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## A Characterization of Artinian Semisimple Rings \*

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Abstract It is proved that R is Artinian semisimple if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a continuous module and a c-limited ES-module if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a quasi-projective module and a c-limited ES-module.

Keywords Artinian semisimple ring, continuous module, c-limited ES-module.

In the following, R will always stand for a ring with an identity. It is well-known that R is Artinian semisimple if and only if every left R-module is injective if and only if every left R-module is projective. In this note, we prove that R is Artinian semisimple if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a continuous module and a c-limited ES-module if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a quasi-projective module and a c-limited ES-module.

Let M be a left R-module. Recall that M is called CS-module provided every submodule of M is essential in a direct summand of M, or equivalently, every maximal essential extension of a submodule of M is a direct summand of M (see [3] or [4]). M is called continuous if M is a CS-module and every submodule isomorphic to a direct summand is a direct summand (see [5] or [9]). A submodule N of a module M is said to be closed in M if N has no proper essential extensions in M.

**Lemma 1**([5]) Quasi-injective R-modules are continuous but not conversely.

**Lemma 2**([5]) The following are equivalent for a left R-module M.

- (i) M is continuous.
- (ii) If  $A \oplus C < M$  and  $f : A \oplus C \longrightarrow M$  is a homomorphism with Imf closed in M and Kerf= C, then there exists  $g \in \operatorname{End}_R M$  extending f.

A left R-module M is called an ES-module if the socle Soc(M) is an essential submodule of M (see C.Faith [1]). For example, if M is finitely cogenerated then M is an ES-module (see [6]). If R is a PF-ring (that is, R is an injective cogenerator in R-Mod), then R is an ES-module. For other examples and results of ES-modules we refer the reader to [1].

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Let c be any cardinal. Following [2], a left R-module M will be called c-limited provided every direct sum of non-zero submodules of M contains at most c direct summands (see [2]). For Example, if M has finite uniform dimension then M is  $\aleph_0$ -limited. For any right R-module M, it is clear that M is c-limited where c = |M|. If M is c-limited, then it is easy to see that for every cardinal c' with c' > c, M is c'-limited. For other examples of c-limited left R-modules we refer the reader to [2].

In [2], it is proved that R is Artinian semisimple if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of an injective module and a c-limited module if and only if there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a projective module and a c-limited module. Here we have:

Theorem 3 The following are equivalent for a ring R.

- (i) R is Artinian semisimple.
- (ii) There exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a continuous module and a c-limited ES-module.
- (iii) There exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a quasi-projective module and a c-limited ES-module.

**Proof** The implications (i)⇒ (ii) and (i)⇒ (iii) are clear.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Suppose that there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a continuous module and a c-limited ES-module. Obviously, we can assume that c is an infinite cardinal.

Suppose that M is a left R-module. It is enough to show that M is injective. Denote the injective envelope of M by E(M). Set  $N = M \oplus E(M)$ .

Let  $\{S_y | y \in J\}$  denote a collection of representatives of the isomorphism classes of simple left R-modules and let  $S = \bigoplus_{y \in J} S_y$ . Let K be an index set with  $|K| \ge c$ , and, for each z in K, let  $T_z = S$ , define

$$T = \bigoplus_{z \in K} T_z$$
.

Let I be an index set with |I| > |E(T)|, where E(T) is the injective envelope of left R-module T. For each x in I let  $N_x = N$ , and

$$F = \bigoplus_{x \in I} N_x$$
.

By assumption, there exists a continuous left R-module A and a c-limited ES-module B such that  $F = A \oplus B$ . Note that Soc(B) is a direct sum of at most c simple submodules of B, it is clear that there exists a monomorphism  $f : Soc(B) \longrightarrow T$ . Thus we obtain a homomorphism  $g : B \longrightarrow E(T)$  such that  $g|_{Soc(B)} = f$ . Since B is an ES-module, Soc(B) is an essential submodule of B, which implies that g is a monomorphism. Thus we have  $|B| \leq |E(T)|$ .

For each  $b \in B$ , there exists a finite subset I(b) of I such that  $b \in \bigoplus_{x \in I(b)} N_x$ . Let  $I' = \bigcup_{b \in B} I(b)$ . If  $|B| < \infty$ , then  $|I'| < \infty$ . Thus  $|I'| \le |E(T)|$ . Now suppose that |B| is an infinite cardinal. Then  $|I'| \le |B| \le |E(T)|$ . Set I'' = I - I''. From the construction of I it follows that |I| > |E(T)|, and thus  $I'' \ne \emptyset$ . Now let

$$G = \bigoplus_{x \in I'} N_x, \quad H = \bigoplus_{x \in I''} N_x.$$

Then we have  $F = G \oplus H = A \oplus B$ , and  $B \leq G$ . Thus it follows by modularity that  $G = (A \cap G) \oplus B$ . So  $F = A \oplus B = (A \cap G) \oplus B \oplus H$ , which implies that  $A \simeq (A \cap G) \oplus H$ . Since A is continuous, it follows that H is continuous, too, by Theorem 13 of [7]. Thus  $N = M \oplus E(M)$ , a direct summand of H, is continuous.

Consider the following diagram

$$M \xrightarrow{h} E(M)$$

$$\epsilon_1 \downarrow \qquad \qquad \epsilon_2 \downarrow$$

$$M \oplus E(M) \xrightarrow{h'} M \oplus E(M)$$

where  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  are the natural injections and h is the inclusion map. It is clear that  $\operatorname{Im}\epsilon_1=(M,0)$ . Suppose that there exists a submodule L of  $M\oplus E(M)$  which is an essential extension of (M,0). Set  $L_1=\{(0,n)|$  there exists  $m\in M$  such that  $(m,n)\in L\}$ . Since  $(0,n)=(m,n)-(m,0)\in L$ ,  $L_1$  is a submodule of L. If  $L_1\neq 0$ , then  $L_1\cap (M,0)\neq 0$ . This is a contradiction. Thus  $L_1=0$ , which implies that L=(M,0). This means that (M,0) is closed in  $M\oplus E(M)$ . Thus, by Lemma 2, there exists an endomorphism h' of  $M\oplus E(M)$  such that  $h'\epsilon_2h=\epsilon_1$ . Now if  $\pi_1:M\oplus E(M)\longrightarrow M$  is the natural projection, then we have  $\pi_1h'\epsilon_2h=\pi_1\epsilon_1=1_M$ . This means that  $h:M\longrightarrow E(M)$  is split. Thus M is injective, and we are done.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Suppose that there exists a cardinal c such that every left R-module is the direct sum of a quasi-projective module and a c-limited ES-module. Let M be a cyclic left R-module. Then we have the following exact sequence:

Set  $N = M \oplus R$ . Let I be an index set. For each x in I let  $N_x = N$ , and set

$$F = \bigoplus_{x \in I} N_x$$
.

By analogy with the proof of (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), set  $S = \oplus S_y$  and  $T = \oplus T_z$ . Also we can made |I| > |E(T)|. By assumption, there exists a quasi-projective left R-module A and a c-limited ES-module B such that  $F = A \oplus B$ . Since every direct summand of a quasi-projective left R-module is quasi-projective, by analogy with the proof of (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), we obtain that  $N = M \oplus R$  is quasi-projective.

Now consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
M \oplus R & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & M \\
g & & & f \\
M \oplus R & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & R
\end{array}$$

where  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are the natural projections. By the quasi-projectivity of  $M \oplus R$ , there exists a homomorphism  $g \in \operatorname{End}(M \oplus R)$  such that  $\pi_1 = f\pi_2 g$ . Thus we have  $f\pi_2 g\epsilon_1 =$ 

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