

## SOME RESULTS RELATED TO JACOBSON CONJECTURE

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### Abstract

In this paper, we study the endomorphism rings of bounded and fully bounded modules and extended some results related to Jacobson's Conjecture.

### Introduction and Preliminaries

The Jacobson radical of  $R$ , denoted by  $J(R)$ , is defined to be the intersection of all maximal ideals of  $R$ . The equality  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$  is well-known as Jacobson conjecture, which had been appeared in ([8], pp200). This had been proved for commutative rings by W. Krull. In 1965 I. N. Herstein showed that it is false if the ring is right but not left Noetherian. The Jacobson conjecture is not true by a result of Jategaonkar in 1974, following this, there is a right Noetherian right serial ring with  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) \neq 0$ .

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative with identity, and all modules are unitary right  $R$ -modules. We write  $M_R$  (resp.  ${}_R M$ ) to indicate that  $M$  is a right (resp. left)  $R$ -modules. We also write  $J(R)$  (resp.  $rad(M)$ ) for the Jacobson radical of  $R$  (resp. Jacobson radical of  $M_R$ ) and  $S = End(M_R)$ , its endomorphism ring. A submodule  $X$  of  $M$  is called a *fully invariant* submodule of  $M$  if for any  $f \in S$ , we have  $f(X) \subset X$ . Especially, a right ideal of  $R$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $R_R$  if it is a two-sided ideal of  $R$ . Following [17], a

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fully invariant proper submodule  $X$  of  $M$  is called *prime submodule* of  $M$  if for any ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant submodule  $U$  of  $M$ , if  $I(U) \subset X$ , then either  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ . In particular, an ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is a prime ideal if for any ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ , if  $IJ \subset P$ , then either  $I \subset P$  or  $J \subset P$ . A non-zero submodule  $U$  of  $M$  is called *essential* in  $M$  if  $U$  has non-zero intersection with any non-zero submodule of  $M$ . A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *self-generator* if it generates all its submodules. General background materials can be found in [1], [3], [4], [5], [6], [10], [11], [13], [19], [22].

Following [16], a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *bounded module* if every essential submodule contains a fully invariant submodule which is essential in  $M$  as a submodule. A ring  $R$  is a right bounded if every essential right ideal of  $R$  contains an ideal which is essential as a right ideal.

Clearly, every commutative ring is right bounded. A simple Artinian ring has no proper essential right ideals and hence is right bounded.

A right  $R$ -module  $M_R$  is fully bounded if for every prime submodule  $X$  of  $M$ , the factor module  $M/X$  is a bounded module. A ring  $R$  is right fully bounded if for every prime ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , the factor ring  $R/I$  is a right bounded ring.

**Theorem 1** (Cauchon [2], 1974) *Let  $J(R)$  be the Jacobson radical of a left and right fully bounded ring  $R$ . Then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$ .*

**Theorem 2** ([20], Theorem 1) *Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $R$  is a left Noetherian, right distributive, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$ .*

**Theorem 3** ([20]) *If  $R$  is a right Noetherian, left distributive, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$ .*

We can consider  $M$  as a left  $S$ -module. It easy to see that if  $M$  is quasi-projective and  ${}_S M$  is a Noetherian module, then  $S$  is a left Noetherian ring. From this we have a following theorems.

**Theorem 4** *Let  $M$  be quasi-projective, finitely generated right  $R$ -module which is a self-generator. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian, and  $M_R$  is a fully bounded module, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian, we see that  $S$  is a Noetherian ring. By [16, Theorem 2.16],  $S$  is a right fully bounded ring. From Theorem 1, it follows that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ .  $\square$

Following [15], if  $M$  is a self-generator, then we have  $I_{J(M)} = J(S)$ . Then the following corollary is a direct consequence of the above theorem.

**Corollary 5** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated right  $R$ -module which is a self-generator. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian, and  $M_R$  is a fully*

bounded module, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(M) = 0$ , where  $J = J(S)$ .

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. The module  $M$  is called a *uniserial module* if the lattice of its submodules is linearly ordered by inclusion. A ring  $R$  is called a right *uniserial ring* if  $R_R$  is a uniserial module. A module  $M$  is called a *serial module* if it is a direct sum of uniserial modules. In particular, A ring  $R$  is called a right serial ring if  $R_R$  is a serial module. For the following two propositions, we refer to [22].

**Proposition 6** ([22, 55.1]) *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective  $R$ -module. If  $M_R$  is a uniserial module then  $S = \text{End}(M)$  is a right serial ring.*

**Proposition 7** ([22], 55.2) *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated  $R$ -module. If  $M_R$  is a serial module, then  $S$  is a right serial ring.*

In ([3], Theorem 6.7) we have a result related to Jacobson conjecture.

**Proposition 8** ([3], Theorem 6.7) *Let  $R$  be a left and right Noetherian right serial ring with Jacobson radical  $J(R)$ . Then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$*

Motivated this result we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 9** *Let  $M_R$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated  $R$ -module. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian module and  $M_R$  is a serial module, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ , where  $J(S)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Since  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian, we see that  $S$  is a Noetherian ring. If  $M_R$  is a serial module, then  $S$  is a right serial ring, by Proposition 7. From Proposition 8, it follows that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 10** *Let  $M_R$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated  $R$ -module which is a self-generator. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian module and  $M_R$  is a serial module, then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(M) = 0$ .*

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *distributive* if the lattice of its submodules is *distributive*, i.e.,  $F \cap (G + H) = F \cap G + F \cap H$  for all submodules  $F, G$  and  $H$  of the module  $M$ . A ring  $R$  is a *right distributive ring* if  $R_R$  is a distributive module. Next we study some properties of distributive modules.

**Proposition 11** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated right  $R$ -module which is a self-generator. If  $M_R$  is a distributive module, then  $S$  is a right distributive ring.*

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be a right ideal of  $S$ . By [22,18.4],  $I = \text{Hom}(M, I(M))$ . Put  $X = I(M)$ , then  $I = I_X = \text{Hom}(M, I(M)) = \{f \in S \mid f(M) \subset X\}$ . Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be right ideal of  $S$ . It follows that  $I_1 = I_X$  and  $I_2 = I_Y$  for  $X = I_1(M)$ ,  $Y = I_2(M)$ . Hence  $I_{X \cap Y} = I_X \cap I_Y$ . Since  $M$  is a self-generator,  $I_X(M) = X$

for any  $X \subset_{>} M$  and from [22, 18.4], it follows that,  $I_{X+Y}(M) = (I_X + I_Y)(M)$  and  $I_X \cap (I_Y + I_Z) = I_X \cap I_{Y+Z} = I_{X \cap (Y+Z)} = I_{(X \cap Y) + (X \cap Z)} = I_{(X \cap Y)} + I_{(X \cap Z)} = (I_X \cap I_Y) + (I_X \cap I_Z)$ . Hence  $S$  is a right distributive ring as required.  $\square$

Any direct sum of distributive modules is called a *semidistributive* module. Next we will show that if  $M$  is a quasi-projective, finitely generated  $R$ -module which is a semidistributive, then  $S$  is a right semidistributive ring by following theorem.

**Theorem 11** *Let  $M_R$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated  $R$ -module. If  $M_R$  is a semidistributive module, then  $S$  is a right semidistributive ring.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M_1, M_2$  are distributive submodules of  $M$ . We may without loss of generality assume that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Let  $p_1$  be the natural homomorphism from  $M$  to  $M_1$ . We will prove that  $Sp_1$  is a distributive module of  $S_S$ . Suppose that  $Ip_1, Jp_1, Kp_1$  are ideals of  $Sp_1$ . Then  $Ip_1 \cap (Jp_1 + Kp_1) = Hom(M; (Ip_1 \cap Ip_2 + Ip_1 \cap Kp_1)(M)) = Ip_1 \cap Jp_1 + Ip_1 \cap Kp_1$ . Hence  $Sp_1$  is a distributive module of  $S_S$ . Since  $S = Sp_1 + Sp_2$ , we have  $S$  is a right semidistributive ring, proving the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 12** ([21, 3.107]) *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian right semidistributive ring. Then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(R) = 0$ .*

**Theorem 13** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated module. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian and  $M_R$  is a semidistributive module. Then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Since  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian, we have  $S$  is a Noetherian ring. Since  $M_R$  is a semidistributive module, we can see that  $S$  is a right semidistributive ring, by Theorem 12. It follows from Theorem 3.13,  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(S) = 0$ .  $\square$

As a consequence, we immediately get the following result for the semidistributive modules.

**Corollary 14** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective, finitely generated right  $R$ -module which is self-generator. If  ${}_S M$  and  $M_R$  are Noetherian,  $M_R$  is a semidistributive module. Then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} J^k(M) = 0$ .*

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