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## $\tau$ -SUPPLEMENTED MODULES AND $\tau$ -WEAKLY SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

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ABSTRACT. Given a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$  in  $\text{Mod-}R$ , a module  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -supplemented if every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  contains a direct summand  $C$  of  $M$  with  $A/C$   $\tau$ -torsion. A submodule  $V$  of  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $M$  if  $U + V = M$  and  $U \cap V \leq \tau(V)$  and  $M$  is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented if every submodule of  $M$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ . Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module. Then  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1$  is a semisimple module and  $M_2$  is a module with  $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$ . Also, it is shown that; any finite sum of  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented modules is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.

### INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, we assume that  $R$  is an associative ring with unity,  $M$  is a unital right  $R$ -module. The symbols, “ $\leq$ ” will denote a submodule, “ $\leq_d$ ” a module direct summand, “ $\leq_e$ ” an essential submodule, “ $\ll$ ” small submodule and “ $\text{Rad}(M)$ ” the Jacobson radical of  $M$ .

Let  $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$  be a torsion theory. Then  $\tau$  is uniquely determined by its associated class  $\mathbb{T}$  of  $\tau$ -torsion modules  $\mathbb{T} = \{M \in \text{Mod-}R \mid \tau(M) = M\}$  where for a module  $M$ ,  $\tau(M) = \sum\{N \mid N \leq M, N \in \mathbb{T}\}$  and  $\mathbb{F}$  is referred as  $\tau$ -torsion free class and  $\mathbb{F} = \{M \in \text{Mod-}R \mid \tau(M) = 0\}$ . A module in  $\mathbb{T}$  (or  $\mathbb{F}$ ) is called a  $\tau$ -torsion module (or  $\tau$ -torsionfree module). Every torsion class  $\mathbb{T}$  determines in every module  $M$  a unique maximal  $\mathbb{T}$ -submodule  $\tau(M)$ , the  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $M$ , and  $\tau(M/\tau(M)) = 0$ . In what follows  $\tau$  will represent a hereditary torsion theory, that is, if  $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$  then the class  $\mathbb{T}$  is closed under taking submodules, direct sums, homomorphic images and extensions by short exact sequences, equivalently the class  $\mathbb{F}$  is closed under submodules, direct products, injective hulls and isomorphic copies.

Let  $N$  and  $K$  be submodules of  $M$ .  $N$  is said to be a *supplement submodule* of  $K$  in  $M$  if  $M = N + K$  and  $N \cap K \ll N$ .  $M$  is called a *weakly supplemented module*

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if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ . The module  $M$  is called a  $\oplus$ -supplemented module if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement that is a direct summand of  $M$ . Supplemented modules and its variations have been discussed by several authors in the literature and these modules are useful in characterizing semiperfect modules and rings.

Given a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$  in  $\text{Mod-}R$ ,  $\tau$ -complemented modules are studied in [8]. Dually, a module  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau$ -supplemented module if every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  contains a direct summand  $C$  of  $M$  with  $A/C$   $\tau$ -torsion [4]. Some further properties of  $\tau$ -supplemented were studied in [4] and [5].

In this note, we define  $\tau$ -supplement and  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented modules. In Section 2, we will show that

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module. Then*

- (1) *If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented if and only if  $M$  is semisimple.*
- (2) *Every homomorphic image of  $M$  is again a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.*
- (3)  *$M/\tau(M)$  is semisimple*

and

**Theorem.** *Any finite sum of  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented modules is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.*

In [6], the authors defined and characterized perfect module and ring relative to a torsion theory. In this note, we define semiperfect module relative to a torsion theory and we will prove that

**Theorem.**  *$M$  is a  $\tau$ -semiperfect module if and only if  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module and each  $\tau$ -supplement submodule of  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -projective cover.*

We refer the reader to [3] and [9] as torsion theoretic sources sufficient for our purposes and [1] and [10] for the other notations in this paper.

### 1. $\tau$ -SUPPLEMENTED MODULES AND $\tau$ -WEAKLY SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

Let  $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$  be a hereditary torsion theory in  $\text{Mod-}R$  and  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Following [4],  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau$ -supplemented module if every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  contains a direct summand  $C$  of  $M$  with  $A/C$   $\tau$ -torsion.

Firstly, we give some properties of  $\tau$ -supplemented modules:

**Theorem 1.1.**

- (1) *Let  $M$  be a module. Then the following are equivalent*
  - (a)  *$M$  is a  $\tau$ -supplemented module.*
  - (b) *Every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  can be written as  $A = B \oplus C$  with  $B$  a direct summand of  $M$  and  $\tau(C) = C$ .*
  - (c) *For every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exist a decomposition  $M = X \oplus X'$  with  $X \leq A$  and  $X' \cap A \leq \tau(X')$ .*
  - (d) *For every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there is an idempotent  $e \in \text{End}(M_R)$  such that  $e(M) \subseteq A$  and  $(1 - e)(A) \leq \tau((1 - e)A)$ .*

- (2) Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -supplemented module. Then
- (a) Every submodule of  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -supplemented module.
  - (b) Every  $\tau$ -torsionfree submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .
  - (c) Every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \cap \tau(M) = 0$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . In particular, if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -supplemented if and only if  $M$  is semisimple.
  - (d)  $M/\tau(M)$  is semisimple.
  - (e) For any submodules  $K, N$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + K$ , there exist a submodule  $X$  of  $N$  with  $M = K + X$  and  $K \cap X \subseteq \tau(X)$ .
  - (f)  $\text{Rad}(M) \leq \tau(M)$ .
  - (g) If  $\tau(M) \neq \text{Rad}(M)$ , then  $M$  has a nonzero direct summand with  $\tau$ -torsion.
  - (h)  $\tau(M) = \text{Rad}(M)$  or  $M$  has a nonzero  $\tau$ -torsion submodule that is a direct summand of  $M$ .

**Proof.** (1)(a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b) and (2)(a) are [4, Lemma 2.1].

(1)(a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (c) and (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (d) are obvious.

(2)(b) Is [4, Lemma 2.5].

(2)(c) Is [4, Corollary 2.6].

(2)(d) By [5, Theorem 4.8].

(2)(e) Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -supplemented and  $K, N$  be submodules of  $M$  with  $M = N + K$ . By (2)(a),  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -supplemented module. Then there exist a submodule  $X$  of  $N$  such that  $N = N \cap K + X$  and  $N \cap K \cap X$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and so  $N \cap K \cap X \leq \tau(X)$ . Note that  $M = X + K$ . It is clear that  $K \cap X = N \cap K \cap X \leq \tau(X)$ .

(2)(f) By (2)(d),  $M/\tau(M)$  is semisimple and so  $\text{Rad}(M) \leq \tau(M)$ .

(2)(g) Assume that  $\tau(M) \neq \text{Rad}(M)$ . Then there exist a maximal submodule  $P$  of  $M$  such that  $\tau(M)$  is not contained in  $P$ . Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -supplemented, there exists a submodule  $X$  of  $K$  such that  $M = X \oplus X'$  and  $P \cap X' \leq \tau(X')$  by (1)(c). Note that  $P \cap X'$  is also maximal submodule of  $X'$ . We may assume that  $\tau(X') = X'$ . Thus  $M = X \oplus X'$ , where  $X' = \tau(X')$ .

(2)(h) Clear from (2)(d) and (g). Also, it follows from [5, Theorem 4.9].  $\square$

As we mentioned in introduction, a submodule  $V$  of  $M$  is called *supplement* of  $U$  in  $M$  if  $V$  is a minimal element in the set of submodules  $L$  of  $M$  with  $U + L = M$ . So  $V$  is a supplement of  $U$  if and only if  $U + V = M$  and  $U \cap V$  is small in  $V$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is *weakly supplemented* if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ .

After considering several possible definitions for a supplement module in a torsion theory, by Theorem 2.1, we propose as; a submodule  $V$  of  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -*supplement* of  $U$  in  $M$  if  $U + V = M$  and  $U \cap V \leq \tau(V)$  and  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau$ -*weakly supplemented module* if every submodule of  $M$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ . Clearly, every  $\tau$ -supplemented is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented.

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $M$  be a module and  $V \leq M$ .*

- (1) *If  $V$  is a  $\tau$ -torsionfree  $\tau$ -supplement submodule, then  $V$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*
- (2) *If  $\tau(M) = 0$ , then every  $\tau$ -supplement submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand.*
- (3) *If  $V$  is a  $\tau$ -supplement submodule of  $M$  and  $V' \subseteq V$ , then  $V/V'$  is also  $\tau$ -supplement submodule of  $M/M'$ .*

**Proof.** Trivial. □

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module. Then*

- (a) *If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented if and only if  $M$  is semisimple.*
- (b) *Every homomorphic image of  $M$  is again a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.*
- (c)  *$M/\tau(M)$  is semisimple.*

**Proof.** They are consequences of Lemma 2.2. □

The class of  $\tau$ -supplemented module is not closed under direct sums. Therefore, there are some decompositions theorems for  $\tau$ -supplemented modules, for example: A  $\tau$ -supplemented module  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1$  is a semisimple module and  $M_2$  is a  $\tau$ -supplemented module with  $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$  (see [4, Lemma 2.7]).

**Lemma 1.4.**

- (1) *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module. Then  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1$  is a semisimple module and  $M_2$  is a module with  $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$ .*
- (2) *For submodules  $N, K$  of  $M$ , if  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module and  $N + K$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$  then  $K$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ .*

**Proof.** (1) For the proof, we completely follow the proof of [4, Lemma 2.7]. If  $\tau(M) \leq_e M$ , then proof is clear. Assume not. Let  $N \leq M$  be a complement of  $\tau(M)$ . Therefore  $N \oplus \tau(M) \leq_e M$ . By Theorem 2.3,  $N$  is a semisimple module. Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -supplemented module, there exists a submodule  $X$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + X$  and  $N \cap X \leq \tau(X)$ . Note that  $N \cap X = N \cap (N \cap X) \leq N \cap \tau(X) \leq N \cap \tau(M) = 0$ . This implies  $M = N \oplus X$  and  $\tau(M) = \tau(N) \oplus \tau(X) = \tau(X)$  because  $\tau(N) = 0$ . Therefore, we have  $\tau(X) \leq_e X$ .

(2) Because  $N + K$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ , let  $A$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $M = (N + K) + A$  and  $(N + K) \cap A \leq \tau(A)$ . Since  $N$  is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module, there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $N$  such that  $[(K + A) \cap N] + B = N$  and  $[(K + A) \cap N] \cap B \leq \tau(B)$ . Hence  $M = K + A + B$  and  $B$  is a  $\tau$ -supplement of  $K + A$  in  $M$ . We claim that  $A + B$  is a  $\tau$ -supplement of  $K$  in  $M$ . Since  $B + K \leq N + K$ , we have  $A \cap (B + K) \leq \tau(A)$ . Now,  $(A + B) \cap K \leq \tau(A) + \tau(B) \leq \tau(A + B)$ . □

The following theorem generalizes a part of [2, 17.13].

**Theorem 1.5.** *Any finite sum of  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented modules is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.*

**Proof.** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented modules and  $M = M_1 + M_2$ . Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Clearly,  $M_1 + M_2 + N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement  $0$  in  $M$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $M_2 + N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ . Again by Lemma 2.4,  $N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement in  $M$ . This implies that  $M = M_1 + M_2$  is  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module.  $\square$

We recall that a module  $M$  is  $\tau$ -projective if and only if it is projective with respect to every  $R$ -epimorphism having a  $\tau$ -torsion kernel [3].

**Lemma 1.6.** *Let  $M$  be a module and  $L$  a direct summand of  $M$  and  $K$  a submodule of  $M$  such that  $M/K$  is  $\tau$ -projective and  $M = L + K$  and  $L \cap K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Then  $L \cap K$  is direct summand of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M = L \oplus L'$  and  $\alpha: M/L' \rightarrow L$  be the isomorphism and  $\beta: L \rightarrow M/K \cong L/(L \cap K)$  the epimorphism that having  $L \cap K$  as kernel. Then we have epimorphism  $\beta\alpha: M/L' \rightarrow M/K$  having kernel  $((L \cap K) \oplus L')/L' \cong L \cap K$  which is  $\tau$ -torsion. Since  $M/K$  is  $\tau$ -projective, there exists  $g: M/K \rightarrow M/L'$  such that  $1 = \beta\alpha g$ . Hence  $L \cap K$  is direct summand.  $\square$

An epimorphism  $f: P \rightarrow M$  is called a  $\tau$ -projective cover of  $M$  if  $P$  is  $\tau$ -projective and  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is small  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $P$  (see [3, Page 117]).

**Lemma 1.7.**

- (1) *If  $f: P \rightarrow N$  is a  $\tau$ -projective cover and  $g: N \rightarrow M$  is a  $\tau$ -projective cover, then  $gf: P \rightarrow M$  is a  $\tau$ -projective cover.*
- (2) *The following are equivalent for a module  $M$  and  $N \leq M$ .*
  - (a) *If  $M/N$  has a  $\tau$ -projective cover.*
  - (b)  *$N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement  $K$  in  $M$  which has a  $\tau$ -projective cover.*
  - (c) *If  $N'$  is a submodule of  $M$  with  $M = N + N'$ , then  $N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement  $X$  such that  $X \leq N'$  and  $X$  has a  $\tau$ -projective cover.*

**Proof.** (1) For the proof, we claim that  $\text{Ker}(gf)$  is small  $\tau$ -torsion. By [7, Lemma 4.2],  $\text{Ker}(gf)$  is small. Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(gf)$ . Then  $f(x) \in \text{Ker}(g) \leq \tau(N) = f(\tau(P))$ . For any  $p \in \tau(P)$ , we have  $f(x) = f(p)$ , and so  $x - p \in (f)\tau(P)$ , that is  $x \in \tau(P)$ . (2)(a) $\Rightarrow$ (c) is [6, Lemma 3.1]. (2)(a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) is [6, Lemma 3.3]. (2)(c) $\Rightarrow$ (b) is clear. (2)(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) assume  $N$  has a  $\tau$ -supplement  $K$  in  $M$  which has a  $\tau$ -projective cover, that is  $f: P \rightarrow K$  with  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is small  $\tau$ -torsion. Let  $g: K \rightarrow K/(N \cap K)$ . It is easy to see that,  $\text{Ker}(g)$  small  $\tau$ -torsion. Since  $N/N \cap K = M/N$ , we have  $gf: P \rightarrow M/N$  is  $\tau$ -projective cover of  $M/N$  by (1).  $\square$

Following [6], a module  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented when for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + K$  and  $N \cap K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion, and  $M$  is called a *completely  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented* if every direct summand of  $M$  is  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented and the module  $M$  is called *strongly  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented* if for any submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  with  $M = N + K$  and  $N \cap K$  is small  $\tau$ -torsion in  $K$  by [6].

**Theorem 1.8.** *Let  $P$  be a projective  $R$ -module. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $P$  is  $\tau$ -supplemented.
- (2)  $P$  is  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Clear from definitions.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $N$  be submodule of  $P$ . By (2), there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $P$  such that  $P = N + K = K' \oplus K$  and  $N \cap K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. By [7, Lemma 4.47], there exists a direct summand  $L$  of  $P$  such that  $P = L \oplus K$  and  $L \leq N$ . Since  $N/L$  is isomorphic to  $N \cap K$ ,  $N/L$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. (2) follows.  $\square$

In [6], a ring  $R$  is called a *right  $\tau$ -perfect ring* if every right  $R$ -module has a  $\tau$ -projective cover (compare with [11, Remark 4.5]). Every right  $\tau$ -perfect ring is right perfect, and any strongly  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented module is  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

**Theorem 1.9.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is a right  $\tau$ -perfect ring.
- (2) Every projective  $R$ -module is a strongly  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented module.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $N$  be submodule of the projective module  $M$ . By (1),  $M/N$  has  $\tau$ -projective cover. By Lemma 2.7, there exists a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + L$  with  $N \cap L$  is small and  $\tau$ -torsion in  $L$ . Again by Lemma 2.3,  $N$  contains a submodule  $K$  such that  $M = K + L$  with  $K \cap L$  is small and  $\tau$ -torsion in  $K$ . By [6, Lemma 3.2],  $K \cap L = 0$ . Hence  $M = N + L = K \oplus L$  and  $N \cap L$  is small and  $\tau$ -torsion in  $L$ . It follows that  $M$  is strongly  $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $M$  be any  $R$ -module,  $P$  a projective module and  $f$  an epimorphism  $f : P \rightarrow M$ . By (2),  $P$  has direct summands  $K$  and  $K'$  so that  $P = \text{Ker}(f) + K = K' \oplus K$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \cap K$  small and  $\tau$ -torsion in  $K$ . Hence  $K$  is the required  $\tau$ -projective cover of  $M$ .  $\square$

Similar to  $\tau$ -perfect module, we call a module  $M$   *$\tau$ -semiperfect* if every homomorphic image of  $M$  has a  $\tau$ -projective cover.

**Theorem 1.10.** *The following are equivalent for a module  $M$*

- (1)  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -semiperfect module;
- (2)  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -weakly supplemented module and each  $\tau$ -supplement submodule of  $M$  has  $\tau$ -projective cover.
- (3) For any submodules  $K, N$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + K$ , there exist a  $\tau$ -supplement submodule  $X$  of  $N$  that  $X$  has a  $\tau$ -projective cover.

**Proof.** Clear from Lemma 2.7 and Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

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