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## ON ADS-MODULES WITH THE SIP

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ABSTRACT. The class of ads modules with the SIP (briefly, SA-modules) is studied. Various conditions for a module to be SA-module are given. It is proved that for a quasi-continuous module M, M is a UC-module if and only if M is an SA-module. Also, it is proved that the direct sum of two SA-modules as R-modules is an SA-module when R is the sum of the annihilators of these modules.

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### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to study the class of *ads*-modules with the SIP.

Fuchs [7] calls a module M to have the *absolute direct summand property* (ads), if for every decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  of M and every complement C of A in M we have  $M = A \oplus C$ . We note that every quasi-continuous module is an ads-module, but not conversely. However, an ads-module which is also extending is quasi-continuous.

Wilson [15] calls a module M to have the summand intersection property (SIP), if the intersection of every pair of direct summands of M is a direct summand of M.

The motivation of the current study comes from the following question: "Do the absolute direct summand property and the summand intersection property necessitate the other?"

Example 2.3 and Example 2.4 show that the class of ads-modules and the class of modules with the SIP are different. Therefore, we say a right R-module M is an SA-module if M is an ads-module with the SIP. It is clear that indecomposable modules and semisimple modules are SA-modules. In this paper, we provide various conditions for a module to be an SA-module. We

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prove that for a quasi-continuous module M, M is a UC-module if and only if M is an SA-module. We also provide a condition for the direct sum of two SA-modules to be an SA-module.

Throughout the paper all rings are associative with unity and R always denotes such a ring. All modules are unital right R-modules unless indicated otherwise.  $N \leq M$  will mean N is a submodule of M.

A module M is called *extending* (or CS) if every submodule of M is essential in a direct summand of M. A module M is called *quasi-continuous* if it satisfies extending and  $(C_3)$  condition: the sum of two direct summands of M with zero intersection is again a direct summand of M.

For two modules A and B, we say that A is B – *injective* if any homomorphism from a submodule X of B to A can be extended to a homomorphism from B to A.

For any module M,  $E(M_R)$ ,  $End(M_R)$  and r(X) (resp. r(x)) will denote the injective hull of M, the ring of endomorphisms of M and the right annihilator of a subset X (resp. an element x) in M, respectively. The notions which are not explained here can be found in [16].

### 2. SA-Modules

We begin with two lemmas which are useful in determining the ads property and the SIP property of a module. The first lemma appears in [5] and the second lemma appears in [8].

**Lemma 2.1.** A module M is an ads-module if and only if for any decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$ , B is A - injective.

**Lemma 2.2.** A module M has the SIP if and only if for every decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  and every homomorphism f from A to B, the kernel of f is a direct summand.

The following examples show that the class of ads-modules and the class of modules with the SIP are different.

**Example 2.3.** Let K be a field,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L = \begin{bmatrix} K & K \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are right R-modules. Let M = R/L and  $U = M \oplus N$ . By ([8], Remark on page 81), U does not have the SIP. However, since  $R/L \cong \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix} \cong K$ , R/L is injective by the Baer criteria. Then M = R/L is N - injective. On the other hand, since M = R/L is field, its submodules are only the trivial ones. So, N is M - injective. Thus U is an ads-module.

**Example 2.4.** Let p be a prime integer and  $M = \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p \oplus \mathbb{Q}$ . Since all direct summands of M are  $(\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p \oplus 0)$ ,  $0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $0 \oplus 0$  and M, clearly M has the SIP. Now, we show that M is not an ads-module. Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is injective,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  - injective. Now suppose that  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$  - injective. Let  $\pi : \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  denote the canonical epimorphism, defined by  $\pi(n) = n + \mathbb{Z}p$   $(n \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

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Then there exists a homomorphism  $\alpha : \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  which extends  $\pi$ . Now  $\alpha(1/p) = x + \mathbb{Z}p$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $p\alpha(1/p) = \alpha(1) = \pi(1) = 1 + \mathbb{Z}p$ . It follows that  $px + \mathbb{Z}p = 1 + \mathbb{Z}p$  and hence  $1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  is not  $\mathbb{Q}$  - injective. Hence M is not an ads-module by Lemma 2.1.

**Definition 2.5.** We say that a module M is an SA-module if M is an adsmodule with the SIP.

The next proposition gives a characterization of SA-modules. We remark that, the second part of this proposition also appears in [1] as Proposition 3.2. as one of the equivalent conditions for a module to be an ads-module.

**Proposition 2.6.** A module M is an SA-module if and only if the following statements are satisfied:

for any decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$ ,

- i) for every homomorphism f from A to B, the kernel of f is a direct summand.
- ii) for any complement C of A in M and the projection map  $\pi : M \longrightarrow B$ , the restricted map  $\pi_{|C} : C \longrightarrow B$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* Suppose M is an SA-module. The first part is Lemma 2.2. We show the second part. Let C be a complement of A. Take  $x \in Ker(\pi_{|C})$ . Then  $x \in C \cap A = 0$ , so  $Ker(\pi_{|C}) = 0$ . Since  $A \oplus C = (A \oplus C) \cap M = (A \oplus C) \cap$  $(A \oplus B) = ((A \oplus C) \cap B) + A$ , we have

$$\pi(C) = \pi(A \oplus C) = \pi((A \oplus C) \cap B) = (A \oplus C) \cap B.$$

Since M is an ads-module,  $A \oplus C = M$  and  $\pi(C) = B$ . Therefore,  $\pi_{|C|}$  is an isomorphism from C to B.

Conversely, let  $M = A \oplus B$  and C be a complement of A in M. Since the first part is satisfied, M has the SIP. Since the second part is satisfied,  $\pi_{|C}(C) = B$  and  $M = A \oplus B = A \oplus C$ . So M is an ads-module.  $\Box$ 

Lemma 2.7. Every direct summand of an SA-module is an SA-module.

Proof. Let M be an SA-module and N be a direct summand of M. Let K and L be direct summands of N. Since every direct summand of N is direct summand of M and M has the  $SIP, K \cap L$  is a direct summand of M. Then there exists a submodule F of M such that  $M = (K \cap L) \oplus F$ . Hence  $N = (K \cap L) \oplus (N \cap F)$  by modular law. Thus N has the SIP. Now we show that N is an ads-module. Let  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2, U \subseteq N_2$  and  $\phi : U \longrightarrow N_1$  be a homomorphism. Then there exists a submodule S of M such that  $M = N \oplus S = N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus S$ . Set  $X = \{u - \phi(u) | u \in U\}$ . Now  $X \cap N_1 = 0$  and so X lies in a complement, say C, of  $N_1$  in M. Hence X + S lies in the complement C + S, of  $N_1$  in M. Since M is an ads-module,  $M = N_1 \oplus (C + S)$ . Then each  $n_2 \in N_2$  has the form  $b - n_1$ ,  $b \in (C+S)$  and  $n_1 \in N_1$ , so that  $b = n_1 + n_2$ . The composition of the projection  $\pi_{C+S} : M \longrightarrow C + S$  along  $N_1$  followed by the projection  $\pi_{N_1} : M \longrightarrow N_1$ 

along  $N_2$  and restricting to  $N_2$  gives a homomorphism from  $N_2$  to  $N_1$  which extends  $\phi$ . Hence  $N_1$  is  $N_2 - injective$ . Thus N is an ads-module.

The direct sum of two SA-modules may not be an SA-module.

**Example 2.8.** There are SA-modules such that their direct sum need not be an SA-module.

- (i) Consider Z as a right Z-module. It is clear that Z is indecomposable and hence it is an SA-module. Since Z is not Z-injective, Z⊕Z is not an ads-module by Lemma 2.1 and hence it is not an SA-module.
- (ii) Consider the Prüfer p-group Z<sub>p∞</sub> as a right Z-module. It is clear that Z<sub>p∞</sub> is indecomposable and hence, it is an SA-module. Now define a homomorphism f from Z<sub>p∞</sub> to Z<sub>p∞</sub> as follows

$$f\left(\frac{n}{p^t} + \mathbb{Z}\right) = \frac{n}{p^{t-1}} + \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{N}.$$

It is clear that  $Kerf = \left(\frac{1}{p} + \mathbb{Z}\right)$ . But  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}}$  is indecomposable and hence Kerf is not a direct summand of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}}$ . By Proposition 2.6,  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}}$  is not an SA-module.

**Lemma 2.9.** ([10], Proposition 3.9) Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  be an *R*-module. If  $r(M_1) + r(M_2) = R$ , then every submodule N of M can be written as  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$ , where  $N_1 \leq M_1$  and  $N_2 \leq M_2$ .

We now state a condition for which the direct sum of SA-modules is an SA-module.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let M and N be two SA-modules, such that r(M)+r(N) = R. Then,  $M \oplus N$  is an SA-module.

*Proof.*  $M \oplus N$  has the SIP by Theorem 3.10 in [10]. We show that  $M \oplus N$  is an ads-module. Let A be a direct summand of  $M \oplus N$ . Then there exists a submodule B such that  $M \oplus N = A \oplus B$ . By Lemma 2.9,  $A = M_1 \oplus N_1$  and  $B = M_2 \oplus N_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are submodules of M,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are submodules of N. It is easy to show that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of M, and  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are direct summands of N. Let C be a complement of A. Then  $C = M'_1 \oplus N'_1$  for some submodules  $M'_1 \subseteq M$  and  $N'_1 \subseteq N$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} M_{1}^{'}\cap M_{1} & = & (M_{1}^{'}\oplus N_{1}^{'})\cap M_{1} \leq (M_{1}^{'}\oplus N_{1}^{'})\cap (M_{1}\oplus N_{1}) = & C\cap A = 0, \\ N_{1}^{'}\cap N_{1} & = & (M_{1}^{'}\oplus N_{1}^{'})\cap N_{1} \leq (M_{1}^{'}\oplus N_{1}^{'})\cap (M_{1}\oplus N_{1}) = & C\cap A = 0, \end{array}$$

and hence we have  $M'_1 \cap M_1 = 0$  and  $N'_1 \cap N_1 = 0$ . So  $M'_1$  is a complement of  $M_1$  and  $N'_1$  is a complement of  $N_1$ . Since M and N are ads-modules,  $M = M_1 \oplus M'_1$  and  $N = N_1 \oplus N'_1$ . Hence

$$M \oplus N = (M_1 \oplus M_1') \oplus (N_1 \oplus N_1') = A \oplus C.$$

Thus  $M \oplus N$  is an ads-module and hence an *SA*-module.

**Theorem 2.11.** If R is an injective right Ore domain, then  $(R \oplus R)_R$  is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Since  $R_R$  is injective,  $R \oplus R$  is injective and hence it is an ads-module. However,  $R \oplus R$  has the SIP by Proposition 4 in [3].

**Theorem 2.12.** Let R be a noetherian domain and M an injective R-module. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $M \oplus M$  is an SA-module.
- (2) M is torsion free.
- (3)  $\oplus M$  is an SA-module for any index set  $\Lambda$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 3.8 in [10].

**Proposition 2.13.** Let M and N be indecomposable modules such that M is injective, and  $Hom(M, N) \neq 0$ . Let C be a complement of M in  $M \oplus N$ . If  $M \oplus N$  is an SA-module, then  $N \cong M \cong C$ .

Proof. Let  $0 \neq f \in Hom(M, N)$ . Since  $M \oplus N$  has the SIP, M is isomorphic to a submodule  $N_1$  of N by Lemma 2.2. Since M is injective,  $N_1$  is injective submodule of N. By the injectivity of  $N_1$ ,  $N_1$  is a direct summand of N. By hypothesis,  $N_1 = N$ . Thus M is isomorphic to N. Since  $M \oplus N$  is an SAmodule, for the projection map  $\pi : M \oplus N \longrightarrow N$ , the restricted map  $\pi_{|C}$  is an isomorphism by Proposition 2.6. Hence  $M \cong N \cong C$ .

The classes of SA-modules and extending modules are different and demonstrated by the following example.

**Example 2.14.** (i) Let F be a field, V a vector space over F such that  $\dim V_F \geq 2$ . Let  $R = \begin{bmatrix} F \\ 0 \\ F \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} f & v \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix} | f \in F, v \in V \right\}$  a trivial extension of V by F. Since R is indecomposable as an R-module,  $R_R$  is an SA-module.  $R_R$  is extending when  $\dim V_F = 1$  but not in other cases. For example, if  $\dim V_F = 2$ , i.e.,  $V = v_1 F \oplus v_2 F$ ,  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ , then  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v_1 f \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid f \in F \right\}$  is a complement of  $J = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v_2 f \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid f \in F \right\}$ . But I is not a direct summand of  $R_R$ . (ii) This example is taken from [4]. Let F be a field and

$$T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, \ b, \ x, \ y \in F \right\}.$$

By [11], T as a T-module does not have the SIP. Hence T is not an SA-module. But T is extending by [4].

A module M is said to be principally quasi-injective (PQ-injective) if for every element  $m \in M$  and  $S = End(M_R)$ , every homomorphism from mR to M can be extended to an endomorphism in S (see, [13]). A module M is said to be *duo module* if every submodule of M is fully invariant. A module M is said to satisfy the ( $C_2$ ) condition if every submodule of M that is isomorphic

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to a direct summand of M is itself a direct summand of M. This condition is related to the PQ-injectivity as follows.

**Proposition 2.15.** Let M be an extending, duo, PQ-injective module. Then M is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Since M is due and PQ-injective, M has the SIP by Proposition 3.3 in [13]. But M has the  $(C_2)$  condition by Proposition 2.3 in [13] and hence has the  $(C_3)$  condition, and so M is an ads-module. Thus M is an SA-module.  $\Box$ 

Recall that an *R*-module *M* is called a *prime* module if r(x) = r(y) for every non-zero elements *x* and *y* in *M*. The following proposition gives another condition under which an *R*-module is an *SA*-module.

**Proposition 2.16.** ([10], Proposition 2.1) Let M be an injective and a prime module. Then M is an SA-module.

The converse of the Proposition 2.16 is not always true.

**Example 2.17.** There exist SA-modules that are neither injective nor prime. Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  as a Z-module. Then M is semisimple and hence M has the SIP. Since  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  are mutually injective,  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  is an ads-module. Thus M is an SA-module. But, since M is not a divisible abelian group, M is not injective. Let  $\overline{2}, \overline{3} \in M$ . Then  $r(\overline{2}) = 3\mathbb{Z}$ and  $r(\overline{3}) = 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence M is not prime.

Let  $N \leq M$ . Whenever  $N \leq_e K \leq M$  implies N = K, N is called (essentially) closed in M and we denote by  $N \leq_c M$ . A module M is said to be a polyform module if for every  $K \leq M$  and  $f \in Hom(K, M)$ , Kerf is closed in K (see, [6]). By Example 2.8 (ii),  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is not an SA-module. But it is injective and hence a quasi-continuous module. Therefore, a quasi-continuous module need not be an SA-module. Now we give the following lemmas which indicate when a quasi-continuous module is an SA-module.

**Lemma 2.18.** Let M be a quasi-continuous polyform module. Then M is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Let  $M = A \oplus B$  and  $f \in Hom(A, B)$ . Since M is polyform, Kerf is closed in A. Since M is quasi-continuous, M is an extending ads-module. Hence Kerf is a direct summand of M. So, M has the SIP by Lemma 2.2. Thus M is an SA-module.

Corollary 2.19. Every quasi-continuous nonsingular module is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Immediate from Lemma 2.18.

Let M be a module. It is well known that for any submodule N of M there exists a closed submodule K such that  $N \leq_e K$  and K is called a *closure* of N in M. A module M is called a *UC*-module if every submodule has a unique closure in M (see, [14]).

**Theorem 2.20.** Let M be a quasi-continuous module. Then M is a UC-module if and only if M is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Let *M* be a *UC*-module, *N* and *L* direct summands of *M*. Then *N*∩*L* is closed in *M* by Lemma 6 in [14]. Since *M* is quasi-continuous, *M* is an ads-module and by hypothesis, *N*∩*L* is a direct summand of *M*. Hence *M* is an *SA*-module. For the converse, let  $N \leq M$ . Suppose that there are  $K \leq M$  and  $L \leq M$  such that  $N \leq_e K \leq_c M$  and  $N \leq_e L \leq_c M$ . By quasi-continuity of *M*, *K* and *L* are direct summands of *M* and by assumption,  $(K \cap L) \oplus D = M$  for some  $D \leq M$ . Hence  $K = (K \cap L) \oplus (K \cap D)$ . Since  $N \leq_e K$  and  $N \cap (K \cap D) = 0$ ,  $K \cap D = 0$ . Then  $K = K \cap L$ . Similarly, it is shown that  $L = K \cap L$ . Therefore  $K = K \cap L = L$ . Thus *M* is a *UC*-module.

The injective hull of an SA-module may not be an SA-module.

**Example 2.21.** Let p be a prime integer and let  $M_1$  denote the Z-module  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}p$  and  $M_2$  be the injective hull  $E(M_1)$  of  $M_1$ . From ([12], Example 3.36), every submodule of  $M_2$  is cyclic and generated by  $1/p^n$  for some positive integer n. Therefore, it satisfies descending chain condition on submodules,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are uniform Z-modules, and they are indecomposable Z-modules. Then  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is an ads-module. Let f be a nonzero homomorphism from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$ . Since Kerf is a submodule of  $M_1$  and  $M_1$  is simple, Kerf = 0, i.e, Kerf is a direct summand of M. On the other hand, let  $\alpha$  be a homomorphism from  $M_2$  to  $M_1$ . Since  $M_2$  is divisible and  $M_1$  is not divisible,  $Hom(M_2, M_1) = 0$ . Then  $\alpha$  must be a zero homomorphism. So  $Ker\alpha = M_2$  is a direct summand of M. Thus M has the SIP by Lemma 2.2 and so M is an SA-module. But  $E(M) = \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{\infty}}$  is not an SA-module by Example 2.8 (ii).

Now we give the following proposition showing that the injective hull of an SA-module M is again an SA-module when M is extending.

**Proposition 2.22.** Let M be an extending SA-module. Then E(M) is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Since M is an extending ads-module, M is quasi-continuous. Then E(M) has the SIP by Proposition 18 in [2]. Since E(M) is injective, E(M) is an ads-module and hence an SA-module.

**Corollary 2.23.** Let M be a quasi-continuous module. Then M is an SA-module if and only if E(M) is an SA-module.

*Proof.* Assume that E(M) is an SA-module. Then M has the SIP by Proposition 18 in [2]. Hence M is an SA-module. The converse is clear by Proposition 2.22.

**Proposition 2.24.** Let  $M = A \oplus B$  be an *R*-module, f a homomorphism from A to B,  $E(M) = E_1 \oplus E_2$ , where  $E_1$  is injective hull of Ker f, and  $\pi$  the projection of E(M) onto  $E_1$  along  $E_2$ . If M is an SA-module, then  $\pi(M) \subseteq M$ . SA-modules

*Proof.* Suppose M is an SA-module. Let f be an homomorphism from A to B. Since M has the SIP, Ker f is a direct summand of M. The submodule  $K = E_2 \cap M$  is a complement of Kerf in M. Indeed, if C is a complement containing K in M and  $c \in C$ , we can write  $c = e_1 + e_2$ ,  $e_i \in E_i$ . If  $e_1 = 0$ , then  $c = e_2 \in E_2 \cap M = K$ . If  $e_1 \neq 0$ , then there is  $r \in R$  with  $0 \neq re_1 \in Ker f$ . Then  $rc = re_1 + re_2$  and  $re_1 \in Ker f \cap C = 0$ , a contradiction. Now since M is an SA-module,  $M = Ker f \oplus K$  and  $\pi(M) = Ker f$ .  $\Box$ 

Note that the converse of Proposition 2.24 is not always true.

**Example 2.25.** Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and the homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , defined by f(n) = 2n,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then Ker f = 0 and the injective hull of Kerf is  $E_1 = 0$ . Hence  $E(M) = E_1 \oplus E_2 = E_2 = \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}$ . Consider the projection map  $\pi$  of E(M) onto  $E_1$  along  $E_2$ . Then  $\pi(M) = 0 \subseteq M$ . But  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  is not an SA-module since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not  $\mathbb{Z}$ -injective by Lemma 2.1.

It is known that the sum of two closed submodules of a quasi-continuous module is closed (see, [9]). We prove that the sum of two closed submodules of an SA-module is again closed when both of them are direct summands.

**Proposition 2.26.** Let A and B be two closed submodules of an SA-module M such that A and B are direct summands of M. Then A + B is a closed submodule of M.

*Proof.* Since M has the SIP,  $A \cap B$  is a direct summand of M. Let K be a complement of  $A \cap B$ . Since M is an ads-module,  $M = (A \cap B) \oplus K$ . Hence, by modular law,

$$A + B = (A + B) \cap [(A \cap B) \oplus K] = A + [(A \cap B) \oplus (B \cap K)] = A \oplus (B \cap K)$$

Now let C be a complement of A containing  $B \cap K$  in M. Since M is an ads-module,  $M = A \oplus C$ . Let x = a + c be in the closure of A + B, say E, in M, where  $a \in A$  and  $c \in C$ . Since  $a \in A \subseteq E$ , we have  $a \in E$ . Hence there exists an essential right ideal I of R such that

$$cI \subseteq (A+B) \cap C = [A \oplus (B \cap K)] \cap C = B \cap K \subseteq B.$$

The fact that B is closed implies  $c \in B$ . Hence  $x \in A + B$ , as desired.  $\Box$ 

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