

## 2-Simple Injective Rings

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### Abstract

A ring  $R$  is called right 2-simple injective if, for every 2-generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every  $R$ -linear map from  $I$  to  $R$  with simple image extends to  $R$ . The class of right 2-simple injective rings is broader than that of right simple injective rings and right 2-injective rings. We study characterizations and properties of right 2-simple injective rings, several conditions under which right 2-simple injective rings are  $QF$ -rings are given.

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Throughout this article,  $R$  is an associative ring with identity, and all modules are unitary. As usual,  $J(R)$  or  $J$  for short,  $Z({}_R R)$  ( $Z(R_R)$ ) and  $Soc({}_R R)$  ( $Soc(R_R)$ ) denote respectively the Jacobson radical, the left (right) singular ideal and the left (right) socle of  $R$ . The left annihilators of a subset  $X$  of  $R$  is denoted by  $l_R(X)$  (or  $l(X)$  for short), and the right annihilators of a subset  $X$  of  $R$  is denoted by  $r_R(X)$  (or  $r(X)$  for short). If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, the notation  $N \subseteq^{max} M$  means that  $N$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$ , and we write  $N \subseteq^\oplus M$  if  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$  for convenience.

Firstly, we recall some concepts. A ring  $R$  is called quasi-Frobenius, briefly  $QF$ , if it is right (or left) artinian (or noetherian), and right (or left) self-injective. A module  $M_R$  is called  $FP$ -injective (or absolutely pure) if, for

any finitely generated submodule  $K$  of a free right  $R$ -module  $F$ , every  $R$ -homomorphism  $K_R \rightarrow M_R$  extends to a homomorphism  $F_R \rightarrow M_R$ . A ring  $R$  is called right  $FP$ -injective if  $R_R$  is  $FP$ -injective. A ring  $R$  is called right simple injective if for every right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every  $R$ -linear map  $\gamma : I \rightarrow R$  with  $\gamma(I)$  simple extends to  $R$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer, a ring  $R$  is called right  $n$ -injective if, for any  $n$ -generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every  $R$ -homomorphism from  $I$  to  $R$  extends to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R$  to  $R$ . Right 1-injective rings are called right  $P$ -injective [6]. A ring  $R$  is called right general principally injective (briefly right  $GP$ -injective) [5] if, for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n \neq 0$  and any right  $R$ -homomorphism from  $a^n R$  to  $R$  extends to an endomorphism of  $R$ .  $GP$ -injective rings defined here are also called  $YJ$ -injective rings in [14]. A ring  $R$  is called right  $AGP$ -injective [11] if for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n \neq 0$  and  $Ra^n$  is a direct summand of  $l(r(a^n))$ . A ring  $R$  is called right mininjective [7] if for any minimal right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every  $R$ -homomorphism from  $I$  to  $R$  extends to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R$  to  $R$ . The following implications hold:

right self-injective  $\Rightarrow$  right simple injective and right  $FP$ -injective.

right  $FP$ -injective  $\Rightarrow$  right 2-injective  $\Rightarrow$  right  $P$ -injective  $\Rightarrow$  right  $GP$ -injective  $\Rightarrow$  right right  $AGP$ -injective and right mininjective.

Since right  $FP$ -injective rings need not be right self-injective [8, Example 5.45] and the integer ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a right simple injective ring that is not right self-injective, right simple injective or right 2-injective rings need not be right self-injective. Right  $P$ -injective rings need not be right 2-injective [12, Example 1], right  $GP$ -injective rings need not be right  $P$ -injective [3], right  $AGP$ -injective rings need not be right  $GP$ -injective [11, Example 1.5], and right mininjective rings need not be right  $GP$ -injective neither (for example, the integer ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  is right mininjective but it is not right  $GP$ -injective).

2-injective rings and simple injective rings and the relationships of them with  $QF$ -rings have been studied by many authors, see [1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13]. In this article, we generalize the concepts of right 2-injective rings and right simple injective rings to right 2-simple injective rings, some characterizations and properties of them are studied, and several conditions under which 2-simple injective rings are  $QF$ -rings are given, many of them extend known results on right simple injective rings and right 2-injective rings.

We start with the following definition.

**Definition 1.** *A ring  $R$  is called right 2-simple injective if, for every 2-generated right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , every  $R$ -linear map  $\gamma : I \rightarrow R$  with  $\gamma(I)$  simple extends to an endomorphism of  $R$ .*

Clearly, right simple injective rings and right 2-injective rings are both

right 2-simple injective, but right 2-simple injective rings need neither be right simple injective nor right 2- injective. We recall that if  $R$  is a ring and  ${}_R V_R$  is a bimodule, then the trivial extension  $T(R, V)$  of  $R$  by  $V$  is the additive group  $R \oplus V$  with multiplication given by  $(r, v)(s, w) = (rs, rw + vs)$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty} = \{\frac{m}{2^i} + \mathbb{Z} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, i \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  be the prüfer group of type  $2^\infty$ . Then by [9, Example 4], the trivial extension  $T(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty})$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty}$  is a commutative simple-injective ring with simple essential socle, of course, it is 2-simple injective, but it is not  $P$ -injective.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right *Kasch* if every simple right  $R$ -module embeds in  $R$ , equivalently if  $l(T) \neq 0$  for every maximal right ideal  $T$  of  $R$ . Left Kasch rings can be defined similarly.  $R$  is call Kasch if it is left and right Kasch.

**Example 3.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_2[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ , where the  $x_i$  are commuting indeterminants satisfying the relations  $x_i^3 = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  $x_i x_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , and  $x_i^2 = x_j^2$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . Write  $m = x_1^2 = x_2^2 = \dots$ . Then by [8, Example 2.6],  $R$  is a commutative local ring,  $J = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}\{m, x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ ,  $J^3 = 0$ ,  $\text{Soc}(R) = J^2 = Fm$  is simple and essential in  $R$ . And by [8, Example 5.45],  $R$  is an  $FP$ -injective ring. So  $R$  is a commutative , Kasch, semiprimary 2-simple injective ring with simple essential socle, but it is not simple injective by [8, Example 6.2].

It is easy to see that right 2-simple injective rings are right mininjective, but the inverse implications is not true. Indeed, even right  $P$ -injective rings need not be right 2-simple injective. Recall a ring  $R$  is called right *minfull* [7] if it is semiperfect, right mininjective and  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local idempotent  $e \in R$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $K$  be a field and  $L$  be a proper subfield of  $K$  such that  $\rho : K \rightarrow L$  is an isomorphism, and let  $K[\rho; x]$  be the ring of twisted left polynomials over  $K$  where  $xk = \rho(k)x$  for all  $k \in K$ . Set  $R = K[\rho; x]/(x^2)$ . Then  $R$  is right  $P$ -injective, but  $R$  is not right 2-simple injective.

*Proof.* By Rutter [12, Example 1],  $R$  is a right  $P$ -injective , left artinian local ring with only two idempotents 0 and 1 but  $R$  is not  $QF$ . Hence  $R$  is right minfull. By [7, Theorem 3.7(1)],  $R$  is right Kasch . If  $R$  is right 2-simple injective, then by Theorem 10(1),  $R$  is left  $P$ -injective , and thus  $R$  is left and right mininjective and left artinian. It follows that  $R$  is  $QF$  by [7, Corollary 4.8], a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *A direct product  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  of rings is right 2-simple injective if and only if  $R_i$  is right 2-simple injective for each  $i \in I$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of the necessity is trivial. Conversely, write  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , assume that each  $R_i$  is right 2-simple injective, and let  $\gamma : T \rightarrow R$  be a right  $R$ -homomorphism, where  $T = Ra + Rb$  is a 2-generated right ideal of  $R$  and  $\gamma(T)$  is simple. Let  $\sigma_i$  and  $\pi_i$  be the canonical inclusion and projection maps for  $R$ . Write  $a = \langle a_i \rangle, b = \langle b_i \rangle$ . For each  $k \in I$ , write  $e_k = \sigma_i \pi_i(1)$  and define  $T_k = \{x \in R_k \mid \sigma_k(x) \in T\}$ . Then  $T_k = R_k a_k + R_k b_k$  is a 2-generated right ideal of  $R_k$ , the map  $\gamma_k = \pi_k \gamma \sigma_k : T_k \rightarrow R_k$  is a right  $R_k$ -homomorphism, and  $\gamma_k(T_k) = \pi_k(\gamma \sigma_k(T_k)) \subseteq \pi_k(\gamma(T))$  is simple or 0 as a right ideal of  $R_k$  because  $\pi_k$  is a ring homomorphism. By hypothesis  $\gamma_k = c_k \cdot$  for some  $c_k \in R_k$ . Now for any  $t \in T$ , write  $t = \langle t_i \rangle, \gamma(t) = \langle s_i \rangle$ , then each  $t_k \in T_k$  because  $\sigma_k(t_k) = t e_k \in T$ , and  $\gamma \sigma_k(t_k) = \gamma(t e_k) = \gamma(t) e_k = \sigma_k(s_k)$ . Hence,  $c_k t_k = \gamma_k(t_k) = \pi_k \gamma \sigma_k(t_k) = \pi_k \sigma_k(s_k) = s_k$ . Let  $c = \langle c_i \rangle \in R$ , then  $ct = \langle c_i t_i \rangle = \langle s_i \rangle = \gamma(t)$ , so  $\gamma = c \cdot$ , as required.  $\square$

**Example 6.** *Let  $R_1$  as in Example 2,  $R_2$  as in Example 3, and let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ . Then  $R$  is a commutative 2-simple injective ring which is neither simple injective nor 2-injective.*

*Proof.* Since  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are both commutative 2-simple injective rings, by Proposition 5,  $R$  is a commutative 2-simple injective ring. With a similar way as the proof of Proposition 5, one can prove that a direct product of rings is 2-injective if and only if each of its factor is 2-injective. Note that a direct product of rings is simple-injective if and only if each of its factor is simple-injective by [8, Proposition 6.3], So if  $R$  is simple injective, then  $R_2$  is simple injective, a contradiction. If  $R$  is 2-injective, then  $R_1$  is 2-injective, a contradiction too.  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *A ring  $R$  is right 2-simple injective if and only if an  $R$ -linear map  $\gamma : I \rightarrow R_R$  extends to  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  whenever  $I$  is a 2-generated right ideal of  $R$  and  $\gamma(I)$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $R$  is right 2-simple injective. If  $\gamma(I) = 0$  then  $\gamma = 0$ . Otherwise, let  $\gamma(I) = K_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus K_n$ , where the  $K_i$  are simple right ideals. If  $\pi_i : \gamma(I) \rightarrow K_i$  is the projection, then  $\pi_i \gamma = c_i \cdot$  for some  $c_i \in R$  by hypothesis. It is routine to verify that  $\gamma = (c_1 + \cdots + c_n) \cdot$ , as required.  $\square$

We call a module  $M_R$  *2-simple quasi-injective* if, for any 2-generated submodule  $X \subseteq M$ , any  $R$ -homomorphism  $X \rightarrow M$  with simple image extends to an endomorphism of  $M$ .

**Lemma 8.** *If  $M_R$  is a 2-simple quasi-injective module and  $\text{End}(M_R)$  is local, then  $\text{Soc}(M_R)$  is either 0 or simple and essential in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{Soc}(M_R) \neq 0$ , and let  $K \subseteq M$  be simple. If  $0 \neq T \subseteq M$  is a cyclic submodule, it suffices to show that  $K \subseteq T$ . If not, define  $\gamma : K \oplus T \rightarrow M$  by  $\gamma(k+t) = k$ . By hypothesis, let  $\hat{\gamma} \in \text{End}(M)$  extend  $\gamma$ . Then  $(1_M - \hat{\gamma})(k) = 0$  for each  $k \in K$ , so  $\hat{\gamma} \notin J(\text{End}(M_R))$ . Hence  $\hat{\gamma}$  is invertible in the local ring  $\text{End}(M_R)$ , so the fact  $\hat{\gamma}(T) = 0$  means  $T = 0$ , contrary to the assumption.  $\square$

If  $M_R$  is 2-simple quasi-injective and  $N \subseteq^\oplus M$  then  $N_R$  is also 2-simple quasi-injective. Indeed, if  $X$  is a 2-generated submodule of  $N$  and  $\gamma : X \rightarrow N$  has simple image then  $\gamma$  extends to  $\hat{\gamma} : M \rightarrow M$ , so  $\pi\hat{\gamma}|_N : N \rightarrow N$  extends  $\gamma$ , where  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  is the projection.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective ring.*

- (1) *If  $e$  is a local idempotent in  $R$  then  $\text{Soc}(eR)$  is either zero or simple and essential in  $eR$ .*
- (2) *If  $R$  is semiperfect, then following conditions are equivalent:*
  - (a)  *$\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local idempotent  $e$ .*
  - (b)  *$\text{Soc}(R_R)$  is finitely generated and essential in  $R_R$ .*

*Proof.* The module  $eR$  is 2-simple quasi-injective by the preceding remark, and  $\text{end}(eR) \cong eRe$  is a local ring. hence (1) follows from Lemma 8. If  $1 = e_1 + \cdots + e_n$ , where the  $e_i$  are orthogonal local idempotents, then  $\text{Soc}(R_R) = \text{Soc}(e_1R) \oplus \cdots \oplus \text{Soc}(e_nR)$  and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) follows from (1). The converse is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective, right Kasch ring. Then*

- (1)  *$R$  is left  $P$ -injective, and hence right and left mininjective.*
- (2)  *$Ra$  is simple if and only if  $aR$  is simple. In particular,  $\text{Soc}(R_R) = \text{Soc}({}_R R)$ .*
- (3)  *$J(R) = Z({}_R R) = r_R(\text{Soc}(R_R))$ .*
- (4)  *$l_R(J(R)) \leqslant {}_R R$ .*
- (5) *If  $e^2 = e$  is local then  $\text{Soc}(Re)$  is simple and essential in  $Re$ .*
- (6) *For the following conditions, we have (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b):*
  - (a)  *$\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for each local  $e^2 = e \in R$ .*

- (b)  $\text{Soc}(eR)$  is simple and essential in  $eR$  for each local  $e^2 = e \in R$ .  
(c)  $R$  is left Kasch.

(7) The map  $\theta : T \mapsto l(T)$  gives a bijection from the set of maximal right ideals of  $R$  to the set of minimal left ideals of  $R$ , whose inverse map is given by  $K \mapsto r(K)$ .

*Proof.* (1). For every  $a \in R$ , we always have  $aR \subseteq r_R l_R(a)$ . If  $b \in r_R l_R(a) - aR$ , let  $aR \subseteq T \subseteq^{max} (aR + bR)$ . By the Kasch hypothesis, let  $\sigma : (aR + bR)/T \rightarrow R$  be monic, and then define  $\gamma : aR + bR \rightarrow R$  by  $\gamma(x) = \sigma(x + T)$ . Since  $\text{im}(\gamma) = \text{im}(\sigma)$  is simple and  $R$  is right 2-simple injective,  $\gamma = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$ . So  $ca = \gamma(a) = 0$ . This gives  $cb = 0$  because  $b \in r_R l_R(a)$ . But  $cb = \sigma(b + T) \neq 0$  because  $b \notin T$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $r_R l_R(a) = aR$ , which shows that  $R$  is left  $P$ -injective by [6, Lemma 1.1].

(2). Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective and right Kasch,  $R$  is right and left mininjective by (1), and then  $Ra$  is simple if and only if  $aR$  is simple by [7, Theorem 1.14(1)].

(3). Since  $R$  is left  $P$ -injective,  $J(R) = Z({}_R R)$  by [6, Theorem 2.1]. For every maximal right ideal  $T$  of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is right Kasch,  $R/T$  can be embedded in  $R_R$ , thus for each  $x \in r_R(\text{Soc}(R_R))$ ,  $(R/T)x = 0$ , and then  $x \in J(R)$ . Therefore,  $J(R) = r_R(\text{Soc}(R_R))$ .

(4). Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ . Suppose that  $T$  is a maximal submodule of  $aR$ . By the right Kasch hypothesis, let  $\sigma : aR/T \rightarrow R$  be monic, and define  $f : aR \rightarrow R$  by  $f(x) = \sigma(x + T)$ , then  $\text{im}(f) = \text{im}(\sigma)$  is simple. Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective,  $f = c \cdot$  for some  $c \in R$ , and then  $ca = f(a) = \sigma(a + T) \neq 0$ . But  $caJ(R) = f(aJ(R)) = f(0) = 0$ , so  $0 \neq ca \in Ra \cap l_R(J(R))$ . And hence  $l_R(J(R)) \not\subseteq_R Ra$ .

(5). First we have  $l(J)e \cong \text{Hom}_R(eR/eJ, R)$  by [8, Lemma 3.1]. Since  $eR/eJ$  is simple (because  $e$  is local), and since  $R$  is right mininjective and right Kasch, by [8, Theorem 2.31],  $l(J)e$  is a simple submodule of  $\text{Soc}(Re)$ . Hence (2) gives  $l(J)e \subseteq \text{Soc}(Re) = \text{Soc}({}_R R) \cap Re = \text{Soc}({}_R R)e = \text{Soc}(R_R)e \subseteq l(J)e$ . It follows that  $\text{Soc}(Re) = l(J)e$  is simple and essential in  $Re$  by (4).

(6). Clearly  $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ , and the converse follows from Proposition 9(1). To show that  $(c) \Rightarrow (a)$ , observe that  $e.r(J) \cong \text{Hom}(Re/Je, R)$ , so by [8, Theorem 2.31],  $e.r(J)$  is simple because  $e$  is local and  $R$  is left mininjective by (1) and left Kasch by (c). This proves (a).

(7). Let  $K = Rk$  be any minimal left ideal, then  $kR$  is a minimal right ideal by (2), and hence  $lr(K) = K$  by [7, Lemma 1.1], therefore (7) follows by [7, Theorem 2.3].  $\square$

We call a ring  $R$  left finite dimensional in case  ${}_R R$  is of finite Goldie dimension.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective and right Kasch ring. Then  $R$  is left finite dimensional if and only if  $R$  is semilocal. In this case  $R$  has the following properties:*

- (1)  $R$  is left Kasch.
- (2)  $Soc(R_R) = Soc({}_R R)$  is finitely generated and essential both as a right and a left ideal. Hence  $R_R$  and  ${}_R R$  are finitely cogenerated.
- (3)  $Soc(eR)$  is simple and essential in  $eR$  for each local  $e^2 = e \in R$ .
- (4)  $dim({}_R R) = lenth[(R/J)_R]$ .

*Proof.* If  $R$  is left finite dimensional, then by the right Kasch condition,  $R$  is semilocal by [8, Proposition 5.55]. Conversely, if  $R$  is semilocal, then by Theorem 10,  $Soc({}_R R) = Soc(R_R) = l(J) \trianglelefteq_R R$ . Note that  $Soc(R_R)$  is finitely generated as a left  $R$ -module by [8, Theorem 5.52], so  $Soc({}_R R)$  is finitely generated as a left  $R$ -module, which follows that  $R$  is left finite dimensional.

(1). Since  $R$  is semilocal, right and left mininjective, and right Kasch, it is left Kasch by [8, Lemma 5.49].

(2). Since  $R$  is a semilocal, right and left mininjective ring,  $Soc({}_R R) = Soc(R_R) = r(J)$  is finitely generated as a left and as a right  $R$ -module by [8, Corollary 5.53]. And  $Soc({}_R R) \trianglelefteq_R R$  by our above discussion. But  $R$  is left Kasch by (1) and left  $P$ -injective by Theorem 10(1), so  $Soc({}_R R) = r(J) \trianglelefteq_R R$  by [6, Lemma 2.3].

(3). This follows from (1) and Theorem 10(6).

(4). Observe that  $l(J) \cong Hom(R/J, R)$ . But  $R/J$  is semisimple by hypothesis, say  $R/J = K_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus K_n$ , where each  $K_i$  is a simple right  $R$ -module. Hence  $Soc({}_R R) = Soc(R_R) = l(J) \cong Hom(R/J, R) = Hom(K_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus K_n, R) \cong Hom(K_1, R) \oplus \cdots \oplus Hom(K_n, R)$ . Since  $R$  is right mininjective and right Kasch, by [8, Theorem 2.31(2)], each  $Hom(K_i, R)$  is simple. Since  $Soc({}_R R) \trianglelefteq_R R$ , this shows that  $dim({}_R R) = dim({}_R Soc({}_R R)) = n = lenth((R/J)_R)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 12.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective and right Kasch ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is semilocal.
- (2)  $R$  is left finitely cogenerated.
- (3)  $R$  is left finite dimensional.
- (4)  $R$  is right finitely cogenerated and left Kasch.
- (5)  $R$  is right finite dimensional and left Kasch.
- (6)  $R$  is right finite dimensional and right  $C_2$ .
- (7)  $Soc(R_R)$  is a finitely generated left ideal.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (4), (7), and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) by Theorem 11. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are clear. (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) by [8, Proposition 1.46].

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $R$  is right finite dimensional, it contains no infinite set of orthogonal idempotents. By [8, Example 7.5], every monomorphism  $R_R \rightarrow R_R$  is epic because  $R$  is right  $C_2$ . Then (1) follows from [8, Corollary C.3] as  $R$  is right finite dimensional.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Assume (7). Then by Theorem 10(2),  $Soc(R_R) = Soc({}_R R)$  is a finitely generated left ideal. Let  $Soc({}_R R) = Ra_1 + Ra_2 + \cdots + Ra_n$ , where  $Ra_i$  is a simple left ideal,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then, by Theorem 10(3),  $J = r_R(Soc({}_R R)) = \cap_{i=1}^n r_R(a_i)$ . Note that each  $r_R(a_i) = r_R(Ra_i)$  is a maximal right ideal by Theorem 10(7), so  $R$  is semilocal.  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called a right *CS* ring if every right ideal of  $R$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ , a ring  $R$  is called a right *min-CS* ring if every minimal right ideal of  $R$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ , a ring  $R$  is called right  $C_2$  if every right ideal of  $R$  that is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $R$  is itself a direct summand of  $R$ , a ring  $R$  is called right *continuous* if it is right *CS* and right  $C_2$ . We call a ring  $R$  a right *P-CS* ring if every principal right ideal of  $R$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ , We call a ring  $R$  right *P-continuous* if it is right *P-CS* and right  $C_2$ , and we call a ring  $R$  right *min-continuous* if it is right *min-CS* and right  $C_2$ .

**Theorem 13.** *Assume that  $R$  is a semiperfect, right 2-simple injective ring in which  $Soc(eR) \neq 0$  for every local idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1)  $R$  is right and left Kasch.
- (2)  $Soc(R_R) = Soc({}_R R)$ , which we denote as  $S$ .
- (3)  $R$  is left *P*-injective.
- (4)  $R$  is right *P-continuous*.
- (5)  $Soc(eR) = eS$  and  $Soc(Re) = Se$  are simple and essential in  $eR$  and  $Re$ , respectively, for every local idempotent  $e \in R$ .
- (6) If  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are basic local idempotents then  $\{e_1S, \dots, e_nS\}$  and  $\{Se_1, \dots, Se_n\}$  are systems of distinct representatives of the simple right and left  $R$ -modules, respectively.
- (7)  $R$  is right and left finitely cogenerated.
- (8)  $Z(R_R) = Z({}_R R) = J$ .

*Proof.* As  $R$  is right minfull, it is right and left Kasch by [7, Theorem 3.7], proving (1). Then (2) and (3) follows by Theorem 10. Moreover,  $Soc({}_R R) \trianglelefteq R_R$  by Theorem 11(2), so (3) implies that  $R$  is a right *P-CS* ring by [8, Lemma 4.2] and [6, Lemma 1.1], this proves (4) because left Kasch ring is right  $C_2$  by [8, Proposition 1.46]. Since  $R$  is right Kasch by (1), Theorem 10(5) shows that  $Soc(Re) \neq 0$  for each local  $e^2 = e \in R$ , and then  $R$  is also left minfull because  $R$  is left mininjective by (3). And thus (5) follows from [8, Proposition

3.17(2)], Theorem 10(5) and Theorem 11(3). (6) follows from [8, Proposition 3.17(6)]. And (7) follows from Theorem 11(2). Finally, we have  $Z(R_R) \subseteq J$  in any semiperfect ring because any right ideal not contained in  $J$  contains a nonzero idempotent, and  $J \subseteq Z(R_R)$  because  $S \trianglelefteq R_R$  by Theorem 11(2). Hence  $Z(R_R) = J$ ;  $Z({}_R R) = J$  by (1) and Theorem 10(3). This proves (8).  $\square$

**Lemma 14.** *If  $R$  is a right min-continuous and right finitely cogenerated ring, then it is semiperfect and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ .*

*Proof.* See the proof of (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) in [2, Theorem 2.3].

**Corollary 15.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is semiperfect and right Kasch.
- (2)  $R$  is semiperfect and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ .
- (3)  $R$  is semiperfect and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq_R R$ .
- (4)  $R$  is semiperfect and  $\text{Soc}(eR) \neq 0$  for every local idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ .
- (5)  $R$  is left min-CS and right Kasch.
- (6)  $R$  is right  $P$ -continuous and right finitely cogenerated.
- (7)  $R$  is right min-continuous and right finitely cogenerated.
- (8)  $R$  is right  $P$ -continuous, left  $P$ -injective and left Kasch.
- (9)  $R$  is right min-continuous, left  $P$ -injective and left Kasch.
- (10)  $R$  is semilocal, right Kasch and right min-CS.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (3) by Theorem 11(2). (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4), (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7), (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9), and (1), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (10) are obvious. (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) by Theorem 13(1). (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (8) by Theorem 13. (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) by Lemma 14.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq_R R$ ,  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \cap Re \neq 0$  for every local idempotent  $e \in R$ . Let  $0 \neq a \in \text{Soc}(R_R) \cap Re$ , then  $a = ae \in \text{Soc}(R_R)e$ . Thus  $\text{Soc}(R_R)e \neq 0$ , and so  $R$  is right Kasch by [7, Proposition 3.3(2)].

(1), (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Firstly, by (1),  $R$  is right Kasch. Secondly, since  $R$  is semiperfect and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq_R R$ ,  $lr(T)$  is essential in a summand of  ${}_R R$  for each left ideal  $T$  of  $R$ . In particular, we have  $lr(Ra)$  is essential in a summand of  ${}_R R$  for each minimal left ideal  $Ra$  of  $R$ . But  $aR$  is a minimal left ideal by Theorem 10(2), and note that  $R$  is right minimal injective, so  $lr(Ra) = Ra$  by [7, Lemma 1.1], which follows that  $R$  is left min-CS.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $R$  is right Kasch, right mininjective, by [8, Theorem 2.31], for every maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$ ,  $l(M)$  is a minimal left ideal, which implies that  $l(M)$  is essential in a summand of  ${}_R R$  because  $R$  is left min-CS. Therefore,  $R$  is semiperfect by [8, Lemma 4.1].

(1), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). By Theorem 13(4),  $R$  is right  $P$ -continuous. By Theorem 11(2),  $R$  is right finitely cogenerated.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $L \subseteq^{max} {}_R R$ . we show that  $r(L)$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ . Since  $R$  is left *Kasch*, let  $La = 0$ , where  $0 \neq a \in R$ . Then  $L = l(a)$ , and thus  $r(L) = rl(a) = aR$  as  $R$  is left  $P$ -injective. Since  $L$  is a maximal left ideal,  $Ra$  is a minimal left ideal, and hence  $aR$  is a minimal right ideal by [7, Theorem 1.14]. But  $R$  is right *min-CS*,  $aR$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ . This shows that  $r(L)$  is essential in a summand of  $R_R$ . Hence  $R$  is semiperfect by [8, Lemma 4.1]. Moreover,  $R$  is right *Kasch* by [8, Lemma 5.49].

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective and right *Kasch*, it is left  $P$ -injective by Theorem 10(1). Since  $R$  is also semilocal, it is left *Kasch* by [8, Lemma 5.49]. Note that left *Kasch* ring is right  $C_2$  by [8, Proposition 1.46], so (9) follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $R$  be a left perfect right 2-simple injective ring. Then*

- (1)  *$R$  is right *Kasch*.*
- (2)  *$R$  is left and right mininjective and  $Soc(R_R) = Soc({}_R R)$  is essential both as a right and a left ideal.*

*Proof.* (1). Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective, it is right mininjective. Since  $R$  is left perfect, it is semiperfect and right semiartinian by [8, Theorem B.32], and then every nonzero right  $R$ -module has essential socle by [8, Theorem B.31]. In particular,  $Soc(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$  and  $Soc(eR) \neq 0$  for every local  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Therefore,  $R$  is right minfull, which implies that  $R$  is right *Kasch* by [7, Theorem 3.7].

(2). Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective, right *Kasch* and semilocal, (2) follows from Theorem 10(1) and Theorem 11(2).  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called right *CF* if every cyclic right  $R$ -module embeds in a free  $R$ -module. A ring  $R$  is called right coherent if every finitely generated right ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented. We call a ring  $R$  right *min-coherent* if every minimal right ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented. Next we give some applications of 2-simple injective rings to *QF* rings.

**Theorem 17.** *Let  $R$  be a right 2-simple injective ring, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$R$  is a *QF*-ring.*
- (2)  *$R$  is right artinian.*
- (3)  *$R$  is left artinian.*
- (4)  *$R$  is left perfect and every cyclic right  $R$ -module is finite dimensional.*
- (5)  *$R$  is left perfect, right min-coherent.*

- (6)  $R$  is a right noetherian ring with  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ .
- (7)  $R$  has ACC on right annihilator and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ .
- (8)  $R$  is right Kasch with left annihilator ACC.
- (9)  $R$  is right Kasch and left CF.
- (10)  $R$  is left CS and left CF.
- (11)  $R$  is semilocal and right CF.
- (12)  $R$  is right GP-injective with right annihilator ACC.
- (13)  $R$  is right AGP-injective with right annihilator ACC.
- (14)  $R$  is left GP-injective with left annihilator ACC.
- (15)  $R$  is left AGP-injective with left annihilator ACC.
- (16)  $R$  is semiprimary with left annihilator ACC.
- (17)  $R$  is semiprimary with right annihilator ACC.
- (18)  $R$  is left and right perfect with left annihilator ACC.
- (19)  $R$  is left perfect with left annihilator ACC.
- (20)  $R$  is left perfect with right annihilator ACC.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)–(20), (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (16)  $\Rightarrow$  (18)  $\Rightarrow$  (19), (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7), (17)  $\Rightarrow$  (20), (12)  $\Rightarrow$  (13), (14)  $\Rightarrow$  (15) are clear. (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) by [4, Corollary 2.6]. (10)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) by [4, Corollary 3.10]. (13)  $\Rightarrow$  (17) and (15)  $\Rightarrow$  (16) by [15, Corollary 1.6].

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose (5) holds. Then  $R$  is left perfect and right mininjective and right min-coherent, so  $R$  is right Artinian by [10, Theorem 10].

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $R$  is right 2-simple injective, it is right mininjective, hence  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \subseteq \text{Soc}({}_R R)$  by [7, Theorem 1.14(4)]. Therefore  $R$  is right artinian by [1, Theorem 2.10].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Assume that  $R$  is right artinian. Then it is left perfect and each finitely generated right  $R$ -module is artinian, and so (4) follows.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $R$  is left perfect, by Lemma 16(2), it is left and right mininjective. Moreover, for any right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $R/I$  is finite dimensional by hypothesis, so  $\text{Soc}(R/I)$  is finite dimensional and then finitely cogenerated. But  $\text{Soc}(R/I) \trianglelefteq R/I$  because  $R$  is right semiartinian, so  $R/I$  is finitely cogenerated. Therefore,  $R$  is right artinian and two-sided mininjective, and whence it is  $QF$  by [7, Corollary 4.8].

(19)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $R$  is left perfect, right 2-simple injective, by Lemma 16(2), it is left and right mininjective and  $\text{Soc}({}_R R) \trianglelefteq_R R$ , and thus  $R$  is  $QF$  by [13, Theorem 2.5] because  $R$  has left annihilator ACC.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $R$  is right Kasch, it is left  $P$ -injective by Theorem 10(1). But  $R$  has ACC on left annihilator, it is right artinian by [8, Proposition 5.15]. Hence,  $R$  is left and right mininjective and right artinian. This follows that  $R$  is  $QF$  by [7, Corollary 4.8].

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (17). Since right 2-simple injective ring is right mininjective and hence right minsymmetric, (17) follows by [13, Lemma 2.3].

(20)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By Lemma 16(2),  $R$  is left and right mininjective and  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ , and thus  $R$  is  $QF$  by [13, Theorem 2.5] because  $R$  has right annihilator  $ACC$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 18** [12, Corollary 3]. *A ring  $R$  is  $QF$  if and only if  $R$  is right 2-injective with the ascending chain condition on annihilator right ideals.*

*Proof.* The sufficiency by Theorem 17(12), and the necessity is clear.  $\square$

**Corollary 19** [13, Theorem 2.8]. *If  $R$  is a right simple injective ring with  $ACC$  on right annihilators in which  $\text{Soc}(R_R) \trianglelefteq R_R$ , then  $R$  is  $QF$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 17(7).  $\square$

Our following corollary extends some results of [1, Corollary 2.15].

**Corollary 20.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a left  $CF$  ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is  $QF$ .
- (2)  $R$  is right Kasch and right 2-simple injective.
- (3)  $R$  is left  $CS$  and right 2-simple injective.

*Proof.* By Theorem 17(9), (10).  $\square$

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