

## RINGS CHARACTERISED BY SEMIPRIMITIVE MODULES

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A module  $M$  is called a CS-module if every submodule of  $M$  is essential in a direct summand of  $M$ . It is shown that a ring  $R$  is semilocal if and only if every semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is CS. Furthermore, it is also shown that the following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ : (i)  $R$  is semiprimary and every right (or left)  $R$ -module is injective; (ii) every countably generated semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of a projective module and an injective module.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is called a *semiprimitive* module if the Jacobson radical of  $M$  is zero. If every semiprimitive right module over a ring  $R$  is injective, then  $R$  is a semisimple ring by [8]. However if we weaken injectivity to quasi-injectivity then we only obtain a characterisation of semilocal rings which is quite far from being semisimple. We prove the following:

**THEOREM 1.** *For a ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *Every semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is quasi-injective.*
- (b) *Every semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is CS.*
- (c) *Every 2-generated semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is quasi-continuous.*
- (d)  *$R$  is a semilocal ring.*
- (e) *The left-handed version of any one of (a), (b) and (c).*

A ring  $R$  is called a *right (left) SI-ring* if every singular right (left)  $R$ -module is injective. In [4] it is shown that a ring  $R$  is right Artinian, right and left SI if every countably generated right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of a projective module and an injective module. Motivated by this we establish the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.** *For a ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *Every semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of a projective module and an injective module.*

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- (ii) Every countably generated semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of a projective module and an injective module.
- (iii)  $R$  is a semiprimary right and left SI-ring.
- (iv) The left-handed version of either (i) or (ii).

We note that if every 2-generated right  $R$ -module is quasi-continuous, then in particular, for each cyclic  $R$ -module  $X$ ,  $X \oplus R$  is quasi-continuous and hence  $X$  is injective by [9, Proposition 2.10] and therefore  $R$  is semisimple by [10, Theorem]. Also we observe that if the hypothesis in (c) of Theorem 1 is weakened to *cyclic* semiprimitive right  $R$ -modules then the ring  $R$  is not necessarily semilocal. For example, considering the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers we see that even each cyclic  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is quasi-continuous. However  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not (semi)local. For a detailed study of rings (respectively, finitely generated quasi-projective modules) whose cyclic modules (respectively, factor modules) are quasi-continuous we refer to [6, 12] and authors cited therein.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper we consider associative rings with identity and all modules are unitary. For a module  $M$  we write  $M_R$  (respectively,  ${}_R M$ ) to indicate that  $M$  is a right (respectively, left)  $R$ -module where  $R$  is a ring. The *socle* and the *Jacobson radical* of  $M$  are denoted by  $\text{Soc}(M)$  and  $J(M)$ , respectively. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules and  $I$  be an index set. Then  $M^{(I)}$  denotes the direct sum of  $|I|$  copies of  $M$ , and  $N$  is called  *$M$ -generated* if there exist an index set, say  $I$ , and an epimorphism from  $M^{(I)}$  to  $N$ .

A module  $M$  is called *semisimple* if  $M = \text{Soc}(M)$ . For a ring  $R$ ,  $R$  is said to be a *semisimple* ring if  $R = \text{Soc}(R_R)$ , or equivalently if  $R = \text{Soc}({}_R R)$ . A ring  $R$  is called *semilocal* if  $R/J(R)$  is semisimple. If  $R$  is semilocal and  $J(R)$  is nilpotent then  $R$  is said to be *semiprimary*.

A submodule  $E$  of a module  $M$  is called an *essential* submodule of  $M$  if  $E \cap U \neq 0$  for each non-zero submodule  $U$  of  $M$ . By definition, the *singular* submodule of  $M_R$  is the following set:

$$Z(M_R) = \{a \in M \mid aK = 0 \text{ for some essential right ideal } K \text{ of } R\}.$$

If  $Z(M) = M$ ,  $M$  is called a *singular* module. By [3] a module  $M$  is singular if and only if there exists a module  $A$  containing an essential submodule  $B$  such that  $M \cong A/B$ . By the definition we also see that a non-zero singular module does not contain non-zero projective submodules. In case  $Z(M) = 0$ ,  $M$  is called a *non-singular* module. A ring  $R$  is called *right non-singular* if  $Z(R_R) = 0$ .

Following Goodearl [3] we call a ring  $R$  *right (left) SI* if every singular right (left)  $R$ -module is injective. The structure of right SI-rings is obtained in [3, Theorem 3.1]

as follows: A ring  $R$  is right SI if and only if  $R$  is right non-singular and has a ring direct sum decomposition  $R = K \oplus R_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$  where  $K/\text{Soc}(K_K)$  is semisimple and each  $R_i$  is Morita-equivalent to a right SI-domain.

The Jacobson radical  $J(M)$  of a module  $M$  is the intersection of all maximal submodules of  $M$ . A module  $M$  is called *semiprimitive* if  $J(M) = 0$ . If  $R$  is a right V-ring, that is, every simple right  $R$ -module is injective, then every right  $R$ -module is semiprimitive (see [8]). From this fact and Osofsky's result in [11] we easily see that a ring  $R$  is semisimple if and only if every cyclic semiprimitive right  $R$ -module is injective.

A module  $M_R$  is defined to be a *CS-module* if each submodule of  $M$  is contained as an essential submodule in a direct summand of  $M$ . A ring  $R$  is called a *right CS-ring* if  $R_R$  is a CS-module. Let  $M$  be a module and  $N$  be any submodule of  $M$ . Then by Zorn's Lemma  $N$  has a *maximal essential extension*  $N^*$  in  $M$ , that is,  $N^*$  is a submodule of  $M$  which is maximal with respect to the condition that  $N \subseteq N^*$  and  $N$  is essential in  $N^*$ . If  $M$  is CS, then  $N^*$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Recently CS-modules have been studied extensively. We refer to [10] and [12] to show how useful this concept is.

Finally a CS-module  $M_R$  is called *quasi-continuous* if for any two direct summands  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of  $M$  also  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$  whenever  $M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$ .

For general background we refer to the texts by Anderson and Fuller [1], Faith [2], Goodearl [3], Mohamed and Müller [9] and Wisbauer [13].

### 3. THE PROOFS

First we prove Theorem 1.

The implications (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) are clear.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Assume (b). Put  $\bar{R} = R/J(R)$ . Then  $\bar{R}_R$  and  $\bar{R}_{\bar{R}}$  are semiprimitive modules. Clearly  $\bar{R}$  satisfies (b), too. Hence for each index set  $I$ ,  $\bar{R}_{\bar{R}}^{(I)}$  is a CS right  $\bar{R}$ -module. Now let  $M$  be an arbitrary right  $\bar{R}$ -module. Then there exist an index set  $I$  and an epimorphism  $\varphi$  from  $\bar{R}_{\bar{R}}^{(I)}$  onto  $M_{\bar{R}}$ . Since  $\bar{R}_{\bar{R}}^{(I)}$  is CS, we have

$$\bar{R}_{\bar{R}}^{(I)} = \bar{A} \oplus \bar{B}$$

with  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq \bar{A}$  and  $\ker(\varphi)$  is essential in  $\bar{A}$ , so  $\bar{A}/\ker(\varphi)$  is singular. Hence the isomorphism

$$M \cong \bar{R}_{\bar{R}}^{(I)}/\ker(\varphi) \cong \bar{A}/\ker(\varphi) \oplus \bar{B}$$

shows that  $M$  is a direct sum of a singular module and a projective module. Thus by [10, Theorem 3.18],  $\bar{R}$  is semisimple, proving (d).

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Assume (c). Put  $\bar{R} = R/J(R)$ . Let  $X$  be a simple right  $\bar{R}$ -module. Then  $X \oplus \bar{R}$  is a 2-generated semiprimitive right  $R$ -module. By (c),  $X \oplus \bar{R}$  is quasi-continuous and hence  $X$  is  $\bar{R}$ -injective by [9, Proposition 2.10]. It follows that  $\bar{R}$  is a right V-ring and so every right  $\bar{R}$ -module is semiprimitive (see [8]). Now let  $Y$  be a cyclic right  $\bar{R}$ -module, that is, there exists a right ideal  $A$  of  $R$  containing  $J(R)$  such that  $Y \cong R/A$ . Then  $Y$  is a semiprimitive right  $R$ -module. By (c), the right  $R$ -module  $Y \oplus \bar{R}$  is quasi-continuous and hence  $Y_R$  is  $\bar{R}_R$ -injective. Therefore  $Y_{\bar{R}}$  is injective. This means that every cyclic right  $\bar{R}$ -module is  $\bar{R}$ -injective. By [11],  $\bar{R}$  is semisimple, proving (d).

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Assume (d). Let  $M$  be a semiprimitive right  $R$ -module. Then  $MJ(R) = 0$ , hence  $M$  is also a right  $\bar{R}$ -module, where  $\bar{R} = R/J(R)$ . Thus  $M$  is a direct sum of simple right  $\bar{R}$ -modules. But every simple right  $\bar{R}$ -module is also a simple right module over  $R$ . Therefore  $M_R$  is semisimple and so  $M_R$  is quasi-injective, proving (a).

(d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (e) is clear by the symmetry of (d).

The proof of Theorem 1 is complete.  $\square$

To prove Theorem 2 we consider a more general situation, namely we study SI-modules  $M$  via the corresponding category  $\sigma[M]$ . For a ring  $R$  we denote by  $\text{Mod-}R$  the category of all right  $R$ -modules. Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Following Wisbauer [13] we denote by  $\sigma[M]$  the full subcategory of  $\text{Mod-}R$  whose objects are submodules of  $M$ -generated modules. We fix the module  $M$  and define  $M$ -singularity and  $M$ -nonsingularity in  $\sigma[M]$  as follows.

Let  $N$  be a right  $R$ -module. Then  $N$  is called *singular* in  $\sigma[M]$ , or simply,  *$M$ -singular* if there is a module  $K$  in  $\sigma[M]$  which contains an essential submodule  $L$  such that  $N \cong K/L$ . By this definition every  $M$ -singular right  $R$ -module belongs to  $\sigma[M]$ . For  $M = R$  the notion  *$R$ -singularity* is identical to the usual definition of singular modules in  $\text{Mod-}R$  given in Section 2.

The class of  $M$ -singular modules is closed under submodules, homomorphic images and direct sums (see [13, 17.3 and 17.4]). Hence every module  $N \in \sigma[M]$  contains a *largest  $M$ -singular submodule*, which we denote by  $Z_M(N)$ . If  $Z_M(N) = 0$ ,  $N$  is called  *$M$ -nonsingular*, or *nonsingular* in  $\sigma[M]$ . A module  $M$  is called *hereditary* in  $\sigma[M]$  if every submodule of  $M$  is projective in  $\sigma[M]$  (see [13, 39.1]).

Following [5], we call a module  $M$  an *SI-module* if every  $M$ -singular module is  $M$ -injective. Basic facts about SI-modules can be found in [5]. We begin with the following lemma. (Parts (ii), (iii) and (iv) are known however we include the proof of these here for the sake of completeness.)

**LEMMA 3.** *For a quasi-projective right  $R$ -module  $M$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Every cyclic semiprimitive  $M$ -singular module is  $M$ -injective.
- (ii)  $Z_M(M) = 0$  and each  $M$ -singular module is semisimple.
- (iii)  $M$  is an SI-module.

If  $M$  is projective in  $\sigma[M]$  then (i), (ii) and (iii) are equivalent to:

- (iv)  $M$  is hereditary in  $\sigma[M]$  and each  $M$ -singular module is semisimple.

PROOF: (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Assume (i). Then in particular, every simple  $M$ -singular module is  $M$ -injective. Now let  $X$  be a cyclic  $M$ -singular module. Using an argument in [8] we first verify that  $X$  is semiprimitive. Let  $0 \neq x \in X$ . Then by Zorn's Lemma there exists a submodule  $U$  of  $X$  which is maximal with respect to  $x \notin U$ . Hence  $(xR + U)/U$  is simple, so by (i),  $(xR + U)/U$  is  $M$ -injective. It follows that there exists of a submodule  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $U$  such that

$$X/U = (xR + U)/U \oplus V/U.$$

If  $V \neq U$ , then  $x \in V$ , a contradiction. Hence  $V = U$ , which shows that  $U$  is a maximal submodule of  $X$ . From this we infer that  $J(X) = 0$ . Hence by (i),  $X$  is  $M$ -injective. Moreover, it follows that every cyclic submodule of any factor module of  $X$  is also  $M$ -injective. From this and [1, Proposition 16.13] it follows that every cyclic submodule of any factor module of  $X$  is  $X$ -injective. Hence by using [12, Theorem 1] we see that  $X$  is semisimple. This implies that every  $M$ -singular module is semisimple.

If  $Z_M(M) \neq 0$ , then by the previous argument,  $M$  contains a minimal  $M$ -injective  $M$ -singular submodule  $S$ . However  $S$  is then a direct summand of  $M$  and so  $S$  is  $M$ -projective, which is a contradiction. Hence  $Z_M(M) = 0$ , proving (ii).

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). Assume (ii). Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -singular module and  $\varphi$  be a homomorphism from a submodule  $E$  of  $M$  to  $N$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $E$  is essential in  $M$ . Since  $E/\ker(\varphi)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $N$  and  $M$  is  $M$ -nonsingular by (ii), we easily check that  $\ker(\varphi)$  is essential in  $E$  and hence  $\ker(\varphi)$  is essential in  $M$ . By (ii),  $M/\ker(\varphi)$  is then a semisimple module. Hence

$$M/\ker(\varphi) = E/\ker(\varphi) \oplus A/\ker(\varphi)$$

for some submodule  $A$  of  $M$  containing  $\ker(\varphi)$ . From this we easily see that  $\varphi$  can be extended to a homomorphism from  $M$  to  $N$ , proving the  $M$ -injectivity of  $N$ . Thus  $M$  is an SI-module.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) is obvious.

Now if  $M$  is projective in  $\sigma[M]$ , then we prove the following:

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv). Assume (iii). Let  $N$  be an arbitrary submodule of an  $M$ -injective module  $Q$  in  $\sigma[M]$  and denote by  $E(N)$  the  $M$ -injective hull of  $N$  in  $Q$  with  $N \subseteq$

$E(N)$ . Then  $Q = E(N) \oplus Q'$  for some  $M$ -injective submodule  $Q'$  of  $Q$ . Moreover,  $E(N)/N$  is  $M$ -singular and therefore  $M$ -injective. Thus the isomorphism

$$Q/N \cong E(N)/N \oplus Q'$$

shows that  $Q/N$  is  $M$ -injective. By [13, 39.6],  $M$  is then a hereditary module in  $\sigma[M]$ . The fact that every  $M$ -singular module is semisimple can be proved as in the case (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) is clear.

The proof of Lemma 3 is complete. □

**THEOREM 4.** *For a quasi-projective right  $R$ -module  $M$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *Every semiprimitive module in  $\sigma[M]$  is a direct sum of an  $M$ -projective module and an  $M$ -injective module.*
- (b) *Every countably generated semiprimitive module in  $\sigma[M]$  is a direct sum of an  $M$ -projective module and an  $M$ -injective module.*
- (c)  *$M$  is an SI-module such that  $M/\text{Soc}(M)$  is semisimple and every semiprimitive module in  $\sigma[M]$  is semisimple.*

PROOF: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) is obvious.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Assume (b). Then every cyclic semiprimitive  $M$ -singular module must be  $M$ -injective. By Lemma 3,  $M$  is then an SI-module.

Now let  $S = \text{Soc}(M)$ . Assume that  $S$  is not essential in  $M$ . Then there exists a non-zero finitely generated submodule  $W$  of  $M$  such that  $S \cap W = 0$ . Hence  $\text{Soc}(W) = 0$ . Therefore the same argument as in the first part of proving (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) (Lemma 3) shows that  $W$  is semiprimitive. Then by (b),  $W$  contains a non-zero  $M$ -projective direct summand  $U$  which is in particular finitely generated, quasi-projective and  $\text{Soc}(U) = 0$ . Since the object set of  $\sigma[M]$  is closed under direct sums, homomorphic images and subobjects, it follows that  $\sigma[U]$  is a subcategory of  $\sigma[M]$ . Hence, if  $Y$  is a cyclic semiprimitive  $U$ -singular module, then  $Y$  is also  $M$ -singular and so  $Y$  is  $M$ -injective by (b). By [1, Proposition 16.13]  $Y$  is  $U$ -injective. Thus, by Lemma 3,  $U$  is an SI-module. Moreover, since  $\text{Soc}(U) = 0$  we can easily verify that every simple module in  $\sigma[U]$  is  $U$ -injective. Hence, the same argument as that used for proving (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) of Lemma 3 shows that every module in  $\sigma[U]$  is semiprimitive. It follows from this and (b) that every countably generated module in  $\sigma[U]$  is a direct sum of an  $M$ -projective module and an  $M$ -injective module. On the other hand, since  $U$  is a submodule of  $M$ , every  $M$ -projective (respectively,  $M$ -injective) module is also  $U$ -projective (respectively,  $U$ -injective) by [1, Propositions 16.12 and 16.13]. Thus every countably generated module in  $\sigma[U]$  is a direct sum of a  $U$ -projective module and a  $U$ -injective module.

Now, by [5, Theorem 2.2] we may assume without loss of generality that  $U$  has no non-zero fully invariant proper submodules and then  $\sigma[U]$  is Morita-equivalent with  $\text{Mod-}T$  for some right SI-domain  $T$  which is not a division ring. It follows that every countably generated right  $T$ -module is a direct sum of a projective module and an injective module. By [4],  $T$  must be a division ring, a contradiction. Thus  $S$  has to be an essential submodule of  $M$  and hence  $M/S$  is semisimple by Lemma 3. This shows furthermore that every module in  $\sigma[M]$  has an essential socle.

Next we show that every cyclic semiprimitive module  $X$  in  $\sigma[M]$  is semisimple. Since  $X/\text{Soc}(X)$  is  $M$ -singular, by Lemma 3,  $X/\text{Soc}(X)$  is semisimple, in particular  $X/\text{Soc}(X)$  has finite (composition) length. Suppose on the contrary that  $X$  is not semisimple. Then,  $X$  is not Artinian. (Note that in this case,  $X$  is semisimple if and only if  $X$  is Artinian.) Hence  $\text{Soc}(X)$  is infinitely generated. Obviously, there exist finitely many elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in  $X$  such that

$$X = x_1R + \dots + x_nR + \text{Soc}(X)$$

and each  $(x_iR + \text{Soc}(X))/\text{Soc}(X)$  is simple. Put  $U = (x_1R + x_2R + \dots + x_nR) \cap \text{Soc}(X)$ . Then  $\text{Soc}(X) = U \oplus V$  for some submodule  $V$  of  $\text{Soc}(X)$ . It follows that

$$X = (x_1R + \dots + x_nR) \oplus V$$

and so  $V_R$  is of finite length and hence the socle of one of the  $x_iR$ 's must be infinitely generated. We may assume that  $\text{Soc}(x_1R)$  is infinitely generated. Put  $T = x_1R$ . Then we can easily check that also every finitely generated submodule of  $\text{Soc}(T)$  is a direct summand of  $T$ , and it follows from this that  $J(T) = 0$ , that is,  $T$  is semiprimitive. Moreover  $T/\text{Soc}(T)$  is simple. Since  $T$  is semiprimitive,  $T = W \oplus V$  by hypothesis, where  $W$  is  $M$ -injective and  $V$  is  $M$ -projective. Since  $T \in \sigma[M]$  we see from [1, Proposition 16.13] that  $W$  is quasi-injective and from [1, Proposition 16.12] that  $V$  is quasi-projective. Since  $W/\text{Soc}(W)$  is semisimple by Lemma 3,  $W/\text{Soc}(W)$  has finite length. By [7, Lemma 1.1],  $W$  must have finite length;  $W$  is even the finite direct sum of simple modules. Thus in considering  $T$  we may, without loss of generality, assume that  $T = V$  and so  $T$  is  $M$ -projective, in particular  $T$  is quasi-projective.

Now let  $\text{Soc}(T) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} T_i$  where  $I$  is an infinite index set and each  $T_i$  is a minimal submodule of  $T$ . We may assume that  $I$  contains the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers and consider the submodule  $U = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} T_i$  of  $\text{Soc}(T)$ . Let  $S = \text{End}_R(T)$ . By the assumptions on  $T$ , that is  $T$  is semiprimitive and quasi-projective, we can use [1, Proposition 17.11] to see that  $J(S) = 0$ , in particular  $S$  does not contain non-zero one-sided nilpotent ideals and so  $S$  is semiprime. We use this to consider  $U$  as below. Since each minimal submodule  $T_i$  of  $U$  is a direct summand of  $T$ , for each  $T_i$  there exists an idempotent

$f_i \in S$  such that  $f_i T = T_i$ . Moreover, since  $f_i$  is the identity of  $End_R(f_i T)$ , it is easy to see that  $End_R(f_i T) \cong f_i S f_i$ , that is,  $f_i S f_i$  is a division ring and therefore for such idempotents  $f_i$ ,  $f_i S$  are minimal right ideals of  $S$ . Then by a standard argument we can show that there exists a system  $\{e_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of orthogonal idempotents in  $S$  such that each  $e_i T$  is minimal and

$$U = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} e_i T.$$

Now we divide  $\mathbb{N}$  into two infinite subsets  $\mathbb{N}_1$  and  $\mathbb{N}_2$  such that  $\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}_1 \cup \mathbb{N}_2$  and  $\mathbb{N}_1 \cap \mathbb{N}_2 = \emptyset$ . Put

$$U_1 = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}_1} e_i T \text{ and } U_2 = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{N}_2} e_j T.$$

For each finite subset  $F_\alpha$  of  $\mathbb{N}_1$  put  $e_\alpha = \sum_{i \in F_\alpha} e_i$ . Then  $e_\alpha$  is an idempotent and so  $T = e_\alpha T \oplus V_\alpha$  with  $V_\alpha = (1 - e_\alpha)T$ . It follows that  $U_2 \subseteq V_\alpha$ . Let  $V = \bigcap V_\alpha$  where  $\alpha$  runs through all indices of finite subsets  $F_\alpha$  of  $\mathbb{N}_1$ . Then we have  $U_2 \subseteq V$  and

$$\bar{T} := T/V = \left( \left( \bigoplus_{i \in F_\alpha} e_i T \right) + V \right) / V \oplus V_\alpha/V.$$

If we denote by  $\bar{U}_1$  the image of  $U_1$  in  $\bar{T}$ , then  $\bar{U}_1 \cap J(\bar{T}) = \bar{0}$ , in particular,  $\bar{T}/J(\bar{T})$  has an infinitely generated socle. By hypothesis, we have

$$\bar{T}/J(\bar{T}) = \tilde{P} \oplus \tilde{Q},$$

where  $\tilde{P}$  is  $M$ -projective and  $\tilde{Q}$  is  $M$ -injective. As we previously saw, the socle of  $\bar{T}/J(\bar{T})$  is infinitely generated. Furthermore, since  $T/\text{Soc}(T)$  is simple, it is easy to see that  $\tilde{Q}/\text{Soc}(\tilde{Q})$  is simple or zero. If  $\tilde{Q}/\text{Soc}(\tilde{Q})$  is zero, then  $\text{Soc}(\tilde{Q}) = \tilde{Q}$  is of finite length, because  $\tilde{Q}$  is cyclic. If  $\tilde{Q}/\text{Soc}(\tilde{Q})$  is simple,  $\text{Soc}(\tilde{Q})$  must be of finite length by [7, Lemma 1.1]. In any case,  $\tilde{Q}$  has finite length and hence the socle of  $\tilde{P}$  is infinitely generated.

Finally, let  $\bar{Q}$  be the inverse image of  $\tilde{Q}$  in  $\bar{T}$  and  $Q$  the inverse image of  $\bar{Q}$  in  $T$ . Then  $V \subseteq Q$ , in particular,  $\text{Soc}(Q)$  is infinitely generated, since  $U_2 \subseteq \text{Soc}(Q)$ . Moreover, since  $T/Q \cong \tilde{P}$  is  $M$ -projective, by [13, 18.3 (d)-(h)] the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Q \hookrightarrow T \rightarrow T/Q \rightarrow 0$$

splits, that is,

$$(1) \quad T = P \oplus Q$$

for some submodule  $P$  of  $T$  with  $P \cong \tilde{P}$ . Since  $T$  is cyclic, we must have by (1) that  $P \neq \text{Soc}(P)$  and  $Q \neq \text{Soc}(Q)$ . Hence  $T/\text{Soc}(T) \cong P/\text{Soc}(P) \oplus Q/\text{Soc}(Q)$  has length at least 2, a contradiction. Thus  $X$  must be Artinian, and so  $X$  is semisimple.

Now let  $N$  be a semiprimitive module in  $\sigma[M]$ . Then every minimal submodule of  $N$  is a direct summand of  $N$ . If  $N$  is not semisimple, then there exists a cyclic submodule  $X$  of  $N$  such that  $X$  is not semisimple. Moreover we can check easily that any minimal submodule of  $X$  is also a direct summand of  $X$ . But  $\text{Soc}(X)$  is essential in  $X$ . Hence  $J(X) = 0$ , that is,  $X$  is semiprimitive. Therefore  $X$  is semisimple as shown above, a contradiction. Thus  $N$  is semisimple, proving (c).

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Assume (c) and let  $N$  be a semiprimitive module in  $\sigma[M]$ . By (c),  $N$  is semisimple. Hence we can write  $N$  in the form

$$N = \left( \bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{j \in J} N_j \right)$$

where each  $N_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) is simple and  $M$ -nonsingular and each  $N_j$  ( $j \in J$ ) is simple and  $M$ -singular. Since  $M$  is a quasi-projective SI-module, it follows that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i$  is  $M$ -projective and  $\bigoplus_{j \in J} N_j$  is  $M$ -injective. This means that we have (a).

The proof of Theorem 4 is complete. □

Now we prove Theorem 2. The implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) is clear. From (ii) it follows that  $R$  is semiprimary and right SI by Theorem 4. By [3, Proposition 3.5]  $R$  is then left SI, that is, we have (iii). The implication (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is also clear by Theorem 4. The equivalence (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv) follows from the symmetry of (iii). Thus the proof is complete. □

Finally we note that it is easy to find a ring as in Theorem 2 which is neither left nor right Artinian. For example, if  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the field of rational numbers and  $\mathbb{Q}(x)$  is the field of fractions of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Then the ring

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Q} & \mathbb{Q}(x) \\ 0 & \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a semiprimary SI-ring which is neither right nor left Artinian.

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