

## A STUDY ON ESSENTIAL SUBMODULE AND SINGULAR MODULE

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss about direct sum, essential submodule, singular module, essential monomorphism and some theorems.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A ring is a system  $(R, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$  consisting of a set  $R$ , two binary operations, addition  $(+)$  and multiplication  $(\cdot)$  and two elements  $0 \neq 1$  of  $R$  such that  $(R, +, 0)$  is an abelian group,  $(R, \cdot, 1)$  is a semi group with identity and multiplication is both left and right distributive over addition. A ring whose multiplicative structure is commutative is called a commutative ring. A subset  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a two sided ideal of  $R$  in case it is an additive subgroup such that for all  $x \in I$  and all  $a, b \in R$

$$axb \in I$$

The two subsets  $\{0\}$  and  $R$  both ideals of  $R$ ; these are called the trivial ideals of  $R$ . Any ideal of  $R$  other than  $R$  itself is called a proper ideal. The ideal  $\{0\}$ , which we frequently denote simply by  $0$ , is called the zero ideal.

The ring  $R$  is simple if  $\{0\}$  and  $R$  are the only ideals of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  with identity  $1 \neq 0$  in which every non zero element  $a$  is unit, is called a division ring. Thus every division ring is a simple ring, for let  $R$  be a division ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \neq \{0\}$ , then there exists at least one  $a \in I$  such that  $a \neq 0$ . Since  $R$  is a division ring, so  $a^{-1} \in R$  and  $aa^{-1} = 1$ . since  $a \in I$ ,  $a^{-1} \in R$ ,  $aa^{-1} \in I$ , by definition of an ideal, or  $1 \in I$ , therefore  $I = R$  since if  $I$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$  with unity such that  $1 \in I$ , then  $I = R$ .

On the other hand every commutative simple ring is a field but in general simple rings need not be division ring, and division rings need not be commutative, for example, let  $H$  be the subset of  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  the  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the complex field, of all elements of the form

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ c - id & a - ib \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $H$  is a subring of  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Consider the elements

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, i = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in H.$$

Thus above typical element  $q$  of  $H$  is  $q = a1 + bi + cj + dk$ , then if  $q \neq 0$ , it is invertible, that is  $H$  is a division ring but it is not commutative.

Let  $R$  be a ring (with or without 1 and commutative or not). By a left  $R$ - module  $M$ , we mean, an abelian group  $(M, +)$  together with a map  $R \times M \rightarrow M$ ,  $ax \mapsto ax$ , called the scalar multiplication or the structure map, such that

1.  $r(x+y) = rx+ry$  for all  $r \in R$  and  $x, y \in M$
2.  $(r_1+r_2)x = r_1x + r_2x$  for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and  $x \in M$  and
3.  $(r_1r_2)x = r_1(r_2x)$  for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and  $x \in M$ .

Elements of  $R$  are called scalars. The left  $R$ -Module is denoted by  $R^M$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ - module. A nonempty subset  $N$  of  $M$  is called an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  if  $N$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$  i.e.  $x, y \in N$  implies  $x-y \in N$  and  $N$  is closed for scalar multiplication i.e.  $x \in N, a \in R$  implies  $ax \in N$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. A submodule  $K$  of a left  $R$ - module  $R^M$  is called a direct summand of  $M$  if there exists a submodule  $K'$  of  $M$  such that  $M = K \oplus K'$ , that is  $M = K + K'$  and  $K \cap K' = 0$ .

A submodule  $K$  of  $R^M$  is called essential (or large) submodule in  $M$  if whenever  $L$  is a submodule of  $M$  such that  $K \cap L = 0$  implies  $L = 0$  and it is denoted by  $K \Delta M$  and read as “ $K$  is essential in  $M$ .”

For example, if  $M$  is a left  $R$  module. Then  $M \Delta M$  because if  $M \cap L = 0$  implies  $L = 0$ , since  $L \leq M$ .

The two concepts, direct summand and essential submodule are reminiscent of the topological concepts of connected components and dense.

## 2 MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 1: Let  $L(R)$  be the set of all essential left ideals of  $R$ . Let  $I \in L(R)$  and  $r \in R$ . Then

$$Ir^{-1} = \{a \in R : ar \in I\}$$

is an essential left ideal of  $R$ . i.e.  $Ir^{-1} \in L(R)$ .

Proof: Let  $Ir^{-1} \cap K = 0$  where  $K$  is a left ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I \cap Kr = 0$  where  $Kr$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

or  $Kr = 0 \subseteq I$ , since  $I \Delta R$ . So  $Kr \subseteq I$  implies  $K \subseteq Ir^{-1}$ . Therefore  $K = Ir^{-1} \cap K = 0$  implies  $K = 0$ . Hence  $Ir^{-1}$  is an essential left ideal of  $R$ .

Lemma 2: Let  $A$  be a left  $R$ - module. Then

$$Z(A) = \{x \in A : Ix = 0 \text{ for some } I \in L(R)\}$$

is a submodule of  $A$ .

Proof: (i) Since  $R \in L(R)$  implies  $R0 = 0$  implies  $0 \in Z(A)$ .

(ii) If  $x, y \in Z(A)$  then  $Ix = 0, Jy = 0$  for some  $I, J \in L(R)$ . Since  $(I \cap J) \in L(R)$ . Therefore

$$(I \cap J)(x-y) = 0 \text{ implies } x-y \in Z(A).$$

(iii) Given any  $r \in R$ , we have  $Ir^{-1} \in L(R)$  where  $Ir^{-1} = \{a \in R : ar \in I\}$ . So  $(Ir^{-1})(rx) \leq Ix = 0$  since  $I \in L(R)$ . Therefore  $(Ir^{-1})(rx) = 0$ . So  $rx \in Z(A)$ .

Hence  $Z(A)$  is a submodule of  $A$ .

Definition: A pair of module homomorphism,  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ , is said to be exact at  $B$  if image of  $f$  = kernel of  $g$ . An exact sequence of the form  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  is called a short exact sequence; note that  $f$  is a monomorphism and  $g$  is an epimorphism. A monomorphism  $f: R^M \rightarrow R^N$  is called essential monomorphism if  $\text{Im } f \triangleleft N$ .

Theorem 1: A module  $C$  is singular if and only if there exists a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  such that  $f$  is an essential monomorphism.

Proof: Assume we have such exact sequence. Let  $b \in B$ . Define a map  $\varphi$  from  $R$  to  $B$  such that  $K$  be a left ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \cap K = 0$ . Then  $f(A) \cap Kb = 0$ , where  $Kb$  is a submodule of  $B$  which implies that  $Kb = 0$ , since  $f(A) \triangleleft B$  and  $Kb \subseteq f(A)$  and  $K \subseteq I$ . So  $K = K \cap I = 0$ . Therefore  $I = \varphi^{-1}(f(A)) \in L(R)$ . Now  $Ib \subseteq f(A) = \ker g$ , by exact sequence which implies that  $g(Ib) = 0$  or  $I(g(b)) = 0$ . Then  $g(b) \in Z(C)$ . Therefore  $C = g(B) \subseteq Z(C)$ , since  $g$  is onto. Hence  $C = Z(C)$  and  $C$  is singular.

Conversely, let  $C$  is singular. Then  $Z(C) = C$ . We choose a short exact sequence

$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\subseteq} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  such that  $B$  is free. If  $\{b_\alpha\}_\alpha$  is a basis of  $B$ . Then for each  $\alpha$ , we have  $I_\alpha g(b_\alpha) = 0$  for some  $I_\alpha \in L(R)$ . Therefore  $g(I_\alpha b_\alpha) = 0$ .  $I_\alpha b_\alpha \subseteq \ker g = \text{im } i = A$ . Since  $I_\alpha$  is essential in  $R^R$ , Then  $I_\alpha b_\alpha$  is also essential in  $Rb_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ , for if  $I_\alpha b_\alpha \cap K = 0$ , then  $I_\alpha \cap Kb_\alpha^{-1} = 0$ . Therefore  $Kb_\alpha^{-1} = 0$ , since  $I_\alpha \triangleleft R$  and  $Kb_\alpha^{-1} = \{r \in R: rb_\alpha \in K\}$  which implies  $K = 0$ . So  $I_\alpha b_\alpha \triangleleft Rb_\alpha$  implies  $\bigoplus I_\alpha b_\alpha \triangleleft Rb_\alpha = B$ . Then  $A \triangleleft B$ , since  $\bigoplus I_\alpha b_\alpha \subseteq A \subseteq B$ . Hence  $i: A \rightarrow B$  is an essential monomorphism.

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