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*Abstract.* We prove that for a commutative ring  $R$ , every noetherian (artinian)  $R$ -module is quasi-injective if and only if every noetherian (artinian)  $R$ -module is quasi-projective if and only if the class of noetherian (artinian)  $R$ -modules is socle-fine if and only if the class of noetherian (artinian)  $R$ -modules is radical-fine if and only if every maximal ideal of  $R$  is idempotent.

*Keywords:* artinian module; modules of finite length; noetherian module; quasi-injective module; quasi-projective module; radical-fine class of modules; socle-fine class of modules

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## 1. Introduction

Rings will be associative and commutative with identity and modules will be unitary. A module is called *semiartinian* if each nonzero factor module has a simple submodule. A module  $M$  is called  *$S$ -primary* for a simple module  $S$  if each nonzero factor module of  $M$  has a simple submodule isomorphic to  $S$ . S. E. Dickson in [6] calls a ring  $R$  a  *$T$ -ring* if each semiartinian  $R$ -module decomposes into a direct sum of its primary components. Examples of a  $T$ -ring include any noetherian ring and any semilocal ring (see [6, Corollary 2.7]). T. J. Cheatham and J. R. Smith in [5] used  $T$ -rings to characterize rings for which certain modules are semisimple. In fact, they showed in [5, Theorem 5] that a ring  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring such that any maximal ideal of  $R$  is idempotent if and only if the class of semiartinian  $R$ -modules coincides with the class of semisimple  $R$ -modules. So it is of a natural interest to consider the following question: For which rings  $R$ , is every artinian  $R$ -module (noetherian  $R$ -module,  $R$ -module of finite length) semisimple? Recently, we have provided an answer to this question. In fact, we proved that for a ring  $R$ , every artinian  $R$ -module (noetherian  $R$ -module,  $R$ -module of finite length) is semisimple if and only if every maximal ideal of  $R$  is idempotent (Lemma 2.1). It turns out that this result has many interesting applications. A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of modules is said to be *socle-fine* (*radical-fine*) if for every pair  $M, N$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $\text{Soc}(M) \cong \text{Soc}(N) \Leftrightarrow M \cong N$  ( $M/\text{Rad}(M) \cong N/\text{Rad}(N) \Leftrightarrow M \cong N$ ). These two notions were introduced by A. Idelhadj and A. Kaidi (see [11] and [13]). One of the interesting problems that can be studied is to characterize rings by some of

their classes of modules which are socle-fine (radical-fine). In this way D. M. Baquero, A. Idelhadj, C. M. González, A. Kaidi and A. Yahya have proved important results that can be found in [11], [12], [13], [14] and [15]. Nevertheless, most of the classes considered have homological properties (as projectivity and injectivity) and the problem of characterizing rings over which a class of modules satisfying a chain condition (as the ascending or the descending chain condition or having a composition series) is socle-fine (radical-fine) seems to be never considered before. In this article, we show that the class of artinian  $R$ -modules (noetherian  $R$ -modules,  $R$ -modules of finite length) is socle-fine if and only if this class is radical-fine if and only if every maximal ideal of  $R$  is idempotent (Theorems 3.3 and 3.5). A module  $M$  is said to be a C3-module if whenever  $N$  and  $L$  are direct summands of  $M$  such that  $N \cap L = 0$ , then  $N \oplus L$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . D3-modules can be defined dually. In [1] and [23], I. Amin, Y. Ibrahim and M. F. Yousif established new characterizations of several well known classes of rings in terms of C3-modules and D3-modules. However, the study of the question of characterizing rings over which any module satisfying some kind of chain condition (as ACC, DCC, having a composition series) is a C3-module (D3-module) does not appear anywhere. We show that every noetherian  $R$ -module (artinian  $R$ -module,  $R$ -module of finite length) is a C3-module if and only if every noetherian  $R$ -module (artinian  $R$ -module,  $R$ -module of finite length) is a D3-module if and only if every maximal ideal of  $R$  is idempotent (Theorems 4.2 and 4.3).

Throughout this article,  $R$  is a commutative ring with unity. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We denote by  $\text{Rad}(M)$ ,  $\text{Soc}(M)$  and  $E(M)$  the Jacobson radical, the socle and the injective hull of  $M$ , respectively. We use the notations  $N \subseteq M$  and  $N \leq M$  to denote that  $N$  is a subset of  $M$  and  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , respectively. By  $\mathbb{Z}$  we denote the ring of integer numbers and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  denotes  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

## 2. When are noetherian (artinian) $R$ -modules $V$ -modules?

We begin with a result taken from [16, Theorem 2.15]. It is the main motivation of this work.

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

- (i) *Any  $R$ -module of finite length is semisimple.*
- (ii) *Any artinian  $R$ -module is semisimple.*
- (iii) *Any noetherian  $R$ -module is semisimple.*
- (iv)  *$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

Let  $M$  be a module. Following [9], the Krull dimension (denoted  $K\text{-dim}$ ) is defined as follows:  $K\text{-dim}(M) = -1$  when  $M = 0$ . Given an ordinal  $\alpha$ , and assuming that the concept  $K\text{-dim}(M) < \alpha$  is already defined, then  $K\text{-dim}(M)$  is defined to be  $\alpha$  if  $K\text{-dim}(M) \not< \alpha$  and there exists no descending sequence  $M = M_0 \geq M_1 \geq \dots$  of submodules of  $M$  with  $K\text{-dim}(M_{n-1}/M_n) \not< \alpha$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It is easily seen that  $K\text{-dim}(M) = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is a nonzero artinian module. Note that every noetherian module has Krull dimension (see [9,

Proposition 1.3]). Recall that a module  $M$  is called *tall* if it contains a submodule  $N$  such that both  $M/N$  and  $N$  are non-noetherian. A ring  $R$  is called *tall* if every non-noetherian  $R$ -module is tall (for example, max rings are tall by [18, Corollary 1.2]). In 1976, B. Sarath showed that the class of rings  $R$  for which every module having Krull dimension is noetherian is exactly that of tall rings (see [19, Theorem 2.7]). Next, we characterize the class of rings  $R$  for which every  $R$ -module with Krull dimension is semisimple.

**Proposition 2.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (i) *Any  $R$ -module with Krull dimension is semisimple.*
- (ii)  *$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

PROOF: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $M$  be a noetherian  $R$ -module. By [9, Proposition 1.3],  $M$  has Krull dimension. So  $M$  is semisimple. Hence (ii) follows from Lemma 2.1.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$ . By hypothesis, we have  $\mathfrak{m}^n = \mathfrak{m}$  for every integer  $n \geq 1$ . Therefore  $R/\bigcap_{n \geq 1} \mathfrak{m}^n = R/\mathfrak{m}$  is a tall ring. Applying [18, Corollary 2.7], it follows that  $R$  is a tall ring. Now let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with Krull dimension. By [19, Theorem 2.7],  $M$  is a noetherian module. So  $M$  is semisimple by Lemma 2.1. This completes the proof.  $\square$

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *V-module* (or a *cosemisimple module*) if every proper submodule of  $M$  is an intersection of maximal submodules. If the  $R$ -module  $R$  is a  $V$ -module, then the ring  $R$  is called a *V-ring*. It is well known that the class of  $V$ -modules is closed under isomorphic images, submodules, factor modules and direct sums (see, for example, [2, page 216, Exercise 23] or [10, Proposition 3.3]). It follows that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a  $V$ -module if and only if every cyclic submodule  $Rx$  of  $M$  is a  $V$ -module. Note that for every  $0 \neq x \in M$ ,  $Rx \cong R/\text{Ann}(x)$  (as  $R$ -modules) and the commutative  $V$ -rings are exactly the commutative von Neumann regular rings. Then a nonzero module  $M$  is a  $V$ -module if and only if for every  $0 \neq x \in M$ ,  $R/\text{Ann}(x)$  is a von Neumann regular ring (see also [3, Theorem 2.3]).

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $V$ -module. If  $M$  is also noetherian (artinian or of finite length), then  $M$  is semisimple.*

PROOF: Assume that  $M$  is a noetherian (an artinian) module. Let  $0 \neq x \in M$ . Since  $M$  is a  $V$ -module,  $R/\text{Ann}(x)$  is a von Neumann regular ring. By hypothesis,  $Rx \cong R/\text{Ann}(x)$  is a noetherian (an artinian)  $R$ -module. So  $R/\text{Ann}(x)$  is a noetherian (an artinian) ring. This clearly forces that  $R/\text{Ann}(x)$  is a semisimple ring. Therefore  $Rx$  is a semisimple  $R$ -module. Consequently,  $M$  is a semisimple module.  $\square$

T. J. Cheatham and J. R. Smith showed in [5, Theorem 6] that a ring  $R$  has all its maximal ideals idempotent if and only if each semiartinian  $R$ -module is a  $V$ -module. In the next theorem we show that the result of T. J. Cheatham and J. R. Smith remains valid if we replace the semiartinian condition by some chain conditions.

**Theorem 2.4.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (i) *Any  $R$ -module of finite length is a  $V$ -module.*
- (ii) *Any artinian  $R$ -module is a  $V$ -module.*
- (iii) *Any noetherian  $R$ -module is a  $V$ -module.*
- (iv) *Any  $R$ -module with Krull dimension is a  $V$ -module.*
- (v) *Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is a  $V$ -module.*
- (vi)  *$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

PROOF: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) These follow from Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3.

(v)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) By [5, Theorem 6].

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with Krull dimension. By assumption,  $M$  is also a  $V$ -module. By [22, Theorem 1],  $M$  is noetherian. Hence  $M$  is semisimple by Lemma 2.3. Using Proposition 2.2, we conclude that  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) This follows from Proposition 2.2 and the fact that every semisimple module is a  $V$ -module.  $\square$

### 3. Socle-fine and radical-fine classes of modules

A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of modules is said to be socle-fine if whenever  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\text{Soc}(M) \cong \text{Soc}(N)$  then  $M \cong N$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of modules which is closed under submodules. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The class  $\mathcal{C}$  is socle-fine.*
- (ii) *Any module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is semisimple.*

PROOF: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ . As the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under submodules,  $\text{Soc}(M) \in \mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\text{Soc}(M) \cong \text{Soc}(\text{Soc}(M))$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a socle-fine class, we have  $M \cong \text{Soc}(M)$ . Hence  $M$  is a semisimple module.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is clear that any class of semisimple modules is socle-fine.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** (i) *The class of modules that are noetherian (artinian or of finite length) is closed under submodules, factor modules and finite direct sums.*

(ii) *The class of modules with Krull dimension is closed under submodules, factor modules and finite direct sums.*

PROOF: (i) is well known and (ii) follows from [9, Lemma 1.1].  $\square$

Combining Lemmas 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2 and Proposition 2.2, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The class of  $R$ -modules of finite length is socle-fine.*
- (ii) *The class of artinian  $R$ -modules is socle-fine.*
- (iii) *The class of noetherian  $R$ -modules is socle-fine.*
- (iv) *The class of  $R$ -modules having Krull dimension is socle-fine.*
- (v)  *$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

Recall that a class  $\mathcal{C}$  of modules is said to be radical-fine if whenever  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $M/\text{Rad}(M) \cong N/\text{Rad}(N)$  then  $M \cong N$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of modules which is closed under factor modules. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The class  $\mathcal{C}$  is radical-fine.*
- (ii) *Any module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $V$ -module.*

PROOF: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ . Since the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under factor modules,  $M/\text{Rad}(M) \in \mathcal{C}$ . Note that  $M/\text{Rad}(M) \cong (M/\text{Rad}(M))/\text{Rad}(M/\text{Rad}(M))$ . Since the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is radical fine, we have  $M \cong M/\text{Rad}(M)$ . Hence  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Using again the fact that  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under factor modules, we see that  $\text{Rad}(M/N) = 0$  for every proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . Therefore  $M$  is a  $V$ -module.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) This follows from the fact that any  $V$ -module has zero Jacobson radical. □

Combining Theorem 2.4 and Lemma 3.4, we get the following result.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The class of  $R$ -modules of finite length is radical-fine.*
- (ii) *The class of artinian  $R$ -modules is radical-fine.*
- (iii) *The class of noetherian  $R$ -modules is radical-fine.*
- (iv) *The class of  $R$ -modules having Krull dimension is radical-fine.*
- (v) *The class of semiartinian  $R$ -modules is radical-fine.*
- (vi)  *$\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called a  $T$ -ring if each semiartinian  $R$ -module decomposes into a direct sum of its primary components (see [6]). From Theorems 3.3 and 3.5 arises the following question: For which rings  $R$  is the class of semiartinian  $R$ -modules socle-fine? The following result gives an answer.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The class of semiartinian  $R$ -modules is socle-fine.*
- (ii) *Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is semisimple.*
- (iii) *The ring  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring and  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .*

PROOF: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) Note that the class of semiartinian modules is closed under submodules (see, for example, [20, Proposition 2.3]). The equivalence follows from Lemma 3.1.

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) By [5, Theorem 5]. □

It is clear that the class of  $V$ -modules is radical-fine. Next, we characterize the class of rings  $R$  over which the class of  $V$ -modules is socle-fine.

**Proposition 3.7.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (i) *The class of  $V$ - $R$ -modules is socle-fine.*
- (ii) *Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is semisimple.*
- (iii) *The ring  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring and each  $V$ - $R$ -module is semiartinian.*

PROOF: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) This follows from Lemma 3.1 and the fact that the class of  $V$ -modules is closed under submodules.

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) By [5, Theorem 4].  $\square$

#### 4. Quasi-injective modules, $C_i$ -modules and their duals

Consider the following conditions on a module  $M$ :

(C2): If a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

(C3): If  $N$  and  $L$  are direct summands of  $M$  such that  $N \cap L = 0$ , then  $N \oplus L$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

(C4): If  $M = N \oplus L$  with  $N, L \leq M$  and  $f: N \rightarrow L$  is a monomorphism, then  $\text{Im } f$  is a direct summand of  $L$ .

A module  $M$  is said to be a  $C_i$ -module if it satisfies the condition  $(C_i)$ ,  $i = 2, 3, 4$ .

We have the following hierarchy (see [17, page 18] and [7]):

$$\text{injective} \Rightarrow \text{quasi-injective} \Rightarrow (C2) \Rightarrow (C3) \Rightarrow (C4).$$

Dually, consider the following conditions on a module  $M$ :

(D2): If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  such that  $M/N$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

(D3): If  $N$  and  $L$  are direct summands of  $M$  such that  $N + L = M$ , then  $N \cap L$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

(D4): If  $M = N \oplus L$  with  $N, L \leq M$  and  $f: N \rightarrow L$  is an epimorphism, then  $\text{Ker } f$  is a direct summand of  $N$ .

A module  $M$  is called a  $D_i$ -module if it satisfies the condition  $(D_i)$ ,  $i = 2, 3, 4$ .

From [17, Lemma 4.6 and Proposition 4.38] and [8, Theorem 2.2], it follows that the following implications hold:

$$\text{projective} \Rightarrow \text{quasi-projective} \Rightarrow (D2) \Rightarrow (D3) \Rightarrow (D4).$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of  $R$ -modules which is closed under submodules, factor modules and finite direct sums. For each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Any  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $C_i$ -module.
- (ii) Any  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is a quasi-injective module.
- (iii) Any  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $D_i$ -module.
- (iv) Any  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is a quasi-projective module.
- (v) Any  $R$ -module belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  is semisimple.

PROOF: Note that any semisimple module is quasi-injective and quasi-projective. So any semisimple module is a  $C_i$ -module and a  $D_i$ -module for all  $i \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ . The proof is completed by showing the implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) and (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) for  $i = 4$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Suppose that any module in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $C4$ -module. Let  $M \in \mathcal{C}$  and let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Since the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under submodules and finite direct sums,  $N \oplus M \in \mathcal{C}$ . So  $N \oplus M$  is a  $C4$ -module. By considering the inclusion

map  $i: N \rightarrow M$ , we see that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Consequently,  $M$  is a semisimple module.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Assume that any module in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a D4-module. Let  $M \in \mathcal{C}$  and let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Since the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under factor modules and finite direct sums,  $M \oplus M/N \in \mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $M \oplus M/N$  is a D4-module. By considering the natural epimorphism  $p: M \rightarrow M/N$ , we see that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Consequently,  $M$  is semisimple.  $\square$

Applying Proposition 2.2 and Lemmas 2.1, 3.2 and 4.1, we obtain the following two theorems.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. For each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Any  $R$ -module of finite length is a  $Ci$ -module.
- (ii) Any artinian  $R$ -module is a  $Ci$ -module.
- (iii) Any noetherian  $R$ -module is a  $Ci$ -module.
- (iv) Any  $R$ -module having Krull dimension is a  $Ci$ -module.
- (v) Any  $R$ -module of finite length is quasi-injective.
- (vi) Any artinian  $R$ -module is quasi-injective.
- (vii) Any noetherian  $R$ -module is quasi-injective.
- (viii) Any  $R$ -module having Krull dimension is quasi-injective.
- (ix)  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. For each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Any  $R$ -module of finite length is a  $Di$ -module.
- (ii) Any artinian  $R$ -module is a  $Di$ -module.
- (iii) Any noetherian  $R$ -module is a  $Di$ -module.
- (iv) Any  $R$ -module having Krull dimension is a  $Di$ -module.
- (v) Any  $R$ -module of finite length is quasi-projective.
- (vi) Any artinian  $R$ -module is quasi-projective.
- (vii) Any noetherian  $R$ -module is quasi-projective.
- (viii) Any  $R$ -module having Krull dimension is quasi-projective.
- (ix)  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .

Next, we characterize a subclass of the class of rings whose maximal ideals are idempotent in terms of semiartinian modules.

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. For  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is a  $Ci$ -module.
- (ii) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is a  $Di$ -module.
- (iii) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is quasi-injective.
- (iv) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is quasi-projective.
- (v) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is semisimple.
- (vi) The ring  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring and  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ .



PROOF: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v) follow by using Lemma 4.1 and the fact that the class of semiartinian modules is closed under submodules, factor modules and finite direct sums (see [20, Proposition 2.3]).

(v)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) By [5, Theorem 5].  $\square$

Replacing “semiartinian” with “ $V$ -module” in Proposition 4.4, we get the following result.

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. For each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is a  $C_i$ -module.
- (ii) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is a  $D_i$ -module.
- (iii) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is quasi-injective.
- (iv) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is quasi-projective.
- (v) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is semisimple.
- (vi) The ring  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring and every  $V$ - $R$ -module is semiartinian.

PROOF: The equivalence of (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) follows by using Lemma 4.1 and the fact that the class of  $V$ -modules is closed under submodules, factor modules and direct sums.

(v)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) By [5, Theorem 4].  $\square$

Now, by replacing “quasi-injective” with “injective” in both Propositions 4.4 and 4.5, we obtain the next proposition.

**Proposition 4.6.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (i) Any semiartinian  $R$ -module is injective.
- (ii) Any  $V$ - $R$ -module is injective.
- (iii) The ring  $R$  is a semisimple ring.

PROOF: The equivalence of these conditions comes from [4, page 236, Corollary] and the fact that semisimple modules are  $V$ -modules and semiartinian modules.  $\square$

The next proposition is an extension of [16, Proposition 2.7].

**Proposition 4.7.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (i) Any  $R$ -module of finite length is injective.
- (ii) Any artinian  $R$ -module is injective.
- (iii) Any noetherian  $R$ -module is injective.
- (iv) Any  $R$ -module having Krull dimension is injective.
- (v) The ring  $R$  is a von Neumann regular ring.

PROOF: The equivalence of (ii), (iii) and (v) is shown in [16, Proposition 2.7].

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $M$  be a noetherian  $R$ -module. By [9, Proposition 1.3]  $M$  has Krull dimension. So  $M$  is injective by (iv).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) This is obvious.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Note that  $R$  is a commutative ring. The implication comes from the fact that any simple  $R$ -module is of finite length.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with Krull dimension. Since  $R$  is von Neumann regular,  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ . By Proposition 2.2  $M$  is semisimple. Moreover,  $M$  has finite uniform dimension by [9, Proposition 1.4]. Therefore  $M$  is a finite direct sum of simple  $R$ -modules each of them is injective. It follows that  $M$  is an injective  $R$ -module.  $\square$

**Examples 4.8.** (i) Let  $R$  be a von Neumann regular ring which is not a  $T$ -ring. For a particular example, we can take the ring  $S = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n$ , where  $F_n = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then we consider the subring  $R$  of  $S$  generated by  $\bigoplus_{n \geq 1} F_n$  and  $1_S$ . Of course, we have

$$R = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n, b, b, b, \dots) : a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2, n \geq 1\}.$$

It is well known that  $R$  is a von Neumann regular ring. But  $R$  is not a  $T$ -ring by [6, page 355, Examples].

(1) Noetherian  $R$ -modules, artinian  $R$ -modules and modules having Krull dimension are semisimple injective by Lemma 2.1 and Propositions 2.2 and 4.7.

(2) There exists a  $V$ - $R$ -module  $M$  which is not quasi-injective by Proposition 4.5 and there exists a semiartinian  $R$ -module which is not quasi-injective by Proposition 4.4.

(3) By Theorem 3.5 and Proposition 3.6, the class of semiartinian  $R$ -modules is radical-fine but it is not socle-fine.

(4) The class of  $V$ - $R$ -modules is radical-fine (see Lemma 3.4), but it is not socle-fine by Proposition 3.7.

(ii) Let  $R$  be a semilocal ring which is not semisimple such that  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is a  $T$ -ring by [6, Corollary 2.7]. From Propositions 4.4 and 4.6, it follows that every semiartinian  $R$ -module is quasi-injective and quasi-projective but there exists a semiartinian  $R$ -module which is not injective.

To construct an example of a ring  $R$  satisfying the above conditions, let  $F$  be a field and let  $S = F[X_1, X_2, \dots]$  be the polynomial ring with countably many commuting indeterminates  $X_i, i \geq 1$ . Consider the ring  $R = S/\mathfrak{a}$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}$  is the ideal of  $S$  generated by the set  $\{X_1^2, X_n^2 - X_{n-1} : n \geq 2\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by all  $\overline{X_i} = X_i + \mathfrak{a}, i \geq 1$ . By [21, page 635],  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $R$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = \mathfrak{m}$ .

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