



A NOTE ON A GENERALIZATION OF INJECTIVE MODULES

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As a proper generalization of injective modules in term of supplements, we say that a module M has the property (ME) if, whenever $M \subseteq N$, M has a supplement K in N , where K has a mutual supplement in N . In this study, we obtain that (1) a semisimple R -module M has the property (E) if and only if M has the property (ME); (2) a semisimple left R -module M over a commutative Noetherian ring R has the property (ME) if and only if M is algebraically compact if and only if almost all isotopic components of M are zero; (3) a module M over a von Neumann regular ring has the property (ME) if and only if it is injective; (4) a principal ideal domain R is left perfect if every free left R -module has the property (ME)

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INTRODUCTION

In this paper, all rings are associative with identity and all modules are unital left modules. Let R be such a ring and let M be an R -module. The notation $K \subseteq M$ ($K \subset M$) means that K is a (proper) submodule of M . A non-zero submodule $K \subseteq M$ is called *essential* in M , written as $K \trianglelefteq M$, if $K \cap L \neq 0$ for every non-zero submodule of M . Dually, a proper submodule $S \subset M$ is called *small* (in M), denoted by $S \ll M$, if $M \neq S + K$ for every proper submodule K of M . A module M is called *hollow* if every submodule of M is small in M . By $Rad(M)$, namely *radical*, we will denote the sum of all small submodules of M . Equivalently, $Rad(M)$ is the intersection of all maximal submodules of M [9]. Following [9], a module M is called *supplemented* if every submodule of M has a supplement in M . A submodule $K \subseteq M$ is a supplement of a submodule L in M if and only if $M = L + K$ and $L \cap K \ll K$.

In [1], a supplement submodule X of M is then defined when X is a supplement of some submodule of M . Every direct summand of a module M is a supplement submodule of M , and supplemented modules are a generalization of semisimple modules. In addition, every factor module of a supplemented module is again supplemented. A module M is called \oplus -supplemented if every submodule N of M has a supplement that is a direct summand of M [5]. Clearly every \oplus -supplemented module is supplemented, but a supplemented module need not be \oplus -supplemented in general (see [5, Lemma A.4 (2)]). It is shown in [5, Proposition A.7 and Proposition A.8] that if R is a Dedekind domain, every supplemented R -module is \oplus -supplemented. Hollow modules are \oplus -supplemented.

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Let M be a module. A module N is said to be *extension* of M provided $M \subseteq N$. As a generalization of injective modules, since every direct summand is a supplement, Zöschinger defined in [10] a module M with *the property (E)* if it has a supplement in every extension. He studied the various properties of a module M with the property (E) in the same paper. For a module N , two submodules K and K' of N are called *mutual supplements* if $N = K + K'$, $K \cap K' \ll K$ and $K \cap K' \ll K'$. We consider the following condition for a module M :

(ME) in any extension N of M , M has a supplement K in N and there exists a submodule K' of N such that K and K' are mutual supplements in N .

Now we have these implications on modules:

injective \Rightarrow module with the property (ME) \Rightarrow module with the property (E).

Some examples are given to show that these inclusions are proper. In the section 2, we obtain some elementary facts about the property (ME). We prove that a semisimple R -module M has the property (E) if and only if M has the property (ME). We also prove that M has the property (ME) if and only if M is algebraically compact if and only if almost all isotopic components of M are zero for a semisimple left R -module M over a commutative Noetherian ring R . We obtain that a module M over a von Neumann regular ring has the property (ME) if and only if it is injective. We show that any factor module of a module with the property (ME) doesn't have the property (ME). Finally, we also show that R is left perfect if every free left R -module has the property (ME) over a principal ideal domain R .

1 MODULES WITH THE PROPERTY (ME)

Proposition 1. *Let M be a semisimple R -module. Then, the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) M has the property (E).
- (2) M has the property (ME).

Proof. (1) \implies (2) Let N be any extension of M . By (1), we have $N = M + K$ and $M \cap K \ll K$ for some submodule $K \subseteq M$. Since M is a semisimple module, there exists a submodule X of M such that $M = (M \cap K) \oplus X$. So $(M \cap K) \cap X = K \cap X = 0$. Therefore $N = M + K = [(M \cap K) \oplus X] + K = K \oplus X$. This means that K and X are mutual supplements in N . Thus M has the property (ME).

(2) \implies (1) is trivial. □

Let R be a ring and M be a left R -module. Take two sets I and J , and for every $i \in I$ and $j \in J$, an element r_{ij} of R such that, for every $i \in I$, only finitely many r_{ij} are non-zero. Furthermore, take an element m_i of M for every $i \in I$. These data describe a system of linear equations in M :

$$\sum_{j \in J} r_{ij} x_j = m_i \text{ for every } i \in I.$$

The goal is to decide whether this system has a solution, i.e. whether there exist elements x_j of M for every $j \in J$ such that all the equations of the system are simultaneously satisfied (note that we do not require that only finitely many of the x_j are non-zero here). Now consider such a system of linear equations, and assume that any subsystem consisting of only finitely many equations is solvable (the solutions to the various subsystems may be different). If every such “finitely-solvable” system is itself solvable, then the module M is called *algebraically compact*. For example, every injective module is algebraically compact.

Corollary 1. *Let R be a commutative Noetherian ring. Then, the following three statements are equivalent for a semisimple left R -module M .*

- (1) M has the property (ME).
- (2) M is algebraically compact.
- (3) Almost all isotopic components of M are zero.

Proof. It follows from Proposition 1 and [10, Proposition 1.6]. □

It is clear that every injective module has the property (ME), but the following example shows that a module with the property (ME) need not be injective. Firstly, we need the following crucial lemma.

Lemma 1. *Every simple module has the property (ME).*

Proof. Let M be a simple module and N be any extension of M . Since M is simple, then $M \ll N$ or $M \oplus K = N$ for a submodule K of N . In the first case, N is a supplement of M in N such that N and 0 are mutual supplements in N . In the second case, K is a supplement of M in N such that K and M are mutual supplements in N . So, in each case M has the property (ME). □

Recall from [2] that a ring R is *von Neumann regular* if every element $a \in R$ can be written in the form axa , for some $x \in R$. More formally, a ring R is regular in the sense of von Neumann if and only if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- (1) $\frac{R}{I}$ is a projective R -module for every finitely generated ideal I ,
- (2) every finitely generated left ideal is generated by an idempotent,
- (3) every finitely generated left ideal is a direct summand of R .

Example 1 ([3, 6.1]). (1) Let V be a countably infinite-dimensional left vector space over a division ring S . Let $R = \text{End}({}_S V)$ be the ring of left linear operators on V . Then R is a von Neumann regular ring. Claim that the simple left R -module V is not injective. Assume the contrary that ${}_R V$ is injective. Consider a basis $\{v_i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of V . For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, let us define $f_i \in R$ by $f_i(v_i) = v_i$ and $f_i(v_j) = 0$ for $i \neq j$. Set $A = \sum_i Rf_i$. Then A is a left ideal of R . Consider a left R -homomorphism $\varphi : A \rightarrow_R V$ defined by $\varphi(\sum_i r_i f_i) = \sum_i r_i v_i$, where $r_i \in R$ is zero for all but finitely many i . Since ${}_R V$ is injective, there exists $v \in V$ such that $\varphi(f_i) = f_i v$ for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$. This gives $v_i = f_i v$ for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Now if $v = d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \cdots + d_n v_n$, then any $i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we have $f_i v = 0$, a contradiction. This shows ${}_R V$ is not injective. Thus R is not a left V -ring as the simple left R -module V is not injective. By Lemma 1, the left R -module V has the property (ME).

(2) Consider the simple \mathbb{Z} -module $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$, where p is prime. By Lemma 1, M has the property (ME). On the other hand, it is not injective.

Recall from [9, 41.13] that an R -module M is π -projective (or co-continuous) if for every two submodules U, V of M with $U + V = M$ there exists $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ with $\text{Im}(f) \subset U$ and $\text{Im}(1 - f) \subset V$.

Lemma 2. Let M be a module with the property (ME) and N be an extension of M such that N is π -projective or $\text{Rad}(N) = 0$. Then, M is a direct summand of N .

Proof. Let N be any extension of M . Since M has the property (ME), there exist submodules K and K' of N such that $N = M + K$, $M \cap K \ll K$ and K, K' are mutual supplements in N . It follows from [9, 41.14(2)] that $N = M \oplus K$.

If $\text{Rad}(N) = 0$, then $M \cap K \subseteq \text{Rad}(N) = 0$. We have $N = M \oplus K$. □

A ring R is said to be a *left V-ring* if every simple left R -module is injective. It is well known that R is left V -ring if and only if $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ for every left R -module M .

Proposition 2. For a module M over a left V -ring R , the module M is injective if and only if M has the property (ME).

Proof. (\implies) It is clear.

(\impliedby) It follows from Lemma 2. □

Corollary 2. Let R be a commutative von Neumann regular ring. Then, an R -module M has the property (ME) if and only if it is injective.

Proof. Since R is a commutative von Neumann regular ring, it is a left V -ring. Hence, the proof follows from Proposition 2. □

Recall that a ring R is *left hereditary* if every factor module of an injective left R -module is injective [8].

Example 2 ([10]). Let $R = \prod_{i \in I} F_i$ be a ring, where each F_i is field for an infinite index set I . Then R is a commutative von Neumann regular ring. Since R is not Noetherian, it is not semisimple and so, by the Theorem of Osofsky [6], there is a cyclic R -module (which is clearly a factor module of R) which is not injective and hence doesn't have the property (ME) by Corollary 2.

Theorem 1. If every free left R -module has the property (ME) over a principal ideal domain R , then R is left perfect.

Proof. Let M be any free R -module. By the hypothesis and [7, Theorem 9.8], every submodule of M has the property (ME). There exist submodules K and K' of M such that $M = U + K$, $U \cap K \ll K$, and K, K' mutual supplements in M for any submodule U of M , $M = K \oplus K'$. So M is \oplus -supplemented. It follows from [4, Corollary 2.11] that R is left perfect. □

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Як належне узагальнення ін'єктивних модулів у термінах доповнень скажемо, що модуль M має властивість (ME), якщо як тільки $M \subseteq N$, то M має доповнення K в N , де K має взаємне доповнення в N . У цьому дослідженні ми отримуємо, що (1) напівпростий R -модуль M має властивість (E) тоді і тільки тоді, коли M має властивість (ME); (2) напівпростий лівий R -модуль M над комутативним нетеровим кільцем R має властивість (ME) тоді і тільки тоді, коли M алгебраїчно компактний та тоді і тільки тоді, коли майже всі ізотопні компоненти M є нульовими; (3) модуль M над регулярним кільцем фон Неймана має властивість (ME) тоді і тільки тоді, коли він ін'єктивний; (4) основна область ідеалу R є досконалою зліва, якщо кожен вільний лівий R -модуль має властивість (ME)

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