



# On Simple Singular AGP-Injective Modules and AGP-Injective Rings with Some Types of Regular Rings

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## Abstract

A ring  $R$  is called left AGP-injective if for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n \neq 0$  and  $a^n R$  is a direct summand of  $r\ell(a^n)$ . Now, in the present paper, we investigate some properties of rings whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective. Also, we give a characterization of  $\pi$ -regular rings in terms of right weakly continuous ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective under the condition, MERT ring. Finally, we give a property of AGP-injective rings with an index set  $\{X_a^n: a \in R \text{ and } n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$  of ideals such that  $X_a^n = X_{ba}^n$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ .

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary. For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the right annihilator of  $X$  in a ring  $R$  is defined by  $r(X) = \{t \in R: xt = 0, \text{ for all } x \in X\}$ . Similarly, define the left annihilator of  $X$  in a ring  $R$  as  $\ell(X) = \{t \in R: tx = 0, \text{ for all } x \in X\}$ . If  $X = \{a\}$ , we usually use to the abbreviation  $r(a)$  (resp.  $\ell(a)$ ). An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be essential if and only if  $I$  has a non-zero intersection with every non-zero ideal of  $R$ . Let  $R$  be a ring and  $x$  an element in  $R$ . Then  $x$  is said to be a right singular if and only if  $r(x)$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ . The set of all right singular elements in  $R$  is denoted by  $Y(R)$ .  $Y(R)$  is a right ideal of  $R$ , which is called the right singular ideal of  $R$ . The left singular ideal  $Z(R)$  is similarly defined. A ring  $R$  is called right (left) non-singular if  $Y(R) = (0)$  (resp.  $Z(R) = (0)$ ). For a left  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $Z(M) = \{z \in M: \ell(z) \text{ is an essential left ideal of } R\}$  is called the left singular submodule of  $M$ .  $M$  is called left non-singular (resp. singular) if  $Z(M) = (0)$  (resp.  $Z(M) = M$ ). The Jacobson radical [3] of a ring  $R$ , denoted by  $J(R)$ , is the intersection of all maximal

ideals of  $R$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right principally injective [21] (or right P-injective for short) if every homomorphism from a principal right ideal of  $R$  to  $R$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R$ , or equivalently,  $\ell r(a) = Ra$ , for all  $a \in R$ . The concept of right P-injective rings has been generalized by many authors. For example, in [20, 26]. Following [20], a ring  $R$  is called right Generalized P-injective (briefly, GP-injective) 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  $R$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $R$ . Note that GP-injective rings some times are also called YJ-injective in [18]. From [9], we know that GP-injective rings need not be P-injective. Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be reduced if it has no non-zero nilpotent elements, or equivalently,  $a^2 = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ , for all  $a \in R$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is called left Kasch if  $r(M) \neq (0)$ , for every maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $R$ . An element  $a$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be regular [28] if there exists an element  $b \in R$  such that  $a = aba$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be von Neumann regular (or, just regular) if every element of  $R$  is regular. A ring  $R$  is called  $\pi$ -regular [15] if for every element  $a \in R$ , there exists  $b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n b a^n$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be strongly  $\pi$ -regular [5] if for every  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  and  $x \in R$  such that  $a^n = a^{n+1} x$ . Recall that a non-zero in a ring will be called right uniform if it contains no direct sum of right ideals.  $X \leq M$  denote that  $X$  is a submodule of  $M$ . As defined by Utumi, a ring  $R$  is called left continuous if (i) every left ideal of  $R$  is essential in a direct summand of  $R$  and (ii) every left ideal isomorphic to a direct summand of  $R$  is itself a direct summand [27].

## 2. Simple Singular AGP-Injective Modules

In this section, we investigate some properties of rings whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective. Also, we give a characterization of  $\pi$ -regular rings interms of right weakly continuous ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective under the condition, MERT-ring. Finally, we give some equivalent statements of strongly  $\pi$ -regular rings interms of AGP-injective rings under the condition, ZI ring.

Following [24], the ring  $R$  is left AP-injective if for any  $a \in R$ ,  $aR$  is a direct summand of  $r\ell(a)$ , and  $R$  is left AGP-injective if for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n \neq 0$  and  $a^n R$  is a direct summand of  $r\ell(a^n)$ .

Every left P-injective ring is left AP-injective and every left GP-injective ring is left AGP-injective. The rings  $R$  in [25, Examples 2.3, 2.4] are commutative AP-injective rings, but not GP-injective.

Recall a module  $M_R$  with  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$  is said to be almost principally injective (or AP-injective for short) [24], if for any  $a \in R$ , there exists a left  $S$ -submodule  $X_a$  of  $M_R$  such that  $\ell_{M_R}(a) = Ma \oplus X_a$ , where  $\ell_{M_R}(a)$  consists of all elements  $z \in R$  such that  $ax = 0$  implies  $zx = 0$ , for any  $x \in R$ .

We start this section with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module with  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ . If  $\ell_{M \Gamma_R}(a^n) = Ma^n \oplus X_{a^n}$  for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , where  $X_{a^n}$  is a left  $S$ -submodule of  $M_R$ . Set  $f: a^n R \rightarrow M$  is a right  $R$ -homomorphism, then  $f(a^n) = m a^n + x$  with  $m \in M$  and  $x \in X_{a^n}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f(a^n) r_R(a^n) = f(a^n r_R(a^n)) = f(0) = 0$ , for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , so  $r_R(a^n) \subseteq r_R(f(a^n))$ , thus  $\ell_{M \Gamma_R}(f(a^n)) \subseteq \ell_{M \Gamma_R}(a^n) = Ma^n \oplus X_{a^n}$  and  $f(a^n) \in \ell_{M \Gamma_R}(f(a^n))$ , hence  $f(a^n) = m a^n + x$  with  $m \in M_R$  and  $x \in X_{a^n}$ .

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right (resp. left) weakly  $\pi$ -regular [12] if for every  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n = n(a)$ , depend on  $a$  such that  $a^n \in a^n R a^n$  (resp.  $a^n \in R a^n R$ ). A ring  $R$  is called weakly  $\pi$ -regular if it is both right and left weakly  $\pi$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.2:** If every simple right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective, then  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:** We will show that  $R a^n R + r(a^n) = R$ , for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Suppose that there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $R b^n R + r(b^n) \neq R$ , for every positive integer  $n$ , then there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $R b^n R + r(b^n)$ . Thus,  $R/M$  is AGP-injective, then  $\ell_{R/M \Gamma_R}(b^n) = (R/M) b^n \oplus X_{b^n}$ ,  $X_{b^n} \leq R/M$ . Let  $f: b^n R \rightarrow R/M$  be defined by  $f(b^n t) = t + M$ , for every  $t \in R$  and a positive integer. Note  $f$  is a well-defined. So,  $1 + M = f(b^n) = c b^n + M + x$ , for  $c \in R$  and  $x \in X_{b^n}$ , then  $1 - c b^n + M = x \in R/M \cap X_{b^n} = (0)$ ,  $1 - c b^n \in M$ ,  $c b^n \in M$  and hence  $1 \in M$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $R a^n R + r(a^n) = R$ , for every  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , then  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular.

Recall that (1)  $R$  is called right (resp. left) duo [6] if every right (resp. left) ideal is a two-sided ideal; (2)  $R$  is called right quasi-duo [34] if every maximal right ideal of  $R$  is a two-sided ideal; (3)  $R$  is said to be weakly right duo [33] if for any  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n R$  is a two-sided ideal. Right quasi-duo (weakly right duo) rings are non-trivial generalizations of right duo rings (see [6, 32]). Note that if  $R$  right quasi-duo (weakly right duo), then  $R/J(R)$  is reduced (see [17]).

To prove Theorem 2.7 and Corollary 2.8, we need the following results.

**Lemma 2.3 [4]:** Every strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular.

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is a regular module [36] if each of the following equivalent conditions hold:

- (1) Every cyclic submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand.
- (2) Every finitely generated submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand.

Recall that a right  $R$ -module  $M_R$  is said to have the exchange property [29] if for every module  $A_R$  and any two decompositions of  $AR$ ,

$$AR = M_R' \oplus NR = \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i \quad \text{with } M_R' \cong MR, \text{ there exist submodules } A_i' \subseteq A_i \text{ such that } AR = M_R' \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i' \right).$$

$MR$  is said to have the finite exchange property if the above condition is satisfied, whenever the index set  $I$  is finite.

Warfield [29] introduced the class of exchange rings. He called a ring  $R$  is an exchange rings if the right regular module  $R$  has the finite exchange property. After this Nicholson [22] proved that a ring  $R$  is exchange if and only if for each  $a \in R$ , there exists an idempotent  $e \in Ra$  such that  $(1-e) \in R(1-a)$ .

**Lemma 2.4 [7]:** Any abelian exchange ring is quasi-duo.

**Theorem 2.5 [1]:** Let  $R$  be an abelian exchange ring. Then,  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular if and only if  $R$  is strongly  $\pi$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $R$  be a quasi-duo. Then,  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular if and only if  $R$  is strongly  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:** It is obvious, directly in the same way of Theorem 2.5.

**Theorem 2.7:** If  $R$  is a right quasi-duo ring, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Every right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (2) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (3) Every simple right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (4)  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (5)  $R$  is a  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (6)  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular ring.

**Proof:** Obviously (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3), (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6). Follows from Theorem 2.6.

Thus, it remains to prove that (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). For any  $0 \neq a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , we will show  $a^n R + r(a^n) = R$ . Suppose not. Then, there exists a maximal right ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $a^n R + r(a^n)$ . Since  $R/M$  is simple,  $\ell_{R/M} r_R(a^n) = (R/M) a^n \oplus X_{a^n}$ ,  $X_{a^n} \leq R/M$ . Let  $f: a^n R \rightarrow R/M$  be defined by  $f(a^n t) = t + M$ , for every  $t \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Note that  $f$  is a well-defined. Thus, there exists  $c \in R$  and  $x \in X_{a^n}$  such that  $1 + K = f(a^n) = ca^n + M + x$ , then  $1 - ca^n + M = x \in R/M \cap X_{a^n} = (0)$ , thus  $1 - ca^n \in M$ . Since  $R$  is a right quasi-duo, then  $ca^n \in M$ , thus  $1 \in M$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $a^n R + r(a^n) = R$ . So,  $R$  is strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring.

**Corollary 2.8:** If  $R$  is an abelian exchange ring, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Every right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (2) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (3) Every simple right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (4)  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (5)  $R$  is a  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (6)  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular ring.

**Proof:** Follows from Lemma 2.4.

Recall that  $R$  is a ZI ring [11] if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $aRb = 0$ .

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called MERT(resp. MELT) [16] if every maximal essential right (resp. left) ideal of  $R$  is a two-sided ideal.

**Theorem 2.9:** If  $R$  is a ZI ring, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (2)  $R$  is an MELT ring whose every simple left  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (3)  $R$  is an MERT ring whose every simple right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (4)  $R$  is an MELT ring whose every simple singular left  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (5)  $R$  is an MERT ring whose every simple singular right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective.

**Proof:** Obviously (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are similar.

We need only to prove (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose (4), for any  $0 \neq a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , we will show that  $Ra^n + \ell(a^n) = R$ . If not, then there exists a maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $R$  containing  $Ra^n + \ell(a^n)$ , and  $M$  is an essential left ideal of  $R$ , thus  $R/M$  is left AGP-injective, then as the proof in Theorem 2.7,  $R$  is strongly  $\pi$ -regular.

**Theorem 2.10:** The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular;
- (2)  $R$  is a weakly right duo ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective;
- (3)  $R$  is an abelian right quasi-duo ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since every weakly right duo ring is a right quasi-duo ring. Therefore, by Theorem 2.7, we get the result.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).  $R$  is a right quasi-duo ring and  $R$  is abelian by [33, Lemma 4]. Thus,  $R$  is right weakly regular by Theorem 2.3 and hence  $R$  is right weakly  $\pi$ -regular ring. Hence  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring by Theorem 2.6.

**Theorem 2.11 [2]:** The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular;
- (2) Every right  $R$ -module is GP-injective;
- (3) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is GP-injective.

**Theorem 2.12:** If  $R$  is an abelian right quasi-duo (inparticular, weakly right duo), then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Every singular right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (2) Every cyclic singular right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (3) Every simple singular right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective;
- (4)  $R$  is a strongly  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (5)  $R$  is a  $\pi$ -regular ring;
- (6)  $R$  is a right weakly  $\pi$ -regular ring.

**Proof:** The trivial implications are  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  and  $(4) \Rightarrow (5) \Rightarrow (6)$ .

By Theorem 2.10,  $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ .

$(6) \Leftrightarrow (4)$ . Follows from Theorem 2.6.

If  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular, then every right  $R$ -module is GP-injective by Theorem 2.11, so every right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective, thus  $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ . This completes the proof.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right weakly continuous [23] if  $J(R) = Y(R)$ ,  $R / J(R)$  is regular and idempotents can be lifted modulo  $J(R)$  (i.e., if whenever  $a^2 - a \in J(R)$ , there exists  $e^2 = e \in R$  such that  $e - a \in J(R)$ ).

The following result is a characterization of  $\pi$ -regular rings interms of right weakly continuous ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective under the condition, MERT ring.

Finally, we give he following main result.

**Theorem 2.13:** For an MERT ring  $R$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular;
- (2)  $R$  is a right weakly continuous ring whose simple singular right  $R$ -modules are AGP-injective.

**Proof:**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ . Observe that if  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular, then by Theorem 2.7, every right  $R$ -module is AGP-injective. So, we are done.

$(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Suppose that  $Y(R) \neq (0)$ . Then by [24, Lemma 1], we may assume that  $Y(R)$  is not reduced. So, there exists a non-zero  $a \in Y(R)$  such that  $a^2 = 0$ . We claim that  $Y(R) + r(a^n) = R$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . If not, there exists a maximal essential right ideal  $M$  containing  $Y(R) + r(a^n)$ . Thus,  $R / M$  is AGP-injective, then  $\ell_{R/M} r_R(a^n) = (R / M)a^n \oplus X_{a^n}$ ,  $X_{a^n} \leq R / M$ . Let  $f: a^n R \rightarrow R / M$  be defined by  $f(a^n t) = t + M$ , for every  $t \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $1 + M = f(a^n) = ca^n + M + x$ , for  $c \in R$  and  $x \in X_{a^n}$  then  $1 - ca^n + M = x \in R / M \cap X_{a^n} = (0)$ , so  $1 - ca^n \in M$ . Since  $R$  is an MERT ring, then  $ca^n \in M$ . Hence,  $1 \in M$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $Y(R) + r(a^n) = R$ . Thus, we can write  $1 = c + d$ , for some  $c \in Y(R)$  and  $d \in r(a^n)$ . Thus,  $a^n = ca^n$  and so,  $(1-c) a^n = 0$ . Since  $c \in Y(R) = J(R)$ ,  $1-c$  is invertible. Thus,  $a = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $Y(R)$  is reduced and so  $Y(R) = (0)$ .

### 3. A Connection Between AGP-Injective Rings with Some Types of Rings

In this section, we give some properties of AGP-injective rings. Moreover, we give some equivalent statements of left continuous regular rings via AGP-injective rings. Finally, we give a property of AGP-injective ring with an index set  $\{X_{a^n}: a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of ideals such that  $X_{a^n b} = X_{b a^n}$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ .

We start this section with the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1:** If  $R$  is left AGP-injective ring, then any left ideal isomorphic to a direct summand of  ${}_R R$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ .

**Proof:** Directly follows from [31, Lemma 2.1].

The following result is a characterization of left continuous regular ring.

**Theorem 3.2:** The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :

- (1)  $R$  is a left continuous regular;
- (2)  $R$  is a right AGP-injective ring such that for every cyclic left  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  ${}_R(M / Z(M))$  is projective;
- (3)  $R$  is a left AGP-injective ring such that for every cyclic left  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  ${}_R(M / Z(M))$  is projective.

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

By [19, Theorem 13] and all regular rings are both left and right AP-injective and hence it is AGP-injective.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By assumption,  $R / Z(R)$  is projective, which implies  $Z(R)$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ , whence  $Z(R) = (0)$  (since  $Z(R)$  contains no no-zero idempotent elements). Then for every complement left ideal  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $Z(R / K) = (0)$ . By assumption a gain, left  $R$ -module  $R / K$  is projective, which implies  ${}_R K$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ . Since  $R$  is right AGP-injective, there exists a left ideal  $L$  of  $R$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\ell(r(a^n)) = Ra^n \oplus L$ . Note that  $Z(R) = (0)$ , which implies that  $\ell(r(a^n))$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ . This shows that  $Ra^n$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R R$ . Therefore,  $R$  is left continuous regular.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By Lemma 3.1 and apply the proof in (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

The following result is a property of reduced left AGP-injective rings.

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $R$  is a reduced left AGP-injective rings, then for any  $a \in R$ ,  $a \in a^{n+1} R$ , for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof:** For any  $0 \neq a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ ,  $\ell(a) = \ell(a^n)$  since  $R$  is reduced. Thus, there exists a right ideal  $L$  of  $R$  such that  $a \in r(\ell(a)) = r(\ell(a^n)) = a^n R \oplus L$ . Then,  $a = a^n t + x$ , for some  $t \in R$  and  $x \in L$ , which implies  $a^2 - a^{n+1} t = xa \in a^n R \cap L = (0)$ . Hence,  $a^2 = a^{n+1} t$ , so  $a = a^{n+1} t$  since  $R$  is reduced. This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.4:** Let  $c \in C(R)$ , where  $C(R)$  is the center of  $R$ . If  $c$  is  $\pi$ -regular in  $R$ , then  $c$  is  $\pi$ -regular in  $C(R)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $c^n = c^n d c^n$  with  $d \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Set  $u = d c^n d$ . Then,  $c^n = c^n u c^n = u c^{2n}$ . We claim that  $u \in C(R)$ . In fact, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $ux - xu \in r(c^{2n}) = r(c^n)$ , so  $c^{2n} (xd^2 - d^2x) = c^n (xu - ux) = 0$ , which implies  $xd^2 - d^2x \in r(c^{2n}) = r(c^n) = 0$ . Thus,  $ux - xu = x c^n d^2 - c^n d^2 x = c^n (xd^2 - d^2x) = 0$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $R$  is a right nonsingular right AGP-injective ring, then the center  $C(R)$  of  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:** By hypothesis,  $R$  has a regular maximal right quotient ring  $S$  [10, Corollary 2.31] and hence  $R$  has  $\pi$ -regular maximal right quotient ring and hence the center  $C(S)$  of  $S$  is  $\pi$ -regular by Lemma 3.4.

For any  $0 \neq a \in C(R)$ , there exists  $s \in S$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = a^n s a^n = a^{2n} s = sa^{2n}$ . Thus,  $r(a^{2n}) = r(a^n) = r(a) = \ell(a) = \ell(a^n) = \ell(a^{2n})$ , for any positive integer  $n$  by [30, Proposition 2.2].

We claim that  $a$  is  $\pi$ -regular in  $C(R)$ . Note that  $a^2 \neq 0$ , so there is a positive integer  $m$  with  $a^{2m} \neq 0$  such that  $\ell r(a^{2m}) = Ra^{2m} \oplus X_{a^{2m}}$  for some left ideal  $X_{a^{2m}}$  of  $R$  since  $R$  is right AGP-injective by [30, Proposition 2.2]. Thus,  $a^{2m-1} \in \ell r(a^{2m-1}) = \ell r(a^{2m})$  and so  $a^{2m-1} = da^{2m} + x$ , for some  $d \in R$  and some  $x \in X_{a^{2m}}$ . Then,  $a^{2m} = a^m da^{2m} + a^m x$  and  $a^m x \in Ra^{2m} \cap X_{a^{2m}} = (0)$ . Hence,  $a^{2m} = a^m da^{2m}$ . Therefore,  $1 - a^m d \in \ell(a^{2m}) = \ell(a^m)$ , and so  $a^m = a^m da^m$ . This implies that  $C(R)$  is  $\pi$ -regular by Lemma 3.4.

**Theorem 3.6 [30]:** If  $R$  is a semiprime right AGP-injective ring, then the center  $C(R)$  of  $R$  is regular.

**Corollary 3.7:** If  $R$  is a semiprime right AGP-injective ring, then the center  $C(R)$  of  $R$  is  $\pi$ -regular.

Let  $e$  be an idempotent element of  $R$ . If  $eRe$  is a local ring, then  $e$  is called a local idempotent.

It is well known that local idempotents are primitive, but the converse is not true. For the integral ring  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $1$  is a primitive idempotent, but it is not local idempotent since  $\mathbf{Z}$  is not a local ring, where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is the set of all integer numbers.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called orthogonally finite [30] if  $R$  has no infinite subsets consisting of orthogonal idempotents;  $R$  is called primitively finite if there exists finite orthogonal primitive idempotents  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  such that  $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_n$  [30].

It is well known that  $R$  is semiperfect if and only if  $1$  is a sum of finite orthogonal local idempotents. Thus, every semiperfect ring is primitively finite, but the converse is not true (see Example 1 in [30] for the converse part).

**Theorem 3.8 ([30, Theorem 2.9]):** If  $R$  is a primitively finite right AGP-injective 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 3.9:** If  $R$  is semiperfect right AGP-injective ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  is semisimple and every simple right ideal of  $R_2$  is nilpotent.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 3.8 and the fact that every semiperfect ring is primitively finite.

Following [8], a ring  $R$  is called generalized  $\pi$ -regular if for any  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $a^m = a^m b a$ , for some  $b \in R$ .

For convenience, a ring  $R$  is said to be left generalized  $\pi$ -regular if for any  $a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $a^m = a b a^m$ , for some  $b \in R$ .

A ring  $R$  is said to satisfy the ascending chain condition [30] on the special right annihilators if for any  $0 \neq x \in R$ , the chain  $r(x) \subseteq r(x^2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq r(x^n) \subseteq \dots$  terminates.

We can define the ascending chain condition for the left annihilators as follows:

**Definition 3.10:** A ring  $R$  is said to satisfy the ascending chain condition on the special left annihilators if for any  $0 \neq x \in R$ , the chain  $\ell(x) \subseteq \ell(x^2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \ell(x^n) \subseteq \dots$  terminates.

Following [37, Theorem 1.5], it is easy to verify that if  $R$  is a right AGP-injective ring satisfying the ascending chain condition on the special right annihilators, then  $J(R)$  is nilpotent.

**Theorem 3.11:** If  $R$  is a left AGP-injective ring satisfying the ascending chain condition on the special left annihilators, then  $R$  is right generalized  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:** Let  $0 \neq a \in J(R)$ , then there is a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\ell(a^n) = \ell(a^{n+1})$  by hypothesis. If  $a^n = 0$ , then we are done. If  $0 \neq a^n$  then  $0 \neq a^{n+1}$  and so there is a positive integer  $m$  such that  $0 \neq a^{m(n+1)}$  and  $r(\ell(a^n)) = r(\ell(a^{m(n+1)})) = a^{m(n+1)}R \oplus X$  with  $X \leq {}_R R$ . Thus,  $a^n = a^{m(n+1)}t + x$  with  $t \in R$  and  $x \in X$ .

If  $m = 1$ , then  $a^{n+1} = a^{n+1}ta$ .

If  $m > 1$ , then  $a^{m(n+1)} = a^{m(n+1)}ta^{(m-1)(n+1)}$ .

In all cases,  $R$  is right generalized  $\pi$ -regular.

**Corollary 3.12:** If  $R$  is a left AGP-injective ring satisfying the ascending chain condition on the special left annihilators and  $N_1 = \{0 \neq a \in R: a^2 = 0\}$  is regular (every element of  $N_1$  is regular), then  $R$  is regular.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 3.11 and [8, Theorem 2.2].

**Definition 3.13 [30]:** A ring  $R$  satisfies left (resp. right) condition (\*) if for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $0 \neq a^n$  and  $Ra^n$  (resp.  $a^nR$ ) is a projective  $R$ -module.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called right PP. ring if every principal right ideal of  $R$  is projective.

Clearly every right PP. ring satisfied right condition (\*) [30].

**Theorem 3.14:** If  $R$  is a right AGP-injective ring and satisfies right condition (\*), then  $R$  is generalized  $\pi$ -regular.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $R$  is a right AGP-injective ring satisfying right condition (\*). Then, for any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  with  $0 \neq a^m$  such that  $\ell r(a^m) = Ra^m \oplus X_{a^m}$ , for some left ideal  $X_{a^m}$  of  $R$ . If we set  $b = a^m$ , then there is a positive integer  $p$  such that  $0 \neq b^p$  and  $b^pR$  is projective. Thus, the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow r(b^p) \rightarrow R \rightarrow b^pR \rightarrow 0$  splits. This implies that  $r(b^p) = eR$  with  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Let  $g = 1 - e$ . Then  $\ell r(b^p) = Rg$  and  $g^2 = g \in R$ , and so  $b^p = b^p g$ . Since  $\ell r(b^p) \subseteq \ell r(b)$ ,  $g = da^m + x$ , for some  $d \in R$  and some  $x \in X_{a^m}$ . Thus,  $b^p x = b^p g - b^p da^m = a^{mp} - a^{mp} da^m \in Ra^m \cap X_{a^m} = (0)$ . This shows that  $a^{mp} = a^{mp} da^m$ , and so  $R$  is generalized  $\pi$ -regular.

**Corollary 3.15:** If  $R$  is right PP and right AGP-injective ring, then  $R$  is generalized  $\pi$ -regular.

Now, suppose an index set  $\{X_{a^n}: a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of ideals such that  $X_{a^n b} = X_{b a^n}$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ .

**Lemma 3.16:** Given a set  $\{X_{a^n}: a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of left ideals of  $R$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\ell r(a^n) = Ra^n \oplus X_{a^n}$ , for all  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ ;
- (2)  $\ell [bR \cap r(a^n)] = (X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell + Ra^n$  and  $(X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell \cap Ra^n \subseteq \ell(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ , where  $(X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell = \{x \in R: xb \in X_{a^n b}\}$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $x \in \ell [bR \cap r(a^n)]$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Then,  $r(a^n b) \subseteq r(xb)$ . So,  $xb \in \ell r(xb) \subseteq \ell r(a^n b) = Ra^n b \oplus X_{a^n b}$ . We write  $xb = ta^n b + y$ , where  $t \in R$ ,  $y \in X_{a^n b}$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Then,  $(x - ta^n)b = y \in X_{a^n b}$  and hence  $x - ta^n \in (X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell$ . It follows that  $x \in (X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell + Ra^n$ .

It is obvious that  $Ra^n \subseteq \ell [bR \cap r(a^n)]$ . If  $y \in (X_{a^n b}: b)_\ell$ , then  $yb \in X_{a^n b} \subseteq \ell r(a^n b)$ . Let  $bs \in bR \cap r(a^n)$ . Then,  $a^n bs = 0$ . Hence  $ybs = 0$  since  $yb \in \ell r(a^n b)$ . This shows that  $y \in \ell [bR \cap r(a^n)]$ . We have

proved that  $\ell [bR \cap r(a^n)] = (X_{a^n b} : b)_\ell + Ra^n$ . If  $ta^n \in (X_{a^n b} : b)_\ell + Ra^n$ , then  $ta^{nb} \in X_{a^n b} \cap Ra^{nb}$ , showing that  $ta^n b = 0$ . Hence  $ta^n \in \ell(b)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Set  $b = 0$ , we obtain (1).

**Theorem 3.17:** Let  $R$  be a right AGP-injective ring with an index set  $\{X_{a^n} : a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of ideals such that  $X_{a^n b} = X_{ba^n}$ . If  $(0) \neq uR$  is a uniform right ideal of  $R$ , define  $M_u = \{x \in R : r(x) \cap uR \neq (0)\}$ . Then  $M_u$  is the unique maximal left ideal of  $R$  which contains  $\sum_{a \in R} (X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell$ .

**Proof:** It is easy to see that  $M_u$  is a left ideal. Let  $y \in (X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell$ . Then,  $ya \in X_{a^n u}$ . Thus,  $yua^n \in X_{a^n u} \cap Rua^n = X_{ua^n} \cap Rua^n$  since  $X_{a^n u} = X_{ua^n}$  is an ideal, for some positive integer  $n$ . Then,  $yua^n = 0$  and so  $y \in M_u$  if  $ua^n \neq 0$ . If  $ua^n = 0$ , then  $\ell r(ua^n) = 0$ , and so  $X_{a^n u} = X_{ua^n} = 0$ . This shows that  $yu = 0$  and hence  $y \in M_u$ . Therefore,  $(X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell \subseteq M_u$  for all  $a \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Now, if  $a \notin M_u$ , then  $r(a^n) \cap uR = (0)$ . By Lemma 3.16, we have  $R = \ell(r(a^n) \cap uR) = (X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell + Ra^n$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Then,  $R = M_u + Ra^n$ , showing that  $M_u$  is a maximal left ideal.

Let  $L$  be a left ideal of  $R$  such that  $\sum_{a \in R} (X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell \subseteq L \neq M_u$ . Then, as above,  $R = (X_{a^n u} : u)_\ell + Ra^n$ , for any  $a \in L - M_u$  and a positive integer  $n$ . Therefore,  $L = R$ .

The following result is a property of right AGP-injective ring with an index set  $\{X_{a^n} : a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of ideals such that  $X_{a^n b} = X_{ba^n}$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ .

Finally, we give the following result.

**Theorem 3.18:** Let  $R$  be a right AGP-injective ring with an index set  $\{X_{a^n} : a \in R \text{ and a positive integer } n\}$  of ideals such that  $X_{a^n b} = X_{ba^n}$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  and a positive integer  $n$ . If  $R$  is left Kasch and  $R$  has a uniform right ideals, then  $M$  is a maximal left ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $M = M_u$ , for some uniform right ideal  $uR$ .

**Proof:** One direction is by Theorem 3.17. Let  $M$  be a maximal left ideal. Then  $r(M) \neq (0)$  since  $R$  is left Kasch. Choose a uniform right ideal  $uR \subseteq r(M)$ . If  $x \in M_u$ , then  $(0) \neq r(x^n) \cap uR \subseteq r(M)$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Thus,  $R \neq \ell[r(x^n) \cap uR] \supseteq \ell r(M) \supseteq M$ , implying  $\ell[r(x^n) \cap uR] = M$ . So,  $x \in M$ . By Theorem 3.17,  $M_u = M$ .

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