



# A characterization of commutative rings in which every semi co-Hopfian module is artinian

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with unit  $1 \neq 0$ , we call an unital left  $R$ -module  $M$  semi co-Hopfian (resp semi Hopfian ) if any injective (resp. surjective) endomorphism of  $M$  has a direct summand image (resp kernel). Starting from that every artinian module is co-Hopfian and so semi co-Hopfian, we showad in this paper that the class of ring on which every semi co-Hopfian module is artinian coincide with the class of artinian principal ideal rings when the v.p is satisfied. Moreover, some properties of this class of rings are given.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of classes of rings (modules) by properties of their endomorphisms is a classical research subject since 1960s. In 1986, Hiremath [3] introduced the concept of Hopfian modules and rings. Later, the dual concept cohopfian modules and rings were given. Hopfian and co-Hopfian modules (rings) have been investigated by several authors. In 2008, P. AYDOGDU and A. C. OZCAN introduced and investigated the semi Hopfian and semi co-Hopfian modules.

Recall that a module  $M$  is called co-Hopfian (resp. Hopfian) if any injective (resp. surjective) endomorphism of  $M$  is an automorphism. Note that any artinian (resp noetherian) module is co-Hopfian (resp. Hopfian). A module  $M$  is called semi co-Hopfian (resp. semi Hopfian) if any injective (resp. surjective) endomorphism of  $M$  has a direct summand image (resp. kernel). In other words, any injective (resp. surjective) endomorphism of  $M$  splits.

Clearly, any co-Hopfian (resp. Hopfian) module is semi co-Hopfian (resp semi Hopfian). The converse is not true in general, for example let  $\mathbb{Z}_M = \mathbb{Q}^{(\mathbb{N})}$ . By [2]  $M$  is semi co-Hopfian but not co-Hopfian.

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In [2]  $M$  is semi co-Hopfian if and only if any submodule  $N$  of  $M$  which is isomorphic to  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , therefore, the concept of semi co-Hopfian module is a generalization of co-Hopfian module. The aim of this paper is to characterize the rings  $R$ , on which any semi co-Hopfian module is artinian. These rings are named *SCHA*-rings.

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ , and modules  $M$  are unitary left  $R$ -modules. The property  $Hom(M_i, M_j) = Hom(M_j, M_i) = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$  for a family  $\{M_i\}$  of  $R$ -modules, is named Vanaja property (briefly v.p).

Let  $R$  be a ring. A module  $M$  is noetherian (resp. artinian) if any ascending (resp. descending) chain of submodules of  $M$  stabilizes.  $M$  is strongly co-Hopfian (resp. strongly Hopfian) if for any endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  the descending chain  $Im(f) \supseteq Im(f^2) \supseteq \dots$  (resp. ascending chain  $Ker(f) \subseteq Ker(f^2) \subseteq \dots$ ) stabilizes.  $M$  is called Dedekind finite if  $M = M \oplus N$  for some module  $N$ ,  $N = 0$ . The socle of  $M$  ( $Soc(M)$ ) is defined to be the sum of the minimal nonzero submodules of  $M$ . A submodule of  $M$  is essential if it has a non-trivial intersection with every non-trivial submodule of  $M$ : that is,  $E \cap L = 0$  implies  $L = 0$  for a submodule  $L$  of  $M$ .  $M$  is finitely cogenerated if only if  $Soc(M)$  is essential and finitely generated.

## 2 Preliminary results

**Lemma 2.1.** *The following are equivalent for a module  $M$ .*

1.  $M$  is co-Hopfian
2.  $M$  is Dedekind finite and semi co-Hopfian
3.  $M$  is weakly co-Hopfian and semi co-Hopfian.

*Proof.* (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) obvious

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $f$  be an injective endomorphism of  $M$ . Then  $f(M) \oplus K$  for  $K \leq M$ . Define a homomorphism  $\varphi : M \oplus K \rightarrow M$  by  $\varphi(m, k) = f(m) + k$ . Then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism. Since  $M$  is Dedekind finite,  $K = 0$ . Hence  $f(M) = M$  and so  $f$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Any direct summand of semi co-Hopfian modules is semi co-Hopfian.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a direct summand of  $M$  and  $f : N \rightarrow N$  a monomorphism. Write  $M = N \oplus N'$ . Then  $g : M \rightarrow M$ ,  $g(n + n') = f(n) + n'$  where  $n \in N$ ,  $n' \in N'$ , is a monomorphism. Since  $Im(g) = Im(f) \oplus N'$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , we get that  $Im(f)$  is a direct summand of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *(Theorem .0.1. of [4] )*

1. Let  $M$  be a co-Hopfian (Hopfian) module. If  $M$  decomposes as a direct sum of a family  $\{M_i\}$  of nontrivial  $R$ -modules, then each  $M_i$  is co-Hopfian (Hopfian).
2. Let  $\{M_i\}$  be a family of nontrivial  $R$ -modules. We suppose that v.p is satisfied. If each  $M_i$  is co-Hopfian (Hopfian), then so is  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *(Proposition 10.18 of [1])*

*For each ring  $R$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $R$  is left artinian;

2. Every finitely generated left  $R$ -module is finitely cogenerated.

**Remark 2.5.** :

1. Every cyclic module is finitely generated.
2. Any co-Hopfian module is semi co-Hopfian. But the converse is not true in general. For example, let  ${}_Z M = \mathbb{Q}^{(\mathbb{N})}$ . Since  $M$  is quasi-injective, it is semi co-Hopfian. But  $M \cong M \oplus \mathbb{Q}$  is not Dedekind finite, hence not co-Hopfian.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Every finitely cogenerated module  $M$  is Dedekind finite.*

*Proof.* At beginning recall that if  $Soc(M)$  is essential and Dedekind finite, then  $M$  is Dedekind finite.  $M$  finitely cogenerated implies  $Soc(M)$  is essential. Now let's prove that  $Soc(M)$  is Dedekind finite. By definition  $Soc(M)$  is a direct sum of all simple submodules of  $M$ , hence  $Soc(M)$  is a semisimple submodule of  $M$ . We can write  $Soc(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} S_i$ . Since  $Soc(M)$  is finitely generated then  $I$  is finite and so  $Soc(M)$  is of finite length. Therefore  $Soc(M)$  is Dedekind finite.  $\square$

An  $I$ -ring ( $S$ -ring) is a ring such that every co-Hopfian (Hopfian) module is artinian (noetherian).

**Lemma 2.7.** *(Theorem 9 of [5])*

*For a commutative ring  $R$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $R$  is a artinian principal ideal ring;
2.  $R$  an  $I$ -ring;
3.  $R$  is  $S$ -ring.

**Lemma 2.8.** *(Lemma 2 of [5] p.247)*

*Every integral domain  $S$ -ring is a field.*

### 3 Aim results

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. If  $R$  is a  $SCHA$ -ring, then  $R$  is an  $I$ -ring.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $R$  is a  $SCHA$ -ring. Let  $M$  be a co-Hopfian module, then by second point of remark 2.5,  $M$  is semi co-Hopfian. Therefore  $M$  is artinian.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. We suppose that v.p is satisfied. The following are equivalent:*

1.  $R$  is a artinian principal ideal ring;
2.  $R$  is  $SCHA$ -ring.

*Proof.* (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Results from Lemma 2.6 and proposition 3.1.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $M$  be a semi co-Hopfian module.  $R$  principal ideal ring implies every  $R$ -module is a direct sum of cyclic modules. Let  $M = \bigoplus M_i$ . We can write  $M = M_i \oplus (\bigoplus_{i \neq j} M_j)$ , in fact every  $M_i$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . By lemma 2.2, every  $M_i$  is semi co-Hopfian. (\*)

Recall every  $M_i$  is cyclic hence finitely generated. Since  $R$  artinian, referring to lemma 2.4, for each  $i$ ,  $M_i$

is finitely cogenerated. It results by lemma 2.6 for each  $i$   $M_i$  is Dedekind finite. ( $\star\star$ ).

( $\star$ ) and ( $\star\star$ ) imply for each  $i$ ,  $M_i$  is Dedekind finite and semi co-Hopfian. By lemma 2.1 for each  $i$ ,  $M_i$  is co-Hopfian. Referring to the second point of lemma 2.3  $M$  is co-Hopfian. Over artinian principal ideal ring, co-Hopfian and artinian modules coincide. Therefore  $M$  is artinian.

Conclusion  $R$  is a *SCHA*-ring.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *For a commutative ring  $R$ , if v.p is satisfied then the following are equivalent:*

1.  $R$  is an artinian principal ideal ring;
2.  $R$  is an *I*-ring;
3.  $R$  is a *SCHA*-ring.
4.  $R$  is a *S*-ring

*Proof.* Results from theorem 9 of [5] and theorem 3.2.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative *SCHA*-ring. We suppose that v.p is satisfied. Then every prime ideal is maximal. Also, there are only finitely many prime ideals.*

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$ ,  $R/P$  is a commutative integral domain. By referring successively corollary 3.3 and lemma 2.8,  $R/P$  is a field. Therefore  $P$  is maximal.

For the second statement we denote by  $L$  the set of all prime ideals. Let  $P \in L$ ,  $R/P$  is a field so  $R/P$  is simple. Furthermore if  $P$  and  $P' \in L$  with  $P \subsetneq P'$ . Since v.p is satisfied then  $\text{Hom}(R/P, R/P') = 0$ . Every simple module is semi co-Hopfian but also Dedekind finite. By lemma 2.1  $R/P$  is co-Hopfian. If v.p is satisfied, direct sum of co-Hopfian modules is co-Hopfian. Therefore  $M = \bigoplus_{P \in L} R/P$  is co-Hopfian. Over *SCHA*-ring every co-Hopfian module is artinian. Hence  $L$  is finite.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *(Theorem of [7]) Any injective endomorphism of a finitely generated  $R$ -module is an isomorphism if and only if every prime ideal of  $R$  is maximal.*

*In other words all finitely generated  $R$  module is co-Hopfian if and only if all prime ideals of  $R$  are maximal.*

Recall a ring  $R$  is strongly- $\pi$ -regular if every cyclic  $R$ -module is strongly co-Hopfian.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative *SCHA*-ring. We suppose that v.p is satisfied. Then  $R$  is strongly- $\pi$ -regular.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a cyclic  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is finitely generated. By lemma 3.5 and proposition 3.4,  $M$  is co-Hopfian. Since the class of *SCHA*-rings and the class of *I*-rings coincide if v.p is satisfied, then  $M$  is artinian. Every artinian ring is strongly co-Hopfian, therefore  $M$  is strongly co-Hopfian.

In conclusion  $R$  is strongly- $\pi$ -regular.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let's suppose v.p is satisfied, A finite direct product  $R = \prod R_i$  of *SCHA*-rings is a *SCHA*-ring if and only if every  $R_i$  is a *SCHA*-ring.*

*Proof.* First let's suppose  $R = \prod R_i$  is a *SCHA*-ring and  $M_i$  a semi co-Hopfian  $R_i$ -module. From this surjective homomorphism  $P_i : \prod R_i \rightarrow R_i$  every  $R_i$ -module has a structure of  $R$ -module. Hence  $M_i$  is artinian.

Secondly, let's suppose every  $R_i$  is a *SCHA*-ring. By v.p we can write  $M = \oplus M_i = M_i \oplus (\oplus_{i \neq j} M_j)$  with each  $M_i$  is a  $R_i$ -module.  $M$  semi co-Hopfian by lemma 2.2 every  $M_i$  is semi co-Hopfian. Therefore every  $M_i$  is artinian. A finite direct product of artinian rings is artinian. In conclusion  $R = \prod R_i$  is a *SCHA*-ring.  $\square$

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