

# $I_1$ -RINGS

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## ABSTRACT

*The objective of this paper is to study the relationship between certain ring  $R$  and endomorphism rings of free modules over  $R$ . Specifically, the basic problem is to describe ring  $R$ , which for it endomorphism ring of all free  $R$ -module, is a generalized right Baer ring, right  $I_1$ -ring.*

*Call a ring  $R$  is a generalized right Baer ring if any right annihilator contains a non-zero idempotent. We call a ring  $R$  is right  $I_1$ -ring if the right annihilator of any element of  $R$  contains a non-zero idempotent. This text is showing that each right ideal of a ring  $R$  contains a projective right ideal if the endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is a right  $I_1$ -ring. And shown over a ring  $R$ , the endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is a generalized right Baer ring if and only if endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is an  $I_1$ -ring.*

**Words:** *Endomorphism ring, Generalized Baer ring,  $I_1$ -ring, Annihilator, Projective module.*



## Introduction

Throughout of this paper  $R$  means an associative ring with identity and modules mean unitary right  $R$ -modules. For any element  $a \in R$  we denote the right annihilator of  $a$  by  $r(a) = \{x : x \in R; ax = o\}$ . Similarly, the left annihilator of  $a$  in  $R$  denoted by  $l(a) = \{x : x \in R; xa = o\}$ .

Call a ring  $R$  is a generalized right Baer ring if any right annihilator contains a non-zero idempotent. We call a ring  $R$  is right  $I_1$ -ring if the right annihilator of any element of  $R$  contains a non-zero idempotent. In this text it is shown that each right ideal of a ring  $R$  contains a projective right ideal if the endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is a right  $I_1$ -ring. It is also shown over a ring  $R$ , the endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is a generalized right Baer ring if and only if endomorphism ring of any free  $R$ -module is an  $I_1$ -ring.

We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** For any ring  $R$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)- For any element  $a \in R$  there exists an idempotent  $1 \neq f \in R$  (resp.  $o \neq f \in R$ ) such that  $l(a) \subseteq Rf$  (resp.  $f \in l(a)$ ).
- (2)- For any element  $b \in R$  there exists an idempotent  $o \neq e \in R$  (resp.  $1 \neq e \in R$ ) such that  $e \in r(b)$  (resp.  $r(b) \subseteq eR$ ).
- (3)- For any element  $d \in R$  there exists an idempotent  $1 \neq g \in R$  such that  $d = dg$  (resp.  $d = gd$ ).

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $b \in R$  and  $x \in r(b)$ , then  $bx = o, b \in l(x)$ . By (1) there exists an idempotent  $1 \neq f \in R$  such that  $l(x) \subseteq Rf$ . Thus  $b(1-f) = o, (1-f) \in r(b)$  where  $1-f$  is a non-zero idempotent of  $R$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $d \in R$ . By (2),  $r(d)$  contains a non-zero idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ , therefore  $de = o, d = d(1-e)$ , where  $1 \neq 1-e \in R$  is an idempotent.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $a \in R$ , then  $1 - a \in R$ , by assumption there exists an idempotent  $1 \neq g \in R$  such that  $(1 - a) = (1 - a)g$ . Let  $x \in l(a)$ , then  $xa = 0$  and  $x = x(1 - a) = x(1 - a)g \in Rg$  for all  $x \in l(a)$ , therefore  $l(a) \subseteq Rg$ .

**Definition.** We call a ring  $R$  is right (resp. left)  $I_1$ -ring if it satisfies equivalent conditions of lemma 1. A right (resp. left) P.P. ring is a ring in which every principal right (resp. left) ideal is projective [1]. Note that for any element  $a$  of a ring  $R$ ,  $aR$  is projective if and only if  $r(a) = eR$ , for some idempotent  $e$  of  $R$  [2].

Following [3], a ring  $R$  is called a generalized right (resp. left) P.P. ring if for any element  $a$  of  $R$ ,  $a^n R$  (resp.  $Ra^n$ ) is projective for some positive integer  $n$  (depending on  $a$ ). It is clear that all right (resp. left) P.P. ring and all generalized right (resp. left) P.P. rings are typical examples of right (resp. left)  $I_1$ -rings.

A ring  $R$  is called a generalized right Baer ring [4] if any right annihilator contains a non-zero idempotent.

**Lemma 2.** If  $R$  is a right (resp. left)  $I_1$ -ring, so is the ring  $eRe$  for all idempotent  $e$  of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be an element of  $eRe$ , write for  $l_e(a)$  the left annihilator of  $a$  in  $eRe$ . Note that  $l_e(a) = eRe \cap l(a)$ . Since,  $R$  is a right  $I_1$ -ring, there exists an idempotent  $f \neq 1$  in  $R$  such that  $l(a) \subseteq Rf$ . On the other hand,  $(1 - e) \in l(a)$ , therefore  $(1 - e) \in Rf$  and  $(1 - e) = rf = rff = (1 - e)f$  for some  $r \in R$ . So that  $f = ef + (1 - e)$  from which follows  $fe = efe$ . Thus  $g = fe \neq 1$  is an idempotent in  $eRe$ . Suppose  $x \in l_e(a) = l(a) \cap eRe$ , then  $x \in l(a) \subseteq Rf$  and  $x = xf$ ,  $x = xe = xfe = xg \in eReg$ . Therefore  $l_e(a) \subseteq eReg$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let  $F$  be a free  $R$ -module and  $f \in S = \text{End}_R(F)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)- There exists an idempotent  $e$  of  $S$  such that  $e \in r(f)$ .

(2)-  $\text{Ker } f$  contains a direct summand of  $F$ .

*Proof implies immediately from [4, proposition 6].*

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $F$  be a free  $R$ -module and  $f \in S = \text{End}_R(F)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(1)- *There exists an idempotent  $e$  of  $S$  such that  $l(f) \subseteq Se$ .*

(2)-  *$(\text{Im } f)''$  contains a direct summand of  $F$ .*

*Proof implies immediately from [4, proposition 4].*

*For any  $R$ -module  $M, M^*$  denotes  $\text{Hom}_R(M, R)$  and  $S$  denotes  $\text{End}_R(M)$ . Also for any submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , and for any a non-empty subset  $I$  of  $S$ , we denote*

$$A' = \{\mu : \mu \in M^*; \mu(A) = 0\}, \quad A'' = \{y : y \in M; A'y = 0\}$$

*It is easy to see that  $A \subseteq A'', A''$  is a submodule of  $M$ .*

*Following [5], let  $A$  be a submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$ , we call a submodule  $A''$  is a closer to  $A$ . And  $A$  is called a closed submodule if  $A=A''$ .*

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $F$  be a free  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}_R(F)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(1)-  *$S$  is a right  $I_1$ -ring.*

(2)-  *$\text{Ker } f$  contains a direct summand of  $F$  for any  $f \in S$ .*

(3)-  *$(\text{Im } f)''$  contains a direct summand of  $F$  for any  $f \in S$ .*

*Proof. (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). Implies immediately from a definition of a right  $I_1$ -ring and lemma 3.*

*(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Implies immediately from a definition and lemma 4.*

**Theorem 6.** *If  $\text{End}_R(F)$  is a right  $I_1$ -ring for each free  $R$ -module  $F$ , then every right ideal of  $R$  contains a projective  $R$ -module.*

*Proof. Let  $A$  be a right ideal of  $R$ , then we obtain the exact sequence of right  $R$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } f \rightarrow F_A \xrightarrow{f} A \rightarrow 0$$

Where  $F_A$  is a free  $R$ -module with basis  $A$ . Since  $A \subseteq R$  then  $A$  can be considered as a submodule of  $F$ , therefore  $f \in \text{End}_R(F)$ , and  $1-f \in \text{End}_R(F_A)$ . By hypothesis and proposition 5,  $\text{Ker}(1-f)$  contains a direct summand  $F_o$  of  $F$ . Thus  $F = F_o \oplus P$  where  $P$  is a submodule of  $F$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}(1-f) \subseteq \text{Im}f \subseteq A$ . Thus  $F_o \subseteq \text{Ker}f \subseteq A$ . Since  $F_o$  is a direct summand of a free  $R$ -module, then  $F_o$  is a projective  $R$ -module. Thus our proof is completed.

**Lemma 7.** [5, lemma 7]. Let  $F = \sum a_\alpha R, \alpha \in \Omega$  be a free  $R$ -module and  $A$  be a submodule of  $F$  such that  $A \subset M = \sum a_\beta R, \beta \in \Phi \subset \Omega$ . Then  $A'' \subseteq M$ .

**Theorem 8.** For any ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:

(1)- $\text{End}_R(P)$  is a generalized right Baer ring for any projective right  $R$ -module  $P$ .

(2)-  $\text{End}_R(F)$  is a generalized right Baer ring for any free right  $R$ -module  $F$ .

(3)-  $\text{End}_R(F)$  is a right  $I_1$ - ring for any free right  $R$ -module  $F$ .

(4)-  $\text{End}_R(P)$  is a right  $I_1$ - ring for any projective right  $R$ -module  $P$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Is obvious.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $P$  be a projective  $R$ -module, then  $P$  is a direct summand of some free  $R$ -module  $F$ . i.e.  $F = Q \oplus P$ . Since  $\text{End}_R(P) \approx e\text{End}_R(F)e$  [6] where  $e$  the projection of  $F$  onto  $P$  and  $e$  is an idempotent of  $\text{End}_R(F)$ . By hypothesis and [4, lemma 2] our proof is completed.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). It is clear.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $F = \sum a_\alpha R, \alpha \in \Omega$  be a free  $R$ -module and  $A$  be a submodule of  $F$ . Suppose  $\Gamma$  the set of generators of  $A$ . If  $|\Gamma| \leq |\Omega|$ , then  $A$  can be considered as  $\text{Im}f$  for some  $e \in \text{End}_R(F)$ . Since  $\text{End}_R(F)$  is a right  $I_1$ -ring, by proposition 5,  $A'' = (\text{Im}f)''$  contains a direct summand of  $F$ . If  $|\Gamma| \neq |\Omega|$  we put  $F_1 = F + F'$  where

$F' = \sum a_{\beta} R$ ,  $\beta \in \Phi$  a free  $R$ -module and  $|\Gamma| = |\Omega| + |\Phi|$ . Then  $A = \text{Im } f$  for some  $f \in \text{End}_R(F_1)$ . Assume,

$$A'_{F_1} = \{g : g \in F_1^*, g(A) = o\}, \quad A'_F = \{g : g \in F^*, g(A) = o\},$$

$$A''_{F_1} = \{y : y \in F_1', A'_{F_1} y = o\}, \quad A''_F = \{y : y \in F, A'_F y = o\}$$

Since  $\text{End}_R(F_1)$  is a right  $I_1$ -ring, then, by proposition 5  $A''_{F_1}$  contains a direct summand  $Q$  of  $F_1$  i.e.,  $F_1 = Q \oplus P$ ,  $Q \subseteq A''_{F_1}$ . By lemma 7,  $A''_{F_1} \subseteq F$  therefore  $F = Q \oplus (P \cap F)$  i.e.,  $A''_{F_1}$  contains a direct summand of  $F$ . By [4, Theorem 7] our proof completed if  $A''_{F_1} \subseteq A''_F$ . Since any  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(F, R)$  can be considered as an element of  $\text{Hom}_R(F_1, R)$  follows that  $A'_F \subseteq A'_{F_1}$ . But  $A''_{F_1} \subseteq F$  therefore  $A''_{F_1} \subseteq A''_F$  i.e.,  $A''_F$  contains a direct summand of  $F$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Implies from lemma 2.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Is trivial.

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