

ON THE CHAIN CONDITIONS OF THE ENDOMORPHISM RING AND OF A FLAT MODULE

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1 Introduction

In this paper the author investigates the tools

$$I^L = \text{Hom}_R(M, L) = \{ f \in S \mid \text{Im}f \leq L \}$$

and

$$I_N = \{ f \in S \mid N \leq \ker f \}$$

for submodules $L, N \leq M$ in order to find out the relationships between the lattice of submodules of ${}_R M$ and the lattice of left ideals of the endomorphism ring $S = \text{End}(M)$ on an *endo-flat* module M . For a left(or right, or two-sided) ideal J of S , the sum of images of endomorphisms in J and the intersection of kernels of endomorphisms in J are denoted by

$$\text{Im}J = \sum_{f \in J} \text{Im}f \quad \text{and} \quad \ker J = \bigcap_{f \in J} \ker f,$$

respectively .

Assume a ring R to be a commutative ring with an identity.

The composition of mappings will follow the direction of arrows ;

$$fg : A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C .$$

The following lemma is an equivalent definition of an *S-flat* module as defined in [1],[2], and [5].

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DEFINITION 1.1. A left R -module ${}_R M = M$ is said to be S -flat (or flat over S) if for any left ideal J of S , we always have a Z -isomorphism $\mu_J : M \otimes_S J \rightarrow MJ$ where μ_J is the restriction of μ to $M \otimes_S J$ and $\mu : M \otimes_S S \rightarrow M$ is defined by $(m \otimes f)\mu = mf$ for all $m \in M$ and for all $f \in S$. We have the commutative diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes_S J & \xrightarrow{1_M \otimes i} & M \otimes_S S \\ \mu_J \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\ MJ & \longrightarrow & MS = M \end{array}$$

For a commutative ring R , the abelian group ${}_R M \otimes_S S$ is an R -module. Let $\rho(r)$ be denoted by the endomorphism defined by $m\rho(r) = rm$ for all $m \in M$.

Now a submodule L is called an *open* submodule of M if L is the smallest submodule which corresponds to the left ideal I^L , meaning that

$$L = \cap \{N_\alpha \leq M \mid I^{N_\alpha} = I^L\}.$$

In other words, the interior

$$K^\circ = \cap \{N_\alpha \leq M \mid I^{N_\alpha} = I^K\}$$

of K is defined for every submodule $K \leq M$. We shall investigate the open submodules of an S -flat module M and their correspondence to the left ideals of the ring S .

On the other hand, a submodule N is called a *closed* submodule of M if it is the largest submodule which corresponds to the right ideal I_N , in fact, $N = \sum_\alpha \{N_\alpha \mid I_{N_\alpha} = I_N\}$.

A submodule $K \leq M$ is said to be *generated* by M if K is a sum of images of endomorphisms $f_\alpha : M \rightarrow M$, i.e., $K = \sum_\alpha Mf_\alpha = \sum_\alpha \text{Im}f_\alpha$.

The following lemma is for a *faithful* module ${}_R U$ from the lemma on page 522 in [3].

LEMMA 1.2. (p522, [3]) A faithful module ${}_R U$ is flat over its endomorphism ring if and only if it generates the kernel of each homomorphism

$$d : U^{(n)} \rightarrow U \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

where $U^{(n)}$ is denoted by a direct product of n -copies of U .

REMARK 1.3. From the above lemma, every kernel of an endomorphism is an open submodule of a faithful module ${}_R M$. But it still not possible to say that for any submodule $N \leq M$ is open, or any submodule $N \leq M$ is a kernel of some endomorphism. In spite of that, for every element $x \in M$, where M is S -flat, there is some endomorphism h such that $x \in \text{Im} h$. This means that it is still hard to tell whether a sum of the images of non-epimorphic endomorphism may be M or may not. For distinct submodules $K, L \leq M$ we might have the same left ideals $I^K = I^L = \{f \in S \mid \text{Im} f \leq L\}$ of the ring S .

2 The correspondence between ideals of S and submodules of ${}_R M = M$

From now on, we assume the left R -, right S -module ${}_R M_S = M$ module is to be S -flat. For the commutative ring R , we have the R -isomorphism $\mu : M \otimes_S S \rightarrow M$ defined by $(m \otimes f)\mu = mf$ for every $m \in M$ and every $f \in S$.

In case, two left(right, or two-sided) ideals J, J' of S have the same image

$$\text{Im} J = \sum_{f \in J} \text{Im} f = \text{Im} J' = \sum_{g \in J'} \text{Im} g$$

we will call J and J' similar. And if their kernel

$$\ker J = \bigcap_{f \in J} \ker f = \ker J' = \bigcap_{g \in J'} \ker g,$$

then we will call J and J' cosimilar. Furthermore similarity and cosimilarity on the lattice of all submodules are equivalence relations. We denoted "similarity" by $\text{sim} \sim$ and "cosimilarity" by $\text{cosim} \simeq$.

We notice that for any left ideal $J \trianglelefteq_l S$, the kernel $\ker J = \bigcap_{f \in J} \ker f$ is always a closed fully invariant submodule of M , and for any right

ideal $J \triangleleft_r S$, the image ImJ is an *open fully invariant* submodule of M . Thus for $J \triangleleft_l S$,

$$I_{kerJ} \triangleleft S \quad \text{and} \quad I_{kerJ}^{ImJ} = I^{ImJ} \cap I_{kerJ} \triangleleft_l S$$

and for a right ideal $J \triangleleft_r S$,

$$I^{ImJ} \triangleleft S \quad \text{and} \quad I_{kerJ}^{ImJ} = I^{ImJ} \cap I_{kerJ} \triangleleft_r S.$$

The following proposition is straight forward.

PROPOSITION 2.1. For an S -flat module M , we have the following:

- (1) Two (left) ideals $J, J' \triangleleft_l S$ of S are *similar* iff the additive subgroups $M \otimes_S J = M \otimes_S J' \leq M \otimes_S S$.

There are one-to-one correspondences in the following:

- (2) Between the set $\{J \triangleleft_l S\} / \sim_{sim}$ and $\{M \otimes_S J \mid J \triangleleft_l S\}$.
- (3) Between the set $\{J \triangleleft_l S\} / \sim_{sim}$ and the set of all *open* submodules of M .
- (4) Between the set $\{J \triangleleft_l S\} / \simeq_{cosim}$ and the set of all *closed fully invariant* submodules of M .
- (5) Between the set $\{J \triangleleft_r S\} / \sim_{sim}$ and the set of all *open fully invariant* submodules of M .
- (6) Between the set $\{J \triangleleft_r S\} / \simeq_{cosim}$ and the set of all *closed* submodules of M .

REMARK 2.2. On the S -flat module M , in fact, for any ideal J of S , the ideal I^{MJ} is the largest ideal among the ideals *similar* to the ideal J . This means that $I^{MJ} = \sum \{J_\alpha \mid J_\alpha \sim J\}$ is the largest ideal which is *similar* to J . In the same way, the right ideal I_{kerJ} is the largest one among the ideals *cosimilar* to the ideal J . This means that $I_{kerJ} = \sum \{J_\alpha \mid J_\alpha \simeq J\}$.

We also have the properties:

- (1) For a proper submodule $L \leq M$, the left ideal I^L of S is proper.
- (2) For each ideal J of S , the left ideal I^{ImJ} is *similar* to J .
- (3) For a nontrivial submodule $N \leq M$, the right ideal I_N is a nontrivial right ideal of S .
- (4) For each ideal J of S , the right ideal I_{kerJ} is *cosimilar* to J .
- (5) For two *similar* ideals J and J' , there is an ideal $I^{MJ} = I^{MJ'}$ which is *similar* to J and J' .

- (6) For cosimilar ideals J and J' , there is an ideal $I_{ker J} = I_{ker J'}$ similar to $I_{ker J}$ and $I_{ker J'}$ which is cosimilar to J and J' .

DEFINITION 2.3. For conveniences, let's call a module ${}_R M$ *endo-flat* if ${}_R M$ is S -flat where $S = End_R({}_R M)$. Especially, for every closed submodule N , if the quotient module M/N is *endo-flat* i.e., M/N is $End_R(M/N)$ -flat. we will call M *closely quotient endo-flat*.

For any subring $A \subseteq S$, let the image $(M \times A)(\otimes_S(1_M \otimes \iota))$ of $M \times A$ under the mapping $\otimes_S(1_M \otimes \iota)$, simply be denoted by $\underline{M \otimes_S A}$.

REMARK 2.4. For any left ideal $J \trianglelefteq_l S$, if ${}_R M$ is *endo-flat*, we have to notice the following:

- (1) If ${}_R M$ is *closely quotient endo-flat*, then ${}_R M$ is *endo-flat*.
- (2) $M/ker J \otimes_S J$ is R -isomorphic to MJ and $M \otimes_S J$ is isomorphic to $M/ker J \otimes_S J$.
- (3) If $MJ = MA$ for a subring $A \subseteq S$ of S , then

$$\underline{M \otimes_S A} = \underline{M \otimes_S J} \leq M \otimes_S S$$

follows

Proof. 1): Since $0 = ker 1_M$ is a closed submodule and since $End_R(M)$ can be identified with $End_R(M/\{0\})$, it follows immediately.

2). Since we have S -balanced map $\beta : M/ker J \times J \rightarrow MJ$ defined by $(m + ker J, g)\beta = mg$ for every $m \in M$ and every $g \in J$ there is a unique R -homomorphism $\rho_J : M/ker J \otimes_S J \rightarrow MJ$ such that $\otimes \rho_J = \beta$. In fact, the R -homomorphism

$$\rho_J : M/ker J \otimes_S J \rightarrow MJ$$

is defined by $((m + ker J) \otimes f)\rho_J = mf$ for every $((m + ker J) \otimes f) \in M/ker J \otimes_S J$ and ρ_J is an R -isomorphism followed from the R -

isomorphism $\pi_J \otimes 1 : M \otimes J \rightarrow M/ker J \otimes J$ where $\pi_J : M \rightarrow M/ker J$ is the natural (canonical) projection defined by $m\pi_J = m + ker J$, for each $m \in M$, $1 : S \rightarrow S$ is the identity function, where

$$\pi_J \otimes 1 : M \otimes_S J \rightarrow M/ker J \otimes_S J$$

is the tensor product of π_J and 1. And the isomorphism $\pi_J \otimes 1$ follows from the fact that $(\pi_J \otimes 1)\rho_J\mu_J^{-1} = 1_{M \otimes J}$ is the identity mapping on $M \otimes J$ saying that $\pi_J \otimes 1$ is an R -monomorphism.

Therefore

$$\rho_J = (\pi_J \otimes 1)^{-1}\mu_J : M/\ker J \otimes J \rightarrow MJ$$

is an R -isomorphism.

3): Since the R -submodule $\underline{M \otimes_S J} = \langle m \otimes j \rangle \leq M \otimes_S S$ is generated by

$\{m \otimes j \mid m \in M, j \in J\}$ which is R -isomorphic to $MA = MJ$,

$$\underline{M \otimes_S A} = \underline{M \otimes_S J} \leq M \otimes_S S$$

follows immediately.

For a *fully invariant* submodule $N \leq M$, M/N is a right S -module and $M/N \otimes_S J$ is a left R -module. And for any left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, $M/\ker J \otimes_S J$ is well-defined and is a left R -module.

Since the kernel of J , $\ker J = \bigcap_{f \in J} \ker f$ is a *fully invariant* submodule of M for every left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, for this *fully invariant* submodule $\ker J \leq M$, the quotient module $M/\ker J$ is a right S -module and S is a subring of $T = \text{End}({}_R M/\ker J)$.

LEMMA 2.5. *If an endo-flat module M has an endo-flat quotient module $M/\ker J$ for a left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, then there is an R -isomorphism*

$$\phi : MJ/(\ker J \cap MJ) \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S J$$

defined by

$$\left(\sum_1^n m_i g_i + \ker J \cap MJ \right) \phi = \sum_1^n (m_i + \ker J) \otimes g_i$$

for every element $\sum_1^n m_i g_i + \ker J \cap MJ \in MJ/(\ker J \cap MJ)$.

Proof. Let's denote the endomorphism ring $\text{End}_R(M/\ker J) = T$ and

$${}_T I^{(M/\ker J)J} = \{ t \in T \mid \text{Im } t \leq (M/\ker J)J \}.$$

Then we can consider the following diagram in which

$$\xi : MJ / (\ker J \cap MJ) \rightarrow (MJ + \ker J) / \ker J$$

is an R -isomorphism defined by

$$\left(\sum_1^n m_i g_i + \ker J \cap MJ \right) \xi = \sum_1^n m_i g_i + \ker J ,$$

for every element $\sum_1^n m_i g_i + \ker J \cap MJ \in MJ / (\ker J \cap MJ)$ and

$$\hat{\beta} : M / \ker J \otimes_S J \rightarrow (MJ + \ker J) / \ker J$$

is defined by

$$\left(\sum (m_i + \ker J) \otimes g_i \right) \hat{\beta} = \sum m_i g_i + \ker J$$

for every element $\sum (m_i + \ker J) \otimes g_i \in M / \ker J \otimes_S J$;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M / \ker J \otimes_S J & \xrightarrow{\hat{\beta}} & (MJ + \ker J) / \ker J \xleftarrow{\xi} MJ / (\ker J \cap MJ) \\ \parallel & & \mu_{TJ}^{-1} \downarrow \uparrow \mu_{TJ} \\ M / \ker J \otimes_S SJ & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & M / \ker J \otimes_T TJ = M / \ker J \otimes_T ({}_T I^{(M / \ker J) J}) \\ & & \parallel \\ & & M / \ker J \otimes_T J \\ & & \swarrow \eta \\ & & M / \ker J \otimes_S SJ \xrightarrow{\gamma} MJ \end{array}$$

in which all elements are assigned by mappings as follows :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \sum_1^n m_i j_i + (\ker J \cap MJ) \\
 & & \swarrow \xi \\
 \sum_1^n ((m_i + \ker J) \otimes_S j_i) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \sum_1^n (m_i j_i + \ker J) / \ker J \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \mu_{TJ}^{-1} \\
 \sum_1^n ((m_i + \ker J) \otimes_S j_i) & \xleftarrow{\gamma} & \sum_1^n ((m_i + \ker J) \otimes_T j_i) \\
 & & \parallel \\
 & & \sum_1^n ((m_i + \ker J) \otimes_T j_i) \\
 & & \swarrow \gamma_1 \\
 \sum_1^n (m_i + \ker J) \otimes_S j_i & \xleftarrow{\gamma_2} & \sum_1^n (m_i j_i)
 \end{array}$$

Clearly γ_1 is an R -isomorphism since $ImT = M/\ker J$ and T -balanced is S -balanced. And γ_2 is also an R -isomorphism by 2) and 3) Remark 2.4.

Let $\gamma = \gamma_1 \gamma_2 : M/\ker J \otimes_T TJ \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S SJ$, then γ is an R -isomorphism by diagram chasing and

$$\phi = \xi \mu_{TJ}^{-1} \gamma : MJ/(\ker J \cap MJ) \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S SJ = M/\ker J \otimes_S J$$

is the required one. Hence the proof of Lemma is completed.

The *similarity* does not imply the *cosimilarity* in general (See the next following Remark 2.7).

We have a theorem for a *closedly quotient endo-flat* module ${}_R M$.

THEOREM 2.6. *Let ${}_R M$ be closedly quotient endo-flat. Then we have a property: if J and J' are similar then they are cosimilar where J, J' are left ideals of S .*

Proof. Since the left ideals J, J' are similar and since J and I^{MJ} are also similar, it suffices to show that J and I^{MJ} are cosimilar because once this is proved then the fact $I^{MJ} = I^{MJ'}$ would imply *cosimilarity* of J and J' . Since $\ker J, \ker I^{MJ}$ are fully invariant, also the tensor products

$$M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S J, M/\ker J \otimes_S J, M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ}, \text{ and } M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ}$$

are well-defined and they are R -modules. Since $J \subseteq I^{MJ}$, it follows that $\ker J \supseteq \ker I^{MJ}$. We can consider the following diagrams (1*) and

(2*) in which mappings $j, \pi_J, \pi_{IMJ}, \mu_J, \mu_{IMJ}, \rho_J$, and ρ_{IMJ} are involved. Let

$$j : M/\ker I^{MJ} \rightarrow M/\ker J$$

be defined by $(m + \ker I^{MJ})j = m + \ker J$, for every element $m + \ker I^{MJ} \in M/\ker I^{MJ}$. Let

$$\rho_{IMJ} : M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ} \rightarrow MI^{MJ} = MJ$$

be defined by

$$((m + \ker I^{MJ}) \otimes f)\rho_{IMJ} = mf$$

for every

$$(m + \ker I^{MJ}) \otimes f \in M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ},$$

and let

$$\rho_J : M/\ker J \otimes_S J \rightarrow MJ \text{ be defined by } ((m + \ker J) \otimes h)\rho_J = mh,$$

for every $(m + \ker J) \otimes h \in M/\ker J \otimes_S J$. In fact, ρ_{IMJ} and ρ_J are R -isomorphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M \otimes_S J & \xrightarrow{\pi_{IMJ} \otimes 1_J} & M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S J & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \iota} & M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ} \\
 & & \downarrow j \otimes 1_J \swarrow & & \downarrow j \otimes 1 \swarrow \\
 \mu_J \searrow & & M/\ker J \otimes_S J & \xrightarrow{1_{M/\ker J} \otimes \iota} & M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ} & \downarrow \rho_{IMJ} & M \otimes_S I^{MJ} \\
 & & \downarrow \rho_J & & & & \swarrow \mu_{IMJ} \\
 & & MJ & = & MI^{MJ} & &
 \end{array}$$

(1*)

Since $(\pi_{IMJ} \otimes 1_J)(1 \otimes \iota)\rho_{IMJ} = \mu_J$ is an R -isomorphism, $\pi_{IMJ} \otimes 1_J$ is an R -monomorphism and so $\pi_{IMJ} \otimes 1_J$ is an isomorphism. Since the facts that

$$j \otimes 1_J = (\pi_{IMJ} \otimes 1_J)^{-1} \mu_J \rho_J^{-1}$$

and $1 \otimes \iota = (\pi_{I^{MJ}} \otimes 1_J)^{-1} \mu_J \mu_{I^{MJ}}^{-1} (\pi_{I^{MJ}} \otimes 1_J) = (\pi_{I^{MJ}} \otimes 1_J)^{-1} \mu_J \rho_{I^{MJ}}$
it follows that

$$j \otimes 1_J : M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S J \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S J$$

with the identity mapping $1_J : J \rightarrow J$ and

$$1 \otimes \iota : M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S J \rightarrow M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ}$$

are R -isomorphisms too.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & M/\ker I^{MJ} \otimes_S I^{MJ} & \\
 \rho_{I^{MJ}} \swarrow & & \searrow^{j \otimes 1} \\
 M/\ker J \otimes_S J & & M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ} \cong M/\ker J \times I^{MJ} \\
 \rho_J \swarrow & \phi \uparrow \downarrow \zeta & \downarrow \eta \quad \beta \swarrow \\
 MI^{MJ} = MJ & MJ/(\ker J \cap MJ) = & MI^{MJ}/(\ker J \cap MI^{MJ})
 \end{array}$$

(2*)

For an S -balanced mapping

$$\beta : M/\ker J \times I^{MJ} \rightarrow MI^{MJ}/(\ker J \cap MI^{MJ})$$

defined by

$$(m + \ker J, g)\beta = mg + \ker J \cap MI^{MJ}$$

for every element $(m + \ker J, g) \in M/\ker J \times I^{MJ}$, there is a unique R -homomorphism

$$\eta : M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ} \rightarrow MI^{MJ}/(\ker J \cap MI^{MJ})$$

such that $\otimes \eta = \beta$.

Since M is *closely quotient endo-flat*, by the above Lemma 2.5 there is an R -isomorphism $\phi : MJ/(\ker J \cap MJ) \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S J$ defined by

$$\left(\sum_1^k m_i f_i + \ker J \cap MJ \right) \phi = \sum_1^k (m_i + \ker J) \otimes f_i,$$

for any elements

$$\sum_1^k m_i f_i + \ker J \cap MJ \in MJ / (\ker J \cap MJ).$$

Hence $(j \otimes 1) \eta \phi \rho_J = \rho_{I^{MJ}}$ is an R -isomorphism, from which we have an R -monomorphism $j \otimes 1$. By combining this with the surjectivity of $j \otimes 1$, $j \otimes 1$ becomes an R -isomorphism. Also the homomorphism

$$1_{M/\ker J} \otimes \iota : M/\ker J \otimes_S J \rightarrow M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ}$$

is an R -isomorphism since $1_{M/\ker J} \otimes \iota = (j \otimes 1_J)^{-1}(1 \otimes \iota)(j \otimes 1)$ is the composition of isomorphisms.

It remains to show that $\ker J \subseteq \ker I^{MJ}$. Hence for each $m \in \ker J$, the fact of

$$(m + \ker J) \otimes g = 0_{M/\ker J \otimes_S I^{MJ}},$$

for every $g \in I^{MJ}$ says that $mg = 0$ always for each $g \in I^{MJ}$. Thus $\ker J \subseteq \ker I^{MJ}$ follows. Hence the cosimilarity of J and I^{MJ} follows. Therefore the proof is completed.

REMARK 2.7. For a study of correspondences between left or right ideals of $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ and submodules of an endo-flat ${}_R M$, we have to see the following properties:

- (1) The hypothesis "closely quotient endo-flatness" of the Theorem 2.6 is essential.
- (2) The converse of the above theorem 2.6 doesn't hold.

For an endo-flat module M , we have the following 3), 4), and 5):

- (3) For an open submodule L and a submodule L' , $I^L = I^{L'}$ implies that $L \leq L'$.
- (4) For a closed submodule N and a submodule N' , $I_N = I_{N'}$ implies $N' \leq N$.
- (5) For each left ideal $J \trianglelefteq_l S = \text{End}(M)$ for an R -faithful module ${}_R M$, the closed submodule $\ker J$ is open. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \{H \leq M \mid H \text{ is a closed submodule of } M\} \\ & \subseteq \{K \leq M \mid K \text{ is an open submodule of } M\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For each element $r \in R$, let $\rho(r)$ be denoted by the endomorphism defined by $m\rho(r) = rm$ for all $m \in M$.

1): For a prime number p , let's consider a left Z -faithful module ${}_Z Z(p^\infty)$. Then ${}_Z Z(p^\infty)$ is not *endo-flat* by the Lemma 1.2 since the kernel

$$\ker \rho(p) = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1/p}, \overline{2/p}, \dots, \overline{(p-1)/p}\}$$

is not generated by the endomorphic images. For the endomorphism ring $S = \text{End}_Z({}_Z Z(p^\infty))$, it follows immediately that two distinct left ideals $S\rho(p)$ and $S\rho(p^2)$ are *similar* but not *cosimilar*. Also $S\rho(p)$ is *similar* to $S = I^{Im\rho(p)}$ but $S\rho(p)$ is not *cosimilar* to $S = I^{Im\rho(p)} = I^M$ with $\ker S = 0$ and every quotient module $Z(p^\infty)/(\ker S\rho(p^n))$, for any natural number n , is isomorphic to a non-*endo-flat* module $Z(p^\infty)$, from which ${}_Z Z(p^\infty)$ is not *closedly quotient endo-flat*.

For a specific example of an *endo-flat* module which is not *closedly quotient endo-flat*:

Take a Z -left module $M = {}_Z Z_2 \oplus Z_4$, M is *endo-flat* since any non-invertible endomorphism

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix},$$

possibly $a = 0, 1, b = 0, j$, and $c = 0, 1, 2, 3$ has a non-zero left annihilator in $S = \text{End}(M)$ where $j : Z_4 \rightarrow Z_2$ is defined by $(k + Z_4)j = k + Z_2$, for every $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$. By applying Lemma 1.2, it follows that $M = {}_Z Z_2 \oplus Z_4$ is *endo-flat*.

In particular, for the endomorphisms

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ j & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we have distinct kernels $\ker Sf = 0 \oplus 2Z_4 \neq \ker Sg = Z_2 \oplus 2Z_4$, however $Im Sf = Im Sg = Z_2 \oplus 0$ shows that the hypothesis "*closedly quotient endo-flatness*" cannot be dropped to obtain the *cosimilarity* of

two *similar* left ideals of S . In other words, $M = {}_Z Z_2 \oplus Z_4$ is *endo-flat* but not *closedly quotient endo-flat* since for the endomorphism

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ j & 2 \end{pmatrix} : M/(\ker Sf) \rightarrow M/(\ker Sf),$$

considering the following element :

$$(\bar{1} \oplus \bar{1}) \otimes_T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ j & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not the zero in

$$(M/(\ker Sf)) \otimes_T T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ j & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

but is the zero element of $M/(\ker Sf) \otimes_T T$, it follows that the quotient module $M/(\ker Sf)$ is not *endo-flat*

Note that for endomorphisms

$$k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ j & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

we have that

$$kh = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0_S$$

shows that h has a non-zero left annihilator endomorphism $k \neq 0$ in $S = \text{End}(M)$, but in $T = \text{End}(M/(\ker Sf))$, h has only zero left annihilator

$$k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0_T.$$

Hence "*closedly quotient endo-flatness*" the hypothesis of Theorem 2.6 is essential.

2): Considering a simple example of *closedly quotient endo-flat* modules; Z -faithful module ${}_Z Z$ has a property that S can be identified with $S = \{\rho(a) | a \in Z\}$ which is a PID (i.e., principal ideal domain). Distinct ideals are *cosimilar* which are not *similar*. For an instance, $\ker S\rho(2) = 0 = \ker S\rho(3)$ and $\text{Im} S\rho(2) = 2Z \neq \text{Im} S\rho(3) = 3Z$ says

that $S\rho(2)$ and $S\rho(3)$ are *cosimilar* but not *similar*. This shows that *cosimilarity* doesn't imply *similarity*, in general.

3),4): The proofs of 3) and 4) are omitted.

5): From Lemma 1.2 for each $f_\alpha \in J$ we have an *open* submodule $\ker f_\alpha \leq M$ of M . And since $\cap I^{N_\alpha} = I^{\cap N_\alpha}$ for any submodules $N_\alpha \leq M$ (α), in particular for each *open* submodule $N_\alpha = \ker f_\alpha$, the left ideal $\cap I^{N_\alpha} = I^{\cap N_\alpha} = I^{\cap \ker f_\alpha} = I^{\ker J} = \cap I^{\ker f_\alpha}$ has its image $Im(I^{\ker J}) = \ker J$ followed by the isomorphism $\mu_{I, \ker J}$ and by the S -balanced mapping β

$\beta : M \times S \rightarrow M \otimes_S S, M \times I^{\cap \ker f_\alpha} = M \times (\cap I^{\ker f_\alpha}) = \cap (M \times I^{\ker f_\alpha})$ is mapped onto the submodule $\ker J$. Thus the image $M I^{\ker J} = \ker J$ is *open*. Hence the kernel $\ker J$ is *open* for every left ideal J of S . In this case, the "R-faithfulness" is needed in order to apply Lemma 1.2.

For more applications of the correspondences between the the lattice of submodules of an R -left module ${}_R M$ and the lattice of left ideals of the endomorphism ring $S = \text{End}_R({}_R M)$, the following definition is used from [4].

DEFINITION 2.8. ([4]) A module M is said to be *self-generated* if every submodule is generated by M , that means that for each submodule $L \leq M$, there are some endomorphisms $f_\alpha : M \rightarrow M$ such that $L = \sum Im f_\alpha$.

A module M is called *self-cogenerated* if any submodule N is *cogenerated* by M i.e., for any submodule $N \leq M$ there is an R -homomorphism $d : M \rightarrow \prod M$ such that $\ker d = N$.

Equivalently, there are some endomorphisms $f_\beta : M \rightarrow M$ such that $N = \cap_\beta \ker f_\beta$.

Let $[J]$ be the equivalence class containing J in the set $\{J \triangleleft_l S\} /_{sim\sim}$.

THEOREM 2.9. If a *closedly quotient endo-flat* module M is *self-generated*, then we have a one-to-one correspondences between the following sets :

$$\{J \leq S \mid J \triangleleft_l S\} /_{sim\sim} = \{[J] \mid J \triangleleft_l S\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{A \leq M\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{I^A \mid A \leq M\}.$$

Proof. For an S -flat module M , if M is *self-generated*, then every submodule is an *open* submodule, which means that every ideal J of S is contained in only one largest ideal $I_{ker J}^{Im J}$ with open submodules $Im J$ and $ker J$.

And by the Theorem 2.6, $ker J$ is determined by J uniquely, in other words, $ker J = ker I^{MJ}$ for every left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$. Hence

$$I_{ker J}^{Im J} = I^{Im J} = I^{MJ}$$

is an ideal of S which is *similar* and *cosimilar* to J . In fact, $I^{Im J}$ is the largest ideal containing J such that $I^{Im J}$ is *similar* and *cosimilar* to J . Hence the remaining parts of the proof are easily completed.

Let (J) be the equivalence class containing J in $\{J \triangleleft_l S\}/_{cosim \simeq}$.

THEOREM 2.10. *If an endo-flat module M is self-cogenerated, then there are one-to-one correspondences between the following sets:*

$$\{J \triangleleft_l S\}/_{cosim \simeq} = \{(J) \mid J \triangleleft_l S\} \begin{array}{l} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{B \leq M \mid B \text{ is fully invariant} \} \\ \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{I_B \mid B \leq M \text{ is fully invariant} \}. \end{array}$$

Proof. In the correspondences, take $B = ker J$ for each $J \triangleleft_l S$, then $ker J$ is *fully invariant*. Hence the remaining parts of the proof follow easily.

3 Chain conditions on an endo-flat module M

The chain conditions of M and S are to be studied. For any left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, $[J] \subseteq (J) = (I_{ker J})$ holds for any *closely quotient endo-flat* module M .

NOTE 3.1. *For any closely quotient endo-flat ${}_R M$ and for any ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, by Theorem 2.6, it is concluded that*

$$[J] = [I_{ker J}^{Im J}] = [I^{Im J}] \quad \text{with a unique } ker J \text{ and } (J) = (I_{ker J}).$$

THEOREM 3.2. For an *endo-flat* module M and a left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, if $[J] = (J)$, then $I^{ImJ} = I_{kerJ}$ is a two-sided ideal of S .

Proof. Since $[J] = [I^{ImJ}] = (J) = (I_{kerJ})$ and since I^{ImJ} , I_{kerJ} are maximal elements in $[J] = (J)$, $I^{ImJ} = I_{kerJ}$ follows. Now that $kerJ$ is *fully invariant* for a left ideal $J \triangleleft_l S$, $I_{kerJ} = I^{ImJ} \triangleleft_l S$ is a two sided ideal of S .

COROLLARY 3.3. For a *closedly quotient endo-flat* module M , there is a one-to-one function from

$$\{J \triangleleft_l S\} / \text{cosim} \simeq = \{(J) \mid J \triangleleft_l S\} \text{ into } \{J \triangleleft_l S\} / \text{sim} \sim = \{[J] \mid J \triangleleft_l S\}.$$

PROPOSITION 3.4. If a module ${}_R M$ is *closedly quotient endo-flat*, then the following easily follow:

- (1) For a *self-generated* module M , if S is left Noetherian, then M is Noetherian.
- (2) For a *self-generated* module M , if S is left Artinian, then M is Artinian.
- (3) For an R -*faithful self-cogenerated* module M , if S is left Noetherian, then M is Artinian and Noetherian.
- (4) For an R -*faithful self-cogenerated* module M , if S is left Artinian, then M is Artinian and Noetherian.
- (5) For a *self-cogenerated* module M , if S is right Noetherian, then M is Artinian.
- (6) For a *self-cogenerated* module M , if S is right Artinian, then M is Noetherian.

Proof. For (1) and (2), the proofs are easy so we will not write them here.

3): In order to show that M is Noetherian, let

$$N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots \leq N_m \leq N_{m+1} \leq \dots$$

be any ascending chain of submodules of M . Then

$$I^{N_1} \subseteq I^{N_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq I^{N_m} \subseteq I^{N_{m+1}} \subseteq \dots$$

is an ascending chain of left ideals of S . Since S is left Noetherian, there is an $n \in N$ such that $I^{N_n} = I^{N_{n+i}}$ for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Since M is an R -faithful endo-flat module, every submodule is open and closed by 5) of Remark 2.7, which implies that $N_k = \text{Im} I^{N_k} = M I^{N_k}$ for each $k \in N$. And thus $N_n = N_{n+i}$ for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ follows. Hence M is Noetherian.

To show that M is Artinian, let

$$N_1 \geq N_2 \geq \dots \geq N_m \geq N_{m+1} \geq \dots$$

be any descending chain of submodules of M . Then we have an ascending chain of right ideals of

$$I_{N_1} \subseteq I_{N_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq I_{N_m} \subseteq I_{N_{m+1}} \subseteq \dots$$

On the other hand, the facts that M is Noetherian and that $M I_{N_1} \leq M I_{N_2} \leq \dots \leq M I_{N_m} \leq M I_{N_{m+1}} \leq \dots$ is an ascending chain of submodules of M imply that there is an $n \in N$ such that $M I_{N_n} = M I_{N_{n+i}}$ for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Thus I_{N_n} and $I_{N_{n+i}}$ are similar for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. By Theorem 2.6, they are cosimilar, in other words, $\ker I_{N_n} = N_n = N_{n+i} = \ker I_{N_{n+i}}$ follows for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Thus M is Artinian.

4) For the proof of Artinian module M , it follows from the first part of the proof of (3) in a similar way, it remains to show that M is Noetherian. To show that M is Noetherian, let's consider any ascending chain

$$N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots \leq N_m \leq N_{m+1} \leq \dots$$

of submodules of M . Then we have a descending chain

$$I_{N_1} \supseteq I_{N_2} \supseteq \dots \supseteq I_{N_m} \supseteq I_{N_{m+1}} \supseteq \dots$$

of right ideals of a left Artinian ring S . And also we have a descending chain

$$M I_{N_1} \geq M I_{N_2} \geq \dots \geq M I_{N_m} \geq M I_{N_{m+1}} \geq \dots$$

of submodules of Artinian module M . Then there is an $n \in N$ such that $M I_{N_n} = M I_{N_{n+i}}$ for each $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. By Theorem 2.6 and by

5) of Remark 2.7, $N_n = N_{n+1}$ for every $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ follows. Hence M is Noetherian.

5): Let

$$N_1 \geq N_2 \geq \dots \geq N_m \geq N_{m+1} \geq \dots$$

be any descending chain of submodules of a *self-cogenerated* module M , then we have an ascending chain of right ideals of S

$$J_1 = I_{N_1} \subseteq J_2 = I_{N_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq J_m = I_{N_m} \subseteq J_{m+1} = I_{N_{m+1}} \subseteq \dots$$

Since S is a right Noetherian there is an n such that

$$J_n = I_{N_n} = J_{n+i} = I_{N_{n+i}}, \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then since the N_i 's are *closed* submodules,

$$\ker J_n = N_n = \ker J_{n+i} = N_{n+i} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

follows immediately from $I_{N_n} = I_{N_{n+i}}$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Hence M is Artinian.

For (6), proof is followed by taking the reversing inclusion and the right Artinian ring S in the previous item (5).

The theorem stated on page 69 in [2] is well known. If S is right Artinian, then any right S -module is Noetherian if and only if it is Artinian.

For a *self-cogenerated* module ${}_R M$, by combining the above theorem with the facts:

$$\begin{aligned} \{ L \mid L \leq M \} &= \{ A \leq M \mid A \text{ is closed} \} \\ &\supseteq \{ B \leq M \mid B \text{ is open} \} \\ &\supseteq \{ B \leq M \mid B \text{ is open fully invariant} \} \end{aligned}$$

}, we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.5. *If a closedly quotient endo-flat module ${}_R M$ is self-cogenerated, then M is Artinian if and only if it is Noetherian.*

Proof. Assume that M is a Noetherian module. Let

$$N_1 \geq N_2 \geq \dots \geq N_m \geq N_{m+1} \geq \dots$$

be any descending chain of submodules of M . Then we have an ascending chain of right ideals of S ;

$$J_1 = I_{N_1} \subseteq J_2 = I_{N_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq J_m = I_{N_m} \subseteq J_{m+1} = I_{N_{m+1}} \subseteq \dots,$$

from which we have an ascending chain of submodules of M ;

$$MJ_1 \leq MJ_2 \leq \dots \leq MJ_m \leq MJ_{m+1} \leq \dots$$

Since M is Noetherian, there is an n such that

$$MJ_n = MJ_{n+i} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

Thus J_n and J_{n+i} are *similar*, so J_n and J_{n+i} are *cosimilar* for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, by Theorem 2.6. In other words,

$$\ker J_n = N_n = \ker J_{n+i} = N_{n+i} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

Hence M is Artinian.

For the converse direction of proof, assume that M is an Artinian module. Let

$$N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots \leq N_m \leq N_{m+1} \leq \dots$$

be any ascending chain of submodules of M . We have a descending chain of right ideals of S ;

$$J_1 = I_{N_1} \supseteq J_2 = I_{N_2} \supseteq \dots \supseteq J_m = I_{N_m} \supseteq J_{m+1} = I_{N_{m+1}} \supseteq \dots,$$

from which we have a descending chain of submodules of M ;

$$MJ_1 \geq MJ_2 \geq \dots \geq MJ_m \geq MJ_{m+1} \geq \dots .$$

Since M is Artinian, there is an n such that

$$MJ_n = MJ_{n+i} = MI_{N_n} = MI_{N_{n+i}} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

Thus J_n and J_{n+i} are *similar* $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Hence by Theorem 2.6, J_n and J_{n+i} are *cosimilar*. Since M is *self-cogenerated*, every submodule of M is *closed*. Thus

$$\ker J_n = N_n = \ker J_{n+i} = N_{n+i} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

which implies that M is Noetherian. Hence the proof is completed.

The following corollary is a result of the Proposition 3.4 and Theorem 3.5.

COROLLARY 3.6. *If a faithful closedly quotient endo-flat M is self-cogenerated, then the following hold:*

- (1) *If S is a left (or right, or two-sided) Noetherian ring, then M is Artinian and Noetherian.*
- (2) *If S is a left(or right, or two-sided) Artinian ring, then M is Artinian and Noetherian.*

Proof. For the case of a left Noetherian (or left Artinian) ring S , the results follow by (3) and (4) of Proposition 3.4. Hence it suffices to prove this corollary for the right Noetherian (or right Artinian) ring S .

1): It follows from (5) of Proposition 3.4 that M is Artinian.

And if

$$N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots \leq N_m \leq N_{m+1} \leq \dots$$

is any ascending chain of submodules of M . Then

$$J_1 = I_{N_1} \supseteq J_2 = I_{N_2} \supseteq \dots \supseteq J_m = I_{N_m} \supseteq J_{m+1} = I_{N_{m+1}} \supseteq \dots$$

is a descending chain of right ideals of S . Then

$$MJ_1 \geq MJ_2 \geq \dots \geq MJ_m \geq MJ_{m+1} \geq \dots$$

is a descending chain of submodules of M . Since M is Artinian, there is an $n \in N$ such that $MJ_n = MJ_{n+1}$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, in other words, J_n and J_{n+1} are similar. Since every submodule is closed, by Theorem 2.6 $\ker J_n = \ker I_{N_n} = N_n = N_{n+1} = \ker I_{N_{n+1}}$, for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Hence M is Noetherian.

2): For the case of a right Artinian ring S , we have to show that M is both Artinian and Noetherian. But by the theorem in [2] it suffices to show that one of the proofs that M is Noetherian and Artinian.

From 6) of Proposition 3.4 it follows that M is Noetherian. Hence the proof is completed.

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