

## ON QUASI NIL-INJECTIVE MODULES

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**Abstract.** Module  $M$  is called *quasi nil-injective* if for each  $m \in Nil(M)$  and each homomorphism  $f : mR \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in mR$ . In this paper, we first obtain some characterizations of the class of quasi nil-injective modules and some known results can be deduced from these characteristics. Next, we apply to ring and obtain some properties of a quasi nil-injective rings. We proved that a ring  $R$  is semiprime if only if every right  $R$ -module (cyclic) is quasi nil- $R$ -injective.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout the paper,  $R$  is an associative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and all modules are unitary  $R$ -modules. We write  $M_R$  (resp.,  ${}_R M$ ) to indicate that  $M$  is a right (resp., left)  $R$ -module. Let  $J$  (resp.,  $Z_r$ ,  $S_r$ ) be the Jacobson radical (resp. the right singular ideal, the right socle) of  $R$  and  $E(M_R)$  the injective hull of  $M_R$ . If  $X$  is a subset of  $R$ , the right (resp. left) annihilator of  $X$  in

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$R$  is denoted by  $r_R(X)$  (resp.,  $l_R(X)$ ) or simply  $r(X)$  (resp.  $l(X)$ ). If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  (resp., proper submodule) we write  $N \leq M$  (resp.,  $N < M$ ). Moreover, we write  $N \leq^e M$ ,  $N \ll M$ ,  $N \leq^\oplus M$  and  $N \leq^{max} M$  to indicate that  $N$  is an essential submodule, a small submodule, a direct summand and a maximal submodule of  $M$ , respectively. A module  $M$  is called uniform if  $M \neq 0$  and every non-zero submodule of  $M$  is essential in  $M$ . A module  $M$  is *finite dimensional* (or has *finite rank*) if  $E(M)$  is a finite direct sum of indecomposable submodules. A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called  $M$ -generated if there exists an epimorphism  $M^{(I)} \rightarrow N$  for some index set  $I$ . If the set  $I$  is finite, then  $N$  is called finitely  $M$ -generated. In particular,  $N$  is called  $M$ -cyclic if it is isomorphic to  $M/L$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . Hence, any  $M$ -cyclic submodule  $X$  of  $M$  can be considered as the image of an endomorphism of  $M$ .

It is well-known that a right  $R$ -module  $Q$  is called *injective* if for every monomorphism  $i : A \rightarrow B$ , with  $A, B$  right  $R$ -modules and every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow Q$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\bar{f} : B \rightarrow Q$  such that  $\bar{f}i = f$ .

In 1940, Baer has launched an important criterion to test the injectivity of the modules as follows: A right  $R$ -module  $Q$  is injective if and only if for every homomorphism  $i : I \rightarrow R_R$  with  $I$  a right ideal of  $R$  and every homomorphism  $f : I \rightarrow Q$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : R \rightarrow Q$  such that  $\bar{f}i = f$ .

From the definition of injectivity and Baer's criterion, two of the extended development of injectivity respectively co-exist. The first is to expand the original definition. A right  $R$ -module  $Q$  is called  $C$ -injective (by [4]) (strong socle-injective (by [2]), resp., if for every monomorphism  $i : A \rightarrow B$ , with every cyclic right  $R$ -module  $A$  (the socle of  $B$ , resp.); every right  $R$ -module  $B$  and every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow Q$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\bar{f} : B \rightarrow Q$  such that  $\bar{f}i = f$ . In this paper, we continue to review the module  $A$  in the above chart is just  $mR$  with  $m \in Nil(M)$ , the definition used by the product of the submodules. According to [5], a module  $M$  is called *principally quasi-injective* if for every  $m \in M$  and every homomorphism  $f : mR \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in mR$ . Some of the results and the relationship between the principally quasi-injective modules and its endomorphism ring has been studied.

According to [5], a module  $M$  is called *quasi mininjective* if for every simple submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and every homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in N$ . Clearly have

$$\text{principally quasi-injective} \Rightarrow \text{quasi mininjective.}$$

Besides, the second development of injectivity is interested by many authors. In [6], Nicholson-Yousif has launched a concept called  $P$ -injective of the modules  $M$  if for every  $a \in R$  and every homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow M$ , there exists a

homomorphism  $\bar{f} : R_R \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in aR$ . They brought out many interesting features of the ring such that  $R_R$  is  $P$ -injective. In addition, a general case of  $P$ -injective modules were also studied and expanded, such as  $GP$ -injective modules,  $AGP$ -injective modules, ect.

In 2007, Wei and Chen ([7]) have given some general cases of  $P$ -injective, named nil-injective. A module  $M$  is called *nil-injective* if each nilpotent element  $a \in R$  and homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : R_R \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in aR$ . Naturally, we introduce the concept of *quasi nil-injective module*. In this paper, we study the characterizations of the class of such modules and we also obtain some results on the relationship between quasi nil-injective, nil injective and others. And we extend this concept into right quasi nil-injective rings, then we prove some their properties. One of the characterization of a semiprime ring that is every right  $R$ -module (cyclic) is quasi nil- $R$ -injective.

## 2. Some properties of quasi nil-injective modules

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module,  $S := \text{End}_R(M)$  and  $H, K$  be submodules of  $M$ .

Then, in [3], Lomp defined

$$H \star K := \sum \{f(K) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(M, H)\}.$$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $H, K$  be submodules of  $M$ . Then  $H \star K$  is called the product of two submodules of  $H$  and  $K$  and is denoted by  $HK$ .

From the definition above we have the following comments:

**Remark.** (i). If  $M = R$ , the product of two ideals of  $R$ , is the ideal products in the common sense; i.e., if  $I, K$  are ideals of  $R$ ,

$$IK = \left\{ \sum_{i \leq k} a_i b_i \mid a_i \in I, b_i \in K, k \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}.$$

(ii)  $HK \leq H$  for every  $K \leq M$ . Moreover, if  $K$  is a fully invariant submodule (i.e., carried into itself by every endomorphism of  $M$ ), we have  $HK \leq K$  for every  $H \leq M$ .

First we have the following properties:

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $H, K, L$  be submodules of  $M$ . Then*

- (1)  $H(KL) \leq (HK)L$ .
- (2)  $L(H + K) = LH + LK$ .
- (3)  $LK + HK \leq (L + H)K$ .
- (4) *If  $M$  is projective in  $\sigma[M]$ , then (1) and (3) will be the equations.*

**Proof.** By [3, Proposition 3.1]. ■

Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define a family of submodules of  $N$  as follow:

$$N^1 = N, N^2 = NN, N^3 = N^2N, \dots, N^n = N^{n-1}N.$$

Then we have

$$N^n \leq N^{n-1} \leq \dots \leq N^2 \leq N^1 = N.$$

The submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *nilpotent* if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N^n = 0$ . We denote

$$Nil(M) = \{m \in M \mid mR \text{ is nilpotent} \}.$$

It is clear to check the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A, B$  be submodules of  $M$ . If  $A \leq B$ , then  $A^n \leq B^n$  for all  $n$ .*

**Definition 2.4.** A module  $M$  is called *quasi nil-injective* if each  $m \in Nil(M)$  and each homomorphism  $f : mR \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in mR$ , i.e., the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & M \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & f \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & mR \longrightarrow M \\ & & \uparrow \quad \nearrow \bar{f} \\ & & i \end{array}$$

where  $i : mR \rightarrow M$  is the inclusion map.

**Theorem 2.5.** *The following conditions are equivalent for module  $M$  with  $S = End(M)$ :*

- (1)  $M$  is quasi nil-injective.

(2)  $l_M(r(m)) = Sm$  for every  $m \in Nil(M)$ .

(3) If  $r(m) \leq r(m')$  for every  $m \in Nil(M)$  and  $m' \in M$ , then  $Sm' \leq Sm$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $m \in Nil(M)$  and  $x \in l_M(r(m))$ . The map  $f : mR \rightarrow M$  is defined by  $f(mr) = xr$  for every  $r \in R$ . Then  $f$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism. By (1), there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}(y) = f(y)$  for every  $y \in mR$ . It implies  $x = f(m) = \bar{f}(m) \in Sm$  and  $l_M(r(m)) = Sm$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). For each  $m \in Nil(M)$  and each  $f : mR \rightarrow M$ . We have  $r(m) \leq r(f(m))$ . Hence, there exists  $\bar{f} \in S$  such that  $f(m) = \bar{f}(m)$ . Then  $M$  is quasi nil-injective. ■

Next we have a another property of the quasi nil-injective modules:

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $M$  is a quasi nil-injective module, then  $l_S(Ker(\alpha) \cap mR) = S\alpha + l_S(m)$  for every  $m \in M$  and  $\alpha \in S$  with  $\alpha(m) \in Nil(M)$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $m \in M$ ,  $\alpha \in S$  and  $\alpha(m) \in Nil(M)$ , we have  $S\alpha + l_S(m) \leq l_S(Ker(\alpha) \cap mR)$ . In the other hand, for each  $s \in l_S(Ker(\alpha) \cap mR)$ ,  $s(Ker(\alpha) \cap mR) = 0$ . Moreover, we have  $\alpha(m) \in Nil(M)$  and  $r(\alpha(m)) \leq r(s(m))$ . By the Theorem 2.5, there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s(m) = s'\alpha(m)$  or  $s - s'\alpha \in l_S(m)$  and then  $s \in S\alpha + l_S(m)$ . Thus  $l_S(Ker(\alpha) \cap mR) = S\alpha + l_S(m)$ . ■

**Proposition 2.7.** *Every direct summand of a quasi nil-injective module is a quasi nil-injective module.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a quasi nil-injective module and  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Let  $\iota : N \rightarrow M$  be the inclusion map and  $p : M \rightarrow N$  be the projection. Let  $n \in Nil(N)$  and  $f : nR \rightarrow N$  be homomorphism. There exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(nR)^k = 0$ . We have  $(nR)^k = \sum \{f(nR) \mid f \in Hom(N, (nR)^{k-1})\} = 0$ . On the other hand, for every  $g \in Hom(M, (nR)^{k-1})$ , then  $g(nR) = g\iota(nR) \leq \sum \{f(nR) \mid f \in Hom(N, (nR)^{k-1})\} = (nR)^k$ , which implies

$$\sum \{f(nR) \mid f \in Hom(M, (nR)^{k-1})\} = 0.$$

Therefore  $n \in Nil(M)$ . Since  $M$  is a quasi nil-injective module, there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} \in End(M)$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in nR$ . We have  $p\bar{f}\iota \in End(N)$  and  $p\bar{f}\iota(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in nR$ . Thus  $N$  is a quasi nil-injective module. ■

**Lemma 2.8.** *Assume that  $\phi : N \rightarrow M$  is an isomorphism and  $A, B \leq N$ . Then*

$$\phi(AB) = \phi(A)\phi(B) \text{ and } \phi(A^k) = \phi(A)^k.$$

**Proof.** By the definition of the product  $AB$  we have  $AB = \sum\{f(B) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(N, A)\}$  and  $\phi(A)\phi(B) = \sum\{g(\phi(B)) \mid g \in \text{Hom}(M, \phi(A))\}$ . Then  $\phi(AB) = \sum\{\phi(f(B)) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(N, A)\}$ . Next, let  $f \in \text{Hom}(N, A)$  and  $g = \phi|_A f \phi^{-1}$ . Then we have  $g \in \text{Hom}(M, \phi(A))$  and  $g(\phi(B)) = \phi|_A f \phi^{-1}(\phi(B)) = \phi|_A f(B) = \phi(f(B))$ . This implies  $\phi(AB) \leq \phi(A)\phi(B)$ . On the other hand, for each  $g \in \text{Hom}(M, \phi(A))$ , set  $f = \phi^{-1}|_{\phi(A)} g \phi$ , we have  $f \in \text{Hom}(N, A)$ . So  $\phi(f(B)) = \phi\phi^{-1}|_{\phi(A)} g \phi(B) = g\phi(B)$  and hence  $g\phi(B) \leq \phi(A)\phi(B)$ . It implies that

$$\phi(A)\phi(B) \leq \phi(AB).$$

Thus  $\phi(AB) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$ .

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(A^2) &= \phi(A)\phi(A) = \phi(A)^2 \\ \phi(A^3) &= \phi(A^2A) = \phi(A^2)\phi(A) = \phi(A)^2\phi(A) = \phi(A)^3 \\ &\vdots \\ \phi(A^k) &= \phi(A)^k. \end{aligned}$$

■

Use the above lemma we have:

**Proposition 2.9.** *Every module, which is isomorphic to a quasi nil-injective module, is quasi nil-injective.*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a quasi nil-injective module,  $N$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $\phi : N \rightarrow M$  be an isomorphism. Assume that  $n \in \text{Nil}(N)$  and  $f : nR \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism. There exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(nR)^k = 0$ . By the Lemma 2.8 we have  $\phi(nR)^k = \phi((nR)^k) = 0$ . It implies that  $(\phi(n)R)^k = 0$  or  $\phi(n) \in \text{Nil}(M)$ . Since  $M$  is quasi nil-injective, there exists a homomorphism  $g \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $g$  is an extension of the homomorphism  $\phi f(\phi^{-1}|_{\phi(n)R})$ . Let  $\bar{f} = \phi^{-1}g\phi \in \text{End}(N)$ . For every  $x \in R$  we have  $\bar{f}(nx) = \phi^{-1}g\phi(nx) = \phi^{-1}(\phi f(\phi^{-1}|_{\phi(n)R}))(\phi(nx)) = f(nx)$ . Thus  $\bar{f}$  is an extension of  $f$ . Hence  $N$  is a quasi nil-injective module. ■

It is well-known that a minimal right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is either a direct summand of  $R$  or  $I^2 = 0$ . The following theorem gives us the same result as in the ring for the module.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $N$  be a simple submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is either a direct summand of  $M$  or  $N^2 = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $N$  be a simple submodule of  $M$ . Assume that  $N^2 \neq 0$ , so  $\sum\{f(N) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)\} \neq 0$ . Then there exists a homomorphism

$f : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $f(N) \neq 0$ . Since  $N$  is simple,  $f(N) = N$ . We have  $N = f(N) = f(M)$  and  $M = N + \text{Ker}f$ . On the other hand, we have  $N \cap \text{Ker}f = \text{Ker}(f|_N)$  and  $f|_N : N \rightarrow N$  be an isomorphism (because  $N$  is simple). Thus  $N \cap \text{Ker}f = 0$  and so  $M = N \oplus \text{Ker}f$ . ■

Apply the theorem above we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.11.** *Every quasi nil-injective module is quasi mininjective.*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a quasi nil-injective module and  $f : mR \rightarrow M$  be a homomorphism with  $mR$  be a simple submodule of  $M$ . By Theorem 2.10,  $mR$  is either a direct summand of  $M$  or  $(mR)^2 = 0$ . If  $mR$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $f\pi : M \rightarrow M$  (with  $\pi : M \rightarrow mR$  the canonical projection) is an extension of  $f$ . If  $(mR)^2 = 0$ , we have  $m \in \text{Nil}(M)$ . By hypothesis  $f$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $M \rightarrow M$ . ■

Assume that  $N$  is a simple submodule of  $M$ . The notation

$$\text{Soc}_N(M) = \sum \{X \leq M \mid X \simeq N\}$$

is called homogeneous components of  $\text{Soc}(M)$  contains  $N$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** *Assume that  $M$  is a quasi nil-injective module and  $S = \text{End}(M)$ . Then:*

- (1) *If  $N$  is a simple submodule of  $M$ , then  $\text{Soc}_N(M) = SN$ .*
- (2) *If  $mR$  is a simple submodule of  $M_R$ , then  $Sm$  is a simple submodule of  ${}_S M$ .*
- (3)  *$\text{Soc}(M_R) \leq \text{Soc}({}_S M)$ .*

**Proof.** (1). We always have  $SN \leq \text{Soc}_N(M)$ . Assume that  $f : N \rightarrow N_1$  is an isomorphism with  $N_1 \leq M$ . By Corollary 2.11,  $M$  is a quasi mininjective module, there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : M \rightarrow M$  which is an extension of  $f$ . So  $N_1 = f(N) = \bar{f}(N) \leq SN$  and we have  $\text{Soc}_N(M) \leq SN$ .

(2). Assume that  $mR$  is a simple submodule of  $M_R$  and  $0 \neq \alpha(m) \in Sm$  for  $\alpha \in S$ . Then  $\alpha : mR \rightarrow \alpha(m)R$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $\alpha(m)R$  is a simple submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is quasi nil-injective,  $M$  is quasi mininjective, there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{\alpha} : M \rightarrow M$  is an extension of  $\alpha^{-1} : \alpha(m)R \rightarrow mR$ . Then  $m = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(m)) = \bar{\alpha}(\alpha(m)) \in S\alpha m$ . Thus  $Sm = S\alpha m$  or  $Sm$  is a simple submodule of  ${}_S M$ .

(3) is deduced from (2). ■

**Corollary 2.13** ([5, Proposition 1.3]). *Assume that  $M$  is a principally quasi-injective module and  $S = \text{End}(M)$ . Then:*

- (1) If  $N$  is a simple submodule of  $M$ , then  $Soc_N(M) = SN$ .
- (2) If  $mR$  is a simple submodule of  $M_R$ , then  $Sm$  is a simple submodule of  ${}_S M$ .
- (3)  $Soc(M_R) \leq Soc({}_S M)$ .

### 3. Quasi nil-injective rings

Let  $R$  be a ring, we denote

$$Nil(R_R) = \{x \in R \mid (xR)^n = 0\}.$$

In general,

$$Nil(R_R) \neq Nil({}_R R),$$

but if  $R$  is a commutative ring then denote

$$Nil(R) = Nil(R_R) = Nil({}_R R).$$

We first note that  $Nil(R)$  is different from  $N(R)$  (the set of all nilpotent elements of  $R$ ) by the following example:

**Example 3.1.** Let  $R = M_n(F)$ ,  $F$  be a field. Since  $J(R) = 0$ ,  $Nil(R) = 0$ . However,  $N(R) \neq 0$  because it contains the triangular matrix with the zero elements on the main diagonal.

**Definition 3.2.** A ring  $R$  is called *right quasi nil-injective* if  $R_R$  is quasi nil-injective, i.e., if each  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  and each homomorphism  $f : aR \rightarrow R$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\bar{f} : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in aR$ .

The definition of a nil-injective ring was introduced by Wei and Chen ([7]) and we have:

$$\text{nil-injective} \Rightarrow \text{quasi nil-injective}.$$

Note that every ring that has zero Jacobson radical is a quasi nil-injective ring. We have the characterizations of quasi nil-injective ring:

**Theorem 3.3.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring.
- (2)  $l(r(a)) = Ra$  for every  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ .



- (3) If  $r(a) \leq r(b)$  for each  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ ,  $b \in M$ , then  $Rb \leq Ra$ .
- (4)  $l(r(a) \cap bR) = Ra + l(b)$  for every  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in Nil(R_R)$ .
- (5)  $l(r(a) \cap bR) = Ra + l(b)$  for every  $a, b \in R$  with  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) by Theorem 2.5.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) by Proposition 2.6.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $a, b \in R$  with  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . Then  $ab \in Nil(R_R)$  by Lemma 2.3.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  and  $f : aR \rightarrow R_R$  be a homomorphism. Then  $r(a) \leq r(f(a))$ . By (4) we have  $f(a) \in lr(f(a)) \leq lr(a) = l(r(a) \cap 1.R) = Ra$ . It follows that  $f$  can be extended to  $R_R$ . ■

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  be a direct product of rings. Then  $R$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring if and only if  $R_i$  is right quasi nil-injective for all  $i \in I$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.3,  $l(r(a_i)) = R_i a_i$ , for all  $a_i \in Nil((R_i)_{R_i})$ ,  $i \in I$ . For each  $b_i \in Nil(R_R)$ ,  $b_i = (0, 0, \dots, a_i, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $i \in I$  we have  $Rb_i = (\prod_{i \in I} R_i) b_i = \prod_{i \in I} (R_i b_i) = \prod_{i \in I} (R_i a_i) = \prod_{i \in I} l(r(a_i)) = l(r(\prod_{i \in I} a_i)) = l(r(b_i))$ . So we are done. ■

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring. If  $ReR = R$  where  $e^2 = e \in R$  then  $eRe$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring.

**Proof.** Let  $a \in Nil(S)$ , where  $S = eRe$ , then  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  and so  $l_{R^R} r_R(a) = Ra$  by Theorem 3.3. We will show that  $Sa = l_{S^S} r_S(a)$ . In fact, let  $x \in l_{S^S} r_S(a)$ . then  $r_R(x) \leq r_S(x) \leq r_S(a)$ . Now let  $y \in r_R(x)$  then  $xy = 0$ . Write  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i e v_i$ ,  $u_i, v_i \in R$ . Clearly  $ay u_i e = a e y u_i e = 0$  for all  $i$ , because  $r_S(x) \leq r_S(a)$ . Therefore  $ay = ay 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n ay u_i e v_i = 0$ , so  $y \in r_R(a)$ . This implies that  $r_R(x) \leq r_R(a)$ , so  $x \in l_{R^R} r_R(x) \leq l_{R^R} r_R(a) = Ra$ . Therefore  $x = ex \in eRa = eRea = Sa$ , which so that  $l_{S^S} r_S(a) \leq Sa$ . Hence  $Sa = l_{S^S} r_S(a)$  and so  $eRe = S$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring. ■

Call a ring  $R$  a left minannihilator ring [9] if every minimal left ideal  $K$  of  $R$  is an annihilator, equivalent if  $lr(K) = K$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Every right quasi nil-injective ring is left minannihilator.

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring. Assume that  $Rk$  is a minimal left ideal of  $R$ . If  $(Rk)^2 \neq 0$  then  $Rk = Re$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . So  $lr(Rk) = lr(k) = lr(Re) = lr(e) = Re = Rk$ . If  $(Rk)^2 = 0$  then  $(kR)^3 = 0$  and so  $k \in Nil(R_R)$ . Then  $lr(Rk) = lr(k) = Rk$ . This implies that  $R$  is a left minannihilator ring. ■

**Corollary 3.7.** *Every right quasi nil-injective ring is right mininjective.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring. To prove that  $R$  is a right mininjective ring, we need to show that every minimal right ideal  $kR$  of  $R$ ,  $Rk = lr(k)$ . Now, assume that  $kR$  is any minimal right ideal of  $R$ . If  $(kR)^2 = 0$ , then  $k \in Nil(R_R)$ . By hypothesis and Theorem 3.2,  $Rk = lr(k)$ ; we are done. If  $(kR)^2 \neq 0$ , then  $kR = eR$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Write  $e = kc, c \in R$ . Then  $k = ek = kck$ . Set  $g = ck$ . Then  $g^2 = g, k = kg$  and  $Rk = Rg$ . Hence  $r(k) = r(g)$  and so  $Rk = Rg = lr(g) = lr(k)$ ; we are also done. Therefore  $R$  is a right mininjective ring. ■

**Remark 3.8.** If  $R$  is not a right quasi nil-injective ring then the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is not quasi nil-injective. Indeed, by hypothesis, there exists  $0 \neq a \in Nil(R_R)$  such that  $l_R r_R(a) \neq Ra$  and  $(aR)^n = 0$ , so  $[a(R[x])]^n = 0$  and  $a \in Nil(R[x]_{R[x]})$ . 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 quasi nil-injective. But we have  $S_r(R[x]) = 0$ , so  $R[x]$  is a right mininjective ring. Hence there exists a right mininjective ring which is not right quasi nil-injective.

**Example 3.9.** Let  $V$  be a 2-dimensional vector space over a field  $K$ . Denote  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} k & v \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix} \mid k \in K, v \in V \right\}$ . Then  $R$  is a commutative ring. Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $(xR)^2 = 0$  and  $lr(x) \neq Rx$ . It follows that  $R$  is not quasi nil-injective. Thus the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is a mininjective ring but not quasi nil-injective.

**Corollary 3.10.** *Every right quasi nil-injective ring is right minsymmetric.*

**Proof.** It follows from [9, Propotion 2.4] and Corollary 3.7. ■

A ring  $R$  is called right Johns [10] if it is right noetherian and every right ideal is an annihilator.

**Corollary 3.11.** *Every right John, right quasi nil-injective ring is Quasi-Frobenious.*

**Proof.** By Corollary 3.7 and [10, Theorem 4.6]. ■

Call  $R$  right  $MC_2$  ring [11] if  $eRa = 0$  implies  $aRe = 0$ , where  $a, e^2 = e \in R, eR$  is a minimal right ideal of  $R$ .

**Corollary 3.12.** *Every right quasi nil-injective ring is right  $MC_2$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $R$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring,  $eRa = 0, a \in R$  and  $eR$  is a minimal right ideal of  $R$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . We should be pointed out

that  $aRe = 0$ . If  $aRe \neq 0$  then there exists a  $b \in R$  such that  $abe \neq 0$ . We have  $abe \in Nil(R_R)$  so  $Rabe = lr(abe)$  (by hypothesis). Since  $r(e) = r(abe)$  so  $Re = Rabe$ . Therefore  $Re = ReRe = ReRabe = 0$ , which is a contradiction. So we are done. ■

Call a ring  $R$   $n$ -regular [7] if  $a \in aRa$  for all  $a \in N(R)$ . A ring  $R$  is called reduced [7] if  $N(R) = 0$ .

**Proposition 3.13.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- 1)  $Nil(R_R) = 0$ .
- 2)  $\forall a \in Nil(R_R), a \in aRa$ .
- 3)  $R$  is a semiprime ring.

*These statement are equivalent if throughout "right" is replaced by "left".*

**Proof.** 1)  $\implies$  2) is clear.

2)  $\implies$  3) Let  $I$  be a nilpotent ideal of  $R$  and  $a \in I$ . Then  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . By hypothesis,  $a \in aRa$ . There exists an  $r \in R$  such that  $a = ara$ . Then  $(ar)^2 = ar$ , i.e.,  $ar$  is an idempotent. In the other hand,  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  so  $(ar)^n = 0$ . It follows that  $a = 0$  then  $I = 0$ . In this case the ring  $R$  has no nilpotents ideals then  $R$  is a semiprime ring.

3)  $\implies$  1) As we know that in a semiprime ring, the only nilpotent right or left ideal is 0. Hence  $Nil(R_R) = 0$ . ■

It is clear that every  $n$ -regular ring is semiprime but the converse does not true in general (see [7]). In case of  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ , we also have the similar definition: Call a ring  $R$  nil-regular if  $a \in aRa$  for all  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  ( $a \in Nil(R_R)$ ). It is easy to see that  $n$ -regular  $\implies$  nil-regular and the converse doesn't hold, in general.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is right  $PP$  [7] if every principal right ideal of  $R$  is projective as a right  $R$ -module. A ring  $R$  is right  $PS$  [12] if every minimal right ideal is projective as a right  $R$ -module. A ring  $R$  is right  $PP$  if every principal right ideal of  $R$  is projective as a right  $R$ -module. A ring  $R$  is said to be right  $NPP$  [7] if  $Ra_R$  is projective for all  $a \in N(R)$ .

Call a ring  $aR_R$  right  $NilPP$  if  $aR_R$  is projective for all  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . Hence right  $PP$  rings, Von Neumann regular rings, reduced rings and right  $NPP$  rings are right  $NilPP$ .

**Proposition 3.14.**

- (1) *Every right  $NilPP$  ring is right non-singular.*
- (2) *Every right  $NilPP$  ring is right  $PS$ .*
- (3) *Let  $R$  be a ring such that the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is a right  $NilPP$  ring. Then  $R$  is a right  $NilPP$  ring.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $0 \neq a \in Z_r(R) = \{a \in R \mid r(a) \leq^e R\}$  so all  $u \in R, au = 0$  then  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . Since  $R$  is right *NilPP*,  $aR$  is projective. So  $r(a)$  is a direct summand of  $R$  as a right  $R$ -module. But  $a \in Z_r(R), r(a)$  must be essential in  $R_R$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $Z_r(R) = 0$ , so  $R$  is a non-singular ring.

(2) By (2)  $Z_r(R) = 0$  and  $Z_r(R) \cap S_r(R) = 0$ . By [13],  $R$  is a right *PS* ring.

(3) Let  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ , we must verify that  $r_R(a) = eR, e^2 = e \in R$ . Indeed, we have  $a \in Nil(R[x]_{R[x]})$ , and  $r_{R[x]}(a) = gR[x]$ , by hypothesis. Let  $g = g_0 + g_1x + g_2x^2 + \dots + g_nx^n$  where  $g_i \in R, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus  $g_0^2 = g_0$  and  $r_R(a) = g_0R$ , which implies that  $R$  is a right *NilPP* ring. ■

**Example 3.15.** Let  $F$  be a division ring and  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ . It is easy to

see that  $Nil(R_R) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $R$  is not right quasi nil-injective. In fact,

let  $0 \neq x \in F$ , then  $R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Fx \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $lr\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ F & F \end{pmatrix}$ . Clearly,  $R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq lr\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ . On the other hand,  $R$  is right *PP* so  $R$  is right *NilPP*.

A module  $M_R$  is called quasi-nil- $R$ -injective if, for any  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ , then every homomorphism from  $aR$  to  $M$  can be extended to  $R_R$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is a semiprime ring.
- (2) Every right  $R$ -module is quasi nil- $R$ -injective.
- (3) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is quasi nil- $R$ -injective.
- (4)  $R$  is a right quasi nil-injective, right *NilPP* ring.

*These statement are equivalent if throughout "right" is replaced by "left".*

**Proof.** (1)  $\implies$  (2). Assume that  $M$  is a right  $R$ -module and  $f : aR \rightarrow M$  is any right  $R$ -homomorphism for  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . By (1),  $a = aba, b \in R$ . Write  $e = ab$  then  $e^2 = abab = ab = e$  and  $a = ea$ . Set  $m = f(e)$  then  $f(x) = mx$  which implies that  $M_R$  is quasi nil- $R$ -injective.

(2)  $\implies$  (3). It is clear.

(3)  $\implies$  (4). Clearly  $R$  is a right quasi nil-injective ring by (3). Assume that  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  then  $aR$  is quasi nil-injective by (3). Call  $f : aR \rightarrow aR$  the identity map. By (3), there exists a homomorphism  $g : R_R \rightarrow aR$  such that  $g$  is an extension of  $f$ . It follows that  $a = f(a) = g(1)a \in aRa$ . Write  $g(1) = ab$  for some  $b \in R$ . Then  $a = ca = aba, c^2 = baba = ba = c$  and  $aR = cR$  is a projective right  $R$ -module.

(4)  $\implies$  (1) Suppose that  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ . By (4) and Theorem 3.3,  $Ra = lr(a)$ . Since  $R$  is a right *NilPP* ring,  $r(a) = (1-e)R$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Therefore  $Ra = Re$ . Write  $e = ca$ ,  $c \in R$  then  $a = ae = aca \in aRa$ , which implies that  $R$  is a semiprime ring.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 3.17.** The class of quasi nil- $R$ -injective modules and of nil-injective module are different. Since if they are the same then the class of semiprime rings and the class of  $n$ -regular coincides. It can't happen since in [7], there exists a semiprime ring which is not  $n$ -regular. For example, the trivial extension  $R = T(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty})$  is semiprime which is not  $n$ -regular.

Call a ring  $R$  right *NilC*<sub>2</sub> if  $aR_R$  projective implies  $aR = eR$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$  for all  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ .

**Example 3.18.** The trivial extension  $R = T(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty})$  is a commutative ring. Since  $Nil(R_R) \subseteq J(R)$ ,  $R$  is right *NilC*<sub>2</sub>.

**Proposition 3.19.**

- (1) Every right quasi nil-injective, right *NilPP* ring is right *NilC*<sub>2</sub>.
- (2) Every right *NilC*<sub>2</sub> ring is right *MC*<sub>2</sub>.
- (3) If  $R[x]$  is a right *NilC*<sub>2</sub> ring, then so is  $R$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring. Suppose that  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  and  $aR_R$  is projective. Then  $r(a) = gR$ ,  $g^2 = g \in R$ . By hypothesis and Theorem 3.3, we have  $R(1-g) = l(gR) = lr(a) = Ra$ . Write  $1-g = ca$  and  $e = ac$ . Then  $a = a(1-g) = aca = ea$ ,  $e^2 = e$  and  $aR = eR$ . It implies that  $R$  is a right *NilC*<sub>2</sub> ring.

(2) By definition.

(3) Suppose that  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  and  $aR_R$  is projective. Then  $r_R(a) = eR$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Since  $r_{R[x]}(a) = eR[x]$  and  $a \in Nil(R[x]_{R[x]})$ ,  $aR[x]_{R[x]}$  is projective. Therefore  $aR[x] = hR[x]$ ,  $h^2 = h \in R[x]$  by hypothesis. Let  $h = h_0 + h_1x + h_2x^2 + \dots + h_nx^n$  where  $h_i \in R$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Clearly  $aR = h_0R$ ,  $h_0^2 = h_0$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Proposition 3.20.**

- (1)  $R$  is a semiprime ring if and only if  $R$  is a right *NilC*<sub>2</sub>, right *NilPP* ring.
- (2) If  $R$  is a semiprime ring, then  $Nil(R_R) \cap J(R) = 0$ .

**Proof.** (1) By Theorem 3.19 we have every semiprime ring is a right *NilC*<sub>2</sub>, right *NilPP* ring. Conversely, let  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ , since  $R$  is right *NilPP*,  $aR_R$  is projective. Since  $R$  is a right *NilC*<sub>2</sub> ring,  $aR = eR$ ,  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Thus  $a = ea \in aRa$ . Hence  $R$  is a semiprime ring by Proposition 3.16.

(2) It is obvious.  $\blacksquare$

**Proposition 3.21.** *Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring and  $a \in Nil(R_R)$ ,  $b \in R$ .*

- (1) *If  $\sigma : aR \rightarrow bR$  is epic then there exists  $\phi : Rb \rightarrow Ra$  is monic.*
- (2) *If  $aR \cong bR$  then  $Rb \cong Ra$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Call  $u \in R$  with  $\sigma(x) = u(x)$  for all  $x \in aR$ . There exists  $v \in R$  such that  $ua = \sigma(a) = bv$ .  $\phi(y) = yv, y \in Rb, v \in R$ . Then  $\phi(rb) = rbv = r\sigma(a) = rua \in Ra$  so  $\phi$  is a left  $R$ -homomorphism. If  $\phi(rb) = 0$  then  $rua = rbv = 0$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an epimorphism, then  $b = \sigma(ac), c \in R, b = uac$  and  $rb = ruac = 0$  which implies that  $\phi$  is a monic.

(2) Let  $\phi, u, v, \sigma$  as (1). By hypothesis,  $a \in Nil(R_R)$  then  $\sigma(a) \in Nil(R_R)$ . Since  $r(a) = r(\sigma(a)), R\sigma(a) = lr(\sigma(a)) = lr(a) = Ra$ . Thus  $Ra = Rua$ , which implies that  $\phi$  is epic. So  $\phi$  is isomorphism. ■

**Proposition 3.22.** *Let  $R$  be a right quasi nil-injective ring.*

- (1) *If  $K$  is a singular simple right ideal of  $R$ , then  $RK$  is the homogeneous component of  $S_l(R)$  containing  $K$ .*
- (2) *If  $R$  is  $I$ -finite, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  is semisimple and every simple right ideal of  $R_2$  is nilpotent.*

**Proof.** (1) Assume  $K = kR, k \in R$  and  $\sigma : K \rightarrow S$  be a right  $R$ -homomorphism, where  $S$  is a right ideal of  $R$ . By hypothesis  $K$  is a singular right ideal of  $R$ , we have  $K^2 = 0$  so  $(kR)^2 = 0$ , then  $k, \sigma(k) \in Nil(R_R)$ . By Theorem 3.3,  $Rk = lr(k) = lr(\sigma(k)) = R\sigma(k)$ . Hence  $S = \sigma(k)R \subseteq RkR \subseteq RK$ , so  $K$ -component is in  $RK$ . The other inclusion always holds.

- (2) By Corollary 3.10, this is an immediate consequence of [9, Theorem 1.12]. ■

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