

## JCP-INJECTIVE RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** As a generalization of right  $p$ -injective rings, we introduce the notion of right  $Jcp$ -injective rings, i.e. for any right nonsingular element  $c$  of  $R$  and any right  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : cR \rightarrow R$ , there exists  $m \in R$  such that  $g(ca) = mca$  for all  $a \in R$ . Some important results which are known for right  $p$ -injective rings are shown to hold for right  $Jcp$ -injective rings.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity, and all modules are unitary. We write  ${}_R M$  and  $M_R$  to indicate a left and right  $R$ -module, respectively. For any nonempty subset  $X$  of a ring  $R$ ,  $r(X)$  and  $l(X)$  denote the right annihilator of  $X$  and the left annihilator of  $X$ , respectively. If  $X = \{a\}$ , we usually abbreviate it to  $l(a)$  and  $r(a)$ . As usual,  $J(R) = J$ ,  $Z_l$  ( $Z_r$ ),  $S_l$  ( $S_r$ ) and  $N(R)$  stand for the Jacobson radical of  $R$ , the left (right) singular ideal of  $R$  and the left (right) socle of  $R$  and the set of all nilpotent elements of  $R$ , respectively.  $N|M$  will mean that submodule  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

A ring  $R$  is called right  $Jcp$ -injective if for each  $a \in R \setminus Z_r$ , any homomorphism from  $aR$  to  $R$  can be extended to one of  $R$  into  $R$ . Clearly, right  $p$ -injective rings are right  $Jcp$ -injective. In section 2, Theorem 2.1 gives some characterizations of right  $Jcp$ -injective rings. Example 2.4 points out that there exists a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring which is not right  $p$ -injective. In this section, we also consider some conditions for a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring being right  $p$ -injective.

(von Neumann) regular rings have been studied extensively by many authors (for example, [5], [6] and [9]). It is well known that a ring  $R$  is regular if and only if every

right  $R$ -module is  $p$ -injective. In Theorem 2.9, we give some new characterizations of von Neumann regular rings.

Call a right  $R$ -module  $M$  *nil*-injective [15] if for each  $a \in N(R)$ , any right  $R$ -homomorphism  $aR \rightarrow M$  can be extended to  $R \rightarrow M$ . If  $R$  is *nil*-injective as a right  $R$ -module, then we call  $R$  a right *nil*-injective ring. Theorem 3.7 shows that if  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring such that every simple singular right  $R$ -module is *nil*-injective, then  $R$  is a right  $p$ -injective, semiprimitive and left and right nonsingular ring.

In Section 4, we consider right weakly injective rings and obtain the following equivalent conditions for a right weakly injective ring  $R$ : (1)  $R$  is right self-injective; (2)  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective; (3)  $R$  is right weakly  $Gnp$ -injective. This generalizes many known results which appears in [11] and [3].

In Section 5, we give some characterizations of division rings and semisimple artinian rings.

## 2. Right $Jcp$ -injective Rings

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $Jcp$ -injective if for each  $a \in R \setminus Z_r$ , every right  $R$ -homomorphism from  $aR$  to  $M$  can be extended to one of  $R$  into  $M$ . If  $R_R$  is  $Jcp$ -injective, we call  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring. Clearly, right  $p$ -injective rings are right  $Jcp$ -injective.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective.
- (2)  $lr(a) = Ra$  for each  $a \notin Z_r$ .
- (3)  $r(a) \subseteq r(b)$ ,  $a, b \in R$  and  $a \notin Z_r$  implies that  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ .
- (4)  $l(bR \cap r(a)) = l(b) + Ra$  for  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \notin Z_r$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Clearly,  $Ra \subseteq lr(a)$  for all  $a \notin Z_r$ . Now let  $x \in lr(a)$  and  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(ar) = xr$ . Then  $f$  is a well defined right  $R$ -homomorphism because  $r(a) \subseteq r(x)$ . By (1),  $f = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$ . Hence  $x = f(a) = ca \in Ra$ , which implies that  $lr(a) \subseteq Ra$ . Consequently,  $lr(a) = Ra$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) If  $r(a) \subseteq r(b)$  with  $a, b \in R$  and  $a \notin Z_r$ , then  $Rb \subseteq lr(b) \subseteq lr(a)$ . Since  $a \notin Z_r$ , by (2),  $lr(a) = Ra$ . Hence  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Clearly,  $l(b) + Ra \subseteq l(bR \cap r(a))$ . Now let  $x \in l(bR \cap r(a))$ . Then  $r(ab) \subseteq r(xb)$ . Since  $ab \notin Z_r$ ,  $Rxb \subseteq Rab$  by (3). So  $xb = cab$  for some  $c \in R$ . Hence  $x - ca \in l(b)$ , as required.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $a \notin Z_r$  and  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  be any right  $R$ -homomorphism. Clearly,  $r(a) \subseteq r(f(a))$ . So  $f(a) \in lr(f(a)) \subseteq lr(a) = l(1R \cap r(a)) = l(1) + Ra = Ra$  by (4)

because  $a1 \notin Z_r$ , i.e.,  $f(a) \in Ra$ . Write  $f(a) = ca$  for some  $c \in R$ . Then we can define  $g : R_R \rightarrow R_R$  by  $g(r) = cr, r \in R$ . Obviously,  $g|_{aR} = f$ . Consequently,  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective.  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called right  $p$ -injective if and only if  $lr(a) = Ra$  for all  $a \in R$  [8, Lemma 1.1]. A ring  $R$  is called right  $NPP$  [15] if for any  $a \in N(R)$ ,  $aR$  is projective. Clearly, right  $PP$  rings are right  $NPP$ . [15, Theorem 2.10] shows that right  $NPP$  rings are right nonsingular. A ring  $R$  is called von Neumann regular if  $a \in aRa$  for all  $a \in R$ . Clearly,  $R$  is von Neumann regular if and only if  $R$  is right  $pp$  right  $p$ -injective. A ring  $R$  is called  $ZI$  if  $ab = 0$  implies that  $aRb = 0$  for all  $a, b \in R$ . For example, a reduced ring (that is  $a^2 = 0$  implies that  $a = 0$  for all  $a \in R$ ) is  $ZI$ . Clearly,  $R$  is a regular  $ZI$  ring if and only if  $R$  is a strongly regular ring (that is,  $a \in a^2R$  for all  $a \in R$ ).

**Corollary 2.2.** (1) *If  $R$  satisfies one of the following conditions, then  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective if and only if  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective.*

- (a)  *$R$  is right nonsingular.*
- (b)  *$R$  is right  $NPP$ .*
- (c)  *$R$  is right  $PP$ .*

(2)  *$R$  is von Neumann regular if and only if  $R$  is right  $pp$  and right  $Jcp$ -injective.*

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be  $ZI$  right  $Jcp$ -injective. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  *$R$  is semiprime.*
- (2)  *$R$  is strongly regular.*
- (3)  *$R$  is von Neumann regular.*
- (4)  *$J(R) = 0$ .*
- (5)  *$R$  is reduced.*
- (6)  *$R$  is right  $pp$ .*

**Proof.** Assume (1). Let  $a \in R$  and write  $T = aR \cap r(a)$ . Then  $T^2 = 0$  by hypothesis and so  $T = 0$ . This shows that  $R$  is a right nonsingular ring and  $r(a^2) = r(a)$ . So  $Ra = Ra^2$  by hypothesis and  $R = l(0) = l(aR \cap r(a)) = Ra \oplus l(a)$  because  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring. Hence  $R$  is von Neumann regular and reduced. Certainly,  $R$  is also a right  $pp$  ring with  $J(R) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.4.** Let  $V$  be a two-dimensional vector space over a field  $F$ , the trivial extension  $R = T(F, V) = F \oplus V$  is a commutative, local, artinian ring with  $J^2 = 0$  and  $J = Z_r$ . But  $R$  is not a  $p$ -injective ring [13]. On the other hand, if  $x \in R$

with  $x \notin Z_r$ , then  $x$  is invertible. So  $lr(x) = R = Rx$ . This implies that  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective. Hence there exists a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring which is not right  $p$ -injective.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is right  $C2$  if every right ideal  $T$  which is isomorphic to a summand of  $R_R$  is a summand [13]. In [13], it is shown that right  $p$ -injective rings are right  $C2$ . We can generalize the result to  $Jcp$ -injective rings. An element  $a \in R$  is called right regular if  $r(a) = 0$ . [7, Theorem 1] is improved in the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be right  $Jcp$ -injective. Then:*

- (1) *Any right regular element of  $R$  is left invertible.*
- (2)  *$Z_r \subseteq J(R)$ .*
- (3) *Every left or right  $R$ -module is divisible.*
- (4) *If  $P$  is a reduced principal right ideal of  $R$ , then  $P = eR$ , where  $e = e^2 \in R$  and  $(1 - e)R$  is an ideal of  $R$ .*
- (5)  *$R$  is right  $C2$ .*
- (6) *If  $aR \mid R, bR \mid R$  with  $aR \cap bR = 0$ , then  $(aR \oplus bR) \mid R$ .*
- (7) *The following conditions are equivalent for a  $a \notin Z_r$ :*
  - (a)  *$aR$  is projective.*
  - (b)  *$aR \mid R$ .*
  - (c)  *$aR$  is a  $Jcp$ -injective module.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $c \in R$  such that  $r(c) = 0$ . Then  $c \notin Z_r$  and so by Theorem 2.1,  $R = lr(c) = Rc$ , which proves (1).

(2) If  $z \in Z_r$  and  $a \in R$ , then  $r(1 - az) = 0$  implies that  $v(1 - az) = 1$  for some  $v \in R$  by (1). This proves that  $z \in J(R)$ .

(3) If  $c$  is a non-zero-divisor in  $R$ , then  $dc = 1$  for some  $d \in R$  by (1). Now  $l(c) = 0$  implies that  $cd = 1$  and for any right  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $M = Mdc \subseteq Mc \subseteq M$  implies that  $M = Mc$ . Similarly, any left  $R$ -module is divisible.

(4) Let  $P$  be a non-zero reduced principal right ideal. Then  $P = cR$  for some  $c \in R$ . Since  $c^2 \notin Z_r$ ,  $lr(c^2) = Rc^2$ . Hence  $r(c) = r(c^2)$  shows that  $Rc = lr(c) = lr(c^2) = Rc^2$ . Therefore  $c = bc^2$  for some  $b \in R$ , which implies that  $c = cbc$  because  $P$  is reduced, whence  $P$  is generated by the idempotent  $e = cb$ . Also, for any  $a \in R$ ,  $(ea - eae)^2 = 0$  implies  $ea = eae$ , whence  $eR(1 - e) = 0$ . Therefore  $R(1 - e) \subseteq (1 - e)R$  which establishes the last part of (4).

(5) Assume that  $aR \cong eR$ , where  $a, e^2 = e \in R$ . Then  $a \notin Z_r$ , so  $Ra = lr(a)$  by Theorem 2.1. Since  $aR \cong eR$ , by [11, Theorem 1.2], there exists a  $f^2 = f \in R$

such that  $af = a$  and  $r(a) = r(f)$ . Hence  $Ra = lr(a) = lr(f) = Rf$ . Consequently,  $aR|R$ .

(6) Follows from (5).

(7) By (5), we have  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$ . Obviously,  $(c) \Rightarrow (b)$  always holds.

$(b) \Rightarrow (c)$  We only need to show that  $l_{aR}r_R(b) = aRb$  for each  $b \notin Z_r$ . In fact, if  $ac \in l_{aR}r_R(b)$ , then  $r_R(b) \subseteq r_R(ac)$ , so  $ac \in l_Rr_R(ac) \subseteq l_Rr_R(b) = Rb$ . Because  $aR = eR$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$ ,  $ac = eac \in eRb = aRb$ . Hence  $l_{aR}r_R(b) \subseteq aRb$  which shows that  $l_{aR}r_R(b) = aRb$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.6.** Faith and Menal [4] give an example of a right noetherian ring  $R$  in which every right ideal is an annihilator, but which is not right artinian. Thus  $R$  is left *Jcp*-injective. But  $R$  is not right *C2*, hence it is not right *Jcp*-injective. Therefore there exists a left *Jcp*-injective ring which is not right *Jcp*-injective.

A ring  $R$  is called right *FGF* if every finitely generated right  $R$ -module can be embedded in a free module. It is an open question whether every right *FGF* ring is quasi-Frobenius. The conjecture is known to be true if the ring is right *C2* [13]. Hence we derive that if every right *FGF* ring  $R$  is a right *Jcp*-injective, then  $R$  is quasi-Frobenius.

A ring  $R$  is called right *Johns* if it is right noetherian and every right ideal is an annihilator. If the matrix ring  $M_n(R)$  is right *Johns* for every  $n \geq 1$ , then  $R$  is called strongly right *Johns*. [13, Theorem 4.6] shows that  $R$  is quasi-Frobenius if and only if  $R$  is strongly right *Johns* and right *C2*. Hence we have that  $R$  is quasi-Frobenius if and only if  $R$  is strongly right *Johns* and right *Jcp*-injective.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is directly finite if  $uv = 1$  in  $R$  implies that  $vu = 1$ . For example, semilocal rings are directly finite. Obviously,  $R$  is directly finite if and only if every epimorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is an isomorphism. It is known that (1) if each monomorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is an isomorphism, then  $R$  is a directly finite; (2)  $R$  is directly finite if and only if  $R/J(R)$  is directly finite.

Recall that a module  $M_R$  is *GC2* if  $N \subseteq M$  with  $N_R \cong M$  implies that  $N|M$ . A ring  $R$  is right *GC2* if  $R_R$  is *GC2*. Clearly, a right *C2* ring is right *GC2*.

Yiqiang Zhou shows that if  $M_R$  is *GC2* and  $M_R$  is finite dimensional, then  $End(M_R)$  is a semilocal ring.

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a right *Jcp*-injective ring. Then:*

- (1) *If  $R_R$  is of finite Goldie dimensional, then  $R$  is semilocal.*
- (2) *If  $J(R)$  is nilpotent, then  $R$  is right noetherian if and only if  $R$  is right artinian.*

(3) The following conditions are equivalent.

(a)  $R/J(R)$  is directly finite.

(b) Every monomorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is an isomorphism.

(c)  $R$  is directly finite.

If every complement right ideal of  $R$  is not singular, then the conditions above are also equivalent to

(d)  $R/Z_r$  is directly finite.

**Proof.** (1) Since  $R$  is right  $C2$ ,  $R$  is right  $GC2$ . Hence  $R \cong \text{End}(R_R)$  is semilocal, because  $R_R$  is finite dimensional.

(2) If  $R$  is right noetherian, then  $R$  is semilocal by (1). Hence  $R$  is semiprimary because  $J(R)$  is nilpotent. Consequently,  $R$  is right artinian.

(3) (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (a) and (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) are trivial.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Assume that  $f : R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is a monomorphism. Since  $R$  is right  $GC2$ ,  $\text{Im}(f) = eR$  for some  $e^2 = e$  because  $\text{Im}(f) \cong R_R$ . Write  $f(1) = a$ , then  $aR = f(R) = eR$ . Hence  $a = ea = aba$  for some  $b \in R$  with  $e = ab$ . Thus  $ba = 1$  because  $r(a) = 0$ . By (c),  $ab = 1$ , so  $f(R) = aR = eR = abR = R$ . This implies that  $f$  is an epimorphism.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $1 - ab \in Z_r$ . Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective,  $1 - ab \in J(R)$  by Theorem 2.7(2). Let  $ab = 1 + x$  for some  $x \in J(R)$ . So  $ab(1 + x)^{-1} = 1$ . Since  $R$  is directly finite,  $b(1 + x)^{-1}a = 1$ . If  $x \notin Z_r$ , then there exists a nonzero right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  which is maximal with respect to the property that " $I \cap r(x) = 0$ ". By hypothesis, there exists  $b \in I$  such that  $b \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $xb \notin Z_r$ . Let  $f : xbR \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $f(xbr) = br$  for all  $r \in R$ . Then  $f$  is a well defined right  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective,  $f = c \cdot$ ,  $c \in R$ . Hence  $b = f(xb) = cxb$  and so  $(1 - cx)b = 0$ . Since  $cx \in J(R)$ ,  $b = 0$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $x \in Z_r$ , which implies that  $1 - ba \in Z_r$ , so  $R/Z_r$  is directly finite.  $\square$

In fact, from the proof of Corollary 2.7(3), we know that every monomorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $R$  is directly finite and right  $GC2$ .

Call a ring  $R$  abelian if every idempotent element of  $R$  is central. As examples of abelian rings we have  $ZI$  rings and reduced rings. Clearly, abelian rings are directly finite. Call a ring  $I$ -finite if it contains no infinite set of orthogonal idempotents.  $I$ -finite rings are also directly finite.

In [11], it is proved that if  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective, then  $J(R) = Z_r$ . We do not know whether the result holds for right  $Jcp$ -injective. But, from the proof of Corollary 2.7(3), we can obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective ring. Then:*

- (1) *If  $R$  satisfies one of the following conditions, then every monomorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is an isomorphism.*
- (a)  *$R$  is abelian.*
  - (b)  *$R$  is  $I$ -finite.*
  - (c)  *$R$  is semilocal.*
- (2) *If each non-zero complement right ideal of  $R$  is not contained in  $Z_r$ , then*
- (a)  *$J(R) = Z_r$ .*
  - (b) *for each  $a \in R \setminus J(R)$ , there exists a  $c \in R$  such that the inclusion  $r(a) \subset r(a - aca)$  is proper.*

Call a ring  $R$  right mininjective [12] if for each right minimal element  $k \in R$ ,  $Rk = lr(k)$ . Right  $p$ -injective rings are right mininjective. But we don't know temporarily whether the result holds for a right Jcp-injective ring. Call a ring  $R$  right principally small injective if for any  $a \in J(R)$ , every  $R$ -homomorphism from  $aR$  to  $R_R$  can be extended to one from  $R_R$  into  $R_R$ . Clearly,  $R$  is right principally small injective if and only if  $Ra = lr(a)$  for all  $a \in J(R)$ .

Call a ring  $R$  right SPP if for any  $a \notin Z_r$ ,  $aR$  is projective.

Call a ring  $R$  right PS [10] if each minimal right ideal of  $R$  is projective as a right  $R$ -module. Clearly, the following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ : (1)  $R$  is right PS. (2)  $Z_r \cap Soc(R_R) = 0$ . (3) Every homomorphic image of a mininjective right  $R$ -module is mininjective. Examples of right PS rings contain right  $pp$  and right universally mininjective [12]. Clearly,  $R$  is right universally mininjective if and only if  $R$  is right PS and right mininjective.

Call a ring  $R$  right MC2 [13] if each projective minimal right ideal is a summand in  $R_R$ . As examples, we have right mininjective and right C2 rings. In [16], we show that (1)  $R$  is right MC2 if and only if  $Z_r \cap Soc(R_R) = J(R) \cap Soc(R_R)$ . (2)  $R$  is right universally mininjective if and only if  $R$  is right PS and right MC2. (3) If  $R$  is a right MC2  $I$ -finite ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  is semisimple and every simple right ideal of  $R_2$  is nilpotent. Since right C2 rings are right MC2, by Theorem 2.5, we have: if  $R$  is a right Jcp-injective  $I$ -finite ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  is semisimple and every simple right ideal of  $R_2$  is nilpotent.

**Theorem 2.9.** (1)  *$R$  is right  $p$ -injective if and only if  $R$  is right Jcp-injective and right principally small injective.*

(2)  *$R$  is right SPP if and only if every homomorphic image of a right Jcp-injective  $R$ -module is Jcp-injective.*

(3) *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (a)  $R$  is right pp.
- (b)  $R$  is right NPP and right SPP.
- (c)  $R$  is right nonsingular and right SPP.

(4) Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective and right PS ring. Then  $R$  is right universally mininjective, and so  $R$  is right mininjective.

(5) Let  $R$  be right Jcp-injective and  $S_r$  be essential in  $R_R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $R$  is right PS.
- (b)  $R$  is right universally mininjective.
- (c)  $R$  is semiprimitive.
- (d)  $R$  is right nonsingular.
- (e)  $R$  is semiprime.

In this case,  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective.

(6) Let  $R$  be right Jcp-injective and semiperfect with  $S_r$  essential in  $R_R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $R$  is right PS;
- (b)  $R$  is right pp;
- (c)  $R$  is semisimple.

(7) The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .

- (a)  $R$  is von Neumann regular.
- (b)  $R$  is right nonsingular right SPP and right C2.
- (c)  $R$  is right nonsingular right SPP and right Jcp-injective.

**Proof.** (1) (The "only if" part) Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective and principally small injective ring. By Theorem 2.5(2),  $Z_r \subseteq J(R)$ . Let  $a \in R$ . If  $a \notin Z_r$ , then  $lr(a) = Ra$  by Theorem 2.1. If  $a \in Z_r$ , then  $a \in J(R)$ . We claim that  $Ra = lr(a)$ .  $Ra \subseteq lr(a)$  is clear. Let  $x \in lr(a)$ , then  $r(a) \subseteq r(x)$ . Let  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $f(ar) = xr$ . Then  $f$  is a well defined right  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $R$  is right principally small injective, there exists a right  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(a) = g(a)$ . Hence  $x = f(a) = g(a) = g(1)a \in Ra$  and so  $lr(a) \subseteq Ra$ .

(2) Similar to [15, Theorem 2.10(1)].

(3) Follows from the definitions and [15, Theorem 2.10(2)].

(4) Since  $R$  is right Jcp-injective,  $R$  is right C2 by Theorem 2.5(5). Hence  $R$  is right MC2, and so  $R$  is right universally mininjective because  $R$  is right PS. Hence  $R$  is right mininjective.



(5) By (4), we have  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ . Assume that (b) holds, then  $S_r \cap J(R) = 0$ . Hence  $J(R) = 0$  because  $S_r$  is essential in  $R_R$ . So  $(b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (e) \Rightarrow (a)$  hold. Since  $Z_r \subseteq J(R)$ ,  $(c) \Rightarrow (d) \Rightarrow (a)$  hold.

In this case, by Corollary 1.2,  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective.

(6)  $(c) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (a)$  are trivial. Assume (a). Then  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective by (5). So  $R$  is a right *GPF* ring by [11], and then  $S_r = l(J(R))$  by [11, Corollary 2.2]. But by (5),  $J(R) = 0$ , so  $S_r = R$ . Hence  $R$  is a semisimple ring.

(7) Follows from Corollary 2.2.  $\square$

Clearly, the ring  $R$  in Example 2.4 is not *PS*. Otherwise,  $R$  is a semisimple ring. In fact, since  $R$  is artinian,  $R$  is a semiperfect ring, and  $S_r$  is essential in  $R_R$ . Hence  $R$  is a semisimple ring by Theorem 2.9(6). But  $J(R) = Z_r \neq 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $R$  is not a *PS* ring, and so is not universally mininjective. On the other hand, we claim that  $R$  is not mininjective. In fact, if  $V = vF \oplus wF$ , then  $(0, vR)$  is a minimal right ideal of  $R$ , and let  $\theta : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation with  $\theta(v) = w$ . Then  $(0, x) \mapsto (0, \theta(x))$  is an  $R$ -linear map from  $(0, v)R \rightarrow R$  which cannot be extended to  $R \rightarrow R$  because  $w \notin vF$ . So  $R$  is not a mininjective ring. Hence there exists a *Jcp*-injective ring which is not mininjective.

**Example 2.10.** The trivial extension  $R = T(Z, Z_{2^\infty})$  is a commutative ring with  $Z_r = J \neq 0$  which is not right *C2*, so is not right *Jcp*-injective. On the other hand,  $R$  has a simple essential socle, so  $R$  is a mininjective ring. So there exists a mininjective ring which is not *Jcp*-injective.

A ring  $R$  is called right quasi-regular if  $a \in aRa$  for all  $a \notin Z_r$ . Clearly,  $R$  is von Neumann regular if and only if  $R$  is right nonsingular and right quasi-regular.

**Theorem 2.11.** (1) Let  $R$  be a right *Jcp*-injective and a right *SPP* ring. Then

$$(a) Z_l \subseteq J(R) = Z_r;$$

(b) for each  $a \notin Z_r$ ,  $a = aba$  for some  $b \in R$ . So  $R/J(R)$  is von Neumann regular.

(2) If  $R$  is right *SPP* and Abelian, then  $N(R) \subseteq Z_r$ .

(3) Let  $R$  be a right *SPP* ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

(a)  $R$  is reduced.

(b)  $R$  is abelian right nonsingular.

(c)  $R$  is abelian right *NPP*.

(4) The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .

(a)  $R$  is right quasi-regular.

(b)  $R$  is right *Jcp*-injective and right *SPP*.

(c) Every right  $R$ -module is  $Jcp$ -injective.

(d) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is  $Jcp$ -injective.

**Proof.** (1) First, we show that  $J(R) \subseteq Z_r$ . Otherwise, there exists a  $a \in J(R)$  such that  $a \notin Z_r$ . So  $r(a) = r(e)$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$  because  $R$  is right  $SPP$ . Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective,  $Re = lr(e) = lr(a) = Ra \subseteq J(R)$ . This is a contradiction. Similarly, we can show that  $Z_l \subseteq Z_r$ . By Theorem 2.5, we have  $Z_l \subseteq J(R) = Z_r$ . Next, let  $a \notin Z_r$ . Then  $Ra = Re$ , so  $a = ae \in aRa$ . Hence  $R/J(R)$  is von Neumann regular.

(2) If  $N(R) \not\subseteq Z_r$ , then there exists  $a \in N(R)$  such that  $a \notin Z_r$ . So  $r(a) = gR$ ,  $g^2 = g \in R$ . Let  $a^n = 0$  and  $a^{n-1} \neq 0$ . Hence  $a^{n-1} \in r(a) = gR$ , so  $a^{n-1} = ga^{n-1}$ . Since  $R$  is abelian,  $a^{n-1} = a^{n-1}g = 0$ , which is a contradiction. So  $N(R) \subseteq Z_r$ .

(3) Follows from (2).

(4) (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) follows from (1). (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) is trivial.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Let  $M$  be any right  $R$ -module,  $a \in R$  with  $a \notin Z_r$  and  $f : aR \rightarrow M$  any right  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $R$  is right quasi-regular,  $a = aba$  for some  $b \in R \setminus Z_r$ . Let  $ab = e$  and  $f(e) = m$ , where  $m \in M$ . Then  $h : R \rightarrow M$  defined by  $g(r) = mr, r \in R$  is a right  $R$ -homomorphism and  $g(ar) = mar = f(e)ar = f(ab)ar = f(aba)r = f(a)r = f(ar)$ , so  $M$  is  $Jcp$ -injective.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $a \notin Z_r$ . By (d),  $aR$  is  $Jcp$ -injective, so the identity map  $aR \rightarrow aR$  can be extended to one of  $R$  into  $R$ . Hence  $a = aba$  for some  $b \in R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $e$  be an idempotent of  $R$  such that  $ReR = R$  and let  $S = eRe$ . Then:

(1) If  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective, then so is  $S$ .

(2)  $eZ_r(R)e \subseteq Z_r(S)$ . Hence if  $S$  is right nonsingular, then so is  $R$ .

(3) If  $R$  is right nonsingular, then so is  $S$ .

(4) If  $R$  is right  $SPP$ , then for any  $a \in S \setminus Z_r(S)$ , there exist an idempotent  $g$  of  $R$  such that  $r_S(a) = egeS$ .

(5) If  $R$  is right principally small injective, then so is  $S$ .

(6) If  $R$  is right quasi-regular, then so is  $S$ .

(7) If  $R$  is von Neumann regular, then so is  $S$ .

(8) If  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective, then so is  $S$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $x \in S \setminus Z_r(S)$ . Then  $x \notin Z_r$ . Otherwise, there exists an essential right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $xI = 0$ . Since  $eR \cap I \neq 0$ ,  $eI \neq 0$ . Since  $R = ReR$ ,  $eI = eIR = eIReR = eIeR$ ,  $eIe \neq 0$ . We claim that  $eIe$  is an essential right ideal of  $S$ . Let  $K$  be any nonzero right ideal of  $S$ . Then  $KR \cap I \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq y \in KR \cap I$

and let  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e b_i$ ,  $a_i, b_i \in R$ . Then  $y = y1 = \sum_{i=1}^n y a_i e b_i$ , so there exists some  $i_0 \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $y a_{i_0} e \neq 0$ . Since  $e y a_{i_0} e = y a_{i_0} e \in K R a_{i_0} e \cap I \subseteq K \cap I = K \cap e I e$ ,  $e I e$  is an essential right ideal of  $S$ . Since  $x e I e = x I e = 0$ ,  $x \in Z_r(S)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $x \notin Z_r$ . Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective,  $l_R r_R(x) = Rx$ . Now let  $z \in l_S r_S(x)$ . Then  $r_S(x) \subseteq r_S(z)$ . Let  $a \in r_R(x)$ . Then  $xa = 0$ , so  $0 = x a a_i e = x e a a_i e$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence  $e a a_i e \in r_S(x) \subseteq r_S(z)$ , so  $z a a_i e = z e a a_i e = 0$ . Thus  $z a = \sum_{i=1}^n z a a_i e b_i = 0$ , so  $a \in r_R(z)$ . This shows that  $r_R(x) \subseteq r_R(z)$ . So  $z \in l_R r_R(z) \subseteq l_R r_R(x) = Rx$ . Hence  $z = z e z \in e R e x = Sx$ , which implies that  $l_S r_S(x) \subseteq Sx$  and so  $l_S r_S(x) = Sx$ . Hence  $S$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective.

(2) By (1), we can easily see that  $e Z_r(R) e = Z_r \cap e R e \subseteq Z_r(S)$ . If  $Z_r(S) = 0$ , then  $Z_r = R Z_r(R) R = R e R Z_r(R) R e R = R e Z_r(R) e R = 0$ .

(3) If  $Z_r(S) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $0 \neq x \in Z_r(S)$ . Since  $Z_r = 0$ , there exists a nonzero right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $r_R(x) \cap I = 0$ . If  $xI \neq 0$ , then  $e I e \neq 0$ , so  $e I e \cap r_S(x) \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq y \in e I e \cap r_S(x)$  and let  $y = e z$ ,  $z \in I$ . So  $xz = x e z = x y = 0$  and then  $0 \neq z \in r_R(x) \cap I$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $xI = 0$ , so  $I \subseteq r_R(x) \cap I = 0$ , which is also a contradiction. Thus  $Z_r(S) = 0$ .

(4) Let  $a \notin Z_r(S)$ . By (2),  $a \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $r_R(a) = gR, g^2 = g \in R$  by hypothesis. So  $r_S(a) = e g e S$ .

(5) It is trivial.

(6) Let  $a \in S$  with  $a \notin Z_r(S)$ . By (2),  $a \notin Z_r$ . So  $a = a b a$  for some  $b \in R$ . Hence  $a = a e b e a = a(e b e) a$ , where  $e b e \in S$  and so  $S$  is right quasi-regular.

(7) Follows from (3) and (6).

(8) Follows from (1), (5) and Theorem 2.9(1).  $\square$

The following theorem is a generalization of [11, Theorem 1.1].

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring, and let  $a, b \in R$  with  $b \notin Z_r$ . Then:*

- (1) *If  $bR$  embeds in  $aR$ , then  $Rb$  is an image of  $Ra$ .*
- (2) *If  $aR$  is an image of  $bR$ , then  $Ra$  embeds in  $Rb$ .*
- (3) *If  $bR \cong aR$ , then  $Ra \cong Rb$ .*
- (4) *If  $K$  is a simple projective right ideal of  $R$ , then  $RK$  is the homogenous component of  $S_r$  containing  $K$ .*
- (5) *If  $A, B$  are right ideals of  $R$  with  $A \cap (B + Z_r) = 0$  and  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $\text{Hom}_R(A_R, B_R) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\sigma : bR \rightarrow aR$  be a monomorphism. Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective and  $b \notin Z_r$ , we can let  $\sigma = v \cdot, v \in R$ . Then  $vb = au, u \in R$ , so define  $\varphi : Ra \rightarrow Rb$  by  $\varphi(ra) = rau = rvb$ , then  $\varphi$  is a well defined left  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $vb \notin Z_r$  and  $r(vb) = r(b)$ ,  $Rb = lr(b) = lr(vb) = Rvb$ . Hence, clearly,  $\varphi$  is epic.

(2) Let  $\sigma : bR \rightarrow aR$  be epic, and let  $v, u$  and  $\varphi$  be as in (1). Write  $a = \sigma(bs) = vbs, s \in R$ . Then  $\varphi(ra) = 0$  gives  $0 = rau = rvb$ , whence  $ra = rvbs = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is monic.

(3) Follows from the proof of (1) and (2).

(4) If  $K = kR$  where  $k \in R$  and  $\sigma : K \rightarrow S$  is an  $R$ -isomorphism, where  $S \subseteq R$ , then  $r(k) = r(\sigma(k))$ . So  $Rk = lr(k) = lr(\sigma(k)) = R\sigma(k)$  because  $k \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $S = \sigma(k)R \subseteq RkR = RK$ , so the  $K$ -component is in  $RK$ . The other inclusion always holds.

(5) If there exists a  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(A_R, B_R)$ , then there exists  $0 \neq a \in A$  such that  $f(a) \neq 0$ . Then  $f(a) = va$  where  $v \in R$ , because  $A \cap Z_r = 0$ . Since  $A$  is an ideal,  $va \in A$ . Hence  $f(a) \in A \cap B = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\text{Hom}_R(A_R, B_R) = 0$ .  $\square$

### 3. Finiteness conditions

In [3], a right (left) annihilator  $M$  of a ring  $R$  is called maximal if for any right (left) annihilator  $N$  with  $M \subseteq N$ , either  $N = M$  or  $N = R$ . In this case,  $M = r(a)$  ( $l(a)$ ) for some  $0 \neq a \in R$ .

Using the idea of [3], we start with the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime right  $Jcp$ -injective ring whose complement right ideals are non-small. Then every maximal right (left) annihilator of  $R$  is a maximal right (left) ideal of  $R$  generated by an idempotent.*

**Proof.** Let  $L$  be a maximal right annihilator, then by [3, Theorem 3.1], there exists  $0 \neq a \in R$  such that

(1)  $L = r(a)$ ; (2)  $r(a) = r(y)$  for every  $0 \neq y \in Ra$ ; (3)  $Z_r \cap Ra = 0$ .

Hence, there exists a non-zero complement right ideal  $I$  of  $r(a)$  such that  $r(a) \oplus I$  is essential in  $R_R$ . Then, by hypothesis, there exists  $0 \neq b \in I$  such that  $b \notin Z_r$  and  $ab \neq 0$ . Since  $r(ab) = r(b)$ ,  $ab \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $Rb = lr(b) = lr(ab) = Rab$ . Write  $b = cab, c \in R$ . Then  $b \in r(a - aca)$ . But  $b \notin r(a)$  and hence  $a = aca$ . Let  $d = ca$ , by [3, Theorem 3.1],  $L = r(a) = r(d) = eR$ , where  $e = 1 - d, d^2 = d$ .

Now, we claim that  $L$  is a maximal right ideal of  $R$ . Similar to [3, Theorem 3.1], we only need to show that  $dRd$  is a division ring. In fact, we can assume that  $a = d$ , if  $0 \neq x \in dRd$ , then  $r(x) = r(d)$  by (2). Hence,  $x \notin Z_r$  by (3), so,

$Rx = lr(x) = lr(d) = Rd$ . Write  $d = ux$  where  $u \in R$ . Then  $d = d^2 = dux = dudx$  because  $x = dx$ . That is,  $dRd$  is indeed a division ring.  $\square$

It is well known that if  $R$  is semiprime, then  $S_r = S_l$ . Hence from Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective ring whose complement right ideals are non-small. Then the following hold.*

(1) *If  $R$  is semiprime, then  $R$  contains a maximal right (left) annihilator if and only if  $S_r = S_l \neq 0$ .*

(2) *If  $R$  is prime and contains a maximal right (left) annihilator, then  $R$  is left and right primitive and left and right nonsingular ring. So  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective.*

**Proof.** (1) It is trivial.

(2) Since  $R$  is prime,  $R$  is left and right  $PS$ . Hence  $Z_r \cap S_r = Z_l \cap S_l = 0$ , so  $Z_l = Z_r = 0$  because  $0 \neq S_r = S_l$  is an essential left and right ideal. Hence  $R$  is left and right nonsingular. Let  $kR$  be a minimal right ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R/r(k)$  is a faithful simple right  $R$ -module and hence  $R$  is right primitive. Similarly,  $R$  is left primitive.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $S$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $R/S$  satisfies  $ACC$  on right annihilators. If  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  are subsets of  $l(S)$ , then [11, Lemma 2.1] shows that there exists  $n \geq 1$  such that  $r(Y_{n+1}Y_n \cdots Y_2Y_1) = r(Y_n \cdots Y_2Y_1)$ . The following theorem is similar to [11, Theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective ring whose complement right ideals are non-small. If  $R/S_r$  satisfies  $ACC$  on right annihilators, then*

(1)  *$J(R)$  is nilpotent;*

(2)  *$R$  is semiprime if and only if  $R$  is semiprimitive.*

**Proof.** (1) First, if  $I$  is a complement right ideal of  $R$ , then  $I \not\subseteq J(R)$ . Since  $R$  is right Jcp-injective,  $Z_r \subseteq J(R)$ . So  $I \not\subseteq Z_r$ , by the proof of (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) of Corollary 2.7(3),  $J(R) = Z_r$ . Hence  $J(R)S_r = Z_rS_r = 0$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be given in  $J(R) \subseteq l(S_r)$ . We have  $r(a_n a_{n-1} \cdots a_1) = r(a_{n+1} a_n a_{n-1} \cdots a_1)$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . This implies that  $a_n a_{n-1} \cdots a_1 R \cap r(a_{n+1}) = 0$ , so  $a_n a_{n-1} \cdots a_1 = 0$  because  $a_{n+1} \in J(R) = Z_r$ . Hence  $J(R)$  is left  $T$ -nilpotent, and so  $(J(R) + S_r)/S_r$  is left  $T$ -nilpotent. But  $R/S_r$  has  $ACC$  on right annihilators. Hence  $(J(R) + S_r)/S_r$  is nilpotent. Then there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $J^m \subseteq S_r$ , and so  $J^{2m} \subseteq JS_r = 0$ .  $\square$

[1, Remark 1] conjecture that every flat right  $R$ -module is finitely projective if and only if the ascending chain  $r(a_1) \subseteq r(a_2a_1) \subseteq r(a_3a_2a_1) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for every infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  of  $R$ . But [17] has answered this conjecture in the negative. However, the following Theorem gives an affirmative answer to this conjecture for right  $Jcp$ -injective ring. On the other hand, it is also a generalization of [3, Theorem 3.4].

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring whose complement right ideals are non-small. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is right perfect.
- (2) Every flat right  $R$ -module is finitely projective.
- (3) Every flat right  $R$ -module is singly projective.
- (4) The ascending chain  $r(a_1) \subseteq r(a_2a_1) \subseteq r(a_3a_2a_1) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for every infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  of  $R$ .

It is well known that  $Z_r$  is nilpotent for any ring  $R$  with  $ACC$  on right annihilators.

In [3], Chen and Ding show that if  $Z_r \neq 0$  and the ascending chain  $r(a_1) \subseteq r(a_2a_1) \subseteq r(a_3a_2a_1) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for every infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  of  $R$ , then there exists a  $0 \neq b \in Z_r$  such that  $r(b) = r(y)$  for every  $0 \neq y \in Rb$ . Hence we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring whose complement right ideals are non-small. Then the following hold.*

- (1) If  $R$  satisfies  $ACC$  on right annihilators, then  $R$  is semiprimary.
- (2) If  $R$  is semiprime and the ascending chain  $r(a_1) \subseteq r(a_2a_1) \subseteq r(a_3a_2a_1) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for every infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  of  $R$ , then  $R$  is a semisimple artinian ring.

**Proof.** (1) By Theorem 3.4,  $R/J(R)$  is semisimple artinian. Hence  $R$  is semiprimary because  $J(R) = Z_r$  is nilpotent.

(2) If  $Z_r \neq 0$ , then there exists a  $0 \neq b \in Z_r$  such that  $r(b) = r(y)$  for every  $0 \neq y \in Rb$ . Since  $R$  is semiprime, there exists a  $0 \neq c \in R$  such that  $bc b \neq 0$ . Hence  $r(b) = r(bcb)$ . Consequently,  $bc$  is not nilpotent. But  $Z_r = J(R)$  is right  $T$ -nilpotent, which is a contradiction. Hence  $J(R) = Z_r = 0$  and by Theorem 3.4,  $R$  is semisimple artinian.  $\square$

Call a left ideal  $L$  of a ring  $R$  left weakly essential, if for all  $0 \neq a \in R$  with  $a \notin Z_r$ ,  $Ra \cap L \neq 0$ . Clearly, an essential left ideal is left weakly essential.

A ring  $R$  is called right Kasch if every simple right modules can be embedded in  $R$ , or equivalently if  $l(M) \neq 0$  for every maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$ .

The following theorem is similar to [11, Theorem 2.4].

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective ring. Then:*

- (1) *If  $R$  is right Kasch, then  $l(J)$  is left weakly essential.*
- (2) *If  $R$  is semiperfect, then  $R$  is a right Kasch ring if and only if  $S_r$  is left weakly essential.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $0 \neq b \in R$ ,  $b \notin Z_r$  and choose  $M$  maximal in  $bR$ . Let  $\sigma : bR/M \rightarrow R_R$  is a monomorphism. If  $\gamma : bR \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $\gamma(x) = \sigma(x + M)$ , then  $\gamma = a \cdot$  where  $a \in R$  because  $b \notin Z_r$ . So  $ab = \gamma(b) = \sigma(b + M) \neq 0$ . But  $abJ = \sigma(bJ) = 0$  because  $(bR/M)J = 0$ . Therefore  $0 \neq ab \in Rb \cap l(J)$ , as required.

(2) If  $R$  is right Kasch, then  $l(J)$  is left weakly essential by (1). Since  $R$  is a semiperfect ring,  $S_r = l(J)$ . Hence  $S_r$  is left weakly essential.

Conversely, we assume that  $S_r$  is left weakly essential. Let  $M$  be a maximal right ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists a  $e^2 = e \in R$  such that  $1 - e \in M$  and  $eR \cap M \subseteq J$  because  $R$  is a semiperfect ring. Hence  $S_r \subseteq l(J) \subseteq l(eR \cap M)$ , and so  $l(eR \cap M)$  is left weakly essential by hypothesis. Since  $e \notin Z_r$ ,  $0 \neq Re \cap l(eR \cap M) = l((1 - e)R) \cap l(eR \cap M) = l((1 - e)R + (eR \cap M)) = l(M)$ . This implies that  $R$  is right Kasch.  $\square$

Call a right  $R$ -module  $M$  right *nil*-injective [15] if for each nilpotent element  $a \in R$ , the right  $R$ -homomorphism from  $aR$  to  $M$  can be extended to one from  $R$  into  $M$ . If  $R$  is *nil*-injective as a right  $R$ -module, then we call  $R$  a right *nil*-injective ring.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be a right Jcp-injective ring. Assume that every simple singular right  $R$ -module is right nil-injective. Then the following hold.*

- (1)  *$R$  is right p-injective, and so  $R$  is semiprimitive right nonsingular.*
- (2) *If  $R$  is right SPP, then  $R$  is von Neumann regular.*
- (3)  $Z_l = 0$ .

**Proof.** First, we show that  $Z_r = 0$ . If not, then there exists  $0 \neq b \in Z_r$  such that  $b^2 = 0$ . We claim that  $Z_r + r(b) = R$ . Otherwise, there exists a maximal essential right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  such that  $Z_r + r(b) \subseteq M$ , then  $R/M$  is a right *nil*-injective  $R$ -module. Define  $f : bR \rightarrow R/M$  by  $f(br) = r + M$  for all  $r \in R$ . Clearly,  $f$  is a well defined right  $R$ -module homomorphism. Hence there exists a  $a \in R$  such that

$1 - ab \in M$ . So  $1 \in M$  because  $ab \in Z_r \subseteq M$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $Z_r + r(b) = R$ . Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective,  $Z_r \subseteq J(R)$  by Theorem 2.5. So  $J(R) + r(b) = R$ . This implies that  $r(b) = R$  and so  $b = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $Z_r = 0$ . By Corollary 2.2,  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective. By [11, Theorem 2.1],  $J(R) = 0$ .

(2) This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.9(7).

(3) If  $Z_l \neq 0$ , then there exists  $0 \neq b \in Z_l$  such that  $b^2 = 0$ . We show that  $Z_l + r(b) = R$ . Otherwise, there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  such that  $Z_l + r(b) \subseteq M$ . If  $M$  is not an essential right ideal of  $R$ , then  $M = r(e)$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$ . If  $be \neq 0$ , then  $beR \cong eR$  as right  $R$ -module. By Theorem 2.5(5),  $beR = gR$ , where  $g^2 = g \in R$ , so  $g \in Z_l$  because  $beR \subseteq Z_l$ . This is a contradiction. So  $be = 0$ . Then  $e \in r(b) \subseteq M = r(e)$ , which is impossible. Thus  $M$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ , so  $R/M$  is *nil*-injective  $R$ -module. Similar to the proof of (1), there exists  $a \in R$  such that  $1 - ab \in M$ . So  $1 \in M$  because  $ab \in Z_l \subseteq M$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $Z_l + r(b) = R$ . Let  $1 = x + y, x \in Z_l, y \in r(b)$ . Then  $b = bx$  and so  $b(1 - x) = 0$ . Since  $x \in Z_l$  and  $l(x) \cap l(1 - x) = 0, l(1 - x) = 0$ . This shows that  $b = 0$ , which is a contradiction. So  $Z_l = 0$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Weakly injectivity

Let  $E(M)$  be an injective hull of  $M_R$ .  $M$  is called right weakly injective if for any finite generated submodule  $N_R \subseteq E(M)$ , there exists  $X_R \cong M$  and  $N_R \subseteq X_R \subseteq E(M)$ . Clearly, right injective rings are right weakly injective, but the converse is not true in general.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring. If  $R_R$  is essential in  $X_R$ , where  $X_R \cong R_R$ , then  $X = R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f : R_R \rightarrow X_R$  be the isomorphism and  $f(1) = b \in X$ . Then  $bR = \text{Im}(f) = X$ . Since  $1 \in R \subseteq X$ , let  $1 = bu, u \in R$ . Hence  $R_R = 1R = buR$  and  $r(u) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective, by Theorem 2.5(1), there exists  $d \in R$  such that  $du = 1$ . Let  $e = ud$ . Then  $e^2 = e$  and  $uR = eR$ . Hence  $R = buR = beR$ . It is clear that  $X = bR = b(eR \oplus (1 - e)R) = beR + b(1 - e)R$ . If  $x \in beR \cap b(1 - e)R$ , then there exist  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  such that  $x = ber_1 = b(1 - e)r_2$ , so  $f^{-1}(x) = er_1 = (1 - e)r_2$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(x) = 0$  and then  $x = 0$ , so  $X = bR = beR \oplus b(1 - e)R = R \oplus b(1 - e)R$ . Since  $R_R$  is essential in  $X_R$ ,  $b(1 - e)R = 0$ , and so  $X = beR = R$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is a generalization of [11, Theorem 1.3].



**Theorem 4.2.** *A ring  $R$  is right self-injective if and only if  $R$  is right Jcp-injective and  $R_R$  is weakly injective.*

**Proof.** We only need to show that  $E(R_R) \subseteq R$ . For each  $a \in E(R_R)$ , since  $R + aR \subseteq E(R_R)$ , there exists  $X \subseteq E(R_R)$  such that  $R + aR \subseteq X$  and  $X_R \cong R_R$ . Since  $R$  is right Jcp-injective,  $X = R$  by Lemma 4.1. Hence  $R = E(R_R)$ .  $\square$

Call a ring  $R$  right coflat if for each finitely generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every homomorphism from  $I_R$  to  $R$  can be extended to the one of  $R$  into  $R$ . Call  $R$  right  $FP$ -injective if for each finitely presented right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every homomorphism from  $I_R$  to  $R$  can be extended to the one of  $R$  to  $R$ . Right  $FP$ -injective rings are right coflat rings and right self-injective rings are right  $FP$ -injective rings.

**Corollary 4.3.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a right weakly injective ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right self-injective.
- (2)  $R$  is right  $p$ -injective.
- (3)  $R$  is right coflat.
- (4)  $R$  is right  $FP$ -injective.
- (5)  $R$  is right Jcp-injective.

Call a ring  $R$  right  $np$ -injective, if for any non-nilpotent element  $c$  of  $R$  and any right  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : cR \rightarrow R$ , there exists  $m \in R$  such  $g(ca) = mca$  for all  $a \in R$ . An important source of right  $np$ -injective rings is given by Yue Chi Ming [8], which is a generalization of right  $p$ -injective ring.

Call a ring  $R$  right weakly  $np$ -injective, if for any non-nilpotent element  $c$  of  $R$ , there exists a positive integer number  $n$  such that for any right  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : c^n R \rightarrow R$ , there exists  $m \in R$  such  $g(c^n a) = mc^n a$  for all  $a \in R$ . Evidently, right weakly  $np$ -injective rings are the generalization of right  $np$ -injective and right  $YJ$ -injective.

Call a ring  $R$  right  $Gnp$ -injective, if for any non-nilpotent element  $c$  of  $R$ ,  $lr(c) = Rc \oplus X_c$ , where  $X_c$  is a left ideal of  $R$ . Obviously, right  $Gnp$ -injective rings are the generalization of right  $np$ -injective and right  $AP$ -injective.

Call a ring  $R$  right weakly  $Gnp$ -injective, if for any non-nilpotent element  $c$  of  $R$ , there exists a positive integer number  $n$  such that  $lr(c^n) = Rc^n \oplus X_c$ , where  $X_c$  is a left ideal of  $R$ . Obviously, right weakly  $Gnp$ -injective rings are the generalization of right weakly  $np$ -injective and right  $AGP$ -injective [14].

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $R$  be a right weakly Gnp-injective ring. If  $R_R$  is essential in  $X_R$ , where  $X_R \cong R_R$ , then  $X = R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f : R_R \rightarrow X_R$  be the isomorphism and  $f(1) = b \in X$ . Then  $bR = \text{Im}(f) = X$ . Since  $1 \in R \subseteq X$ , let  $1 = bu, u \in R$ . Hence  $R_R = 1R = buR$  and  $r(u) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is right weakly Gnp-injective, there exists an  $n \geq 1$  such that  $lr(u^n) = Ru^n \oplus X_u$  where  $X_u$  is a left ideal of  $R$  because  $u$  is a non-nilpotent element. Hence  $R = l(0) = lr(u^n) = Ru^n \oplus X_u$  because  $r(u) = 0$ . Write  $Ru^n = Re, e^2 = e \in R$ , then  $u^n = u^n e = u^n du^n$  where  $e = du^n$ . So  $1 - du^n \in r(u^n) = r(u) = 0$ , this implies that  $vu = 1$ , where  $v = du^{n-1}$ . Then, similar to the proof of Lemma 4.1, we can complete the proof.  $\square$

Similar to Theorem 4.2, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.5.** *A ring  $R$  is right self-injective if and only if  $R$  is right weakly Gnp-injective and  $R_R$  is weakly injective.*

**Corollary 4.6.** *The following are equivalent for a right weakly injective ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right self-injective.
- (2)  $R$  is right  $YJ$ -injective.
- (3)  $R$  is right  $AP$ -injective.
- (4)  $R$  is right  $AGP$ -injective.
- (5)  $R$  is right  $np$ -injective.
- (6)  $R$  is right Gnp-injective.
- (7)  $R$  is right weakly  $np$ -injective.
- (8)  $R$  is right weakly Gnp-injective.

## 5. On a Theorem of Camillo

Camillo [2], Nicholson and Yousif [11] and Chen and Ding [3] have studied  $p$ -injective rings and  $YJ$ -injective rings. In this section, we extend their works.

An element  $u \in R$  is said to be right uniform if  $u \neq 0$  and  $uR$  is a uniform right ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $R$  be a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring. If  $u \in R$  is right uniform with  $u \notin Z_r$ , then  $M_u := \{x \in R \mid uR \cap r(x) \neq 0\}$  is a maximal left ideal containing  $l(u)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $uR$  is uniform,  $M_u$  is a left ideal. Clearly,  $l(u) \subseteq M_u \neq R$ . If  $a \notin M_u$ , then  $au \neq 0$  because  $uR \cap r(a) = 0$ . Since  $u \notin Z_r$  and  $r(u) = r(au)$ ,  $au \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $Ru = lr(u) = lr(au) = Rau$  because  $R$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective, write  $u = cau$

where  $c \in R$ . So  $1 - ca \in l(u) \subseteq M_u$ . Hence  $R = Ra + M_u$ , which implies that  $M_u$  is maximal.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.2.** *If  $R$  is a right Jcp-injective right uniform ring, then  $R$  is local and  $Z_l \subseteq J(R) = Z_r$*

**Proof.** By hypothesis,  $Z_r = \{x \in R \mid r(x) \text{ is essential in } R_R\} = \{x \in R \mid r(x) \neq 0\} = \{x \in R \mid 1R \cap r(x) \neq 0\} = M_1 \supseteq J(R)$  because  $1 \notin Z_r$ . Hence  $J(R) = Z_r = M_1$  is a maximal left ideal. So  $R$  is local.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $R$  be right Jcp-injective and left Kasch. Assume that every nonzero right ideal contains a uniform right ideal, which is not contained in  $Z_r$ . Then every maximal left ideal  $M$  has the form  $M = M_u$  for some right uniform element  $u$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a maximal left ideal. Then  $r(M) \neq 0$  because  $R$  is left Kasch. By hypothesis, there exists a uniform right ideal  $uR$  such that  $uR \subseteq r(M)$  and  $u \notin Z_r$ . So  $M = lr(M) \subseteq l(u) \subseteq M_u$ . Hence  $M = M_u$ .  $\square$

Similar to [11, Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.1], we can obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $R$  be right Jcp-injective, and assume that  $Rb_1 \oplus Rb_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus Rb_n \subseteq R$  is a direct sum with  $(Rb_1 \oplus Rb_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus Rb_n) \cap Z_r = 0$ . Then:*

- (1) *Any  $R$ -linear map  $\alpha : b_1R + b_2R + \cdots + b_nR \rightarrow R$  extends to  $\alpha : R \rightarrow R$ .*
- (2) *Write  $S = b_1R + b_2R + \cdots + b_kR$  and  $T = b_{k+1}R + b_{k+2}R + \cdots + b_nR$ ,  $1 \leq k < n$ , then  $l(S \cap T) = l(S) + l(T)$ .*

**Theorem 5.5.** *If  $R$  is right Jcp-injective and  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} B_i$  is a direct sum of ideals of  $R$  with  $(\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} B_i) \cap Z_r = 0$ , then  $A \cap (\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} B_i) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} (A \cap B_i)$  for any ideal  $A$  of  $R$ .*

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $R$  be right Jcp-injective and let  $W = u_1R \oplus \cdots \oplus u_nR$  be a direct sum of uniform right ideals  $u_iR$  of  $R$  with  $W \cap Z_r = 0$ . If  $M \subseteq R$  is a maximal left ideal that is not of the form  $M_u$  for any right uniform element  $u$ , then there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $r(1 - m) \cap W$  is essential in  $M$ .*

Since division rings are von Neumann regular, every module over division rings is  $p$ -injective. Hence every right module over division rings is right Jcp-injective. We now characterize division rings in terms of the following notion:  $R$  is called a right  $F$ -ring if, for any maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  and any  $b \in M$ ,  $R/bM$  is a flat right  $R$ -module. Division rings are right  $F$ -rings.

**Theorem 5.7.** *The following are equivalent for a semiprime right uniform ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is a division ring;
- (2)  $R$  is a right  $p$ -injective right  $F$ -ring;
- (3)  $R$  is a right  $YJ$ -injective right  $F$ -ring;
- (4)  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective right  $F$ -ring.

**Proof.** It is obvious that (1) implies (2), which, in turn, implies (3) and (4).

Assume (4). Since  $R$  is a right uniform ring and right  $Jcp$ -injective, by Corollary 5.2,  $R$  is a local ring with  $Z_r = J(R)$ . Since  $R$  is a right  $F$ -ring,  $J(R)^2 = 0$  and so  $J(R) = 0$  because  $R$  is a semiprime ring. Hence  $R$  is a division ring.  $\square$

$R$  is called a right  $CAM$ -ring if, for any maximal essential right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  (if it exists) and for any right subideal  $I$  of  $M$  which is either a complement right subideal of  $M$  or a right annihilator ideal in  $R$ ,  $I$  is an ideal of  $M$ .

Right  $CAM$ -rings generalize semisimple artinian. [8] shows that semiprime right  $CAM$ -ring  $R$  is either semisimple artinian or reduced. If  $R$  is also right  $Jcp$ -injective, then  $R$  is either semisimple artinian or strongly regular ring. We yield the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.8.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is either a semisimple artinian or a strongly regular ring.
- (2)  $R$  is a semiprime right  $CAM$ -ring whose singular simple right modules are flat.
- (3)  $R$  is a semiprime right  $Jcp$ -injective, right  $CAM$ -ring.
- (4)  $R$  is a semiprime right  $CAM$ -ring,  $MERT$  ring whose singular simple right  $R$ -modules are  $Jcp$ -injective.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) where  $i = 2, 3, 4$  are obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume (2). If  $R$  is not a semisimple artinian ring, then  $R$  is reduced. Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ . If  $aR \oplus r(a) \neq R$ , then  $aR \oplus r(a) \subseteq M$  for some maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$ . If  $M$  is not an essential right ideal of  $R$ , then  $M = eR$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Because  $R$  is reduced,  $ae = ea = 0$  and  $e \in r(a) \subseteq M = r(e)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$  and so  $R/M$  is a singular simple right  $R$ -module. By (2),  $R/M$  is flat, then there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $a = ma$ . But then  $a = am$ , because  $R$  is reduced. Now we obtain  $1 - m \in r(a)$ , and so  $1 \in M$ , a contradiction. Hence  $aR \oplus r(a) = R$  and then  $R$  is a strongly regular ring.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) If  $R$  is not a semisimple artinian ring, then  $R$  is reduced. By Corollary 1.5,  $R$  is a regular ring, But  $R$  is an abelian ring, so  $R$  is a strongly regular ring.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) We can directly assume that  $R$  is reduced. So  $R$  is a right nonsingular ring. Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ . If  $aR \oplus r(a) \neq R$ , then  $aR \oplus r(a) \subseteq M$  for some maximal essential right ideal  $M$  of  $R$ . Hence  $R/M$  is a singular simple right  $R$ -module. By hypothesis,  $R/M$  is right  $Jcp$ -injective. Then there exists a  $c \in R$  such that  $1 - ca \in M$ . But then  $1 \in M$ , because  $R$  is a  $MERT$  ring and  $M$  is an ideal. It is a contradiction. Hence  $aR \oplus r(a) = R$  and then  $R$  is a strongly regular ring.  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called right  $CM$  if, for any maximal essential right ideal  $M$  of  $R$ , every complement right subideal is an ideal of  $M$ . [8, Proposition 3] shows that simple projective right module over right  $CM$  ring is injective.

A ring  $R$  is right finitely embedded if,  $Soc(R_R)$  is finite generated and right essential in  $R_R$ . Note that a right finitely embedded right  $PS$  ring need not be semiprime. We conclude the paper with a few characteristic properties of semisimple artinian rings.

**Theorem 5.9.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is a semisimple artinian ring.
- (2)  $R$  is a right  $CM$ , right finitely embedded and right  $PS$  ring.
- (3)  $R$  is a semiprime, right  $Jcp$ -injective and left or right Goldie ring.

**Proof.** Clearly, (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (3).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $R$  is a right  $PS$  right finitely embedded ring,  $Soc(R_R)$  is a semisimple projective right  $R$ -module. Because  $R$  is a right  $CM$  ring,  $Soc(R_R)$  is an injective right  $R$ -module. Hence  $Soc(R_R) = eR$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$ . But then  $Soc(R_R) = R$ , because  $Soc(R_R)$  is essential in  $R_R$ . Hence  $R$  is semisimple artinian.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume (3). Then  $R$  has a left (or right) fraction ring  $Q$ , and  $Q$  is a semisimple artinian ring. If  $Q$  is a left fraction ring, then for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $x = a^{-1}b$ , where  $a, b \in R$  and  $l(a) = r(a) = 0$ , so  $a \notin Z_r$ . Since  $R$  is a right  $Jcp$ -injective ring, there exists  $c \in R$  such that  $ca = 1$  and then  $ac = 1$ . Hence  $a^{-1} \in R$  and so  $x \in R$ . Thus  $R = Q$  is a semisimple artinian ring.  $\square$

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