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## ON FINITELY PSEUDO-FROBENIUS RINGS

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In this paper we are concerned with FPF rings and GFC rings. In section 2 we provide some results about these rings; we show that every right GFC ring is essentially bounded (Proposition 4) and give a characterization of right FPF rings (Theorem 11). Finally, we present examples to illustrate Theorem 11.

### 1. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $R$  will always denote an associative ring with identity and all  $R$ -modules will be unital.

If every finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module is a generator of the category  $\text{mod-}R$  of right  $R$ -modules then  $R$  is said to be *right finitely pseudo-Frobenius (right FPF)*. Following [2],  $R$  is said to be *generated by faithful cyclic (right GFC)* if every faithful cyclic right  $R$ -module is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$ . Right FPF rings are obviously right GFC and the class of right FPF rings includes right PF rings and Dedekind domains.

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module,  $X$  (resp.  $S$ ) a subset of  $M$  (resp.  $R$ ),  $A$  a right ideal of  $R$  and  $n$  a positive integer. Then we denote by  $r_R(X)$  (resp.  $l_R(S)$ ) the right (resp. left) annihilator of  $M$  (resp.  $S$ ) in  $R$ , by  $\text{Tr}_R(M)$  the trace ideal of  $M$ , i.e.,  $\text{Tr}_R(M) = \sum \{\text{Im}(f) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, R)\}$  and by  $Z_r(M)$  the singular submodule of  $M$ , i.e.,  $Z_r(M) = \{x \in M \mid r_R(x) \text{ is essential in } R_r\}$ . Further we denote by  $M^{(n)}$  the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $M$ . By ideals we will mean two-sided ideals of  $R$ .

Let  $\tau$  be a hereditary torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}R$ . Then we denote by  $L(\tau)$  the Gabriel topology corresponding to  $\tau$  and by  $\tau(M)$  the  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $M$ . Set  $B/A = \tau(R/A)$ . If  $A$  is an ideal of  $R$  then we see that  $B$  becomes an ideal; hence in particular,  $\tau(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$  if  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. We let  $G$  denote the Goldie torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}R$ . We then note that  $M$  is  $G$ -torsionfree if and only if  $Z_r(M) = 0$ , i.e.,  $M$  is right non-singular.

We refer to [8] for all the torsion-theoretic notions used in this paper.

The following easy result will be used repeatedly without reference throughout the sequel.

**Lemma.** For a right ideal  $A$  of  $R$ ,  $Tr_R(R/A) = l_R(A)R$ .

## 2. FPF (GFC) rings

A submodule  $N$  of a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is *essentially closed* in  $M$  if it has no proper essential extensions inside  $M$ , or equivalently there exists a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is maximal with respect to  $N \cap L = 0$ . We note that every  $G$ -closed submodule of  $M$  is essentially closed in it. Further, it is easy to show that if  $L \leq N \leq M$  are right  $R$ -modules such that  $L$  is essentially closed in  $M$  and  $N$  is essential in  $M$  then  $N/L$  is essential in  $M/L$ .

Now, the following result is easy.

**Lemma 1.** An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$  if and only if it is essentially closed in  $R_R$  and  $R/I$  is right non-singular over  $R/I$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $A$  a right ideal of  $R$  such that  $I+A$  is essential in  $R$ . If  $R/A$  is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$  then  $I$  is essential in  $R_R$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $R/A$  is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$ , that is,  $l_R(A)R = R$ . Then there exists a finite number of elements  $a_i \in l_R(A)$  and  $b_i \in R$  ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ) such that  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ . Setting  $B = \{x \in R \mid b_i x \in I + A \text{ for all } i=1, \dots, n\}$ , we see from the essentiality of  $I+A$  that  $B$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ . It then follows that  $I$  is essential in  $R_R$ , because  $B \leq I$ .

The following result shows that if  $R$  is right GFC then  $Z_r(R)$  contains all nilpotent one-sided ideals of  $R$ .

**Proposition 3.** Assume that  $R$  is right GFC, and let  $A$  be a nilpotent right ideal of  $R$ . Then  $r_R(A)$  is essential in  $R_R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be the nilpotent index of  $A$ . The assertion is clear for  $n=1$ .

Now let  $n > 1$  and assume that the assertion is true for every nilpotent right ideal of  $R$  with nilpotent index  $n' < n$ . Choose a right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  maximal with respect to  $B \leq r_R(A^2)$  and  $B \cap r_R(A) = 0$ . Then  $B \oplus r_R(A)$  is essential in  $r_R(A^2)$ . Since  $A^2$  has nilpotent index  $\leq n-1$ , the induction hypothesis assures that  $r_R(A^2)$  is essential in  $R_R$ . Thus  $B \oplus r_R(A)$  is essential in  $R$ . On the other hand, we have  $Ar_R(R/B) \leq B \cap r_R(A) = 0$ ; hence  $r_R(R/B) \leq B \cap r_R(A) = 0$ . Since  $R$  is right GFC,  $R/B$  is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$ . It now follows from Lemma 2 that  $r_R(A)$  is essential in  $R_R$ .

If every essential right ideal of  $R$  contains an ideal essential in  $R$  as a right ideal then  $R$  is said to be *right essentially bounded*. By [3, Proposition 1.3B], every essential right ideal of a right FPF ring contains a non-zero ideal. On the other hand, by [4, Corollary 2.2.], a left Noetherian, right FPF and right order

in a  $QF$  ring is right essentially bounded. However, we see that every right GFC ring is right essentially bounded. To show this, let  $A$  be an essential right ideal of a right GFC ring  $R$ , and choose a right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  maximal with respect to  $B \leq A$  and  $r_R(R/A) \cap B = 0$ . We then see that  $r_R(R/A) \oplus B$  is essential in  $R$ , and further that  $R/B$  is faithful; hence it is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$ . Now Lemma 2 shows that  $r_R(R/A)$  is essential in  $R_R$ , as desired. Thus we have the following result.

**Proposition 4.** *Every right GFC ring is right essentially bounded.*

From the above two Propositions, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 5.** *Assume that  $R$  is right GFC. Then an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$  if and only if it is a semiprime ideal which is essentially closed in  $R_R$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $I$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$ . To show that  $I$  is a semiprime ideal of  $R$ , let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \leq J$  and  $J^2 \leq I$ . Choose a right ideal  $A$  of  $R$  such that  $A \leq J$  and  $A \cap I = 0$ . Since  $R/I$  is a non-singular right  $R$ -module, so is  $A$ . On the other hand,  $A^2 \leq A \cap J^2 \leq A \cap I = 0$ ; hence Proposition 3 implies  $A \leq Z_r(R)$ . Thus we have  $A = 0$ , which shows that  $I$  is essential in  $J_R$ . Since  $I$  is essentially closed in  $R_R$  by Lemma 1, we must have  $I = J$ . Therefore,  $I$  is indeed a semiprime ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $I$  is a semiprime ideal which is essentially closed in  $R_R$ , and set  $\bar{R} = R/I$ . According to Lemma 1, it suffices to show that  $\bar{R}$  is non-singular. Let  $x + I \in Z_r(\bar{R})$ , and set  $A = \{a \in R \mid xa \in I\}$ . Then  $A$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ , and  $r_{\bar{R}}(x + I) = A/I$ . By Proposition 4,  $A$  contains an ideal  $H$  essential in  $R_R$ . Set  $\bar{H} = (H + I)/I$ . Since  $I$  is essentially closed in  $R_R$ , the essentiality of  $H$  implies that  $\bar{H}$  is essential in  $\bar{R}$ . Now,  $(l_{\bar{R}}(\bar{H}) \cap \bar{H})^2 \leq l_{\bar{R}}(\bar{H}) \bar{H} = 0$ ; hence we see that  $l_{\bar{R}}(\bar{H}) = 0$ , because  $\bar{R}$  is a semiprime ring. Thus we have  $x + I \in l_{\bar{R}}(\bar{H}) = 0$ , from which we conclude that  $\bar{R}$  is non-singular.

Immediately, Corollary 5 implies the following result which is a generalization of [2, Proposition 2.5] and [3, Theorem 3.3].

**Corollary 6.** *A right GFC ring is right non-singular if and only if it is a semiprime ring.*

By [8, Proposition VI, 6.2], we have  $G(R) = \{x \in R \mid x + Z_r(R) \in Z_r(R/Z_r(R))\}$ . Thus [3, Theorem 5.1] shows that if  $R$  is right FPF then  $G(R)$  is a direct summand of  $R$  as a right ideal and  $R/G(R)$  is a non-singular right FPF ring. More generally we have the following result.

**Proposition 7.** *Assume that  $R$  is right FPF, and let  $I$  be an ideal which is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$ . Then*

- (1)  *$I$  is a direct summand of  $R_R$ .*

(2)  $R/I$  is a right and left non-singular right FPF ring.

Proof. (1) Choose a right ideal  $A$  of  $R$  maximal with respect to  $A \cap I = 0$ . Then  $R/A \oplus R/I$  is finitely generated faithful; hence by assumption,  $R = Tr_R(R/A \oplus R/I) = Tr_R(R/A) + Tr_R(R/I) = l_R(A)R + l_R(I)$ . Set  $\bar{R} = R/I$  and  $\bar{A} = (A \oplus I)/I$ . Then, observing that  $I$  is essentially closed in  $R_R$  by Lemma 1 and that  $A \oplus I$  is essential in  $R$ , we see that  $\bar{A}$  is an essential right ideal of  $\bar{R}$ . Since  $\bar{A} \leq r_{\bar{R}}(x + I)$  for every  $x \in l_R(A)$ , it follows from the essentiality of  $\bar{A}$  and Lemma 1 that  $l_R(A) \leq I$ . Thus we obtain  $R = I + l_R(I)$ . Writing  $1 = a + b$  where  $a \in I$  and  $b \in l_R(I)$ , we see that  $a$  is an idempotent of  $R$  and  $I = aR$ . Consequently,  $I$  is a direct summand of  $R_R$ .

(2) Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful right  $\bar{R}$ -module and set  $X = I \oplus M$ . Since  $r_R(X) = r_R(I) \cap r_R(M) = r_R(I) \cap I$ , we see from (1) that  $r_R(X) = 0$ ; hence  $X$  is a finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module. Thus by assumption, in particular,  $X$  generates  $R/I$ , while (1) says  $\text{Hom}_R(I_R, (R/I)_R) = 0$ . It then follows that  $M$  generates  $R/I$  as a right  $R$ -module and so does as a right  $(R/I)$ -module. Therefore we conclude that  $R/I$  is a right FPF ring. Moreover, Lemma 1 and [3, Theorem 3.6] imply that  $R/I$  is a right and left non-singular ring.

As consequences of Proposition 7, we obtain the following results.

**Corollary 8.** *If  $R$  is right FPF then every  $G$ -closed right ideal of  $R$  is a right annihilator ideal of  $R$ .*

Proof. Given any  $G$ -closed right ideal  $A$  of  $R$ , choose a right ideal  $C$  of  $R$  maximal with respect to  $C \leq r_R l_R(A)$  and  $A \cap C = 0$ . If  $C = 0$  then we see from the  $G$ -closedness of  $A$  that  $A = r_R l_R(A)$ , which completes the proof. Thus it is enough to show that  $C = 0$ .

Choose a right ideal  $B$  of  $R$  maximal with respect to  $A \leq B$  and  $B \cap C = 0$ . Since  $C$  is non-singular and  $R/B$  is an essential extension of  $C$ , we see that  $B$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R$ ; hence  $G(R) \leq B$ . On the other hand, observing that  $B \oplus C$  is essential in  $R$  and that it is contained in  $r_R l_R(B)$ , we see that  $r_R l_R(B)$  is essential in  $R$ ; hence  $l_R(B) \leq G(R)$ . Thus we have  $l_R(B) \leq r_R(R/B)$ , which implies  $Tr_R(R/B) \leq r_R(R/B)$ . Since  $B$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$  and hence so is  $r_R(R/B)$ , Proposition 7 shows that  $R$  is a direct sum of  $r_R(R/B)$  and a right ideal of  $R$  generated by  $R/B$ ; hence in particular, we have  $R = r_R(R/B) + Tr_R(R/B)$ . It then follows  $R = r_R(R/B)$ , that is,  $B = R$ , from which  $C$  must be zero, as desired.

**Corollary 9.** *Assume that  $R$  is right FPF. If  $M$  is a finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module with finite Goldie dimension then  $\text{End}_R(M)$  is a two-sided order in a semisimple ring.*

Proof. Since  $r_R(M)$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$  and  $M$  is non-singular as a right

$R/r_R(M)$ -module, without loss of generality we may assume by Proposition 7 that  $M$  is faithful and  $R$  is non-singular. It then follows that  $R$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of a finite direct sum of copies of  $M$ ; hence  $R_R$  has finite Goldie dimension, because  $M$  has finite Goldie dimension. Now, we see from Corollary 6 and [3, Corollary 3.16C] that  $R$  is a semiprime right and left Goldie ring. Therefore, [6, Theorems 2.2.15 and 2.2.17] show that  $\text{End}_R(M)$  is a two-sided order in a semisimple ring.

Let  $\tau$  be a hereditary torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}R$ . Then  $\tau$  is *stable* if the  $\tau$ -torsion class is closed under injective envelopes, and  $L(\tau)$  is *bounded* if it contains a cofinal subset consisting of ideals of  $R$ . We note from [8, Proposition VI, 7.3] that  $G$  is stable, and from [8, Chapter VI, Section 6.3] that if  $R$  is right non-singular then  $L(G)$  consists of all the essential right ideals of  $R$ ; hence  $R$  is right essentially bounded if and only if  $L(G)$  is bounded.

To provide a characterization of right FPF rings, we need the following result.

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $\tau$  be a stable hereditary torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}R$  such that  $L(\tau)$  is bounded. For a finitely generated right  $R$ -module  $M$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $r_R(M) \leq \tau(R)$ .
- (2)  $r_R(M/\tau(M)) = \tau(R)$ .

*Proof.* First we shall show  $r_R(\tau(M)) \in L(\tau)$ . To this end, choose a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  maximal with respect to  $\tau(M) \cap N = 0$ . Observing that  $\tau$  is stable and that  $M/N$  is an essential extension of  $\tau(M)$ , we see that  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Since  $M$  is finitely generated,  $M/N = x_1 R + \cdots + x_n R$  for a finite number of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M/N$ . Further, since  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and  $L(\tau)$  is bounded, there exist ideals  $I_i \in L(\tau)$  ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ) such that  $I_i \leq r_R(x_i)$  for each  $i$ . We then see that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \in L(\tau)$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \leq r_R(M/N) \leq r_R(\tau(M))$ , from which we conclude  $r_R(\tau(M)) \in L(\tau)$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $L\tau(R) = 0$  for every  $\tau$ -torsionfree right  $R$ -module  $L$ , we always have  $\tau(R) \leq r_R(M/\tau(M))$ . Conversely, according to (1), we have  $r_R(M/\tau(M)) r_R(\tau(M)) \leq r_R(M) \leq \tau(R)$ . Now, noting that  $R/\tau(R)$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree and that  $r_R(\tau(M)) \in L(\tau)$  as is seen above, we see  $r_R(M/\tau(M)) \leq \tau(R)$ . Thus we obtain  $r_R(M/\tau(M)) = \tau(R)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is clear.

In [7] Kobayashi has provided a characterization of non-singular right FPF rings. Now we state a characterization of right FPF rings, a part of which is an extension of [7, Theorem 1].

**Theorem 11.** *The following conditions on  $R$  are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is right FPF.
- (2) (i) For every finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $R$  is a direct sum of  $r_R(M)$  and a right ideal generated by  $M$ .
- (ii)  $L(G)$  is bounded.
- (iii) Every finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module generates  $G(R)$ .
- (3) (i) For every finitely generated right ideal  $A$  of  $R$  such that  $r_R(A)$  is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$ ,  $R$  is a direct sum of  $r_R(A)$  and a right ideal generated by  $A$ .
- (ii)  $L(G)$  is bounded.
- (iii) For every finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $G(M)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ,  $G(M)$  generates  $G(R)$ .
- (iv) Every finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module can be embedded into a free right  $R$ -module.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). (2) (i) follows from Proposition 7, and (2) (iii) is clear.

To show (2) (ii), let  $A \in L(G)$  and set  $I = r_R(R/A)$ ,  $G(R/I) = J/I$  and  $M = (R/A) \oplus J$ . Then  $J$  is an ideal which is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$ . It follows from Proposition 7 that  $J = eR$  for some idempotent  $e$  of  $R$  and  $r_R(M) = I \cap r_R(J) \leq eR \cap (1-e)R = 0$ ; hence  $M$  is finitely generated faithful. According to (1),  $M$  is a generator of  $\text{mod-}R$ , in particular,  $M$  generates  $(1-e)R$ . However,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, (1-e)R) = \text{Hom}_R(R/A, (1-e)R) \oplus \text{Hom}_R(J, (1-e)R) = 0 \oplus 0 = 0$ , from which we see  $e=1$ . Thus  $G(R/I) = R/I$ , that is,  $r_R(R/A) = I \in L(G)$ . Therefore,  $L(G)$  is bounded.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). First we shall assume (2) and show the following

Claim 1. For every ideal  $I$  which is  $G$ -closed in  $R_R$ ,  $R/I$  is a right FPF ring.

Set  $\bar{R} = R/I$  and let  $\bar{G}$  denote the Goldie torsion theory for  $\text{mod-}\bar{R}$ . Since  $\bar{R}$  is a right non-singular ring by Lemma 1,  $L(\bar{G})$  consists of all the essential right ideals of  $\bar{R}$ . First we show that  $L(\bar{G})$  is bounded. Let  $\bar{A} = A/I \in L(\bar{G})$ . Then  $A$  is essential in  $R$ ; hence  $A \in L(G)$ . According to (2) (ii), there exists an ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $J \leq A$  and  $J \in L(G)$ . If  $\bar{B} = B/I$  is a right ideal of  $\bar{R}$  such that  $\bar{J} \cap \bar{B} = 0$  where  $\bar{J} = (J+I)/I$ , then  $\bar{B} \cdot \bar{J} = \bar{B} \cap \bar{J} = 0$ , that is,  $B \cdot J \leq I$ , from which we have  $B \leq I$ , because  $(R/I)_R$  is non-singular. Thus  $\bar{J}$  is essential in  $\bar{R}_R$ , which shows that  $L(\bar{G})$  is bounded. Now, we turn to the proof of Claim 1. Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful right  $\bar{R}$ -module. We must show that  $M$  is a generator of  $\text{mod-}\bar{R}$ . Since  $M/\bar{G}(M)$  is a faithful right  $\bar{R}$ -module by Lemma 10 and  $M$  obviously generates  $M/\bar{G}(M)$ , we may assume that  $M_{\bar{R}}$  is non-singular; hence it is non-singular as an  $R$ -module, also. According to (2) (i),  $M$  generates  $R/r_R(M) = \bar{R}_{\bar{R}}$ , from which we conclude that  $\bar{R}$  is right FPF. This completes the proof of Claim 1.

(3) (i) is immediate from (2) (i) and Claim 1.

To show (3) (iii), let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module. By (2) (iii), we obtain an exact sequence  $M^{(n)} \rightarrow G(R) \rightarrow 0$ , and further it splits, be-

cause  $G(R)_R$  is projective by (2) (i). Thus we may assume that  $M^{(n)} = G(R) \oplus N$  for some integer  $n$  and some submodule  $N$  of  $M^{(n)}$ . It now follows  $G(M)^{(n)} = G(M^{(n)}) = G(R) \oplus G(N)$ , from which we see that  $G(M)$  generates  $G(R)$ .

Finally, to show (3) (iv), let  $M$  be a finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is finitely generated non-singular as a right  $R/r_R(M)$ -module, while (2) (i) implies  $R = r_R(M) \oplus A$  for some right ideal  $A$  of  $R$ . It then follows from Claim 1, [3, Theorem 3.12] and [5, Theorem 5.17] that  $M$  is embedded into  $(R/r_R(M))^{(n)} \cong A^{(n)} \leq R_R^{(n)}$  for some integer  $n$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). First we shall assume (3) and show the following

Claim 2. (1)  $G(R)$  is a direct summand of  $R$  as a right ideal.

(2) For every finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $r_R(M) = G(R)$ ,  $M$  generates  $R/G(R)$ .

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module such that  $r_R(M) = G(R)$ . By (3) (iv), we obtain an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} R^{(n)}$  for some integer  $n$ . Let  $p_i: R^{(n)} \rightarrow R$  be the  $i$ -th projection ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ) and set  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(M)$ . Then  $A$  is a finitely generated right ideal of  $R$  and  $r_R(A) = G(R)$ ; hence (3) (i) says that  $R$  is a direct sum of  $G(R)$  and a right ideal  $B$  generated by  $A$ . Since  $M$  obviously generates  $A$ , it also generates  $B \cong R/G(R)$ , which completes the proof of Claim 2.

To show that  $R$  is right FPF, let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful right  $R$ -module, and choose a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  maximal with respect to  $N \cap G(M) = 0$ . Since  $M/N$  is an essential extension of  $G(M)$ , it is  $G$ -torsion; hence setting  $X = M/G(M) \oplus M/N$ , we see that  $G(X) = M/N$  and that  $X$  is finitely generated faithful. It now follows from (3) (iii) that  $G(X) = M/N$  generates  $G(R)$ . On the other hand, by (3) (ii) and Lemma 10, we have  $r_R(X/G(X)) = G(R)$ ; hence Claim 2(2) shows that  $X/G(X) \cong M/G(M)$  generates  $R/G(R)$ . Since  $M$  obviously generates both  $M/N$  and  $M/G(M)$  and since  $R \cong G(R) \oplus (R/G(R))$  by Claim 2(1),  $M$  generates  $R$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

Assume that  $R$  is non-singular right FPF and let  $M$  be a finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module. It then follows from Theorem 11 that  $R = r_R(M) \oplus A$  where  $A$  is a right ideal of  $R$  generated by  $M$ . Since  $R$  is a semiprime ring by Corollary 6, we see  $\text{Hom}_R(M, r_R(M)) = 0$ , which implies  $A = \text{Tr}_R(M)$ . Thus  $R = r_R(M) \oplus \text{Tr}_R(M)$  as ideals. Therefore, as a consequence of Theorem 11, we obtain the following result, in which (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) is due to [7, Theorem 1] (c.f. [5, Theorem 5.17]).

**Corollary 12.** For a right non-singular ring  $R$ , the following conditions are equivalent :



- (1)  $R$  is right EPF.
- (2) (i) For every finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $R = r_R(M) \oplus Tr_R(M)$  as ideals.
- (ii)  $R$  is right essentially bounded.
- (3) (i) For every finitely generated right ideal  $A$  of  $R$ ,  $R = r_R(A) \oplus Tr_R(A)$  as ideals.
- (ii)  $R$  is right essentially bounded.
- (iii) Every finitely generated non-singular right  $R$ -module can be embedded into a free right  $R$ -module.

We call a ring homomorphism  $\psi: R \rightarrow S$  a *flat epimorphism* if it is an epimorphism in the category of rings (or equivalently, the natural homomorphism  $S \otimes_R S \rightarrow S$  is an isomorphism by [8, Chapter XI, Section 1]) and  $S$  is flat as a right  $R$ -module. We note that if both  $\psi: R \rightarrow S$  and  $\zeta: S \rightarrow T$  are flat epimorphisms then so is  $\zeta\psi: R \rightarrow T$ . For the Goldie torsion theory  $G$  for  $\text{mod-}R$ , we denote by  $Q_G$  the ring of quotients of  $R$  with respect to  $G$  and by  $\varphi: R \rightarrow Q_G$  the canonical ring homomorphism.

Now assume that  $R$  is right FPF, and set  $Q = Q_G$ . Since  $\varphi(R) \cong R/G(R)$  is projective as a right  $R$ -module by Proposition 7, we see that  $\varphi: R \rightarrow \varphi(R)$  is a flat epimorphism. We also note from [8, Chapter IX, Sections 1 and 2] that  $\text{Hom}_R((Q/\varphi(R))_R, Q_R) = 0$  and  $Q_R$  is injective and non-singular, and from Theorem 11 that if  $x \in Q$  then  $\varphi(R) + x\varphi(R)$  can be embedded into  $R^{(n)}$  (in fact, into  $\varphi(R)^{(n)}$ ) for some integer  $n$ . Now, following the same argument as in the proof of (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) of [5, Theorem 5.17], we see that if  $x \in Q$  and  $J = \{\varphi(r) \in \varphi(R) \mid \varphi(r)x \in \varphi(R)\}$  then  $QJ = Q$ . It then follows from [5, Theorem 3.9] that the inclusion map  $\varphi(R) \rightarrow Q$  is a flat epimorphism. Thus we have the following result.

**Corollary 13.** *If  $R$  is right EPF then  $\varphi: R \rightarrow Q_G$  is a flat epimorphism.*

Finally, we present examples to illustrate Theorem 11.

**EXAMPLE 1.** *There exists a ring satisfying the conditions (2) (ii) and (iii) ((3) (ii), (iii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11, but not FPF.*

**Proof.** Set  $R = \{(x, y) \in Z \times Z \mid x \equiv y \pmod{2}\}$  where  $Z$  is the ring of integers. Then  $R$  is a commutative semiprime Noetherian ring; hence it satisfies (2) (ii) and (iii) ((3) (ii), (iii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11.

Now, set  $A = (2, 0)R \oplus (0, 2)R$ . Then  $A$  is finitely generated faithful, but  $Tr_R(A) = A \neq R$ ; hence  $R$  is not FPF.

**EXAMPLE 2.** *There exists a ring satisfying the conditions (2) (i) and (iii) ((3) (i), (iii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11, but not FPF.*

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a simple principal ideal domain but not a skew field (c.f.

[6, Proposition 1.3.8]). Then  $R$  satisfies the conditions (2) (i) and (iii) ((3)(i), (iii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11, while  $L(G)$  is not bounded; hence  $R$  is not FPF by Theorem 11.

EXAMPLE 3. *There exists a ring satisfying the conditions (2) (i) and (ii) ((3) (i), (ii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11, but not FPF.*

Proof. Let  $F$  be a field and set  $R = \begin{bmatrix} F & F[x]/(x^2) \\ 0 & F[x]/(x^2) \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $Z_r(R) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (x)/(x^2) \\ 0 & (x)/(x^2) \end{bmatrix}$  and it is essential in  $R_R$ ; hence  $R_R$  is  $G$ -torsion, from which it trivially satisfies the conditions (2) (i) and (ii) ((3) (i), (ii) and (iv)) of Theorem 11.

Now, set  $A = \begin{bmatrix} F & F[x]/(x^2) \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A$  is a faithful right ideal generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , but  $\text{Tr}_R(A) = A \neq R$ ; hence  $R$  is not right FPF.

EXAMPLE 4. *There exists a ring satisfying the conditions (3) (i), (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 11, but not FPF.*

Proof. Let  $F$  be a field, and set  $F = F_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $R = \{x = (x_i) \in \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i \mid \text{there exists an integer } n \text{ such that } x_n = x_i \text{ for all but finitely many } i\}$ . Then  $R$  is a commutative von Neumann regular ring which is not self-injective, and it then satisfies the conditions (3) (i), (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 11. But, [5, Theorem 3.12] and Theorem 11 imply that  $R$  is not FPF.

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