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## Rings and Modules Whose Socles are Relative Ejective

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### Abstract

Lifting homomorphism from modules to modules or even from certain submodule to the modules have been important both in ring and module theory. In this note we study rings and modules whose socles are relative ejective. Moreover we reduce our consideration to rings and modules with injective socles which provides the dual notion to  $PS$ -modules.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper all rings are associative with identity and all modules are unital right modules. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the *radical* of  $M$  is defined by the intersection of all maximal submodules of  $M$  or  $M$  if  $M$  has no maximal submodule and denoted  $RadM$ . Recall that for a right  $R$ -module  $M$  the *singular submodule* is defined by

$$Z(M) = \{m \in M : mE = 0 \text{ for some essential right ideal } E \text{ of } R\}$$

and a module  $M$  is called *nonsingular* provided that  $Z(M) = 0$  (see [2]). Note that W.K. Nicholson and J.F. Watters called a module  $M$  a *PS-module* if every simple submodule of  $M$  is projective, equivalently  $SocM$  is projective (see [4]). To this end it is natural to think of rings with injective radical dual to  $PS$ -rings. In this case it is easy to see that the Jacobson radical of  $R$  is zero. Recently relative ejectivity was defined (see [1] and [8]). Let  $N, M$  be  $R$ -modules. Then  $N$  is called  *$M$ -ejective* if for each submodule  $K$  of  $M$  and each homomorphism  $\varphi: K \rightarrow N$  there exist a homomorphism  $\theta: M \rightarrow N$  and an essential submodule  $X$  of  $K$  such that  $\theta|_X = \varphi|_X$  i.e.;  $\theta(x) = \varphi(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . It is clear that every

$M$ -injective module is  $M$ -ejective. However, the converse is not true in general (see for example [1]).

In this paper we deal with modules and rings with  $M$ -ejective socles or injective socles. To this end, we obtain basic properties of  $EJS$ -modules and make sure that the class of  $EJS$ -modules is different from the class of weak  $CS$ -modules. For; unexplained terminology and notation we refer to [2], [3], [5]. So:

### 2. $EJS$ -RINGS AND MODULES

**Definition 1.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is called an  $EJS$  (respectively  $INS$ )-module if  $SocM$  is  $M$ -ejective (respectively injective). The ring  $R$  is said to be *right  $EJS$  ( $INS$ )-ring* whenever the right  $R$ -module  $R$  is an  $EJS$  ( $INS$ )-module.

**Example 1.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.

- i. If  $SocM$  is injective or  $M$ -injective then  $M$  is an  $EJS$ -module.
- ii. If  $SocM = 0$  then  $M$  is an  $EJS$ -module.

Observe that Example 1(ii) yields that in particular the rings of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  over a ring  $R$  are  $EJS$ -rings.

The following Lemma is the part of Corollary 2.5 in [1] which motivates our work.

**Lemma 1.** [1, Corollary 2.5] If  $SocM$  is essential in  $M$ , then  $N$  is  $M$ -ejective if and only if for each

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homomorphism  $\varphi: SocM \rightarrow N$  there exists a homomorphism  $\theta: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $\theta|_{SocM} = \varphi$ . In other words, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SocM & \xrightarrow{i} & M \\ \varphi \downarrow & \swarrow \theta & \\ N & & \end{array}$$

commutes where  $i$  denotes the inclusion mapping.

As the following example illustrates the condition  $SocM$  is being essential in  $M$  is not superfluous in Lemma 1.

**Example 2.** Let  $p$  be any prime integer and let  $M = (\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p) \oplus \mathbb{Q}$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Then

- i.  $SocM$  is not  $M$ -ejective.
- ii. Any  $\varphi \in Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(SocM, SocM)$  can be lifted to  $\theta \in Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, SocM)$ .

*Proof.* First of all note that

$$SocM = \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p \oplus 0 = N$$

is not essential in  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

i. Assume to the contrary and let  $\pi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow N$  be the canonical epimorphism. Thus there exists a homomorphism  $\theta: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $\theta|_{\mathbb{Z}} = \pi$ . In particular  $\alpha = \theta|_{\mathbb{Q}}: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow N$  lifts  $\pi$  i.e.;  $\alpha|_{\mathbb{Z}} = \pi$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q} \\ & & \pi \downarrow & \swarrow \alpha & \\ & & \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p & & \end{array}$$

Now  $\alpha(1/p) = x + \mathbb{Z}p$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $p\alpha(1/p) = \alpha(1) = \pi(1) = 1 + \mathbb{Z}p$ . It follows that  $px + \mathbb{Z}p = 1 + \mathbb{Z}p$  and hence  $1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , a contradiction. Hence  $SocM$  is not  $M$ -ejective.

ii. Let  $\varphi: N \rightarrow N$  be any homomorphism. If  $\varphi = 0$  then we have done. It follows that  $\varphi = i$ . Define  $\pi: M \rightarrow N$  by  $\pi(x + \mathbb{Z}p, y) = x + \mathbb{Z}p$ . It is clear that  $\pi|_N = i$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.** Assume  $SocM$  is essential in  $M$ . Then  $M$  is an  $EJS$ -module if and only if  $M$  is semisimple.

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) This part is clear.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $M$  is an  $EJS$ -module. Let  $i: SocM \rightarrow SocM$  be the identity mapping. By Lemma 1, there exists a homomorphism  $\theta: M \rightarrow SocM$  such that  $\theta|_{SocM} = i$ . Then  $M = SocM + Ker\theta$ . Let  $x \in SocM \cap Ker\theta$ . Thus

$$x = \theta(x) = 0.$$

Hence  $M = SocM \oplus Ker\theta$ . Since  $SocM$  is essential in  $M$ , we obtain that

$$SocM = M$$

i.e.;  $M$  is semisimple.  $\square$

Our next objective is to give an example which illustrates the former result. Incidentally, recall that a module  $M$  is called *weak CS* if every semisimple submodule is essential in a direct summand of  $M$ , see for example [7] or related references there in.

**Example 3.** Let  $p$  be prime number and  $A$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $(\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p^3)$ . Then  $A$  is a weak  $CS$ -module with essential socle which is not  $EJS$ -module.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $SocA \leq_e A_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Now let us show that  $A$  is a weak  $CS$ -module. Note that  $A$  has uniform dimension 2. Let  $S$  be a semisimple submodule of  $A$ . If  $S$  is not simple,  $S \leq_e A$ . Suppose that  $S$  is simple. Then  $S = (a + \mathbb{Z}p, p^2b + \mathbb{Z}p^3)\mathbb{Z}$  for some integers  $a, b$  such that  $0 \leq a, b \leq p - 1$ . If  $a = 0$ , then  $S \leq_e L = 0 \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p^3)$ . If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $A = S \oplus L$ . Thus, in any case,  $S$  is essential in a direct summand of  $A$ . Thus  $A_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is a weak  $CS$ -module. Since  $A_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not semisimple, it is not  $EJS$ -module by Proposition 1.  $\square$

One might expect that whether the  $EJS$  property implies weak  $CS$  condition or not? However there are several examples which eliminate this possibility. For example, let  $p$  be prime number and let  $A = (\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Now, let us form the trivial extension of  $\mathbb{Z}$  with  $A$  i.e.;

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & A \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} n & (\bar{x}, y) \\ 0 & n \end{bmatrix} : n \in \mathbb{Z}, (\bar{x}, y) \in A \right\}.$$

Then  $Soc(R_R) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p \oplus 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which is not essential in  $R_R$ . It follows that  $R_R$  is not a weak  $CS$ -module. On the other hand, it is straightforward to see that  $R_R$  is an  $EJS$ -module.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $A$  be an Abelian group (i.e.;  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module). Then

- i.  $RadA = \bigcap_{p \text{ prime}} pA$ .
- ii. If  $A$  is torsion then  $RadA = 0$  if and only if  $A$  is semisimple.

*Proof.* i. It is easy to check.

ii. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Clear.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $A = \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} A_p$  where  $A_p$  is a torsion  $p$ -group. Let  $q$  be any prime such that  $q \neq p$ . Let  $x \in A_p$ . Then  $p^n x = 0$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Also  $1 = sq + tp^n$  for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows that  $x =$

$sqx + tp^n x = q(sx) \in qA_p$ . Therefore  $A_p = qA_p$  for all primes  $q \neq p$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rad}A_p &= \left( \bigcap_{q \text{ prime, } q \neq p} qA_p \right) \cap (pA_p) \\ &= A_p \cap pA_p = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $A_p \cong A_p/pA_p$  so  $A_p$  is semisimple and hence  $A$  is semisimple.  $\square$

Combining Lemma 2(ii) together with Proposition 1, we have the next result.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $A$  be a torsion Abelian group. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- i.  $\text{Rad}A = 0$ .
- ii.  $A$  is semisimple.
- iii.  $A$  is an  $EJS$ -module.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) By Lemma 2(ii).

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) By Proposition 1.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** Let  $R$  be an  $EJS$ -ring. Then every projective simple right  $R$ -module is an  $EJS$ -module.

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is projective simple  $R$ -module. Then  $X = xR$  for some  $0 \neq x \in X$ . Since  $R/r(x) \cong X$  is projective simple where  $r(x)$  is the right annihilator of  $x$  in  $R$ . Then  $R = r(x) \oplus E$  for some  $E \leq R$ . Now

$$E \cong R/r(x)$$

is projective simple. Hence  $E \leq \text{Soc}R$ . Then  $\text{Soc}R = E \oplus F$  for some right ideal  $F$  of  $R$ . Thus  $E$  is an  $EJS$ -module. Therefore

$$X \cong R/r(x) \cong E$$

is an  $EJS$ -module.  $\square$

Now we focus on the case in which that  $\text{Soc}M$  is an injective module. Recall that a module  $M$  is called an  $INS$ -module if  $\text{Soc}M$  is injective. Also a ring  $R$  is called right  $INS$ -ring if  $R_R$  is an  $INS$ -module. We continue with the following easy Lemma.

**Lemma 3.** The class of  $INS$ -modules is closed under direct products, submodules and essential extensions.

*Proof.* It is straightforward to check.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is a right  $INS$ -ring if and only if  $R$  has a faithful right  $INS$ -module.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Obvious.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $M$  is an  $INS$ -module. Then  $R_R$  embeds in  $\prod M$ . Thus  $R \cong X \leq \prod M$ . Since  $\text{Soc}R \cong \text{Soc}X \leq \text{Soc}(\prod M)$ ,  $\text{Soc}R$  is injective.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is an  $INS$ -ring if and only if the following conditions hold.

- i.  $\text{Soc}R$  is finitely generated and projective.
- ii. Every projective simple right  $R$ -module is injective.

*Proof.* Assume that (i) and (ii) hold.  $\text{Soc}R = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$  where  $U_i$ 's are simple and projective. Thus  $\text{Soc}R$  is injective.

Assume that  $R$  is an  $INS$ -ring. By hypothesis,  $R = \text{Soc}R \oplus F$  for some right ideal  $F$  of  $R$ . Thus  $\text{Soc}R$  is cyclic and projective. Now Proposition 2 completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $\text{Soc}R = eR$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$  if and only if  $R = S \oplus T$  where  $S$  is semiprime Artinian ring and  $T$  is a ring with zero right socle.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{Soc}R = eR$  where  $e^2 = e \in R$ . Thus  $(1 - e)Re = 0$ . Hence

$$R \cong \begin{bmatrix} eRe & eR(1 - e) \\ 0 & (1 - e)R(1 - e) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S & M \\ 0 & T \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\text{Soc}R = \begin{bmatrix} S & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq R \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq \text{Soc}R,$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = fR$  for some  $f^2 = f \in R$ . It follows that  $M = 0$ . So [6] yields that  $R \cong S \oplus T$  where  $S$  is semiprime Artinian and  $T$  has zero socle.

Conversely, let  $A$  be a right ideal of  $T$  and let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow S$  be homomorphism. Now  $\varphi(S) \leq S$  and  $\varphi(A) = \varphi(A)S = \varphi(AS) \leq \varphi(A \cap S) = \varphi(0) = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi = 0$ . Thus  $\varphi$  lifts to  $T$ . It follows that  $S$  is  $S$ -injective and  $T$ -injective. Therefore  $S$  is injective.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** If  $R$  is an  $INS$ -ring then  $R \cong S \oplus T$  where  $S$  is a semiprime Artinian ring and  $T$  is a ring with zero right socle.

*Proof.* Immediate by Theorem 3.  $\square$

Our next objective is to clarify when a nonsingular right  $R$ -module is an  $INS$ -module. To this end a nonsingular right  $R$ -module has a projective socle i.e.; it is a  $PS$ -module (see [4]).

**Example 4.** Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix}$  where  $K$  is field. Then  $M$  is right nonsingular right  $R$ -module which is not an  $INS$ -module.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{Soc}M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is injective. Define a homomorphism  $\varphi: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  by  $\varphi\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $x \in K$ . Hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \varphi\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for some  $y \in K$ . Which is a contradiction. It follows that  $\text{Soc}M$  is not injective. However it is clear that  $M$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $R$  be commutative Noetherian ring and let  $M$  be a nonsingular  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is an  $INS$ -module.

*Proof.* It is not difficult to see that any nonsingular simple  $R$ -module is injective.  $\square$

Observe that Theorem 3 leads us to think of generalized triangular matrix  $EJS$  ( $INS$ )-rings. For, let  $R$  be ring as in Example 4. It can be seen easily that  $R$  is not  $EJS$  (and hence not  $INS$ )-ring (see [8]). Incidentally, we should mention that there are trivial extensions which are not  $EJS$ -rings (see [8]). Furthermore, it will be an essential search to investigate relationships between the class of  $EJS$ -modules and generalizations of extending modules.

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