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## PERFECT CATEGORIES IV

### (QUASI-FROBENIUS CATEGORIES)

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The author defined perfect Grothendieck categories and studied them [11]. In [12], [13] he developed [11] and determined hereditary perfect categories and hereditary perfect and  $QF$ -3 categories.

In this note, as a continuos work we define quasi-Frobenius categories (briefly  $QF$ ) and generalize some properties of  $QF$ -rings.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Grothendieck category. We always assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains a generating set  $\{G_\alpha\}_I$  of small objects  $G_\alpha$ , e.g. functor categories. If every projective objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$  are injective, we call  $\mathfrak{A}$  a  $QF$ -category. As we see in examples of  $QF$ -categories, some important properties of  $QF$ -rings are not inherited to  $QF$ -categories.

The object of this paper is to fill those gaps. We assume mainly that  $G_\alpha$ 's are projective, then  $QF$ -categories are perfect. It is clear that all of results in the category  $\mathfrak{M}_R$  of modules over a ring  $R$  with identity are not valid in perfect categories  $\mathfrak{A}$ . However, modifying proofs in  $\mathfrak{M}_R$ , we sometimes succeed to extend some properties in  $\mathfrak{M}_R$  to  $\mathfrak{A}$ . All of theorems in this note are well known in  $\mathfrak{M}_R$  and so we shall give often only methods how to modify proofs in  $\mathfrak{M}_R$ .

In §1 we generalize the notion of  $\Sigma$ -injective [5] and obtain [5], Proposition 3 in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We define a  $QF$ -category in §2 and generalize results in [4] and [14]. In §3 we deal with a problem whether a  $QF$ -category has the following property or not: every injectives are projective, (see [6]). In the final sction, we give some supplementary results of [10].

In this paper, rings  $S$  need not to have the identity, unless otherwise stated. We refer the readr to [11], [12] and [13] for notations and definitions.

#### 1. $\Sigma$ -injective

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1) See [11] and [12] for the definitions.

Let  $M, N$  be objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $S=[N, N]$ . Then  $[M, N]$  is a left  $S$ -module. Let  $M_0$  be a subobject of  $M$ . By  $l_{[M, N]}(M_0)$  (briefly  $l(M_0)$ ) we denote the left  $S$ -submodule of  $[M, N]$  whose elements consist of all  $f$  such that  $f|M_0=0$ . By  $l(M, N)$  we denote the set of such annihilator submodules of  $[M, N]$ . Conversely, for any left  $S$ -submodule  $K$  of  $[M, N]$  we denote the subobject  $\bigcap_{k \in K} \text{Ker } k$  by  $r_M(K)$  (briefly  $r(K)$ ). Finally, by  $r(M, N)$  we denote the set of such annihilator subobjects in  $M$ .

The following lemma is well known in the category  $\mathfrak{M}_T$  of  $T$ -modules over a ring  $T$  with identity and we can prove it by modifying the proof of [7], Lemma 1 in p. 136.

**Lemma 1** (Baer's condition). *An object  $Q$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is injective if and only if any  $f \in [G, Q]$  is extended to an element in  $[G_\alpha, Q]$  for any subobject  $G$  of  $G_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in I$ .*

Following to Faith [5], we call an object  $Q$   $\Sigma$ -injective if any coproducts of  $Q$  itself are injective.

The following results are some versions of [1] and [5] in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

**Lemma 2** ([5]). *Let  $M, N$  be objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We assume that  $r(M, N)$  is noetherian. Then for any subobject  $M_1$  of  $M$  there exists a small subobject  $M'_1$  of  $M$  such that  $l(M_1)=l(M'_1)$ .*

Proof. Since  $r(M, N)$  is noetherian,  $l(M, N)$  is artinian. From the assumption  $M_1=\bigcup M_\alpha$ , where  $M_\alpha$ 's are small objects. Then  $l(M_1)=\bigcap_\alpha l(M_\alpha)=\bigcap_{i=1}^n l(M_{\alpha_i})$ , since  $l(M, N)$  is artinian. Hence,  $l(M_1)=l(\bigcup_1^n M_{\alpha_i})$ .

**Theorem 1** ([1], [5]). *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Grothendieck category with generating set  $\{G_\alpha\}_I$  of small objects and let  $Q, \{Q_\beta\}_J$  be a set of injective objects in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then*

1) *If  $Q$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective,  $r(P, Q)$  is noetherian for any small object  $P$ . Conversely, if  $r(G_\alpha, Q)$  is noetherian for all  $G_\alpha$ , then  $Q$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

2)  *$\sum_j \bigoplus Q_\beta$  is injective if and only if for any  $\alpha \in I$  and any chain  $T_1 \subseteq T_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq T_n \subseteq \dots$  of subobjects of  $G_\alpha$ , there exist  $n_0$  and a finite subset  $J_0$  of  $J$  such that  $[T_{n+1}/T_n, Q_\beta]=0$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $r \in J - J_0$ .*

Proof. We assume that  $Q$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective and  $r(P, Q)$  is not noetherian for a small object  $P$ . Let  $P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq P_n \subseteq \dots$  be a chain in  $r(P, Q)$ . Put  $P_0=\bigcup P_i$  and let  $f_i \in l(P_i)-l(P_{i+1})$ . Then  $f_i(P_j)=0$  for  $j \leq i$  and  $f_i(P_k) \neq 0$  for  $k \geq i+1$ . Put  $f=\prod f_i \in [P_0, \prod Q]$ . Since  $f(P_i) \subset \sum \bigoplus Q$  and  $P_0=\lim P_i$ ,  $f(P_0) \subset \sum \bigoplus Q$ . However,  $P$  is small and so  $\text{Im } f \subset \sum_1^m \bigoplus Q$ , which contradicts to a fact  $f|P_{m+1}=\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} f_i|P_{m+1} \not\subset \sum_1^m \bigoplus Q$ . Hence,  $r(P, Q)$  is noetherian. Conversely, we

assume that  $r(G_\alpha, Q)$  is noetherian for all  $\alpha \in I$ . We consider a diagram for a subobject  $P$  of  $G_\alpha$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow G_\alpha. \\ & \downarrow f & \\ & \sum_i \oplus Q & \end{array}$$

Let  $\pi_\gamma$  be the projection of  $\sum_i \oplus Q$  to the  $\gamma$ -th component  $Q$ . From Lemma 2 we obtain a small subobject  $P'$  of  $G_\alpha$  such that  $l(P)=l(P')$ . Since  $P'$  is small,  $\pi_\gamma f|P'=0$  for almost all  $\gamma \in J$ . Hence,  $\pi_\gamma f|P=0$  for almost all  $\gamma$ , which means that  $\text{Im } f \subset \sum_i \oplus Q$ . Therefore,  $f$  is extended to an element in  $[G_\alpha, \sum_i \oplus Q]$ , since  $Q$  is injective. Hence,  $\sum_i \oplus Q$  is injective by Lemma 1. We can prove 2) similarly to the case of modules.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $Q$  be a  $\Sigma$ -injective and small object in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $[Q, Q]$  is a semi-primary ring.*

Proof. It is clear from Theorem 1 and [10], Theorem 1.

**Corollary 2** ([2]). *Let  $\{Q_\alpha\}_I$  be a set of  $\Sigma$ -injectives. If  $\sum_i \oplus Q_\alpha$  is injective,  $\sum_i \oplus Q_\alpha$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

Proof. It is clear from Theorem 1.

From Chase's method [3] and Theorem 1 we obtain

**Corollary 3** ([3]). *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above. Then every injectives are  $\Sigma$ -injective if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian.*

## 2. **QF-categories**

We have many characterizations of quasi-Frobenius rings  $R$  with identities. The categorical ones among them are

- I *Every projective modules is injective* [5] and
- II *Every injective module is projective* [6].

We shall define a quasi-Frobenius category by taking the property I. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Grothendieck category with generating set  $\{G_\alpha\}_I$  of small objects.  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called *QF* if every projectives are injective.

First, we have

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above and  $G_\alpha$  projective for all  $\alpha \in I$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is QF if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect and  $\sum_i \oplus G_\alpha$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

Proof. We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *QF*. Then  $G_{\alpha}$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective. Hence,  $G_{\alpha}$  is a coproduct of completely indecomposable objects  $\{P_{\alpha}^{(\alpha)}\}$  by Corollary 1 to Theorem 1. Furthermore, since  $\sum_K \bigoplus G_{\alpha}$  is injective, for any  $K$ ,  $\{P_{\alpha}^{(\alpha)}\}_{\alpha, i}$  is a right  $T$ -nilpotent system by [9], Corollary to Proposition 10. Hence,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect from [11], Corollary 1 to Theorem 4. Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect,  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains a generating set  $\{P'_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha}$  of small projectives and every projectives are coproduct of some family of  $P'_{\alpha}$  [11], §3. On the other hand  $\sum' \bigoplus P'_{\alpha}$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective if so is  $\sum \bigoplus G_{\alpha}$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *QF*.

We know many interesting properties of a *QF*-ring and in this note we shall generalize some of them in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

First, we shall give examples of *QF*-Grothendieck categories.

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $\{K_i\}$  be a family of *QF*-rings. Then  $\prod_i \mathfrak{M}_{R_i}$  is *QF*.

The following example is a slight modification of [18], p. 379.

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $K$  be a field and  $R$  be a vector space over  $K$  with basis  $\{e_i, f_i\} : R = \sum_1^{\infty} \bigoplus (e_i K \oplus f_i K)$ . We define a multiplication in  $R$  as follows:

$$e_i e_j = \delta_{i,j} e_i, \quad e_i f_j = \delta_{i,j} f_i, \quad f_i e_j = \delta_{i,j-1} f_i \quad \text{and} \quad f_i f_j = 0,$$

where  $\delta_{i,j}$  is the Kronecker  $\delta$ .

It is easily seen that  $R$  is an associative ring and  $R = \sum \bigoplus e_i R = \sum \bigoplus R e_i$ . Since  $e_i R = e_i K \oplus f_i K$  is an artinian and noetherian  $R$ -module,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^{(1)}$  is a locally artinian and noetherian perfect Grothendieck category from [11], §3. We shall show that  $e_i R$  is injective in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Every  $e_i R$  has only one proper submodule  $f_i K$ . Let  $g$  be in  $[f_j K, e_i R]$ . It is clear that  $g=0$  if  $i \neq j$ . If  $i=j$ ,  $g(f_i) = f_i k$  for some  $k$  in  $K$ . Hence,  $e_i k \in [e_i R, e_i R]$  and  $e_i k | f_i K = g$ . Therefore,  $e_i R$  is injective by Lemma 1. Hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is a perfect *QF*-category by Corollary 3 and Proposition 1.

Next, we consider  $R \mathfrak{M}^+$ . Let  $g$  be an element in  $[K f_1, R e_1]$  such that  $g(f_1) = e_1$ . Then it is clear that  $g$  is not extended to an element in  $[R e_2, R e_1]$ . Hence,  $R e_1$  is not injective in  $R \mathfrak{M}^+$ . On the other hand, all of other  $R e_i$  are injective as above. Thus,  $R \mathfrak{M}^+$  is a *QF*-3 perfect category from [13], but not *QF*. Furthermore,  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $R \mathfrak{M}^+$ , but not in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ .

This example shows that a perfect *QF*-category does not inherit some properties of *QF*-rings. Furthermore, the example given in [9], p. 331 is a *QF*-Grothendieck category with generator and cogenerator object, however it is neither locally noetherian nor artinian (this category does not contain a generating set of small objects).

We do not know whether *QF*-categories with generating set of small objects are locally noetherian (or artinian).

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be the category as above. Put  $G = \sum_i \bigoplus G_\alpha$  and  $S = [G, G] = \prod_\alpha [G_\alpha, G]$ . Then  $S$  contains the ring  $R = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \bigoplus [G_\alpha, G_\beta]$ . Let  $\prod_\alpha f_\alpha$ ,  $\prod_\alpha g_\alpha$  be elements in  $S$ . Since  $G_\alpha$  is small,  $\sum_\gamma f_\gamma g_\alpha$  is in  $[G_\alpha, G]$ . Hence,  $(\prod f_\alpha)(\prod g_\alpha) = \prod_\alpha (\sum_\gamma f_\gamma g_\alpha)$ . If  $\prod g_\alpha$  is in  $R$ ,  $g_\alpha = 0$  for almost all  $\alpha$ . Hence,  $(\prod f_\alpha)(\prod g_\alpha) \in R$  and  $SR \subset R$ . For any subobject  $Q$  of  $G$  we put  $l_R(Q) = l_S(Q) \cap R$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $G$  and  $G_\alpha$  be as above. For any subobject  $Q$  of  $G_\alpha$  we have  $r(l_R(Q)) = r(l_S(Q))$ .*

Proof. Put  $G_\alpha = G_1$ ,  $G_2 = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \bigoplus G_\beta$  and  $S_{ij} = [G_j, G_i]$ . Then  $S = \sum_{i, j=1}^2 \bigoplus S_{ij}$  and  $S_{i1}$  are in  $R$ .  $l_S(Q) = \sum_{i=1}^2 S_{i2} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^2 (l_S(Q) \cap S_{i1})$ . Then  $r(l_S(Q)) = r(\sum_i \bigoplus S_{i2}) \cap r(T) = G_1 \cap r(T)$ , where  $T = \sum_{i=1}^2 (l_S(Q) \cap S_{i1})$ . On the other hand,  $l_R(Q) = (R \cap \sum_{i=1}^2 S_{i2}) \oplus T$  and  $r(l_R(Q)) = G_1 \cap r(T) = r(l_S(Q))$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be the Grothendieck category with  $G_\alpha$ . If  $G_\alpha$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective for all  $\alpha$  and  $G$  is an injective cogenerator, then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian.*

Proof. Let  $S$  and  $R$  be as above. Then  $r(l_S(Q)) = Q$  for any subobject  $Q$  of  $G$  by the assumption, (cf. [10], §2). Put  $R = [G_\alpha, G] \oplus \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \bigoplus [G_\beta, G]$ . Then for any subobject  $Q'$  of  $G_\alpha$ ,  $l_R(Q') = l_R(Q') \cap [G_\alpha, G] \oplus \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \bigoplus [G_\beta, G]$ . Hence,  $Q' = r(l_S(Q')) = r(l(Q')) = r(l_R(Q') \cap [G_\alpha, G]) \cap r(\sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \bigoplus [G_\beta, G]) = G_\alpha \cap r(l_{[G_\alpha, G]}(Q')) = r_{G_\alpha}(l_{[G_\alpha, G]}(Q'))$ . Since  $G$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective,  $G_\alpha$  is noetherian from Theorem 1.

**Corollary.** *Let  $R = \sum_i \bigoplus e_\alpha R = \sum_i \bigoplus Re_\alpha$  be the induced ring from a category.<sup>13</sup> We assume that  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is QF and  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . If for a given  $\alpha$ ,  $e_\alpha Re_\beta = 0$  for almost all  $\beta \in I$ ,  $e_\alpha R$  is artinian and noetherian.*

Proof. There exists an idempotent  $E = e_\alpha + e_{\alpha_2} + \dots + e_{\alpha_n}$  such that  $e_\alpha R = e_\alpha RE \subset ERE$ .  $ER$  is noetherian by Proposition 2. Hence,  $ERE$  is right noetherian and semi-primary by [10], Theorem 1. Therefore,  $ERE$  is right artinian and so  $e_\alpha R$  is artinian as an  $R$ -module.

The following theorem is a version of [14] in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

**Theorem 2 ([14]).** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a locally noetherian category with generating set  $\{P_\alpha\}_I$  of small projectives. We put  $P = \sum_i \bigoplus P_\alpha$  and  $S = [P, P]$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is QF if and only if*

- 1) *For any  $\alpha \in I$  and any finitely generated  $S$ -module  $\mathfrak{l}$  of  $[P_\alpha, P]$   $l(r(\mathfrak{l})) = \mathfrak{l}$ .*
- 2) *For any  $\alpha \in I$  and any subobjects  $P_1, P_2$  in  $P_\alpha$   $l(P_1 \cap P_2) = l(P_1) + l(P_2)$  in  $[P_\alpha, P]$ .*

Proof. Let  $Q$  be an injective object. Then 1) and 2) are valid if we replace  $P$  and  $S$  by  $Q$  and  $[Q, Q]$  (cf. [10]). We assume 1) and 2) and show that  $P_\alpha$  is injective. Let  $P_1$  be a subobject of  $P_\beta$  such that  $P_1 = \text{Im } x; x \in [P_\gamma, P_\beta]$ . We may assume  $x \in [P_\gamma, P]$ . Let  $f$  be in  $[P_1, P_\alpha]$ .  $x: P_\gamma \xrightarrow{x'} P_1 \xrightarrow{i} P_\beta$  and put  $K = \text{Ker } x'$ . Then  $r_{P_\gamma}(x) = K$ . Since  $l(K) = l(r(x)) = Sx$  and  $fx_1 \in l(K), fx' = sx$  for some  $s \in S$ . We may assume  $s \in [P_\beta, P_\alpha]$ . Then,  $f = si$  and  $s|P = f$ . Since  $P_\beta$  is noetherian, every subobject of  $P_\beta$  is of form  $\bigcup_i \text{Im } x_i; x_i \in [P_\gamma, P]$ . We can prove, analogously to the case of modules, from 2) that every element in  $[P', P_\alpha]$  is extended to one in  $[P_\beta, P_\alpha]$ , (cf. [10]). Hence,  $P_\alpha$  is injective by Lemma 1. Since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect from Corollary 3 to Theorem 1 and [9], Corollary to Proposition 10. Hence,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $QF$  by Proposition 1.

Let  $T$  be a ring with identity. If  $T$  is right artinian and self injective as a right  $T$ -module, then  $T$  is  $QF$  and  $T$  is left artinian and self injective as a left  $T$ -module. However, as shown in Example 2, this fact is not true for  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $R = \sum_I \oplus e_\alpha R = \sum_I \oplus Re_\alpha$  be the induced ring from the category  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  are  $QF$ .
- 2)  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is locally noetherian and  $R$  is injective in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ .
- 3)  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$  and  $R$  is injective in  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ .
- 4)  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$  and locally artinian and  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ , (cf. [4]).

Proof. We first show the following fact. If  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$  and  $R$  is injective in  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ , then  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . We may assume  $e_\alpha$ 's are primitive. From the remark before Lemma 3 and the first part of the proof of Theorem 2, we have  $rl(r') = r'$  for any finitely generated right  $R$ -module  $r'$  in  $[Re_\alpha, R] = e_\alpha R$ . Let  $r$  be any right  $R$ -module in  $e_\alpha R$ . Then  $l(r) = \bigcap l(r')$ , where  $r'$  runs through all finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Since  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is perfect from the assumption and Proposition 1,  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is semi-artinian by [11], Theorem 5. Hence,  $Re_\alpha$  contains a unique minimal submodule  $S_\alpha$ . Since  $l(r') \neq 0$ ,  $l(r) = \bigcap l(r') \supseteq S_\alpha \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $e_\alpha R/r$  is contained in  $R$  and hence,  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ .

1)  $\rightarrow$  2), 3) and 4). Since  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is perfect,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is semi-artinian. On the other hand,  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  from the above. Hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is locally noetherian and artinian by Proposition 2. Therefore, 1) implies 2), 3) and 4).

2)  $\rightarrow$  3) and 4). Since  $e_\alpha R$  is injective and noetherian,  $e_\alpha Re_\alpha$  is semi-primary by [10], Theorem 1. Furthermore, we may assume that  $e_\alpha R$ 's are indecomposable. Then so are the  $Re_\alpha$ 's. Since  $R = \sum_I \oplus Re_\alpha$  is injective,  $\{Re_\alpha\}_I$  is a semi- $T$ -nilpotent system by [9], Corollary to Proposition 10. However,  $e_\alpha Re_\alpha$  is semi-

primary and hence,  $\{Re_\alpha\}_I$  is a  $T$ -nilpotent system. Therefore,  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is perfect. Similarly, we obtain from Corollary 3 to Theorem 1 that  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$ . Hence 2) implies 3) and 4) from the first statement. 3)  $\rightarrow$  2).  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  from the first remark. Hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is locally noetherian.

4)  $\rightarrow$  1). We may assume that  $e_\alpha R$  is perfect for all  $\alpha$ . We note  $[e_\alpha R, R] = Re_\alpha$  and  $[Re_\alpha, R] = e_\alpha R$ . Since  $R$  is an injective cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ ,  $r_{e_\alpha R}(l_{Re_\alpha}(\mathfrak{r})) = \mathfrak{r}$  for any  $R$ -submodule  $\mathfrak{r}$  in  $e_\alpha R$  and  $l_{Re_\alpha}(r_{e_\alpha R}(\mathfrak{l})) = \mathfrak{l}$  for a finitely generated left  $R$ -submodule  $\mathfrak{l}$  of  $Re_\alpha$ . Hence,  $Re_\alpha$  is noetherian by the assumption and artinian from Proposition 2 and the above. Moreover, the above facts imply, from Theorem 2 and the remark, that  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is  $QF$ .

**Corollary.** *Let  $R$  be as above. We assume that  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is locally noetherian. Then the following are equivalent.*

- 1)  $R$  is injective in  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ .
- 2)  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is locally noetherian.
- 3)  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is locally artinian.

In those cases  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  are  $QF$ , (cf. [17], p. 406).

**Proof.** We first show that  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$  from the assumption. We quote here the idea of Kasch [17]. Let  $E$  be an injective hull of  $R$  in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . We put  $\mathfrak{r} = \bigcup \text{Im } f, f \in [E, R]$ , then  $\mathfrak{r}$  is a two-sided ideal of  $R$ . If  $\mathfrak{r} \neq R$ , there exists  $s \neq 0$  in  $[R, R]$  as left  $R$ -modules such that  $r^s = 0$ , since  $R$  is a cogenerator in  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ . We take an idempotent  $e_\alpha$  in  $R$  such that  $e_\alpha s \neq 0$ . Then for any  $f \in [E, R]$ ,  $0 = (f(e_\alpha))^s = (f(e_\alpha)e_\alpha)^s = f(e_\alpha)e_\alpha^s = f(e_\alpha^s)$ . On the other hand,  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Hence, we have shown  $\mathfrak{r} = R$ , which implies that  $R$  is a retract of  $\sum_{[E, R]} \bigoplus E$ . Since  $R$  is locally noetherian,  $R$  is injective in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is  $QF$ . Similarly, we can prove that  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is  $QF$  if  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  is locally noetherian. Hence, 2) implies 1) and 3). The remaining parts are clear from Theorem 3.

### 3. Property II

In this section, we shall study a relation between the property II and a  $QF$ -category. Faith and Walker [6] showed that a ring  $T$  with identity is  $QF$  if and only if II is satisfied. However, the following examples show that the above fact is not true for Grothendieck categories.

**EXAMPLE 3.** In Example 2 we replace relations  $f_i e_j = \delta_{i,j+1} f_i$  and  $e_i f_i = f_i$  by  $e_j f_i = \delta_{j-1,i} f_i$  and  $f_i e_i = f_i$ , respectively. Then  $R = \sum \bigoplus e_i R = \sum \bigoplus Re_i$  is perfect and locally artinian and noetherian. We can show that  $e_i R$  for  $i \geq 2$  are injective. Let  $E$  be an injective object in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Then  $E$  contains non-zero homomorphic image of some  $e_i R$ . Hence,  $E$  contains  $e_i R$  or  $e_{i+1} R$  as an isomorphic image. Therefore,  $E \approx \sum_{i \geq 2} \bigoplus e_i R^{(\alpha)}$ , since  $R$  is locally noetherian. Thus,

$R$  satisfies II and  $\sum_{i \in I} \oplus e_i R$  is an injective cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . On the other hand,  $e_i R$  is not injective and hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is not QF.

In Example 2 an injective hull  $E(e_i R/e_i N)$  of  $e_i R/e_i N$  is not projective and hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  does not satisfy II. On the other hand,

**EXAMPLE 4.** Let  $R$  be a vector space over a field  $K$  with basis  $\{e_i, f_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  and define the multiplication in  $R$  in Example 2. Then  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$  are QF and  $R$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  and  ${}_R\mathfrak{M}^+$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Grothendieck category with a generating set  $\{P_\alpha\}_I$  of small projectives. We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II. Then considering the induced ring from  $\mathfrak{A}$ , we can show from [6], Theorem 1.1 that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian. Thus, we have from the argument in Example 3

**Proposition 3.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above. Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian and every indecomposable injective object is projective.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above. If  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II,  $P = \sum_I \oplus P_\alpha$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian and artinian and  $P$  is a cogenerator, then  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II.

**Proof.** We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II. Then for any minimal object  $S_\alpha$  in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ ,  $E_\alpha = E(S_\alpha)$  is projective indecomposable. Hence,  $E_\alpha$  is isomorphic to a retract of some  $P_\beta$  by [21], Lemma 2. Since  $P_\alpha$ 's are finitely generated,  $\sum \oplus E_\alpha$  is a cogenerator. Therefore,  $P$  is a cogenerator. Conversely, we assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian and artinian. Every indecomposable injective  $E$  is the injective hull of its socle. If  $P$  is a cogenerator,  $E$  is a retract of  $P$ . Hence,  $E$  is projective. Therefore,  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II by Proposition 3.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be as above. We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  is QF and semi-artinian. Then  $P = \sum_I \oplus P_\alpha$  is a cogenerator if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II.

**Proof.** If  $P$  is a cogenerator,  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian, and hence, locally artinian by the assumption.

The following lemma is essentially due to Faith and Walker [6]. However, we shall give the proof as an application of [9], Theorem 1.

**Lemma 4 ([6]).** Let  $R$  be the induced ring from a category and let  $\{E_\alpha\}_L$  be a set of projective, injective and indecomposable objects in  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$ . Then every coproducts  $P$  of any family of  $E_\alpha$ 's are injective if and only if  $E(P)$  is projective for all  $P$ .

**Proof.** “Only if” part is clear. We denote the cardinal number of a set  $K'$  by  $|K'|$ . Let  $\zeta = |R|$  and  $K$  a countably infinite set. We put  $M = \sum_{i \in K} \oplus E_i$ ;

$E_i \in \{E_i\}_L$ , ( $E_i$  may be equal to  $E_j$ ). Since  $E_i$  is projective,  $E_\alpha \approx f_\alpha R$  for some primitive idempotent  $f_\alpha$  in  $R$  by [11], Corollary to Lemma 2. Let  $J$  be a set of  $|J| = \max(\zeta, \aleph_0) = \xi$  and put  $M^\xi = \sum_{\alpha \in J} \oplus M^{(\alpha)}$ ;  $M^{(\alpha)} \approx M$ . Then  $M^\xi = \sum_{\beta \in K} \sum_{\delta \in J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}$ ;  $(f_\beta R)^{(\delta)} \approx f_\beta R$  and  $|J_\beta| = \xi$ . Let  $E = E(M^\xi)$ . Since  $E$  is projective by the assumption,  $E$  is a retract of a form  $\sum_{\alpha \in T} \oplus e_\alpha R$ . Hence,  $E \approx \sum \oplus g_\alpha R$  and  $e_\alpha R = g_\alpha R \oplus g_\alpha' R$  by [21], Lemma 2. Now, we consider those injective modules in the category  $\mathfrak{C}$  of injective modules modulo the radical of  $\mathfrak{C}$  defined in [9], §1. Then  $\sum_{\kappa} \sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (\overline{f_\beta R})^{(\delta)} = \sum_{\kappa} \oplus \overline{g_\kappa R}$ , where  $\overline{f_\beta R}$  and  $\overline{g_\kappa R}$  mean the residue classes of  $f_\beta R$  and  $g_\kappa R$ , respectively. Since  $\overline{f_\beta R}$  is minimal in  $\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\overline{g_\kappa R} \approx \sum_{\kappa \in \beta} \sum_{J_\beta^{(\kappa)}} \oplus \overline{f_\beta R}^{(\delta)}$ ,  $J_\beta'(\kappa) \subseteq J_\beta$ , which means that  $g_\kappa R = E(\sum_{\kappa} \sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)})$ . Hence, every element  $\varphi$  in  $[\sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}, \sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}]$  is extended to  $\varphi'$  in  $[g_\kappa R, g_\kappa R] = g_\kappa R g_\kappa$ . On the other hand,  $[\sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}, \sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}] = \prod_{J_\beta} [(f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}, \sum_{J_\beta} \oplus (f_\beta R)^{(\delta)}] \supset \prod_{J_\beta} f_\beta R f_\beta$  and  $\zeta \geq |g_\kappa R g_\kappa| \geq 2^{|J_\beta^{(\kappa)}|}$ . Hence,  $|J_\beta'(\kappa)| < \zeta \leq \xi$ . Next, we take an index  $\beta$  in  $K$  and consider the subset  $T_\beta = \{\kappa \in T, J_\beta'(\kappa) \neq \emptyset\}$ . Since  $J_\beta = \bigcup_{\kappa \in T_\beta} J_\beta'(\kappa)$ ,  $|T_\beta| = |J_\beta| = \xi \geq \aleph_0$ . Hence, for each  $\beta$  we can find an index  $\varepsilon(\beta)$  in  $T_\beta$  such that  $\varepsilon(\beta) \neq \varepsilon(\beta')$  if  $\beta \neq \beta'$ . Therefore,  $\sum_{\alpha \in K} \oplus f_\alpha R$  is a retract of  $E$  and hence,  $M$  is injective. Thus, we have proved the lemma by virtue of the proof of Theorem 2, (see [5]).

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be the Grothendieck category with generating set  $\{P_\alpha\}_I$  of small projectives. We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II. Then the representative class  $\{S_\gamma\}_K$  of the minimal objects is a set. Furthermore,  $E(\sum_{\kappa} \oplus S_\gamma) / (J(E(\sum_{\kappa} \oplus S_\gamma))) \approx \sum_{\kappa} \oplus S_\gamma$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is QF and every projective contains the non-zero socle, where  $J(\cdot)$  means the Jacobson radical.*

Proof. “Only if”. We take the induced ring  $R$  from  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Let  $S_\alpha$  be an minimal object (cf. [11], Proposition 2) and  $E_\alpha = E(S_\alpha)$ . Then  $E_\alpha \approx f_\alpha R$  by the assumption. Hence,  $\{S_\alpha\}_K$  is a set. It is clear that  $\bigcup_{\alpha} E_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha} \oplus E_\alpha$  and  $\sum \oplus E_\alpha$  is injective by Lemma 4. Therefore,  $E(\sum \oplus E_\alpha) = \sum \oplus E_\alpha$ . We assume any  $S_\alpha \approx E_\alpha' / J(E_\alpha') = f_\alpha' R / f_\alpha' J(R)$ . Let  $P$  be projective. Then  $P$  contains a maximal subobject  $P_0$  by [11], Proposition 2.  $P/P_0 \approx E_\alpha / J(E_\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha$  by the assumption. Since  $E_\alpha$  is perfect,  $E_\alpha$  is a retract of  $P$ . We consider the set of submodules in  $R$  which are coproducts of some  $E_\alpha$ ’s. Using the Zorn’s lemma and the above fact, we know  $R = \sum \oplus E_\alpha$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{M}_R^+$  is QF and every projective contains a minimal module. “If”. We assume the above properties, then  $E = E(\sum_{\kappa} \oplus S_\kappa) \approx \sum_{\kappa} \oplus e_\kappa R$  and every indecomposable projective  $P$  is isomorphic to  $e_\alpha R$  for some  $\alpha \in K$ . Hence,  $E/J(E) \approx \sum \oplus S_\alpha$ .

We shall apply the above to a ring with identity.

**Theorem 4** ([6]). *Let  $S$  be a ring with identity. Then  $S$  is a QF-ring if and only if II is satisfied in  $\mathfrak{M}_R$ .*

Proof. “Only if” part is clear from Corollary 1 to Proposition 3. We assume II. Then  $\sum_{\kappa} \oplus E_{\alpha}$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as the proof of Proposition

4. Hence,  $K$  is finite. Therefore,  $E/J(E) \approx \sum_{\kappa} \oplus S_{\alpha}$ .

Finally, we shall consider the category of covariant additive functors  $(\mathfrak{C}, Ab)$ , where  $\mathfrak{C}$  is a small abelian category.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be a small abelian category. Then the following are equivalent.*

- 1)  $(\mathfrak{C}, Ab)$  is semi-simple (completely reducible).
- 2)  $(\mathfrak{C}, Ab)$  is QF.
- 3)  $(\mathfrak{C}, Ab)$  satisfies II.

*In such a case, every object in  $\mathfrak{C}$  is a finite coproduct of minimal objects.*

Proof. Put  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{C}, Ab)$  and  $H^C = [C, -]$  for  $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ , then  $\{H^C\}_{C \in \mathfrak{C}}$  is a generating set of small projectives of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  is QF. Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is perfect. By Theorem 1. Hence, every object  $C$  in  $\mathfrak{C}$  is a finite coproduct of completely indecomposable objects  $\{C_{\alpha}\}$  by [11], Proposition 5. Furthermore, since  $H^C$  is injective in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $C$  is projective in  $\mathfrak{C}$  by [15], p. 100, Proposition 2.3. Hence, every  $C_{\alpha}$  is minimal and  $\mathfrak{A}$  is semi-simple by [20], Proposition 5. Next, we assume  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies II. Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally noetherian by Proposition 3. Hence,  $\mathfrak{C}$  is artinian. Let  $C$  be minimal in  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Then we can easily see that  $H^C$  is minimal in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , (cf. [20]). Let  $C \supset C_1$  be objects in  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $C_1$  minimal. Then  $0 \rightarrow H^{C/C_1} \rightarrow H^C \rightarrow H^{C_1} \rightarrow 0$  is exact, since  $H^{C_1}$  is minimal. Hence,  $C_1$  is a retract of  $C$ , since  $H^{C_1}$  is projective. Therefore,  $\mathfrak{C}$  is semi-simple and artinian, which implies  $\mathfrak{A}$  is semi-simple from [20], Proposition 5.

We note that every perfect Grothendieck category  $\mathfrak{A}$  is equivalent to  $(\mathfrak{C}^0, Ab)$  by [11], Theorem 4, where  $\mathfrak{C}^0$  is a small amenable preadditive category. Hence, if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is non semi-simple QF,  $\mathfrak{C}$  is not abelian.

#### 4. Projective and injective objects

From the definition of a QF-category, every projectives are injective and so we shall study, in this section, projective, injective objects in the Grothendieck category  $\mathfrak{A}$  with generating set  $\{G_{\alpha}\}_I$  of small objects. Which is a supplement of [10].

As a dual of weakly distinguished objects [9], we define a weakly co-distinguished object. If an object  $P$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  has a property  $[P, P_1/P_2] \neq 0$  for

any subobjects  $P_1 \supset P_2$  of  $P$  such that  $P_1/P_2$  is minimal, then  $P$  is called *weakly co-distinguished*. Since  $\mathfrak{A}$  has  $\{G_\alpha\}$ , if  $P$  is projective, then  $P$  is weakly co-distinguished if and only if  $[P, P_1] \cong [P, P_2]$  for any subobjects  $P_1 \supset P_2$  of  $P$ .

Put  $S = [P, P]$ . For any subset  $T$  of  $S$ ,  $r_S(T) = \{s \in S \mid Ts = 0\}$ ,  $l_S(T) = \{s \in S \mid sT = 0\}$  and  $TP = \bigcup_{f \in T} \text{Im } f$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $P$  be projective and  $S = [P, P]$ . For any left ideal  $\mathfrak{l}$  and right ideal  $\mathfrak{r}$  of  $S$ ,  $r_S(\mathfrak{l}) = [P, r_P(\mathfrak{l})]$  and  $l_S(\mathfrak{r}P) = l_S(\mathfrak{r}P)$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $r_S(\mathfrak{l})P \subseteq r_P(\mathfrak{l})$  and  $r_S(\mathfrak{l}) \subseteq [P, r_P(\mathfrak{l})]$ . Let  $f$  be in  $[P, r_P(\mathfrak{l})]$ . Then  $\mathfrak{l}f(P) \subseteq \mathfrak{l}r_P(\mathfrak{l}) = 0$ . Hence  $f \in r_S(\mathfrak{l})$ . The last statement is clear.

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $P$  be projective and weakly co-distinguished in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $S = [P, P]$ . Then*

- 1)  $r_P(\mathfrak{l}) = r_S(\mathfrak{l})P$  for any left ideal  $\mathfrak{l}$  in  $S$ .
- 2)  $P_0 = [P, P_0]P$  for any subobject  $P_0$  of  $P$ .

Furthermore, we assume  $P$  is injective and weakly distinguished, then

- 3)  $\mathfrak{l}_S(r_S(\mathfrak{l})) = l_S(r_P(\mathfrak{l})) = \mathfrak{l}$  for any finitely generated left ideal  $\mathfrak{l}$  of  $S$ .
- 4)  $r_S(l_S(\mathfrak{r})) = \mathfrak{r}$  for any finitely generated right ideal  $\mathfrak{r}$  of  $S$ .
- 5)  $r_P(l_S(\mathfrak{r})) = \mathfrak{r}P$  for any right ideal  $\mathfrak{r}$  of  $S$ .

**Proof.** We assume that  $P$  is projective and co-distinguished. We have from Lemma 5 that  $r_S(\mathfrak{l}) \subseteq [P, r_S(\mathfrak{l})P] \subseteq [P, r_P(\mathfrak{l})] = r_S(\mathfrak{l})$ . Hence,  $r_P(\mathfrak{l}) = r_S(\mathfrak{l})P$ . Similarly, we have 2). We further assume  $P$  is injective. Then  $l_S(r_S(\mathfrak{l})) = l_S(r_S(\mathfrak{l})P) = l_S(r_P(\mathfrak{l}))$  by Lemma 5 and 1). If  $\mathfrak{l}$  is finitely generated,  $l_S(r_P(\mathfrak{l})) = \mathfrak{l}$ , (Theorem 2). Finally, we further assume  $P$  is injective and distinguished.  $r_P(l_S(\mathfrak{r})) = r_P(l_S(\mathfrak{r}P)) = \mathfrak{r}P$  for any right ideal  $\mathfrak{r}$  by Lemma 5 and [10]. Hence, if  $\mathfrak{r}$  is finitely generated,  $\mathfrak{r} = [P, \mathfrak{r}P] = [P, r_P(l_S(\mathfrak{r}))] = r_S(l_S(\mathfrak{r}))$  by Lemma 5 and [8], Lemma 2.6.

**Corollary.** *Let  $P$  and  $S$  be as above. Then  $P$  is artinian if and only if  $S$  is right artinian. Furthermore, if  $P$  is injective, the following are equivalent.*

- 1)  $P$  is artinian.
- 2)  $P$  is noetherian.
- 3)  $S$  is right noetherian, (artinian).

*If  $P$  is projective, injective, weakly distinguished and co-distinguished, then the following are equivalent.*

- 1)  $\sim 3$ .
- 4)  $S$  is left noetherian, (artinian).
- 5)  $S$  is a QF-ring. (cf. [10], Theorem 2, [16], Satz and [19], §3).

**Proof.** The first statement is clear from Proposition 6, 2) and [11], Corollary 2 to Lemma 2. We assume  $P$  is injective. 1)  $\rightarrow$  3). Since  $S$  is

right artinian from the above,  $S$  is noetherian. 3)  $\leftrightarrow$  2). It is evident from Proposition 6, 2) and [8], Proposition 2.7. 2)  $\rightarrow$  1).  $S$  is semi-primary by [10], Theorem 1 and hence,  $S$  is right artinian. Therefore,  $P$  is artinian from the first statement. Finally, we assume further that  $P$  is weakly distinguished. 1)  $\rightarrow$  4). It is clear from Proposition 6, 3). Furthermore,  $S$  is left artinian, since  $S$  is semi-primary. 4)  $\rightarrow$  1).  $P$  is artinian, since  $P$  is injective and weakly distinguished. 1)  $\leftrightarrow$  5). It is clear from the proof of Theorem 2 and Proposition 6, 3) and 4).

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