

## The Structure of Modules over Hereditary Rings

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ABSTRACT. Let  $A$  be a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring. For an  $A$ -module  $M_A$ , we prove that  $M$  is a finitely generated projective  $A/r(M)$ -module if and only if  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective finite-dimensional module, and either  $M$  is a reduced module or  $A$  is a simple Artinian ring. The structure of torsion or mixed  $\pi$ -projective  $A$ -modules is completely described.

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All rings are assumed to be associative and with nonzero identity element. Expressions such as “a Noetherian ring” mean that the corresponding right and left conditions hold. A module  $M$  is said to be  $\pi$ -projective if for any two of its submodules  $U$  and  $V$  with  $U + V = M$ , there exists an endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  such that  $f(M) \subseteq U$  and  $(1 - f)(M) \subseteq V$  (see [1, p. 359]). A module  $M$  is said to be skew-projective if for every epimorphism  $h: M \rightarrow \overline{M}$  and every endomorphism  $f^*$  of the module  $\overline{M}$ , there exists an endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  with  $f^*h = hf$ . A module is said to be reduced if it does not have a nonzero injective direct summand. A module is said to be finite-dimensional (in the sense of Goldie) if it does not contain an infinite direct sum of nonzero submodules. By  $r_A(N)$ , we denote the annihilator in the ring  $A$  of a subset  $N$  of a right module  $M_A$ , with the subscript sometimes omitted when it is clear what ring is meant. By  $\text{Sing}(M)$ , we denote the singular submodule of a module  $M_A$  over the ring  $A$  (i.e., the set of all the elements  $m \in M$  such that  $r(m)$  is an essential right ideal of  $A$ ). A module  $M_A$  is said to be nonsingular (singular) if  $\text{Sing}(M) = 0$  ( $\text{Sing}(M) = M$ ).

In [2], the following theorem A is proved.

**Theorem A** [2, Theorem 4]. *Assume that  $M$  is a module over a hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ , and the ring  $A$  is not right primitive. Then  $M$  is a finitely generated projective module  $\iff M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective reduced finite-dimensional nonsingular module.*

A ring  $A$  is said to be left (resp. right) bounded if every its essential left (resp. right) ideal contains a nonzero ideal of  $A$ . Note that every hereditary prime nonprimitive ring is a bounded ring [3]. The main results of this paper are Theorems 1, 2, and 3.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  be a module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ . Then  $M$  is a finitely generated projective  $A/r(M)$ -module  $\iff M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective finite-dimensional module, and either  $M$  is a reduced module or  $A$  is a simple Artinian ring.*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  be a module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ , and let  $M$  satisfy  $\text{Sing}(M) \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module  $\iff M$  is a skew-projective module  $\iff$  one of the following conditions holds:*

- (i)  $M$  is a singular module such that every primary component of  $M$  is either an indecomposable injective module or a projective module over the factor ring of  $A$  with respect to the annihilator of this primary component;
- (ii)  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module, and  $T$  is a singular injective module such that every primary component of  $T$  is an indecomposable module.

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**Theorem 3.** Let  $M$  be a module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective nonsingular finite-dimensional module  $\iff$  one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $M$  is a finitely generated projective module;
- (ii)  $A$  is a serial ring and  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is an injective indecomposable nonsingular module, and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module;
- (iii) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the ring  $A$  is isomorphic to the ring of all of  $(n \times n)$  matrices over a complete uniserial Noetherian domain  $D$  and  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is an injective finite-dimensional nonsingular module and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module.

The proofs of Theorems 1, 2, and 3 are decomposed into a series of lemmas. Let us present the necessary notation and definitions. For a module  $M$ , we denote by  $\text{End}(M)$  and  $J(M)$  the endomorphism ring and the Jacobson radical of  $M$ , respectively. A module is said to be *hereditary* (resp. *semihereditary*) if all its submodules (resp. all its finitely generated submodules) are projective. A module is said to be *uniserial* if any two of its submodules are comparable with respect to inclusion. A direct sum of uniserial modules is called a *serial* module. A uniserial Noetherian domain  $A$  is said to be *complete* if the ring  $A$  is complete with respect to the  $J(A)$ -adic topology. A module  $M$  is said to be *projective with respect to a module  $N$*  (or  *$N$ -projective*) if for every epimorphism  $h: N \rightarrow \bar{N}$  and each homomorphism  $\bar{f}: M \rightarrow \bar{N}$ , there exists a homomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  with  $hf = \bar{f}$ . A module is said to be *quasi-projective* if it is projective with respect to itself. For a module  $M$ , a submodule of a factor module of  $M$  is called a *subfactor* of  $M$ . A module is said to be *infinite-dimensional* if it is not finite-dimensional. A right finite-dimensional ring with the maximum condition on right annihilators is called a *right Goldie* ring. An element  $a$  of a ring  $A$  is called a *regular* element if  $a$  is not a left or right zero-divisor. For a module  $M$ , we denote by  $T(M)$  the set of all of the elements in  $M$  whose annihilators contain regular elements. A module  $M$  is said to be *torsion* (resp. *mixed*, *torsion-free*) if  $T(M) = M$  (resp.  $0 \neq T(M) \neq M$ ,  $T(M) = 0$ ). A module is said to be *uniform* if any two of its nonzero submodules have nonzero intersection. A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is said to be *essential* (in  $M$ ) if  $N$  has nonzero intersection with any nonzero submodule of the module  $M$ . In this case, we say that  $M$  is an *essential extension* of the module  $N$ . A submodule  $V$  of a right module  $U$  over a ring  $S$  is said to be a *pure* submodule in  $U_S$  if for every left  $S$ -module  $M$ , a natural group homomorphism  $V \otimes_S M \rightarrow U \otimes_S M$  is a monomorphism. A module  $X_A$  is said to be *pure-injective* if for every module  $M_A$  and any pure submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , all homomorphisms  $N \rightarrow X$  can be extended to homomorphisms  $M \rightarrow X$ . A module  $M$  is said to be *finitely faithful* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the module  $M^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule. A ring  $A$  is said to be *right pure-semisimple* if all right  $A$ -modules are pure-injective. A ring  $A$  is said to be a ring of *finite representation type* if  $A$  is a Artinian ring, and there exists only finitely many of nonisomorphic indecomposable finitely generated (right or left)  $A$ -modules.

Let  $A$  be a ring with the classical ring of quotients  $Q$ , and let  $B$  be an ideal of  $A$ . The ideal  $B$  is said to be *invertible* if there exists a subbimodule  $B^{-1}$  of the bimodule  ${}_A Q_A$  with  $BB^{-1} = B^{-1}B = A$ . A maximal element of the set of all of the proper invertible ideals of the ring  $A$  is called a *maximal invertible ideal* of  $A$ . The set of all of the maximal invertible ideals of a ring  $A$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . If  $M$  is a  $A$ -module and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , then the submodule  $\{m \in M \mid mP^n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is called the  *$P$ -primary component* of  $M$  and is denoted by  $M(P)$ .

## 1. Proof of Theorem 1

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $A$ .

- (1)  $M$  is a quasi-projective ( $\pi$ -projective; skew-projective)  $A$ -module  $\iff$   $M$  is a quasi-projective ( $\pi$ -projective; skew-projective)  $A/\text{r}(M)$ -module.
- (2) If  $M$  is a quasi-projective module, then  $M$  is skew-projective.
- (3) If all idempotent endomorphisms of all of the factor modules of the module  $M$  can be lifted to endomorphisms of  $M$ , then  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective.
- (4) If  $M$  is a skew-projective module, then  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective.
- (5) If  $M$  is a quasi-projective module, then  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective.
- (6) If  $M$  is a uniserial module, then  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective.

- (7) If  $T$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $T$  is pure in  $M \iff$  for any two positive integers  $n$  and  $k$ , the system of equations  $\sum_{j=1}^k X_j a_{ij} = t_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $a_{ij} \in A$ ,  $t_i \in T$ ), which has a solution  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in M$ , also has a solution in  $T$ .

**Proof.** (1) The proof follows from the fact that any two of the subfactors  $N$  and  $P$  of  $M$  are  $A/r(M)$ -modules and  $\text{Hom}_{A/r(M)}(N, P) = \text{Hom}_A(N, P)$ .

(2) Let  $h: M \rightarrow \overline{M}$  be an epimorphism, and let  $f^*$  be an endomorphism of the module  $\overline{M}$ . Set  $\overline{f} \equiv f^*h \in \text{Hom}(M, \overline{M})$ . Since  $M$  is a quasi-projective module, there exists an endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  such that  $hf = \overline{f} = f^*h$ . Therefore,  $M$  is a skew-projective module.

(3) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two submodules of  $M$  with  $U + V = M$ ,  $\overline{M} \equiv M/(U \cap V)$ , and let  $h: M \rightarrow \overline{M}$  be a natural epimorphism. Since  $\overline{M} = h(U) \oplus h(V)$ , there exists a natural projection  $\overline{f}: \overline{M} \rightarrow h(U)$  with the kernel  $h(V)$ . By assumption, there exists an endomorphism  $f$  of the module  $M$  with  $\overline{f}h = hf$ . Therefore,  $(1_{h(M)} - \overline{f})h = h - \overline{f}h = h(1_M - f)$ . Then  $hf(M) = \overline{f}(\overline{M}) = h(U)$  and  $h(1 - f)(M) = h(V)$ . Therefore,  $f(M) \subseteq U + U \cap V = U$ ,  $(1 - f)(M) \subseteq V + U \cap V = V$ , and  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module.

(4) The proof follows from (3).

(5) The proof follows from (2) and (4).

(6) By (3), it is sufficient to prove that every nonzero idempotent endomorphism  $f^*$  of any factor module  $\overline{M}$  of the uniserial module  $M$  can be lifted to an endomorphism of  $M$ . Since  $\overline{M}$  is a uniserial module,  $f^*$  is the identity automorphism. Therefore,  $f^*$  can be lifted to the identity automorphism of  $M$ .

(7) The assertion is proved in [1, 34.5].  $\square$

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $A$ , and let  $\{Y_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a set of  $A$ -modules.

- (1) If all the modules  $Y_i$  are projective with respect to  $M$ , then the module  $\oplus_{i \in I} Y_i$  is  $M$ -projective.
- (2) Assume that  $Y$  is a subfactor of the module  $\oplus_{i \in I} Y_i$ ,  $X$  is a module which is projective with respect to all of the modules  $Y_i$ , and either  $I$  is a finite set or  $X$  is a finitely generated module. Then the module  $X$  is  $Y$ -projective.
- (3) If the module  $\oplus_{i \in I} Y_i$  is  $\pi$ -projective, then  $Y_i$  is  $Y_j$ -projective for any distinct subscripts  $i, j \in I$ .
- (4) If  $A$  is a right Artinian ring, then  $M$  is a quasi-projective module  $\iff M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.

**Proof.** The proofs of (1), (2), and (3) follow from [1, 18.1, 18.2, 41.14].

The proof of (4) follows from [4, Theorem 2.3].  $\square$

**Lemma 1.3.** Let a module  $M$  be a direct sum of finitely generated modules  $M_i$  ( $i \in I$ ). The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is a quasi-projective module;
- (2)  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module, and all the modules  $M_i$  are quasi-projective;
- (3)  $M_i$  is a  $M_j$ -projective module for all subscripts  $i, j \in I$ .

**Proof.** The implication (1)  $\implies$  (2) follows from Lemma 1.1 (5) and the fact that direct summands of quasi-projective modules are quasi-projective.

The implication (2)  $\implies$  (3) follows from the quasi-projectivity of the modules  $M_i$  and the fact that by Lemma 1.2 (3),  $M_i$  is an  $M_j$ -projective module for any distinct subscripts  $i, j \in I$ .

The implication (3)  $\implies$  (1) follows from Lemmas 1.2 (1) and (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.4.**

- (1) If  $M$  is a direct sum of finitely generated quasi-projective modules, then  $M$  is a quasi-projective module  $\iff$  the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective.
- (2) If  $X \oplus N$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module and  $Y$  is a subfactor of the module  $N$ , then the module  $X$  is projective with respect to the module  $Y$ .
- (3) If  $A$  is a serial Artinian ring, then  $A$  is a ring of finite representation type, and every  $A$ -module is a direct sum of cyclic uniserial quasi-projective modules.
- (4) If  $M$  is a module over a serial Artinian ring, then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module  $\iff M$  is a quasi-projective module  $\iff M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from Lemma 1.3.  
 The proof of (2) follows from Lemmas 1.2 (3) and (2).  
 The proof of (3) follows from [1, 55.16, 53.6].  
 The proof of (4) follows from (1), (3), and Lemma 1.2 (4).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.5.** *Let  $A$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring.*

- (1) *Every proper factor ring of  $A$  is a serial Artinian ring, and the ring  $A$  is either bounded or primitive. (If  $A$  is a bounded primitive ring, then  $A$  is a simple Artinian ring.)*
- (2) *If  $M$  is a right  $A$ -module and  $r(M) \neq 0$ , then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module  $\iff M$  is a quasi-projective module  $\iff M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.*

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from [5, Theorem 25.5.1] and [3].  
 The proof of (2) follows from (1) and Lemmas 1.1 (1) and 1.4 (4).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.6.** *Let  $A$  be a semiprime right Goldie ring.*

- (1)  *$A$  is a right nonsingular ring,  $A$  has the semisimple Artinian classical right ring of quotients  $Q$ ,  $Q_A$  is an injective hull of the module  $A_A$ , and the set of all of the essential right ideals of  $A$  coincides with the set of all of the right ideals of  $A$  containing regular elements. In addition, if the module  $Q_A$  is Noetherian, then  $A = Q$ , whence  $A$  is a semisimple Artinian ring.*
- (2) *The class of all of the singular right  $A$ -modules coincides with the class of all of the torsion right  $A$ -modules, and the class of all of the nonsingular right  $A$ -modules coincides with the class of all of the right torsion-free  $A$ -modules.*
- (3) *Every essential extension of a torsion right  $A$ -module is a torsion module.*
- (4) *If  $M$  is a right  $A$ -module, then  $\text{Sing}(M)$  is a singular torsion module and  $M/\text{Sing}(M)$  is a nonsingular torsion-free module.*
- (5) *If  $M$  is a right  $A$ -module and  $M$  is not torsion, then  $M$  contains a nonzero torsion-free submodule which is isomorphic to a right ideal of the ring  $A$ .*
- (6) *Every uniform right  $A$ -module is either a torsion-free module or a torsion module.*

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from [6, 5.9, 5.48 (1), 5.31 (1)].  
 The proofs of (2), (3), and (4) follow from (1).

(5) By (1), there exists an element  $m \in M \setminus \text{Sing}(M)$ . Then the right ideal  $r(m)$  of  $A$  is not essential. Therefore, there exists a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \cap r(m) = 0$ . If  $f: A_A \rightarrow mA$  is a natural epimorphism with the kernel  $r(m)$ , then  $B \cap \text{Ker}(f) = 0$ ,  $B \cong f(B) \subseteq M$  and  $f(B)$  is a nonzero torsion-free module.

(6) The proof follows from (5).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.7.** *Let  $A$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring which is not right primitive, and let  $M$  be a nonzero torsion right  $A$ -module.*

- (1) *If  $M$  is a finitely generated module, then  $r(M) \neq 0$  and  $M$  is a finite direct sum of cyclic uniserial modules of finite length.*
- (2)  *$M$  has a nonzero uniserial countably generated direct summand.*
- (3) *If the module  $M$  is not injective, then  $M$  has a nonzero cyclic uniserial direct summand of finite length.*
- (4) *If  $M$  is an indecomposable module, then either  $M$  is an injective uniserial module or  $M$  is a cyclic uniserial module of finite length and  $r(M) \neq 0$ .*
- (5) *If  $M$  is a finite-dimensional module, then  $M$  is a finite direct sum of uniserial modules.*
- (6) *If  $M$  is a reduced finite-dimensional module, then  $r(M) \neq 0$  and  $M$  is a finite direct sum of cyclic uniserial nonzero modules of finite length.*
- (7) *If  $M$  is a reduced finite-dimensional module, then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module  $\iff M$  is a quasi-projective module  $\iff M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.*

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from [7, Lemma 2] and [8, Lemma 1].  
 The proofs of (2) and (3) follow from [8, Theorem 10, Lemma 1].  
 The proof of (4) follows from (2) and (3).

The proof of (5) follows from (4) and the fact that every finite-dimensional module is a finite direct sum of indecomposable modules.

The proof of (6) follows from (4), (5), and (1).

The proof of (7) follows from (6) and Lemma 1.5 (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.8.** *Let  $M$  be a right module over a ring  $A$ , and let  $X$  be a pure submodule in  $M$ .*

- (1) *If  $Y$  is a pure submodule in  $X$ , then  $Y$  is a pure submodule in  $M$ .*
- (2) *If  $X$  is a pure-injective module, then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*
- (3) *If  $B$  is a proper ideal of  $A$  and  $h: M \rightarrow M/MB$  is a natural epimorphism, then  $h(X)$  is a pure submodule of the  $A/B$ -module  $h(M)$ .*
- (4)  *$X \cap MB = XB$  for every left ideal  $B$  of  $A$ .*

**Proof.** The proofs of (1) and (2) are direct verifications.

(3) Let  $n$  and  $k$  be two positive integers, and let  $\sum_{j=1}^k h(m_j)(a_{ij} + B) = h(x_i)$ , where  $m_j \in M$ ,  $a_{ij} \in A$ , and  $x_i \in X$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). There exist elements  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in MB$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^k m_j a_{ij} + t_i = x_i, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

It follows from Lemma 1.1 (7) that there exist elements  $y_j \in X$  and  $z_i \in XB$  for which we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^k y_j a_{ij} + z_i = x_i, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then  $\sum_{j=1}^k h(y_j)a_{ij} = h(x_i)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). By Lemma 1.1 (7),  $h(X)$  is a pure submodule in  $h(M)$ .

The proof of (4) follows from [1, 34.5 and 34.9].  $\square$

**Lemma 1.9.** *Let  $B$  be a proper nonzero ideal of a ring  $A$ ,  $X$  be a pure submodule right  $A$ -module  $M$ ,  $XB = 0$ , and let  $h: M \rightarrow M/MB$  be a natural epimorphism.*

- (1)  *$X \cap MB = 0$ .*
- (2) *If  $h(X)$  is a direct summand in  $h(M)_{A/B}$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand in  $M_A$ .*
- (3) *If the ring  $A/B$  is right pure-semisimple, then  $X$  is a direct summand of the module  $M_A$ .*
- (4) *If  $A/B$  is a ring of finite representation type, then  $X$  is a direct summand of the module  $M_A$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Since  $X$  is a pure submodule in  $M$ , we see that  $X \cap MB = XB = 0$  by Lemma 1.8 (4).

(2) By (1)  $X \cap MB = 0$ . Let  $h(M) = h(X) \oplus h(Y)$ , where  $MB \subseteq Y \subseteq M$ . Then  $M = X + Y$  and  $X \cap Y = X \cap MB = 0$ . Therefore,  $M = X \oplus Y$ .

(3) By Lemma 1.8 (2), the pure-injective  $A/B$ -module  $h(X)$  is a direct summand of the  $A/B$ -module  $h(M)$ . By (1),  $X$  is a direct summand of the  $A$ -module  $M$ .

(4) The proof follows from (3) and the fact that every ring of finite representation type is a pure-semisimple ring [1, 54.3].  $\square$

**Lemma 1.10.** *Let  $N$  be a module,  $X$  be an  $N$ -projective module, and let  $Y$  be a subfactor of the module  $N$ .*

- (1) *If there exists an epimorphism  $h: Y \rightarrow X$ , then  $\text{Ker}(h)$  is a direct summand of the module  $Y$ , and  $X$  is a quasi-projective module which is isomorphic to a direct summand of the module  $Y$ .*
- (2) *Let  $X$  be a  $t$ -generated module, where  $t$  is a cardinal number. If there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the module  $Y^n$  contains a free submodule  $F$  of rank  $t$ , then the module  $X$  is projective.*
- (3) *If  $Y$  is a finitely faithful module, then the module  $X$  is projective with respect to any finitely generated right  $A$ -module.*
- (4) *If  $X$  is a finitely generated module and  $Y$  is a finitely faithful module, then the module  $X$  is projective.*
- (5) *Assume that  $Y$  is an indecomposable module,  $X \neq 0$ , and there exists an epimorphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$ . Then  $f$  is an isomorphism.*

**Proof.** (1) Since  $X$  is projective with respect to  $Y$ , we see that for the epimorphism  $f$  and the identity map  $1_X$ , there exists a homomorphism  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  with  $1_X = fg$ . Therefore,  $Y = \overline{X} \oplus \text{Ker}(f)$ , where  $\overline{X} \cong X$ . In addition,  $X$  is projective with respect to  $\overline{X}$ . Therefore, the module  $X$  is quasi-projective.

(2) By Lemma 1.2 (2), the module  $X$  is  $F$ -projective. Since there exists an epimorphism  $h: F \rightarrow X$ , the module  $X$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of the free module  $F$  by (1).

(3) There exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $Y^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule  $F$ . By (1), the module  $X$  is  $Y$ -projective. By Lemma 1.2 (2), the module  $X$  is  $F$ -projective. By Lemma 1.2 (2), the module  $X$  is projective with respect to any finitely generated free module. Since any finitely generated module  $S$  is a homomorphic image of a finitely generated free module,  $X$  is projective with respect to any finitely generated module by Lemma 1.2 (2).

(4) The proof follows from (2).

(5) The proof follows from (1).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.11.** *Let  $A$  be a prime right Goldie ring, and let  $Q$  be the injective hull of the module  $A_A$ .*

- (1) *There exists a positive integer  $n$  such that for every nontorsion right  $A$ -module  $N$ , the module  $N^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule.*
- (2) *There exists a positive integer  $n$  such that for every infinite-dimensional torsion-free module  $Y_A$ , the module  $Y^n$  contains a free submodule of infinite rank.*
- (3) *If  $N$  is a nontorsion right  $A$ -module, then every finitely generated  $N$ -projective module  $X$  is projective.*
- (4) *If  $Y$  is an infinite-dimensional torsion-free right  $A$ -module, then every countably generated  $Y$ -projective module  $X$  is projective.*
- (5) *If  $N$  is a nontorsion right  $A$ -module and  $X$  is a nonzero finitely generated torsion module, then the module  $X \oplus N$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.*
- (6) *If a right  $A$ -module  $N$  contains an infinite-dimensional torsion-free submodule  $Y$  and  $X$  is a nonzero countably generated torsion module, then the module  $X \oplus N$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.*
- (7) *For any injective nonsingular indecomposable nonzero right  $A$ -module  $E$ , all injective nonsingular indecomposable nonzero right  $A$ -modules are isomorphic to the module  $E$ , and there exists a positive integer  $n$  with  $Q \cong E^n$ .*
- (8) *If there exists a Noetherian injective nonsingular indecomposable nonzero right  $A$ -module  $E$ , then  $A$  is a simple Artinian ring.*

**Proof.** (1) By Lemma 1.6 (5), the module  $N$  contains a torsion-free submodule which is isomorphic to a nonzero right ideal  $B$  of  $A$ . By Lemma 1.6 (1),  $A$  is a right order in a semisimple Artinian ring  $Q$ . Let  $n$  be the length of the composition series of the module  $Q_Q$ . In the ring  $Q$ , every properly descending chain of right annihilators contains at most  $n$  inclusions. Therefore, every properly descending chain of right annihilators in  $A$  contains at most  $n$  inclusions. Therefore, there exist elements  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$  such that  $r(B) = r(b_1, \dots, b_n) = r(b_1) \cap \dots \cap r(b_n)$ . Therefore, the module  $B^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule. Therefore, the module  $N^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule.

(2) By assumption, the module  $Y$  contains a submodule  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} N_i$ , where all the  $N_i$  are torsion-free nonzero modules. By (1), there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that every module  $N_i^n$  contains a free cyclic submodule  $F_i$ . Then the module  $Y^n$  contains a free submodule  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$  of infinite rank.

(3) The proof follows from (1) and Lemma 1.10 (4).

(4) The proof follows from (2) and Lemma 1.10 (2).

(5), (6) Assume that the module  $X \oplus N$  is  $\pi$ -projective. By Lemma 1.4 (2) the module  $X$  is projective with respect to any subfactor of the module  $N$ . By (3) and (4), the module  $X$  is projective. Since every submodule of a free module is a torsion-free module, the module  $X$  is torsion-free. Therefore,  $X$  is a nonzero torsion-free module; this is a contradiction.

(7) The proof follows from Lemma 1.6 (1) and [2, Lemma 1.19 (1)].

(8) By (7), there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $Q \cong E^n$ . Therefore, the module  $Q$  is Noetherian. By Lemma 1.6 (1),  $A$  is an Artinian prime ring. Therefore,  $A$  is a simple ring.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.12.** *Let  $A$  be a semihereditary semiprime Goldie ring.*

- (1) *Every torsion-free  $A$ -module is a flat module.*

- (2) If  $M$  is a right  $A$ -module, then  $M/\text{Sing}(M)$  is a flat torsion-free module, and every pure submodule  $X$  of the module  $\text{Sing}(M)$  is a pure torsion submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from [9, p. 60].

(2) By Lemma 1.6 (3),  $X$  is a torsion module, and the module  $M/\text{Sing}(M)$  is torsion-free. By (1), the module  $M/\text{Sing}(M)$  is flat. Therefore,  $\text{Sing}(M)$  is a pure submodule in  $M$  [9, p.37]. By Lemma 1.8 (1),  $X$  is a pure submodule in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.13.** *Let  $M$  be a module over a hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ , and let  $B$  be a proper nonzero ideal of  $A$ .*

- (1) *If  $X$  is a pure submodule of  $M$  and  $XB = 0$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*
- (2) *If  $X$  is a pure submodule of the module  $\text{Sing}(M)$  and  $XB = 0$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*
- (3) *If  $X$  is a direct summand of the module  $\text{Sing}(M)$  and  $XB = 0$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** (1) By Lemma 1.5 (1),  $A/B$  is a serial Artinian ring. By Lemma 1.4 (3),  $A/B$  is a ring of finite representation type. Now the proof of (1) follows from Lemma 1.9 (4).

- (2) The proof follows from (1) and the fact that  $X$  is a pure submodule in  $M$  by Lemma 1.12 (2).
- (3) The proof follows from (2) and the fact that every direct summand is a pure submodule.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.14.** *Let  $A$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring which is not right primitive, and let  $M$  be a mixed  $A$ -module.*

- (1) *Either  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is an injective torsion nonzero module and  $F$  is a torsion-free nonzero module, or  $M = X \oplus N$ , where  $X$  is a cyclic uniserial torsion nonzero module and  $N$  is a nontorsion module.*
- (2)  *$M$  has a uniserial nonzero countably generated torsion direct summand which is either injective or cyclic.*
- (3) *If  $M$  is a reduced module, then  $M = X \oplus N$ , where  $X$  is a cyclic uniserial torsion nonzero module, and  $N$  is a nontorsion module.*
- (4) *If  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module, then  $M = T \oplus F = X \oplus N$ , where  $T$  is a nonzero injective torsion module,  $F$  is a nonzero torsion-free module,  $X$  is a nonzero uniserial injective countably generated torsion module,  $N$  is a nontorsion module.*
- (5) *If  $M$  is a reduced module, then the module  $M$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.*

**Proof.** (1) Set  $T \equiv \text{Sing}(M)$ . Without loss of generality, it is sufficient to consider only the case in which  $T$  is a noninjective nonzero torsion module. By Lemmas 1.7 (3) and (4),  $T$  has a nonzero cyclic uniserial torsion nonzero direct summand  $X$  with  $r(X) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 1.13 (3), there exists a direct decomposition  $M = X \oplus N$ . Since the module  $M$  is mixed,  $N$  is a nontorsion module.

- (2) and (3) The proofs follow from (1) and Lemma 1.7 (2).
- (4) The proof follows from (1), (2), and Lemma 1.11 (5).
- (5) The proof follows from (4).  $\square$

**End of the proof of Theorem 1.** We can assume that  $A$  is not a simple Artinian ring. By Lemma 1.5 (1),  $A$  is not right primitive. By Lemma 1.6 (2), the following three cases are the only possible cases: 1) the module  $M$  is nonsingular; 2)  $M$  is a torsion module; 3) the module  $M$  is mixed. In the case 1) Theorem 1 follows from Theorem A. In the case 2) Theorem 1 follows from Lemma 1.7 (7). The case 3) is impossible by Lemma 1.14 (5).  $\square$

## 2. Proof of Theorems 2 and 3

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring which is not a simple Artinian ring,  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  be the set of all of the maximal invertible ideals of  $A$ ,  $X$  be a nonzero torsion  $A$ -module, and let  $X(P) \equiv \{x \in X \mid xP^n = 0 \text{ for some } n\}$ .*

- (1) *The ring  $A$  is not right or left primitive.*

- (2)  $X$  is a direct sum of its primary components  $X(P)$  ( $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ ).
- (3) If  $X$  is an indecomposable injective module, then  $X = X(P)$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and every injective indecomposable injective torsion module  $E$ , we see that either there exist epimorphisms  $X \rightarrow E$  and  $E \rightarrow X$  or  $E = E(Q)$ , where  $Q \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $P \neq Q$ .
- (4) If  $X$  is a cyclic indecomposable module, then  $X$  is a uniserial module of finite length,  $X = X(P)$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , and there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $XP^n = 0$  and  $XP^n \subset XP^{n-1} \subset \dots \subset XP \subset X$  is a unique composition series for the module  $X$ .
- (5) If  $X$  is a cyclic indecomposable module, then  $r(X) \neq 0$  and  $X$  is a projective  $A/r(X)$ -module.
- (6) Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two submodules of the module  $X$ , and let  $Y \subseteq Z$ . Then  $Y(P) = Y \cap X(P)$  for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , there exists a natural isomorphism

$$Z/Y \rightarrow \bigoplus_{P \in \mathcal{P}(A)} Z(P)/Y(P),$$

and we have

$$\text{Hom}\left(Z(P)/Y(P), \bigoplus_{P \in \mathcal{P}(A)} Z(P)/Y(P)\right) = \text{Hom}(Z(P)/Y(P), Z(P)/Y(P))$$

for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ . In particular, all  $Z(P)/Y(P)$  are fully invariant submodules in the module  $\bigoplus_{P \in \mathcal{P}(A)} Z(P)/Y(P)$ .

- (7)  $X$  is a  $\pi$ -projective (resp. quasi-projective, skew-projective) module  $\iff X(P)$  is a  $\pi$ -projective (resp. quasi-projective, skew-projective) module for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

**Proof.** (1) The proof follows from Lemma 1.5 (1).

(2), (3), and (4) See the proofs in [11].

(5) By (4),  $r(X) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 1.5 (2),  $X$  is a projective  $A/r(X)$ -module.

(6) is verified with the use of (2).

(7) is verified with the use of (6).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring which is not a simple Artinian ring,  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , and let  $M$  be an injective indecomposable nonzero  $P$ -primary module.

- (1)  $M$  is a uniserial noncyclic module, and all the proper submodules of  $M$  are cyclic, have finite length, and form a countable chain  $0 = X_0 \subset X_1 \subset \dots \subset X_k \subset \dots$ , where  $X_k/X_{k-1}$  is a simple module for every  $k$  and there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $X_j/X_{j-1} \cong X_k/X_{k-1} \iff j-k$  is divided by  $n$ .
- (2) If  $E$  is an injective torsion indecomposable nonzero  $A$ -module, then either there exist two epimorphisms  $M \rightarrow E$  and  $E \rightarrow M$  with nonzero kernels or  $0 = \text{Hom}(M', E) = \text{Hom}(E', M)$  for any two submodules  $M' \subseteq M$  and  $E' \subseteq E$ .
- (3) Let  $E$  be an injective indecomposable nonzero  $P$ -primary  $A$ -module. Then there exist two epimorphisms  $M \rightarrow E$  and  $E \rightarrow M$  with nonzero kernels, and the module  $M \oplus E$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.
- (4) Let  $X$  be a cyclic nonzero submodule of  $M$  of length  $k$ , and let  $Z$  be an arbitrary cyclic uniserial  $P$ -primary module of finite length  $d > k+n$ , where the integer  $n$  is taken from (1). Then there exists an epimorphism  $Y \rightarrow X$  with nonzero kernel, where  $Y$  is a submodule of the module  $Z$ . If  $N$  is a  $A$ -module such that the module  $Z$  is isomorphic to a subfactor of the module  $N$ , then the module  $X \oplus N$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.
- (5) Let  $X$  be a nonzero submodule of  $M$ , and let  $E$  be an injective indecomposable nonzero  $P$ -primary  $A$ -module. Then the module  $X \oplus E$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.
- (6) For every nonzero  $P$ -primary  $A$ -module  $N$ , the module  $M \oplus N$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.
- (7)  $M$  is a skew-projective module which does not have nonzero finitely generated factor modules.

**Proof.** The proof of (1) follows from in [10].

The proof of (2) follows from (1) and Lemma 2.1 (3).



(3) The existence of epimorphisms  $f: M \rightarrow E$  and  $g: E \rightarrow M$  with nonzero kernels follows from (1) and (2). Assume that the module  $M \oplus E$  is  $\pi$ -projective. By Lemmas 1.10 (5) and 1.4 (2)  $f$  is an isomorphism; this is a contradiction.

(4) Let  $E$  be the injective hull of the module  $Z$ . It follows from (2) that there exist two epimorphisms  $M \rightarrow E$  and  $E \rightarrow M$ . It follows from (1) that there exists an epimorphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X_k$  with nonzero kernel, where  $Y$  is a submodule of the module  $Z$ . Assume that  $X_k \oplus N$  is a  $\pi$ -projective module. Since  $Y$  is isomorphic to a subfactor of the module  $N$ ,  $f$  is an isomorphism by Lemmas 1.10 (5) and 1.4 (2). This contradicts the fact that  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq 0$ .

(5) By (3), the module  $M \oplus E$  is not  $\pi$ -projective. Therefore, we can assume that  $X \neq M$ . By (1),  $X$  is a cyclic module of length  $k$ . It follows from (1) that the module  $E$  contains a cyclic uniserial  $P$ -primary module  $Z$  of finite length  $d > k + n$ , where the integer  $n$  is taken from (1). By (4) there exists an epimorphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  with nonzero kernel, where  $Y$  is a submodule of the module  $Z \subset E$ . Assume that the module  $X \oplus E$  is  $\pi$ -projective. By Lemmas 1.10 (5) and 1.4 (2),  $f$  is an isomorphism. This is a contradiction.

(6) By Lemmas 1.7 (2) and 2.1 (1), the module  $N$  has a nonzero uniserial direct summand  $X$ . Assume that the module  $M \oplus N$  is  $\pi$ -projective. Then the  $P$ -primary module  $M \oplus X$  is  $\pi$ -projective. In addition, the injective hull of the module  $X$  is indecomposable. By (5), the module  $M \oplus X$  is not  $\pi$ -projective. This is a contradiction.

(7) By (1),  $M$  is a uniserial noncyclic module, and all the proper submodules of  $M$  are cyclic and form a countable chain  $0 = X_0 \subset X_1 \subset \dots \subset X_k \subset \dots$ , where  $X_k/X_{k-1}$  is a simple module for every  $k$ , and the module  $X_k$  has finite length  $k$  for every  $k$ . Then  $M$  does not have a nonzero finitely generated factor module. Let  $\bar{f}$  be an endomorphism of an arbitrary nonzero factor module  $M/X_s \equiv \bar{M}$  of the module  $M$ , and let  $h: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  be a natural epimorphism inducing natural epimorphisms  $h|X_k \equiv h_k: X_k \rightarrow h(X_k) \equiv \bar{X}_k$ . It can be verified directly that  $\bar{f}(\bar{X}_k) \subseteq \bar{X}_k$  for all  $k$ . Therefore,  $\bar{f}$  induces endomorphisms  $\bar{f}_k$  of the modules  $\bar{X}_k$ . By Lemma 2.1 (5), all the  $X_k$  are projective  $A/r(X_k)$ -modules. Then all the  $X_k$  are skew-projective  $A$ -modules. Therefore, there exist endomorphisms  $f_k$  of modules  $X_k$  such that  $h_k f_k = \bar{f}_k h_k$  for all  $k$ . We consider  $f_i$  and  $f_k$  with  $i > k > s$ . Then  $X_k \subseteq X_i$ ,  $\bar{X}_k \subseteq \bar{X}_i$ ,  $(\bar{f}_i | \bar{X}_k - \bar{f}_k)(\bar{X}_k) = 0$ . Therefore,  $(f_i | X_k - f_k)(X_k) \subseteq X_s$  for  $i > k$ . Let  $N_{ik} \equiv \text{Ker}(f_i | X_k - f_k) \subseteq X_k$ , and let  $d_{ik}$  be the length of the module  $N_{ik}$ . Since  $(f_i | X_k - f_k)(X_k) \cong X_k/N_{ik}$  and the length of the module  $(f_i | X_k - f_k)(X_k)$  does not exceed  $s$ , we see that  $d_{ik} \geq k - s$ . Therefore,  $X_{k-s} \subseteq N_{ik}$  for  $i > k > s$ . For  $k > s$ , we set  $Y_k \equiv X_{k-s}$ . Then  $f_i | Y_k = f_k | Y_k$  for  $i > k$ . In addition,  $M = \bigcup_{k>s} Y_k$ . This allows to define an endomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  such that  $f|Y_k = f_k$ . Then  $f|X_k = f_{k+s}$ . If  $m \in X_{k+s}$ , then  $hf(m) = hf_{k+s}(m) = h_{k+s}f_{k+s}(m) = \bar{f}_{k+s}h_{k+s}(m) = \bar{f}_{k+s}h(m) = \bar{f}h(m)$ . Therefore,  $hf = \bar{f}h$  and the module  $M$  is skew-projective.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring,  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , and let  $M$  be a nonzero  $P$ -primary  $A$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective;*
- (2) *the module  $M$  is skew-projective;*
- (3)  *$M$  is either an indecomposable injective  $A$ -module or a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module;*
- (4)  *$M$  is either an indecomposable  $A$ -module or a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.*

**Proof.** Since every simple Artinian ring does not have nonzero torsion modules, we can assume that  $A$  is not a simple Artinian ring.

(1)  $\implies$  (4) Assume that the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective module and is not indecomposable. By Lemmas 1.7 (2) and 2.1 (1),  $M = X \oplus N$ , where  $N$  is a nonzero module,  $X$  is a nonzero uniserial module, and  $X$  is either a cyclic module of finite length  $k$  or an injective module. By Lemma 2.2 (6), the module  $X$  is not injective. Therefore,  $X$  is a cyclic module of length  $k$ . By Lemma 2.1 (4),  $XP^k = 0$ . Let  $Z$  be a finitely generated submodule in  $N$ . By Lemmas 1.7 (1) and 2.1 (1),  $T$  is a finite direct sum of cyclic uniserial modules  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$ . By Lemma 2.2 (4), there exists a positive integer  $d$  such that the lengths of all of the modules  $Z_i$  do not exceed  $d$ . By Lemma 2.1 (4),  $Z_i P^d = 0$  for all  $i$ . Therefore,  $ZP^d = 0$ . Then  $NP^d = 0$ . Therefore,  $MP^{k+d} = (X \oplus N)P^{k+d} = 0$  and  $r(M) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 1.5 (2),  $M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module.

(4)  $\implies$  (3) Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $M$  is an indecomposable  $A$ -module which is not a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module. By Lemma 2.1 (5), the module  $M$  is not cyclic. By Lemmas 1.7 (2) and 2.1 (1), the module  $M$  is injective.

(3)  $\implies$  (2) If  $M$  is an indecomposable injective module, then  $M$  is skew-projective by Lemma 2.2 (7). If  $M$  is a projective  $A/r(M)$ -module, then  $M$  is skew-projective by Lemmas 1.1 (1) and (2).

(2)  $\implies$  (1) The proof follows from Lemma 1.1 (4).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a torsion module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ . Then the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective  $\iff M$  is skew-projective  $\iff$  every primary component of the module  $M$  is either an indecomposable injective module or a projective module over the factor ring of  $A$  with respect to the annihilator of this primary component.*

Theorem 2.4 follows from Lemmas 2.1 (7) and 2.3.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $T$  be an injective module,  $F$  be a hereditary module, and let  $M \equiv T \oplus F$ . Then for any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct decomposition  $M = T \oplus F_1$  such that  $N = N \cap T \oplus N \cap F_1$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $h: N \rightarrow F$  be the homomorphism with the kernel  $N \cap T$ , induced by a natural projection  $T \oplus F \rightarrow F$  with kernel  $T$ . Since  $h(N)$  is a submodule of the hereditary module  $F$ , the module  $h(N)$  is projective. Therefore, there exists a direct decomposition  $N = N \cap T \oplus N_1$ , where  $N_1 \cap T = 0$ . Let  $E$  be the injective hull of  $M$ . Since  $T$  is an injective submodule of the injective module  $E$  and  $T \cap N_1 = 0$ , there exists a direct decomposition  $E = T \oplus E_1$  with  $N_1 \subseteq E_1$ . Since  $T \subseteq M$ , we see that  $M = M \cap (T \oplus E_1) = T \oplus (M \cap E_1) = T \oplus F_1$ , where  $F \equiv M \cap E_1$  and  $N_1 \subseteq M \cap E_1 = F$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $T$  be an injective module without nonzero Noetherian factor modules,  $F$  be a hereditary Noetherian module, and let  $M \equiv T \oplus F$ .*

- (1) *If the module  $T$  is skew-projective, then  $M$  is a skew-projective module.*
- (2) *If all idempotent endomorphisms of all of the factor modules of the module  $T$  can be lifted to endomorphisms of the module  $T$ , then all idempotent endomorphisms of all of the factor modules of  $M$  can be lifted to endomorphisms of  $M$ .*
- (3) *If the module  $T$  is quasi-projective, then  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.*
- (4) *If  $T$  is a uniserial module, then the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective, and all idempotent endomorphisms of all of the factor modules of  $M$  can be lifted to endomorphisms of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\bar{f}$  be an endomorphism of a factor module  $M/N$  of  $M$ , and let  $h$  be a natural epimorphism. By Lemma 2.4, there exists a direct decomposition  $M = F_1 \oplus T$  with  $N = N \cap F_1 \oplus N \cap T$ . Then  $M/N = h(F_1) \oplus h(T)$ . Let  $h_1 \equiv h \mid F_1$ ,  $h_2 \equiv h \mid T$ ,  $\bar{f}_1 \equiv \bar{f} \mid h(F_1)$ , and let  $\bar{f}_2 \equiv \bar{f} \mid h(T)$ . Since  $F_1 \cong M/T \cong F$ , the module  $F_1$  is Noetherian. We have the homomorphism  $\bar{f}_1 h_1$  from the module  $F_1$  into the module  $h(M)$ . Since the module  $F_1$  is projective, there exists a homomorphism  $f_1: F_1 \rightarrow M$  with  $h_1 f_1 = \bar{f}_1 h_1$ . Since the module  $h(T)$  does not have a nonzero Noetherian homomorphic image and the module  $h(F_1)$  is Noetherian,  $\text{Hom}(h(T), h(F_1)) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\bar{f}_2(h(T)) \subseteq h(T)$  and  $\bar{f}_2$  is an endomorphism of the factor module  $h(T)$  of the module  $T$ . Since the module  $T$  is skew-projective, there exists an endomorphism  $f_2$  of the module  $T$  such that  $h_2 f_2 = \bar{f}_2 h_2$ . By the rule  $f(x+y) = f_1(x) + f_2(y)$  ( $x \in F_1, y \in T$ ), the endomorphism  $f$  of the module  $M = F_1 \oplus T$  is defined. Then  $hf = \bar{f}h$ .

(2) and (3) The proof of (2) and (3) is analogous to the proof of (1).

(4) The proof follows from (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $A$  be a right hereditary right Noetherian prime ring,  $Q$  be the injective hull of the module  $A_A$ , and let  $E$  be an injective nonsingular indecomposable nonzero right  $A$ -module.*

- (1) *Every injective indecomposable right  $A$ -module is a homomorphic image of the module  $Q$ .*
- (2) *For every injective torsion indecomposable right  $A$ -module  $X$ , there exists an epimorphism (with nonzero kernel)  $f: E \rightarrow X$ .*
- (3) *For every injective torsion indecomposable right  $A$ -module  $X$ , the module  $X \oplus E$  is not  $\pi$ -projective.*
- (4) *Every injective  $\pi$ -projective right  $A$ -module  $M$  is either a torsion-free module or a torsion module.*

**Proof.** (1) The proof follows from [2, Lemma 1.14 (2)].

(2) We can assume that  $X \neq 0$ . By (1) and Lemma 1.11 (7), there exists an epimorphism  $h: E^n \rightarrow X$  which induces a nonzero homomorphism  $f: E \rightarrow X$ . Since  $f(E)$  is a homomorphic image of the injective right module  $E$  over the right hereditary ring  $A$ , the module  $f(E)$  is injective [1, 39.16]. Therefore,  $f(E)$  is a nonzero direct summand of the indecomposable module  $X$ . Then  $f(E) = X$ . By Lemma 1.6 (2), the module  $E$  is torsion-free. Therefore,  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq 0$ .

(3) Assume that the module  $X \oplus E$  is  $\pi$ -projective. By Lemma 1.4 (2), the module  $X$  is  $E$ -projective. By Lemma 1.10 (5),  $\text{Ker}(f) = 0$ ; this is a contradiction.

(4) Since  $A$  is a right Noetherian ring and  $M$  is an injective right  $A$ -module,  $M = \bigoplus M_i$ , where all the  $M_i$  are injective uniform modules (see [1, 27.5]). By Lemma 1.6 (6), every module  $M_i$  is either a torsion-free module or a torsion module. By (3), either all the  $M_i$  are torsion-free modules or all the  $M_i$  are torsion modules.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a mixed module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective;*
- (2) *the module  $M$  is skew-projective;*
- (3)  *$M = T \oplus F$ , where  $F$  is a finitely generated projective nonzero module,  $T$  is an injective torsion nonzero module, and every primary component of the module  $T$  is an indecomposable module.*

**Proof.** The implication (2)  $\implies$  (1) follows from Lemma 1.1 (4).

(1)  $\implies$  (3) By Lemma 1.14 (4),  $M = T \oplus F = X \oplus N$ , where  $T$  is an injective torsion  $\pi$ -projective nonzero module,  $F$  is a  $\pi$ -projective torsion-free nonzero module,  $X$  is a nonzero uniserial injective countably generated torsion module, and  $N$  is a nontorsion module. By Lemma 2.2 (5), every primary component of the module  $T$  is an indecomposable module. We prove that  $F$  is a finitely generated projective nonzero module. By Theorem A, it is sufficient to prove that  $F$  is a reduced finite-dimensional module. By Lemma 1.11 (6), the module  $F$  is finite-dimensional. Assume that  $F$  has a nonzero injective direct summand  $E$ . Then  $X \oplus E$  is a mixed injective  $\pi$ -projective module; this is a contradiction to Lemma 2.6 (5).

(3)  $\implies$  (2) By Theorem 2.1, the module  $T$  is skew-projective. It follows from Lemmas 2.2 (7) and 1.7 (2) that  $T$  does not have a nonzero Noetherian factor module. The projective right module  $F$  over the right hereditary ring  $A$  is a hereditary module [1, 39.16]. The finitely generated right module  $F$  over the right Noetherian ring  $A$  is a Noetherian module. By Lemma 2.5 (1), the module  $M$  is skew-projective.  $\square$

**End of the proof of Theorem 2.** The following two cases are the only possible cases: 1)  $M$  is a torsion module; 2)  $M$  is a mixed module. In the case 1), Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.5 (2). In the case 2), Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.5 (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $A$  be a serial hereditary Noetherian prime ring which is not a simple Artinian ring.*

- (1) *Every indecomposable nonsingular injective nonzero right  $A$ -module  $E$  is a uniserial countably generated module without nonzero Noetherian factor modules.*
- (2) *Every finite-dimensional nonsingular injective right  $A$ -module  $T$  does not have nonzero Noetherian factor modules.*

**Proof.** (1) Since  $E$  is an indecomposable injective module over the serial Noetherian ring  $A$ , the module  $E$  is uniserial [6, 11.55 (2)]. Since every semiprimitive serial ring is Artinian, the ring  $A$  is not right primitive. Let  $0 \neq m \in E$ . Then  $E/mA$  is a uniserial torsion module. By Lemma 1.7 (2), the module  $E/mA$  is countably generated. Therefore, the module  $E$  is countably generated. Assume that  $E$  has a nonzero Noetherian factor module  $E/N$ . Since the nonzero uniserial finitely generated module  $E/N$  is cyclic, there exists an element  $x \in E \setminus N$  such that  $E/N = (x + N)A$ . Then  $E = N + xA$ . Since  $E$  is a uniserial module and  $xA \not\subseteq N$ , the module  $E = xA$  is Noetherian. By Lemma 1.11 (8),  $A$  is a simple Artinian ring. This is a contradiction.

(2) Assume that there exists an epimorphism  $h: T \rightarrow \overline{T}$  such that  $\overline{T}$  is a nonzero Noetherian module. Since  $T$  is a finite direct sum of indecomposable injective modules,  $T = T_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_n$  by (1), where all

the modules  $T_i$  do not have a nonzero Noetherian factor module. Therefore,  $h(T_i) = 0$  for all  $i$ . Then  $\bar{T} = \sum_{i=1}^n h(T_i) = 0$ ; this is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $A$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is a serial ring;
- (2) there exists a  $\pi$ -projective injective nonzero right  $A$ -module which is not singular;
- (3) for every indecomposable injective nonsingular module  $T$  and every finitely generated projective module  $F$ , the module  $T \oplus F$  is  $\pi$ -projective.

**Proof.** The equivalence of conditions (1) and (2) is proved in [2, Theorem 1].

The implication (3)  $\implies$  (2) is obvious.

(1)  $\implies$  (3) We can assume that  $A$  is not a simple Artinian ring. By Lemma 2.7 (1),  $T$  is a uniserial module without nonzero Noetherian factor modules. Since  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module over the hereditary Noetherian ring  $A$ , the module  $F$  is Noetherian and hereditary. By Lemma 2.5 (4), the module  $T \oplus F$  is  $\pi$ -projective.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $A$  be a hereditary Noetherian prime ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the ring  $A$  is isomorphic to the ring of all of the  $(n \times n)$  matrices over a complete uniserial Noetherian domain  $D$ ;
- (2) there exists a  $\pi$ -projective injective nonsingular finite-dimensional nonuniform right  $A$ -module;
- (3) every injective nonsingular finite-dimensional right  $A$ -module is quasi-projective;
- (4) for every injective nonsingular finite-dimensional module  $T$  and every finitely generated projective module  $F$ , the module  $T \oplus F$  is quasi-projective;
- (5) for every injective nonsingular finite-dimensional module  $T$  and every finitely generated projective module  $F$ , the module  $T \oplus F$  is  $\pi$ -projective.

**Proof.** The equivalence of conditions (1), (2) and (3) is proved in [2, Lemma 1.21].

The implication (4)  $\implies$  (5) follows from Lemma 1.1 (5).

The implication (5)  $\implies$  (2) is obvious.

(3)  $\implies$  (4) We can assume that  $A$  is not a simple Artinian ring. By Lemma 2.7 (2), the module  $T$  does not have a nonzero Noetherian factor module. Since  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module over the hereditary Noetherian ring  $A$ , the module  $F$  is Noetherian and hereditary. By Lemma 2.5 (3), the module  $T \oplus F$  is quasi-projective.  $\square$

**End of the proof of Theorem 3.** Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $M$  is a nonsingular finite-dimensional module. The following three cases are the only possible cases: 1)  $M$  is a reduced finite-dimensional nonsingular module; 2)  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is a indecomposable injective finite-dimensional nonsingular nonzero module, and  $F$  is a reduced finite-dimensional nonsingular module; 3)  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is a nonuniform nonsingular injective nonzero module, and  $F$  is a reduced finite-dimensional nonsingular module. In the case 1), Theorem 3 follows from Theorem A. In the case 2), Theorem 3 follows from Theorem A and Lemma 2.8. In the case 3), Theorem 3 follows from Theorem A and Lemma 2.9.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a module over a bounded hereditary Noetherian prime ring  $A$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -projective nonreduced nonsingular module  $\iff$  one of the following conditions holds:*

- (i)  $A$  is a serial ring and  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is an injective indecomposable nonsingular nonzero module, and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module;
- (ii) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the ring  $A$  is isomorphic to the ring of all of the  $(n \times n)$  matrices over a complete uniserial Noetherian domain  $D$ ,  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is an injective finite-dimensional nonsingular nonzero module, and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module.

**Proof.** By Theorem 3, it is sufficient to prove that every  $\pi$ -projective nonreduced nonsingular module  $M$  over the serial ring  $A$  is finite-dimensional. Since  $M$  has a nonzero injective direct summand and every injective module over a Noetherian ring is a direct sum of indecomposable modules [5, 20.6], we

obtain that  $M = X \oplus Y$ , where  $X$  is an indecomposable injective nonsingular nonzero module, and  $Y$  is an infinite-dimensional nonsingular submodule. By Lemma 2.7 (1), the module  $X$  is countably generated. By Lemma 1.11 (6), the module  $M$  is not  $\pi$ -projective. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a bounded hereditary prime ring such that all  $\pi$ -projective reduced nonsingular infinite-dimensional  $A$ -modules are projective. Then the module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective  $\iff$  one of the following conditions holds:*

- (i)  $M$  is a projective module;
- (ii)  $M = T \oplus F$ , where  $T$  is a torsion injective nonzero module such that every primary component of  $T$  is an indecomposable module, and  $F$  is a nonzero finitely generated projective module;
- (iii)  $M$  is a torsion module such that every primary component of  $M$  is either an indecomposable injective module or a projective module over the factor ring of  $A$  with respect to the annihilator of this primary component;
- (iv)  $A$  is a serial ring and  $M = E \oplus F$ , where  $E$  is an injective indecomposable torsion-free module, and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module;
- (v) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that the ring  $A$  is isomorphic to the ring of all of the  $(n \times n)$  matrices over a complete uniserial Noetherian domain  $D$ ,  $M = E \oplus F$ , where  $E$  is an injective finite-dimensional torsion-free module, and  $F$  is a finitely generated projective module.

Corollary 2.2 follows from Theorems A, 2, 3, and Corollary 2.1.

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