

On Coflat Module

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we prove that any right R-module M is coflat if and only if (i) $I_M(A \cap B) = I_M(A) + I_M(B)$, for all A and B are finitely generated right ideals of R and (ii) $I_M r_R(a) \subseteq Ma$ for all $a \in R$. Examples are constructed which are coflat but not injective R-Module.

Here we find that if R is a right coflat ring, then every finitely generated right ideal is projective if and only if every quotient of right coflat R-module is right coflat if and only if every finitely generated right ideal is projective relative to right coflat R-module.

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 & \text{I}_M(\text{A} \cap \text{B}) = \text{I}_M(\text{A}) + \text{I}_M(\text{B}) \quad (1) \\
 & \text{a} \in \text{R} \quad \text{I}_M \text{r}_R(\text{a}) \subseteq \text{Ma} \quad (2) \\
 & \text{R-} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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Introduction

Throughout this paper, R is an associative ring with identity. Every module is a unitary right R -module we denote the left annihilator of X in M by $l_M(X)$ and right annihilator of Y in R by $r_R(Y)$ and defined by

$$l_M(X) = \{m \in M \mid mx=0, \text{ for all } x \in X\} \quad \text{where } X \subseteq R \text{ and}$$

$$r_R(Y) = \{r \in R \mid yr = 0, \text{ for all } y \in Y\} \text{ where } Y \text{ is subset of } M \text{ or } R.$$

A module M_R satisfies the ψ - Baer criterion in case for every finitely generated right ideal I of R and every R -homomorphism

$$f: I \longrightarrow M$$

there exists an $m \in M$ with $f(x) = mx$, for all $x \in I$.

It has been proved in [2, proposition 1.6] that a module M_R is coflat if and only if it satisfies the ψ - Baer criterion. By direct application of ψ - Baer criterion we have the following result [2, Theorem 1.8].

If $(M_i)_{i \in I}$ be an indexed set of right R - modules. Then

- (1). $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ is coflat if and only if each M_i is coflat.
- (2). $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ is coflat if and only if each M_i is coflat.

Theorem 1: Any right R – module M_R is coflat if and only if :

- (1) $l_M(A \cap B) = l_M(A) + l_M(B)$ for A and B are finitely generated right ideals of R .
- (2) $l_M r_R(a) \subseteq Ma$ for all $a \in R$.

Proof : Given that conditions (1) and (2), then to show M_R is coflat.

Let $\varphi : A_R \longrightarrow M_R$ be an R -homomorphism

To prove by induction, take $n=1$ and $A = a_1R$

For any $x \in r_R(a_1) \Rightarrow a_1 x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(a_1 x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(a_1) x = 0$$

and hence $\varphi(a_1) \in l_M[r_R(a_1)] \subseteq Ma_1$ by (2)

therefore $\varphi(a_1) = m a_1$ for some $m \in M$

Now take $n > 1$ and let

$$A = a_1R + a_2R + \dots + a_{n-1}R + a_nR$$

We assume (by induction) that there exists $m', m'' \in R$ such that

$$\varphi(a') = m'a' \quad \text{for all } a' \in A' = a_1R + \dots + a_{n-1}R$$

and

$$\varphi(a'') = m''a'' \quad \text{for all } a'' \in A'' = a_nR$$

Take any $a \in A' \cap A''$, we have

$$(m' - m'')a = 0$$

and hence $m' - m'' \in l_M(A' \cap A'')$

$$= l_M(A') + l_M(A'') \quad \text{by (1)}$$

Therefore we write $m' - m'' = n' - n''$ with suitable elements $n' \in l_M(A')$ and $n'' \in l_M(A'')$.

$$\text{Let } m = m' - n' = m'' - n''$$

if $a = a' + a'' \in A$ with $a' \in A'$ and $a'' \in A''$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(a) &= \varphi(a') + \varphi(a'') \\
 &= m'a' + m''a'' \\
 &= (m'-n')a' + (m''-n'')a'' \\
 &= m'a' + m''a'' \\
 &= m(a' + a'') \\
 &= ma
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence M_R is coflat.

Conversely, suppose A and B are finitely generated right ideals of R . It is clear

$$l_M(A) + l_M(B) \subseteq l_M(A \cap B) \quad \text{—————} (*)$$

Let $x \in l_M(A \cap B)$. We define a mapping

$$\varphi : A + B \longrightarrow M_R$$

given by $\varphi(a + b) = xb$, is a well defined R -homomorphism :

Since M_R is coflat there exists $y \in M$ such that

$$\varphi(a+b) = y(a+b) = xb \quad \text{for all } a \in A, b \in B$$

In particular, we have

$$0 = \varphi(a) = ya \quad \text{for all } a \in A$$

and hence $y \in l_M(A)$

Further more, we have

$$\varphi(b) = y(b) = xb \quad \text{for all } b \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-y)b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-y) \in l_M(B)$$

If we take $z = x - y$

therefore $x = y + z \in I_M(A) + I_M(B)$

and hence $I_M(A \cap B) \subseteq I_M(A) + I_M(B)$ ————— (**)

From (*) and (**), we have

$$I_M(A \cap B) = I_M(A) + I_M(B)$$

Now to show condition (2),

$$\text{Let } y \in I_M(r_R(x)) \text{ then } r_R(x) \leq r_R(y)$$

and we may define a map

$$f: xR \longrightarrow yR$$

given by $f(xt) = yt$ for all $t \in R$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } xt &= xt' \\ \Rightarrow x(t-t') &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow t-t' &\in r_R(x) \\ \Rightarrow y(t-t') &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow yt &= yt' \\ \Rightarrow f(xt) &= f(xt') \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f: xR \longrightarrow yR \subset M$ is an R – homomorphism. Since M_R is coflat, then there exists an element $m \in M$ such that

$$yt = f(xt) = mxt \quad \text{for all } t \in R$$

It following that

$$y = f(x) = mx$$

and hence $y \in Mx$

and consequently $I_M[r_R(x)] \subseteq Mx$

Example 2: Let V be a countably infinite dimensional right vector space over division ring D that is

$$V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i D \quad \text{and } R = \text{End}(V_D)$$

Let $e_i \in R$ be any projection of V onto the “line” $x_i D$.

Since e_i is a primitive idempotent therefore

$$\begin{aligned} R e_i &\cong V \quad \text{and} \quad {}_R R = R e_i \oplus R(1-e_i) \\ &\cong V \oplus R(1-e_i) \end{aligned}$$

Let I be any left ideal of R generated by $(e_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$

then the mapping $f: {}_R I \longrightarrow {}_R V$

defined by $e_i \longmapsto x_i$ cannot be extended from R to V . That is ${}_R V$ is not injective module which is a direct summand of ${}_R R$. Therefore R as a left R -module is not injective.

R being endomorphism ring of semisimple D -module, is a regular ring. On regular ring every R -module is coflat. Therefore ${}_R R$ is coflat but not injective.

Example 3: Let R be any non-noetherian self-injective ring. Consider the direct sum

$\bigoplus_{i \in I} R_i$, where $R_i \cong R$ for all $i \in I$. Then being an injective module each R_i is coflat and so

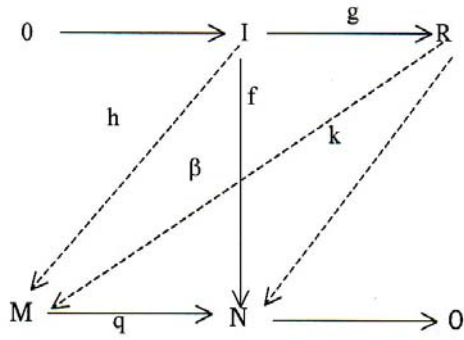
$\bigoplus_{i \in I} R_i$ is coflat as direct sum of coflat modules is coflat. But $\bigoplus_{i \in I} R_i$ is not injective

(since direct sum of injective R -modules is injective, if and only if R is a noetherian ring). As in Example 2.5, R_R is self injective and R is not a noetherian ring.

Proposition 4: Following conditions are equivalent for a right coflat ring R :

- (1) Every finitely generated right ideal is projective.
- (2) Every quotient of right coflat R -module is right coflat.
- (3) Every finitely generated right ideal is projective relative to right coflat R -module.

Proff : (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let M be any right coflat R -module. Consider the diagram with finitely generated right ideal I of R



Given that I is projective there exists R -homomorphism

$$h : I \longrightarrow M \quad \text{such that } qoh = f$$

Since M_R is coflat R -module, therefore there exists a

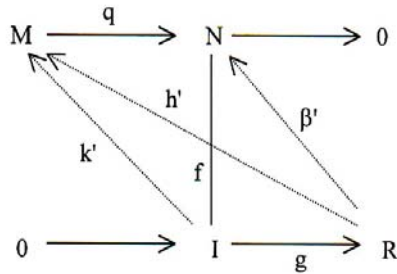
map $\beta : R \longrightarrow M$ such that $h = \beta g$.

then $k = q\beta : R \longrightarrow N$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 kog &= q\beta g \\
 &= qoh \\
 &= f
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence N is right coflat.

(2) \Rightarrow (3); Consider the diagram with right coflat R -module M and I is finitely generated right ideal of R



Given that N is right coflat R -module, therefore there exists a map

$$\beta' : R \longrightarrow N$$

such that $\beta'og = f$

Since R is projective there exists R -homomorphism

$$h' : R \longrightarrow M$$

such that $qoh' = \beta'$

Then $k' = h'og : I \longrightarrow M$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} qok' &= qoh'og \\ &= \beta'og \\ &= f \end{aligned}$$

that is I is M -projective

(3) \Rightarrow (1); Given R is a coflat ring and by (3) every finitely generated right ideal I is projective relative to coflat R -module (that is I is R -projective). This implies that I is $F = \bigoplus R_i$ -projective ($R_i \cong R$) that is I -is M -projective for all R -module M_R that is I is projective [8] as any R -module M is a quotient of the free module F .

Proposition 5: Following conditions are equivalent :

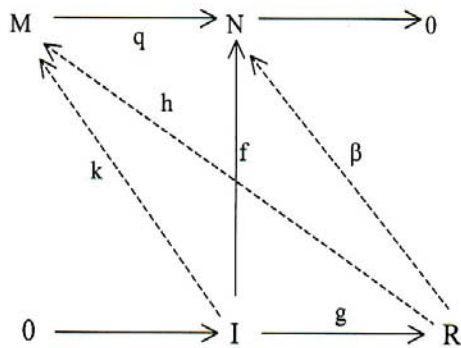
- (1) Every finitely generated right ideal of R is projective.
- (2) Every quotient of right coflat R -module is right coflat.
- (3) Every quotient of an injective module is right coflat.

Proof : (1) \Leftrightarrow (2), From proposition 4.

(2) \Rightarrow (3), It is obvious.

(3) \Rightarrow (1), Let M be any injective R -module. Consider the diagram with

finitely generated right ideal I.



To show I is projective.

Given that N_R is coflat R-module, we have

$$\beta \circ g = f$$

Since R_R is projective, there exists R-homomorphism

$$h : R \longrightarrow M$$

such that

$$q \circ h = \beta$$

Then $k = h \circ g : I \longrightarrow M$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} q \circ k &= q \circ h \circ g \\ &= \beta \circ g \\ &= f \end{aligned}$$

This implies I is M-projective where M is an injective module. Since every module is a submodule of an injective module (injective hull) and $C^p(M)$ is closed under submodule, therefore I is K-projective for all submodule K that is I is projective.

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