

# Locally Projective and Locally Injective Modules

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## ABSTRACT

*The object of this paper is to study the endomorphism rings of locally projective and locally injective modules. Specifically, this paper is a continuation of study of endomorphism rings of locally projective and locally injective modules to be semipotent rings. The main obtained results include:*

(a) *Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module over a ring  $R$ , then for any  $M \in \text{mod} - R$  the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $[M, P]$  is a semipotent.
- (2)  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = J[M, P] = \nabla[M, P]$ .
- (3) For any  $\alpha \in [M, P] \setminus J[M, P]$  there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  with  $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ .

*In particular, the endomorphisms ring  $E_P$  of  $P$  is a semipotent ring if and only if, for any  $\alpha \in E_P \setminus J(E_P)$  there exists  $0 \neq \beta \in E_P$  such that  $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ .*

(b) *Let  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module over a ring  $R$ , then for any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$  the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $[Q, N]$  is a semipotent.
- (2)  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = J[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N]$ .
- (3) For any  $\alpha \in [Q, N] \setminus J[Q, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  with  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .

*In particular,  $E_Q$  is a semipotent ring if and only if, for any  $\alpha \in E_Q \setminus J(E_Q)$  there exists  $0 \neq \beta \in E_Q$  such that  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .*

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$$M \in \text{mod} - R \quad R \quad P_R \quad ( )$$

$$[M, P] \quad .1$$

$$\text{Tot}[M, P] = J[M, P] = \nabla[M, P] \quad .2$$

$$0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P \quad \beta \in [P, M] \quad \alpha \in [M, P] \setminus J[M, P] \quad .3$$

$$P_R \quad E_P$$

$$0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P \quad 0 \neq \beta \in E_P \quad \alpha \in E_P \setminus J(E_P) \quad :$$

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$$\text{hom}_R(M, N)$$

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## 1. Introduction.

In this paper rings  $R$  are associative with identity unless otherwise indicated. All modules over a ring  $R$  are unitary right modules. A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is said to be small in  $M$  if  $N + K \neq M$  for any proper submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , [3]. A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is said to be large (essential) in  $M$  if  $N \cap K \neq 0$  for any nonzero submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , [3]. If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, the radical of  $M$  denoted by  $J(M)$  is defined to be the intersection of all maximal submodules of  $M$ . Also,  $J(M)$  coincides with the sum of all small submodules of  $M$ . It may happen that  $M$  has no maximal submodules in which case  $J(M) = M$ , [8]. Thus, for a ring  $R$ ,  $J(R)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $R$ . Also, we write  $U(R)$  the group of units of a ring  $R$ . For a submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$ , we use  $N \subseteq^{\oplus} M$  to mean that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and we write  $N \leq_e M$  and  $N \ll M$  to indicate that  $N$  is a large, respectively small, submodule of  $M$ . If  $M_R$  is a module, we use the notation  $E_M = \text{End}_R(M)$  and we write  $\Delta E_M = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M\}$ ,  $\nabla E_M = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \ll M\}$  and  $I(E_M) = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)\}$ . It is well known that  $\Delta E_M, \nabla E_M$  and  $I(E_M)$  are ideals in  $E_M$  [3]. If  $M_R$  and  $N_R$  are modules, we use  $[M, N] = \text{hom}_R(M, N)$ . Thus,  $[M, N]$  is an  $(E_M, E_N)$ -bimodule. Our main concern is about the substructures of  $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$  and the semipotent of  $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$  (see [9]).

In this paper we study the following two questions (see [3, p. 1504]). (1) If  $P$  is a locally projective module, when is it true that  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = \nabla[M, P] = J[M, P]$  for all  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ? (2) If  $Q$  is a locally injective module, when is it true that  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N] = J[Q, N]$  for all  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ?

In section (2), it is proved that if  $P$  is a locally projective module then  $[M, P]$  is an  $I$ -semipotent for all  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ . The main result in this section, if  $P$  is locally projective then for all  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = \nabla[M, P] = J[M, P]$  if and only if,

$[M, P]$  is semipotent which also, equivalent, for any  $\alpha \in [M, P] \setminus J[M, P]$  there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  with  $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ . In section (3), it is proved that if,  $Q$  is a locally injective module then  $[Q, N]$  is an  $I$  – semipotent for all  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ . The main result in this section, if  $Q$  is locally injective then for all  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N] = J[Q, N]$  if and only if,  $[Q, N]$  is semipotent which also, equivalent, for any  $\alpha \in [Q, N] \setminus J[Q, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  with  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .

Following [9], let  $M_R, N_R$  be modules. We put  $[M, N] = \text{hom}_R(M, N)$ . Thus,  $[M, N]$  is an  $(E_M, E_N)$ -bimodule. The four substructures of  $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$  given as follows (see [9]).

- The Jacobson radical

$$J[M, N] = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in J(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M] \}$$

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$$J[M, N] = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; 1_N - \alpha\beta \in U(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M] \}$$

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Thus,  $J[M, M] = J(E_M)$ . In particular,  $J[R, R] = J(R)$ .

- The singular ideal

$$\Delta[M, N] = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M \}.$$

- The co-singular ideal

$$\nabla[M, N] = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Im}(\alpha) \ll N \}.$$

- The total

$\text{Tot}[M, N] = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha[N, M] \text{ contains no nonzero idempotents} \}$

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Thus,

$\text{Tot}[M, M] = \text{Tot}(E_M) = \{ \alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \alpha E_M \text{ contains no nonzero idempotents} \}$

$$= \{ \alpha : \alpha \in E_M; E_M \alpha \text{ contains no nonzero idempotents} \}.$$

• Also, we put

$$I[M,N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M,N]; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)\}$$

It is clear that

$$I[M,N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M,N]; \beta\alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N,M]\}$$

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Since any small submodule of  $N$  contained in  $J(N)$  then  $\nabla[M,N] \subseteq I[M,N]$ . If  $J(N) \ll N$  then  $\nabla[M,N] = I[M,N]$ . Thus  $I = I(E_M) = I[M,M] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)\}$ . In particular for a ring  $R$ ,  $I(R) = I[R,R] = J[R,R] = J(R)$ .

## 2. Locally Projective Modules.

Recall a projective module  $P_R$  is an  $I_0$ -module [1] if, any submodule  $A$  of  $P$ ,  $A \not\subseteq J(P)$  contains a nonzero direct summand of  $P$ . A ring  $R$  is called semipotent ring also, called  $I_0$ -ring [1,5] if, every principal left (resp. right) ideal not contained in  $J(R)$  contains a nonzero idempotent. A module  $P_R$  is called locally projective [4] if, for every submodule  $B \subseteq P$ , which is not small in  $P$  there exists a projective direct summand  $0 \neq W \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  with  $W \subseteq B$ . Thus, every projective  $I_0$ -module  $P$  with  $J(P) \ll P$  is locally projective or equivalently, any projective module  $P$  with  $E_P$  is semipotent, is locally projective. For any module  $M_R$ , we have  $J(M) = \{a : a \in M; aR \ll M\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For any locally projective module  $P$  the following hold:

- (1)  $J(P) \ll P$ .
- (2) A submodule  $K$  of  $P$  is small in  $P$  if and only if  $K \subseteq J(P)$ .
- (3)  $J(E_P) \subseteq \nabla E_P$ .

*Proof.* (1). Suppose that  $J(P)$  is not small in  $P$  then  $J(P)$  contains a nonzero projective direct summand submodule  $D$  of  $P$ .

Thus  $J(D) = D$  which contradicts that  $D \neq 0$  projective, therefore  $J(P) \ll P$ .

(2)  $(\Rightarrow)$ . It is clear that if  $K \ll P$  then  $K \subseteq J(P)$ .  $(\Leftarrow)$ . Let  $K \subseteq J(P)$ . Suppose that  $K$  is not small in  $P$  then there exists a projective submodule  $N$  of  $P$ , which  $0 \neq N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  and  $N \subseteq K$ . Since  $N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  and  $N \subseteq J(P)$  follow  $J(N) = N \cap J(P) = N$  which contradicts that  $N \neq 0$  projective, thus  $K \ll P$ .

(3). Let  $\alpha \in J(E_p)$ . Suppose  $Im(\alpha) \not\subseteq J(P)$  by (2),  $Im(\alpha)$  not small in  $P$ , so there exists a projective direct summand submodule  $0 \neq W \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  with  $W \subseteq Im(\alpha)$ . Let  $e: P \rightarrow W$  the projection of  $P$  onto  $W$  then  $0 \neq e^2 = e \in E_p$  and  $W = Im(e) = Im(e\alpha)$ . Since  $W$  is projective then  $Ker(e\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ . Thus,  $Im(e\alpha)$  and  $Ker(e\alpha)$  are direct summands of  $P$ , by [8, lemma 3.1],  $e\alpha = (e\alpha)\varphi(e\alpha)$  for some  $0 \neq \varphi \in E_p$ , therefore  $0 \neq \varphi(e\alpha) \in E_p$  is an idempotent and  $\varphi(e\alpha) \in J(E_p)$  which contradicts that  $J(E_p)$  doesn't contains a nonzero idempotent, thus  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq J(P)$  by (2) follows that  $J(E_p) \subseteq \nabla E_p$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** A module  $P$  with  $J(P) \ll P$  is locally projective if and only if every submodule  $K$  of  $P$ ,  $K \not\subseteq J(P)$  contains a nonzero projective direct summand of  $P$ .

*Proof follows immediately from lemma 2.1.*

Following [10], a module  $M$  is called a regular module if given any  $m \in M$  there exists  $f \in [M, R]$  with  $m = mf(m)$ , or equivalently, for any  $m \in M$ ,  $mR$  is a projective direct summand of  $M$  (see [10, Theorem 2.2]). Therefore any regular module  $M$  is locally projective with  $J(M) = 0$ . It is known that if  $M$  is a regular module then  $E_M$  is a semipotent ring with  $J(E_M) = 0$ , (see [1, Corollary 3.6]).

**Proposition 2.3.** *Endomorphism ring of every locally projective module  $P$  with  $J(P) = 0$  is a semipotent ring and  $J(E_p) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a locally projective module with  $J(P) = 0$  by lemma 2.1(3), follows that  $J(E_p) = 0$ . Let  $0 \neq \alpha \in E_p$  then  $Im(\alpha)$  is not small submodule in  $P$ , since  $P$  is locally projective there exists a projective direct summand  $W \neq 0$  of  $P$  which  $W \subseteq Im(\alpha)$ . Let  $\gamma: P \rightarrow W$  be the projection of  $P$  onto  $W$  then  $0 \neq \gamma = \gamma^2 \in E_p$  and  $Im(\gamma) = Im(\gamma\alpha) = W$ . Since  $W$  is projective then  $Ker(\gamma\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  by [8, lemma 3.1] there exists  $\mu \in E_p$  such that  $(\gamma\alpha)\mu(\gamma\alpha) = \gamma\alpha$ . We put  $\beta = \mu\gamma\alpha\mu\gamma$  then  $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$  and  $\beta = \beta\alpha\beta$ , thus  $E_p$  is semipotent.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module. The following are equivalent:*

(1)  $E_p$  is a semipotent ring.

(2)  $J(E_p) = \nabla E_p$ .

(3) For every  $\alpha \in E_p \setminus J(E_p)$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contains a projective direct summand submodule  $0 \neq B \subseteq P$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). We have by lemma 2.1(3),  $J(E_p) \subseteq \nabla E_p$ . Suppose that  $\nabla E_p \subsetneq J(E_p)$ . Then there exists  $\alpha \in \nabla E_p$ ,  $\alpha \notin J(E_p)$ , thus  $0 \neq \alpha \in E_p$  and  $Im(\alpha) \ll P$ . Since  $E_p$  is semipotent then  $\beta = \beta\alpha\beta$  for some  $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$  therefore  $Im(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  and  $Im(\beta\alpha) \ll P$ . Since  $P = Im(\beta\alpha) \oplus K = K$  for some submodule  $K \neq 0$  of  $P$ , follows  $Im(\beta\alpha) \subseteq Im(\beta\alpha) \cap K = 0$  therefore  $\beta\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , a contradiction, thus  $J(E_p) = \nabla E_p$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $\alpha \in E_p \setminus J(E_p)$ , then  $\alpha \notin \nabla E_p$  thus  $Im(\alpha)$  is not small in  $P$  therefore  $Im(\alpha)$  contains a projective direct summand submodule  $B \neq 0$  of  $P$ . Suppose (3) holds. Let  $g \in E_p$ ,  $g \notin J(E_p)$  then  $Im(g)$  contains a projective direct summand submodule  $D \neq 0$  of  $P$ . Let  $\gamma: P \rightarrow D$  the projection of  $P$  onto  $D$ .

Since  $Im(\gamma) = D \subseteq Im(g)$  follows that  $D = Im(\gamma) = Im(\gamma g)$ , hence  $\gamma \neq 0$  is an idempotent of  $E_p$ , since  $Im(\gamma) = D$  is projective then  $Ker(\gamma g) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  by [1, Theorem 2.2] follows that  $E_p$  is a semipotent ring. This proves (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

**Corollary 2.5.** A projective module  $P_R$  is locally projective if and only if  $E_p$  is a semipotent ring. In particular,  $R_R$  (resp.  ${}_R R$ ) is a locally projective module if and only if,  $R$  is a semipotent ring.

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a projective module. ( $\Rightarrow$ ). If  $P$  is a locally projective then by lemma 2.1,  $J(P) \ll P$  and by [1, Theorem 3.5]  $E_p$  is a semipotent ring. ( $\Leftarrow$ ). Suppose that  $E_p$  is semipotent again by [1, Theorem 3.5]  $P$  is locally projective.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module, then for any module  $M \in mod - R$ , the following hold:

- (1)  $Tot[M, P] = \nabla[M, P] = I[M, P]$ .
- (2)  $J[M, P] \subseteq I[M, P]$ .
- (3)  $\Delta[M, P] \subseteq I[M, P]$ .
- (4)  $\Delta[M, P] \subseteq \nabla[M, P]$ .

In particular,  $\Delta E_p \subseteq I(E_p) = \nabla E_p = Tot(E_p)$ .

*Proof.* (1). Kasch in [5], proved that  $Tot[M, P] = \nabla[M, P]$  for any module  $M \in mod - R$ . Since by lemma 2.1,  $J(P) \ll P$  follows  $I[M, P] = \nabla[M, P]$ .

(2). Let  $\alpha \in J[M, P]$ . Suppose  $\alpha \notin I[M, P]$  then by (2) there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_p$ . Since  $\alpha \in J[M, P]$  then  $0 \neq \alpha\beta \in J(E_p)$  a contradiction.

(3). Let  $\alpha \in \Delta[M, P]$  then  $Ker(\alpha) \leq_e M$ . Suppose  $\alpha \notin I[M, P]$  then by (2) there exists  $\gamma \in [P, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\gamma\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ . Since  $Ker(\alpha) \subseteq Ker(\gamma\alpha)$  therefore  $Ker(\gamma\alpha) \leq_e M$  and



$Ker(\gamma\alpha) \cap Im(\gamma\alpha) = 0$  thus  $Im(\gamma\alpha) = 0$ ,  $\gamma\alpha = 0$  this is a contradiction, so  $\Delta[M, P] \subseteq I[M, P]$ . (4). It is clear by (1) and (3).

**Lemma 2.7.** [9, Lemma 2.1]. Let  $M_R, N_R$  be modules. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ .
- (2) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ .
- (3) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$  there exists  $\gamma \in [N, M]$  such that  $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin J[N, M]$ .

Following [9], Recall that  $[M, N]$  is semipotent if, the conditions in lemma 2.7 are satisfied. Thus  $[M, M]$  is semipotent if and only if  $E_M$  is a semipotent ring.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module. For any module  $M \in \text{mod} - R$  the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $[M, P]$  is a semipotent.
- (2)  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = J[M, P] = \nabla[M, P]$ .
- (3) For any  $\alpha \in [M, P] \setminus J[M, P]$  there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  with  $0 \neq Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ .

In particular,  $E_p$  is a semipotent ring if and only if, for any  $\alpha \in E_p \setminus J(E_p)$  there exists  $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$  such that  $Im(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $[M, P]$  is semipotent then [9, Theorem 2.2]  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = J[M, P]$  and by lemma 2.6  $J[M, P] = \nabla[M, P]$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = J[M, P]$  then by [9, Theorem 2.2],  $[M, P]$  is semipotent.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $\alpha \in [M, P] \setminus J[M, P]$  then there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_p$ , so  $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $P$  is locally projective then by lemma 2.6  $J[M, P] \subseteq \nabla [M, P]$ . Let  $\alpha \in \nabla [M, P]$ , suppose that  $\alpha \notin J[M, P]$  then there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ . Since  $\alpha \in \nabla [M, P]$  and  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$  then  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \ll P$ . Therefore  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) = 0$  and  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\alpha \in J[M, P]$ .

The semipotent rings generalized as following:

**Lemma 2.9.** [7, Lemma 19]. The following conditions are equivalent for an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$ :

- (1) If  $T \not\subseteq I$  is a right (resp. left) ideal there exists  $e^2 = e \in T \setminus I$ .
- (2) If  $a \notin I$  there exists  $e^2 = e \in aR \setminus I$  (resp.  $e^2 = e \in Ra \setminus I$ ).
- (3) If  $a \notin I$  there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $x = xax \notin I$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , recall  $R$  is an  $I$ -semipotent [7], if the conditions in lemma 2.9, are satisfied.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . If  $R$  is  $I$ -semipotent then  $J(R) \subseteq I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $J(R) \not\subseteq I$  there exists  $a \in J(R)$ ,  $a \notin I$ , so  $x = xax \notin I$  for some  $x \in R$ . Since  $x \neq 0$  then  $0 \neq (ax)^2 = ax \in J(R)$  this is a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  be modules. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$ , there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]; 0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M, \beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ .
- (2) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$ , there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]; 0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N, \alpha\beta \notin I(E_N)$ .

(3) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$ , there exists  $\gamma \in [N, M]$ ;  $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin I[N, M]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose (1) holds. Then  $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$  and  $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$  for some  $\beta \in [N, M]$ . By letting  $\gamma = \beta\alpha\beta \in [N, M]$  we have  $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \neq 0$  and  $\gamma \notin I[N, M]$  because  $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ , giving (3). Suppose (3) holds. Then  $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\alpha\gamma)^2 \in E_M$  and  $\gamma\alpha \notin I(E_M)$  because  $\gamma \notin I[N, M]$  gives (1). Similarly, the equivalence (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) holds.

We call that  $[M, N]$  is  $I$ -semipotent if, the conditions in lemma 2.11 are satisfied. If  $I[M, N] = J[M, N]$  then  $[M, N]$  is semipotent if and only if  $[M, N]$  is  $I$ -semipotent.

**Proposition 2.12.** Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module, then the following hold:

- (1)  $E_p$  is an  $I$ -semipotent ring, where  $I = I(E_p) \subseteq E_p$ .
- (2)  $[M, P]$  is an  $I$ -semipotent for any module  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ .

*Proof.* (1). Let  $\alpha \in E_p$ ,  $\alpha \notin I(E_p)$  then  $\text{Im}(\alpha) \not\subseteq J(P)$  and by lemma 2.1,  $\text{Im}(\alpha)$  is not small in  $P$ . So, there exists a projective direct summand  $0 \neq N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$  with  $N \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$ . Let  $\beta$  be the projection of  $P$  on to  $N$ , then  $\text{Im}(\beta) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$  and  $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq \text{Im}(\beta) = N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ . Since  $N$  is projective then  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$ , by [8, Lemma 3.1] there exists  $\gamma \in E_p$  such that  $(\beta\alpha)\gamma(\beta\alpha) = \beta\alpha$ . So,  $0 \neq (\gamma\beta\alpha)^2 = \gamma\beta\alpha$

$\in E_p \cdot \alpha$ , and  $\gamma\beta\alpha \notin I(E_p)$ , hence  $J(P) \ll P$ . Thus,  $E_p$  is an  $I$ -semipotent ring.

(2). Let  $\alpha \in [M, P] \setminus I[M, P]$  then by lemma 2.6  $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, P]$  so there exists  $\beta \in [P, M]$  such that  $0 \neq (\alpha\beta)^2 = \alpha\beta \in E_p$  and  $\alpha\beta \notin I(E_p)$ , hence  $J(P) \ll P$  thus by lemma 2.11,  $[M, P]$  is  $I$ -semipotent.

### 3. Locally injective Modules.

Recall a module  $Q_R$  is a locally injective [4] if, for every submodule  $A \subseteq Q$  which is not large in  $Q$  there exists an injective submodule  $0 \neq B \subseteq Q$  with  $A \cap B = 0$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module. Then for any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$  the following hold:*

- (1)  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N]$ .
- (2)  $J[Q, N] \subseteq \Delta[Q, N]$ .
- (3)  $\nabla[Q, N] \subseteq \Delta[Q, N]$ .

*In particular,  $J(E_Q) \subseteq \nabla E_Q = \text{Tot}(E_Q)$  and  $\nabla E_Q \subseteq \Delta E_Q$ .*

*Proof.* (1). By Kasch [4]. (2). Since  $J[Q, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[Q, N]$ , so by (1)  $J[Q, N] \subseteq \Delta[Q, N]$ . (3). Let  $\alpha \in \nabla[Q, N]$  and suppose that  $\alpha \notin \Delta[Q, N]$  then  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is not large in  $Q$ , so there exists an injective module  $0 \neq A \subseteq Q$  such that  $A \cap \text{Ker}(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $A$  is injective there exists  $\beta : N \rightarrow A$  such that  $\beta\alpha|_A = I_A$  so  $\beta = \beta\alpha\beta$ . Thus  $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ ,  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} N$  and  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha) \ll N$ , so  $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) = 0$  and  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\alpha \in \Delta[Q, N]$ .

*Y. Zhou gave an example of a locally injective module which does not have a semipotent endomorphism ring [9, Example 4.2]. The following Theorem gave us a necessary and sufficient conditions for endomorphism ring of a locally injective module to be semipotent ring.*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module. For any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$  the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $[Q, N]$  is a semipotent.

(2)  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = J[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N]$ .

(3) For any  $\alpha \in [Q, N] \setminus J[Q, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  with  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .

In particular,  $E_Q$  is a semipotent ring if and only if, for any  $\alpha \in E_Q \setminus J(E_Q)$  there exists  $0 \neq \beta \in E_Q$  such that  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).  $\alpha \in [Q, N] \setminus J[Q, N]$  then there exists  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  such that  $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_Q$ , so  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $Q$  is a locally injective then by Lemma 3.1  $J[Q, N] \subseteq \Delta[Q, N]$ . Let  $\alpha \in \Delta[Q, N]$  and suppose that  $\alpha \notin J[Q, N]$  then there exists  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  such that  $0 \neq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} Q$  and  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha)$ . Since  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e Q$  then  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \leq_e Q$  and  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \cap \text{Im}(\beta\alpha) = 0$  so  $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) = 0$  and  $\beta\alpha = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\alpha \in J[Q, N]$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $J[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N] = \text{Tot}[Q, N]$  then by [9, Theorem 2.2]  $[Q, N]$  is semipotent.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  be modules. The following are equivalent:

(1) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ . (2) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$  there exists  $\beta \in [N, M]$  such that  $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ . (3) If  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$  there exists  $\gamma \in [N, M]$  such that  $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin \Delta[N, M]$ . *Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$ , then  $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$  for some  $\beta \in [N, M]$ . Let  $\gamma = \beta\alpha\beta$  then  $\gamma \in [N, M]$  and  $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin \Delta[N, M]$  because  $\beta\alpha \notin \Delta E_M$ . Suppose (3) holds, let  $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$  then  $\gamma = \gamma\alpha\gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in [N, M] \setminus \Delta[N, M]$  so  $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\gamma\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ , gives (1). Similarly, the equivalence (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) holds.

We call that  $[M, N]$  is  $\Delta$ -semipotent if the conditions in lemma 3.3 are satisfied. In particular,  $E_M$  is a  $\Delta$ -semipotent ring if and only if,  $[M, M]$  is a  $\Delta$ -semipotent.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module, then the following hold:*

(1)  $E_Q$  is a  $\Delta$ -semipotent ring, where  $\Delta = \Delta E_Q \subseteq E_Q$ .

(2)  $[Q, N]$  is an  $\Delta$ -semipotent for any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ .

*Proof.* (1). Let  $\alpha \in E_Q$ ,  $\alpha \notin \Delta E_Q$ , then  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is not large in  $Q$ . So, there exists an injective submodule  $0 \neq K \subseteq Q$  with  $K \cap \text{Ker}(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $K$  is an injective module there exist  $\beta: Q \rightarrow K$  such that  $\beta\alpha|_K = I_K$ . Hence, for any  $x \in Q$ ,  $\beta(x) \in K$  so,  $\beta\alpha\beta(x) = \beta(x)$  for all  $x \in Q$  therefore,  $\beta\alpha\beta = \beta$ . Thus,  $0 \neq (\alpha\beta)^2 = \alpha\beta \in E_Q$ . This shows that  $E_Q$  is a  $\Delta$ -semipotent ring.

(2). Let  $\alpha \in [Q, N] \setminus \Delta[Q, N]$  then  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is not large in  $Q$ . Since  $Q$  is a locally injective, there exists an injective submodule  $0 \neq A \subseteq Q$  such that  $A \cap \text{Ker}(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $A$  is injective there exists  $\beta: A \rightarrow N$  such that  $\beta\alpha|_A = I_A$ . Hence, for any  $y \in N$ ,  $\beta(y) \in A$  then  $\beta\alpha\beta(y) = \beta(y)$  for all  $y \in N$ , thus  $\beta\alpha\beta = \beta$ . Therefore,  $\beta \in [N, Q]$  such that  $0 \neq (\alpha\beta)^2 = \alpha\beta \in E_N$ . This shows that  $[Q, N]$  is  $\Delta$ -semipotent.

**Corollary 3.5.** *The following hold:*

(a) Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module then:

(1)  $E_P$  is an  $I$ - (or,  $\nabla$ -) semipotent ring.

(2)  $\text{Tot}[M, P] = \nabla[M, P] = I[M, P]$  for any module  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ .

(3)  $[M, P]$  is  $I$ - (or,  $\nabla$ -) semipotent for any module  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ .

(b) Let  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module then:

(1)  $E_Q$  is a  $\Delta$ -semipotent ring.

(2)  $\text{Tot}[Q, N] = \Delta[Q, N]$  for any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ .

(3)  $[Q, N]$  is  $\Delta$ -semipotent for any module  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ .

*Proof.* (a). (1) by Proposition 2.12. (2) By lemma 2.6. (3) by proposition 2.12.

(b). (1) by proposition 3.4. (2) by lemma 3.1. (3) by proposition 3.4.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $P_R$  be a locally projective module and  $Q_R$  be a locally injective module, then the following hold:

(1)  $\text{Tot}[Q, P] = \Delta[Q, P] = \nabla[Q, P] = I[Q, P]$ .

(2)  $\text{Tot}[Q, P] = J[Q, P]$ .

(3)  $[Q, P]$  is semipotent.

In particular, if  $M_R$  is a locally projective and locally injective module then  $\text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$  and  $E_M$  is a semipotent ring.

*Proof.* (1). Since  $P$  is a locally projective module then by lemma 2.6 we have  $\text{Tot}[Q, P] = \nabla[Q, P] = I[Q, P]$ . On the other hand, since  $Q$  is a locally injective module then by lemma 3.1, we have  $\text{Tot}[Q, P] = \Delta[Q, P]$ . Thus,  $\text{Tot}[Q, P] = \Delta[Q, P] = \nabla[Q, P] = I[Q, P]$ .

(2). It is clear that  $J[Q, P] \subseteq \text{Tot}[Q, P]$ . Let  $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[Q, P]$  then by (1)  $\alpha \in \Delta[Q, P] = \nabla[Q, P]$  so,  $\text{Im}(\alpha) \ll P$  and  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e Q$ . Thus, for any  $\beta \in [P, Q]$ ;  $\beta\alpha \in E_Q$ ,  $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \ll Q$ , hence  $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) = \beta(\text{Im}(\alpha))$  and  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \leq_e Q$ , hence  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha)$ . Since  $Q = \text{Im}(\beta\alpha) + \text{Im}(1_Q - \beta\alpha)$  follows that  $Q = \text{Im}(1_Q - \beta\alpha)$  and  $\text{Ker}(1_Q - \beta\alpha) = 0$ , hence  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \cap \text{Ker}(1_Q - \beta\alpha) = 0$ , therefore  $1_Q - \beta\alpha \in U(E_Q)$ . Thus,  $\alpha \in J[Q, P]$ . (3). By (2) and [9, Theorem 2.2].

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