

ON  $\mathcal{K}$ -LIFTING MODULES

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. As a proper generalization of lifting module, we introduce the concept of  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module.  $M$  is called a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module if for every  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ , there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \subseteq \text{Ker} f$  and  $\text{Ker} f/K \ll M/K$ . Some properties of  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting modules are given.

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1. Introduction

In this note all rings are associative with identity and all modules are unital left modules unless otherwise specified.

Let  $M$  be a module and  $S \leq M$ .  $S$  is called *small* in  $M$  (denoted by  $S \ll M$ ) if for any  $T \leq M$ ,  $S + T = M$  implies  $T = M$ . For  $N, L \leq M$ ,  $N$  is a *supplement* of  $L$  in  $M$  if  $N + L = M$  with  $N \cap L \ll N$ . A module  $M$  is called *supplemented* if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ . On the other hand, the module  $M$  is *amply supplemented* if, for any submodules  $A, B$  of  $M$  with  $M = A + B$  there exists a supplement  $P$  of  $A$  in  $M$  such that  $P \leq B$ . A module  $M$  is called a *weakly supplemented module* if for each submodule  $A$  of

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$M$  there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll M$ . Let  $M$  be a module and  $B \leq A \leq M$ . If  $A/B \ll M/B$ , then  $B$  is called a *coessential submodule* of  $A$  in  $M$ . A submodule  $A$  of  $M$  is called *coclosed* if  $A$  has no proper coessential submodule. Also, we will call  $B$  a *coclosure* (or an *s-closure*) of  $A$  in  $M$ , if  $B$  is a coessential submodule of  $A$  and  $B$  is coclosed in  $M$ . Recall that a module  $M$  is said to be *lifting* or said to satisfy the  $(D_1)$  condition if for any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \leq N$  and  $N/K \ll M/K$ , equivalently, for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $M$  has a decomposition with  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ ,  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $M_2 \cap N$  is small in  $M_2$ . It is well known that  $M$  is lifting if and only if  $M$  is amply supplemented and every supplement submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand.

## 2. $\mathcal{K}$ -Lifting Modules

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a module.  $M$  is called a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module if for every  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ , there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \subseteq \text{Ker}f$  and  $\text{Ker}f/K \ll M/K$ , equivalently for every  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ , there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq \text{Ker}f$  and  $\text{Ker}f \cap M_2 \ll M_2$ .

Clearly, any lifting module is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting. But the converse is not true.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integral numbers. Then  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting. But  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not lifting.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a cyclic torsionless module. Then  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module.

*Proof.* Let  $M = Rx$  and  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be any endmorphism of  $M$ . If  $f = 0$ , then it is trivial. Let  $f \neq 0$ . Then for any element  $m$  of  $\text{Ker}f$ , there exists an element  $r$  of  $R$  such that  $m = rx$  and  $f(m) = f(rx) = rf(x) = 0$ . Since  $M$  is torsionless and  $f(x) \neq 0$ ,  $r = 0$  and so  $m = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}f = 0$ . Hence  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** Every direct summand of a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting.

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module and  $K$  a direct summand of  $M$ . Then  $M = K \oplus K'$ ,  $K' \leq M$ . Let  $f \in \text{End}(K)$  and  $g = f \oplus 1_{K'}$ , then  $g \in \text{End}(M)$  and  $\text{Ker}g = \text{Ker}f$ . Since  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module, there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $N \leq \text{Ker}g$  and  $\text{Ker}g/N \ll M/N$ . Clearly,  $N$  is a direct summand

of  $K$  and  $M/N = K/N \oplus ((K' + N)/N)$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}f/N \ll K/N$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$ . If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are both  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting, then  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module.*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ . Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$ , we have  $f_1 = f|_{M_1} : M_1 \rightarrow M_1$  and  $f_2 = f|_{M_2} : M_2 \rightarrow M_2$ . Then  $f = f_1 \oplus f_2$  and  $\text{Ker}f = \text{Ker}f_1 \oplus \text{Ker}f_2$ . Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are both  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting, there exist direct summands  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  such that  $L_1 \leq \text{Ker}f_1, L_2 \leq \text{Ker}f_2, \text{Ker}f_1/L_1 \ll M_1/L_1$  and  $\text{Ker}f_2/L_2 \ll M_2 \ll L_2$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}f/(L_1 \oplus L_2) \ll M/(L_1 \oplus L_2)$  and  $L_1 \oplus L_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Thus  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be a module. Then  $M$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting if and only if for any  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\text{Ker}f = K \oplus L$ , where  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $L \ll M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module and  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ . Then there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \leq \text{Ker}f$  and  $\text{Ker}f/K \ll M/K$ . Let  $M = K \oplus F, F \leq M$ , then  $\text{Ker}f = K \oplus (\text{Ker}f \cap F)$ . Further, if  $X \leq F$  with  $(F \cap \text{Ker}f) + X = F$ , then  $\text{Ker}f + X = M$ . Since  $\text{Ker}f/K \ll M/K, X + K = M$ . Hence  $X = F$  and  $F \cap \text{Ker}f \ll F$ . It suffices to take  $L = F \cap \text{Ker}f$ .

Conversely, let  $f \in \text{End}(M), \text{Ker}f = K \oplus L$ , where  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $L \ll M$ . Let  $X \leq M$  such that  $K \leq X$  and  $\text{Ker}f/K + X/K = M/K$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}f + X = M$ . So  $K + L + X = M$  and  $K + X = M$ . But  $K \leq X$ , we have  $X = M$  and  $\text{Ker}f/K \ll M/K$ . Therefore  $M$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $M$  be a module and  $N \leq M$ . If  $M/N$  is  $M$ -projective, then there exists a homomorphism  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $\text{Ker}f = N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g : M \rightarrow M/N$  be the natural projection. Since  $M/N$  is  $M$ -projective, there exists homomorphism  $h : M/N \rightarrow M$  such that  $gh = 1_{M/N}$ . Then  $h$  is a monomorphism. Let  $f = hg$ , then  $\text{Ker}f = N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $M$  be a module. If for any  $U \leq M, M/U$  is  $M$ -projective, then  $M$  is lifting if and only if  $M$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.7.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting module and  $N$  a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . If every factor module of  $M/N$  is  $M$ -projective, then  $M/N$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{f} \in \text{End}(M/N)$  and  $\text{Ker}\bar{f} = T/N$ . Since  $M/T \cong (M/N)/(T/N)$ ,

there exists a homomorphism  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $\text{Ker}f = T$  by Lemma 2.7. Since  $M$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting, there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $T/K \ll M/K$ . Let  $M = K \oplus K', K' \leq M$ . Since  $N$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ ,  $M/N = ((K+N)/N) \oplus ((K'+N)/N)$ . It is easy to see that  $(K+N)/N \leq T/N$  and  $T/(K+N) \ll M/(K+N)$ . Hence  $(T/N)/((K+N)/N) \ll (M/N)/((K+N)/N)$ . Thus  $M/N$  is  $\mathcal{K}$ -lifting.  $\square$

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