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# **REMARKS ON INJECTIVITY**

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Abstract. Various properties of injective modules and generalizations are studied. Quasi-Frobeniusean and pseudo-Frobeniusean rings are characterized.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this sequel to [10], certain properties of injectivity and generalizations are considered. The concept of injectivity is one of the fundamental concepts in the theory of rings and modules (cf. [3], [4], [5]) and has been extensively studied since several years. CE-injective modules, introduced in [10], are here further developed. This note contains the following results: (1) If A is a prime left self-injective regular ring, then for any left ideals B, D with an isomorphism  $g: B \approx D$ , there exist left ideals U, V containing B, D respectively and an isomorphism  $f: U \approx V$  extending g such that either U = A or V = A; (2) If M is a CE-injective left A-module such that any left submodule isomorphic to a complement submodule is a complement submodule, B = End(A), the following are then equivalent: (a) B is semi-perfect; (b) Every simple left B-module has a projective cover; (c) B contains no infinite set of orthogonal idempotents; (3) A is left and right pseudo-Frobeniusean iff the injective hull of every simple left A-module and the injective hull of every cyclic projective right A-module are projective; (4) A is quasi-Frobeniusean iff every left A-module has an injective projective left cover; (5) The following conditions are equivalent: (a) Every factor ring of A is quasi-Frobeniusean; (b) A is a left GFC ring such that the injective hull of every cyclic left A-module is cyclic projective; (c) The injective hull of every cyclic left A-module is cyclic projective and every simple left A-module has a projective cover; (6) A is semi-simple Artinian iff A is a left p.p. ring such that every simple left A-module has a p-injective projective cover.

Throughout, A denotes an associative ring with identity and A-modules are unital. Z, J will stand respectively for the left singular ideal and the Jacobson radical of A.

An ideal of A will always mean a two-sided ideal and A is called left duo if every left ideal of A is an ideal. A left (right) ideal of A is called reduced if it contains no nonzero nilpotent element. A left A-module M is called p-injective if, for any principal left ideal P of A, every left A-homomorphism of P into M extends to one of A into M. A is von Neumann regular iff every left (right) A-module is flat if every left (right) A module is p-injective. In general, there is no inclusion relation between the classes of flat modules and p-injective modules. However, if K is a maximal left ideal of A which is an ideal, then  ${}_{A}A/K$  is flat iff  $A/K_A$  is injective iff  $A/K_A$  is p-injective. For any left A-module M,  $Z(M) = \{y \in M \setminus l(y) \text{ is essential in } {}_{A}A\}$  is the singular submodule of M. M is called singular (resp. non-singular) if Z(M) = M (resp. Z(M) = 0). A is called semi-local if A/J is Artinian.

We start by considering non-singular left ideals in left self-injective rings.

**Lemma 1.** Let A be a left self-injective ring. If I is a non-singular left ideal of A, for any  $b \in I$ , Ab is generated by an idempotent.

Proof. Let  $0 \neq b \in I$ , K a non-zero complement left ideal of A such that  $L = l(b) \oplus K$  is an essential left ideal. If  $f: Kb \to A$  is the map  $kb \to k(k \in K)$ , since  ${}_{A}A$  is injective, there exists  $c \in A$  such that f(kb) = kbc for all  $k \in K$ . Therefore  $K \subseteq l(b - bcb)$  which implies  $L \subseteq l(b - bcb)$ , whence  $b - bcb \in Z(I) = 0$ . Thus Ab = Ae, where e = cb is idempotent.

**Proposition 2.** Let A be a left self-injective ring containing a non-singular left ideal I. If B, D are left ideals of A contained in I with an isomorphism  $g : B \approx D$ , there exist injective non-singular left ideals  $U_0, V_0$  containing B, D respectively with an isomorphism  $f_0 : U_0 \approx V_0$  extending g, and injective non-singular left ideals P, Q which do not contain any non-zero mutually isomorphic left ideals of A such that  $U_0 \oplus P =$  $= V_0 \oplus Q$  is the injective hull of I and PQ = QP = 0. If, further, A is semi-prime, then there exist central idempotents  $u_1, v_1$  of A such that  $P \subseteq Au_1, Q \subseteq Av_1, Pv_1 =$  $= Qu_1 = 0$ .

Proof. The set of essential extensions of  ${}_{A}I$  in  ${}_{A}A$  has, by Zorn's Lemma, a maximal member C which is a complement left ideal of A. Then  ${}_{A}C$  is the injective hull of  ${}_{A}I$ . Also  ${}_{A}C$  is non-singular by [8, Lemma 2]. Consider the set E of elements (U, V, f), where U, V are left ideals of A in C containing B, D respectively and  $f: U \approx$  $\approx V$  extending g, ordered by the following:  $(U, V, f) \subseteq (U', V', f')$  iff  $U \subseteq U'$ ,  $V \subseteq V'$  and f'extends f. Then, by Zorn's Lemma, E has a maximal member  $(U_0, V_0, f_0)$ . If U, V are the injective hulls of  $U_0, V_0$  respectively in  ${}_{A}C$ , then  $f_0$ extends to an isomorphism of U into V. By the maximality of  $(U_0, V_0, f_0)$ , we have  $U = U_0, V = V_0$ , whence  $C = U_0 \oplus P = V_0 \oplus Q$ , where P = Au, Q = Av, u, vbeing idempotents in C, and P, Q do not contain any mutually isomorphic left ideals. We claim that PQ = 0. Suppose the contrary: if  $b \in A$  such that  $ubv \neq 0, h: Au \to Av$ the map defined by h(au) = aubv for all  $a \in A$ , then  $h(Au) = Aw, 0 \neq w = w^2 \in Av$ by Lemma 1, whence ker h is a direct summand of  ${}_{A}Au$ . Therefore  $Au = \ker h \oplus Az$ ,

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 $0 \neq z = z^2 \in Au$  and  $Az \approx Aw$ , which is a contradiction! This proves that PQ = 0. Similarly QP = 0. Now suppose that A is semi-prime. Then  $P \subseteq l(r(PA)) = Au_1$ and  $Q \subseteq r(l(Q)) = Av_1$ , where  $u_1, v_1$  are central idempotents. Since PQ = 0, then  $v \in r(PA)$  implies that  $Au_1 \subseteq l(v)$ , whence  $Qu_1 = 0$ . Similarly,  $Pv_1 = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** If A is prime left self-injective regular, then for any left ideals B, D with  $g: B \approx D$ , there exist left ideals U, V containing B, D respectively and  $f: U \approx V$  extending g such that either U = A or V = A.

Left *p*-injective rings whose complement left ideals are principal generalize left self-injective rings and left continuous regular rings. The next proposition may be similarly proved.

**Proposition 3.** Let A be a left p-injective ring whose complement left ideals are principal and K and injective non-singular left ideal. If B, D are left ideals contained in K with an isomorphism  $g: B \approx D$ , there exist left ideals U, V containing B, D respectively with an isomorphism  $f: U \approx V$  extending g such that  $K = U \oplus P = V \oplus Q$ , where P, Q do not contain any non-zero mutually isomorphic left ideals and PQ = QP = 0. Consequently, if A is prime, then either K = U or K = V.

**Remark 1.** Let A be a left p-injective ring containing a reduced injective left ideal K. If B, D are isomorphic left ideals contained in K, then the conclusion of Proposition 3 holds.

As usual, (1) a left A-module M is said to have a projective cover if there exist a projective left A-module P and an epimorphism  $g: P \to M$  such that ker g is superfluous in P. H. BASS [1] called A left perfect if every left A-module has a projective cover. (2)  $_AM$  is a generator if, for any left A-module N, there exists an epimorphism from a direct sum of copies of M onto N. (3)  $_AM$  is a cogenerator if, for any left A-module N, there exists a monomorphism of N into a direct product of copies of M. A is called left pseudo-Frobeniusean (resp. FPF) if every faithful (resp. finitely generated faithful) left A-module generates the category of left A-modules (cf. [3], [5]). The following conditions are equivalent: (1) A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean; (2) A is an injective cogenerator; (3) A is a semi-local left cogenerator; (4) A is a left cogenerating right Kasch ring. (A is right Kasch if every maximal right ideal of A is a right annihilator ideal.) Also, A is left cogenerating iff the injective hull of every simple left A-module is projective. Recall that A is a left p.p. ring if every principal left ideal of A is a projective left A-module.

**Remark 2.** A is von Neumann regular iff A is a left p.p. ring such that there exists a p-injective left generator.

Following [10], a left A-module M is CE-injective if, for any left submodule N containing a non-zero complement left submodule of M, every left A-homomorphism of N into M extends to an endomorphism of  $_AM$ . We now consider the ring of endomorphisms of a generalization of quasi-injective modules.

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**Proposition 4.** Let M be a CE-injective left A-module such that any left submodule isomorphic to a complement left submodule is a complement submodule. If  $B = \text{End}(_AM)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) B is semi-perfect;

(2) Every simple left B-module has a projective cover;

(3) B contains no infinite set of orthogonal idempotents.

Proof. Since B is semi-perfect iff every finitely generated left B-module has a projective cover [1, Theorem 2.1], then (1) implies (2).

Assume (2). Let W denote the Jacobson radical of B and K = K + W a maximal left ideal of  $\overline{B} = B/W$ , where K is a maximal left ideal of B. Since B/K has a projective cover, let  $g: P \to B/K$  be an epimorphism, where <sub>R</sub>P is projective and ker g is superfluous in P. If  $p: B \to B/K$  is the natural projection, there exists a left B-homomorphism  $h: B \to P$  such that gh = p and for any  $c \in P$ , there exists  $y \in B$  such that g(c) = p(y) = gh(y) which yields  $P = \ker g + h(B)$ , whence h(B) = P. If h(1) = d, then P = Bd and h(B) = Bd. Since  $B/\ker h \approx P$ , then ker h is a direct summand of <sub>B</sub>B (because <sub>B</sub>P is projective). If h(K) = 0, then  $K = \ker h$  and  $B = K \oplus Be$ ,  $0 \neq e = e^2 \in B$ , whence Ke = 0. In that case,  $K = l(\bar{e})$  (since  $e \notin W$ ). If  $h(K) \neq 0$ , since gh(K) = 0, then h(K) is superfluous in P. Since h(B) = P is projective, there exists a left B-homomorphism  $t: h(B) \rightarrow B$  such that ht = i, the identity map on h(B). Since h(K) is superfluous in h(B), then th(K) is superfluous in B. Now let  $t(d) = b \in B$ . Then d = i(d) = ht(d) = h(b) = bh(1) = bd implies  $0 \neq b = t(d) = bd$  $= t(bd) = bt(d) = b^2$  and Kb = Kt(d) = t(Kd) = th(K) is superfluous in B. Thus in case  $h(K) \neq 0$ , there exists also a non-zero idempotent b such that Kb must be contained in every maximal left ideal of B, whence  $Kb \subseteq W$ . Therefore  $K = l_{\bar{B}}(\bar{b})$ (in as much as the Jacobson radical W contains no non-zero idempotent of B). The

whether k(K) = 0 or not, K must be a direct summand of  $_{\bar{B}}B$  which proves that  $\bar{B}$  is semi-simple Artinian. B is therefore a semi-local ring whose idempotents can be lifted [10, Proposition 4 and Remark 6], whence (2) implies (1).

fact that b is an idempotent in  $\overline{B}$  implies that  $\overline{K}$  is a direct summand of  $\overline{B}$ . Therefore,

(1) and (3) are equivalent by [5, P. 305 ex. 8] and [10, Proposition 4].

Applying [4, Corollary 2.22], we get

**Corollary 4.1.** If <sub>A</sub>M is non-singular quasi-injective,  $B = \text{End}(_AM)$ , then B is semisimple Artinian if every simple left B-module has a projective cover.

It is well-known that if A is left self-injective, then idempotents of A/J can be lifted. Using [1, Theorem 2.1], one can similarly prove the next result.

**Theorem 5.** The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean;

(2) For any simple left A-module U, U has a projective cover and the injective hull of  $_{A}U$  is projective;

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(3) Every simple left A-module has a projective cover and there exists a projective left cogenerator;

(4) A is left cogenerating such that every simple left A-module has a projective cover.

**Remark 3.** If A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean, then (a) the injective hull of every simple left A-module is cyclic; (b) a simple left A-module is projective iff it is injective.

**Remark 4.** If A is left f-injective with an injective maximal left ideal such that the injective hull of every simple left A-module is projective, then A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean. (A is called left f-injective if, for any finitely generated left ideal F of A, every left A-homomorphism of F into A extends to an endomorphism of  $_AA$ ).

**Proposition 6.** The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) A is left and right pseudo-Frobeniusean;

(2) The injective hull of every simple left A-module and the injective hull of every cyclic faithful projective right A-module are projective.

Proof. Assume (1). Since A is a left cogenerator, then the injective hull of every simple left A-module is projective. Let C be a cyclic faithful projective right A-module. If C = cA, then r(c) is a direct summand of  $A_A$  which implies that  $C_A (\approx A/r(c))$  is injective. Consequently, (1) implies (2).

Assume (2). Since A is a left cogenerator and hence left Kasch, then any proper finitely generated left ideal of A has non-zero right annihilator. If  $E_A$  is the injective hull of  $A_A$ , by hypothesis,  $E_A$  is projective and by [1, Theorem 5.4],  $A_A$  is a direct summand of  $E_A$  which implies A = E. Then (2) implies (1) by [5, Theorem 12.1.1].

We say that a left A-module M has an injective (resp. p-injective) projective cover if there exist an injective (resp. p-injective) projective left A-module P with an epimorphism  $g: P \to M$  such that ker g is superfluous in P.

**Theorem 7.** The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) A is quasi-Frobeniusean;

(2) A is left Noetherian with an injective left generator;

(3) Every left A-module has an injective projective left cover.

Proof. Since  $_{A}A$  is a generator, then (1) implies (2).

Assume (2). Let G be an injective left generator. For any projective left A-module P, there exists an epimorphism  $g: D \to P$ , where D is a direct sum of copies of G. Since A is left Noetherian, then  $_AD$  is injective. Therefore  $D/\ker g \approx P$  implies that ker g is a direct summand of  $_AD$ , whence  $_AP$  is injective. Since a left Artinian ring is left (and right) perfect, then by [3, Theorem 24.20], (2) implies (3).

Assume (3). For any projective left A-module P, there exists an injective projective left A-module Q with an epimorphism  $g: Q \to P$  such that ker g is superfluous in Q. Then  ${}_{A}P(\approx Q/\ker g)$  is injective and (3) implies (1) by [3, Theorem 24.20].

Remark 5. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) A is left p-injective left perfect;

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(2) A is a left p-injective ring whose simple left modules have projective covers such that Z is left T-nilpotent;

(3) Every flat left A-module is p-injective projective.

We now turn to sufficient conditions for right Kasch rings to be left pseudo-Frobeniusean.

**Proposition 8.** Let A be a right Kasch ring whose indecomposable injective left modules are projective. If A is of left finite Goldie dimension, then A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean.

Proof. A contains an essential left ideal L which is a finite direct sum of non-zero uniform left ideals. If E is the injective hull of  ${}_{A}A$ , since the injective hull of any uniform left ideal in  ${}_{A}E$  is an indecomposable left A-module, then E contains an essential left submodule F which is a finite direct sum of indecomposable injective left submodules. By hypothesis, F is an injective projective left A-module which yields E = F. Since A is right Kasch, then any proper finitely generated right ideal has non-zero left annihilator which implies that  ${}_{A}A$  is a direct summand of  ${}_{A}E$ , whence A = E is injective. Now the injective hull of any simple left A-module is indecomposable and therefore projective which implies that  ${}_{A}A$  is a cogenerator. This proves that A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean.

Let us now characterize rings which are fully quasi-Frobeniusean. Following BIRKENMEIER [2], A is called a left GFC ring if every cyclic faithful left A-module is a generator. Left GFC rings generalize left pseudo-Frobeniuseaun and left FPF rings. Also, if every non-zero left ideal of A contains a non-zero ideal, then A is left GFC.

Theorem 9. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) Every factor ring of A is quasi-Frobeniusean;

(2) The injective hull of every cyclic left A-module is cyclic projective and every simple left A-module has a projective cover;

(3) A is a left GFC ring such that the injective hull of every cyclic left A-module is cyclic projective;

(4) A is left GFC satisfying the maximum condition on left annihilators such that the injective hulls of cyclic left A-modules are cyclic.

Proof. It is well-known that (1) implies (2).

Assume (2). Suppose there exists an injective left A-module Q which is not a direct sum of indecomposable submodules. Then  ${}_{A}Q$  is not uniform. Therefore, there exist non-zero left submodules  $Q_1, M_2$  such that  $Q = Q_1, \oplus M_2$ . We may suppose that  $M_2$ is not uniform (by changing the notation, if necessary). Then  $M_2 = Q_2 \oplus M_3$ , where  $M_3$  is again supposed not uniform (by changing the notation again, if necessary). This decomposition may be continued such that we obtain, for each positive integer n,  $Q = Q_1 \oplus Q_2 \oplus ... \oplus Q_n \oplus M_{n+1}$  where,  $M_{n+1}$  is supposed not uniform. Since each  $Q_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  contains a cyclic projective submodule  $P_i$ , then for any positive integer *n*, *Q* contains a direct sum of cyclic projective submodules  $P_1, \ldots, P_n$ . Each  $P_i$  is isomorphic to a left ideal  $K_i$ . Now since the injective hull of every simple left *A*-module is projective, then  ${}_{A}A$  is a cogenerator and since every simple left *A*-module has a projective cover, then *A* is semi-local which yields *A* left pseudo-Frobeniusean. Then  $F_n = K_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus K_n$  is a finitely generated projective submodule which is a direct summand of  ${}_{A}A$  (in as much as  ${}_{A}A$  is injective). We thus produce an infinite ascending chain of direct summands  $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \ldots \subset F_n \subset \ldots$  which contradicts *A* left pseudo-Frobeniusean. This proves that every injective left *A*-module is a direct sum of indecomposable submodules, whence *A* is left Noetherian and therefore (2) implies (1) by [3, Proposition 25.4.6 B].

It is evident that (1) implies (3).

Assume (3). If E denotes the injective hull of  ${}_{A}A$ , then  ${}_{A}E$  is a generator and there exists an epimorphism  $g: F \to A$ , where F is a finite direct sum of copies of E. Then  ${}_{A}F$  is injective which implies that  ${}_{A}A$  is injective. Since  ${}_{A}A$  is a cogenerator, then A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean and the proof of "(2) implies (1)" shows that (3) implies (1).

Similarly, (1) and (4) are equivalent by [3, Theorem 24.20].

**Corollary 9.1.** If A is left duo, the following are equivalent: (a) Every factor ring of A is quasi-Frobeniusean; (b) Every cyclic left A-module has a cyclic projective injective hull.

Following [6], a left A-module M is called semi-simple if the intersection of all maximal left submodules is zero.

Theorem 10. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) A is semi-simple Artinian;

(2) A is a left p.p. ring such that every simple left A-module has a p-injective projective cover;

(3) Every cyclic semi-simple left A-module is flat and has a projective cover;

(4) Every essential left ideal of A is a left annihilator and Z contains no non-zero nilpotent right ideal.

Proof. (1) implies (2) evidently.

Assume (2). Let U be a simple left A-module. There exist a p-injective projective left A-module P and an epimorphism  $g: P \to U$  such that ker g is superfluous in P. Then P/ker  $g \approx U$  and since A is left p.p., by [9, Remark 2],  $_AU$  is p-injective which implies that J = 0 [9, Lemma 1]. The proof of Proposition 4 then shows that A is semi-simple Artinian and therefore (2) implies (3).

Assume (3). Then  ${}_{A}A/J$  is semi-simple and hence flat which yields J = 0. Since every simple left A-module has a projective cover, then A is semi-simple Artinian and (3) implies (4).

Assume (4). Suppose there exists a maximal left ideal M which is not a direct summand of  ${}_{A}A$ . Then M is an essential left ideal which implies that M = l(b),

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 $0 \neq b \in A$ . For any non-zero elements u, v in r(M) such that  $uv \neq 0$ , there exists  $d \in A$  such that  $0 \neq du \in M$  and duv = 0. Now M = l(uv) implies that  $d \in M$ , whence du = 0 which is a contradiction! Therefore  $(r(M))^2 = 0$  and since  $r(M) \subseteq Z$ , by hypothesis, r(M) = 0 which contradicts  $b \neq 0$ . This proves that every maximal left ideal of A is a direct summand of  ${}_{A}A$  which yields A semi-simple Artinian. Thus (4) implies (1).

We conclude with two more remarks.

**Remark 6.** If every cyclic left A-module has a cyclic injective hull, the following are then equivalent: (a) A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean; (b) A is left GFC such that A/J satisfies the ascending chain condition on direct summands; (c) Every simple left A-module has a projective cover. In that case, A is local iff the left ideals of A are linearly ordered. (cf. [7, Corollary 1.11] and [10, Lemma 12].

**Remark 7.** (1) If A is left GFC, then A is left self-injective iff the injective hull of every cyclic projective faithful left A-module is cyclic; consequently, the following are equivalent : (a) A is left and right self-injective strongly regular; (b) A is semi-prime left duo such that the injective hull of every cyclic projective faithful left A-module is cyclic.

(2) If A is left FPF, then A is left self-injective iff the injective hull of every cyclic projective faithful left A-module is projective.

(3) If every non-zero left ideal of A contains a non-zero ideal, then A is left pseudo-Frobeniusean iff the injective hull of every cyclic faithful projective left A-module is a cyclic left cogenerator.

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