

# On $\mathcal{A}$ -Quasi-Projective Modules and $\mathcal{A}$ -Semiperfect Modules

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## Abstract

If  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective with  $(C_6)$  for  $A$ , then  $A$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -semi perfect. K. Oshiro defined the notion dual to *the extending property of modules for  $\mathcal{A}$*  in [3]. This dualization leads us to the dualizations of continuous modules and quasi-continuous modules. These are the semiperfect modules and quasi-semiperfect modules. We revisit his paper [3] and give some different proofs from Oshiro which are more simpler and easier than [3].

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this note,  $R$  is an associative ring with unit, and  $M$  is a unitary right  $R$ -module. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a subfamily of the family  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  of all submodules of  $M$  satisfying some condition [3], [4].  $M$  is said to have the extending property of modules for  $\mathcal{A}$  provided that, for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists a summand  $A^*$  of  $M$  which contains  $A$  as an essential submodule, i.e.,  $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \exists A^* <^\oplus M \ni A \trianglelefteq A^*$ . For the dual of the extending property, Oshiro defined the concepts *co-essential extension* and *co-closed submodule* in  $M$  which correspond to *essential*

*extension* and *closed submodule* in  $M$ , respectively. A submodule  $A$  of  $M$  is essential if and only if the image of the inclusion map  $i : A \rightarrow M$  is large in  $M$ . Thus the following definition is quite natural!

**Definition 1.1.** [3] *Let  $N_1 \leq N_2 \leq M$ . We say  $N_1$  is a co-essential submodule of  $N_2$  in  $M(N_1 \trianglelefteq_c N_2$  in  $M$ ) if the kernel of the canonical map  $M/N_1 \rightarrow M/N_2 \rightarrow 0$  is small in  $M/N_1$ .*

$N_1 \trianglelefteq_c N_2$  in  $M$  if and only if  $N_2 + X = M$  implies  $N_1 + X = M$ .  $N$  is a co-closed submodule in  $M$  if  $N' \trianglelefteq_c N$  in  $M$  implies  $N = N'$ . Any summand is co-closed. If  $N_0 \leq N_1 \leq N_2 \leq M$  then  $N_0 \trianglelefteq_c N_2$  if and only if  $N_0 \trianglelefteq_c N_1$  and  $N_1 \trianglelefteq_c N_2$ . If  $f : P \rightarrow M$  is a homomorphism and  $B \trianglelefteq_c A$  in  $P$  then  $f(B) \trianglelefteq_c f(A)$  in  $M$ . In fact,  $\bar{f} : P/B \rightarrow M/f(B)$  is a homomorphism and  $A/B \ll P/B$ , so  $f(A)/f(B) \ll M/f(B)$  therefore  $f(B) \trianglelefteq_c f(A)$  in  $M$ . Moreover, if  $f$  is an epimorphism and  $B \trianglelefteq_c A$  in  $M$  then  $f^{-1}(B) \trianglelefteq_c f^{-1}(A)$  in  $P$ . Indeed, if  $f^{-1}(A) + X = P$  then  $f(f^{-1}(A) + X) = A + f(X) = M$ , so  $B + f(X) = M$  thus  $f^{-1}(B + f(X)) = f^{-1}(B) + X = P$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** [3] *Let  $M = N^* \oplus N^{**}$  with  $N^* \leq N \leq M$ . The followings are equivalent:*

- (1)  $N^* \trianglelefteq_c N$  in  $M$ .
- (2)  $N \cap N^{**} \ll M$  (i.e.,  $N \cap N^{**}$  is small in  $M$ ).
- (3)  $N \cap N^{**} \ll N^{**}$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\iff$ (2) see [3].

(2) $\iff$ (3) It is immediate from the fact  $N^{**} <^\oplus M$ . □

**Definition 1.3.** *Let  $N$  and  $N'$  be submodules of  $M$ .  $N'$  is said to be a supplement of  $N$  in  $M$  if  $M = N + N'$  but  $M \neq N + X$  for every  $X \leq N'$ .*

Note that  $N'$  is a supplement of  $N$  in  $M$  if and only if  $M = N + N'$  and  $N \cap N' \ll N'$ . Thus the previous lemma says that  $N^* \trianglelefteq_c N$  in  $M$  if and only if  $N^{**}$  is a supplement of  $N$  in  $M$ . If  $N$  is a supplement for some submodule in  $M$  then  $M$  is co-closed. Conversely, if  $N$  has a supplement  $N'$  and  $N$  is co-closed, then  $N$  is a supplement of  $N'$ (Proposition 1.2 in [3]). First, we reprove Theorem 1.3 of [3].

## 2 The main results

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $N \leq M$ . If  $M$  and  $M/N$  have projective covers then there exists a co-closed submodule  $N^*$  of  $M$  with  $N^* \trianglelefteq_c N$  in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f : P \rightarrow M, Q \rightarrow M/N$  be the projective covers and let  $\eta \circ f : P \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/N$ , where  $\eta$  is the canonical epimorphism. Thus we have:  $P = P_1 \oplus P_2, P_1 \cong Q, P_2 \subset f^{-1}(N)$  and  $P_1 \cap f^{-1}(N) \ll P_1$  (see [1]). So by the Lemma 1.4 of [?],  $P_2 \trianglelefteq_c f^{-1}(N)$  in  $P$ . Hence  $f(P_2) \trianglelefteq_c N$  by the previous remarks. We claim that  $f(P_2)$  is co-closed. Indeed, suppose  $K \trianglelefteq_c f(P_2)$  in  $M$ , then by the minimality of the projective cover,  $f^{-1}(K) \cap P_2 \trianglelefteq_c P_2$ , so  $P_2 \subset f^{-1}(K)$ , that is,  $K = f(P_2)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $M$  and  $M/N$  have projective covers, then there exists a decomposition of  $M$  as co-closed submodules which are supplement of each other :  $M = M_1 + M_2, M_1 \cap M_2 \ll M_i, i = 1, 2$  and  $M_2 \trianglelefteq_c N$ .*

*Proof.* Under the same notations as Proposition 2.1, we put  $M_1 = f(P_1), M_2 = f(P_2)$ . The Proposition says that  $M_2 \trianglelefteq_c N$  and  $M_2$  is co-closed. It suffices to show that  $f(P_1)$  is a supplement of  $N$ , and hence  $f(P_1)$  is a supplement of  $f(P_2)$ . If  $f(I) + N = M, I \leq P_1$ , then  $f^{-1}(f(I) + N) = I + f^{-1}(N) = P$ . Since  $P_2 \trianglelefteq_c f^{-1}(N), I \oplus P_2 = P$ . Hence  $I = P_1$ , so  $f(I) = f(P_1)$ .  $\square$

Which modules have such a decomposition as above? :  $\forall A \leq M, \exists M_1, M_2$  submodules of  $M \ni M = M_1 + M_2, M_2 \trianglelefteq_c A$  in  $M$  and  $M_1 \cap M_2 \ll M_i, i=1, 2$ . Semiperfect modules have such a decomposition[3]. Moreover, if every submodule of  $M$  has a co-closed submodule which is co-essential in  $M$  and if  $M$  is  $H$ -supplemented(i.e.,  $\forall A \leq M, \exists A' <^\oplus M \ni A + X = M$  iff  $A' + X = M$ ) then  $M$  has above decomposition : Let  $A \leq M$ . Then  $\exists A' \leq M \ni M = A' \oplus B$  for some  $B \leq M$  and  $A + X = M \Leftrightarrow A' + X = M$ . So  $M = A + B$  and  $B$  is a supplement of  $A$ , i.e.  $A \cap B \ll B$ . By hyperthesis  $A$  has co-closed submodule  $C$  which is co-essential in  $M$ . Then  $M = C + B, C \trianglelefteq_c A$  and  $C \cap B \ll C$  as required. Now when is the composition direct? Semiperfect modules satisfy this. Oshiro defined *the lifting property of modules for  $\mathcal{A}$*  as the dual concept of the extending property as follows;  $M$  has the lifting property of modules for  $\mathcal{A}$  provided that, for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists a direct summand  $A^* <^\oplus M$  such that  $A^* \trianglelefteq_c A$  in  $M$ . The following lemma plays an important role in this paper.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose  $M = M_1 + M_2, M_1 \cap M_2 \ll M_i, i=1, 2$ . The followings are equivalent :*

- (1)  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ .
- (2)  $\exists g : M \rightarrow M_1 \ni \text{Im}(1_M - g) \subset M_2$ .

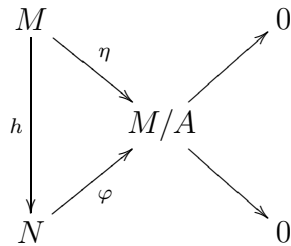
*Proof.* Since  $M_1 \cap M_2 \ll M_1, g$  is epimorphism, and since  $0 \trianglelefteq_c M_1 \cap M_2$  in  $M_1, g^{-1}(0) \trianglelefteq_c g^{-1}(M_1 \cap M_2) = M_2$  in  $M$ . Now  $M_2$  is co-closed in  $M$ , so  $g^{-1}(0)$  must be equal to  $M_2$ . Finally,  $M_2 = g^{-1}(0) = g^{-1}(M_1 \cap M_2)$ , therefore  $g(M_2) = 0 = M_1 \cap M_2$ .  $\square$

In [3], Oshiro introduced the concepts of  $\mathcal{A}$ -semiperfect modules,  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-semiperfect modules and  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective modules as notions dual to those of  $\mathcal{A}$ -continuous modules,  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-continuous modules and  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-injective modules, respectively.

**Definition 2.4.** [3]  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -semiperfect (respectively,  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-semiperfect) if the conditions  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$  (respectively,  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_3)$ ) below are satisfied;  
 $(C_1)$   $M$  has the lifting property for  $\mathcal{A}$ .  
 $(C_2)$  For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A <^\oplus M$ , any sequence  $M \rightarrow M/A \rightarrow 0$  splits.  
 $(C_3)$  Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $N \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  which are summands of  $M$ . If  $X = A \cap N$  is small in  $M$  and  $(A/X \oplus N/X) <^\oplus M/X$ , then  $X = 0$ .

In particular, we simply say that  $M$  is semi-perfect (respectively, quasi-semiperfect) when it is  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -semiperfect (respectively,  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -quasi-semiperfect).

**Definition 2.5.** [3]  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective if it satisfies the condition :  
 $(C_4)$  For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $N \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  and any sequence  $N \rightarrow M/A \rightarrow 0$ , there exists a homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow N$  which makes the diagram commute



where  $\eta$  is the canonical map.

We have “projective  $\Rightarrow$  quasi-projective  $\not\Rightarrow$  semipect  $\Rightarrow$  quasi-semiperfect  $\Rightarrow (C_1)$ ” (see [2]).

$(C_1)$  implies  $(C_6) : \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \exists N <^\oplus M \ni M = N + A$  and  $N \cap A \ll M$ . Clearly  $(C_4)$  implies  $(C_2)$ . Now we prove Theorem 2.1 of [3] again. It is exactly different and obvious method. Oshiro showed this by a slight modification of the proof of Wu-Jans [5]. That is too long.

**Proposition 2.6.** Assume that  $M$  and  $M/A$  have projective covers for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then if  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective, then it is  $\mathcal{A}$ -semiperfect.

*Proof.* Claim  $(C_1)$  : Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then by the Corollary of the Proposition 2.1,  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 + M_2 \ni M_1 \cap M_2 \ll M_i, i=1,2$  and  $M_2 \leq_c A$  in  $M$ . Since  $M_2 \leq_c A, M_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  by the condition  $(\beta)$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ . So the quasi-projectivity implies the existence of a homomorphism  $g : M \rightarrow M_1$  such

that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & & 0 \\
 \eta \searrow & & \nearrow \\
 & M/M_2 & \\
 g \downarrow & \nearrow \eta|_{M_1} & \searrow \\
 M_1 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  is the canonical map.

Then  $m - g(m) \in M_2$  for every  $m \in M$ , that is,  $(1_M - g)M \subset M_2$ . Hence by applying the Lemma 2.3 we have  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  and  $M_2 \leq_c A$  in  $M$ .  $\square$

Theorem 2.12 of [3] is trivial. Theorem 3.18 of [3] says that if  $M$  is a quasi-projective  $R$ -module satisfying  $(C_6)$  for  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  then it is semiperfect. We generalize this theorem for  $\mathcal{A}$  and it's proof is simple.

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective with  $(C_6)$  for  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -semiperfect.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be in  $\mathcal{A}$  then by  $(C_6)$ ,  $\exists N <^\oplus M \ni M = N + A$  and  $N \cap A \ll M$ . "say"  $M = N \oplus B$ . By  $(C_4)$  there exists a homomorphism  $g : M \rightarrow N$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & & 0 \\
 \eta \searrow & & \nearrow \\
 & M/A & \\
 g \downarrow & \nearrow \eta|_N & \searrow \\
 N & & 0
 \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  is the canonical map. so  $(1_M - g)M \subset A$ . Applying the proof of Lemma 2.3, we have  $M = N + g^{-1}(0)$  and  $g^{-1}(0) \leq_c A$  in  $M$ .  $M/g^{-1}(0) \cong N \cong M/B$ , hence by  $(\alpha)$  and  $(\beta)$  for  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . If  $g^{-1}(0) <^\oplus M$  then  $g^{-1}(0)$  is co-closed in  $M$ , and hence  $M = N + g^{-1}(0)$ ,  $N \cap g^{-1}(0) \ll N$  and  $N \cap g^{-1}(0) \ll g^{-1}(0)$ . Again, applying Lemma 2.3, we obtain :  $M = N \oplus g^{-1}(0)$  and  $g^{-1}(0) \leq_c A$ . For the completeness of the proof we must claim that  $g^{-1}(0) <^\oplus M$ . Consider  $h \circ \eta : M \rightarrow N$  where  $\eta : M \rightarrow M/g^{-1}(0)$  is the canonical epimorphism and  $h : M/g^{-1}(0) \rightarrow N$  is an isomorphism.  $(C_4)$  implies  $(C_2)$ , therefore the map  $q \circ h \circ \eta : M \rightarrow M/B \rightarrow 0$  splits by, say,  $f : M/B \rightarrow M$ , where  $q : N \rightarrow M/B$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $M = \text{Im}(f) \oplus \ker(q \circ h \circ \eta) = \text{Im}(f) \oplus g^{-1}(0)$  as required  $\square$

In particular, any quasi-projective module with  $(C_6)$  for  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  is written as a direct sum of hollow modules[3]. A module  $M$  is called *supplemented* if for any submodules  $A$  and  $B$  with  $A + B = M$ ,  $B$  contains a supplement of

A. Using Lemma 2.3, we can also show that if  $M$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -quasi-projective and supplemented then it is  $\mathcal{A}$ -semiperfect.

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