2.17.** The condition  $\text{soc}(R_R) \leq^{ess} R_R$  can not be omitted. If  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  is the ring of integers, then  $R$  is a *PS*-injective and noetherian ring but  $R$  is not a *GPF* ring because  $R$  is not *P*-injective.

It is easy to see that a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is *PS*-injective if and only if  $\text{Ext}^1(R/aR, M) = 0$  for any right principally small ideal  $aR$ . At the end of this paper, we give a characterization of a semiprimitive ring.

**Proposition 2.18.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is semiprimitive.
- (2) Every right (or left)  $R$ -module is *PS*-injective.
- (3) Every right (or left) simple  $R$ -module is *PS*-injective.
- (4) Every right (or left) principally small ideal is *PS*-injective.
- (5) Every right (or left) principally small ideal is pure in  $R$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2), (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) and (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4) are trivial.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $a \in J(R)$ . If  $J(R) + r_R(a) < R$ , then we take a maximal right ideal  $K$  of  $R$  such that  $J(R) + r_R(a) \leq K$ . Then  $R/K$  is *PS*-injective by (3). Note that the homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow R/K$  given by  $f(ax) = x + K$ ,  $x \in R$  is a well defined homomorphism. So there exists  $c \in R$  such that  $f = (c + K) \cdot$ . Then  $1 + K = f(a) = (c + K)a = ca + K$ , implies that  $1 - ca \in K$ . But  $ca \in K$ , which yields  $1 \in K$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $J(R) + r_R(a) = R$  and so  $r_R(a) = R$  because  $J(R) \ll R$ . So  $a = 0$ . Hence  $J(R) = 0$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $a \in J(R)$ . By (4),  $aR$  is *PS*-injective. Thus the inclusion map  $aR \rightarrow R$  splits, so  $aR$  is a direct summand of  $R$ . Since  $aR \ll R$ ,  $aR = 0$ . Therefore,  $J(R) = 0$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (5). For any right principally small ideal  $aR$  and any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , there exists the standard isomorphism  $\text{Ext}^1(R/aR, M^+) \cong \text{Tor}_1(R/aR, M)^+$ . By (2),  $\text{Ext}^1(R/aR, M^+) = 0$ , so  $\text{Tor}_1(R/aR, M) = 0$ . Then  $R/aR$  is flat, and hence  $aR$  is pure in  $R$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $aR$  be a right principally small ideal. Then  $R/aR$  is flat, and hence is projective. Thus  $aR$  is a direct summand of  $R$ . Hence every right  $R$ -module is *PS*-injective.  $\square$

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