

## SEMISIMPLE ARTINIAN LOCALIZATIONS RELATED WITH V-RINGS

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ABSTRACT. For the given torsion theory  $\tau$ , we study some equivalent conditions when the localized ring  $R_\tau$  be semisimple artinian (Theorem 4). Using this, if  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian ring, we study when does the given ring  $R$  become left V-ring?

### 1. Preliminaries

Throughout the following  $R$  will denote an associative ring with non-zero unit element, and  $R\text{-Mod}$  will denote the category of all left  $R$ -modules.

Notation and terminology concerning (hereditary) torsion theories on  $R\text{-Mod}$  will follow ([7]). In particular, if  $\tau$  is a torsion theory on  $R\text{-Mod}$ , for a given left  $R$ -module  $M$ , we denote by  $\tau(M)$  the unique largest submodule of  $M$  which is  $\tau$ -torsion. If  $E(M)$  is the injective hull of a left  $R$ -module  $M$  then we define the submodule  $E_\tau(M)$  of  $E(M)$  by  $E_\tau(M)/M = \tau(E(M)/M)$ . The module of quotients of  $M$  with respect to  $\tau$ , denoted by  $Q_\tau(M)$ , is then defined to be  $E_\tau(M/\tau(M))$ . Note that, in particular, if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree then  $Q_\tau(M) = E_\tau(M)$ , and this is a left  $R$ -module containing  $M$  as a large submodule. In general, we have a canonical  $R$ -homomorphism from  $M$  to  $Q_\tau(M)$  obtained by composing the canonical surjection from  $M$  to  $M/\tau(M)$  with the inclusion map into  $Q_\tau(M)$ .

If  $R_\tau$  is the endomorphism ring of the left  $R$ -module  $Q_\tau(RR)$  then  $Q_\tau(M)$  is canonically a left  $R_\tau$ -module for every left  $R$ -module  $M$  and

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the canonical map  $R \rightarrow R_\tau$  is a ring homomorphism, the ring  $R_\tau$  is called the ring of quotients or localization of  $R$  at  $\tau$ . A torsion theory on  $R\text{-Mod}$  is said to be faithful if and only if  $R$ , considered as a left module over itself, is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. In this case,  $R$  is canonically subring of  $R_\tau$ .

A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -closed ( $\tau$ -dense) in  $M$  if  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree ( $\tau$ -torsion). A module  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -cocritical if it is  $\tau$ -torsion free, but every proper homomorphic image of it is  $\tau$ -torsion. A module  $M$  will be called  $\tau$ -semicocritical if there exists a finite set  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  of submodules of  $M$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n K_i = 0$  and  $M/K_i$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This concept is closely related to the idea of an  $\alpha$ -critical module in the study of Krull dimension ([2]). If  $M$  is cocritical (resp. semicocritical) with respect to the torsion theory cogenerated by the injective hull of  $M$ , it is simply called cocritical (resp. semicocritical). Any module that is  $\tau$ -cocritical (resp.  $\tau$ -semicocritical) for some  $\tau$  is necessarily a cocritical (resp. semicocritical). (cf. [10] or [11])

A module  $M$  is  $\tau$ -artinian if it has descending chain conditions on  $\tau$ -closed submodules.  $R$  is called  $\tau$ -artinian (resp. ( $\tau$ -) cocritical, ( $\tau$ -semicocritical) if it is  $\tau$ -artinian (resp. ( $\tau$ -) cocritical, ( $\tau$ -) semicocritical) as an  $R$ -module.

If  $X$  is a subset of an  $R$ -module, then  $\text{ann}_R(X)$  will denote the elements of  $R$  that annihilate the set  $X$ . (If there is no chance for confusion, the  $R$  will not be written.) A module  $M$  is called finitely annihilated if  $\text{ann}(M)$  equals the annihilator of a finite subset of  $M$ . Observe that  $M$  is finitely annihilated if and only if there exists an embedding of  $R/\text{ann}(M)$  into a finite direct sum of copies of  $M$ . A module  $M$  is called  $\Delta$ -module if  $M$  has the DCC on annihilators of subsets of  $M$ .

We will use the following result several times.

LEMMA 1. ([11], Proposition 4.5) *Let  $M$  be  $\tau$ -torsionfree and  $\tau$ -artinian. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R/\text{ann}M$  is left  $\tau$ -artinian.
- (2)  $M$  is finitely annihilated.
- (3)  $M$  is  $\Delta$ -module.

Finally, for any module  $M$ ,  $\chi(M)$  will denote the torsion theory cogenerated by  $E(M)$ ; i.e., the largest torsion theory for which  $M$  is torsionfree.

Recall that a torsion theory  $\tau$  is called perfect if all the  $R_\tau$  modules are  $\tau$ -torsion free. For such torsion theories we have  $Q_\tau(M) \simeq Q_\tau(R) \otimes_R M$  for every  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . Many characterizations of perfect torsion theories are known (cf. [7] Proposition 45.1)

One result we will need is that if  $R_\tau$  is a semisimple ring, then  $\tau$  is a perfect torsion theory [[8], Proposition 2.3].

## 2. Semisimple Artinian Localizations

We characterize those torsion theories  $\tau$  for which the ring of quotients  $R_\tau$  is a semisimple ring (i.e. a direct sum of rings each of which is a finite matrix ring over a division ring). Teply and Shapiro characterized  $R_\tau$  to be semisimple in [9], we have more characterizations involves the existence of certain semicritical modules.

An ideal of  $R$  is called  $\tau$ -primitive if it is the annihilator of a  $\tau$ -cocritical module, while the intersection of such ideals is called a  $\tau$ -semiprimitive ideal. We note that the annihilator of any nonzero  $\tau$ -semicritical module is  $\tau$ -semiprimitive ideal (cf. [11], Lemma 2.1).

We say the ring  $R$  is  $\tau$ -primitive ( $\tau$ -semiprimitive) if the zero ideal is  $\tau$ -primitive (respectively  $\tau$ -semiprimitive). If  $R$  is  $\tau$ -primitive (resp.  $\tau$ -semiprimitive), then it embeds in a (possibly infinite) power of a  $\tau$ -cocritical (resp.  $\tau$ -semicritical) module. Hence  $R$  must be  $\tau$ -torsionfree.

For information on  $\tau$ -primitive (or  $\tau$ -semiprimitive) ideals the reader may refer to [7] or [12].

In order to study when  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian ring, as indicated in [9], one has to worry about the existence of homomorphisms between modules of the form  $E(M)$  and  $E(N)$ , where  $M$  and  $N$  are nonisomorphic simple modules. This is something that can not happen when  $R$  is a commutative artinian ring.

Given a torsion theory  $\tau$  such that  $R_\tau$  is simple artinian, there exists a unique (up to isomorphism) indecomposable, injective  $\tau$ -torsionfree module  $E$ . We will call this the associated injective of  $\tau$ . Given two such torsion theories  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  we will say they are linked if, either  $\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) \neq 0$  or  $\text{Hom}(E_2, E_1) \neq 0$ , where  $E_i$  is the associated injective of  $\tau_i$ . If they are not linked, we will say they are unlinked. We can find out in [9] or [11] for a discussion of such links.

If  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are two torsion theories, then their intersection, denoted  $\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2$ , is the torsion theory in which a module is torsion if and only if it is torsion with respect to both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ . We also use the following two Lemmas frequently.

LEMMA 2. ([1] and [10]) *If  $R$  is  $\tau$ -artinian, then we have the following;*

(1) There are only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable injective  $\tau$ -torsionfree modules  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ .

(2)  $\tau = \chi({}_R E(R/\tau(R)))$ .

(3) Let  $\tau_i = \chi(E_i)$ , where each  $E_i$  appears in (1) then each  $\tau_i$  is unlinked.

PROOF. (1) [ Teply, [11] Remark 3.4 ]

(2) [Benander, [2] Theorem 4.3(4)]

(3) If there is a map  $f : E_i \rightarrow E_j, i \neq j$  clearly this is not monic. But then  $E_i/\ker f$  is  $\tau$ -torsion, as  $E_i$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical so  $f = 0$ .

LEMMA 3. ([11] Proposition 1.1) *A module  $M$  is  $\tau$ -semicritical if and only if the following condition hold:*

(1)  $M$  is  $\tau$ -artinian

(2)  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree

(3)  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion, if  $N$  is essential in  $M$ .

THEOREM 4. *Let  $\tau$  be a torsion theory on  $R$ -Mod, then the following statements are equivalent.*

(1)  $R_\tau$  is a semisimple artinian ring.

(2)  $R$  is  $\tau$ -artinian and  $\tau(R)$  is  $\tau$ -semiprimitive.

(3)  $\tau = \tau_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \tau_n$ , where each  $R_{\tau_i}$  is simple artinian and the set  $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n\}$  is pairwise unlinked.

(4) There exists a semicritical, finitely annihilated, injective  $R$ -module  $E$  with  $\chi(E) = \tau$ .

(5) There exists a semicritical module  $M$  such that  $\chi(M) = \tau, M$  is finitely annihilated and  $\text{ann}(M) = \text{ann}(E(M))$ .

PROOF. The equivalences of (1), (2) and (3) are in [[9], Theorem 1.2]. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (4). Since  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian ring,  $\tau$  is a perfect torsion theory; so  $\tau$  is cogenerated by the  $R_\tau$ -modules that are

the injective hulls of semisimple artinian  $R_\tau$ -modules (when considered as left  $R$ -modules). Since  $R_\tau$  is artinian and  $\tau$  is perfect torsion theory,  $R$  is  $\tau$ -artinian. By Lemma 2 (1), there are only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable injective  $\tau$ -torsionfree modules, which we call  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ . Note that each  $E_i$  is an injective, simple  $R_\tau$ -module. Let  $E = E_1 \oplus E_2 \oplus \dots \oplus E_n$ , so if  $\tau_i = \chi(E_i)$  we see that  $\tau = \chi(E) = \tau_1 \wedge \tau_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \tau_n$ . And each  $E_i$  is an injective  $\tau$ -cocritical  $R$ -module, thus  $E$  is a  $\tau$ -semicritical  $R$ -module.

Note that  $E$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree and  $\tau$ -artinian and  $R/\text{ann}(E)$  is  $\tau$ -artinian also (since  $R/\text{ann}(E)$  is a homomorphic image of  $\tau$ -artinian ring  $R$ ). Now apply Lemma 1, we have that  $E$  is finitely annihilated.

(4)  $\longrightarrow$  (5). This is immediate. (5)  $\longrightarrow$  (2) Let  $M$  be a semicritical module, and let  $I = \text{ann}_R(M)$  which is  $\tau = \chi(M)$ -semiprimitive by [14, Lemma 4.1.]. Since  $M$  is finitely annihilated,  $R/I$  can be embedded in  $M^n$  for some integer  $n$ . Thus  $R/I$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree (since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -semicritical). So  $\tau(R) \subseteq I$ . Now let  $f : I \longrightarrow E(M)$ . Extend  $f$  to a map  $g : R \longrightarrow E(M)$ . But  $g(I) = Ig(1) = 0$  since  $\text{ann}(M) = \text{ann}(E(M))$ . Thus  $I$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. So  $\tau(R) = I$  which implies that  $\tau(R)$  is  $\tau$ -semiprimitive. Since  $M^n$  is  $\tau$ -artinian, so is  $R$ .

### 3. Semisimple Artinian Localizations and V-rings

Recall that a ring  $R$  is a V-ring if all the simple  $R$ -modules are injective. For commutative rings the following conditions are well known to be equivalent: i)  $R_p$  is a field for every maximal ideal  $P$ ; ii)  $R$  is fully idempotent (i.e., every ideal is idempotent); iii)  $R$  is a von Neumann regular ring; iv)  $R$  is a V-ring. It is equally well-known that for noncommutative rings, iii) or iv) imply ii), but that there are no other implications. For a general discussion of the relationship between the last three condition can be found in [6]. Teply and Shapiro proved that i) and ii) imply iv), also i) and iv) imply that every ideal of  $R$  is the intersection of maximal ideals under the condition that  $R_\tau$  is simple artinian ring and certain torsion theory  $\tau$ . Still we are able to get more general results related with V-rings under the condition that  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian and suitable torsion theory  $\tau$ .

Follow the idea of [8], we will call  $\tau$  a maximal prime (resp. semi-maximal prime) torsion theory if  $\tau = \chi(M)$ , where  $M$  is simple (resp.

semisimple artinian) module. Note that maximal prime torsion theories on  $R\text{-Mod}$  are semimaximal prime.

LEMMA 5. *Let  $\tau$  be a torsion theory and  $R_\tau$  be semisimple artinian ring, then  $R/\tau(R)$  is non-singular ring.*

PROOF. Since  $\tau$  is perfect torsion theory and  $R_\tau$  is artinian, we see that homomorphic image  $\bar{R} = R/\tau(R)$  is  $\tau$ -artinian. We know that  $\tau$  induces a torsion theory  $\bar{\tau}$  on  $R/\tau(R)\text{-Mod}$  as follows;  ${}_{\bar{R}}M$  is  $\bar{\tau}$ -torsion if  ${}_R M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. We can prove that  $R/\tau(R)$  is  $\bar{\tau}$ -semicritical, thus  $\bar{\tau}$  is a generalization of Goldie torsion theory. Thus  $\bar{\tau}$ -torsionfree left  $\bar{R}$ -module  $R/\tau(R)$  is Goldie torsionfree i.e.,  $R/\tau(R)$  is non-singular ring.

PROPOSITION 6. *Assume that  $R_\tau$  is a semisimple artinian ring for every semimaximal prime torsion theory  $\tau$ . Furthermore assume that each pair of semimaximal torsion theories is unlinked. Then  $R/\tau(R)$  is a finite product of simple left  $V$ -rings.*

PROOF. Since  $\tau$  is perfect torsion theory and  $R_\tau$  is artinian, we see that  $R$  is  $\tau$ -artinian. We know that  $\tau$  induces a torsion theory  $\bar{\tau}$  on  $\bar{R} = R/\tau(R)$  as in the Lemma 5. From the fact that  $Q_\tau(M)$  is a module over  $\bar{R}_\tau$  and hence a module over  $\bar{R} = R/\tau(R)$ . Thus we can write  $\bar{R}_{\bar{\tau}} = \bar{R}_\tau = R_\tau$ .

Now by Lemma 2,  $\tau = \chi({}_R E(R))$ . Letting  $\gamma = \chi({}_E E({}_R \bar{R}))$ , we have that  $\bar{\tau} = \chi({}_{\bar{R}} \bar{R}) = \gamma$ . Since  $\bar{R}_{\bar{\tau}} = R_\tau$ . Thus  $R_\tau$  is the maximal ring of quotients of  $\bar{R}$ , which is non-singular ring. So we have that  $\bar{R}$  is an order in a semisimple artinian ring.

Now we want to show that  $\bar{R}$  is left  $V$ -ring. Let  $E$  be the injective hull of a simple module  $S$  and let  $\pi = \chi(E)$ .  $\pi$  is a semimaximal prime torsion theory, so  $\bar{R}_\pi$  is semisimple artinian ring. By Theorem 4,  $E$  must be a semicritical module, but in here  $E$  is cocritical module. Let  $H$  be a nonzero submodule of  $E$ . Since the semimaximal prime torsion theories are unlinked, then  $\text{Hom}(E/H, E') = 0$  for any injective hull of a semisimple module. This can only happen if  $H = E$ . Thus  $E$  is a simple module, which proves that  $\bar{R}$  is a left  $V$ -ring. Now by ([5], Theorem 7.36 A),  $\bar{R}$  is a finite product of simple left  $V$ -rings.

**COROLLARY 7.** *Under the same hypothesis of Proposition 6,  $R/\tau(R)$  is finite direct sum of simple Goldie left V-rings.*

**PROOF.** Since  $R/\tau(R)$  is Goldie ring, now apply ([3], 5.16), we have the result.

**COROLLARY 8.** *Assume that  $R_\tau$  is a simple artinian ring for every maximal prime torsion theory  $\tau$ . Furthermore assume that each pair of maximal torsion theory is unlinked. Then  $R/\tau(R)$  is a simple Goldie left V-ring.*

**PROPOSITION 9.** *Assume that  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian for every semimaximal prime torsion theory  $\tau$ . Then every factor ring of  $R$  also has this property.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\bar{R} = R/I$  be an arbitrary factor ring of  $R$  and let  $M$  be a semisimple artinian  $\bar{R}$ -module. Then  $M$  is also semisimple artinian  $R$ -module. If  $\tau = \chi({}_R M)$ , then the torsion theory  $\bar{\tau}$  on  $\bar{R}$ -Mod, which we denote  $\bar{\tau}$  is  $\chi({}_{\bar{R}} M)$ . If  $E = E_R(M)$ , then we know that  $E_{\bar{R}}(M) = \{x \in E \mid Ix = 0\}$ . Since  ${}_R E$  is semicritical module. Furthermore  $\bar{R}$  is  $\tau$ -artinian, as it is a homomorphic image of  $R$ . Thus  $\bar{R}$  is  $\bar{\tau}$ -artinian. By Lemma 1,  $E_{\bar{R}}(M)$  finitely annihilated as left  $\bar{R}$ -module. Therefore by Theorem 4,  $\bar{R}_{\bar{\tau}}$  is semisimple artinian.

**PROPOSITION 10.** *Assume that  $R_\tau$  is semisimple artinian for every semimaximal prime torsion theory  $\tau$ . If  $I$  is a semiprimitive ideal of  $R$ , then  $R/I$  is left artinian (so  $I$  must be the intersection of maximal ideals)*

**PROOF.** By Proposition 9, we can replace  $R/I$  with  $R$  and assume that  $R$  is a semiprimitive ring. Let  $M$  be a faithful semisimple  $R$ -module and let  $\tau = \chi(M)$ .

Then  $R$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree, since  $R$  embeds in a product of copies of  $M$ . Since  $R_\tau$  is artinian and  $\tau$  is perfect torsion theory,  $R$  is  $\tau$ -artinian. Thus  $R/\text{ann}_R(M)$  is  $\tau$ -artinian as an homomorphic image of  $R$ . By Lemma 1,  ${}_R M$  is finitely annihilated; i.e.,  $R$  embeds in  $M^n$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Since  $M$  is semisimple artinian, so is  $M^n$ . We have the result.

**PROPOSITION 11.** *Let  $R$  be a left  $V$ -ring such that  $R_\tau$  is a semisimple artinian ring for every semimaximal prime torsion theory  $\tau$ . Then every ideal of  $R$  is the intersection of maximal ideals of  $R$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $M$  be a semisimple artinian module, and  $\tau = \chi(M)$ . Since  $R$  is a left  $V$ -ring,  $M$  is also injective as finite direct sum of injective modules. Clearly  $\tau(R)$  is  $\tau$ -semiprimitive and must equal to the annihilator of  $M$  (or  $E(M)$ ) (in the proof (4)  $\rightarrow$  (5) in Theorem 4). And  $R/\tau(R)$  embeds in  $M^n$  for some finite integer  $n$ . Thus  $\tau(R)$  is the intersection of maximal ideals by Proposition 9. Use the unlinkedness of semimaximal prime torsion theories, we have that  $\bigcap \tau(R) = 0$  as  $\tau$  through all the semimaximal prime torsion theories. So  $O$  is a semimaximal ideal. Consequently, by Proposition 10 and the fact that factor rings of left  $V$ -rings are again left  $V$ -rings, every ideal of  $R$  is semimaximal.

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