ON μ -ESSENTIAL AND μ -M-SINGULAR MODULES

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As a generalization of essential submodules Zhou defines a μ -essential submodule provided it has a non-zero intersection with any non-zero submodule in μ for any class μ . Let M be a module. In this article we study δ -essential submodules as a dual of δ -small submodules of Zhou where $\delta = \{N \in \sigma[M] : \operatorname{Rej}(N, \mathcal{M}) = 0\}$ and $\mathcal{M} = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \ll \widehat{N}\}$, and also define μ -M-singular modules as modules $N \in \sigma[M]$ such that $N \cong K/L$ for some $K \in \sigma[M]$ and L is μ -essential in K. By \mathcal{M} -M-singular modules and δ -M-singular modules a characterization of GCO-modules, and by \mathcal{FC} -M-singular modules where \mathcal{FC} is the class of finitely cogenerated modules, a characterization of semisimple Artinian rings are given.

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1. Preliminaries

Let M be a module, $N \in \sigma[M]$ and μ a class of modules in $\sigma[M]$ which is closed under isomorphisms and submodules. Following Zhou¹⁶ we call a submodule N a μ essential submodule of $K \in \sigma[M]$ if for any nonzero μ -submodule X in $K, N \cap X \neq 0$, denoted by $N \leq_{\mu e} K$. In this article after studying some properties of μ -essential submodules we consider δ -essential submodules as a dual of δ -small submodules of Zhou by denoting the class $\delta = \{N \in \sigma[M] : \operatorname{Rej}(N, \mathcal{M}) := \overline{Z}_M(N) = 0\}$ where $\mathcal{M} = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \ll \widehat{N}\}$ and $\overline{Z}_M(.)$ is defined by Talebi and Vanaja as a dual of the singular submodule $Z_M(.)$. If $\mathcal{F} = \{F \in \sigma[M] : \forall 0 \neq K \subseteq F, \overline{Z}_M(K) \neq K\}$, then it is known that $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \delta \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. We prove a result on when an \mathcal{F} -essential submodule is δ -essential and a δ -essential submodule is \mathcal{M} -essential. Also we prove that $Tr(S \cap \mathcal{M}, N) = Tr(S \cap \delta, N) = Tr(S \cap \mathcal{F}, N)$ where S is the class of simple modules in $\sigma[M]$ and Tr is used for the trace.

In the last section we define μ -M-singular modules $N \in \sigma[M]$ for a module M. N is called μ -M-singular module if $N \cong K/L$ for some $K \in \sigma[M]$ and $L \leq_{\mu e} K$. It is proved that M is a GCO-module (i.e. every simple M-singular module is injective in $\sigma[M]$) if and only if for every \mathcal{M} -M-singular module N in $\sigma[M], \overline{Z}_M(N) = N$ if and only if for every δ -M-singular module N in $\sigma[M], \overline{Z}_M(N) = N$. When we consider the class of all finitely cogenerated modules \mathcal{FC} we prove that every finitely cogenerated R-module is projective if and only if for every \mathcal{FC} -R-singular $\mathbf{2}$

R-module N, $\operatorname{Rej}(N, \mathcal{F}C) = N$ if and only if R is semisimple Artinian.

Let R be a ring with identity. All modules we consider are unitary right R-modules and we denote the category of all such modules by Mod-R. Let M be an R-module. The R-injective hull of M is denoted by E(M), and the M-injective hull of N in the category of $\sigma[M]$ is denoted by \hat{N} . For the definition of $\sigma[M]$ and \hat{N} see.¹⁵

Let μ be a class of modules. For any module N, the *trace* of μ in N is denoted by $\operatorname{Tr}(\mu, N) = \Sigma \{Imf : f \in Hom(C, N), C \in \mu\}$. Dually the *reject* of μ in N is denoted by $\operatorname{Rej}(N, \mu) = \bigcap \{kerg : g \in Hom(N, C), C \in \mu\}$.

Let N be a submodule of M ($N \leq M$). The notations $N \ll M$, $N \leq_e M$ and $N \leq_d M$ is used for a small submodule, an essential submodule and a direct summand of M, respectively. Soc(M) will denote the socle of M. A module $N \in$ $\sigma[M]$ is said to be M-small (or small in $\sigma[M]$) if $N \cong K \ll L$ for $K, L \in \sigma[M]$. Then an R-module $N \in \sigma[M]$ is M-small if and only if $N \ll \hat{N}$.

Dually, a module $N \in \sigma[M]$ is called M-singular (or singular in $\sigma[M]$) if $N \cong L/K$ for an $L \in \sigma[M]$ and $K \leq_e L$. Every module $N \in \sigma[M]$ contains a largest M-singular submodule which is denoted by $Z_M(N)$. Then $Z_M(N) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{U}, N)$ where \mathcal{U} denotes the class of all M-singular modules (see¹⁵).

Simple modules in $\sigma[M]$ split into four disjoint classes by combining the exclusive choices [M-injective or M-small] and [M-projective or M-singular]. Also note that if a module N in $\sigma[M]$ is M-singular and projective in $\sigma[M]$, then it is zero.

Let $N \subseteq K \in \sigma[M]$. N is called $\delta - M$ -small in K if, whenever N + X = K with K/X is M-singular, we have X = K (see⁷). Zhou¹⁷ studies $\delta - R$ -small submodules in Mod-R. By [17, Lemma 1.2], in the definition of $\delta - R$ -small submodule, K/X can be taken Goldie torsion, i.e. K/X can be a member of the torsion class of the Goldie torsion theory in Mod-R.

In this paper μ will be a class in $\sigma[M]$ which is closed under isomorphisms and submodules, unless otherwise stated. Any member of μ we shall call a μ -module. In this article we denote the following classes:

 $S = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \text{ is simple}\},\$ $\mathcal{M} = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \text{ is } M\text{-small}\}\$ $\delta = \{N \in \sigma[M] : \overline{Z}_M(N) = 0\},\$ $\mathcal{F} = \{F \in \sigma[M] : \forall 0 \neq K \subseteq F, \ \overline{Z}_M(K) \neq K\}\$ $\mu M - Sing = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \text{ is } \mu\text{-}M\text{-singular}\}\$ $\mathcal{FC} = \{N \in \sigma[M] : N \text{ is finitely cogenerated}\}\$

Definition 1.1. Let $N \in \sigma[M]$. Following Zhou¹⁶ N is called a μ -essential submodule of $K \in \sigma[M]$ if for any nonzero μ -module X in $K, N \cap X \neq 0$. It is denoted by $N \leq_{\mu e} K$.

Clearly every essential submodule is μ -essential. But the converse is not true in general.

Example 1.1. Let μ be the class of simple modules and zero modules in Mod-R. Then a submodule N of a module M is μ -essential if and only if N contained the socle of M but this is not enough to make N essential. For example in the \mathbb{Z} -module $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$, where p is a prime, $0 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$ is μ -essential but not essential.

Example 1.2. Consider the class of M-small modules \mathcal{M} in $\sigma[M]$. Let N be an injective module in $\sigma[M]$ with $0 \neq Rad(N) \not\leq_e N$ (for example let $N = U \oplus V$ where U is injective with essential radical and V is injective simple module.) Let X be a non-zero M-small submodule of N. Then $X \ll N$ so $X = X \cap Rad(N) \neq 0$. Thus Rad(N) is \mathcal{M} -essential but not essential in N.

The following lemma is clear from definitions.

Lemma 1.1. Let $K \in \sigma[M]$. If every nonzero submodule of K contains a nonzero μ -module, then for any submodule N of K, $N \leq_e K$ if and only if $N \leq_{\mu e} K$.

Corollary 1.1. Let $N \leq K \in \sigma[M]$. If $N \leq_{\mu e} K$ and K is a μ -module, then $N \leq_{e} K$.

Now we list the properties of μ -essential submodules. We omit the proofs because they are similar to those for essential submodules (see, for example²).

Lemma 1.2. Let M be a module.

a) Let N ≤ L ≤ K ∈ σ[M]. Then N ≤_{μe} K if and only if N ≤_{μe} L ≤_{μe} K.
b) If K₁ ≤_{μe} L₁, K₂ ≤_{μe} L₂, then K₁ ∩ K₂ ≤_{μe} L₁ ∩ L₂ for L₁, L₂ ∈ σ[M].
c) Let N, L ∈ σ[M]. If f : N → L is a homomorphism and K ≤_{μe} L, then f⁻¹(K) ≤_{μe} N.
d) If N/L ≤_{μe} K/L, then N ≤_{μe} K.
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e) Let $N \in \sigma[M]$, $\{K_i\}$ an independent family of submodules of N and if $K_i \leq_{\mu e} L_i \leq N$ for all $i \in I$, then $\bigoplus_{i \in I} K_i \leq_{\mu e} \bigoplus_{i \in I} L_i$.

Example 1.3. In Lemma 1.2(e), $\{L_i\}$ need not be an independent family. For example, let μ be the class of simple modules and zero modules and put $K_1 = 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \leq \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p = L_1$ and $K_2 = L_2 = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \overline{0} \leq L_1$. Then $K_1 \leq_{\mu e} L_1$, $K_2 \leq_{\mu e} L_2$ and $K_1 \cap K_2 = 0$ but $L_1 \cap L_2 \neq 0$.

2. δ -essential Submodules Where $\delta = \{N \in \sigma[M] \mid \overline{Z}_M(N) = 0\}$

Talebi and Vanaja¹⁴ define $\overline{Z}_M(N)$ as a dual of $Z_M(N)$ as follows:

$$\overline{Z}_M(N) = \operatorname{Rej}(N, \mathcal{M}) = \cap \{ \ker g \mid g \in \operatorname{Hom}(N, L), L \in \mathcal{M} \}$$

where $N \in \sigma[M]$. They call N an *M*-cosingular (non-*M*-cosingular) module if $\overline{Z}_M(N) = 0$ ($\overline{Z}_M(N) = N$). If N is *M*-small, then N is *M*-cosingular. The class of all *M*-cosingular modules is closed under submodules, direct sums and direct products [14, Corollary 2.2]. Note that $\overline{Z}_M^2(N) = \overline{Z}_M(\overline{Z}_M(N))$. Talebi and Vanaja

study the torsion theory cogenerated by *M*-small modules, $\tau = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ where

$$\mathcal{T} = \{T \in \sigma[M] \mid \overline{Z}_M(T) = T\},\$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{F \in \sigma[M] \mid \forall 0 \neq K \leq F, \overline{Z}_M(K) \neq K\}$$

This torsion theory is also studied by Özcan and Harmanci.⁹ This is a dual of the Goldie torsion theory and not necessarily hereditary. Also $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \delta \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Now we investigate the relationship between \mathcal{M} -essential, δ -essential and \mathcal{F} -essential submodules by inspired [17, Lemma 1.2]. First we note that the following two theorems which are characterize the torsion free class \mathcal{F} .

Theorem 2.1. [9, Theorem 15] Let M be a module and assume that M has a projective cover in $\sigma[M]$. If $\overline{Z}_M(M) = M$, then $\mathcal{M} = \delta = \mathcal{F}$.

Let N and L be submodules of a module M. N is called a *supplement* of L (in M) if N + L = M and $N \cap L \ll N$. M is called *amply supplemented* if, for all submodules N and L of M with N + L = M, N contains a supplement of L in M.

Theorem 2.2. [14, Theorem 3.6] Let M be a module such that every injective module in $\sigma[M]$ is amply supplemented. Then \mathcal{F} is closed under factor modules and $\mathcal{F} = \{N \in \sigma[M] \mid \overline{Z}_M^2(N) = 0\}$.

For shortness we denote

- (A) M has a projective cover and $\overline{Z}_M(M) = M$.
- (B) Every injective module in $\sigma[M]$ is amply supplemented.

Proposition 2.1. Consider the following conditions for $K \leq N \in \sigma[M]$.

a) $K \leq_{\mathcal{F}e} N$. b) $K \leq_{\delta e} N$. c) $K \leq_{\mathcal{M}e} N$. Then $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c)$. If M has (B), then $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$. If M has (A), then $(c) \Rightarrow (a)$.

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c)$ They are clear.

 $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ Let $X \leq N$ with $X \cap K = 0$ and $X \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $\overline{Z}_M^2(X) = \overline{Z}_M(\overline{Z}_M(X)) = 0$ by Theorem 2.2. Since $\overline{Z}_M(X) \cap K = 0$, $\overline{Z}_M(X) = 0$ by (b). Again by (b), X = 0. $(c) \Rightarrow (a)$ It is clear by Theorem 2.1.

Let M be a module. Define

$$Soc_M(N) = Tr(\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{M}, N)$$

for any module $N \in \sigma[M]$. Then $Soc_M(N) \leq Soc(N)$. Clearly if $Soc_M(N) \leq_e N$, then $Soc_M(N) = Soc(N)$. The following lemma shows that in the definition of $Soc_M(N)$ we can take \mathcal{F} -modules or δ -modules instead of \mathcal{M} -modules. That is

$$Soc_M(N) = Tr(S \cap \delta, N) = Tr(S \cap \mathcal{F}, N).$$

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Lemma 2.1. Let M be a module. Any simple \mathcal{F} -module in $\sigma[M]$ is M-small.

Proof. Let X be a simple \mathcal{F} -module in $\sigma[M]$. If $\overline{Z}_M(X) = X$, then $X \in \mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{F} = 0$, a contradiction. Then $\overline{Z}_M(X) = 0$. If X is M-injective, then $\overline{Z}_M(X) = X$. For, let L be a submodule of X such that X/L is M-small. If L = 0, then X is M-small, a contradiction. Hence L = X, that is $\overline{Z}_M(X) = X$. This contradiction implies that X is M-small.

The following proposition can be seen by [16, Proposition 3], but we give the proof for completeness.

Proposition 2.2. Let $N \in \sigma[M]$. Soc_M(N) is the intersection of all its \mathcal{F} -essential submodules of N.

Proof. Let S be a simple M-small submodule of N and K be an \mathcal{F} -essential submodule of N, then $S \cap K \neq 0$. Therefore $S \leq K$. It follows that the intersection of all \mathcal{F} -essential submodules contains all simple M-small submodules and hence it contains their sum. Thus $Soc_M(N)$ is contained in the intersection of all \mathcal{F} -essential submodules of N.

If $N = Soc_M(N)$, then the proof is completed. Suppose that $N \neq Soc_M(N)$. Let $n \in N - Soc_M(N)$. Then there exists a submodule K maximal with respect to $K \supseteq Soc_M(N)$ and $n \notin K$. If we can show that $K \leq_{\mathcal{F}_e} N$, then n lies outside an \mathcal{F} -essential submodule, and so $Soc_M(N)$ is the intersection of all \mathcal{F} -essential submodules of N.

Suppose that $L \cap K = 0$ for some nonzero submodule L of N with $L \in \mathcal{F}$. Consider the natural epimorphism $\pi : N \to N/K$. Then $L \cong \pi(L) \leq N/K$. Since K is maximal with respect to $K \supseteq Soc_M(N)$ and $n \notin K$, N/K has a minimal submodule contained in every nonzero submodule. Also since $L \in \mathcal{F}$, then $L \cap Soc_M(N) \neq 0$ by Lemma 2.1. But $L \cap Soc_M(N) \leq L \cap K = 0$, a contradiction. \Box

Hence intersections of \mathcal{M} -essential, δ -essential and \mathcal{F} -essential submodules are equal.

 $\operatorname{Tr}(\mathcal{M}, N)$ is investigated in⁷ and denoted by $Z_{\mathcal{M}}^*(N)$. Then it can be seen that

$$Soc(Z_M^*(N)) = Soc_M(N).$$

There are some examples of modules M such that $Soc_M(N) \neq 0$, $Soc_M(N) \neq Soc(N)$ and $Soc_M(N) = Soc(N)$.

Example 2.1. 1) If M is a cosemisimple module (i.e. every simple module is M-injective) and $N \in \sigma[M]$, then $Soc_M(N) = 0$, because $Soc(N) = Soc_M(N) \oplus T$ where T is a direct sum of simple M-injective submodules of N.

2) If R is a small ring (for example a commutative integral domain) then every finitely generated R-module is small.¹² This implies that $Soc_R(N) = Soc(N)$ for

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every R-module N.

3) Let R be the ring $\begin{bmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$ where F is a field. Then $Z^*(R_R) = Soc(R_R)$ by [6, Example 11]. This imples that $Soc(Z^*(R_R)) = Soc_R(R_R) = Soc(R_R)$. Since $Soc(R_R) \leq_e R_R$, every δ -essential right ideal is essential.

4)⁴ Let Q be a local quasi-Frobenius ring and J = J(Q) (the Jacobson radical of Q), $S = Soc(Q_Q) = Soc(_QQ)$. Then $W = \begin{bmatrix} Q & Q/S \\ J & Q/S \end{bmatrix}$ is a well-defined ring by the usual matrix addition, equality and the following multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & v+S \\ j & w+S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y+S \\ k & z+S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ux+vk & uy+vz+S \\ jx+wk & jy+wz+S \end{bmatrix}$$

where $u, v, w, x, y, z \in Q$ and $j, k \in J$. W is a right and left Artinian ring. $J(W) = \begin{bmatrix} J Q/S \\ J J/S \end{bmatrix}$ and $Soc(_WW) = \begin{bmatrix} S Soc(Q/S) \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $Soc(W_W) = \begin{bmatrix} S & 0 \\ S & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. By [12, Theorem 3] or [8, Proposition 2.8], it can be shown that $Z^*(W_W) = l_W(Soc(_WW)) = \begin{bmatrix} J Q/S \\ J Q/S \end{bmatrix}$ where $l_W(.)$ is the left annihilator over W. Since $S \leq J$, then $Soc(W_W) \leq Z^*(W_W)$. This implies that $Soc_W(W_W) = Soc(W_W)$.

 $5)^5$ Let $R = F[x;\sigma]$ be the twisted polynomial rings where F is a field of characteristic p > 0 and $\sigma : F \to F$ is the endomorphism given by $\sigma(a) = a^p(a \in F)$. The ring R consists of all polynomials $a_0 + xa_1 + x^2a_2 + \ldots + x^na_n$ where n is a non-negative integer, $a_i \in F$ ($0 \leq i \leq n$), multiplication is given by the relation $ax = x\sigma(a)(a \in F)$ Note that R is a principal right ideal domain [5, p.597]. Let A denote the ideal xR of R. Clearly A is a maximal right ideal of R and the R-module R/A is not injective because $R/A \neq (R/A)x$ (see [13, Proposition 2.6]). In [5, Proposition 9], it is given an example of a field F such that the R-module R/sR is injective for all $s \in R - xR$. Thus some simple R-modules are injective and some are not. In particular, for the principal right ideal domain R, $Z^*(M_1) = M_1$ and $Z^*(M_2) = 0$ for some simple R-modules M_1 and M_2 . In this case, $Z^*(M_1 \oplus M_2) = M_1 \oplus 0 \neq 0, M_1 \oplus M_2$ (see [8, p.4918]). Hence $Soc_R(M_1 \oplus M_2) = Soc(Z^*(M_1 \oplus M_2)) = M_1 \oplus 0 \neq Soc(M_1 \oplus M_2)$.

3. μ -M-Singular Modules

Definition 3.1. Let M be a module and $N \in \sigma[M]$. N is called μ -M-singular if $N \cong K/L$ for some $K \in \sigma[M]$ and $L \leq_{\mu e} K$. In case M = R, we use μ -singular.

The class of μ -M-singular modules is closed under submodules, homomorphic images, direct sums and isomorphisms.

Hence every module $N \in \sigma[M]$ contains a largest μ -M-singular submodule which we denote by $Z_{\mu M}(N) = \text{Tr}(\mu M$ -Sing, N) where μM -Sing is the class of all μ -M-singular modules. Then $Z_M(N) \leq Z_{\mu M}(N)$. If $N \in \sigma[M]$ is μ -M-singular (i.e. $Z_{\mu M}(N) = N$) and a μ -module, then N is M-singular. For, let $N \in \mu$ and $N \cong K/L$ where $K \in \sigma[M]$, $L \leq_{\mu e} K$. We claim that $L \leq_e K$. Let $0 \neq X \leq K$ and assume that $L \cap X = 0$. Then $X \cong (L \oplus X)/L \leq K/L$ and so $X \in \mu$. Since $L \leq_{\mu e} K$ we have a contradiction. This proves that N is M-singular.

If $Z_{\mu M}(N) = 0$, then N is called *non-µ-singular* in $\sigma[M]$ or *non-µ-M-singular*.

Proposition 3.1. Let N be a μ -M-singular module and $f \in Hom_R(M, N)$.

(1) If M is quasi-projective and f(M) is finitely generated, then $kerf \leq_{\mu e} M$.

(2) If M is projective in $\sigma[M]$, then ker $f \leq_{\mu e} M$.

Proof. (1) We may assume $f(M) \cong L/K$ where $L \in \sigma[M]$ is finitely generated and $K \leq_{\mu e} L$. Since $L \in \sigma[M]$ and L is finitely generated, then M is L-projective. Hence there exists a homomorphism $g: M \to L$ such that $\pi g = f$ where π is the natural epimorphism $L \to L/K$. Then $kerf = g^{-1}(K) \leq_{\mu e} M$ by Lemma 1.2. (2) By the proof of (1).

Proposition 3.2. Let P be a projective R-module and $X \leq P$. Then P/X is μ -singular if and only if $X \leq_{\mu e} P$.

Proof. If $I \leq R_R$ and R/I is μ -singular, then $I \leq_{\mu e} R$ by Proposition 3.1. Now let P/X be μ -singular and assume $X \not\leq_{\mu e} P$. Let F be a free module such that $F = P \oplus P', P' \leq F$. Then $F/(X \oplus P') \cong P/X$ is μ -singular and $X \oplus P' \not\leq_{\mu e} F$. So we may assume without loss of generality P is free, i.e. $P = \oplus R_\lambda$, each R_λ is a copy of R. Take R_λ . Then $R_\lambda/(R_\lambda \cap X) \cong (R_\lambda + X)/X \hookrightarrow P/X$ is μ -singular. So $R_\lambda \cap X \leq_{\mu e} R_\lambda$. This implies that $\oplus R_\lambda \cap X \leq_{\mu e} \oplus R_\lambda = P$, i.e. $X \leq_{\mu e} P$.

From the properties of μ -singular modules and the above propositions the following can be seen easily.

Proposition 3.3. For an *R*-module *N* the following are equivalent.

- a) N is μ -singular (in Mod-R).
- b) $N \cong F/K$ with F a projective (free) R-module and $K \leq_{\mu e} F$.
- c) For every $n \in N$, the right annihilator r(n) is μ -essential in R.

Recall that a submodule N of a module M is said to be *closed* in M if N has no proper essential extension in M, denote $N \leq_c M$.

Lemma 3.1. Let M be a module and $N \in \sigma[M]$. If $Z_{\mu M}(N) = 0$ and $K \leq_c N$, then $Z_{\mu M}(N/K)=0$.

Proof. Clear by definitions.

From now on we consider the condition that for every M-singular module N, Rej $(N, \mu) = N$ and give a characterization of GCO-modules and semisimple Artinian rings by considering the classes \mathcal{M}, δ and \mathcal{FC} .

Theorem 3.1. Let M be a module. Consider the following conditions.

- a) Every μ -module is projective in $\sigma[M]$.
- b) For every M-singular module N, $Rej(N, \mu) = N$.
- c) For every μ -M-singular module N, $Rej(N, \mu) = N$.

d) For every simple M-singular module N, $Rej(N, \mu) = N$.

Then $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d)$. If μ is closed under factor modules, then (a)-(d) are equivalent.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b) Let N be an M-singular module. Let $g: N \to L$ where $L \in \mu$. Then $N/kerg \in \mu$. By (a), N/kerg is projective in $\sigma[M]$. Since N is M-singular, we have that N = kerg. Hence $\operatorname{Rej}(N, \mu) = N$.

(b) \Rightarrow (c) Let N be a μ -M-singular module and $g: N \to L$ a homomorphism where $L \in \mu$. Then $N/kerg \in \mu$. This implies that $\text{Rej}(N/kerg, \mu) = 0$. Since N/kerg is μ -M-singular and a μ -module, it is M-singular. Then by (b), N = kerg. Hence $\text{Rej}(N, \mu) = N$.

 $(c) \Rightarrow (b)$ and $(b) \Rightarrow (d)$ are clear.

(d) \Rightarrow (a) Assume that μ is closed under factor modules. Let $N \in \sigma[M]$ be a μ module. We claim that N is semisimple. Let $x \in N$ and K be a maximal submodule
of xR. Then xR/K is a simple μ -module. By (d) it cannot be M-singular. Hence xR/K is projective in $\sigma[M]$. This implies that K is a direct summand of xR.
Hence N is semisimple. Because of the above process, any simple submodule of Nis projective in $\sigma[M]$. It follows that N is projective in $\sigma[M]$.

If we consider the class \mathcal{M} of all M-small modules we have a characterization of GCO-modules: A module M is called a GCO-module if every simple M-singular module is injective in $\sigma[M]$. (see¹).

Corollary 3.1. Let M be a module. Then the following are equivalent.

- a) Every M-small module is projective in $\sigma[M]$.
- b) Every M-singular module is non-M-cosingular.
- c) Every \mathcal{M} -M-singular module is non-M-cosingular.
- d) M is a GCO-module.
- e) Every δ -M-singular module is non-M-cosingular.

Proof. (d) \Leftrightarrow (a) is by⁷ and (b) \Leftrightarrow (d) is by.¹⁰

Simple modules are either M-injective or M-small. Hence (a)-(d) are equivalent by Theorem 3.1. (e) \Rightarrow (b) is clear. Since $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \delta$, every δ -M-singular module is \mathcal{M} -M-singular. Hence (c) \Rightarrow (e) is clear.

For the class δ of all *M*-cosingular modules, we immediately have the following corollary. The equivalencies of (a), (b) and (d) are given in.¹⁰

Corollary 3.2. Let M be a module. Consider the following conditions.

a) Every M-cosingular module is projective in $\sigma[M]$.

b) For every M-singular module N, $Rej(N, \delta) = N$.

c) For every δ -M-singular module N, $Rej(N, \delta) = N$.

d) M is a GCO-module.

Then $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d)$. If δ is closed under factor modules (see Theorem 2.1), then (a)-(d) are all equivalent.

Talebi and Vanaja¹⁴ are also studied the modules M such that every M-cosingular module is projective in $\sigma[M]$.

A module M is called *finitely cogenerated* if Soc(M) is finitely generated and essential submodule of M. Let \mathcal{FC} be the class of all finitely cogenerated R-modules. Note that \mathcal{FC} is closed under submodules.

Corollary 3.3. The following are equivalent for a ring R.

- a) Every finitely cogenerated R-module is projective.
- b) For every singular R-module N, $Rej(N, \mathcal{F}C) = N$.

c) For every \mathcal{FC} -singular R-module N, $Rej(N, \mathcal{FC}) = N$.

d) R is semisimple Artinian.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) By Theorem 3.1.

(d) \Rightarrow (a) is clear.

(b) \Rightarrow (d) Let *E* be an essential right ideal of *R*. Suppose that *a* is an element of *R* but *a* does not belong to *E*. Let *F* be a right ideal of *R* maximal with respect to the properties that *E* is contained in *F* and *a* does not belong to *F*. Then (aR + F)/F is simple singular. By (b), we have a contradiction. Hence *R* is semisimple Artinian

A ring R is a quasi-Frobenius ring (briefly QF–ring) if and only if every right R–module is a direct sum of an injective module and a singular module.¹¹ In this result we may take μ –singular modules instead of singular as the following result shows.

Theorem 3.2. The following are equivalent for a ring R.

a) R is a QF-ring.

b) Every right R-module is a direct sum of an injective module and a μ -singular module.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b) It is clear.

(b)⇒ (a) Let M be a projective R-module. Then M is a direct sum of an injective module and a μ -singular module. Since projective μ -singular modules are zero, M is injective. Then R is a QF-ring (see for example¹). \Box

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