

## A note on $ADS^*$ modules

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**Abstract** We study the  $ADS^*$  modules which are the dualizations of  $ADS$  modules studied by Alahmadi et al. (J Algebra 352:215–222, 2012). Mainly we prove that an amply supplemented module  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  if and only if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are mutually projective whenever  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  if and only if for any direct summand  $S_1$  and a submodule  $S_2$  with  $M = S_1 + S_2$ , the epimorphism  $\alpha_i : M \rightarrow S_i / (S_1 \cap S_2)$  with  $\text{Ker}(\alpha_i) = S_j (i \neq j = 1, 2)$  can be lifted to an idempotent endomorphism  $\beta_i$  of  $M$  with  $\beta_i(M) \subseteq S_i$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Throughout every module will be a right module. All rings have identity and all modules are unital.

Fuchs [4], calls a right module  $M$   $ADS$  if for every decomposition  $M = S \oplus T$  of  $M$  and every complement  $T'$  of  $S$  we have  $M = S \oplus T'$ . In 2012, Alahmadi, Jain and Leroy [1] studied the class of  $ADS$  rings and modules. In this note we dualize the concept of  $ADS$  modules as  $ADS^*$ . A right module  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  if for every decomposition  $M = S \oplus T$  of  $M$  and every supplement  $T'$  of  $S$  we have  $M = S \oplus T'$ . Note that for

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the submodules  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ ,  $A$  is called a *supplement* of  $B$  in  $M$  if  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B$  is small in  $A$ . We will write  $X \ll M$  if  $X$  is a small submodule of  $M$ . Any module  $M$  is called *amply supplemented* if  $B$  contains a supplement of  $A$  in  $M$  whenever  $M = A + B$  and  $M$  is called *supplemented* if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ . Thus every amply supplemented module is supplemented.

Let  $M$  be any module.  $M$  is called  $\pi$ -projective if whenever  $M = A + B$  then there exists a homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $f(M) \subseteq A$  and  $(1 - f)(M) \subseteq B$ . If any module  $M$  is  $\pi$ -projective, then it is  $ADS^*$  by [6, 41.14(2)]. Since every ring  $R$  is  $\pi$ -projective,  $R_R$  and  ${}_R R$  are  $ADS^*$ . If any module  $M$  is both supplemented and  $\pi$ -projective then  $M$  is called *quasi-discrete*. Now we have that

$$\text{quasi-discrete} \Rightarrow \pi\text{-projective} \Rightarrow ADS^*.$$

Note that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is  $ADS^*$  but it is not  $\pi$ -projective and so not quasi-discrete. On the other hand, if  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  and lifting, then it is quasi-discrete by [6, 41.15(b)]. Note that any module  $M$  is called *lifting* if it is amply supplemented and every supplement submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand. We should note that there is an amply supplemented  $ADS^*$  module which is not  $\pi$ -projective (equivalently not quasi-discrete). For example; let  $R$  be a local artinian ring with radical  $W$  such that  $W^2 = 0$ ,  $Q = R/W$  is commutative,  $\dim(QW) = 2$  and  $\dim(WQ) = 1$  (see, [3]). Consider the indecomposable injective right  $R$ -module  $U = [(R \oplus R)/D]_R$  with  $D = \{(ur, -vr) \mid r \in R\}$  in [3, Proposition 2(r)], where  $W = Ru + Rv$ . Note that  $U$  is 2-generated,  $ADS^*$  and amply supplemented. On the other and,  $U$  cannot be lifting since it is not cyclic. Hence  $U$  is not quasi-discrete and so not  $\pi$ -projective.

In this note we provide equivalent conditions for a module to be  $ADS^*$ . An amply supplemented module  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  if and only if any decomposition of  $M$  into two modules, the summands are mutually projective (Theorem 2.1). We give an example showing that ‘‘amply supplemented’’ condition in Theorem 2.1 is necessary (Example 2.2). We call a module  $M$  *completely  $ADS^*$*  if each of its subfactors is  $ADS^*$ . Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  be an indecomposable decomposition of  $M$ . Suppose that  $M$  is amply supplemented completely  $ADS^*$ . Then

- (i) For every  $i \neq j \in I$ ,  $M_i$  is  $M_j$ -projective.
- (ii) If  $i \neq j \in I$  are such that  $Hom(M_i, M_j) \neq 0$ , then  $M_i$  is simple (Theorem 2.7). We state that ‘‘amply supplemented’’ condition in Theorem 2.7 is necessary. Finally, we prove that a right semiartinian ring  $R$  is a right  $V$ -ring if and only if every right  $R$ -module is  $ADS^*$  if and only if every 2-generated right  $R$ -module is  $ADS^*$  (Theorem 2.8).

For the undefined notions we refer to [2,5,6].

## 2 Results

**Theorem 2.1** *For an amply supplemented module  $M$  the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is  $ADS^*$ .

- (ii) For any direct summand  $S_1$  and a submodule  $S_2$  with  $M = S_1 + S_2$ , the epimorphism  $\alpha_i : M \rightarrow S_i/(S_1 \cap S_2)$  with  $\text{Ker}(\alpha_i) = S_j$  ( $i \neq j = 1, 2$ ) can be lifted to an idempotent endomorphism  $\beta_i$  of  $M$  with  $\beta_i(M) \subseteq S_i$ .
- (iii) If  $M = A \oplus B$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually projective.

*Proof* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $S_1$  be a direct summand of  $M$  and  $S_2$  any submodule of  $M$  with  $M = S_1 + S_2$ . Let  $T$  be a supplement of  $S_1$  in  $M$  contained in  $S_2$ . By (i),  $M = S_1 \oplus T$ . Let  $\alpha_1 : M \rightarrow S_1/(S_1 \cap S_2)$  be the epimorphism with  $\text{Ker}(\alpha_1) = S_2$  and  $\beta_1 : M \rightarrow S_1$  be the projection map while  $\pi_1 : S_1 \rightarrow S_1/(S_1 \cap S_2)$  is the natural epimorphism. Clearly,  $\pi_1\beta_1 = \alpha_1$ . Therefore  $\beta_1$  lifts  $\alpha_1$ . Similarly, the projection map  $\beta_2 : M \rightarrow T$  lifts the epimorphism  $\alpha_2 : M \rightarrow S_2/(S_1 \cap S_2)$  with  $\text{Ker}(\alpha_2) = S_1$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $M = A \oplus B = A + C$  and  $A \cap C \ll C$ . We want to show that  $M = A \oplus C$ . By hypothesis, there exists an idempotent endomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow C$  such that  $\pi_2 f = \alpha_2$  where  $\pi_2 : C \rightarrow C/(A \cap C)$  is the natural epimorphism and  $\alpha_2 : M \rightarrow C/(A \cap C)$  is the epimorphism with  $\text{Ker}(\alpha_2) = A$ . Note that  $M = f(M) \oplus \text{Ker}(f) = C + \text{Ker}(f)$ . Clearly,  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq A$ . Since  $A \cap C \ll C$ ,  $[(A \cap C) + \text{Ker}(f)]/\text{Ker}(f) \ll M/\text{Ker}(f)$ .  $\text{Ker}(f) + (A \cap C) = A \cap (\text{Ker}(f) + C) = A$  implies that  $A/\text{Ker}(f) \ll M/\text{Ker}(f)$ . But  $A$  is coclosed in  $M$ , hence  $A = \text{Ker}(f)$ . Therefore  $M = f(M) \oplus A$ . Since  $C$  is a supplement of  $A$  in  $M$ ,  $f(M) = C$ . Thus  $M = A \oplus C$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Suppose that  $M = A \oplus B$  is  $ADS^*$ . We will prove that  $A$  is  $B$ -projective. Let  $C$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $M = C + B$ . Since  $M$  is amply supplemented, there exists a submodule  $C'$  of  $M$  with  $M = C' + B$ ,  $C' \cap B \ll C' \subseteq C$ . Since  $M$  is  $ADS^*$ ,  $M = C' \oplus B$ . Hence  $A$  is  $B$ -projective by [6, 41.14 (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4)].

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $M = A \oplus B = B + C$  and  $B \cap C \ll C$ . Since  $A$  is  $B$ -projective, there exists a submodule  $C'$  of  $M$  contained in  $C$  such that  $M = B \oplus C'$ . But  $B \cap C \ll C$ . Then  $C = C'$ . Hence  $M$  is  $ADS^*$ . □

Note that there exists an  $ADS^*$  module which is not amply supplemented with a decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  such that  $A$  is not  $B$ -projective:

*Example 2.2* Let  $R$  be a right  $V$ -domain which is not a division ring and  $S$  be any simple right  $R$ -module which is not  $R$ -projective. Put  $M = R \oplus S$ . Since  $R$  is a right  $V$ -ring, every right  $R$ -module has a zero radical so  $M$  is (completely)  $ADS^*$ . Note that  $M$  is not amply supplemented since  $R$  is not a division ring.

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  two submodules of an amply supplemented  $ADS^*$  module  $M$  such that  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $B$  is coclosed in  $M$  and  $M = A + B$ . Then  $A \cap B$  is coclosed in  $M$ .*

*Proof* Let  $C$  be a supplement of  $A$  contained in  $B$ . By hypothesis,  $M = A \oplus C$ . Then  $B = C \oplus (A \cap B)$ . By [2, 3.7(6)],  $A \cap B$  is coclosed in  $M$ . □

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $M = B \oplus C$  be a decomposition of  $M$  with projections  $\beta : M \rightarrow B$ ,  $\gamma : M \rightarrow C$ . Then  $M = B \oplus C_1$  if and only if there exists  $\theta : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $C_1 = (\gamma - \beta\theta\gamma)(M)$ .*

*Proof* It is Lemma 3.6 in [1]. □

With the same notations as in Lemma 2.4 we give an interesting property of an  $ADS^*$  module.

**Theorem 2.5** *A module  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  if and only if for any decomposition  $M = B \oplus C$  the supplements of  $B$  in  $M$  are all of the form  $(\gamma - \beta\theta\gamma)(M)$  for some  $\theta : M \rightarrow M$ .*

**Lemma 2.6** *Let  $M$  be an  $ADS^*$  module. Then any direct summand of  $M$  is  $ADS^*$ .*

*Proof* Let  $M = A \oplus B$  be  $ADS^*$ . Let  $A = A_1 \oplus A_2 = A_1 + K$  and  $A_1 \cap K \ll K$ . Then  $M = A_1 \oplus (A_2 \oplus B) = A_1 + (K + B)$ .  $A_1 \cap (K + B) \subseteq K \cap (A_1 + B) = K \cap A_1 \ll K + B$  implies that  $M = A_1 \oplus (K + B)$ . Hence  $A = A_1 \oplus (A \cap (K + B)) = A_1 \oplus K$ . Thus  $A$  is  $ADS^*$ . □

**Theorem 2.7** *Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  be an indecomposable decomposition of  $M$ . Suppose that  $M$  is amply supplemented completely  $ADS^*$ . Then*

- (i) *For every  $i \neq j \in I$ ,  $M_i$  is  $M_j$ -projective.*
- (ii) *If  $i \neq j \in I$  are such that  $Hom(M_i, M_j) \neq 0$ , then  $M_i$  is simple.*

*Proof* (i) Assume  $M$  is  $ADS^*$  (not completely). By Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.6 it is satisfied.

- (ii) Assume that  $i = 1, j = 2$  and let  $\sigma : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be nonzero. Since  $M_1 \oplus \sigma(M_1) \oplus \dots$  is  $ADS^*$ ,  $\sigma(M_1) \cong M_1 / Ker(\sigma)$  is  $M_1$ -projective. Thus  $Ker(\sigma)$  is a direct summand of  $M_1$ . But  $M_1$  is indecomposable, hence  $Ker(\sigma) = 0$ . Let  $m_1 \in M_1$  be nonzero. Note that  $M_1 / m_1 R \cong \sigma(M_1) / \sigma(m_1 R)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (M_1 / m_1 R) \oplus M_1 &\cong [\sigma(M_1) / \sigma(m_1 R)] \oplus M_1 \subseteq [M_2 / \sigma(m_1 R)] \oplus M_1 \\ &\cong (M_2 \oplus M_1) / \sigma(m_1 R) \subseteq M / \sigma(m_1 R). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  is completely  $ADS^*$ ,  $M_1 / m_1 R$  is  $M_1$ -projective. Hence  $m_1 R$  is a direct summand of  $M_1$  and so  $m_1 R = M_1$ . This means that  $M_1$  is simple. □

Note that Theorem 2.7 is not correct if  $M$  is not amply supplemented: If we consider Example 2.2, then  $Hom(R_R, S) \neq 0$  but  $R$  is not simple. Therefore Theorem 2.7(i) and (ii) are not satisfied.

Finally, we investigate that when a semiartinian ring is a right  $V$ -ring in terms of  $ADS^*$  modules:

**Theorem 2.8** *Let  $R$  be a right semiartinian ring. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$R$  is a right  $V$ -ring.*
- (ii) *Every right  $R$ -module is  $ADS^*$ .*
- (iii) *Every 2-generated right  $R$ -module is  $ADS^*$ .*

*Proof* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) are clear.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $S$  be a simple right  $R$ -module, and  $E$  be the injective hull of  $S$ . Assume  $S \neq E$ . Then by semiartinian assumption, we can find a cyclic submodule  $T$  of  $E$  containing  $S$  as a maximal submodule. Put  $X = T \oplus (T/S)$  and  $A = \{(t, t + S) \mid t \in T\}$ . Clearly,  $A$  is a supplement of  $T \oplus 0$  in  $X$  but  $A \cap (T \oplus 0) \neq 0$ , contradicting the  $ADS^*$  assumption. So  $R$  is a right  $V$ -ring. □

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