

## QF – 1 RINGS OF GLOBAL DIMENSION $\leq 2$

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R. M. Thrall [10] introduced QF – 1, QF – 2 and QF – 3 rings as generalizations of quasi-Frobenius rings. (For definitions, see section 1. It should be noted that all rings considered are assumed to be left and right artinian.) He proved that QF – 2 rings are QF – 3 and asked whether all QF – 1 rings are QF – 2, or, at least, QF – 3. In [9] we have shown that QF – 1 rings are very similar to QF – 3 rings. On the other hand, K. Morita [6] gave two examples of QF – 1 rings, one of them not QF – 2 and therefore not QF – 3, the other one QF – 3, but not QF – 2. The global dimension of the latter ring is 2, and the following theorem shows that under this assumption a QF – 1 ring must always be QF – 3.

**THEOREM.** *A QF – 1 ring of left global dimension  $\leq 2$  is a QF – 3 ring.*

In order to classify finite dimensional algebras, T. Nakayama [8] defined the dominant dimension  $\text{dom dim } R$  of a ring  $R$ . Since  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 1$  if and only if  $R$  is a QF – 3 ring, and, in this case,  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$  if and only if the minimal faithful left  $R$ -module is balanced, we may reformulate the theorem as follows: a QF – 1 ring  $R$  of left global dimension  $\leq 2$  has  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$ . It was proved by K. R. Fuller [4] that for a ring  $R$  with  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$ , every faithful module which is either projective or injective has to be balanced. Naturally, the question arises whether it is possible to characterize those rings  $R$  of left global dimension  $\leq 2$  which have  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$  by the fact that certain faithful  $R$ -modules are balanced. This question seems to be interesting in view of the importance of the class of rings of global dimension  $\leq 2$  and dominant dimension  $\geq 2$ , recently demonstrated by M. Auslander [1].

The proof of the theorem uses besides the socle conditions of [9] a result concerning the right socle of a QF – 1 ring, and the methods to prove this are similar to those developed in [9]. The assumption in the theorem on the global dimension can be replaced by the (weaker) condition that the right socle, considered as a left module, is projective.

**1. Preliminaries.** Throughout the paper,  $R$  denotes a (left and right) artinian ring with unity. By an  $R$ -module we understand a unital  $R$ -module and the symbols  ${}_R M$  and  $M_R$  will be used to underline the fact that  $M$  is a left or a right  $R$ -module, respectively.

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The length of the module  $M$  will be denoted by  $\partial M$ . For every module  $M$ ,  $\text{Rad } M$  is the intersection of all maximal submodules. The radical of  $R$  is by definition  $\text{Rad}_R R$ ; it will be denoted by  $W$ . It is well-known that for an artinian ring,  $W$  is nilpotent. The submodule of  $M$  generated by all simple submodules, is called the socle,  $\text{Soc } M$  of  $M$ . Since  $R$  is artinian, we have for every left  $R$ -module,  $\text{Rad } M = WM$  and  $\text{Soc } M = \{m \in M \mid Wm = 0\}$ . Considering  ${}_R R$ , we get the left socle  $L = \text{Soc } {}_R R$ , considering  $R_R$ , we get the right socle  $J = \text{Soc } R_R$  of  $R$ .

If  $e$  is an idempotent,  $Re$  always will be considered as a left  $R$ -module, and the  $R$ -homomorphisms  $Re \rightarrow Re'$  (where  $e'$  is another idempotent) will be identified with the elements of  $eRe'$ . Also, it should be noted that  $Re$  and  $Re'$  are isomorphic if there are elements  $x \in eRe'$  and  $y \in e'Re$  with  $xy = e$ . The ring  $R$  is called a basis ring if for orthogonal idempotents  $e$  and  $e'$ ,  $Re$  and  $Re'$  never are isomorphic. Basis rings can be characterized by the fact that  $eR(1 - e) \subseteq W$  for every idempotent  $e$ . If  $R$  is an arbitrary artinian ring and we write

$$1 = \sum_{i,j} e_{ij}$$

with primitive and orthogonal idempotents  $e_{ij}$  such that  $Re_{ij} \approx Re_{kl}$  if and only if  $i = k$ , then, for  $E = \sum_i e_{i1}$ , the ring  $ERE$  is a basis ring which is Morita equivalent to  $R$ .

The ring  $R$  is a QF - 3 ring if  $R$  has a unique minimal faithful left  $R$ -module  ${}_R X$  (that is,  ${}_R X$  is faithful, and is a direct summand of every faithful left  $R$ -module). A QF - 3 ring also has a unique minimal faithful right  $R$ -module. The ring  $R$  is QF - 3 if and only if for every primitive idempotent  $e$  with  $Je \neq 0$ , the socle  $Le$  of  $Re$  is simple, and similarly for every primitive idempotent  $f$  with  $fL \neq 0$ , the socle  $fJ$  of  $fR$  is simple [2, Theorem (3.6)].

Module homomorphisms always act from the opposite side as the operators; in particular, every left  $R$ -module  ${}_R M$  defines a right  $\mathcal{C}$ -module  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the centralizer of  ${}_R M$ . The double centralizer  $\mathcal{D}$  of  ${}_R M$  is the centralizer of  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ , and there is a canonical ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . The module  ${}_R M$  is called balanced if this morphism  $R \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is surjective. If every finitely generated faithful (left or right)  $R$ -module is balanced, then  $R$  is said to be a QF - 1 ring. Until now, no internal characterization of QF - 1 rings seems to be known, but in [9] certain necessary socle conditions were proved. For the convenience of the reader and for later reference, we recall these conditions: If  $R$  is a QF - 1 ring and  $e$  and  $f$  are primitive idempotents with  $f(L \cap J)e \neq 0$ , then

- (1) either  $\partial_R J e = 1$  or  $\partial f L_R = 1$ ,
- (2) we have  $\partial_R L e \times \partial f J_R \leq 2$ ,
- (3)  $\partial_R L e = 2$  implies  $J e \subseteq L e$ , and
- (3\*)  $\partial f J_R = 2$  implies  $f L \subseteq f J$ .

In particular, (2) shows that a QF - 1 ring is very similar to a QF - 3 ring.

If  ${}_R M$  is an indecomposable module of finite length, then the centralizer  $\mathcal{C}$

of  $M$  is a local ring. Consequently, all simple  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules are isomorphic. Moreover, the radical  $\mathcal{W}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is nilpotent, thus the radical of  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a proper submodule, and  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{C}}$  is essential in  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ . If  ${}_R M$  and  ${}_R N$  are modules, then elements in the double centralizer of  ${}_R(M \oplus N)$  can be constructed as follows: Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the centralizer of  ${}_R M$ , and let  $M'$  and  $M''$  be  $\mathcal{C}$ -submodules of  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$  such that the image of every  $R$ -homomorphism  ${}_R N \rightarrow {}_R M$  is contained in  $M'$ , whereas  $M''$  is contained in the kernel of every  $R$ -homomorphism  ${}_R M \rightarrow {}_R N$ . Then, given a  $\mathcal{C}$ -homomorphism  $\psi$  of the form

$$M_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M/M' \rightarrow M'' \xrightarrow{\iota} M_{\mathcal{C}}$$

(where  $\epsilon$  is the canonical epimorphism,  $\iota$  the inclusion), the trivial extension

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : M \oplus N \rightarrow M \oplus N$$

of  $\psi$  belongs to the double centralizer of  ${}_R(M \oplus N)$ .

If, for a module  $M$ , there exists an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D_n$$

with  $D_i$  both projective and injective, then the dominant dimension  $\text{dom dim } M$  of the module  $M$  is  $\geq n$ . Now  $\text{dom dim } {}_R R \geq 1$  if and only if  $R$  is a QF - 3 ring [5]. In this case,  $\text{dom dim } {}_R R \geq 2$  if and only if the minimal faithful left  $R$ -module is balanced [7]. Since the minimal faithful left  $R$ -module of a QF - 3 ring is both projective and injective, all faithful left or right modules which are either projective or injective are balanced [4, Theorem 5]. In particular, also the minimal faithful right module is balanced, and  $\text{dom dim } R_R \geq 2$ . So we simply may say that the dominant dimension of  $R$  is  $\geq 2$ .

If there exists a natural number  $m$  such that for every exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with  $P_i$  projective for  $0 \leq i \leq m - 1$ ,  $K$  is also projective, then the smallest such  $m$  is called the left global dimension of  $R$ . It is easy to see that the left global dimension of  $R$  is  $\leq 2$  if and only if the kernel of every  $R$ -homomorphism  ${}_R F \rightarrow {}_R F'$ , with  ${}_R F$  and  ${}_R F'$  both free, is projective.

**2.** The aim of this section is to prove the following general result on QF - 1 rings.

**PROPOSITION.** *Consider a QF - 1 ring  $R$  with left socle  $L$  and right socle  $J$ . Let  $e$  and  $f$  be primitive idempotents. If  $y$  is an element of  $fJe$  which does not belong to  $L$ , and if  $fL \neq 0$ , then  $Ry = Je$ .*

*Proof.* Obviously, we may assume that  $R$  is a basis ring, because if the propo-

sition holds for a basis subring of  $R$ , it is also true for  $R$ . Also, we may assume that  $y \in W$ , since otherwise the conclusion is trivial.

Let  $e_1$  be a primitive idempotent such that  $e_1$  and  $e_2 = e$  are either orthogonal or equal, and which satisfies  $f(L \cap J)e_1 \neq 0$ . Let  $x$  be a non-zero element in  $f(L \cap J)e_1$ . Since  $xR \cap yR = 0$ , the left  $R$ -module

$${}_R M = (Re_1 \oplus Re_2)/R(x, y)$$

is indecomposable [9]. The endomorphisms of  ${}_R M$  are induced by matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

with entries  $r_{ij} \in e_i Re_j$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , operating on  $Re_1 \oplus Re_2$  from the right. If  $(r_{ij})$  induces an endomorphism of  ${}_R M$ , then  $r_{21}$  belongs to the radical  $W$  of  $R$ . For, consider the image of  $(x, y)$  under  $(r_{ij})$ . We have

$$(xr_{11} + yr_{21}, xr_{12} + yr_{22}) = (\lambda x, \lambda y)$$

for some  $\lambda \in R$ . Thus  $yr_{21} = \lambda x - xr_{11} \in L$ , and, since  $y \notin L$ , we conclude that  $r_{21} \in W$ .

Also, if  $(r_{ij})$  induces a nilpotent endomorphism of  ${}_R M$ , then  $r_{22} \in W$ . For, consider the image of  $(0, y)$  under  $(r_{ij})$ . We have

$$(0, y) \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} = (yr_{21}, yr_{22}) = (0, yr_{22}),$$

since  $y \in J$  and  $r_{21} \in W$ . By induction, we get for natural  $n$

$$(0, y) \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}^n = (0, yr_{22}^n).$$

Since, by assumption,  $(r_{ij})$  induces a nilpotent endomorphism, there is some  $n$  with

$$(0, yr_{22}^n) = (\lambda x, \lambda y),$$

where  $\lambda$  can be chosen in  $Rf$ . But  $\lambda x = 0$  implies  $\lambda \in W$ , thus  $\lambda$  is nilpotent. If  $\lambda^m = 0$ , then  $yr_{22}^n = \lambda y$  yields  $yr_{22}^{nm} = \lambda^m y = 0$ , and consequently,  $r_{22}$  cannot be invertable in  $e_2 Re_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the centralizer of  ${}_R M$ . It follows from the considerations above that  $(0 \oplus J e_2) + R(x, y)/R(x, y)$  is contained in  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{C}}$ . For, if  $\mathcal{W}$  denotes the radical of  $\mathcal{C}$ , the elements of  $\mathcal{W}$  can be lifted to matrices  $(r_{ij})$  with  $r_{21}$  and  $r_{22}$  in  $W$ . Thus, for  $z \in J e_2$ , we have

$$(0, z) \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} = (zr_{21}, zr_{22}) = (0, 0),$$

and thus  $(0, z) + R(x, y) \in \text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

Also,  $(0 \oplus J e_2) + R(x, y)/R(x, y)$  belongs to the kernel of every homo-

morphism  ${}_R M \rightarrow R(1 - e_1)$ . For, we may lift such a morphism to

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} : Re_1 \oplus Re_2 \rightarrow R(1 - e_1)$$

with  $r_i \in e_i R(1 - e_1)$ , mapping  $(x, y)$  into 0. The last condition gives us the equality  $xr_1 + yr_2 = 0$ , thus, since  $x \in J$  and  $r_1 \in e_1 R(1 - e_1) \subseteq W$ , we get  $yr_2 = 0$ . This shows that not only  $r_1$  but also  $r_2$  belongs to  $W$ , and, as a consequence, the image of  $(0, z) \in 0 \oplus Je_2$  under  $\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $zr_1 + zr_2 = 0$ .

Since  $x, y \in J$ , every matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } r_{ij} \in e_i We_j$$

induces a nilpotent endomorphism of  ${}_R M$ , thus  $We_1 \oplus We_2/R(x, y) \subseteq M\mathcal{W}$ . Moreover, if  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are orthogonal, we have the equality

$$We_1 \oplus We_2/R(x, y) = M\mathcal{W}.$$

For, assume that  $\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  with  $r_{ij} \in e_i Re_j$  induces an endomorphism  $\varphi$  of  ${}_R M$ ; then  $r_{12} \in e_1 Re_2 \subseteq W$ , and, if  $\varphi$  is nilpotent, we conclude similarly to a proof above that

$$(x, 0) \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}^n = (xr_{11}^n, 0),$$

and that therefore also  $r_{11} \in W$ . This shows that for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}$ , all  $r_{ij}$ 's belong to  $W$ , so  $M\mathcal{W} \subseteq We_1 \oplus We_2/R(x, y)$ .

Next, we claim that  $(e_1, 0) + R(x, y)$  does not belong to  $M\mathcal{W} = \text{Rad } M_{\mathcal{C}}$ . This is obvious in the case where  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are orthogonal. So, we only consider the case  $e = e_1 = e_2$ . If we assume that  $(e, 0) + R(x, y)$  belongs to  $M\mathcal{W}$ , then, since  $M\mathcal{W}$  is a proper  $R$ -submodule of  ${}_R M$  also containing  $We \oplus We/R(x, y)$ , we have  $M\mathcal{W} = Re \oplus We/R(x, y)$ . Also,  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{C}}$  is an essential  $\mathcal{C}$ -submodule of  $M$ , thus  $(Je \oplus Je) + R(x, y)/R(x, y)$  intersects  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{C}}$  nontrivially. Therefore, there is a non-zero  $\mathcal{C}$ -homomorphism  $\psi$  of the form

$$M_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M/M\mathcal{W} \rightarrow (Je \oplus Je) + R(x, y)/R(x, y) \xrightarrow{\iota} M_{\mathcal{C}},$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the canonical epimorphism,  $\iota$  the embedding. The image of every  $R$ -homomorphism  $R(1 - e) \rightarrow {}_R M$  is contained in  $We \oplus We/R(x, y) \subseteq M\mathcal{W}$ , since we may lift such a morphism to

$$R(1 - e) \xrightarrow{(r_1, r_2)} Re \oplus Re$$

with  $r_i \in (1 - e)Re \subseteq W$ . On the other side,  $(Je \oplus Je) + R(x, y)/R(x, y)$  is contained in the kernel of every morphism  ${}_R M \rightarrow R(1 - e)$ . Thus the trivial extension  $\psi'$  of  $\psi$  to  ${}_R M \oplus R(1 - e)$  belongs to the double centralizer of

${}_R M \oplus R(1 - e)$ . But this morphism  $\psi'$  vanishes on  $M\mathcal{W} \oplus R(1 - e)$  which is a faithful module since  $Re$  is embeddable in  $(Re \oplus We)/R(x, y) = M\mathcal{W}$ . This shows that  $\psi'$  cannot be induced by multiplication, a contradiction. So we have shown that  $(e, 0) + R(x, y)$  cannot belong to  $M\mathcal{W}$ .

There is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -submodule  $M'$  of  $M$  which contains  $M\mathcal{W}$  and also the images of all  $R$ -homomorphisms  $R(1 - e_1) \rightarrow {}_R M$ , but which does not contain the element  $(e_1, 0) + R(x, y)$ . For, in the case where  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are orthogonal, choose  $M' = (We_1 \oplus Re_2)/R(x, y)$ . Since all matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  which induce endomorphisms of  ${}_R M$  satisfy  $r_{12}, r_{21} \in W$ , we see that  $M'$  is actually a  $\mathcal{C}$ -submodule. Obviously,  $M' \supseteq M\mathcal{W} = We_1 \oplus We_2/R(x, y)$ , and given an  $R$ -homomorphism  $R(1 - e_1) \rightarrow {}_R M$ , we may lift it to

$$R(1 - e_1) \xrightarrow{(r_1, r_2)} Re_1 \oplus Re_2$$

with  $r_i \in (1 - e_1)Re_i$ . But  $r_1 \in (1 - e_1)Re_1 \subseteq W$ , thus the image of  $(r_1, r_2)$  is contained in  $We_1 \oplus Re_2$ . Secondly, consider the case  $e_1 = e_2$ . In this case, let  $M' = M\mathcal{W}$ . Since every  $R$ -homomorphism  $R(1 - e_1) \rightarrow {}_R M$  again can be lifted to  $(r_1, r_2)$  where now both  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  belong to  $(1 - e_1)Re_1 \subseteq W$ , the image of  $R(1 - e_1) \rightarrow {}_R M$  has to be contained in

$$We_1 \oplus We_2/R(x, y) \subseteq M\mathcal{W} = M'.$$

So we see that also in the second case  $M'$  satisfies all conditions.

Also, there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -submodule  $M''$  of  $M_{\mathcal{G}}$  contained in  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{G}}$  and in the kernel of every  $R$ -homomorphism  ${}_R M \rightarrow R(1 - e_1)$ , and containing

$$(0 \oplus Je_2) + R(x, y)/R(x, y).$$

For, we simply may take the intersection of  $\text{Soc } M_{\mathcal{G}}$  and the kernels of all maps  ${}_R M \rightarrow R(1 - e_1)$ .

By construction,  $M/M'$  and  $M''$  both are semisimple  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules. Given  $z \in Je_2$ , there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -homomorphism  $\psi$  of the form

$$M_{\mathcal{G}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M/M' \rightarrow M'' \xrightarrow{\iota} M_{\mathcal{G}}$$

(where again  $\epsilon$  denotes the canonical epimorphism,  $\iota$  the embedding) mapping  $(e_1, 0) + R(x, y)$  onto the element  $(0, z) + R(x, y)$ . Since the image of every morphism  $R(1 - e_1) \rightarrow {}_R M$  is contained in  $M'$  and the kernel of every morphism  ${}_R M \rightarrow R(1 - e_1)$  contains  $M''$ , the trivial extension of  $\psi$  to  ${}_R M \oplus R(1 - e_1)$  belongs to the double centralizer of  ${}_R M \oplus R(1 - e_1)$ . Using the fact that  $R$  is a QF - 1 ring, we find an element  $\rho \in R$  which induces this extension. In particular, we have

$$\rho(e_1, 0) - (0, z) \in R(x, y).$$

Thus  $z \in Ry$ , as we wanted to prove.

**3. The main theorem.** The result of the previous section can be considered as a fourth socle condition for QF – 1 rings. Using these socle conditions we can show

**THEOREM.** *Let  $R$  be a QF – 1 ring and assume that the right socle  $J$  of  $R$ , considered as a left module, is projective. Then  $R$  is a QF – 3 ring.*

*Proof.* Obviously, we may assume that  $R$  is two-sided-indecomposable, i.e. that there are not two two-sided non-zero ideals  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  with  $R = I_1 \oplus I_2$ . Let  $e$  and  $f$  be primitive idempotents with  $f(L \cap J)e \neq 0$ . Then according to the second socle condition

$$\partial_R Le \times \partial fJ_R \leq 2.$$

We have to show that in our case the product actually is equal to 1. So, assume  $\partial_R Le = 2$  and consider first the case  $Le \subseteq Je$ . The third socle condition implies  $Le = Je$ . Since  $Je$  is a projective left  $R$ -module, and  $Je$  is properly contained in  $Re$ , we find a non-zero idempotent  $e'$  such that  $e$  and  $e'$  are orthogonal,  $Re'$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $Je$ , and  $fLe' \neq 0$ . Then  $fL \supseteq f(L \cap J)e \oplus fLe'$  and therefore  $\partial fL_R > 1$ , a contradiction to the first socle condition. If  $Le \not\subseteq Je$ , take a primitive idempotent  $f'$  and an element  $x = f'xe \in Le \setminus Je$ . Let  $e'$  be a primitive idempotent and  $w = we' \in W$  with  $0 \neq xw \in L \cap J$ . Then  $\partial f'L_R > 1$ , thus, using the fact that  $f'(L \cap J)e \neq 0$  the first socle condition implies  $\partial_R Je' = 1$ . As a consequence,  $Rxw = Je'$  is projective and since it is isomorphic to  $Rf'/Wf'$ , we conclude  $Wf' = 0$ , thus  $f'$  belongs to  $L$ . But since  $x \in f'Le \setminus J$  and  $Je \neq 0$ , we may apply the Proposition of section 2 to the opposite ring of  $R$  in order to conclude that  $xR = f'L$ , and therefore we find  $\rho \in R$  with  $f' = x\rho = f'x\rho$ . Right multiplication by  $x$  gives an isomorphism  $Rf' \rightarrow Re$ . But obviously  $Re \not\subseteq L$ , whereas  $Rf' \subseteq L$ . This contradiction proves that  $\partial_R Le = 1$ .

Secondly, assume  $\partial fJ_R = 2$ . If  $fJ \subseteq fL$ , then according to the first socle condition we have  $\partial_R Je = 1$  for every primitive idempotent  $e$  with  $fJe \neq 0$ . Thus  $fJ$  is a direct summand of  ${}_R J$ , and therefore also projective. This yields that  $Rf$  is of length 1, that is  $f \in L$ . But the socle condition (3\*) implies  $fL \subseteq fJ$ , thus  $Rf \subseteq L \cap J$ . Since  $R$  is assumed to be two-sided-indecomposable, we have  $R = RfR$ , and  $R$  is semisimple; but then  $\partial fR_R = 1$ , a contradiction. Next, assume  $fJ \not\subseteq fL$ , and take a primitive idempotent  $e'$  and an element  $y = fye' \in fJe' \setminus L$ . By the result of section 2,  $Ry = Je'$ , since we assume  $f(L \cap J)e \neq 0$ . Now, if  $Je'$  is a proper submodule of  $Re'$ , then using the fact that  $Je'$  is projective and local, we find a primitive idempotent  $e''$ , orthogonal to  $e'$ , with  $Je' = Re''$ . If  $f'$  is a primitive idempotent with  $f'(L \cap J)e' \neq 0$ , then also  $f'Le'' \neq 0$ , thus  $\partial f'L_R > 1$ . But since  $Je' \not\subseteq L$ , we also have  $\partial_R Je' > 1$ . Together with  $f'(L \cap J)e'$  this gives a contradiction to the first socle condition. So, we have to assume that  $Je' = Re'$ . Since  $Ry = Je'$  and  $y = fye'$ , we may assume  $e' = f$ . Now  $Rf \subseteq J$ , and  $f \notin L$ , thus no simple left ideal can be isomorphic to  $Rf/Wf$ . But this is a contradiction to  $fL \neq 0$ , and therefore we have shown  $\partial fJ_R = 1$ .

COROLLARY. A QF - 1 ring of left global dimension  $\leq 2$  is a QF - 3 ring.

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a QF - 1 ring of left global dimension  $\leq 2$ . If  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are generators of  $W_R$ , consider the maps

$$\varphi : {}_R R \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n {}_R R$$

with  $1\varphi = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . Then the right socle  $J$  of  $R$  is just the kernel of  $\varphi$ , so  ${}_R J$  has to be projective.

**4. Remarks.** If we consider the class of rings of left global dimension  $\leq 2$ , we asked in the introduction for a characterization of those rings  $R$  with  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$ . The following example shows that not all rings of global dimension  $\leq 2$  and dominant dimension  $\geq 2$  are QF - 1 rings.

Let  $R$  be a generalized uniserial ring with the Kupisch series

$$1, 2, 2, 3, 2.$$

Then, according to [3],  $R$  is not a QF - 1 ring, but since  $R$  is generalized uniserial and coincides with its complete ring of left quotients,  $\text{dom dim } R \geq 2$ . Also, the global dimension of  $R$  is 2.

On the other side, the QF - 1 rings of global dimension  $\leq 2$  are not all of dominant dimension  $\geq 3$ , as Morita's second example in [6] shows. It can easily be seen that the dominant dimension of this algebra is precisely 2.

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