

## Endomorphism Rings and Category Equivalences

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### INTRODUCTION

The use of category equivalences for the study of endomorphism rings stems from the Morita theorem. In a sense, this theorem can be viewed as stating that if  $P$  is a finitely generated projective generator of  $R\text{-mod}$  and  $S = \text{End}({}_R P)$ , then properties of  $P$  correspond to properties of  $S$  through the equivalence between the categories  $R\text{-mod}$  and  $S\text{-mod}$  given by the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(P, -)$ . Generalizations of this theorem were given in [4, 5]. In [4],  $P$  is only assumed to be finitely generated and projective, and  $\text{Hom}_R(P, -)$  gives in this case an equivalence between  $S\text{-mod}$  and a quotient category of  $R\text{-mod}$ , while in [5] it is shown that if  $P$  is a finitely generated quasiprojective self-generator, then the equivalence induced by the same functor is now defined between the category  $\sigma[P]$  of all the  $R$ -modules subgenerated by  $P$  and  $S\text{-mod}$ .

Later on, other category equivalences were constructed, in an analogous way to those already mentioned, by replacing  $S\text{-mod}$  by a certain quotient category of  $S\text{-mod}$ . Thus, in [14] Morita contexts are used to obtain a category equivalence between quotient categories of both  $R\text{-mod}$  and  $S\text{-mod}$  for an arbitrary  $R$ -module  $M$ . On the other hand, if  $M$  is a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective module, then it is shown in [8] that the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(M, -)$  induces an equivalence between quotient categories of  $\sigma[M]$  and  $S\text{-mod}$ , and the latter quotient category coincides with  $S\text{-mod}$  when  $M$  is finitely generated.

All the above constructions can be considered as particular cases of the following: if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category and  $M$  is an object of  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $S = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(M)$ , then the class of the  $M$ -distinguished objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  (in the sense of [10]) is the torsionfree class of a torsion

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theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence between the quotient category of  $\mathcal{C}$  modulo  $\mathbf{T}$  and a certain quotient category  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  of  $S\text{-mod}$  (Theorem 1.7). Moreover, this latter quotient category consists of all the  $S$ -modules if and only if  $M$  is a finitely generated quasiprojective object of  $\mathcal{C}$  which is *CQF-3* in the sense of [16]. In the first section of this paper, the properties of the foregoing construction are studied.

On the other hand, Ohtake [16] considers a situation which is slightly different from ours:  $\mathcal{C}$  is assumed to be a cocomplete abelian category with exact direct limits and the object  $M$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is supposed to be *CQF-3*. The above-mentioned class  $\mathbf{T}$  is also, in this case, a torsionfree class corresponding to a cohereditary torsion theory  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{T})$ . If  $M$  is codivisible with respect to this torsion theory, then another equivalence of categories is obtained between a co-Giraud subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  and the quotient category  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  to which we referred in the preceding paragraph. In Section 2, we show that if  $M$  is *CQF-3*, then the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose objects belong simultaneously to  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is also equivalent to  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  (Proposition 2.1). Thus, if  $M$  is codivisible there are three different full subcategories of  $\mathcal{C}$  which are equivalent to  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ . As a consequence, we give a short proof of [16, Theorem 2.5] for the case of  $\mathcal{C}$  being a Grothendieck category (Proposition 2.7).

Finally, the preceding results are applied in Section 3 to characterize the modules  $M$  such that the endomorphism ring  $S$  of  $M$  is a left semihereditary ring (Theorem 3.2), a left *CS*-ring (Theorem 3.5), or a left continuous ring (Proposition 3.7). This is done provided the module  $M$  satisfies certain conditions such as being weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed (this class of modules includes, for instance, all the  $M$ -distinguished and quasi-injective modules  $M$ , the  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective modules, the codivisible *CQF-3* modules, or the quasiprojective and trace-accessible modules).

Throughout this paper, all rings will be associative with 1 and all modules are left modules unless otherwise stated. A composition  $s \circ t$  of morphisms will be written, alternatively (in particular, when dealing with endomorphism rings), as  $ts$ . However, if  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are functors, then  $\mathbf{FG}$  will always mean the composition  $\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$ . The injective hull of a module  $N$  will be denoted by  $E(N)$ . A submodule  $L$  of  $N$  is said to be essentially closed when  $L$  has no proper essential extension within  $N$ . On the other hand, if  $I$  is a left ideal of a ring  $R$  and  $a \in R$ ,  $(I: a)$  stands for  $\{x \in R \mid xa \in I\}$ .

We assume that all functors between abelian categories are additive. A Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be locally finitely generated when it has a family of finitely generated generators. An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is called  $(\Sigma)$ -quasiprojective when for every finite (arbitrary) set  $I$  and every epimorphism  $p: X^{(I)} \rightarrow Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ , the induced morphism  $p_*: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, X^{(I)})$

$\rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  is surjective. An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is called *CQF-3* [16] when for every epimorphism  $p: Y \rightarrow Z$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ , the induced morphism  $p_*: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)$  is zero if and only if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) = 0$ .

Let  $M$  be an object of the Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{C}$ . An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is (finitely)  $M$ -generated if it is an epimorphic image of a (finite) direct sum  $M^{(I)}$  of copies of  $M$ . For each  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  there is a greatest  $M$ -generated subobject of  $X$ , which is the sum of all the  $M$ -generated subobjects of  $X$ , and will be denoted by  $X_M$ . For  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ , a module  $N$  is subgenerated by  $M$  if it is isomorphic to a submodule of an  $M$ -generated module and the full subcategory of  $R\text{-mod}$  whose objects are all the modules subgenerated by  $M$  is denoted by  $\sigma[M]$ . This category is a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category [20].

Recall from the definition of a torsion theory in a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{C}$  [18] that a class  $\mathbf{T}$  (resp.,  $\mathbf{F}$ ) of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be a torsion (resp., a torsionfree) class if it is closed under epimorphic images, extensions, and direct sums (resp., subobjects, extensions, and products). The torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is called hereditary (resp., cohereditary) when  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under subobjects (resp.,  $\mathbf{F}$  is closed under epimorphic images). The torsion radical associated to  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  will be denoted by  $t_{\mathbf{T}}$  (or  $\mathbf{t}$  if the torsion class  $\mathbf{T}$  is clear from the context). Unless otherwise stated, the torsion theories we consider in this paper are hereditary. A subobject  $L$  of an object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  will be called  $\mathbf{T}$ -saturated when  $X/L \in \mathbf{F}$ , and the  $\mathbf{T}$ -saturated subobjects of  $X$  form a complete lattice which we denote by  $\text{Sat}_{\mathbf{T}}(X)$ . If  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is a (not necessarily hereditary) torsion theory and  $X$  is an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $X$  is called  $\mathbf{T}$ -injective (resp.,  $\mathbf{T}$ -codivisible) if for each short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{p} N \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $N \in \mathbf{T}$  (resp.,  $L \in \mathbf{F}$ ), the induced homomorphism  $u^*: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, X)$  (resp.,  $p_*: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, N)$ ) is surjective.

If  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is a torsion theory in  $\mathcal{C}$ , the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  determined by  $\mathbf{T}$  is a localizing subcategory (in the sense of [6]) and thus there exists an associated quotient category  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}$ , which is a Grothendieck category, with canonical functor  $\mathbf{a}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}$ , which is exact.  $\mathbf{a}$  has a right adjoint  $\mathbf{i}: \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  which is full and faithful, and hence  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}$  can be identified with a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  consisting of all the objects  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  that are  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsionfree and  $\mathbf{T}$ -injective (these are called  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed objects). The composition  $\mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{a}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is usually known as the localization functor and  $\psi: 1_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{a}$  will denote the associated natural transformation. For further details about localization in Grothendieck categories, we refer the reader to [6, 18].

In the particular case  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ , each torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is given by a Gabriel filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of left ideals of  $R$  [18, VI.5.1]. In this case,  $\mathbf{T}$  will be replaced by  $\mathcal{F}$  in our notation (e.g., we write  $\mathcal{F}$ -injective,  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree, instead of  $\mathbf{T}$ -injective or  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsionfree), and the corresponding quotient

category will be denoted by  $(R, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ . Also, for a given module  $N$ ,  $N_{\mathcal{F}}$  will stand for  $\mathbf{a}(N)$  (or  $\mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{a}(N)$ ).

1. TORSION THEORIES OVER ENDOMORPHISM RINGS

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  a left  $R$ -module, and  $S = \text{End}({}_R M)$ , its endomorphism ring. The question of how properties of  $M$  are related to properties of  $S$  has been studied in many papers, through the construction of equivalences between certain subcategories of  $R\text{-mod}$  and of  $S\text{-mod}$ , as stated in the Introduction. Amongst them, we single out the following: (1) the study of the derived context of an arbitrary module [14]; (2) if  $M$  is *CQF-3* and codivisible, there is an equivalence of categories between full subcategories of  $R\text{-mod}$  and of  $S\text{-mod}$  [16]; (3) when  $M$  is a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective  $R$ -module, up to three different subcategories of  $R\text{-mod}$  are equivalent to a single full subcategory of  $S\text{-mod}$  [8, 9]. Our aim in this section is to obtain a generalization of the foregoing constructions.

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Grothendieck category and  $M$  an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is called  *$M$ -distinguished* if for any nonzero morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  there is a morphism  $g: M \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f \circ g \neq 0$ .

The preceding definition was given by Kato [10] for the particular case of a category of modules.

**PROPOSITION 1.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Grothendieck category and  $M$  an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The class  $\mathbf{F}$  of  $M$ -distinguished objects is a torsionfree class of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The corresponding torsion class  $\mathbf{T}$  is the smallest (hereditary) torsion class of  $\mathcal{C}$  containing all objects of the form  $X/X_M$  for  $X$  an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $U$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $\mathbf{T}$  is the smallest torsion class containing  $U/U_M$ .*

*Proof.* The fact that  $\mathbf{F}$  is a torsionfree class is proved in a straightforward way. Analogously to [9, Proposition 1.1] one can then show that  $\mathbf{T}$  is generated by all the objects of the form  $X/X_M$ . Finally, it is easy to see that for each  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $X/X_M$  is a quotient of a direct sum of copies of  $U/U_M$ , if  $U$  is a generator, from which the last statement of the proposition follows.

From now on, we will assume in this section that a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{C}$  is given and  $M$  is a fixed object of  $\mathcal{C}$ , with  $S = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(M)$ , the endomorphism ring of  $M$ . The torsion theory of Proposition 1.2 will be denoted by  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  and its associated torsion radical by  $\mathbf{t}$ , while  $\bar{X}$  will stand for  $X/\mathbf{t}(X)$ . The quotient category  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}$  will be written  $\mathcal{C}_M$ .  $\mathcal{C}_M$  can be identified with the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose objects are all the  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed

objects of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The canonical functor  $\mathbf{a}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_M$  is exact and has a right adjoint  $\mathbf{i}$ , which can be identified with the inclusion functor. These identifications will be assumed in the sequel. The canonical morphism  $\psi_M: M \rightarrow \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{a}(M)$  will be denoted by  $\psi$ .

LEMMA 1.3.  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{C}_M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h: M^{(\text{Hom}(M, X))} \rightarrow X$  be the canonical morphism for each  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed object  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\text{Coker } h \in \mathbf{T}$ , it follows from the exactness of the functor  $\mathbf{a}$  and the fact that  $\mathbf{a}$  commutes with direct sums that  $\mathbf{a}(h): \mathbf{a}(M)^{(\text{Hom}(M, X))} \rightarrow X$  is an epimorphism.

Given an object  $X$  of a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{A}$ , let us put  $R = \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(X)$ . By [13, Theorem VI.3.1], the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, -)$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $R\text{-mod}$  has a left adjoint which we denote by  $X \otimes_R -: R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ . If  $I$  is a left ideal of  $R$ , then  $XI$  will denote the image of the canonical morphism  $X \otimes_R I \rightarrow X \otimes_R R \cong X$ . Then it is clear that  $XI = \sum \{\text{Im } \alpha \mid \alpha \in I\}$ . Henceforth, we will use  $S'$  to denote the endomorphism ring of  $\mathbf{a}(M)$ ,  $S' = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_M}(\mathbf{a}(M)) \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{ia}(M))$ . There is a canonical ring homomorphism  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  given by  $\mu(f) = \mathbf{a}(f) (= \mathbf{ia}(f))$ .

PROPOSITION 1.4. *The class  $\mathcal{T}$  of all the left  $S'$ -modules  $X$  such that  $\mathbf{ia}(M) \otimes_{S'} X$  is a torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$  is a torsion class of  $S'\text{-mod}$ . If  $\mathcal{G}$  is the Gabriel filter on  $S'$  corresponding to this torsion theory, then the functor  $H = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{ia}(M), -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S'\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and the quotient category  $(S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod}$ .*

*Proof.* By [18, Theorem X.4.1], the functor  $H \circ \mathbf{i}: \mathcal{C}_M \rightarrow S'\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and the quotient category  $(S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod}$  of  $S'\text{-mod}$  corresponding to a certain torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}', \mathbf{F}')$  of  $S'\text{-mod}$ . Then, the composition of the localization functor from  $S'\text{-mod}$  to  $(S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod}$  followed by the equivalence is a left adjoint of  $H \circ \mathbf{i}$ , thus it can be identified with  $\mathbf{a} \circ G$ , where  $G = \mathbf{ia}(M) \otimes_{S'} -: S'\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ . Therefore a left  $S'$ -module  $X$  is  $\mathbf{T}'$ -torsion if and only if  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{ia}(M) \otimes_{S'} X) = 0$ , that is, if and only if  $\mathbf{ia}(M) \otimes_{S'} X$  is a torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{T}' = \mathcal{T}$ .

Note that the Gabriel filter  $\mathcal{G}$  consists of all the left ideals  $I$  of  $S'$  such that  $\mathbf{ia}(M)/\mathbf{ia}(M)I$  is a torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

It is natural to ask under what conditions the category equivalence of Proposition 1.4 results in an equivalence between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and a quotient category of  $S\text{-mod}$ . To answer this, we will need the following lemma.

LEMMA 1.5. *Let  $I$  be a left ideal of  $S$ . Then,  $M/MI$  is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $S'\mu(I) \in \mathcal{G}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $h: M^{(I)} \rightarrow M$  be the unique morphism such that, for each

$f \in I$ , we have  $h \circ q_f = f$ ,  $q_f: M \rightarrow M^{(I)}$  being the canonical injections. Then  $\text{Im } h = MI$  and we have an induced commutative diagram in  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^{(I)} & \xrightarrow{h} & M \\ \psi^{(I)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathbf{ia}(M)^{(I)} & \xrightarrow{h'} & \mathbf{ia}(M) \end{array}$$

where the existence of a unique  $h'$  follows from the facts that  $\mathbf{ia}(M)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed and  $\text{Ker } \psi^{(I)}$  and  $\text{Coker } \psi^{(I)}$  are  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion objects. Then,  $h'$  verifies  $h' \circ q'_f = \mu(f)$ , where the  $q'_f$  are the canonical injections from  $\mathbf{ia}(M)$  to  $\mathbf{ia}(M)^{(I)}$ . From this it follows that  $\text{Im } h' = \Sigma \{ \text{Im}(\mu(f)) \mid f \in I \} = \mathbf{ia}(M) S' \mu(I)$ . Thus we obtain a unique morphism  $g: MI \rightarrow \mathbf{ia}(M) S' \mu(I)$  such that  $\text{Coker } g$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion (because it is a quotient of  $\text{Coker } \psi^{(I)}$ ) and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & MI & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } h \cong M/MI & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow k & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{ia}(M) S' \mu(I) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{ia}(M) & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } h' \cong \mathbf{ia}(M)/\mathbf{ia}(M) S' \mu(I) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

is commutative with exact rows. Inasmuch as  $\text{Ker } \psi$  and  $\text{Coker } \psi$  are  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion,  $\text{Ker } k$  and  $\text{Coker } k$  are  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion as well, by the  $\text{Ker}$ – $\text{Coker}$  lemma. Therefore,  $M/MI$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion if and only if so is  $\mathbf{ia}(M)/\mathbf{ia}(M) S' \mu(I)$ , that is,  $M/MI$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion if and only if  $S' \mu(I)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

We are now ready to prove the main result of this section.

**THEOREM 1.6.** *Let  $j: (S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod} \rightarrow S'\text{-mod}$  be the inclusion functor and  $\mu_*: S'\text{-mod} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  the restriction of scalars functor. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\mu_* \circ j: (S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  has an exact left adjoint.
- (ii) For each  $S$ -monomorphism  $L \rightarrow N$ , the kernel of the induced morphism  $M \otimes_S L \rightarrow M \otimes_S N$  is a  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (iii) The class of all the left  $S$ -modules  $X$  such that  $M \otimes_S X$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion is a (hereditary) torsion class of  $S\text{-mod}$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{F} = \{ I \leq_S S \mid M/MI \text{ is a } \mathbf{T}\text{-torsion object of } \mathcal{C} \}$  is a left Gabriel topology of  $S$ .

Moreover, when these equivalent conditions hold, the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ , and  $S'$  is the ring of quotients of  $S$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $S' = S_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Since  $(S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_M$  are equivalent categories, the hypothesis implies that the functor  $\mu_* \circ H \circ \mathbf{i}$  from  $\mathcal{C}_M$  to  $S\text{-mod}$  has an exact left adjoint. By using the fact that, for all objects  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}_M$ , we have  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{ia}(M), \mathbf{i}(X)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, \mathbf{i}(X))$ , we see that the above functor is naturally equivalent to the composition  $\mathcal{C}_M \xrightarrow{\mathbf{i}} \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, \cdot)} S\text{-mod}$ . A left adjoint to this composition is precisely  $S\text{-mod} \xrightarrow{M \otimes_S -} \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{C}_M$ . But, by (i), this functor is exact and hence, bearing in mind that  $\mathbf{a}$  is also exact, we easily obtain that (ii) holds.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Since the class  $\{X \in S\text{-mod} \mid M \otimes_S X \text{ is T-torsion}\}$  is always closed under extensions, direct sums, and epimorphic images, it is only left to show that it is closed for submodules. But this follows from (ii) in a straightforward manner.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) By hypothesis,  $\{I \leq_S S \mid M \otimes_S (S/I) \text{ is T-torsion}\}$  is a left Gabriel topology [18, Theorem VI.5.1]. Since  $M \otimes_S (S/I) \cong M/MI$ , the result is clear.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) We first prove that  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  has  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion kernel and cokernel. Note that, as a left  $S$ -module,  $S'$  may be identified with  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, \mathbf{ia}(M))$ . Let then  $s \in \text{Ker } \mu$ , so that  $\text{Im } s \subseteq \mathfrak{t}(M)$  and  $M/\text{Ker } s$  is a T-torsion object. Hence if  $I = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, \text{Ker } s)$  then  $MI = (\text{Ker } s)_M$  and thus  $I \in \mathcal{F}$  and annihilates  $s$ . This shows that  $\text{Ker } \mu$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion. Now, let  $s' \in S'$  and consider the cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\beta} & M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow s' \\ M & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathbf{ia}(M) \end{array}$$

Since  $\text{Coker } \beta$  is a subobject of  $\text{Coker } \psi$ , it is T-torsion. Let  $I$  be the left ideal of  $S$  consisting of all the endomorphisms of  $M$  factoring through  $\beta$ . Then we have that  $MI = \beta(X_M)$  and hence  $M/MI$  is also T-torsion, because  $\text{Coker } \beta \cong M/\beta(X)$  and  $X/X_M$  are T-torsion. Thus  $I \in \mathcal{F}$  and, since  $\mu(S) = \{f \in S' \mid f = \psi \circ s, \text{ for some } s \in S\}$ , we see that  $Is' \subseteq \mu(S)$ , from which it follows that  $S'/\mu(S) \cong \text{Coker } \mu$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion module.

We then proceed to show that  $S'$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree. Let  $\mathcal{F}^e = \{I' \leq S' \mid \mu^{-1}(I') \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . We deduce from Lemma 1.5 that  $I' \in \mathcal{F}^e$  if and only if  $S'\mu\mu^{-1}(I') \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then, clearly  $\mathcal{F}^e \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ . Conversely, let  $I' \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $I'/S'\mu\mu^{-1}(I')$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion as a left  $S$ -module and it follows from [12, Lemma 2.2] and the fact that  $\mathcal{F}^e \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  that it is also  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsion. It is then immediate by using again Lemma 1.5 that  $I' \in \mathcal{F}^e$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}^e$  and, since  $S'$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsionfree, we conclude from [12, Theorem 2.5] that  $S'$  is also  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree as a left  $S$ -module.

Let  $S_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the ring of quotients of  $S$ ,  $\phi: S \rightarrow S_{\mathcal{F}}$  the canonical

homomorphism. Then, due to the facts that  $\mu$  has torsion kernel and cokernel and  $S_{\mathcal{F}}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -closed,  $\phi$  factors uniquely through  $\mu$ , in the form  $\phi = \sigma \circ \mu$ . Since  $S'$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree, we have that  $\text{Ker } \mu = \mathfrak{t}_{\mathcal{F}}(S) = \text{Ker } \phi$ , so that, bearing in mind that  $\mu(S)$  is essential in  $S'$ , we obtain that  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism. In fact, it is easy to see that  $\sigma$  is also a ring homomorphism, so that there is an exact sequence of  $S'$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow S' \xrightarrow{\sigma} S_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$ , where  $T$ , being an  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion  $S$ -module, is also  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsion by [12, Theorem 2.5]. Inasmuch as  $S'$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -closed,  $T$  must be zero and  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism. Then  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  can be considered as the ring of quotients of  $S$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$  and thus the functor  $\mu_* \circ j$  from  $(S', \mathcal{G})\text{-mod}$  to  $S\text{-mod}$  has an exact left adjoint [18, p. 217], proving (i).

When these equivalent conditions hold, then, as we have just seen,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}^e$  and the quotient category  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  consists exactly of the  $\mathcal{G}$ -closed  $S'$ -modules, viewed as left  $S$ -modules. Therefore, by Proposition 1.4, the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ .

Next we show that the conditions of Theorem 1.6 do hold under fairly general hypotheses.

**THEOREM 1.7.** *If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category, then the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  being the left Gabriel topology  $\{I \leq_S S \mid M/MI \text{ is } \mathbf{T}\text{-torsion}\}$ .*

*Proof.* It will be enough to prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  is indeed a left Gabriel topology on  $S$ , and then use Theorem 1.6. In order to do this, we only need to show that  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the following two properties (see [18, Lemma VI.5.2]):

- T3.  $(I: s) \in \mathcal{F}$  for every  $s \in S$  and every  $I \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- T4. If  $(I: s) \in \mathcal{F}$  for every  $s \in J$ , with  $J \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $I \in \mathcal{F}$ .

As a consequence of the fact that  $\{X \in S\text{-mod} \mid M \otimes_S X \in \mathbf{T}\}$  is always closed under extensions, direct sums, and quotients, property T4 is deduced in an entirely similar way to [18, Theorem VI.5.1]. To show that property T3 holds, let us consider for each object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  the following  $S$ -submodule  $X^*$  of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(M, X)$ ,  $X^* = \{f: M \rightarrow X \mid \text{there is } X_0 \leq X, X_0 \text{ finitely generated, and } \text{Im } f \subseteq X_0\}$ , and the morphism  $\phi: M^{(X^*)} \rightarrow X$  such that  $\phi \circ q_f = f$ , for every  $f \in X^*$ ,  $q_f: M \rightarrow M^{(X^*)}$  being the canonical injections. Since  $X$  is the direct union of its finitely generated subobjects (because  $\mathcal{C}$  is locally finitely generated), it is not hard to prove that  $\text{Coker } \phi$  is a quotient of a direct sum of objects of the type  $N/N_M$ , where  $N$  ranges over all the finitely generated subobjects of  $X$ . Consequently,  $\text{Coker } \phi$  is a



**T-torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .** Now, let  $I \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $s \in S$ , and let  $\alpha: M^{(I)} \rightarrow M$  be such that  $\alpha \circ q_f = f$ , for every  $f \in I$ . Consider then the cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad} & M \\ v \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ M^{(I)} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\alpha} & M \end{array}$$

where  $\text{Coker } \alpha \cong M/MI$  is **T-torsion** and thus so is  $\text{Coker } \beta \cong M/\beta(X)$ . Let  $X^*$  and  $\phi$  be as before; then  $X^*\beta = \{\beta \circ f \mid f \in X^*\} = J$  is a left ideal of  $S$  and  $MJ = \beta(\text{Im } \phi)$  is such that  $M/MJ$  is **T-torsion**, because, as we have just seen,  $\text{Coker } \phi$  is **T-torsion**. On the other hand, it is easy to see that if  $g \in J_S = X^*v\alpha (= \{\alpha \circ v \circ f \mid f \in X^*\})$ , then there exist a finite subset  $F \subseteq I$  and a morphism  $g': M \rightarrow M^{(F)}$  such that  $g = \alpha \circ u \circ g'$ ,  $u: M^{(F)} \rightarrow M^{(I)}$  being the canonical morphism. If we denote by  $q'_f: M \rightarrow M^{(F)}$  and  $p'_f: M^{(F)} \rightarrow M$  the canonical injections and projections for each  $f$  in  $F$ , we have  $g = \alpha \circ u \circ (\sum_F q'_f \circ p'_f) \circ g' = \sum_F (\alpha \circ q_f) \circ (p'_f \circ g') = \sum_F f \circ s_f$ , where  $s_f = p'_f \circ g' \in S$ . Thus  $g = \sum_F s_f f \in I$ , hence  $J_S \subseteq I$  and  $J \subseteq (I : s)$  from which property **T3** follows.

**EXAMPLES 1.8.** (a) Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ , so that  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module. Then  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is in this case the torsion theory of  $R\text{-mod}$  determined by the trace  $T_M$  of  $M$  on  $R$  ( $T_M = \Sigma \{\text{Im } \alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, R)\}$ ) and the corresponding quotient category  $\mathcal{C}_M$  coincides with the category  $\mathcal{U}_R$  in [14]. By Theorem 1.7, the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(M, -): R\text{-mod} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence between  $\mathcal{U}_R$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ . This equivalence is also obtained as a consequence of [14, Theorem 3].

(b) Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module and take  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$ , the category of all the left  $R$ -modules subgenerated by  $M$  [20]. Then the torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  is just the torsion theory of  $\sigma[M]$  given in [9, Proposition 1.1]. The quotient category in this case was denoted therein by  $\mathcal{C}[M]$  and it is equivalent to  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ , since  $\sigma[M]$  is a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category. The **T-torsionfree** modules of  $\sigma[M]$  are called  $M$ -faithful modules.

Some corollaries of the above results are worth mentioning.

**COROLLARY 1.9.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}({}_R M)$ . Then for each monomorphism  $L \rightarrow N$  in  $S\text{-mod}$ , the kernel of the induced homomorphism  $M \otimes_S L \rightarrow M \otimes_S N$  is a torsion  $R$ -module in the theory determined by the trace ideal  $T_M$  of  $M$  in  $R$ .*

**COROLLARY 1.10.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module,  $S = \text{End}({}_R M)$ , and  $N$  an*

*M*-faithful module. Then  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is an injective left *S*-module if and only if *N* is *M*-injective.

*Proof.* This is obtained from [9, Theorem 2.1], by removing the condition that all canonical homomorphisms  $M \otimes_S I \rightarrow M$  have torsion kernel, since we know by Theorem 1.7 that this is indeed the case.

**COROLLARY 1.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category and let us assume that *M* is *M*-distinguished and *S* is left nonsingular. Then the endomorphism ring of the injective hull of *M* is isomorphic to the maximal left ring of quotients of *S*.*

*Proof.* If *M* is **T**-torsionfree, then the injective hull of *M*,  $E(M)$ , coincides with the injective hull of  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  in the category  $\mathcal{C}_M$  [6, Proposition III.6]. Thus, in the equivalence of Theorem 1.7 it corresponds to the injective hull of  $S_{\mathcal{F}}$ , which is precisely  $E(S)$ , because *S* is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree. The endomorphism rings of these two corresponding objects are then isomorphic and, since *S* is left nonsingular, each of them is isomorphic to the maximal left ring of quotients of *S*.

Note that, in particular, if *M* satisfies the hypotheses of [21, Theorem 2.2], then *M* is clearly *M*-distinguished in *R*-mod and *S* is left nonsingular, so that [21, Theorem 2.2(ii)] can be deduced from Corollary 1.11.

Since we want to study properties of *S* by using the category equivalence of Theorem 1.7 it will be interesting to determine when the canonical homomorphism  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  is an isomorphism, for, in this case, *S* is an object of  $(S, \mathcal{F})$ -mod. To accomplish this, we need the following definitions.

**DEFINITION 1.12.** *M* will be called weakly *M*-distinguished if the following two conditions are verified: (i)  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{t}(M)) = 0$ ; and (ii) for every morphism  $f: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  there exists an endomorphism  $s$  of *M* such that  $p \circ s = f$ , where  $p: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  is the canonical projection.

It is clear that *M* is weakly *M*-distinguished if and only if the canonical ring homomorphism  $S \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{M})$  is an isomorphism.

**DEFINITION 1.13.** Let *X* be an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . *X* will be called **T**-*M*-injective if for each exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{u} M \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  such that *C* is a **T**-torsion object of  $\mathcal{C}$ , the canonical homomorphism  $u^*: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, X)$  is a surjection.

Finally, let us call *M* weakly **T**-closed when *M* is weakly *M*-distinguished and  $\bar{M}$  is **T**-*M*-injective. We have:

**PROPOSITION 1.14.**  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $M$  is weakly **T**-closed.

*Proof.* Since the canonical morphism  $\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbf{ia}(M)$  factors in the form  $M \xrightarrow{p} \bar{M} \xrightarrow{j} \mathbf{ia}(M)$ , where  $j = \psi_{\bar{M}}$  is a monomorphism, it is clear that if  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  is an isomorphism, then  $S \rightarrow \text{End}_R(\bar{M})$  is also an isomorphism. Thus, all we have to prove is that, under the assumption that  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished,  $\bar{M}$  is **T**- $M$ -injective if and only if  $\alpha(\bar{M}) \subseteq \bar{M}$  for every  $\alpha \in S'$ . So, let  $\bar{M}$  be **T**- $M$ -injective and  $\alpha \in S'$ . Then, let  $f = \alpha \circ \psi: M \rightarrow \mathbf{ia}(M)$  and  $L = f^{-1}(\bar{M})$ . It is clear that  $M/L$  is **T**-torsion and hence there exists  $h: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  such that the restrictions to  $L$  of  $h$  and  $f$  coincide. By composing  $h$  with  $j$  we have that  $j \circ h - f$  vanishes on  $L$ . Since  $M/L \in \mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{ia}(M) \in \mathbf{F}$ , this implies that  $j \circ h = f$ , so that  $\text{Im } f = \alpha(\bar{M}) \subseteq \bar{M}$ . Conversely, assume that this last condition holds for each  $\alpha \in S'$  and let  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{u} M \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence with  $C \in \mathbf{T}$ . If  $f: L \rightarrow \bar{M}$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $j \circ f: L \rightarrow \mathbf{ia}(M)$  induces  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbf{ia}(M)$  with  $g \circ u = j \circ f$ , by the **T**-injectivity of  $\mathbf{ia}(M)$ . By hypothesis, since  $\mathbf{ia}(g) \in S'$ , there exists an endomorphism  $h$  of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $j \circ h = \mathbf{ia}(g) \circ j$ . Then  $j \circ h \circ p \circ u = \mathbf{ia}(g) \circ j \circ p \circ u = g \circ u = j \circ f$ , which gives  $h \circ p \circ u = f$ , because  $j$  is a monomorphism. Thus  $h \circ p: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  is an extension of  $f$  to  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  is **T**- $M$ -injective.

*Remarks 1.15.* (a) If  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module and  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$ , then  $M$  is weakly **T**-closed if  $M$  is quasi-injective and  $M$ -faithful in the sense of [9]. On the other hand, if  $M$  is a *CQF*-3 object of the Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $M$  is weakly **T**-closed if and only if condition (ii) in Definition 1.12 holds; this happens, for instance, if  $M$  is quasiprojective. In particular, all projective objects are weakly **T**-closed.

(b) Note that  $M$  can be a *CQF*-3 object of  $\mathcal{C}$  without being weakly **T**-closed. For instance, let  $R$  be the ring  $\begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$  of upper triangular matrices over a field  $k$ ,  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $L = \begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  left ideals of  $R$ ,  $U = R/L$ , and  $M = N \oplus U$ . Take  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ . Then the trace of  $M$  on  $R$  is  $N$ , so that  $M$  is trace-accessible, hence *CQF*-3. But  $\bar{M} \cong U \oplus U$  and it is easy to see that the homomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$  which is zero over  $N$  and takes  $1 \in U \cong k$  to the pair  $(\bar{e}_{22}, 0)$  (where  $e_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ) cannot be lifted through the projection  $p: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$ , so that  $M$  is not weakly  $M$ -distinguished.

On the other hand, if  $M$  is weakly **T**-closed it need not be *CQF*-3. An example of this is obtained by taking a left self-injective ring  $A$  and an idempotent two-sided ideal  $I$  of  $A$  such that the right annihilator of  $I$  in  $A$  is zero (for instance, we could take  $A$  to be an infinite product of copies of a field  $k$ ,  $A = \prod_J k_j$ , with  $k_j = k$  for all  $j \in J$ , and  $I = \bigoplus_J k_j$ ). Then let  $R$  be the ring of upper triangular matrices  $R = \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$  and  $M$  be the two-sided ideal of  $R$ ,  $M = \begin{pmatrix} I & A \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$ . Then,  $M$  is not trace-accessible, since  $M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} I & I \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = N$  and the torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  of  $R\text{-mod}$  associated to  $M$  is just the torsion

theory whose Gabriel filter consists of all the left ideals of  $R$  containing  $N$ . Hence  $M$  is  $M$ -distinguished, as  $N$  does not annihilate any nonzero element of  $R$ , and it is not CQF-3. To see that  $M$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed, it is only left to show that it is  $\mathbf{T}$ - $M$ -injective. If we call  $N_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $N_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $M = N_1 \oplus N_2$ ,  $NN_1 = N_1$ ,  $NN_2 = N_3$ . Thus it will suffice to prove that each homomorphism  $h: N_3 \rightarrow N_2$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $N_2$ . But an easy computation shows that, since  $A$  is left self-injective, this is indeed the case.

(c) It may happen that  $M$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed as an object of a given category, but not when  $M$  is considered as an object of another category. For example, let  $M$  be a simple left  $R$ -module which is not isomorphic to a left ideal of  $R$ . Then, the trace of  $M$  on  $R$  is zero, so that when one takes  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ , then  $S'$  is the zero ring. But if  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$ , then  $M$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{C}$  and hence  $\mathbf{ia}(M) = M$  and  $S' = S$ . However, the converse situation cannot occur, that is, if  $M$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed as a left  $R$ -module, then  $M$  has the same property when considered as an object of  $\sigma[M]$ . This is shown in the next proposition.

**PROPOSITION 1.16.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished (resp., weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed) in  $R\text{-mod}$ , then  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished (resp., weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed) in  $\sigma[M]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  be the torsion theory of  $\sigma[M]$  associated to  $M$  and  $(\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{F}_1)$  the torsion theory of  $R\text{-mod}$  associated to  $M$ , and let  $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}_1$  be the corresponding radicals. Since each module belonging to  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\sigma[M]$  is clearly in  $\mathbf{F}$ , we have that each module of  $\mathbf{T}$  belongs to  $\mathbf{T}_1$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{t}(M) \subseteq \mathbf{t}_1(M)$ . Now, if  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished in  $R\text{-mod}$ , then  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{t}_1(M)) = 0$ , so that  $\mathbf{t}_1(M) \in \mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{t}_1(M) = \mathbf{t}(M)$ . Thus it follows that  $M$  is also weakly  $M$ -distinguished in  $\sigma[M]$ . The latter assertion is now immediate.

This result suggests that in order to study the endomorphism ring of a left  $R$ -module  $M$  by using the equivalence of categories given in Theorem 1.7 it is preferable to take  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$  than  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ .

When  $\mathcal{F}$  is the trivial topology  $\{S\}$ , then  $S\text{-mod}$  is equivalent to a quotient category of  $\mathcal{C}$ . We study next when this is the case.

**THEOREM 1.17.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be locally finitely generated and  $\mathcal{F}$  the filter  $\{I \leq_S S \mid M/MI \text{ is } \mathbf{T}\text{-torsion}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the trivial filter  $\mathcal{F} = \{S\}$  if and only if  $M$  is a finitely generated quasiprojective and CQF-3 object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $\mathcal{F} = \{S\}$ . If  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is an epimorphism and  $N$  is a nonzero  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion object, then  $X = \text{Ker } f \not\subseteq M$  satisfies that  $M/X \in \mathbf{T}$ . Consider  $I = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X)$  as a left ideal of  $S$ . Then  $MI = X_M$  and so  $M/MI$

is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion, so that  $I \in \mathcal{F}$ , which is a contradiction because  $I \neq S$ . This shows that  $\mathbf{T} = \{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \mid \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X) = 0\}$  and thus  $M$  is a  $CQF$ -3 object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

To show that  $M$  is finitely generated, we take  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  a directed family of subobjects of  $M$  with  $M = \sum_I M_i$ . It is straightforward to see that  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  is the direct union of the  $\mathbf{a}(M_i)$  in  $\mathcal{C}_M$ ; from the equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $S\text{-mod}$  and the fact that  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  corresponds to  $S$  in this equivalence, we get that  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  is finitely generated (and projective) in  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and hence  $\mathbf{a}(M) = \mathbf{a}(M_i)$  for some  $i \in I$ . This implies that  $M/M_i$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion and, since  $M$  is  $CQF$ -3, one has  $M = M_i$ , from which we see that  $M$  is finitely generated.

Let now  $p: M \rightarrow N$  be an epimorphism and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  an arbitrary morphism. By the exactness of the functor  $\mathbf{a}$  and the projectivity of  $\mathbf{a}(M)$  in  $\mathcal{C}_M$ , we obtain a morphism  $h: \mathbf{a}(M) \rightarrow \mathbf{a}(M)$  such that  $\mathbf{a}(p) \circ h = \mathbf{a}(f)$ . Since in this case  $M$  is, clearly, weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed, we have  $h = \mathbf{a}(g)$  for some  $g: M \rightarrow M$ . Then  $\mathbf{a}(p \circ g) = \mathbf{a}(f)$  and thus  $\text{Im}(p \circ g - f)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion. But  $\text{Im}(p \circ g - f)$  is a quotient of  $M$ , and hence zero. Therefore  $p \circ g = f$  and  $M$  is quasiprojective.

Conversely, let us suppose that  $M$  is  $CQF$ -3, finitely generated, and quasiprojective. As seen in Remark 1.15(a),  $M$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed. Furthermore, it is easy to see, by using [18, Lemma V.3.3; 1, Proposition I.1.8], that  $M$  is  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective. On the other hand, since  $M$  is  $CQF$ -3 we have that for a left ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $M/MI \in \mathbf{T}$  if and only if  $M = MI$ , that is,  $\mathcal{F} = \{I \leq_S S \mid MI = M\}$ . Let  $I \in \mathcal{F}$  and take  $p: M^{(I)} \rightarrow M$  to be such that  $p \circ q_f = f$  for every  $f \in I$ , the  $q_f$  being the canonical injections. The assumption that  $I \in \mathcal{F}$  implies that  $p$  is an epimorphism, and hence it splits, because  $M$  is  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective. Since  $M$  is finitely generated, it follows that there exists a finite subset  $F \subseteq I$  such that the canonical morphism  $p': M^{(F)} \rightarrow M$  is a split epimorphism. Then  $1_M = p' \circ u = p' \circ (\sum_F q'_f \circ g_f) = \sum_F f \circ g_f = \sum_F g_f f \in I$ , where  $u: M \rightarrow M^{(F)}$  induces  $g_f: M \rightarrow M$  for each  $f \in F$ , and  $q'_f: M \rightarrow M^{(F)}$  are the canonical injections. Thus  $I = S$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \{S\}$ .

*Remark 1.18.* If in Theorem 1.17 we drop the assumption of  $M$  being  $CQF$ -3, then the result is no longer true, as the example of a simple module in Remark 1.15(c) shows.

The preceding result is reminiscent of that of Fuller [5, Theorem 1.1] stating that if a full subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $R\text{-mod}$  which is closed under submodules, quotients, and direct sums is equivalent to a module category  $S\text{-mod}$ , then there is a left  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $S \cong \text{End}({}_R M)$  and  $M$  is a finitely generated and quasiprojective self-generator. In order to better study this connection we prove the following result.

**THEOREM 1.19.** *Let  $S$  be a ring and  $\mathcal{C}$  a Grothendieck category with a*

projective generator. Assume that  $(\mathbf{T}_0, \mathbf{F}_0)$  is a torsion theory in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{T}_0$  is closed under products and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a left Gabriel filter on  $S$  such that  $S$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -closed. If  $F: \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0 \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  is an equivalence of categories, then there exists an object  $M$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that:  $(\mathbf{T}_0, \mathbf{F}_0)$  is the torsion theory  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  associated to  $M$ ,  $S \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{M})$ ,  $F$  is naturally equivalent to the restriction to the subcategory  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0$  of the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{M}, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ , and  $\mathcal{F} = \{I \leq_S S \mid \bar{M}I = \bar{M}\}$ .

*Proof.* For each object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ , take  $d(X) = \bigcap \{Y \subseteq X \mid X/Y \in \mathbf{T}_0\}$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}_0$  is closed under products, we have that  $d$  is an epi-preserving preradical,  $X/d(X) \in \mathbf{T}_0$ , and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(d(X), Y) = 0$  for every  $Y \in \mathbf{T}_0$ . Let  $U$  be an object of  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0$  such that  $F(U) \cong S \cong S_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(U) = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0}(U) \cong \text{End}_S(S) = S$ . It follows easily that the functor  $F$  is naturally equivalent to  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(U, -) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0}(U, -)$  from  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0$  to  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ . Let  $L = d(U)$  and  $X \in \mathbf{F}_0$ : we claim that  $X/X_L \in \mathbf{T}_0$ , i.e.,  $d(X) \subseteq X_L$ . By using the fact that  $U$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0$ , we obtain a morphism  $q: U^{(I)} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}'(X)$  (where  $\mathbf{a}': \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0$  is the canonical functor) which has a  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion cokernel. Since  $\mathbf{a}'(X)/X$  is  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion, we have that  $U^{(I)}/q^{-1}(X)$  is also  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion and hence  $d(U^{(I)}) = L^{(I)} \subseteq q^{-1}(X)$  [1, Lemma 3.7.1]. On the other hand, if  $q': q^{-1}(X) \rightarrow X$  is the restriction of  $q$ , then we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow (X \cap \text{Im } q)/\text{Im } q' \rightarrow X/\text{Im } q' \rightarrow \mathbf{a}'(X)/\text{Im } q$ . Now,  $(X \cap \text{Im } q)/\text{Im } q'$  is a subobject of  $\text{Im } q/\text{Im } q'$  which, in turn, is a quotient of  $U^{(I)}/q^{-1}(X)$  and hence it is  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion. Since the third member of the sequence is also  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion, we get that  $X/\text{Im } q' \in \mathbf{T}_0$ . But the fact that  $q^{-1}(X)/L^{(I)}$  is  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion implies that  $\text{Im } q'/q'(L^{(I)}) \in \mathbf{T}_0$  and, consequently,  $X/q'(L^{(I)})$  is  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion. Then  $d(X) \subseteq q'(L^{(I)}) \subseteq X_L$ , establishing the claim.

Note that, by [18, Theorem X.4.1], the category  $\mathcal{C}$  is equivalent, via the exact functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow A\text{-mod}$  (where  $G$  is a projective generator of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(G)$ ), to a Giraud subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$ , and hence the objects, morphisms, and exact sequences of  $\mathcal{C}$  may be considered as being in  $A\text{-mod}$ . Now, let  $I = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, G/\mathbf{t}_0(G))$  and for each  $i \in I$ , consider the cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \longrightarrow & G \\ \downarrow f_i & & \downarrow p \\ L & \xrightarrow{i} & G/\mathbf{t}_0(G) \end{array}$$

where  $p$  is the canonical projection. Then  $f_i$  is an epimorphism, with  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion kernel. Let  $M$  be the limit of the morphisms  $f_i$  from  $X_i$  to  $L$ , so that there are morphisms  $g_i: M \rightarrow X_i$  such that  $f_i \circ g_i$  is a fixed  $h: M \rightarrow L$ . Considering the above diagrams as in  $A\text{-mod}$ , we see that every  $f_i$  is an epimorphism and therefore  $h$  is also an epimorphism. Furthermore,  $\text{Ker } h$ , being a product of  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion objects, is  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsion, so that there is an

exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow M \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ , with  $K \in \mathbf{T}_0$ . If  $\phi: L^{(I)} \rightarrow G/t_0(G)$  is induced by the  $i \in I$ , then Coker  $\phi \in \mathbf{T}_0$ , by our previous claim. Thus we have induced morphisms  $h': M^{(I)} \rightarrow L^{(I)}$  and  $g: M^{(I)} \rightarrow G$  such that  $h'$  is an epimorphism and  $\phi \circ h' = p \circ g$ , from which it follows that  $\text{Coker}(p \circ g) \cong G/\text{Im } g + t_0(G) \in \mathbf{T}_0$  and hence  $G/\text{Im } g \in \mathbf{T}_0$  and  $G/G_M \in \mathbf{T}_0$ . Let  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  be the torsion theory of  $\mathcal{C}$  associated to  $M$ . By Proposition 1.4,  $\mathbf{T} \subseteq \mathbf{T}_0$ . Since clearly  $M$  can be assumed to verify  $d(M) = M$ , we have also that  $\mathbf{T}_0 \subseteq \mathbf{T}$  and thus  $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}) = (\mathbf{T}_0, \mathbf{F}_0)$ .

On the other hand, note that  $\bar{M} = L$  and  $\mathbf{a}'(M) \cong U$ , so that the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(U, -): \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0 \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  is naturally equivalent to  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, -): \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0 \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  and hence this functor is equivalent to  $F$ . Besides,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, U/L) = 0$  implies that  $S \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(U) \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(L) = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{M})$ . The final assertion of the theorem follows from the fact that  $\bar{M}$  has no nonzero torsion quotients, along with Theorem 1.6.

*Remark 1.20.* It follows from the proof of the theorem that the condition of  $\mathcal{C}$  having a projective generator may be replaced by either the existence of a  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -torsionfree generator of  $\mathcal{C}$  or the condition that  $\mathcal{C}$  is equivalent to a quotient category  $(R, \mathcal{H})\text{-mod}$  such that  $\mathcal{H}$  is the left Gabriel filter of the ring  $R$  generated by an idempotent ideal. In the first case,  $M = L = \bar{M}$  and  $S \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(M)$ . To complete the proof in the second case, note that, with the notation used above,  $\text{Im } h = \bigcap \{\text{Im } f_i \mid i \in I\}$  in  $R\text{-mod}$ , so that  $h$  is also an epimorphism of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

On the other hand, if we delete the hypothesis of  $\mathbf{T}_0$  being closed under products, then the result is no longer true, as the example of [10, Example 5] shows. Finally, the assumption of  $S$  being  $\mathcal{F}$ -closed is not restrictive, because in the general case a similar result to that of the theorem holds with  $S_{\mathcal{F}}$  instead of  $S$ .

**COROLLARY 1.21.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Grothendieck category with a projective generator and  $\mathbf{T}_0$  a torsion class of  $\mathcal{C}$  which is closed under products. Assume that there is an equivalence  $F: \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0 \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  for some ring  $S$ . Then there exists an object  $M$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $M$  is a finitely generated, quasiprojective, and CQF-3 object of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $F$  is naturally equivalent to the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, -): \mathcal{C}/\mathbf{T}_0 \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$ ,  $S \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(M)$ , and  $\mathbf{T}_0 = \{X \mid \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X) = 0\}$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 1.19 and the proof of Theorem 1.17.

## 2. CQF-3 OBJECTS

We keep the notations and general setting of the preceding section. As stated earlier,  $M$  is CQF-3 if and only if for every object  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $X \in \mathbf{T}$  if and only if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X) = 0$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{T}$  is, in this case, closed under

products and hence  $\mathbf{T}$  is also a torsionfree class for a (not necessarily hereditary) torsion theory. However,  $\mathbf{T}$  may be closed under products without  $M$  being *CQF-3*. For instance, if  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$ , then  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products if and only if the trace ideal  $T_M$  of  $M$  on  $R$  is idempotent [18, Proposition VI.6.12], while  $M$  is *CQF-3* if and only if  $T_M M = M$  (see [16]) and thus if  $T_M = 0$  and  $M \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products but  $M$  is not *CQF-3*.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products and let  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{T})$  be the corresponding cohereditary torsion theory.  $\mathbf{d}$  will denote the associated radical, which is epimorphism-preserving [15, Lemma 1.8]. Let  $\mathcal{C}D_M$  be the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose objects are precisely those which belong simultaneously to  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ . Then we have the following result.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be closed under products. Then the functor  $\mathcal{C}D_M \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_M$  given by  $X \rightarrow \mathbf{a}(X)$  is an equivalence of categories with inverse defined by  $Z \rightarrow \mathbf{d}(Z)$ .*

*Proof.* It is an easy exercise to verify that if  $X$  is in  $\mathcal{C}D_M$ , then  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{a}(X)) = X$ , and if  $Z$  is in  $\mathcal{C}_M$ , then  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{d}(Z)) \cong Z$ .

We are going to show next that the study of weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed objects  $M$  reduces to that of weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed *CQF-3* objects  $M$ , when  $\mathbf{T}$  is assumed to be closed under products.

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *If  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products, then  $\mathbf{d}(M)$  is *CQF-3*. Moreover, if  $M$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed, then  $\mathbf{d}(M)$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed and  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{d}(M)) \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $X$  in  $\mathbf{D}$ . The canonical morphism  $M^{\text{Hom}(M, X)} \rightarrow X$  is an epimorphism (because its cokernel must belong to both  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ ) and hence it induces an epimorphism  $\mathbf{d}(M)^{\text{Hom}(M, X)} \rightarrow X = \mathbf{d}(X)$ . This proves that  $\mathbf{D}$  consists precisely of all the objects generated by  $\mathbf{d}(M)$ , so that  $\mathbf{d}(M)$  is *CQF-3* [16, Lemma 2.2]. On the other hand, in view of the facts that  $\mathbf{ad}(M) \cong \mathbf{a}(M)$  and  $M/\mathbf{d}(M)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion, we have  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{d}(M)) \cong S \cong S' \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{d}(M)))$ , thus showing that  $\mathbf{d}(M)$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed.

According to [19, Theorem 1.8], if  $M$  is *CQF-3* and  $\mathcal{C}$  has enough projectives, then every object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  has a colocalization with respect to  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{T})$  (that is, a morphism  $f: Q \rightarrow X$  such that  $Q$  is  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible,  $Q \in \mathbf{D}$ , and  $\text{Ker } f$  and  $\text{Coker } f$  are in  $\mathbf{T}$ ). In fact, if  $M$  is *CQF-3* and has a colocalization  $f: Q \rightarrow M$ , then every object of  $\mathcal{C}$  has a colocalization (by the same argument of the proof of [16, Theorem 2.6(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)]). Now, we will see that if we want to study endomorphism rings of *CQF-3* and weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed objects  $M$  such that  $M$  has a colocalization, we may already suppose that  $M$  is  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible.



**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *If  $M$  is CQF-3 and  $f: Q \rightarrow M$  is a colocalization of  $M$ , then  $Q$  is also CQF-3 and  $Q$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed. Moreover, if  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished, then  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q) \cong S$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is  $Q$ -generated and  $Q \in \mathbf{D}$ , it is clear that  $\mathbf{D}$  consists of all the  $Q$ -generated objects of  $\mathcal{C}$ , so that  $Q$  is CQF-3 [16, Lemma 2.2].  $Q$  is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed, because it is  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible. Also, a direct argument shows that  $\bar{M} \cong \bar{Q}$  and  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q) \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{M})$ . Therefore, if  $M$  is weakly  $M$ -distinguished, then clearly  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q) \cong S$ .

Let us assume that  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products. We denote by  $\mathcal{C}^M$  the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose objects are all the  $\mathbf{D}$ -torsion and  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible objects of  $\mathcal{C}$ . It is shown in [19] that, if every object of  $\mathcal{C}$  has a colocalization with respect to  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{T})$ , then the inclusion functor  $\mathbf{u}: \mathcal{C}_M \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  has an exact right adjoint  $\mathbf{c}$ , which assigns to each object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  its colocalization object. Moreover, we recall the following result, which was proved in [19, Proposition 4.4].

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** *Assume that  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products and that each object of  $\mathcal{C}$  has a colocalization with respect to  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{T})$ . Then, the restrictions to  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $\mathcal{C}^M$  of the functors  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ , respectively, are inverse equivalences of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $\mathcal{C}^M$ .*

If, in particular,  $M$  is CQF-3 and  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible, then the hypotheses of Proposition 2.4 are fulfilled. In this case, an easy check shows that the category  $\mathcal{C}_M$  consists of all those objects  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that there exists an exact sequence of the form  $M^{(I)} \rightarrow M^{(J)} \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ . These are precisely the objects which have  $M$ -codominant dimension  $\geq 2$ , according to the terminology of [17].

Under the hypotheses of Proposition 2.4, we have that each of the categories  $\mathcal{C}_M, \mathcal{C}^M$ , and  $\mathcal{C}D_M$  is equivalent to  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ . With an additional assumption, we obtain up to six equivalent categories, as shown below.

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *Assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a locally finitely generated Grothendieck category with a projective generator  $U$  and that the object  $M$  is such that  $\mathbf{T}$  is closed under products. Let  $J$  be the left ideal of  $S$  consisting of all the endomorphisms  $f$  of  $M$  which factor in the form  $f = h \circ g$ , where  $h: U^n \rightarrow M$  and  $g: M \rightarrow U^n$  verify that  $\text{Im } h \subseteq \mathbf{d}(M)$  and  $\text{Im } g$  is contained in a finitely generated subobject  $U'$  of  $U^n$ . Then, the left Gabriel filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $S$  consists of all left ideals  $I$  such that  $J \subseteq I$ .*

*Proof.* The same methods used in the proof of Theorem 1.7 show, in this case, that  $J \in \mathcal{F}$ . On the other hand, if  $I \in \mathcal{F}$ , then there is  $M'$  such that  $\mathbf{d}(M) \subseteq M' \subseteq M$  and an epimorphism  $\pi: M^{(I)} \rightarrow M'$ , with  $f = \pi \circ q_f$  for

each  $f \in I$  (where, as usual,  $q_f$  are the canonical injections). If  $\alpha \in J$ ,  $\alpha = h \circ g$ , with  $\text{Im } h \subseteq \mathbf{d}(M) \subseteq M'$ , and  $\text{Im } g \subseteq U'$ ,  $U'$  being a finitely generated sub-object of some  $U^n$ . The projectivity of  $U^n$  implies that  $h: U^n \rightarrow M$  factors through  $\pi$ , and it is then clear that  $\alpha$  factors through some canonical injection  $M^{(F)} \rightarrow M^{(I)}$ ,  $F$  being a finite set, from which it follows that  $\alpha \in I$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F} = \{I \leq_S S \mid J \subseteq I\}$ .

By Proposition 2.5,  $J$  is an idempotent two-sided ideal and the torsion theory of  $S\text{-mod}$  associated to  $J$  verifies that its torsion class is closed under products and that each object of  $S\text{-mod}$  has a colocalization [19, Theorem 1.8]. Thus the quotient category  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  is equivalent, by Propositions 2.1 and 2.4, to the full subcategories of  $S\text{-mod}$  consisting of: (i) the  $J$ -generated  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree  $S$ -modules; and (ii) the  $J$ -generated and codivisible  $S$ -modules (this latter category is the category  ${}_J\mathcal{C}$  of [11]). Thus we have the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *In the hypotheses of Proposition 2.5, the following six categories are equivalent. (i)  $\mathcal{C}_M$ , (ii)  $\mathcal{C}^M$ , (iii)  $\mathcal{C}D_M$ , (iv)  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ , (v)  ${}_J\mathcal{C}$ , and (vi) the category of all  $J$ -generated and  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree left  $S$ -modules.*

When one takes a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective module  $M$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$  then we have in particular [9, Theorem 1.3]. On the other hand, the equivalence between  $\mathcal{C}^M$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  is given in [16, Theorem 2.5] under the more general assumption that  $\mathcal{C}$  be a cocomplete abelian category with exact direct limits. In fact, [16, Theorem 2.5] identifies also the colocalization and localization functors  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ . This we do now in a shorter way ( $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  below denote the inclusion functor from  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  to  $S\text{-mod}$  and its left adjoint, respectively).

**PROPOSITION 2.7.** *If  $M$  is CQF-3 and  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible, then the colocalization functor  $\mathbf{u} \circ \mathbf{c}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is equivalent to the composition of the functors  $H = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  followed by  $G = M \otimes_S -: S\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ . On the other hand, the localization functor  $\mathbf{j} \circ \mathbf{b}: S\text{-mod} \rightarrow S\text{-mod}$  is equivalent to the composition  $H \circ G$ .*

*Proof.* By Propositions 1.4 and 2.4, and the fact that  $S' \cong S$  in this case, we see that the functor  $F: \mathcal{C}^M \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  given on objects by  $F(Z) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{iau}(Z))$  is an equivalence, whose inverse is given by  $F': (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^M$ , with  $F'(X) = \mathbf{c}(M \otimes_S X)$ . Thus for each object  $Z$  of  $\mathcal{C}^M$  one has a canonical isomorphism between  $Z$  and  $\mathbf{c}(M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{iau}(Z)))$ . But it follows from the fact that  $M$  is CQF-3 and  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisible that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{iau}(Z)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{u}(Z))$  and that  $M \otimes_S Y$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}^M$  for every  ${}_S Y$  (because it has  $M$ -codominant dimen-

sion  $\geq 2$ ), so that  $\mathbf{u}(Z) \cong M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{u}(Z))$ . This gives that, for each  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{uc}(X) \cong M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{uc}(X))$ . But again the conditions on  $M$  clearly imply that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{uc}(X)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X)$ , so that there is a natural isomorphism  $M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, X) \cong \mathbf{uc}(X)$ .

To prove the second part of the proposition, note that one can easily show that the equivalence of Theorem 1.6 gives in this case that for each object  $X$  of  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  there is a canonical isomorphism  $X \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, M \otimes_S X)$ . It follows that if  $M$  is CQF-3 and weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed, the localization functor assigns to each left  $S$ -module  $Y$  the  $S$ -module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, \mathbf{ia}(M \otimes_S Y))$ . The  $\mathbf{D}$ -codivisibility of  $M$  now implies the result.

### 3. APPLICATIONS TO THE STUDY OF ENDOMORPHISM RINGS

In this section  $M$  will be a left  $R$ -module,  $S = \text{End}({}_R M)$ . As suggested by Proposition 1.16, we shall take  $\mathcal{C} = \sigma[M]$  from now on. We need the following definition, due to Brodskii [2].

**DEFINITION 3.1.** A left  $R$ -module  $M$  will be called intrinsically projective when for every natural number  $n$  and every epimorphism  $p: M^n \rightarrow L$ , where  $L$  is a submodule of  $M$ , the induced homomorphism  $p_*: \text{Hom}_R(M, M^n) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, L)$  is surjective.

From [2, Lemma 2] it follows that  $M$  is intrinsically projective if and only if every finitely generated left ideal  $I$  of  $S$  verifies  $I = \{f \in S \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq MI\}$ , so that  $I$  can be identified, in this case, with  $\text{Hom}_R(M, MI)$ . We have the following result.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module which is weakly  $\mathbf{T}$ -closed as an object of  $\sigma[M]$ . The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $S$  is left semihereditary.
- (ii)  $M$  is intrinsically projective and for every finitely  $M$ -generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a direct summand of  $M^n$  for some integer  $n$ .
- (iii)  $M$  is intrinsically projective and for every finitely  $M$ -generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ , where  $K$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion and  $L$  is a direct summand of  $M^n$  for some integer  $n$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) By hypothesis, every finitely generated left ideal  $I$  of  $S$  is a direct summand of some  $S^r$  and hence  $I$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -closed, in view of Proposition 1.14. By [18, Proposition IX.4.2],  $I$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated in  $S$ . Now,

if  $J = \text{Hom}_R(M, MI) \leq S$ , we have a commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 M \otimes_S I & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_S J & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_S (J/I) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & MI & \xrightarrow{1} & MI & \longrightarrow & 0 & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 0 & & & & & & 0
 \end{array}$$

By the Ker-Coker lemma,  $\text{Ker } g \cong M \otimes_S (J/I)$  is isomorphic to a quotient of  $\text{Ker } f$ , which is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion by Theorems 1.6 and 1.7. Therefore,  $J/I$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsion and hence  $J = I$ , because  $S/I$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree. This means that  $M$  is intrinsically projective.

Let now  $M^n \xrightarrow{p} N \rightarrow 0$  be exact, with  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Inasmuch as  $M$  is intrinsically projective, we have that  $p_* : \text{Hom}_R(M, M^n) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is surjective. Since  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a finitely generated left ideal of  $S$ , we have that  $p_*$  splits. By tensoring with  $M$  we get that  $M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a direct summand of  $M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(M, M^n) \cong M^n$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) If  $N$  is a finitely  $M$ -generated submodule of  $M$ , then the canonical homomorphism  $\phi : M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \rightarrow M$  verifies that  $\text{Ker } \phi$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion, by Theorems 1.6 and 1.7,  $\text{Im } \phi = N$ , and  $M \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a direct summand of  $M^n$  for some  $n$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $I$  be a finitely generated left ideal of  $S$ . By (iii) there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \rightarrow MI \rightarrow 0$ , where  $K$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion and  $L$  is a direct summand of  $M^n$ . Since  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{t}(M)) = 0$  by the hypothesis,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{t}(M^n)) = 0$  and hence  $\text{Hom}_R(M, K) = 0$ . On the other hand, taking into account that  $M$  is intrinsically projective,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, L) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, MI)$  is an epimorphism and, in fact, an isomorphism. Since  $\text{Hom}_R(M, L)$  is a direct summand of  $\text{Hom}_R(M, M^n) \cong S^n$ ,  $I = \text{Hom}_R(M, MI)$  is a projective left  $S$ -module.

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *If  $M$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ - $M$ -injective and  $M$ -distinguished in  $\sigma[M]$ , then  $S$  is left semihereditary if and only if  $M$  is intrinsically projective and every finitely  $M$ -generated submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of some  $M^n$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *If  $M$  is a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective left  $R$ -module, then  $S$  is left semihereditary if and only if every finitely  $M$ -generated submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of some  $M^n$ .*

Note that [7, Theorem 7] is a consequence of Corollary 3.4.

In [3] a module  $M$  is called a  $CS$ -module when every essentially closed

submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and a ring  $R$  is a left CS-ring when  ${}_R R$  is a CS-module. Clearly,  $M$  is a CS-module if and only if every submodule of  $M$  is essential in a direct summand. We have the following result.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be weakly  $M$ -distinguished in  $\sigma[M]$ . Then  $S$  is a left CS-ring if and only if  $\bar{M}$  is a CS-module.*

*Proof.* Assume first that  $S$  is left CS and let  $X \subseteq \bar{M}$ . It is easy to see that there exists an  $M$ -generated submodule  $X_0$  of  $M$  such that  $p(X_0) \subseteq X$  and  $X/p(X_0) \in \mathbf{T}$ ,  $p$  being the canonical projection of  $M$  onto  $\bar{M}$ . If  $I = \{f \in S \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq X_0\}$ , then, by hypothesis,  $I$  is essential in  $Se$  for some idempotent  $e$  of  $S$ . Let  $N = \text{Im } e$ ; thus we have that  $Se = \{f \in S \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq N\}$ . Then  $p(N)$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{M}$ ,  $p(X_0) \subseteq p(N)$ , and we have a commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & p(X_0) & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & X/p(X_0) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & p(N) & \xrightarrow{u} & \bar{M} & \longrightarrow & \bar{M}/p(N) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

where the vertical arrow on the right must be zero since  $X/p(X_0)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion and  $\bar{M}/p(N) \in \mathbf{F}$ . Thus there exists  $v: X \rightarrow p(N)$  such that  $u \circ v = j$  and so  $X \subseteq p(N)$ . To prove that  $\bar{M}$  is a CS-module it will be enough to show that  $p(X_0)$  is essential in  $p(N)$ . To see this, let  $0 \neq Y \subseteq p(N)$ . By the same reasoning made above, there exists an  $M$ -generated submodule  $Y_0$  of  $M$  such that  $0 \neq p(Y_0) \subseteq Y$ . Let  $J$  be the left ideal of  $S$ ,  $J = \{f \in S \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq Y_0\} \neq 0$ . Since  $Y_0 \subseteq N$ , we have  $J \subseteq Se$  and, inasmuch as  $I$  is essential in  $Se$ ,  $I \cap J \neq 0$ . But if  $f \in I \cap J$  and  $f \neq 0$ , then  $\text{Im } f \subseteq Y_0 \cap X_0$ . Therefore  $Y_0 \cap X_0$  is not  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsion (because  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{t}(M)) = 0$  by hypothesis) and thus  $p(Y_0) \cap p(X_0) \neq 0$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\bar{M}$  is a CS-module and let  $I$  be an essentially closed left ideal of  $S$ . Calling  $\bar{S} = \text{End}({}_R \bar{M}) \cong S$ ,  $I$  may also be considered as a left ideal of  $\bar{S}$ . Since, as it was seen in the proof of Theorem 1.6, the torsion ideal of  $S$ ,  $\mathbf{t}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)$ , is just  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{t}(M))$ ,  $S$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree and hence the essentially closed left ideals of  $S$  are precisely the essentially closed elements of the lattice  $\text{Sat}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)$ . By the equivalence of categories between  $\mathcal{C}_M$  and  $(S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$ , this lattice is isomorphic to the lattice  $\text{Sat}_{\mathbf{T}}(\bar{M})$ , by means of the mapping  $J \rightarrow \psi_{\bar{M}}^{-1}(\mathbf{ia}(\bar{M}J))$ , and hence in this isomorphism the left ideal  $I$  corresponds to  $X = \psi_{\bar{M}}^{-1}(\mathbf{ia}(\bar{M}I))$ , which is an

essentially closed submodule of  $\bar{M}$ , for  $\bar{M}$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsionfree. By hypothesis, there is an idempotent  $e$  in  $\bar{S}$  such that  $\bar{M}e = X$  and thus  $\bar{S}e = \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, X)$ . By using the equivalence of categories of Theorems 1.6 and 1.7, it is easily seen that the localization functor  $\mathbf{b}: S\text{-mod} \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{F})\text{-mod}$  is given by  $\mathbf{b}(N) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{ia}(M \otimes_S N))$ . Therefore  $I_{\mathcal{F}}$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{ia}(M \otimes_S I)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, \mathbf{ia}(MI)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \mathbf{ia}(\bar{M}I))$  and, since  $S$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree,  $I$  is an essential  $\bar{S}$ -submodule of  $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \mathbf{ia}(\bar{M}I))$ . Now,  $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \bar{M}I) \subseteq \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, X) \subseteq \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \mathbf{ia}(\bar{M}I))$  and hence the left ideal  $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, X)$  of  $\bar{S}$  is an essential extension of  $I$ , so that  $I = \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, X) = \bar{S}e$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{S} \cong S$ .

The following corollary generalizes [3, Corollary 3.6].

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *If  $M$  is  $M$ -distinguished in  $\sigma[M]$ , then  $S$  is a left CS-ring if and only if  $M$  is a CS-module.*

A particular class of left CS-rings is that of left continuous rings. Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be left continuous when  $R$  is a left CS-ring such that if a left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $R$ , then  $I$  is also a direct summand of  $R$ . The concept of a continuous module is analogous.

**PROPOSITION 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be weakly  $M$ -distinguished in  $\sigma[M]$ . Then  $S$  is a left continuous ring if and only if  $\bar{M}$  is a continuous module.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be left continuous and  $\bar{S} = \text{End}_R(\bar{M}) \cong S$ . In view of Theorem 3.5, we only have to show that if  $L$  and  $N$  are isomorphic submodules of  $\bar{M}$  and  $N$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{M}$ , then so is  $L$ . Put  $I = \{f \in \bar{S} \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq L\}$  and  $J = \{f \in \bar{S} \mid \text{Im } f \subseteq N\}$ . It is clear that the isomorphism  $L \cong N$  induces an isomorphism between  $I$  and  $J$ . Now,  $J$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{S}$  and, by hypothesis, so is  $I$ . Since  $L \cong N$  is  $M$ -generated,  $L = L_M = \bar{M}I$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{M}$ .

To prove the converse, let  $e$  be an idempotent of  $\bar{S}$  with  $N = \bar{M}e$  and  $p: \bar{S}e \rightarrow I$  an isomorphism between  $\bar{S}e$  and a left ideal  $I$  of  $\bar{S}$ . If  $p(e) = h \in I$ , then the annihilator  $\text{ann}_{\bar{S}}(e)$  is just  $\text{ann}_{\bar{S}}(h)$  and, since  $\text{ann}_{\bar{S}}(e) = \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \text{Ker } e)$  and  $\text{ann}_{\bar{S}}(h) = \text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, \text{Ker } h)$ , we have  $\text{Ker } e = (\text{Ker } h)_M$ . Now,  $\text{Ker } h / \text{Ker } e$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $N$ , which is  $\mathbf{T}$ -torsionfree and hence  $\text{Ker } e = \text{Ker } h$ . If we call  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  to the canonical injections of  $N$  and  $L = \bar{M}h$ , respectively, into  $\bar{M}$  and  $e_1: \bar{M} \rightarrow N$  and  $h_1: \bar{M} \rightarrow L$  are such that  $u_1 \circ e_1 = e, u_2 \circ h_1 = h$ , then the above equation gives an isomorphism  $\theta: N \rightarrow L$  such that  $\theta \circ e_1 = h_1$ . Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow L$  be an arbitrary homomorphism. Then the image of  $\theta^{-1} \circ f$  is contained in  $N$  and thus there exists  $s \in \bar{S}$  with  $\theta^{-1} \circ f = e_1 \circ s$ , so that  $f = (\theta \circ e_1) \circ s = h_1 \circ s$  and hence the left ideal  $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}, L)$  is contained in  $\bar{S}h = I$ , and both ideals coincide. Since  $\bar{M}$  is continuous and  $L \cong N$ ,  $L$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{M}$

and therefore  $I$  is a direct summand of  $\bar{S}$ . Finally, Theorem 3.5 completes the proof.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be left Kasch [18, Chap. XIV] when  $E({}_R R)$  is a cogenerator of the category  $R\text{-mod}$ . A module  $M$  is called an  $RZ$ -module if every simple quotient of  $M$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $M$ . In [9, Theorem 3.1] it is shown that the endomorphism ring of a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective module  $M$  is left Kasch if and only if  $\bar{M}$  is a finitely generated  $RZ$ -module. More generally, we have the following result.

**PROPOSITION 3.8.** *Suppose that  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \mathfrak{t}(M)) = 0$ . Then  $S$  is a left Kasch ring if and only if  $M$  is a finitely generated quasiprojective module and  $\bar{M}$  is an  $RZ$ -module.*

*Proof.* By our assumption,  $S$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree. The condition of  $S$  being left Kasch implies that every simple quotient of  $S$  is isomorphic to a left ideal and hence  $\mathcal{F}$ -torsionfree. Thus there is no proper left ideal of  $S$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the trivial filter,  $\mathcal{F} = \{S\}$ . By Theorem 1.17,  $M$  is a finitely generated and quasiprojective module, so that  $M$  is a  $\Sigma$ -quasiprojective module [1, Proposition I.1.8]. Now, [9, Theorem 3.1] achieves the proof.

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