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## NOTES ON PURITIES

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Throughout this paper, the word "module" always means a unitary  $A$ -module where  $A$  is an associative ring with unity. The basic definitions are given in [5] or [1].

### 1. PROJECTIVELY CLOSED PURITIES

The definitions and notations are given in [5] or [1] and therefore we do not repeat them. The composition of the homomorphisms  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $\psi : B \rightarrow C$  is denoted by  $\psi\varphi$ .

We start with the following

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $U$  be a submodule of a free module  $F$ ,  $0 \rightarrow U \xrightarrow{\chi} F \xrightarrow{\eta} P \rightarrow 0$  an exact sequence where  $\chi$  is the canonical embedding and  $i : A \rightarrow B$  a monomorphism. Then  $P$  is co-projective with respect to  $i$  if and only if  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_{FU}$ .*

*Proof.* This proof is essentially the same as that of Lemma 1 in [5] and therefore we omit it.

From Theorem 1 and Lemma 3 from [5] it follows that the three following properties of a purity  $\omega$  are equivalent:

- a)  $\omega$  is projectively closed,
- b)  $\omega$  is a  $\Gamma$ -purity for some class  $\Gamma$ ,
- c)  $\omega$  is of the form  $\omega^{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some class of modules  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $\omega$  be a projectively closed purity. An arbitrary class  $\Gamma$  of couples  $(F, U)$  where  $U$  is a submodule of a free module  $F$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega = \mathfrak{S}_\Gamma$  will be called a basis of  $\omega$ . Similarly, an arbitrary class  $\mathfrak{M}$  of modules satisfying  $\omega = \omega^{\mathfrak{M}}$  will be called a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis of  $\omega$ .

The following simple lemma will be useful in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\Gamma = \{(F, U)\}$  is a basis of a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  then the class  $\mathfrak{M} = \{P, P = F/U, (F, U) \in \Gamma\}$  is a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis of  $\omega$ . Conversely, if the class  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis of a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  then taking to any  $P \in \mathfrak{M}$  an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \xrightarrow{\chi} F \xrightarrow{\eta} P \rightarrow 0$  where  $U$  is a submodule of a free module  $F$  and  $\chi$  is the canonical embedding we obtain that the class  $\Gamma$  of all such couples  $(F, U)$  is a basis of  $\omega$ .*

Proof follows easily from Lemma 1.

Recall that a family  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  of submodules of  $A$  is called a covering of  $A$  if  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  generate  $A$ . Further, a module  $A$  is called compact if its any countable covering has a finite subcovering.

**Theorem 1.** *If a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that any module from  $\mathfrak{M}$  is compact then the class  $\mathfrak{H}_\omega$  is closed under taking direct sums.*

Proof. Let  $0 \rightarrow A_\alpha \xrightarrow{i_\alpha} B_\alpha \xrightarrow{\pi_\alpha} C_\alpha \rightarrow 0, \alpha \in \Omega$  be any set of short exact sequences with  $i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ . Let us put  $A = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha, B = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} B_\alpha, C = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} C_\alpha, i = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} i_\alpha, \pi = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} \pi_\alpha$  and let  $P \in \mathfrak{M}$  be an arbitrary module. Then the sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{\pi} C \rightarrow 0$  is exact and the compactness of  $P$  guarantees that the image of any homomorphism  $f: P \rightarrow C$  is contained in the direct sum of a finite number of  $C_\alpha$ 's (see [1], p. 47). The class  $\mathfrak{H}_\omega$  is closed under taking finite direct sums (see (1,1) in [1]) which guarantees the existence of the homomorphism  $\varphi: P \rightarrow B$  with  $\pi\varphi = f$ . Therefore  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 2.** *If a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that any module from  $\mathfrak{M}$  is compact then the direct sum  $A = \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha$  is  $\omega$ -flat if and only if any  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  is  $\omega$ -flat.*

Proof. Recall that a module  $A$  is  $\omega$ -flat if  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  for any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} B \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ . If  $A$  is  $\omega$ -flat then any  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  is  $\omega$ -flat by (1,15) from [1]. Conversely, let us suppose that any  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  is  $\omega$ -flat. Taking for any  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow U_\alpha \xrightarrow{i_\alpha} F_\alpha \rightarrow A_\alpha \rightarrow 0$  with a free module  $F_\alpha$  we have  $i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ . Then the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} U_\alpha \xrightarrow{\dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} i_\alpha} \dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} F_\alpha \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is exact and  $\dot{\sum}_{\alpha \in \Omega} i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  by Theorem 1. Hence  $A$  is  $\omega$ -flat by (1,12) from [1].

**Theorem 3.** *If a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a basis  $\Gamma$  where  $\Gamma$  is a set then there exists a free module  $F$  and its submodule  $U$  such that  $\mathfrak{H}_\omega = \mathfrak{H}_{FU}$ .*

Proof. By Lemma 2,  $\omega$  has a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{M}$  where  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a set. By (1,5) from [1] the module  $P = \dot{\sum}_{P' \in \mathfrak{M}} P'$  is  $\omega$ -projective,  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_\omega$ , so that  $\mathfrak{H}_\omega \subseteq \mathfrak{H}^{(P)}$ . Conversely, again

by (1,5) from [1] we have  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}_{\omega(P)}$  hence  $\mathfrak{S}^{(P)} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_{\omega}$  and Lemma 1 completes the proof.

**Theorem 4.** *If a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{M}$  (or a basis  $\Gamma$ ) which is a set, then the purity  $\omega$  is projective.*

*Proof.* In view of Lemma 2 and Theorem 3 we can assume that the module  $P'$  is a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis of  $\omega$ . Let  $A$  be an arbitrary module and  $\pi' : F \rightarrow A$  an epimorphism of some free module  $F$  onto  $A$ . By (1,5) from [1] the module  $P = F \dot{+} \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)} P'_f$  where  $P'_f = P'$  for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)$  is  $\omega$ -projective. For an element  $(q, (p'_f)) \in P$ ,  $q \in F$ ,  $p'_f \in P'_f$ , let us put  $\pi((q, (p'_f))) = \pi'(q) + \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)} f(p'_f)$  (this can be made since only a finite number of  $p'_f$ 's is non-zero). Here  $\pi : P \rightarrow A$  is an epimorphism since  $\pi'$  is. If we denote  $K = \text{Ker } \pi$  and  $i$  the corresponding canonical embedding we get an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \xrightarrow{\pi} A \rightarrow 0$ . It remains to show that  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_{\omega}$ . However, taking  $f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)$  arbitrarily and denoting by  $L_f$  the canonical embedding of  $P' = P'_f$  into  $P$  we obviously have  $\pi L_f = f$  and the proof is complete.

*Remark.* We have just proved something more, namely: *If a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a set as a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis then there exists a module  $P' \in \mathfrak{P}_{\omega}$  such that to any module  $A$  there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  with  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_{\omega}$  and  $P = F \dot{+} \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)} P'_f$  where  $F$  is free and  $P'_f = P'$  for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)$ .*

**Theorem 5.** *The following two conditions are logically equivalent:*

- a) *Any projectively closed purity has a set as a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis,*
- b) *there exists a cardinal number  $m$  such that any module of power at least  $m$  is a direct sum of modules of powers less than  $m$ .*

*Proof.* First, let us show that a)  $\Rightarrow$  b). For this purpose, let us assume the purity  $\omega$  to have the class of all modules as a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis. By hypothesis, Theorem 3 and Lemma 2, there exists a module  $P'$  which is a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis of  $\omega$ . Let  $m$  be the first uncountable cardinal greater than  $\max(|P'|, |A|)^1$ . By the remark preceding this theorem, to any module  $A$  of power at least  $m$  there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  with  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_{\omega}$  and  $P = F \dot{+} \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)} P'_f$  where  $F$  is free and  $P'_f = P'$  for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(P', A)$ . Hence  $A$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $P$  since  $A \in \mathfrak{P}_{\omega}$  by hypothesis. Therefore  $A$  is a direct sum of modules of powers less than  $m$  owing to Theorem 4.3 from [4].

Conversely, let us suppose b) and let  $\omega$  be any projectively closed purity. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the set of all pair-wise non-isomorphic modules from  $\mathfrak{P}_{\omega}$  the powers of which are

<sup>1)</sup>  $|M|$  denotes the power of the set  $M$ .

less than  $m$ . Clearly,  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega \subseteq \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}}$ . On the other hand, any module  $P \in \mathfrak{P}_\omega$  of power at least  $m$  is, by hypothesis, a direct sum  $P = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} P_\alpha$  of modules of powers less than  $m$ .

By (1.5) from [1] any  $P_\alpha$  lies in  $\mathfrak{P}_\omega$  and hence it is isomorphic to an element from  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Using (1.5) from [1] again, we get  $P \in \mathfrak{P}_{\omega, \mathfrak{M}}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{P}_\omega \subseteq \mathfrak{P}_{\omega, \mathfrak{M}}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_\omega$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be two sets of modules containing  $A$ . We say that  $\mathfrak{N}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{M}$  if any module from  $\mathfrak{N}$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of a direct sum of modules from  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Further, we say that  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are equivalent if  $\mathfrak{M}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{N}$  and conversely,  $\mathfrak{N}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be two sets of modules containing  $A$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{N}}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Particularly,  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} = \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{N}}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are equivalent.

*Proof.* The special assertion is a trivial consequence of the general one. First, let us suppose that  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{N}}$  and let  $N \in \mathfrak{N}$  be an arbitrary module. By hypothesis, the proof of Theorem 3 and the remark after Theorem 4 there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  where  $i \in \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $P$  is a direct sum of modules from  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{N}}$ ,  $N$  is co-projective with respect to  $i$  and therefore it is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $P$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{N}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{N}$  depends on  $\mathfrak{M}$  then (1.5) from [1] yields  $\mathfrak{N} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}_{\omega, \mathfrak{M}}$  and therefore  $\mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}^{\mathfrak{N}}$ .

**Theorem 7.** The intersection of any set of projective purities is a projective purity.

*Proof.* Let  $\omega_\alpha, \alpha \in M$  be a set of projective purities and let us put  $\omega = \bigcap_{\alpha \in M} \omega_\alpha$ . It is clear that  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_\omega$  if and only if any module from  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in M} \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$  is co-projective with respect to  $i$  so that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in M} \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$  is a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis of  $\omega$ . Let  $A$  be an arbitrary module. The projectivity of  $\omega_\alpha, \alpha \in M$  implies the existence of exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow K_\alpha \xrightarrow{i_\alpha} P_\alpha \xrightarrow{\pi_\alpha} A \rightarrow 0$  with  $i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{S}_{\omega_\alpha}$  and  $P_\alpha \in \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$ . For  $P = \sum_{\alpha \in M} P_\alpha$  let us define a mapping  $\pi : P \rightarrow A$  by the formula  $\pi(\{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in M}) = \sum_{\alpha \in M} \pi_\alpha(p_\alpha)$  (this can be done since only a finite number of  $p_\alpha$ 's is non-zero). It is not too hard to show that  $\pi$  is a homomorphism and, moreover, it is an epimorphism since  $\pi_\alpha, \alpha \in M$  are. Let us introduce the following notation:  $\iota_\alpha$  is the canonical embedding of  $P_\alpha$  into  $P$ ,  $K = \text{Ker } \pi$  and  $i$  is the natural embedding of  $K$  into  $P$ . Since  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in M} \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$  is a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis of  $\omega$  we have  $P \in \mathfrak{P}_\omega$  by (1.5) from [1] so that it suffices to show that  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_\omega$ . Let  $P' \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in M} \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$  be an arbitrary module and  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(P', A)$  an arbitrary element. Then  $P' \in \mathfrak{P}_{\omega_\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha \in M$  so that there exists a homomorphism

$\psi' : P' \rightarrow P_\alpha$  with  $\pi_\alpha \psi' = \varphi$  (since  $i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_{\omega_\alpha}$ ). Putting  $\psi = \iota_\alpha \psi' : P' \rightarrow P$  we have  $\pi \psi = \pi \iota_\alpha \psi' = \pi_\alpha \psi' = \varphi$ , which completes the proof.

Now we shall present two theorems concerning  $\mathcal{E}$ -purity.

**Definition 3.** We shall say that a projectively closed purity  $\omega$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -purity if it has a  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{M}$  containing only cyclical modules.

Recall that a purity  $\omega$  is called cyclically projective if to any module  $A$  there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  where  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  and  $P$  is a direct sum of cyclic  $\omega$ -projective modules.

**Theorem 8.** *A projectively closed purity  $\omega$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -purity if and only if it is cyclically projective.*

*Proof.* Firstly, let  $\omega$  be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -purity and let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be its  $\mathfrak{P}$ -basis containing only cyclical modules. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a set (in the opposite case take pair-wise non-isomorphic modules from  $\mathfrak{M}$ ). Now the proof runs on the same lines as that of Theorem 3,4 and therefore we omit it.

Conversely, let us suppose that  $\omega$  is cyclically projective and let us denote by  $\mathfrak{M}$  the class of all cyclic modules from  $\mathfrak{P}'_\omega$ . The inclusion  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}'_\omega$  gives  $\mathfrak{H}_\omega \subseteq \mathfrak{H}^{\mathfrak{M}}$ . On the other hand, to any module  $A \in \mathfrak{P}'_\omega$  there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  where  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  and  $P$  is a direct sum of cyclic modules from  $\mathfrak{P}'_\omega$ , i.e. the modules from  $\mathfrak{M}$ . From  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  it follows that  $A$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $P$  so that  $A \in \mathfrak{P}^{\mathfrak{M}}$  by (1,5) from [1]. Hence  $\mathfrak{P}'_\omega \subseteq \mathfrak{P}^{\mathfrak{M}}$  from which  $\mathfrak{H}^{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 9.** *For any  $\mathcal{E}$ -purity, the direct sum  $A = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -flat if and only if any module  $A_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Omega$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -flat.*

*Proof.* It suffices to use Theorem 2 since any cyclic module is compact.

## 2. INJECTIVELY CLOSED PURITIES

First of all we shall repeat some definitions. A module  $Q$  is called injective with respect to a monomorphism  $i : A \rightarrow B$  if for any diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i} & B \\ & & \downarrow \varphi & & \\ & & Q & & \end{array}$$

there exists a homomorphism  $\psi : B \rightarrow Q$  making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i} & B \\
 & & \downarrow \varphi & \searrow \psi & \\
 & & Q & & 
 \end{array}$$

commutative. For a purity  $\omega$  let us call a module  $Q$   $\omega$ -injective if it is injective with respect to any  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ . The class of all  $\omega$ -injective modules is denoted by  $\mathfrak{Q}_\omega$ . If  $\mathfrak{M}$  is an arbitrary class of modules then the class  $\mathfrak{H}_\mathfrak{M}$  of all monomorphisms  $i$  such that any  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$  is injective with respect to  $i$ , defines a purity (see (1,16) in [1]), which we denote by  $\omega_\mathfrak{M}$ . The purity  $\underline{\omega} = \omega_{\mathfrak{Q}_\omega}$  is called the injective closure of  $\omega$ . Finally, a purity  $\omega$  is called injectively closed, if  $\omega = \underline{\omega}$ , and a purity  $\omega$  is called injective if to any module  $A$  there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} Q$  with  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$  and  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_\omega$ .

**Theorem 10.** *A purity  $\omega$  is injectively closed if and only if it is of the form  $\omega_\mathfrak{M}$  for some  $\mathfrak{M}$  of modules.*

*Proof.* For an injectively closed purity  $\omega$  we have  $\omega = \omega_{\mathfrak{Q}_\omega}$ . On the other hand we clearly have  $\mathfrak{H}_\mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_{\mathfrak{Q}_\omega}$  while the converse inclusion follows at once from  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{Q}_{\omega_\mathfrak{M}}$ .

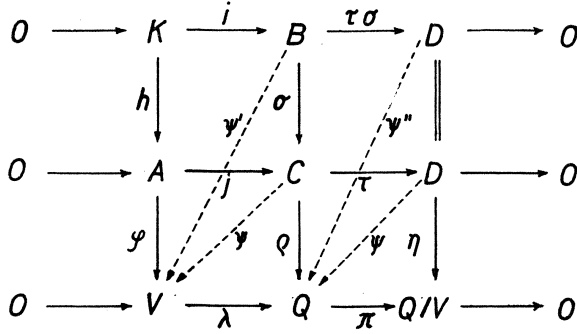
**Theorem 11.** *Any injectively closed purity  $\omega$  is bi-triangular.*

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 10 and (1,16) from [1] it suffices to show that  $\omega$  is co-triangular. Let us consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{i} & B & \xrightarrow{\tau\sigma} & D & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow \sigma & & \parallel & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{j} & C & \xrightarrow{\tau} & D & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

with exact rows where  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are given homomorphisms and  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ . The existence of  $h$  is guaranteed by  $A \cong \text{Ker } \tau$  and  $\tau(\sigma i) = 0$ . We are going to show that  $j \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ . Let  $V \in \mathfrak{Q}_\omega$  be an arbitrary module,  $Q$  an arbitrary injective module containing  $V$ ,

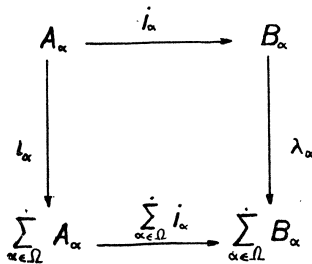
$\lambda : V \rightarrow Q$  the canonical embedding,  $\pi : Q \rightarrow Q/V$  the canonical projection and  $\varphi : A \rightarrow V$  an arbitrary homomorphism. Let us consider the following diagram:



The existence of  $\varrho$  satisfying  $\varrho j = \lambda\varphi$  follows from the injectivity of  $Q$  while the existence of  $\eta$  satisfying  $\eta\tau = \pi\varrho$  follows from  $\pi\varrho j = \pi\lambda\varphi = 0$ . Therefore the diagram (4) (with full lines only) is a commutative diagram with exact rows. From  $i \in \mathfrak{S}_\omega$  the existence of a homomorphism  $\psi' : B \rightarrow V$  with  $\varphi h = \psi' i$  follows. Further,  $(\varrho\sigma - \lambda\psi')i = \varrho\sigma i - \lambda\varphi h = 0$  implies the existence of a homomorphism  $\psi'' : D \rightarrow Q$  with  $\psi''\tau\sigma = \varrho\sigma - \lambda\psi'$ . We have  $\pi\psi''\tau\sigma = \pi\varrho\sigma - \pi\lambda\psi' = \eta\tau\sigma$ , so that  $\pi\psi'' = \eta$  since  $\tau\sigma$  is an epimorphism. Further, from  $\pi(\varrho - \psi''\tau) = \pi\varrho - \eta\tau = 0$  we obtain  $\lambda\psi = \varrho - \psi''\tau$  for a homomorphism  $\psi : C \rightarrow V$ . Finally  $\lambda\psi j = \varrho j - \psi''\tau j = \lambda\varphi$  yields  $\psi j = \varphi$  since  $\lambda$  is a monomorphism and the proof is therefore complete.

**Theorem 12.** For an injectively closed purity  $\omega$  the class  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega$  is closed under taking direct sums.

*Proof.* Let  $i_\alpha : A_\alpha \rightarrow B_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Omega$  be an arbitrary set of elements of  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega$ . For any  $\alpha \in \Omega$  we have a commutative diagram



where  $\iota_\alpha, \lambda_\alpha$  are canonical embeddings. For any  $V \in \mathfrak{Q}_\omega$  and any  $\varphi : \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha \rightarrow V$  there exist homomorphisms  $\psi_\alpha : B_\alpha \rightarrow V$  with  $\psi_\alpha i_\alpha = \varphi \iota_\alpha$  (since  $i_\alpha \in \mathfrak{S}_\omega$ ). The universality



of direct sums yields the homomorphism  $\psi : \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} B_\alpha \rightarrow V$  with  $\psi \lambda_\alpha = \psi_\alpha$ . Finally, from  $\varphi \iota_\alpha = \psi_\alpha i_\alpha = \psi \lambda_\alpha i_\alpha = \psi (\sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} i_\alpha) \iota_\alpha$  and from the universality of direct sums (for  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha$ ) we get  $\psi (\sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} i_\alpha) = \varphi$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $\omega$  be an injectively closed purity. Then the direct sum  $A = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha$  is  $\omega$ -flat if and only if any  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Omega$  is  $\omega$ -flat.*

Proof. Theorem 13 follows from Theorem 12 in a similar way as Theorem 2 follows from Theorem 1.

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $\omega$  be an injectively closed purity. Then the following three properties of a module  $Q$  are equivalent:*

- 1)  $Q$  is  $\omega$ -flat,
- 2)  $\text{Ext}(Q, V) = 0$  <sup>2)</sup> for any  $V \in \mathfrak{D}_\omega$ ,
- 3) for any  $V \in \mathfrak{D}_\omega$ ,  $Q$  is co-projective with respect to the canonical embedding  $V \rightarrow \hat{V}$  <sup>3)</sup>.

Proof. 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2): If  $Q$  is  $\omega$ -flat then  $\omega \text{Ext}(Q, X) =$  <sup>4)</sup>  $\text{Ext}(Q, X)$  for any module  $X$ . For any  $V \in \mathfrak{D}_\omega$  we have  $\omega \text{Ext}(Q, V) = 0$  so that 2) is true.

2)  $\Rightarrow$  3): From the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow \hat{V} \rightarrow \hat{V}/V \rightarrow 0$  we obtain the exact sequence  $\text{Hom}(Q, \hat{V}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(Q, \hat{V}/V) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(Q, V)$  which yields 3).

3)  $\Rightarrow$  1): To the module  $Q$  let us choose an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \xrightarrow{j} F \xrightarrow{\eta} Q \rightarrow 0$  where  $F$  is free and let us consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & U & \xrightarrow{j} & F & \xrightarrow{\eta} & Q & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow \vartheta & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & V & \xrightarrow{i} & \hat{V} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \hat{V}/V & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi : U \rightarrow V$  is a given homomorphism. Since  $\hat{V}$  is injective, there exists  $h : F \rightarrow \hat{V}$  with  $hj = i\varphi$ . From  $\pi hj = \pi i\varphi = 0$  it follows that  $\vartheta \eta = \pi h$  for some  $\vartheta : Q \rightarrow \hat{V}/V$  so that the diagram (6) is a commutative diagram with exact rows. By hypothesis 3) there exists a homomorphism  $\psi' : Q \rightarrow \hat{V}$  with  $\pi\psi' = \vartheta$ . From  $\pi(h - \psi'\eta) = \pi h - \vartheta \eta = 0$  we get  $h - \psi'\eta = i\psi$  for some  $\psi : F \rightarrow V$ . Finally,  $\psi j = \varphi$  since  $i$  is a monomorphism and  $i\psi j = hj - \psi'\eta j = i\varphi$ .

<sup>2)</sup> In this paper we shall write simply  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  instead of  $\text{Ext}_A^1(B, A)$ .

<sup>3)</sup>  $\hat{V}$  denotes the injective closure of  $V$ .

<sup>4)</sup>  $\omega \text{Ext}(B, A)$  is the subset of  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  formed by all the sequences  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} X \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$  with  $i \in \mathfrak{H}_\omega$ .

**Definition 4.** We shall say that a class  $\mathfrak{M}$  of modules is a basis of an injectively closed purity  $\omega$ , if  $\omega = \omega_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

Now we shall formulate three theorems without proofs since they are dual to those of Theorems 3,4 and 7 respectively.

**Theorem 15.** *If an injectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a set as a basis then it also has a basis containing exactly one element.*

**Theorem 16.** *If an injectively closed purity  $\omega$  has a set as a basis then it is injective.*

**Theorem 17.** *The intersection of any set of injective purities is an injective purity.*

### 3. $\mathcal{E}$ -DIVISIBLE MODULES

It is a well-known fact in the Abelian groups theory that a group  $D$  is divisible if and only if it contains no maximal proper subgroups. This section is devoted to a generalization of this fact.

Recall that a module  $D$  is  $\omega$ -divisible ( $\omega$  is any purity) if it is  $\omega$ -pure in any its extension ( $A$  is  $\omega$ -pure in  $B$  if the canonical embedding  $i : A \rightarrow B$  lies in  $\mathfrak{S}_{\omega}$ ).

Throughout this section let  $\mathcal{E} = \{A\mu, \mu \in M\}$  with  $M \subseteq A$  be any set of maximal principal left ideals of  $A$  satisfying  $A\mu \subseteq \mu A$ .

**Definition 5.** We shall say that a submodule  $B$  of a module  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -submodule if the order of any non-zero element of  $A/B$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ . Further, we shall say that  $B$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -maximal submodule of  $A$  if  $B$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -submodule of  $A$  and it is maximal in  $A$ .

**Theorem 18.** *If a module  $D$  contains no proper  $\mathcal{E}$ -maximal submodule then  $D$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible.*

**Proof.** Let us suppose to the contrary that  $D$  is not  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible. By (1.53) from [1] there exist  $\mu \in M$  and  $d \in D$  such that  $d \notin \mu D$ . From this and from  $A\mu \subseteq \mu A$  it follows  $d \notin A\mu D$  and hence  $D/A\mu D \neq 0$ . Further, from the inclusion  $A\mu \subseteq \mu A$  it easily follows that  $\mu A$  is a left ideal of  $A$  and therefore  $A\mu = \mu A$ ,  $A\mu$  being maximal. It is easy to see that  $A/A\mu$  is a division ring (= non-commutative field). The factor-module  $D/A\mu D$  can be considered as a  $A/A\mu$ -module by defining  $(\lambda + A\mu)(d + A\mu D) = \lambda d + A\mu D$ . By the well-known theorem on modules over a division ring (see e.g. [7]) the  $A/A\mu$ -module  $D/A\mu D$  is completely decomposable. Therefore it contains a  $A/A\mu$ -submodule  $D'/A\mu D$  with  $D/A\mu D/D'/A\mu D \cong A/A\mu$ . It is not too hard to show that  $D'$  is  $A$ -submodule of  $D$ . Considering  $D, D', A\mu D$  as  $A$ -modules, we have  $D/A\mu D/D'/A\mu D \cong D/D' \cong A/A\mu$ . This implies that  $D'$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -maximal submodule of  $D$  — a contradiction proving our theorem.

The following example shows that the converse of the preceding theorem does not hold in general.

Example. As the ring  $A$  we take the direct sum  $A = C_2 + C_2 + C_3$  where  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are prime fields of the characteristic 2 and 3 respectively. The ideal  $C_2 + C_3$  generated by  $\mu = (0, 1, 1)$  satisfies all the conditions for the system  $\mathcal{E}$ . Direct calculation gives that  $d = (0, 1, 0)$  is the only element from  $D = C_2 + C_2$  satisfying  $(0 : \mu) \subseteq (0 : d)$ <sup>5</sup>. By (1.53) from [1]  $D$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible since  $d = \mu d$ . On the other hand, the second direct summand  $C_2$  is the maximal submodule of  $D$  and it is easy to see that the order of the only non-zero element of  $D/C_2$  is just  $\Lambda\mu$ .

Let us denote by  $N = \bigvee_{\mu \in M} (0 : \mu)$  the left ideal of  $A$  generated by all the ideals  $(0 : \mu)$ ,  $\mu \in M$ .

**Theorem 19.** *Let  $D$  be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible module satisfying  $N \subseteq (0 : d)$  for any  $d \in D$ . Then  $D$  contains no proper  $\mathcal{E}$ -maximal submodules.*

Proof. Let us suppose to the contrary that there exists a proper  $\mathcal{E}$ -maximal submodule  $H$  of  $D$ . If  $\bar{d} \in D \div H$  is an arbitrary element then by Definition 5 there exists  $\mu \in M$  with  $(H : \bar{d}) = \Lambda\mu$ . The  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisibility of  $D$ , the hypothesis of our theorem and (1.53) from [1] imply the existence of  $d' \in D$  with  $\bar{d} = \mu d'$ . Here  $d' \notin H$  since  $\bar{d} \notin H$ . On the other hand,  $d' = h + \lambda d$ ,  $\lambda \in A$ ,  $h \in H$ ,  $H$  being maximal in  $D$ . Therefore,  $\bar{d} = \mu d' = \mu h + \mu \lambda d = \mu h + \lambda' \mu d \in H$ , (since  $\Lambda\mu = \mu\Lambda$ ) which is a contradiction proving our theorem.

**Theorem 20.** *Let  $D$  be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible module satisfying  $N \subseteq (0 : d)$  for any  $d \in D$ . Then any epimorphic image of  $D$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible.*

Proof. Let  $\varphi : D \rightarrow D'$  be an arbitrary epimorphism,  $d' \in D'$  an arbitrary element and  $\bar{d}$  any inverse image of  $d'$  under  $\varphi$ . Then  $(0 : d') = (\text{Ker } \varphi : \bar{d}) \supseteq (0 : d) \supseteq N$ . By (1.53) from [1] we have  $\bar{d} \in \mu D$  for any  $\mu \in M$ , hence  $d' \in \mu D'$  for any  $\mu \in M$  and  $D'$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -divisible by (1.53) from [1] again.

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<sup>5</sup>) Recall that if  $B$  is a submodule and  $\mathfrak{M}$  a subset of a module  $A$  then  $(B : \mathfrak{M}) = \{\lambda \in A; \lambda x \in B \text{ for any } x \in \mathfrak{M}\}$ .