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# A GENERALIZATION OF $\oplus$ -COFINITELY SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

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ABSTRACT. We say that a module M is a *cms-module* if, for every cofinite submodule N of M, there exist submodules K and K' of M such that K is a supplement of N, and K, K' are mutual supplements in M. In this article, the various properties of cms-modules are given as a generalization of  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented modules. In particular, we prove that a  $\pi$ -projective module M is a cms-module if and only if M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented. Finally, we show that every free R-module is a cms-module if and only if R is semiperfect.

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, it is assumed that R is an associative ring with identity and all modules are unital right R-modules. Let R be such a ring and let M be an R-module. The notation  $K \subseteq M$  ( $K \subset M$ ) means that K is a (proper) submodule of M. A submodule N of M is called *cofinite* in M if the factor module  $\frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated. A module M is called *extending* if every submodule is essential in a direct summand of M [3]. Here a submodule  $K \leq M$  is said to be *essential* in M, denoted as  $K \leq M$ , if  $K \cap N \neq 0$  for every non-zero submodule  $N \leq M$ . Dually a proper submodule S of M is called *small (in M)*, denoted as  $S \ll M$ , if  $M \neq S + L$  for every proper submodule L of M [12]. The Jacobson radical of M will be denoted by Rad(M). It is known that Rad(M) is the sum of all small submodules of M.

A non-zero module M is said to be *hollow* if every proper submodule of M is small in M, and it is said to be *local* if it is hollow and is finitely generated. A module M is local if and only if it is finitely generated and Rad(M) is maximal

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(see [3, 2.12 §2.15]). A ring R is said to be *local* if J is maximal, where J is the Jacobson radical of R.

An *R*-module *M* is called *supplemented* if every submodule of *M* has a supplement in *M*. Here a submodule  $K \subseteq M$  is said to be a *supplement* of *N* in *M* if *K* is minimal with respect to N + K = M, or equivalently, N + K = M and  $N \cap K \ll K$  [12]. A supplement submodule *X* of *M* is then defined when *X* is a supplement of some submodule of *M*. Every direct summand of a module *M* is a supplement submodule of *M*, and supplemented modules are a generalization of semisimple modules. In addition, every factor module of a supplemented module is again supplemented. For a module *M*, two submodules *N* and *K* of *M* are called *mutual supplements* if, M = N + K,  $N \cap K \ll K$  and  $N \cap K \ll N$  [3]. Alizade et al. [1] have defined cofinitely supplemented modules as a proper generalization of supplemented modules. They call a module *M* cofinitely supplemented if every cofinite submodule *N* of *M* has a supplement in *M*, and give characterizations of these modules over any ring and commutative domain (see [1]).

A module M is called *lifting* (or  $D_1$ -module) if, for every submodule N of M, there exists a direct summand K of M such that  $K \leq N$  and  $\frac{N}{K} << \frac{M}{K}$ . Mohamed and Müller has generalized the concept of lifting modules to  $\oplus$ -supplemented modules. M is called  $\oplus$ -supplemented if every submodule N of M has a supplement that is a direct summand of M [7]. Clearly every  $\oplus$ -supplemented module is supplemented, but a supplemented module need not be  $\oplus$ -supplemented in general (see [7, Lemma A.4 (2)]). It is shown in [7, Proposition A.7 and Proposition A.8] that if R is a Dedekind domain, every supplemented.

In [4], Çalışıcı and Pancar call a module  $M \oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented if every cofinite submodule of M has a supplement that is a direct summand of M. They gave in the same paper some properties of these module. In particular, it is shown in [4, Theorem 2.9] that every free R-module is  $\oplus$ cofinitely supplemented if and only if R is semiperfect. Now we generalize these modules, and so we define cms-modules.

In this paper, we provide the some properties of cms-modules. Some examples are given to separate cms-modules and  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented modules. We prove that a  $\pi$ -projective module M is a cms-module if and only if M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented. In Proposition 2.5, we show that if M is cofinitely supplemented and f-supplemented, then it is a cms-module. We obtain a new characterization of semiperfect rings by using this result. We give some conditions for factor modules (in particular, cofinite direct summands) of a cms-module to be a cms-module. We prove that a refinable module M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented if and only if M is a cms-module if and only if it is cofinitely supplemented.

#### 2. CMS-MODULES

In this section, we define the concept of cms-modules and give various properties of them.

**Definition 2.1.** Let M be a module. Then M is called a *cms-module* if, for every cofinite submodule N of M, there exist submodules K and K' of M such that K is a supplement of N, and K, K' are mutual supplements in M.

From the above definition it is clear that every supplemented module is a cms-module. But every cms-module is not always supplemented. For example, let R (e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) be a non-local Dedekind domain which is not a field and Q be a quotient field of R. Consider the right R-module  $M = Q^{(I)}$ , where I is any index set. Since M has not any maximal submodule, M is a unique cofinite submodule of M. So M is a cms-module. Suppose that M is supplemented. Then Q is supplemented as a factor module of M. By [13], this implies that R is local, a contradiction. Therefore M is not supplemented. It is easy to see that every finitely generated cms-module is supplemented.

Resulting from all direct summands are mutual supplements to each other, every  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module is a cms-module. Under given definitions, we clearly have the following implication on modules:



But we shall give example of a cms-module which is not  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented.

**Example 2.2.** (See [6]) Let F be any field and R = F[[X, Y]] the ring of formal power series over F indeterminates X, Y. Then R is a local commutative Noetherian domain. Now suppose that M is the Noetherian right R-module J. Therefore M = XR + YR. By [12, 42.6], since R is a local ring, every submodule of M is supplemented and so it is a cms-module. It follows from [6, Corollary 2.4] that M is not  $\oplus$ -supplemented. Since M is finitely generated, M is not  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented.

In [9, 1.4], a module M is called *uniserial* if its lattice of submodules is a chain. M is said to be *serial* if M is a direct sum of uniserial modules. A ring R is right (left) serial if the module  $R_R$  (R) is serial. In [3, 29.10] a ring R is artinian serial with  $J^2 = 0$  if and only if every *R*-module is lifting if and only if every *R*-module is extending.

**Example 2.3.** (See [5]) Let R be a local artinian ring with radical W such that  $W^2 = 0$ ,  $Q = \frac{R}{W}$  is commutative,  $dim(_QW) = 1$ , and  $dim(W_Q) = 3$ . Then R is left serial but not right serial. Let  $W = w_1 R \oplus w_2 R \oplus w_3 R$ . By [5, Proposition 4.9], there exist five isomorphism types of indecomposable R-modules defined in [5, Lemmas 4.1§4.2], where  $X_5 = \frac{R_R \oplus R_R}{(w_1,0)R+(0,w_1)R+(w_2,w_3)R}$  is an indecomposable R-module of length 5 which is not local. Hence,  $X_5$  is not  $\oplus$ -supplemented by [6, Lemma 3.1]. Since  $X_5$  is 2-generated, it is not  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented. Applying [12, 42.6], since R is local, we obtain that  $X_5$  is supplemented. Therefore  $X_5$  is a cms-module.

A module M is called  $\pi$ -projective if, for every two submodules U, V of Mand identity homomorphism  $I_M : M \longrightarrow M$  with M = U + V, there exists  $f \in End(M)$  with  $Im(f) \subseteq U$  and  $Im(I_M - f) \subseteq V$  [12, 41.13].

**Proposition 2.4.** Let M be a  $\pi$ -projective module. If M is a cms-module, then M is a  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module.

*Proof.* Let N be any cofinite submodule of M. By the hypothesis, there exist submodules K and K' of M such that K is a supplement of N, and K, K' are mutual supplements in M. Since M is a  $\pi$ -projective module, in accordance with [3, 20.9],  $K \cap K' = 0$  and hence  $M = K \oplus K'$ . Therefore M is a  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module.

Recall from [12, 41.1] that a module M is *f*-supplemented if every finitely generated submodule of M has a supplement in M.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let M be a cofinitely supplemented module.

- (1) If M is f-supplemented, then it is cms.
- (2) If every proper cofinite submodule of M is supplemented, then M is a cms-module.

*Proof.* (1) For any cofinite submodule  $U \subseteq M$ , it follows from assumption that we can write M = U + V and  $U \cap V \ll V$  for some submodule  $V \subseteq M$ . Now

$$\frac{M}{U} \cong \frac{V}{U \cap V}$$

is finitely generated. Since  $U \cap V$  is a small submodule of V, we obtain that V is finitely generated. By (1), V has a supplement in M, say V'. Then, M = V + V' and  $V \cap V' \ll V'$ . By [12, 41.1(5)], we deduce that  $V \cap V' \ll V$ . Hence, V and V' are mutual supplements in M.

(2) Let U be any cofinite submodule of M. Since M is cofinitely supplemented module, there exists a submodule  $V \subseteq M$  that M = U + V and  $U \cap V \ll V$ . By the hypothesis,  $U = (U \cap V) + T$  and  $(U \cap V) \cap T = V \cap T \ll T$  for some submodule  $T \subseteq U$ . Now  $M = U + V = (U \cap V) + T + V = V + T$ .

Note that  $V \cap T \ll M$ . Since V is a supplement of U in M, we have  $V \cap T \ll V$  by [12, 41.1(5)]. Therefore M is a cms-module.

We don't know whether or not any factor module of a cms-module is a cms-module. But we prove that a factor module of a cms-module by a fully invariant submodule is a cms-module in the following theorem.

Recall from [12, 6.4] that a submodule U of an R-module M is called *fully invariant* if f(U) is contained in U for every R-endomorphism f of M. A module M is called *duo*, if every submodule of M is fully invariant [8].

**Theorem 2.6.** Let M be a cms-module and N be a fully invariant submodule of M. Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a cms-module.

*Proof.* Let  $\frac{U}{N}$  be any cofinite submodule of  $\frac{M}{N}$ .

$$\frac{\frac{M}{N}}{\frac{U}{N}}\cong \frac{M}{U}$$

is finitely generated. So U is cofinite in M. Since M is a cms-module, then there exist submodules V and V' of M such that V is a supplement of U, and V, V' are mutual supplements in M. It is clear that  $\frac{V+N}{N}$  is a supplement of  $\frac{U}{N}$  in  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Since  $V \cap V' \ll V', V \cap V' \ll V$  and N is a fully invariant submodule of M, then  $\frac{V+N}{N} \cap \frac{V'+N}{N} \subseteq \frac{(V \cap V')+N}{N} \ll \frac{V+N}{N}$  and  $\frac{V+N}{N} \cap \frac{V'+N}{N} \subseteq \frac{(V \cap V')+N}{N} \ll \frac{V'+N}{N}$ . Thus M is a cms-module.

Since Rad(M) is a fully invariant submodule of a module M, we obtain the following corollary as an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.6.

**Corollary 2.7.** If M is a cms-module, then every cofinite submodule of  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is a direct summand.

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence such that N is small in a module M', whenever  $N \subset M'$ . If K is a cms-module, then M is a cms-module.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we will assume that  $N \subseteq M$ . Then,  $\frac{M}{N} \cong K$  is a cms-module. Let U be any cofinite submodule of M,

$$\frac{M}{U+N} \cong \frac{\frac{M}{U}}{\frac{U+N}{U}}$$

and, so

$$\frac{\frac{M}{N}}{\frac{U+N}{N}} \cong \frac{M}{U+N}$$

is finitely generated. Then  $\frac{U+N}{N}$  is a cofinite submodule of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Since  $\frac{M}{N}$  is cms-module, then there exist submodules  $\frac{T}{N}$  and  $\frac{T'+N}{N}$  of  $\frac{M}{N}$  such that  $\frac{T}{N}$  is a supplement of  $\frac{U+N}{N}$ , and  $\frac{T+N}{N}$ ,  $\frac{T'+N}{N}$  are mutual supplements in M. It is

clear that M = U + N + T = U + T and  $\frac{U+N}{N} \cap \frac{T}{N} = \frac{(U \cap T) + N}{N} \ll \frac{T}{N}$ . By the hypothesis  $N \ll T$ . Note that M = T + T'. Then  $U \cap T \ll T$  and  $T \cap T' \ll T$ . Again by the hypothesis,  $N \ll T'$ , from which it follows that  $T \cap T' \ll T'$ . Therefore M is a cms-module.

Recall from [11, 1.11] that a module M is said to be *distributive* if  $(X+Y) \cap Z = (X \cap Z) + (Y \cap Z)$  for any submodules X, Y, and Z of M. This means that the submodule lattice Lat(M) is distributive.

**Proposition 2.9.** Let M be a distributive cms-module and N be a cofinite direct summand of M. Then N is a cms-module.

*Proof.* Let L be any cofinite submodule of N. Then  $\frac{N}{L}$  is finitely generated. Since N is a direct summand of M, there exists a finitely generated submodule N' of M such that  $M = N \oplus N'$ . Then  $N' \cong \frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated. Furthermore M = N + N' + L and  $N \cap (N' + L) = L$ . Since

$$\frac{(N'+L)}{L} \cong \frac{N'}{N' \cap L} = \frac{N'}{0} \cong N'$$

is finitely generated, then  $\frac{M}{L} = \frac{N}{L} + \frac{N'+L}{L}$  is finitely generated. Therefore L is a cofinite submodule of M. Since M is a cms-module, there exist submodules L' and K' of M such that L' is a supplement of L, and L', K' are mutual supplements in M. Then we have  $N = L + (N \cap L')$  and  $L \cap (N \cap L') \ll L'$ . Since M is a distributive module,  $L' = (N \cap L') \oplus (N' \cap L')$ . It follows that  $L \cap (N \cap L') \ll N \cap L'$ . Since M is a distributive module,  $K' = (N \cap K') \oplus (N' \cap K')$ . It follows that  $N = (N \cap L') + (N \cap K')$ . So we have  $(N \cap L') \cap (N \cap K') \ll N \cap K'$  and  $(N \cap L') \cap (N \cap K') \ll N \cap L'$  due to the inequality  $(N \cap L') \cap (N \cap K') \leq L' \cap K' \ll K'$ . Therefore N is a cms-module.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of cms-modules and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ . If every cofinite submodule of M is fully invariant, then M is a cms-module.

*Proof.* Let N be any cofinite submodule of M. Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated. By the hypothesis,  $N = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (N \cap M_i)$ . Note that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} (\frac{M_i}{N \cap M_i}) = \frac{\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i}{\bigoplus_{i \in I} (N \cap M_i)} = \frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated. Then for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\frac{M_i}{N \cap M_i}$  is finitely generated. Since for every  $i \in I$ ,  $M_i$  is a cms-module, there exist submodules  $K_i$  and  $T_i$  of  $M_i$  such that  $K_i$  is a supplement of  $N \cap M_i$ , and  $K_i$  and  $T_i$  are mutual supplements in  $M_i$ . Let  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} K_i = K$  and  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} T_i = T$ , and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (N \cap M_i) + \bigoplus_{i \in I} K_i = N + K$ , and  $N \cap K = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (N \cap M_i) \cap \bigoplus_{i \in I} K_i \subseteq \bigoplus_{i \in I} [(N \cap M_i) \cap K_i] = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (N \cap K_i) \ll K$ . It follows that M = K + T,  $K \cap T \ll K$  and  $K \cap T \ll T$ . Therefore M is a cms-module. □

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of cms-modules and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ . If M is a duo module, then M is a cms-module. **Lemma 2.12.** Let R be a ring with identity. Then the R-module  $R_R$  is a cms-module if and only if every free R-module is a cms-module.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let M be a free R-module. Suppose that  $R_R$  is a cms-module. Since R is  $\pi$ -projective,  $R_R$  is a  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module by Proposition 2.4. It follows that M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module by [4, Lemma 2.8]. So M is a cms-module.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  is obvious.

For modules M and P, let  $f : P \to M$  be an epimorphism. f is called cover if ker(f) is small in P. A projective module P together with a cover  $f : P \to M$  is called a *projective cover* of M. By [2, Theorem 2.1], rings whose (finitely generated) modules have a projective cover are (semi)perfect.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let R be a ring with identity. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) R is semiperfect;
- (2)  $R_R$  is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented;
- (3) every free R-module is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented;
- (4)  $R_R$  is a cms-module;
- (5) every free *R*-module is a cms-module.
- (6) every finitely generated *R*-module is a cms-module.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) It follows from [4, Theorem 2.9].

 $(3) \Leftrightarrow (4) \Leftrightarrow (5)$  By Lemma 2.12 and Proposition 2.4.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (6)$  Let R be a semiperfect ring. By [12, 42.6], every finitely generated R-module is supplemented. Thus every finitely generated R-module is a cms-module.

 $(6) \leftarrow (1)$  Suppose that every finitely generated *R*-module is a cms-module. In particular  $R_R$  is a cms-module. Since  $R_R$  is finitely generated, then  $R_R$  is supplemented. By [12, 42.6], *R* is semiperfect.

Recall from [12, 21.4] that a submodule N of a module M is called *radical* if N has no maximal submodule, that is, N = Rad(N). For a module M, P(M) will indicate the sum of all radical submodules of M. If P(M) = 0, M is called *reduced*. Note that P(M) is the largest radical submodule of M.

**Lemma 2.14.** Let R be a Dedekind domain and M be an R-module. Then P(M) is a cms-module.

*Proof.* Let R be a Dedekind domain, and so R is noetherian. Here, P(M) denotes the divisible part of M. Then P(M) is injective by [10, proposition 2.10], hence  $M = P(M) \oplus N$  for some submodule N of M. In this case N is called the reduced part of M. By [1, Lemma 4.4], P(M) is the only cofinite submodule of P(M). Thus P(M) is a cms-module.

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**Proposition 2.15.** Let R be a Dedekind domain, M be a duo R-module and N be the reduced part of M. Then M is a cms-module if and only if N is a cms-module.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since P(M) is a fully invariant submodule, then  $\frac{M}{P(M)} \cong N$  is a cms-module by Theorem 2.6.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  It is clear by Corollary 2.11 and Lemma 2.14.

In [3, 11.26], an *R*-module *M* is called *refinable* if for any submodules  $U, V \subseteq M$  with M = U + V, there exists a direct summand U' of *M* with  $U' \subseteq U$  and M = U' + V. Every finitely generated regular module is refinable. Note that every direct summand of a refinable module is refinable.

**Theorem 2.16.** Let M be a refinable module. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented;
- (2) M is a cms-module;
- (3) M is cofinitely supplemented.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are obvious.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let N be any cofinite submodule of M. Since M is a cofinitely supplemented module, then there exists a submodule K of M such that M = N+K and  $N \cap K \ll K$ . So we have  $N \cap K \ll M$ . Since M is a refinable module, there exists a direct summand L of M such that  $L \subseteq K$  and M = N+L. Then  $N \cap L \ll L$ . Thus M is a  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented module.

**Corollary 2.17.** Let M be a finitely generated refinable module. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) M is  $\oplus$ -supplemented;
- (2) M is  $\oplus$ -cofinitely supplemented;
- (3) M is a cms-module;
- (4) M is cofinitely supplemented;
- (5) M is supplemented;
- (6) every maximal submodule of M has a supplement.

**Corollary 2.18.** Let M be a refinable module.  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ . Suppose that for every submodule N of M there is a cofinite submodule L of M such that N = L + T or L = N + T for some  $T \ll M$ . Then M is a cms-module if and only if  $M_i$  is a cms-module.

Finally, we have the following fact.

**Corollary 2.19.** Consider the following statements for a ring R.

- (1) R is right perfect.
- (2) Every right R-module is cms.
- (3) R is semiperfect.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Since every module over a right perfect ring is supplemented, it is clear.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  It follows from Theorem 2.13.

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