# $\pi$-SEMI-PERFECT MODULES 

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#### Abstract

The object of this paper is to study certain class of rings called $\pi$-semiperfect rings and generalizes this concept of modules.

We call a ring $R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect, if for any element $a \in R$ there is a positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n} R$ has a complement in $R_{R}$, or equivalently, $R / a^{n} R$ has a projective cover. In the first part, we have got that some of equivalent conditions to concept $\pi$-semi-perfect rings.

In the second part, we generalize this concept to projective modules, we have proved that a projective module $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect if and only if, endomorphism ring of $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-prefect. The main result of this paper the following theorem: a projective module $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect if and only if $J(P)$ is small in $P$ and for any $\varphi \in S=E n d_{R}(P)$ there is a positive integer $n$ such that $\operatorname{Im} \bar{\varphi}^{n}$ is a direct summand of $P=P / J(P)$ and every direct decomposition of $P$ can be lifted to a direct decomposition of $P$.

Key Words: Regular ring, $\pi$-regular ring, Radical of ring, Complement submodule, Projective module, Projective cover.


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## Introduction

Throughout this paper, unless otherwise indicated, all modules over a ring $R$ will be understood to be right $R$-modules. A ring $R$ will always have a unit and every module will be unitary.

Following [1], let $R$ be a ring, $M$ an $R$-module and $N$ a submodule of $M$. We say that $N$ is small in $M$ if whenever $K$ is a submodule of $M$ with $N+K=M$ then $K=M$. If $M$ is an $R$-module, the radical of $M$, denoted $J(M)$, is defined to be the intersection of all maximal submodules of M. It may happen that $M$ has no maximal submodules in which case $M=J(M)[1]$.

Thus, for a ring $R, J(R)$ is the Jacobson radical of $R$. It is easy to show that for any $R$-module $M, J(M)$ coincides with the sum of all small submodules of $M$ [1].

If $P$ is a projective $R$-module then $P$ is a direct summand of a free $R$ - module [2, Theorem 2.2] and hence $J(P)=P . J(R)$. Bass [3, Proposition 2.7] proved that if $P \neq o$ is a projective module then $P \neq P . J(R)$. Thus every projective module has a maximal submodule. A projective cover of $R$-module $M$ is an epimorphism $P \rightarrow M$ with small kernel, where $P$ is a projective $R$ - module [4].

Let $U$ and $V$ be a submodules of $R$-module $M$ such that $U+V=M$ and let $f$ be the natural epimorphism $M \rightarrow M / U$. Then the restriction of $f$ to $V$ is also epimorphism $V \rightarrow M / U$. We call $V$ a complement of $U$ (in $M$ ) if the kernel of restriction is minimal i.e., if no proper submodule $V^{\prime}$ of $V$ satisfies $U+V^{\prime}=M$. Since the kernel of restriction is $U \cap V$, this equivalent to the condition that $U \cap V$ is small in $V$ [4].

## 1- $\pi$-Semi-Perfect Rings.

An element $a$ of a ring $R$ is said to be regular (in the sense of Von Neumann) if $a=a b a$ for some $b \in R$. If each element of $a$ ring $R$ is regular, $R$ is said to be regular ring [5]. An element a of a ring $R$ is said to be $\pi$-regular if there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n}=a^{n} b a^{n}$ for some $b \in R$. A ring $R$ is called $\pi$-regular [6], if each element of a ring $R$ is $\pi$-regular.

Now, we call a ring $R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect if the factor ring $\bar{R}=R / J(R)$ is an $\pi$-regular and every idempotent of $\bar{R}$ can be lifted to an idempotent of $R$. The following fact will be needed.

Lemma 1.1. Let $a \in R, a \in J(R)$. Then:
1-aR has a complement in $R_{R}$.
2- R/aR has a projective cover.
Proof. 1 - We will prove that $R_{R}$ is a complement of aR in $R_{R}$. It is clear that $R=a R+R$. Let $U$ be a right ideal of $R$ such that $R=a R+U$, since $a \in J(R)$ then $a R \subseteq J(R)$ and $R=J(R)+U$. Since $J(R)$ is small in $R$ it follows that $R=U$. This shows that $R_{R}$ it is a complement of aR in $R_{R}$.

2 - Let $\pi: R_{R} \rightarrow R / a R$ be the natural $R$-epimorphism then Ker $\pi=a R \subseteq J(R)$.

Since $J(R)$ is small in $R_{R}$ follows that Ker $\pi$ is small in $R_{R}$. This shows that, $R$-epimorphism $\pi: R_{R} \rightarrow R / a R$ is a projective cover of $R$-module $R / a R$, hence $R_{R}$ is a projective module.

Proposition 1.2. For any ring $R$ the following conditions are equivalent:
$1-R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring.
2 - For any $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n} R$ has a complement in $R_{R}$ which is a direct summand.

3 - For any $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $R / a^{n} R$ has a projective cover.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let $a \in R$. If $a \in J(R)$ then for any positive integer $n, a^{n} \in J(R)$ and by lemma 1.1, $a^{n} R$ has a complement in $R_{R}$. Let $a \notin J(R)$ since $\bar{R}$ is an $\pi$ - regular there exists a positive integer $n$ such that the right ideal $\bar{a}^{n} R$ of $\bar{R}$ is generated by an idempotent of $\bar{R}$ which by assumption can be lifted to an idempotent $e$ of $R$. If we put $e^{\prime}=1-e, e^{\prime}$ is also an idempotent and we have the decomposition $\bar{R}=\bar{e} \bar{R} \oplus \bar{e}^{\prime} \bar{R}$. Since $a^{n} \bar{R}=\bar{e} \bar{R}$ follows that $\bar{R}=a^{n} \bar{R} \oplus \overline{e^{\prime}} \bar{R}$. Since $e^{\prime} R$ is a direct summand right ideal, this implies that $e^{\prime} R$ is a complement of $a^{n} R$ by [4, lemma 1.5].
(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Follows immediately from [4, proposition 1.4].
(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let $\bar{a} \in \bar{R}$. Then by assumption, there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $R / a^{n} R$ has a projective cover, by [4, proposition 1.4] $a^{n} R$ has a complement $K$ in $R_{R}$ which is a direct
summand of $R$, by [4, lemma 1.5] $\bar{R}=\bar{a}^{n} \bar{R} \oplus \bar{K}$. Thus the right ideal $\bar{a}^{n} \bar{R}$ of $\bar{R}$ is generated by an idempotent of $\bar{R}$, therefore $\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n}$ for some $\bar{x}$ of $\bar{R}$, because, since $\overline{1} \in \bar{R}$ then there are $\bar{x} \in \bar{R}, \bar{y} \in \bar{R}$ such that $\overline{1}=\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x}+\bar{y}$ and $\bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n}+\bar{y} \bar{a}^{n}$. We have $\bar{a}^{n}, \bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n} \in \bar{a}^{n} \bar{R}$, therefore $\bar{a}^{n}-\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{y} \bar{a}^{n} \in \bar{a}^{n} \bar{R}$ and $\bar{y} \bar{a}^{n} \in \bar{K}$, thus $\bar{a}^{n}-\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{y} \bar{a}^{n} \in \bar{a}^{n} \bar{R} \cap \bar{K}=\{\bar{o}\}$. Thus, $\bar{a}^{n} \bar{x} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n}$.

Theorem 1.3. For any ring $R$ the following conditions are equivalent:
$1-R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring.
2 - For any $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n$ and $e^{2}=e \in a^{n} R$ such that $(1-e) a^{n} \in J(R)$.

3 - For any $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n$ and $e^{2}=e \in R a^{n}$ such that $a^{n}(1-e) \in J(R)$.

4 - For any $a \in R$ there exists a positive integer $n$ and $b \in R$ such that $b=b a^{n} b$ and $a^{n}-a^{n} b a^{n} \in J(R)$.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let $a \in R$ then by proposition 1.2, there exists $a$ positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n} R$ has a complement $L$ in $R_{R}$ which is a direct summand i.e., $R=a^{n} R+L$ and $a^{n} R \cap L$ is small in $L$, therefore $a^{n} R \cap L \subseteq J(L)$ Since $L$ is a direct summand in $R$ then $J(L)=L \cap J(R)$. Thus $a^{n} R \cap L \subseteq J(R)$

On the other hand, since $R=a^{n} R+L$ then by [4, Proposition 1.2] there exists a right ideal $K$ of $R$ such that $K \subseteq a^{n} R$ and $R=K \oplus L$. Since $K$ is a direct summand of $R$ then $K=e R$ for some idempotent $e$ of $R$ and $L=(1-e) R$. Thus $e \in K \subseteq a^{n} R$ and $R=a^{n} R+(1-e) R$. On the other hand,

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(1-e) a^{n} R=a^{n} R \cap(1-e) R=a^{n} R \cap L \subseteq J(R)
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therefore $(1-e) a^{n} \in J(R)$.
(2) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Let $a \in R$ then there exists a positive integer $n$ and idempotent $e \in R$ such that $e \in a^{n} R$ and $(1-e) a^{n} \in J(R)$. Therefore, $e=a^{n} r$ for some $r \in R$. Suppose $b=r a^{n} r$ then $b=b a^{n} b$ and

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a^{n}-a^{n} b a^{n}=a^{n}-a^{n} r a^{n} r a^{n}=a^{n}-e a^{n}=(1-e) a^{n} \in J(R)
$$

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let $\bar{a} \in \bar{R}=R / J(R)$ then there exists a positive integer $n$ and $b \in R$ such that $a^{n}-a^{n} b a^{n} \in J(R)$ and $b=b a^{n} b$. Therefore $\bar{a}^{n} b \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n}, \quad \bar{R}=R / J(R)$ is an $\pi$-regular ring. Let $\bar{a}_{o}$ is an idempotent in $\bar{R}$ then $b_{o}=b_{o} a_{o}^{n} b_{o}$ for some $b_{o} \in R$. Suppose $e=a_{o}^{n} b_{o}$
then $e$ is an idempotent in $R$ and $\bar{e}=\bar{a}_{o}^{n} \bar{b}_{o} \in \bar{a}_{o} \bar{R}$. Thus $\bar{e} \bar{R} \subseteq \bar{a}_{o} \bar{R}$. On the other hand, since $\bar{a}_{o}$ is an idempotent then $\bar{a}_{o}=\bar{a}_{o}^{m}$ for any $m \in N^{*}$ therefore we have $\bar{a}_{o}=\bar{a}_{o}^{n}=\bar{a}_{o}^{n} \bar{b}_{o} \bar{a}_{o}^{n}=\bar{e}^{o} \bar{a}_{o} \in \bar{e} R$ and $\bar{a}_{o} \bar{R} \subseteq \bar{e} \bar{R}$, therefore $\bar{e} \bar{R}=\bar{a}_{o} \bar{R}$. Thus, $\frac{\bar{a}_{o}}{o}=\frac{a_{0}}{\bar{e}} \bar{X}=\bar{e} \frac{o}{e} \bar{x}=\bar{e} \bar{a}_{o}$ for some $\bar{x} \in \bar{R}$ and $\bar{e}=\bar{a}_{o} \bar{y}=\bar{a}_{o} \bar{a}_{o} \bar{y}=\bar{a}_{o} \bar{e}$ for some $\bar{y} \in \bar{R}$. We put $f=e+e a_{o}(1-e)$ then $e f=f, f e=e, f^{2}=f$ and
$\bar{f}=\bar{e}+\bar{e} \bar{a}_{o}(\overline{1}-\bar{e})=\bar{e}+\bar{a}_{o}(\overline{1}-\bar{e})=\bar{e}+\bar{a}_{o}-\bar{a}_{o} \bar{e}=\bar{e}+\bar{a}_{o}-\bar{e}=\bar{a}_{o}$
Thus $\bar{R}=R / J(R)$ is an $\pi$-regular ring and every idempotent of $\bar{R}$ can be lifted to an idempotent of $R$. By definition $R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring.
(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). It is proved similarly to (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4).
(4) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let $a \in R$ then there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $b=b a^{n} b$ and $a^{n}-a^{n} b a^{n} \in J(R)$ for some $b \in R$. Let $e=b a^{n}$ then $e$ is an idempotent of $R$ and $e \in R a^{n}$. On the other hand, $a^{n}(1-e)=a^{n}-a^{n} e=a^{n}-a^{n} b a^{n} \in J(R)$. Thus our proof is completed.

Lemma 1.4. If $R$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring, so is the ring eRe for all non-zero idempotent $e$ of $R$.

Proof. Let $R$ be an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring and let e be a non-zero idempotent of $R$. Let a be an element of eRe, since $\bar{R}=R / J(R)$ is $\pi$-regular there exists a positive integer $n$ and $r \in R$ such that $\bar{a}^{n} \bar{r} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n}$. Since $a \in e R e$ then $a=$ exe for some $x \in R$ and we have
$e a^{n}=e(\text { exe })^{n}=e \underbrace{(\text { exe })(\text { exe }) \cdots(e x e)}_{\text {nonce }}=\underbrace{(\text { exe })(\text { exe }) \cdots(\text { exe })}_{\text {nonce }}=(\text { exe })^{n}=a^{n}$
similarly, we have $a^{n} e=a^{n}$. Thus, $e a^{n}=a^{n} e=a^{n}$ and $\bar{a}^{n} \bar{e} \bar{r} \bar{e} \bar{a}^{n}=\bar{a}^{n}$.

Since $\bar{e} \bar{r} \bar{e} \in \bar{e} \bar{R} \bar{e}$ this shows that the subring $\bar{e} \bar{R} \bar{e}=e R e / e J(R) e$ of $\bar{R}$ is an $\pi$ - regular ring; here, as is well known, $e J(R) e=e R e \cap J(R)$ is the Jacobson radical of eRe. On the other hand, if $a \in e R e$ such that $\bar{a}$ is an idempotent in $\bar{R}$ then by [4, lemma 1.6] there exists an idempotent $f \in a R$ such that $\bar{f}=\bar{e}$. Since $a e=e a=a \quad$ follows that $f e=f$ where efef $=e f^{2}=e f \quad$ and $\bar{e} \bar{f}=\bar{e} \bar{a}=\bar{a}$ which shows that $\bar{a}$ is lifted to the idempotent ef $\in e R e$.

A ring $R$ is called $I_{0}$-ring [7], if any right (left ) ideal of $R$ is not contained in $J(R)$, contains a non-zero idempotent.

Lemma 1.5. Any $\pi$-regular ring $R$ with $J(R)=O$ is an $I_{0}$-ring.

Proof. Let $R$ be an $\pi$-regular ring with $J(R)=o$ and let $A$ be a non-zero right ideal of $R$ then there exists $a \in A, a \neq 0$. Since $R$ is an $\pi$-regular ring there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n}=a^{n} x a^{n}$ for some $o \neq x \in R$. Then $e=a^{n} x$ is an idempotent of $R$ and $e \neq 0$, if $e=a^{n} x=0$ follows $a^{n}=a^{n} x a^{n}=0$, therefore $a \in J(R)=o$, contradict that $a \neq 0$. Thus, $e=a^{n} x \in a R \subseteq A$. This shows, that $R$ is an $I_{0}$ - ring.

## 2- $\pi$-Semi-Perfect Modules.

Definition. We call a module $P$, is an $\pi$-semi-perfect if $P$ nonzero projective $R$-module and for any $f \in S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P)$ there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $P / \operatorname{Imf}{ }^{n}$ has a projective cover.

Proposition 2.1. For any projective $R$-module $P$ the following conditions are equivalent:
$1-P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect module.
$2-S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P)$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring.
Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let $f \in S$, since $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $P / I^{\prime} f^{n}$ has a projective cover by [4, proposition 2.9] $S / f^{n} S$ has a projective cover by proposition 1.2, we have $S$ which is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring.
(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let $f \in S$, since $S$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $S / f^{n} S$ has a projective cover by [ 2, proposition 2.9] $P /$ Imf $^{n}$ has a projective cover therefore $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect.

Proposition 2.2. Every non-zero direct summand of an $\pi$-semiperfect module is an $\pi$-semi-perfect.

Proof. Let $P$ be an $\pi$-semi-perfect module and let $Q$ be a nonzero direct summand of $P$ then $Q$ is projective. Let $e$ be the projection of $P$ on to $Q$ then it is easy to see that $e$ is a non-zero idempotent of $S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P), Q=\operatorname{Ime}$ and $E n d_{R}(Q) \cong e S e($ see 4, proposition 2.11). Since $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect module then by proposition 2.1, $S$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring and by lemma 1.4, the ring $\operatorname{End}_{R}(Q) \cong e S e$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect. Thus, again by proposition 2.1, $Q$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect module.

Proposition 2.3. Let $P$ be a projective $R$-module. If $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect then $J(P)$ is small in $P$.

Proof. Suppose $P$, is an $\pi$-semi-perfect, by proposition 2.1, $S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P)$ is an $\pi$ - semi-perfect ring. Since $S / J(S)$ is an $\pi$-regular ring and $J(S / J(S))=0$ then by lemma $1.5, S / J(S)$ is an $I_{0}$-ring. Since idempotent factor ring $S / J(S)$ can be lifted to an idempotent of $S$ then $S$ is an $I_{0}$-ring and by [7, lemma 3.3], $J(P)$ is small in $P$.

Consider now the factor module $\bar{P}=P / J(P)$ for projective right $R$ - module $P$. For each submodule $U$ of $P$ we denote by $\bar{U}$ the image of $U$ under the natural epimorphism $P \rightarrow \bar{P}$ i.e., $\bar{U}=[U+J(P)] / J(P)$. Since $J(\bar{P})=o, \quad \bar{P}$ can be regarded as module over $\bar{R}=R / J(R)$ in the natural manner and $\bar{R}$ - module $\bar{P}$ is projective.

As is well known, there is a one-to-one correspondence between direct decomposition $P=U \oplus V$ and idempotent $e \in S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P)$ such that $e$ is the projection $P \rightarrow U$ ( with respect to the decomposition ) and conversely $U, V$ are characterized by $U=$ Ime, $V=\operatorname{Im}(1-e)$. The same, of course, holds between direct decompositions of $\bar{P}$ and idempotent of its endomorphism ring $S / H, H=\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(P, J(P))$ and in this case we have $\bar{U}=\operatorname{Im} \bar{e}$ and $\bar{V}=\operatorname{Im}(\overline{1}-\bar{e})$. This shows that to the decomposition $\bar{P}=\bar{U} \oplus \bar{V}$ there corresponds the idempotent $\bar{e}$. Thus we can conclude that a direct decomposition of $\bar{P}$ can be lifted to a direct decomposition of $P$, if and only if, the corresponding idempotent of $\bar{S}$ can be lifted to an idempotent of $S$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $P$ be a projective $R$-module. Then $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect, if and only if, $P$ satisfies the following three conditions:

1- $J(P)$ is small in $P$.
2- For any $\varphi \in S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(P)$ there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $\operatorname{Im} \bar{\varphi}^{n}$ is a direct summand of $\bar{P}$.

3- Every direct decomposition of $\bar{P}$ can be lifted to a direct decomposition of $P$.

Proof. Assume the condition (1). According to [4, proposition 2.4], this is equivalent to assumption that $J(S)=\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(P, J(P))$, and
$\bar{S}=S / J(S) \cong \operatorname{End}_{R}(\bar{P}=P / J(P))$. It follows then, from what we have observed above, that the condition (3) is equivalent to the condition that every idempotent of $S / J(S)$ can be lifted to an idempotent of $S$. We shall, moreover, show that condition (2) is equivalent to the condition that $\bar{S}=S / J(S)$ is an $\pi$-regular ring. Suppose that $\bar{S}$ is an $\pi$-regular ring. Let $\varphi \in S$ then there exists a positive integer $n$ and $f \in S$ such that $\bar{\varphi}^{n} \bar{f} \bar{\varphi}^{n}=\bar{\varphi}^{n}$ by [7, lemma 2.1], it follows that $\operatorname{Im} \bar{\varphi}^{n}$ is a direct summand of $\bar{P}$. Conversely, suppose that $P$ satisfies (2). Let $f \in S$ then there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $\operatorname{Im} \bar{f}^{n}$ is a direct summand of $\bar{P}$. But, since $\bar{P}$ is projective as a right module over $\bar{R}=R / J(R), \operatorname{Im}_{n} \bar{f}^{n}$ is also projective and therefore the epimorphism $\bar{f}^{n}: \bar{P} \rightarrow \operatorname{Im} \bar{f}^{n}$ must split. This means $\operatorname{Ker} \bar{f}{ }^{n}$ is a direct summand of $\bar{P}$, by [7, lemma 2.1] there exists $\bar{g} \in \bar{S}$ such that $\bar{f}^{n} \bar{g} \bar{f}^{n}=\bar{f}^{n}$. Thus the endomorphism ring $\bar{S}=S / J(S)$ of $\bar{P}$ is $\pi$ - regular. We have thus seen that the conditions (1),(2) and (3) together imply that $S$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring and so $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect module by proposition 2.1.Conversely, suppose $P$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect module, then $S$ is an $\pi$-semi-perfect ring, by proposition 2.1. Therefore we have both the conditions (2),(3), as shown above. Thus our proof is completed.

## Examples.

1 -Every regular ring is $\pi$-regular.
$2-$ Let $Q$ be an injective $R$-module and $S=\operatorname{End}_{R}(Q)$ then $S / J(S)$ is a regular ring and idempotents factor ring $S / J(S)$ can be lifted modulo $J(S)$, [8]. Thus endomorphism ring of injective module is $F$-semi-perfect.
$3-A$ ring $R$ is called semi-simple if any right ( left ) ideal of $R$ is a direct summand, [2, Theorem 4.2]. A ring $R$ is called artinian if $R$ satisfies minimum condition of right (left ) ideals of $R$. If $R$ is artinian ring then $R / J(R)$ is semi-simple. A ring $R$ is $\pi$-regular, if and only if, every decreasing chain of left (right) ideals of the form $R a \supseteq R a^{2} \supseteq R a^{3} \supseteq \cdots\left(a R \supseteq a^{2} R \supseteq a^{3} R \supseteq \cdots\right)$ terminates.

It is clear that every artinian ring is $\pi$-regular, but not regular, hence $J(R) \neq o$.

4- A commutative $\pi$-regular ring with zero Jacobson radical is regular.

Let $R$ be a commutative $\pi$-regular ring with $J(R)=0$, and $a \in R$. If $a=0$ then $a=a x a$ for any $x \in R$, this means that $a$ is $a$ regular element. Suppose that $a \neq 0$, since $R$ is $\pi$-regular there exists a positive integer $n$ such that $a^{n}=a^{n} b a^{n}$ for some $b \in R$. On the other hand, $a^{n} \neq 0$ because if $a^{n}=0$ then $a \in J(R)=0$ contradict that $a \neq 0$. Let $e=b a^{n}$ then $e \neq 0$ is an idempotent in $R$ and $1-e \neq 1$ is an idempotent in $R$. Since $a^{n}=a^{n} b a^{n}=a^{n} . e$ implies that $a^{n}(1-e)=o$ and $[a(1-e)]^{n}=a^{n}(1-e)^{n}=a^{n}(1-e)=o$.

Thus, $a(1-e) \in J(R)=0$ this means that $a=a e$. On the other hand, since $e=b a^{n} \in R a$ then $e=y a$ for some $y \in R$, therefore $a=a . e=$ aya this shows that $a$ is a regular element. Thus, $R$ is $a$ regular ring.

5 - Let $R$ be a $\pi$-regular ring, then the Jacobson radical of $R$ is nil ideal and factor ring $R / J(R)$ is $\pi$-regular. Since $J(R)$ is nil ideal then idempotents factor ring $R / J(R)$ can be lifted modulo $J(R)$, therefore any $\pi$-regular ring is $\pi$-semi-perfect, but not $F$ - semi-perfect.
$6-R$. Ware, [9, Example 3.4] gives example of a regular ring $R$ and a projective regular $R$-module $M=P \oplus Q$ such that $\operatorname{End}_{R}(P) \cong R \cong \operatorname{End}_{R}(Q)$ but $\operatorname{End}_{R}(M)$ is not regular.

Since $J(R)=o$ it follows that $J(M)=o$ and consequently that $J\left(\operatorname{End}_{R}(M)\right)=o$. This means that $\operatorname{End}_{R}(M)$ is not $F$ - semi-perfect.

7 - Y. Hirano, [10, Corollary 1] shows that endomorphism ring of finitely generated module over commutative $\pi$-regular ring is $\pi$-regular. This means that if $R$ is a commutative $\pi$-regular ring and $M$ is a finitely generated $R$-module then $\operatorname{End}_{R}(M)$ is $\pi$-semiperfect, but not $F$-semi-perfect, hence $J\left(\operatorname{End}_{R}\left(M^{R}\right)\right) \neq O$.

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