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**MY PARENTS**  
**AND**  
**TO ALL THOSE WHOM I LOVE**

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# ABSTRACT

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For the first time Nakayama introduced QF-ring. In 1967 Carl Faith and Elbert A. Walker showed that  $R$  is QF-ring if and only if each injective right  $R$ -module is projective if and only if each injective left  $R$ -modules is projective.

In 1987 S.K.Jain and S.R.Lopez-Permouth proved that every ring homomorphic images of  $R$  has the property that each cyclic  $S$ -module is essentially embeddable in direct summand of  $S$  if and only if  $R$  is a direct sum of right uniserial rings if and only if  $R$  is a semiperfect ring whose cyclics are essentially embeddable in a direct summand of  $R$ .

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Throughout our dissertation, unless stated otherwise, all modules are unital.

As usual  $\text{mod-}R$  ( $R\text{-mod}$ ) denotes the category of right(left)  $R$ -modules.

### 1.1 Categories

**Definition 1.1.1** A category is a class  $\mathcal{C}$  of objects (denoted by  $A, B, C, \dots$ ) together with (i) a class of disjoint sets, denoted by  $\text{hom}(A, B)$ , one for each pair of objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ ; (an element  $f$  of  $\text{hom}(A, B)$  is called a morphism from  $A$  to  $B$  and is denoted by  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ) such that (ii) for each triple  $(A, B, C)$  of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  a function  $\text{hom}(B, C) \times \text{hom}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{hom}(A, C)$  (for morphisms  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C$  this function is written by  $(g, f) \rightarrow g \circ f$  and  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is called the composite of  $f$  and  $g$ ); all subject to the axioms: (1) Associativity: If  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C, h : C \rightarrow D$  are morphisms of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ .

(2) Identity: for each object  $B$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  there exists a morphism  $1_B : B \rightarrow B$  such that for any  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C, 1_B \circ f = f$  and  $g \circ 1_B = g$ .

### 1.2 Indecomposable module

**Definition 1.2.1.** A non-zero module  $M$  is indecomposable if  $0$  and

$M$  are its only direct summands.

A pair of idempotents  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  in a ring  $R$  are said to be orthogonal if  $e_1e_2 = 0 = e_2e_1$ .

An idempotent  $e \in R$  is called a primitive idempotent in case  $e \neq 0$  and for every pair  $e_1, e_2$  of orthogonal idempotents

$$e = e_1 + e_2 \text{ implies } e_1 = 0 \text{ or } e_2 = 0.$$

If  $e = e^2 \in R$ , then  $e$  and  $1 - e$  are orthogonal idempotents such that  $1 = e + (1 - e)$ .

**Proposition 1.2.1.** Let  $M$  be a non-zero module. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  is indecomposable.
- (b) 0 and 1 are the only idempotents in  $End(M)$ .
- (c) 1 is a primitive idempotent in  $End(M)$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 5.10].

**Proposition 1.2.2.** Let  $e$  be a non-zero idempotent endomorphism of a left module  $M$ . Then the direct summand  $Me$  of  $M$  is indecomposable if and only if  $e$  is a primitive idempotent in  $End(M)$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 5.11].

**Proposition 1.2.3.** Let  $e \in R$  be a non-zero idempotent. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $e$  is a primitive idempotent;
- (b)  $Re$  is a primitive left ideal of  $R$ ;
- (c)  $eR$  is a primitive right ideal of  $R$ ;

- (d)  $Re$  is an indecomposable direct summand of  ${}_R R$ ;
- (e)  $eR$  is an indecomposable direct summand of  $R_R$ ;
- (f) The ring  $eRe$  has exactly one non-zero idempotent, namely  $e$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 7.4].

### 1.3 Free Modules

**Definition 1.2.2.** A subset  $X$  of a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be linearly independent provided for distinct  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $r_i \in R$ ,  $r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n = 0$  implies that  $r_i = 0$  for every  $i$ . If  $M$  is generated as an  $R$ -module by a set  $Y$  then we say that  $Y$  spans  $M$ . If  $R$  has an identity and  $M$  is unitary, then  $Y$  spans  $M$  if and only if every element of  $M$  can be written as a linear combination  $r_1y_1 + r_2y_2 + \dots + r_ny_n$  ( $r_i \in R, y_i \in Y$ ). A linearly independent subset of  $M$  that spans  $M$  is called a basis of  $M$ .

**Theorem 1.2.4.** Let  $R$  be a ring with identity, the following conditions on a unitary left  $R$ -module  $F$  are equivalent:

- (i)  $F$  has a nonempty basis.
- (ii)  $F$  is the internal direct sum of a family of cyclic modules, each of which is isomorphic as left  $R$ -module to  $R$ .
- (iii)  $F$  is  $R$ -module isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of the left  $R$ -module  $R$ .
- (iv) There exists a nonempty set  $X$  and function  $i : X \rightarrow F$  with the following property:

Given any unitary  $R$ -module  $M$  and function  $F : X \rightarrow M$ , there is a



unique  $R$ -module homomorphism  $\bar{f} : F \rightarrow M$  such that  $\bar{f}i = f$ . In other words,  $F$  is a free object in the category of unitary  $R$ -modules.

**Proof.** See [8, iv.2.1].

**Definition 1.2.3.** A unitary module  $F$  over a ring  $R$  with identity which satisfies the equivalent conditions of the above theorem, is called a free  $R$ -module.

## 1.4 Projective and injective modules

**Definition 1.2.4.** Let  $R$  be a ring. A right  $R$ -module  $P$  is called projective if given any diagram of  $R$ -module homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ & \downarrow h & \\ A & \xrightarrow{g} & B \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

with  $A$  and  $B$  are right  $R$ -modules and the bottom row is exact (that is  $g$  is an epimorphism), there exists an  $R$ -module homomorphism  $f: P \rightarrow A$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ & f \swarrow \downarrow h & \\ A & \xrightarrow{g} & B \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

is commutative (that is  $gf = h$ ).

**Proposition 1.2.5.** Every free right module  $F$  over a ring  $R$  with

identity is projective.

**Proof.** See [8, 3.2].

**Theorem 1.2.6.** Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions on a right  $R$ -module  $P$  are equivalent:

(1)  $P$  is projective.

(2) If  $P$  is a factor module of any module  $M$ , then  $P$  is a direct factor of  $M$ .

(3)  $P$  is direct summand of a free module.

**Proof.** See [8, 3.4].

**Definition 1.2.5.** A right  $R$ -module  $E$  is called injective, if given any diagram of  $R$ -module homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E & & \\ & & f \uparrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B \\ & & & & g \end{array}$$

which  $A$  and  $B$  are right  $R$ -modules and the top row is exact (that is  $g$  is a monomorphism), there exists an  $R$ -module homomorphism  $h : B \rightarrow E$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E & & \\ & & f \uparrow \searrow h & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B \\ & & & & g \end{array}$$

is commutative (that is  $hg = f$ ).

**Proposition 1.2.7.** A direct product of  $R$ -modules  $\prod_{i \in I} J_i$  is injective

Dually, a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is superfluous (or small) in  $M$ , abbreviated  $K \ll M$ , in case for every submodule  $L \leq M$ ,  $K + L = M$  implies  $L = M$ .

A monomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow M$  is said to be essential in case  $\text{Im} f \not\ll M$ . An epimorphism  $g : M \rightarrow N$  is superfluous in case  $\text{ker} g \ll M$ .

**Theorem 1.6.1** Let  $M$  be a module with submodules  $K \leq N \leq M$  and  $H \leq M$ . Then

- (1)  $K \not\ll M$  iff  $K \not\ll N$  and  $N \not\ll M$ ;
- (2)  $H \cap K \not\ll M$  iff  $H \not\ll M$  and  $K \not\ll M$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $K \not\ll M$  and suppose  $0 \neq L \leq M$ , then  $L \cap K \neq 0$ . In particular this is true if  $L \leq N$ , so  $K \not\ll N$ . But also  $K \leq N$  so  $L \cap N \neq 0$  whence  $N \not\ll M$ .

Conversely, if  $K \not\ll N$  and  $N \not\ll M$  and  $L \leq M$ , then  $L \cap K = 0$  implies  $L \cap N = 0$  implies  $L = 0$ .

(2) one implication follows at once from (1). For the other, suppose  $H \not\ll M$  and  $K \not\ll M$  with  $L \cap H \cap K = 0$ , then  $L \cap H = 0$ ; because  $K \not\ll M$ . whence  $L = 0$  because  $H \not\ll M$ .

**Theorem 1.6.2.** Let  $M$  be a module with submodules  $K \leq N \leq M$  and  $H \leq M$ . Then

- (1)  $N \ll M$  iff  $K \ll M$  and  $\frac{N}{K} \ll \frac{M}{K}$ ;
- (2)  $H + K \ll M$  iff  $H \ll M$  and  $K \ll M$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 5.17].

**Theorem 1.6.3.** Suppose that  $K_1 \leq M_1 \leq M$ ,  $K_2 \leq M_2 \leq M$ , and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ ; then

if and only if  $J_i$  is injective for every  $i \in I$ .

**Proof.** See [8, IV.3.7].

**Proposition 1.2.8.** Every unitary module  $A$  over a ring  $R$  with identity may be embedded in an injective  $R$ -module.

**Proof.** See [8, 3.12].

## 1.5 Idempotents

**Definition 1.2.5.** Let  $R$  be a ring. An element  $e \in R$  is an idempotent in case  $e^2 = e$ . A ring always has at least two idempotents, namely 0 and 1. An idempotent  $e$  of  $R$  is a central idempotent in case it is in the center of  $R$ .

**Definition 1.2.6.** Let  $I$  be an ideal in a ring  $R$  and let  $g + I$  be an idempotent element of  $\frac{R}{I}$ . We say that this idempotent can be lifted (to  $e$ ) modulo  $I$  in case there is an idempotent  $e \in R$  such that  $g + I = e + I$ . We say that idempotents lift modulo  $I$  in case every idempotent in  $\frac{R}{I}$  can be lifted to an idempotent in  $R$ .

A finite orthogonal set of idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  in a ring  $R$  is said to be complete in case  $e_1 + \dots + e_n = 1 \in R$ .

## 1.6 Module

**Definition 1.2.7.** A submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is essential (or large) in  $M$ , abbreviated  $K \trianglelefteq M$ , in case for every submodule  $L \leq M$ ,  $K \cap L = 0$  implies  $L = 0$ .

Dually, a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is superfluous (or small) in  $M$ , abbreviated  $K \ll M$ , in case for every submodule  $L \leq M$ ,  $K + L = M$  implies  $L = M$ .

A monomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow M$  is said to be essential in case  $\text{Im} f \trianglelefteq M$ . An epimorphism  $g : M \rightarrow N$  is superfluous in case  $\text{ker} g \ll M$ .

**Theorem 1.6.1** Let  $M$  be a module with submodules  $K \leq N \leq M$  and  $H \leq M$ . Then

- (1)  $K \trianglelefteq M$  iff  $K \trianglelefteq N$  and  $N \trianglelefteq M$ ;
- (2)  $H \cap K \trianglelefteq M$  iff  $H \trianglelefteq M$  and  $K \trianglelefteq M$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $K \trianglelefteq M$  and suppose  $0 \neq L \leq M$ , then  $L \cap K \neq 0$ . In particular this is true if  $L \leq N$ , so  $K \trianglelefteq N$ . But also  $K \leq N$  so  $L \cap N \neq 0$  whence  $N \trianglelefteq M$ .

Conversely, if  $K \trianglelefteq N$  and  $N \trianglelefteq M$  and  $L \leq M$ , then  $L \cap K = 0$  implies  $L \cap N = 0$  implies  $L = 0$ .

(2) one implication follows at once from (1). For the other, suppose  $H \trianglelefteq M$  and  $K \trianglelefteq M$  with  $L \cap H \cap K = 0$ , then  $L \cap H = 0$ ; because  $K \trianglelefteq M$ . whence  $L = 0$  because  $H \trianglelefteq M$ .

**Theorem 1.6.2.** Let  $M$  be a module with submodules  $K \leq N \leq M$  and  $H \leq M$ . Then

- (1)  $N \ll M$  iff  $K \ll M$  and  $\frac{N}{K} \ll \frac{M}{K}$ ;
- (2)  $H + K \ll M$  iff  $H \ll M$  and  $K \ll M$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 5.17].

**Theorem 1.6.3.** Suppose that  $K_1 \leq M_1 \leq M$ ,  $K_2 \leq M_2 \leq M$ , and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ ; then

- (1)  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \ll M_1 \oplus M_2$  iff  $K_1 \ll M_1$  and  $K_2 \ll M_2$ ;  
 (2)  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \trianglelefteq M_1 \oplus M_2$  iff  $K_1 \trianglelefteq M_1$  and  $K_2 \trianglelefteq M_2$ .

**Proof.** See [1, 5.20].

**Definition 1.2.9.** A nonzero module  $H$  is uniform in case each of its non-zero submodules is essential in  $H$ .

**Definition 1.2.10.** Let  $(T_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be an indexed set of simple submodules of  $M$ . If  $M$  is the direct sum of this set, then  $M = \bigoplus_A T_\alpha$  is a semisimple decomposition of  $M$ . A module  $M$  is said to be semisimple in case it has a semisimple decomposition. Clearly every simple module is semisimple.

**Definition 1.2.11.** The ring  $R$  is called left semisimple when the left  $R$ -module  $R$  is semisimple. Similarly we define a right semisimple ring.

**Theorem 1.2.12.** For a left  $R$ -module the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  is semisimple;
- (b)  $M$  is generated by simple modules;
- (c)  $M$  is the sum of some set of simple submodules;
- (d)  $M$  is the sum of its simple submodules;
- (e) Every submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand.

**Proof.** See [1,9.6].

**Definition 1.2.12.** A commutative ring is a local ring in case it has a

unique maximal ideal.

**Definition 1.3.1.** A ring  $R$  is left(right) self-injective in case  ${}_R R(R_R)$  is injective.

**Definition 1.3.2.** An injective hull (or injective envelope) for a module  $A$  is any injective module which is an essential extension of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.3.2.** In the category of left  $R$ -modules over a ring  $R$ :

- (1)  $M$  is injective if and only if  $M = E(M)$ ;
- (2) If  $M \trianglelefteq N$ , then  $E(M) = E(N)$ ;
- (3) If  $M \leq Q$ , with  $Q$  injective, then  $Q = E(M) \oplus E'$ ;
- (4) If  $\bigoplus_A E(M_\alpha)$  is injective (for instance, if  $A$  is finite) then

$$E(Q_A M_\alpha) = \bigoplus_A E(M_\alpha).$$

**Proof.** See [1, 18.12].

### 1.3 Composition series

**Definition 1.3.1.** Let  $M$  be a non-zero module. A finite chain of  $n + 1$  submodules of  $M$   $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = 0$  is called a composition series of length  $n$  for  $M$  provided that  $\frac{M_{i-1}}{M_i}$  is simple ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ); *i.e.*, provided that each term in the chain is maximal in its predecessor.

Let  $M$  be an arbitrary module and let  $L \leq M$ . Then whether or not  $L$  is a term in a composition series for  $M$ , if  $L$  has a maximal submodule